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Friday, Sept. 14

• Dazzling Dahlias Patron Party at the home of Rhett and Carolyn Tanner on Kettle Rock Mountain. Call Joyce Franklin at 828-526-9418.

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• At PAC on Chestnut Street, Bluegrass Duel with Nitrograss and Packway Handle. 8 p.m. Tickets \$25.

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• The Highlands Plateau Greenway work trip. Register with Ran Shaffner at 828-526-5622.

Sun., Sept. 16

• Wilson Reunion. Herm, Hube, John, Mack families. 1 p.m. at the Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Call Anne Tate. 828-526-2840.

• At the Episcopal Church, Peter Gorday to autograph copies of his biography of spiritual writer Francois Penelon. He will also preach at the 8 and 10:30 a.m.

• Homecoming at First Baptist Church, Highlands. Covered dish lunch after morning worship with activities on the church lawn and music performed by the Olive Rice Group.

Tues., Sept. 18

• At the H-C Hospital's Jane Woodruff Clinic, Danielle Koman, FNP, "Staying Healthy after 50" at noon at the Jane Woodruff Clinic. RSVP to (828) 526-1313 seating is limited.

Merchants gamble on Cashiers market

Very quietly a move to Cashiers is afoot.

Over the last year or two, several merchants have either expanded their businesses to include a shop in Cashiers, or after doing business in Highlands for years decided to close their shop and give

Cashiers a try, or when it was time to open a business for the first time, just plain opted for Cashiers over Highlands.

All the merchants quickly and heartily say they LOVE Highlands and LOVE their Highlands clients – in fact, all of them live in

Highlands and none have plans to change residencies -- they just believe Cashiers makes good business sense right now.

Why? Because Cashiers is growing, they say, with room for expansion, whereas in their opin-

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J-MCA offers sustainable solutions for town

– Part 4 –

By Michelle Price

J-MCA

Sustainable is the key word in J-MCA's Sustainable Solutions Report issued the Town of Highlands in August.

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (J-MCA) is a grassroots conservation organization whose mission is to address environmental issues through education, advocacy, collaboration and hands-on initiatives. J-MCA's vision is to ensure we work together to protect our high-quality natural environment and to build healthy sustainable mountain communities - with clean streams and air and abundant forests and wildlife, and on which public and private decisions are grounded in a caring concern for the environment and its people.

The report deals with Economic, Environmental and Social sustainability for Highlands and its citizens.

This week the report continues beginning with Forest Resources under the Environmental Sustainability heading. Since so much of the land in the envi-

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Highlands School Soccer Team – 2012



Seniors: Taylor Osteon and Evan Schmidt; Juniors: Ryan Vinson, Tyler Munger, Victor Lopez and Roy Pioquinto. Sophomores: Javier Montalvo, Philip Murphy, Kenan Lewis, Jacob McElroy, Davis Moore and Freshmen: Harrison Renfro, Austin Nichols, Colin Weller, Remy Adrian, Cole Drummonds, and Dylan Vinson. Coaches: Head Coach Chris Green, Assistant Coaches Kevin Vinson and Jesse Munger.

Photo: Kim Lewicki

New State food rules in affect as of Sept. 1 Highlands Restaurateurs weigh in

Macon County residents dining at local restaurants may not notice the changes, but their dining experience will be a little safer thanks to changes in North Carolina's food safety code. The

new rules went into affect September 1.

"Macon County Public Health environmental health staff work closely with local eating establishments to promote safe food

handling practices," said Macon County Health Director Jim Bruckner. "These new rules allow us to keep up with changes in food preparation techniques, while

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

Israel and the election



Sandra Mackey

The heavy flack released by the Democratic platform's omission of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel represents the political constraints placed on a sitting president. While the challenger in a presidential contest can soar on flights of fantasy in the arena of foreign policy, the man in the Oval Office must confront the realities of American security.

Currently the gravest threat to that security and to the economic recovery comes from Israel's threat to bomb Iran. Unilateral action by the country that claims to be the United States strongest ally could well come before the American presidential election.

