Board hears requests for annexation

In an interesting turn of events last Thursday, the Town Board heard a request for annexation because Extra Territorial Jurisdiction had been eliminated.

Tom Coley, president of the homeowners’ association said when property protection went away with ETJ, the property owners began discussing annexation. A total of 35 parcels are involved and all owners are in agreement. They understand they would pay taxes to the town and in return would get all town services as well as upkeep of the road.

The issue was only discussed; no decisions were made. A public hearing is required and will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

The board voted 3-1 to keep the Third Street right-only arrows in place to promote safety at the

Highlands School Class of 2012

Graduation is Saturday, May 26 at 7 p.m. in the new gym at the school. See more photos on page 26. 2012 mascots are Eliza Tate and Logan Zachary.

BOE at odds over ‘search’ plan

The big news at the school board meeting held at Nantahala Tuesday night, was the superintendent search and the Lindamood Bell program.

Dr. Finley James Duncan is in place as the interim, but the board would like a permanent superintendent in place by January 2013 at the latest.

Two firms are vying for the “search job” - the NC School Board Association, (NCSBA) which conducted the county’s last search six years ago and which found Brigman for the Catawba school system, and the law firm of Campbell Shatley.

The NCSBA said their services will be between $14,000 and $20,000; Shatley’s costs aren’t as clear cut as consulting costs and per hour costs would weigh in.

The board heard a presentation from NCSBA representatives but was split on making a deci-

Poker and planning in the county

Sweepstake parlors are sprouting like wildflowers along US 441 between Franklin and Dillard, GA, and the Macon County Commission want to do something about it.

“This is not what we want to see in Macon County,” said Chairman Kevin Corbin at the May 15 commission meeting.

Sheriff Robert Holland said there are billboards in Atlanta advertising poker machines in Macon County.

Sheriff Dept. Attorney Brian Welch and County Attorney Chester Jones said the sweepstake issue has been battled in the courts for years and every time a law is established the industry figures out a way around it.

Recently, the Attorney General said the state is under a restraining order not to enforce the law on the books because it was ruled unconstitutional by the NC Court of Appeals with one dis-
It's stupid to vote without thinking for yourself

Dear Editor,

The primary results are in and Amendment One has passed. My vote was against. I have been voting with some regularity for the last 50+ years. Never have I considered voting to take constitutional rights away from any citizen. The passage of the amendment shows that the electorate is easily duped by words and ads, so much so that it blindly votes to take rights away from themselves and citizens. Sadly, they are totally unaware that they have voted away another of their own civil rights.

Sure the preacher said this is what should be done. Or was it Fox News or some talk radio guru. It's so easy that way… no thought necessary. Can't have those queers overrunning our country.

I am so impressed by the high level of creativity in order to enhance the enduring charm of our old and beautiful town of Highlands.

Glenda Bell
Highlands

Local talent is tops

Dear Editor,

I hope you didn't miss this funny, moving, wonderfully cast play performed by own local talent and directed by local talent, Ricky Siegel. We are so fortunate to have this performing arts group in Highlands. Thanks to all who helped to bring this play to PAC and to us, especially to: (in order of appearance) Bonnie Earman, Jenny King, Carla Gates, Lee Lyons, & Mary Adair Leslie. You were all wonderful! Helen Moore

Helen Moore
Highlands

What a disgrace!

Dear Editor,

I was shocked and appalled to see the cartoon by Karen Hawk in the May 17 edition of Highlands Newspaper, depicting our president as a chimpanzee. I found the picture racist and disgusting. If there was any doubt about the cartoonist was trying to convey, simply read the words about the cartoon and you'll find they almost completely mirror the words spoken by President Obama on gay marriage. It was shameful.

While he was not my choice for president, I respect the position of his presidency and would never publish such an outrageous picture.

Fred Wooldridge
Highlands

Replacing the old for the new

Dear Editor,

About the trees that were cut at Wright Square: I agree 100% with Ms Harkins who is grieving over the loss of those trees. I miss them also. Hopefully we will not have the heat of Atlanta because of lost shade. I hope all the displaced birds can find a new nesting place.

I remember years ago when Wright Square was a beautiful green space with evergreens growing around. The space was used for arts and craft shows and was one of the loveliest places in Highlands. People gathered at Helen's Barn—now hidden by the Wright Square shops. The green space is now asphalt and the trees long gone. They were cut in the dead of night. People had a fit, but it did no good.

Too late.

Many years ago Highlands Inn was located where the Rib Shack later was built. Now we have "cottages" where the Rib Shack onestood. I have a question: Are those four-story buildings actually cottages? There are so many and they are so tall and they are not what the sign in front claims they are. They are not cottages.

There are so many ways to maintain a town. There is the common way of tearing old and scraping it dear of the past; then there is the way of honoring the lasting beauty of Highlands and building upon it. Making it better and keeping its charm. Let's not always go for the easy way out. We need to be thoughtful and creative in order to enhance the enduring charm of our old and beautiful town of Highlands.

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The wedding is July 14 at Fork Baptist Church with a reception following at Falkland Farms in Scottsburg, VA. Formal invitations will be sent.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Charlotte Smith of Scottsburg and the late Jerry Lee Davis of Scottsburg. She is the grand-daughter of Virla Mills of South Boston and the late Howard “Gene” Mills, and the late Raleigh H. Davis and Elnora “Ruth” O. Davis.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of David E. Douglas of Nathalie and Mary Jo Stevens of Nathalie. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Henry of Virginia and Mr. and Mrs. Carlson Douglas of Nathalie. He is also the grandson of the late Mr. Henry & Maxine Chastain and the late Mr. Wallace & Lina Marie Reese of Highlands, NC.

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Want it or not, Highlands is getting a brand new squeaky clean post office building. At first it was just a bad rumor the Woodruff Empire bought the old Furniture South property and offered to build a new USPS post building on the property...no charge to the postal folks. Then it became real. What? Has Highlands joined America in going mad? Why is everyone walking around shaking their heads?

There was only one eensy-beensy problem. The Postal Service didn’t want a friggin’ new post office building. They liked the one they had. (Ha, who cares what they want?) After months of dickering the Woodruff people were able to convince postal people they would, like it or not, have a new building and the offer was accepted...kinda. Boy oh boy, I wish I could have been a fly on the wall for those meetings. You know the old saying: Money talks and....

Construction began last summer. It’s being built right smack dab at one of the busiest intersections in Highlands, the corner of Highways 106 and 64, the opposite corner from where a Super Walmart will soon be built. (Ha, only kidding.)

OK, a little ditsy music, please! I’m definitely out of sync on this one ’cause I can’t wrap my head around any of this insanity. Let’s see if I have this straight. The USPS gets a new free post office building they didn’t want, built at a busier intersection than before at a time when postal service across America is rapidly crumbling and may go kaput by this October. Building a new post office in Highlands is like shining the rails on the Titanic after it hit the iceberg. But it sure is purdy.

The USPS is the vanguard of worthless junk mail, the super czar of a bureaucracy functioning in the red for literally decades. It’s the worse financially managed semi-private organization in America. I feel sorry for the postal workers who brave the weather each day to deliver the mail. Talk to them about how screwed up things are but please don’t mention any names and not a word about their generous pensions we’re paying for.

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The good and bad about pain

Pain is a gift and a curse. We rarely consider the value of pain and many are unaware of its benefits.

A small number of people are born with a mutation called congenital analgesia which makes them unable to feel pain. They are normal in every other respect. The absence of pain might initially sound like a good thing, but kids often die in childhood. They can chew their fingers or tongues off while teething. They experience no discomfort if they put their hand on a hot stove, have no warning of developing appendicitis. They can walk on a broken ankle until a sharp fragment of bone pokes through the skin, alerting their parents to the injury.

Diabetics often loose sensation in their feet, a complication called peripheral neuropathy. I once cared for a diabetic woman who walked bare foot on a black top path in the heat of summer. She burned and blistered her feet, but was unaware of the injury. It was not until her feet became infected and she developed septic shock was she brought to the hospital. We searched the common causes of sepsis; lungs, kidney, sinuses, blood and bowel. Complete examination revealed boils on her feet, harboring the same lethal staph that was being carried through her body in her blood. Had she felt pain, she would have walked in the grass, or worn shoes. Had she felt pain, she would have been aware of burns, blisters, and boils.

Pain is a gift and a curse. It becomes a curse when it serves no useful purpose, when cancer has invaded bone and a hip fractures walking in the mall, when a rib breaks after a feeble cough, or when a...
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The story of the family of Ethel Mae Potts Paul ... descendants of WT and Mattie Potts

By Guy Warren Paul

To reach maturity in a family of one girl and six boys says a lot for the girl.

Ethel Mae Potts Paul never played by handicap rules and could well hold her own in sibling rivalries. As an adult she could stand her ground whether it be in political sparring, quick recall of historical facts, the quoting of poetry or the command of geographical, mathematical and scientific matters. And in the process of demonstrating her proficiency in these fields, she gathered many of her most flattering and heartfelt accolades from her six brothers.

Ethel was born May 2, 1891, in Franklin, NC, to William Thomas and Martha Ammons Potts. When she was 7 years old, W.T. and Martha (Mattie) moved to Highlands, where W.T. began a livery stable business, an enterprise he had earlier followed in Franklin.

He also continued as a part-time Baptist preacher. All this was supplemented by the proprietorship of the Old Central House (Old Edwards Inn) a rather typical horse-and-buggy hostelry catering to summer vacationers from South Carolina and other states eager to flee the torrid lowlands in favor of the balmy cool nights in Highlands.

W.T. and Martha, along with their six sons and Ethel Mae, moved to Highlands at the time. Ethel Mae, however, attended the one-room academy situated on the same property that as later to be the site for the public school house, what later generations referred to as “Knowledge Hill.”

The academy master for a time was the late T.G. Harbison, and it is believed that Ethel received what was then the equivalent of an 8th-grade education there. In addition, she studied under the tutelage of Mrs. Corinne Froneberger, a well-known pioneer educator in Highlands. She turned out to be extremely proficient in such subjects as Latin, algebra, geography, history and literature. She was an avid reader and an accomplished elocutionist. In later years she spent many hours giving recitations for her young children.

In the midst of these pursuits, Ethel took a liking to Guy Paul, a son of one of the merchants in town. Guy was four years her senior and a member of a rather strange Yankee family that had come to the area from Aroostook County, Maine. It seems that Kelsey and Hutchinson, the founders of Highlands, by brochures and newspaper advertisements had promoted the area as a splendid place to live, farm, manufacture and raise families.

Guy and Ethel Mae Potts Paul
- Courtesy of the Highlands Historical Society

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person. The QPR match came just a few weeks after Crook watched City defeat United 1-0 in a game that he said had “the greatest atmosphere of any game I have ever attended.”

While the United-City tussle was one with great tension, the QPR match was supposed to be a coronation of sorts for City. “I fully expected that we would show up, beat QPR 3-0 and celebrate deep into the night,” said Crook, “but the script somehow got flipped, and I was sitting there as we were down 2-1 thinking...we have thrown this away.”

Fortunately, for Crook and every other City fan, the roller coaster had one last turn at the end, and City fans rejoiced after perhaps the most miraculous comeback in Premier League history. “It was a sight to behold,” said Crook, “I thought the roof was going to come off [when Aguero scored] as the cheers then turned into other emotions...grown men shedding tears...it was simply amazing.”

If you love sports, then hearing (or in your case, reading) Brian Crook’s description of the scenes at the Super Bowl. When the Red Sox won the World Series several years ago for the first time in almost a century, the same tears were shed. Sometimes sports can be a cruel roller coaster, but when the ride turns in your favor—it can be the best feeling in the world.
History was made

Two Sunday’s ago saw one of the greatest finishes in the history of sports, as Manchester City snatched victory from the jaws of defeat to win the English Premier League for the first time in 44 years.

To recap quickly, Manchester City entered the day needing to win to tie Manchester United at the top of the Premier League. City would then be Premier League Champion based on two head-to-head wins over United and goal differential.

The Sky Blues were facing the Queens Park Rangers, and the game looked to be a mismatch in every sense of the word, as QPR was the league’s worst road team facing the league’s best home team.

City scored first and looked to be well on the way, but something happened in Manchester and reminded everyone the reason that games are not won or lost on paper.

First, QPR equalized, stunning the City crowd and giving United hope again. Then, that hope looked to be dashed, as QPR midfielder Joey Barton was ejected for a cheap shot, and City looked certain to control the game with a man advantage.

What happened was the exact opposite, as QPR scored a stunning goal despite being a man down to take a 2-1 lead, and City was unable to generate many scoring chances against a surprisingly defiant QPR defense.

Things were very much going against the script, and many a City fan were distraught as it looked as though it would be another case of “typical City.”

As Manchester United put the finishing touches on a 1-0 win over Sunderland, they began to celebrate, as they were 5 minutes of injury time away from a Premier League Championship. The roller coaster wasn’t finished yet, though, as City equalized off of a header from Edin Dzeko.

With mere seconds to play, mercurial forward Mario Balotelli controlled the ball in front of the box and slipped a ball through to Sergio Aguero, who blasted it home to give Manchester City the title.

It was an incredible finish for the followers of Manchester City, who were able to not only celebrate a title, but they were also able to snatch it away from hated rival Manchester United, making it all the more satisfying.

However, this isn’t just the story of an unbelievable finish, it is the story of redemption for some of football’s longest suffering fans. One of those Manchester City fans, OEI Hotel Manager Brian Crook, actually flew home to watch his beloved Sky Blues go for a title, and got to experience the “Typical City” roller coaster in.

See COACH page 6
Since it's Mother's Day, (writing early, going out of town for a while and my wife gets scared if I write and drive at the same time), so what better way to celebrate Mother's Day than to take a whack at the feminine side of our culture. We have ignored them for a while and I'm getting the urge to revisit the little darlings.

I admit I stole the title of this thing from Drudge, but I thought it was too good to waste. From Yahoo! News: “Betty White says she usually keeps her political views private but in this presidential election strongly favors one candidate. As the 90-year-old actress prepares to visit the Smithsonian Institution and National Zoo this week, (aren't you proud of men not using the obvious snide remarks this conjures up?) White told the Associated Press she 'very, very much favors' President Barack Obama in the election. The 'Golden Girls' star said she is very bi-partisan and has stayed away from politics her whole life (she should have kept it that way). She usually never says who she is for or against because she doesn't want to turn off any of her fans. White says, in this year's election, she likes what Obama has done and 'how he represents us'.” Why anyone would give a rats patootie who she backs is a mystery to me. She's off her rocker.

Another “who cares” remark comes from Cher, (another over-the-hill entertainer) by way of PerezHilton.com. “Cher Starts Inadvertent War With The Right Wing After Slamming Romney Via Twitter. After Cher took to her Twitter to express her disgust with Mitt Romney and his politics, she received an unbelievable amount of backlash from the right wing! And although she later deleted the offending messages on the grounds that spreading hatred in that fashion is beneath her (?), she is NOT apologizing for her opinions. This is what she originally wrote: ‘If Romney gets elected I don’t know if I can breathe the same air as Him & his Right Wing Racist Homophobic Women Hating Tea Bagging Masters.’ Now, what’s so nasty about that? She’s just speaking her mind, and I use the term loosely. She still has fans?

In researching what the little darlings are up to, we have gone to visit our favorite celeb, shall we.

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• See SWANSON page 12
It was one of the worst days of my life, but the story had begun otherwise. I had gone to Australia to visit my boyfriend, Waynesboro High School’s foreign exchange student from New South Wales, Australia. He and his sister had persuaded me to acquire a lovely corgi puppy. Her kennel name was Diwali Genevieve, but she was later known simply as Jen. Her arrival had caused general consternation in the Mead household, to say the least.

My parents had picked me up at the airport in Washington, DC, after my long flight from Sydney. Daddy recognized my two suitcases on the carousel, and picked them up. “Okay, let’s go home,” he said. I panicked. “Uh, I have one more thing coming through.” My parents thought that I had gone overboard on the souvenirs, imagining, I guess, a suitcase full of boomerangs and cuddly koalas. The metal cage came into view, its occupant jumping up and down with enthusiasm. I walked over and picked up the cage by its handle. My mother stared in disbelief. “Oh, my God, Albert,” she sobbed, throwing herself into my father’s arms. “She’s brought back a kangaroo!”

No, I had not brought back a kangaroo, but what I had brought back was no less troubling to my parents. I had brought back a lively little Pembroke Welsh Corgi, the kind the Queen keeps. My boyfriend’s family had corgis—two of them, to be exact—Nigel and Ophelia. When I had gone to stay with them during the summer between my freshman and sophomore years at Mary Washington College (now the University of Mary Washington), Edward and Judith had made a point of taking me to visit Diwali Kennel, where they raised Welsh Corgis. The kennel had five litters of puppies at the time— a bumper crop—and I had immediately fallen in love with one particular little female. When the owners asked me where I would be taking her, they said it would be unwise to subject such a young dog to a two day trip. At their suggestion, I looked for an older puppy, one for whom the voyage from Kurri Kurri, New South Wales, to Waynesboro, Virginia, would be less grueling. One brazen little female corgi walked up to me in the puppy room, and placed her paw firmly on my foot. “Well,” she said, looking up at me. “What’s been keeping you?”

I decided to name her Genevieve, after Sainte Geneviève, the patron saint of Paris. Geneviève is supposed to have followed a strict vegetarian diet, and only ate twice a week. Fortunately, this didn’t leave her too weak to keep Attila’s Huns from taking over Paris. What a gal! Diwali was my dog’s kennel name. For those who aren’t familiar with the word, Diwali is popularly known as the “festival of lights,” one of the most important Hindu festivals. Unfortunately, my parents weren’t thinking “festival” when they saw the cage arrive in the DC airport. They were thinking of trouble, nuisance, and responsibility. My father had come from a dog family (my grandfather raised hunting beagles), but since then, the Meads were...
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If there are so many cliché sayings in the health and fitness industry that often times the point of the saying is overlooked. The meanings behind sayings such as “we are what we eat” or “an apple a day keeps the doctor away,” have a great deal of truth behind them and can positively impact one’s health if the premise behind the saying is implemented into an individual’s daily life.

However, many people become desensitized to these sayings, do not care, or just do not believe it to be true because they have heard the saying so many times, thus missing the point.

With spring coming to an end and summer rapidly approaching, many of us are feverishly working on health goals to help enhance our summer experience. Some of us may be trying to lose a few pounds in order to look better in a bathing suit or improve our flexibility to impress our friends by hitting the golf ball further.

Perhaps, you have decided you are going to take advantage of the many fresh fruits and vegetables available to us here in Highlands as opposed to buying frozen or canned alternatives. Whatever the case may be, I want to remind you of one of the most important health sayings and possibly the most overlooked; “it takes time.”

It takes time to change and the results we want to see cannot take place until the behaviors themselves have changed. Rome was not built in a day and thus cannot be destroyed in a day.

Think about an individual who has become a couch potato. They did not become a couch potato overnight. The behaviors leading to their sedentary lifestyle did not change instantaneously nor did they become so out of shape in a matter of days that they can no longer go run three miles like they used to. This situation took a great deal of time to form, and will take at least an equal amount of time to change. Those who are overweight and trying to lose weight did not gain the weight in a week’s time (even though it might seem that way) and thus cannot expect to lose the weight more rapidly than it was put on.

I give so much praise and I am happy to see so many people trying to change their health and the behaviors that attribute to our health problems. Unfortunately, trying is often times all we ever accomplish. Many of us do not reach our health goals because we lack the patience to wait long enough to reap the benefits of our efforts. So many times because we do not see results right away we get discouraged and give up.

The best advice I can give to those of you trying to make some health changes is not to get discouraged and not give up because change takes time!
Big Memorial Holiday Sale!
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ten vote and is being appeal-

“We have even had undercover campaigns verifying that some of these parlors are violating the law, but we have been encouraged not to make cases,” said Holland.

Commissioner Ronnie Beale said where the county is concerned – those areas outside Highlands and Franklin town limits – the issue must be pursued with legislation and the board will discuss it with legislators when members visit Raleigh May 29-30.

By law, towns in North Carolina can levy fees on such establishments, but counties can’t. However, Attorney Jones said Henderson County has come up with a scenario which may work for Macon County which he is investigating.

Commissioners said since the laws say they can’t ban sweepstakes parlors from the county, they would like to levy a franchise tax on establishments and machines like the towns.

Highlands charges $3,000 per establishment and $500 per machine each year and Franklin charges $2,600 per establishment and $1,000 per machine.

Planning Board
In a surprise move that same night, the commission voted unanimously to reappoint Susan Ervin, who has served two terms, and to appoint Peggy Patterson to the Planning Board.

Since Patterson and Ervin were present, they were asked questions by Commissioners Jim Tate, Kevin Corbin and Ron Haven. Tate asked how many other boards each sat on, Corbin asked if they would take a common sense approach to decision-making, bed and level-headed. Haven asked if they would be fair. “I am big on being fair,” he said.

Of course, each candidate answered yes to Corbin’s and Haven’s questions. Haven then made the motion to re-appoint Ervin and to appoint Patterson.

Corbin said Haven’s motion was a pleasant surprise and Haven said he believed it or not, he has always thought highly of Ervin and the work she has done on the Planning Board and like the other commissioners thought the Planning Board needed more women on it.

At the Highlands Town Board meeting, Thursday, May 17, Commissioner Eric Pierson made a motion to appoint John Underwood as the town’s representative on the county Planning Board to replace Alan Marsh. He said it was time for new blood and Underwood agreed to serve voluntarily without compensation. Evidently, Marsh has been compensated for serving on the county’s Planning Board over the past few years.

The board unanimously approved Underwood’s nomination.

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sion Tuesday night. Board members Stephanie McCall and Tommy Baldwin and chairman Tommy Cabell were inclined to go with NCSBA with Baldwin and Cabell noting the job they did in the past.

Members Jim Breedlove and Gary Shields were reluctant to commit until stakeholder forums could be held to get feedback from educators, central office personnel, parents, etc. Custom-made, hard copy and electronic surveys are part of the process but Breedlove and Shields initially wanted to conduct their own surveys via the forums. However, BOE Attorney John Henning explained that such forums would be open to the press and the public – which caused Shields to withdraw his “suggestion.” Breedlove said he would meet with people on his own which is legal if he is the only board member to attend.

Everyone wants to make sure that the superintendent candidates understand the unique character of Macon County – particularly its two k-12 schools and its geographical restraints.

A firm wasn’t selected, but the board hopes to get the process started late May or early June

Lindamood Bell

Following a number of passionate presentations by teachers touting an unprecedented success with the Lindamood Bell reading program, the board voted unanimously to pay for services for another year.

Only one full-time consultant will be on board which puts the cost at $187,000 for the year instead of the $280,000 spent last year.

Teachers from every school had success stories to tell, attributing the increased reading scores directly to the program – many students jumping 10 and 12 points. In addition, being able to read and comprehend has lapped over into other subjects – particularly math and science – which further substantiates the program’s value.

“It doesn’t matter the cost of the program because teaching them how to read is priceless,” said Baldwin.

“With many of these kids, we have tried everything and nothing has worked but this has.”

Teachers call it a paradigm shift in not only the way students learn but the way they think and teach which key to everyone’s success.

– Kim Lewicki

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corner. Town Manager Bob Frye said he hasn’t received any complaints about the issue, but Commissioner John Dotson said he’s heard numerous complaints. They general consensus was it’s a matter of personal convenience versus safety and the board opted for safety.

Dotson suggested petitioning NC DOT for a light but Town Engineer Lamar Nix said there are stiff requirements to get a light and requires an extensive study.

Commissioner Dotson voted no, Commissioners Amy Patterson, Eric Pearson and Gary Drake voted yes.

A citizen is installing solar panels on her home and by law is allowed to sell her surplus power to the town.

Thursday night, the town’s electric consultant, Kevin O’Donnell went over the process which will include the adoption of a connectivity policy and ordinance as well as a rate/feeschedule.

The process is a long one, but the board agreed it needed to be done. Commissioner Amy Patterson said she has not heard of anyone's success.

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their entire careers. On Anderson Cooper’s ‘AC360,’ Rosen took aim at Gov. Mitt Romney’s wife, Ann, for sacrificing her career to stay home with their children.

‘His wife has actually never worked a day in her life,’ she said with disdain. ‘She’s never really dealt with the kinds of economic issues that a majority of the women in this country are facing.’ But the campaign’s strategy – to portray the Romneys as a waltsy out-of-touch family – backfired. Big time.

Moments after Rosen’s bombshell, people started unloading on the DNC strategist for insulting the job (yes, job!) that millions of women choose – often sacrificially – to nurture and educate their children at home. Not two hours after the show aired, Ann Romney also weighed in, opening her own Twitter account so she could reply. ‘I made a choice to stay home and raise five boys. Believe me, it was hard work.’

Obviously, the Left didn’t learn anything from its earlier mistakes. In February, the Obama campaign tried to invent a controversy about Sen. Rick Santorum’s position on working women – which is merely that they should be empowered to stay home and work if they want to.” That move blew up in their face.

What ever happened to the liberal mantra of assuring choice for women?
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I was 19 at the time, and I'm going to be 62 in August. In all those years in between, I had not had a pet until I moved in with John. Overnight, I became stepmom to Smidgen, Orion, and Weasel. I took over feeding them, grooming them almost daily, and cleaning up the litter boxes. I wondered what John did before I arrived! In fairness, however, he did dispose of the mice the cats caught, until I took over even that. It takes a hard-hearted person not to love a pet, and I have become completely besotted with Orion and Weasel. (Smidgen escaped out a window, and was never seen again.) Since John's death, they have kept me going with their antics and their devotion. When you've loved someone – and lost them – it's hard to give your heart again to someone you might lose. Hard, yes, but it may be the best thing you will ever do. You'll recognize me in town. Even the regular use of a roller brush can't get rid of all the cat hair. I'm the one who looks like a yeti.

• Michelle is a writer and translator who moved to Highlands after years of living in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris and New York. She lives in town with her two very spoiled cats, Orion and Weasel. A middle-aged lady with middle-aged cats, she hopes that she will always have room in her heart and her home – for a couple of pets. She hopes you all noted the irony of the title, because Pembroke Welsh Corgis have no tails.

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heard from residents who are interested in generating waterfall power, as well.

O'Donnell said the board should take it one step at a time and may eventually have ordinances, rates, etc., for different power sources.

He warned that if any of these sources generates more than 10 Khw it could affect the wholesale rate agreement the town has with Duke Power.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust in conjunction with the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park committee wants to erect a sign in the park at 5th and Pine streets. There's no cost to the town.

Ran Shaffner with the Small Town Main Street Wayfinding committee presented the logos and color scheme agreed upon and said if the Chamber of Commerce and the Travel Tourism Commission won't help fund the construction and erection of the signs, then the committee will come to the Town Board for funding in FY 2012-13.

— Kim Lewicki
Donations to Balsam Mountain Trust appreciated!

Highlands Playhouse’s ‘Design on a Dime’ project begins

The Playhouse cast house - The Lodge - is in dire need of a facelift, particularly inside. Everything is needed - living room furniture, kitchen appliances, linens, lamps, mattresses ... you name it. For now physical repairs are in the works, as well as interior painting from top to bottom. To donate items, call Tina Rogers at The Playhouse: 526-2695.

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Libby Whittemore returns to the Playhouse stage

The Highlands Playhouse is excited to welcome back to their stage the incomparable Libby Whittemore. The show, the first of the Playhouse’s season, will be familiar to Playhouse audiences. Libby played to sell out crowds last Labor Day weekend.

“Our patrons came back to us after the show and wanted us to bring Libby back as soon as possible,” Playhouse Executive Director Tina Rogers said, “Well, we heard them loud and clear!” Whittemore, who sells out shows in clubs in Atlanta throughout the year, is excited to be bringing her talents back to Highlands. She and the band will perform a rousing host of songs from the war-time era as well as other long-time favorite showtunes and standards. “We could not think of a better way to celebrate the holiday weekend than to bring in one of Highlands favorite performers. We are certain the audience will fall in love with Libby all over again,” Rogers promised. “We hope this continues what will become a long standing relationship with one of the best talents in the southeast.”

The show runs May 24th-27th. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are at 8PM while the Sunday matinee is at 2PM. Tickets to the show are $30 for adults and $12 for children. You can make reservations by calling the Box Office at 828-526-2695.

Fabulous finds at Saturday Plant Sale

Mountain Garden Club members have outdone themselves this year to bring you over 2,000 plants this Saturday, May 26, at their once-a-year plant sale. This much anticipated event should not be missed.

For weeks the hard working volunteers have been digging in many special gardens. As a result there are many healthy specimens waiting for shoppers looking for something new and different. There are rare finds, such as the Clinton lily, and many great choices for shade gardens, including meadow rue, trillium, and Christmas ferns. You’ll also find old favorites including hostas, lupines, daisies, dahlias and phlox. Hardy tomatoes and herbs will also be available.

NEW items this year include specialty garden tools, perfect for gift giving. The shovels, which come in three sizes, have been nicknamed “Vicious: the shovel with an attitude!” Mountain Garden Club members have found these to be a most necessary tool in their treasured hunting for hard-to-get-to plants such as cinnamon ferns and Turk’s cap lilies.

Even if you are not a gardener, come and take home a ‘Pet Plant’ for your gardener friends. Local broadcaster Steve Day with Highlands WHLC FM 104.5 has a cinnamon fern he calls “Soft and Easy” which came from the plant sale two years ago.

The Mountain Garden Club supports the community in many ways with the proceeds from this sale. Funds pay for college scholarships, educational projects at Highlands School, renovations of the courtyard gardens at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, and more.

The 30th Annual Mountain Garden Club Plant Sale will take place at the Highlands Ball Field on Highway 64 E this Saturday May 26 from 9 am until noon. Rain date, if needed, will be Sunday May 27 from 1 pm until 4 pm. You all come, you hear!”

– Emily Compost
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What's up at CLE

By Bettie S. Banks

This week CLE focuses on institutions, not the brick and mortar ones, but the institutions of ideas. In two lectures we will look at two different institutions: classical architecture and the Federal Reserve. While diverse in subject matter, these two institutions have a primary place in the lives of each of us. The first honed our knowledge of artistic structure while the latter provides a view of our financial role in the global economy. Both institutions loom large.

Classical Architecture: Then and Now
DATE: Wednesday, May 30
TIME: 10 to 12 noon
PLACE: Performing Arts Center
FEES: Members $20; non members $30
Presenter Elizabeth Meredith Dowling, Ph.D. is an architectural historian and currently is Professor Emerita in Architecture at Georgia Tech.

Dr. Dowling will show as well as tell us about classical architecture, using visual images to illustrate her text. The language of classical architecture is 2500 years old and is based on a system of symbols that has shown its flexibility by its adaptation to each change in culture and technology. She will introduce and help us explore this vocabulary, giving us the tools to understand what we are seeing.

The Federal Reserve: Understanding Its Role in the Global Economy
DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 10 to 12 noon
PLACE: Performing Arts Center (Auditorium)
FEES: Members $25; non members $35

This complex and often misunderstood subject will be presented by Dennis P. Lockhart, the 14th president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and a member of the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee.

Mr. Lockhart will compare and contrast the roles of the “Fed” and other national and international institutions as we look at the current issues facing us.

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Playhouse seeks local talent for part in upcoming production

Highlands Playhouse is seeking local talent to fill one remaining role in the season opening production of The Spitfire Grill, starring Ellen Crawford (of NBC’s award-winning show, E.R.) and Los Angeles theatre/film/television actor Jacqueline Riggs.

Character breakdown is as follows:
Eli, early to late 30’s or able to play the age range homeless; described in song lyrics as tall, strong, and brave. Prefer a British Isles look for type matching.

This is a non-speaking role, but this actor must possess a presence which exudes potential danger, and a strong sense of the physical & body awareness. Must be willing to grow moustache/beard.

Non-union role. Paid position. Rehearsals begin May 28th, but the actor cast as Eli would most likely start in week 2 with limited rehearsal time leading into a heavier schedule during tech and opening. Opening Performance is Thurs. June 14, Closing performance is Sun. July 8, matinee. Performances are Tues – Sat nights at 8, and a 2 pm Sunday matinee weekly.

Submissions can be made via email to D. V. Caitlyn, the Producing Artistic Director of Highlands Playhouse and director of The Spitfire Grill: hpartisticdirector@gmail.com. Please include headshot or very recent photo and theatrical resume as attachments.

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Here’s a bold statement that might twist your shorts a bit but who cares? The new post office building should have been fashioned to look like an old-time horse stable as snail mail has become the horse and buggy of communication.

Now Jane, please don’t get your knickers in a wad. I don’t resent that you are a member of the lucky sperm club and part of the famous 1%. I say it’s none of my business. Beside, you and your family have done more for Highlands than anyone…even Art Williams can’t hold a candle to your contributions. Every time I sit at the Rec. Park and play bridge, I think of your many achievements, just your dedication and donations to the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital are over-the-top and enough to win you a recognition award from Highlands. Why hasn’t Highland ever honored you with a recognition award? Is our Town Board asleep?

But a new post office…what were you thinking? You’re not drinkin’ those dad gum Pepsis again, are you?

And are you aware our country is still in serious financial trouble and heading for another recession? Are you aware the USPS is in a state of collapse and lost over $1.1 billion dollars last year? Yes, Jane, that’s $1.1 billion with a B. These losses occurred in spite of 130,000 post office job cuts. Oh, and did you know a man went to jail defending a friggin’ tree on your property? We know the tree is dead but where’s the tree hugger? Is he doing time? Who made the decision to arrest that poor guy? Are we losing it, or what? Why is everyone so angry, even on the silliest of topics? Jane, you should have called me ’cause I could have given you 20 better places to spend your money other than on a crumbling government bureaucracy.

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supported by our government, the Postal System continues to financially fail year after year. Their loss for 2012 is expected to be $3.3 billion. According to the laws under which it operates, our Postal Service is a semi-independent federal agency, mandated to be revenue neutral. Revenue neutral means it’s supposed to break even and not make a profit. Make a profit? Is that a sad joke, or what?

So some semblance of mail service can survive this disaster in future years, mail delivery should be cut to Monday, Wednesday and Friday and thank God for less junk mail. I’m recommending a separate mailbox just for junk mail that automatically flushes into your garbage can shortly after delivery. No more walking out in the rain or snow to find the only thing in your box is a 20% discount coupon from Bed, Bath and Beyond that’s 90 miles away.

I predict customers will pay extra for mailbox delivery service; otherwise they’ll have to drive in to the beautiful new post office, face the heavy highway traffic, and pick up their worthless junk mail.

Should you disagree with my opinion, please call me at 1-800-who-cares.

You probably think Deceived is about the United States Postal Service but it’s not. Read Fred’s new mystery/thriller on your Kindle or Nook.

... SALZARULO from page 5

vertebra collapses for no reason at all. There is no reason to withhold pain medicine in these patients, although it is frequently restricted in the misguided fear of addiction or overdose. Constipation is a problem for these unfortunate patients; addiction is not. What if a pain racked patient hoards enough narcotic medicine to end the pain forever, has decided that whatever life he may have left is not worth the price? Who are we to decide the poor soul was depressed rather than realistic about the quality of his life? Pain is a burden and a curse in these patients. Some can tolerate it. Most crave whatever degree of relief they can achieve. If the medicine dulls the senses and dogs the mind, so be it. Without at least partial relief from the torment, life is hell, no worse than whatever awaits us later.

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**Spiritually Speaking**

We are spiritual beings having a physical experience

By Father Bruce Walker

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Throughout scripture Jesus cautions his followers that while they live in the world they should not be conformed to it. He lived the truth of this message stating in numerous ways that while he was in the world, he was not of the world. It was not so much a rejection of the world in which we live as a call to understand that there is more to life than what we see on the surface.

As I sat in the audience for the Highland School Baccalaureate, I heard this message being given in various ways. Some teachers were cautioning the students to make good judgments in attending college classes, while others advised the graduating classes to use their financial resources wisely. It was all good advice.

Yet I found myself wanting to add just one more thought in order to bring a dirity and purpose to the message being presented. The message being, that we are spiritual beings having a physical experience. I believe Jesus was making this point. He knew that living life from this perspective would make a difference in us that would show itself as a gift; a treasure that we could give back to the world.

Living in the world, but not being of the world is a universal concept among the major religions of the world. Across the ages and across cultural and religious diversities, the people of the earth have been offered the same sage advice. When a person can live in such a way that places emphasis on the other worldly aspects of our being, that person is on the path to a freedom that only the spirit can give. This person is able to see with the eyes of the heart and behold beauty in every event and person that life presents. This person is able to walk through life totally open to being present to what each moment brings, free from ill will and enmity toward others.

Life is a gift. We are only on this earth a short time. We should make the most of our days here and cherish every moment. At the same time, we need not get too attached to it, because we know that there is more, with God there is always more! Addressing this notion, Saint
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Catherine of Genoa said, “We must not wish anything other than what happens from moment to moment, all the while, however, exercising ourselves in goodness.”

My earthly father would write to me in college and end his letters, by exhorting me with the admonition, “The sky is the limit!” I think he knew what my heavenly father was quietly whispering in my ear, “My son, there are no limits, except those we place on ourselves. Live your life to the full, so you will have no regrets. Honor your time here on earth and don’t die with the music still in you.”

So, to the graduates of Highlands School and to all who are continuing their studies in the school of life, I make my case. Don’t let the world overtake you. Live in the world, but do not be conformed to it. Live as though you are already in the heavenly realms and don’t be surprised when you find out that you are...

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Talking about bears ....

On Friday, June 1 the B.E.A.R. Talks Program Series “Bears in Your Neighborhood” 7 pm at the Hudson Library. This free program is presented by Bear Education and Resources. Task Force of the Western North Carolina Alliance. Shirley Huie of Highlands Falls Country Club got this shot of one of the three cubs that often visit her home.

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4 HORSE STALL BARN ON 4.6 ACRES FOR LEASE. Arena, horse fencing, hay loft and 5 minutes to National Forest trails. $700/month. 828-713-6101. (st. May 17)

FURNISHED SMALL COTTAGE ON CHESTNUT STREET FOR RENT – available May and June (not July) then August on. No pets or smokers. Suitable for single or adult couple. $500 plus utilities, or $250 per week. 828-526-8645 (st. May 3)

ONE-BED, ONE BATH – Furnished. Scaly Mtn. $500/Mth, plus utilities. No pets, no smokers. Call 828-200-9360 (st. 5/3)

UNIQUE LARGE, UPSTAIRS MAIN ST APT with open porch area. 2/2 with den and open living area. Washer/dryer, unfurnished but could be partially furnished. Call 526-4044 or 200-0036. (st. 4/19)

2BR/2BA FURNISHED CONDO IN TOWN. $800 per month. Call 828-342-4277 (st. 3/22)

VACATION RENTAL: Architect’s private home with stunning features. Three bedrooms, plus den, three full baths, and an open living area, two stone fireplaces and two decks overlooking stream and private stocked trout pond. Full Privacy. Designer furnished. Walking distance to town. Rate dependant on term. Non smokers only. Deposit required. Weekly, monthly or yearly rental. Call 770-639-2682. (5/30)

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

GLENVILLE – acre, power, septic, water, house site, driveway, mountain view, telephone, $24,000. 743-6216 (5/31).

LOT FOR SALE, NICE NEIGHBORHOOD – 1.45 acres, heavily wooded w/stream, 4-BR septic permit, Mirrormont area, walk to town, $169,900, 770-861-4249. (7/19)

SEE FALLING WATERS – 52-acre community just 2.5 miles from Main Street. Secluded but not remote, no road noise, no thru

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ANTIQUE CAST IRON DOUBLE SINK WITH BACKSPLASH AND DRAINBORADS. $1,600; Refrig & freezer 7 cu. ft. $120; Refrig 1.5 cu ft. $65. Call (828) 787-1860. (5/31)

... SALZARULO continued from page 22 although that is substantial. It is estimated that the annual cost in lost productivity in the United States is in excess of sixty billion dollars, and the cost of treatment more than 100 billion. We call pain a purely subjective experience. The clinician cannot see, feel, smell, or hear it. We have no lab test to measure it, no X-ray to see it. We ask the patient to quantitate his pain. Our methods are crude. We have a line with a smily face on one end and a sad face on the other and ask the patient to evaluate his pain level. A similar tool, another line ranges from one to ten. Ten is the worst pain a patient can imagine. It is remarkable how many unimaginative patients we see. They rate their pain a “10,” seemingly unaware of the possibility of being drawn and quartered or immersed in a vat of sulphuric acid.

Doctors are deluged with the message that we undervalue and under treat chronic pain. On the other hand, we commonly see the consequences of abuse, diversion, addiction, and even death from overdose. The solution is easy to explain, but difficult to implement. Be the master of your pain, not its slave. Take enough medicine to allow you to remain in control, but not enough to lose control. If your pain is so severe that it interferes with your family, happiness, and life, take medicine, exercise, practice yoga, meditate, and seek counseling and consultation at a pain center. Do whatever is necessary, but depend primarily on yourself. If you find that your treatment is interfering with your quality of life, you must choose more pain and greater control. It is as difficult as walking a high wire in combat boots, but it is easier for you to control than us. Be honest with your doctor and be honest with yourself. Don’t seek medicine. Seek relief and maintain control. Recognize that treatment of chronic pain is not just taking ever increasing doses of potent analgesics. You must beat your pain into submission, or it will do the same to you.
Friday-Monday, May 25-28
• At The Highlands Playhouse, Libby Whitemore. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

Sat. & Sun., May 26 & 27
• The Village Square Art & Craft Show at K-H Park 10 to 5.

Saturday, May 26
• Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at 41 Buck Knob Rd. $5.50 for adults, $3.50 for children.
• Mountain Garden Club plant sale 9-noon at the ballfield.

Sunday, May 27
• Freedom, the eagle at The Bird Barn at The Falls on Main at 1 p.m.
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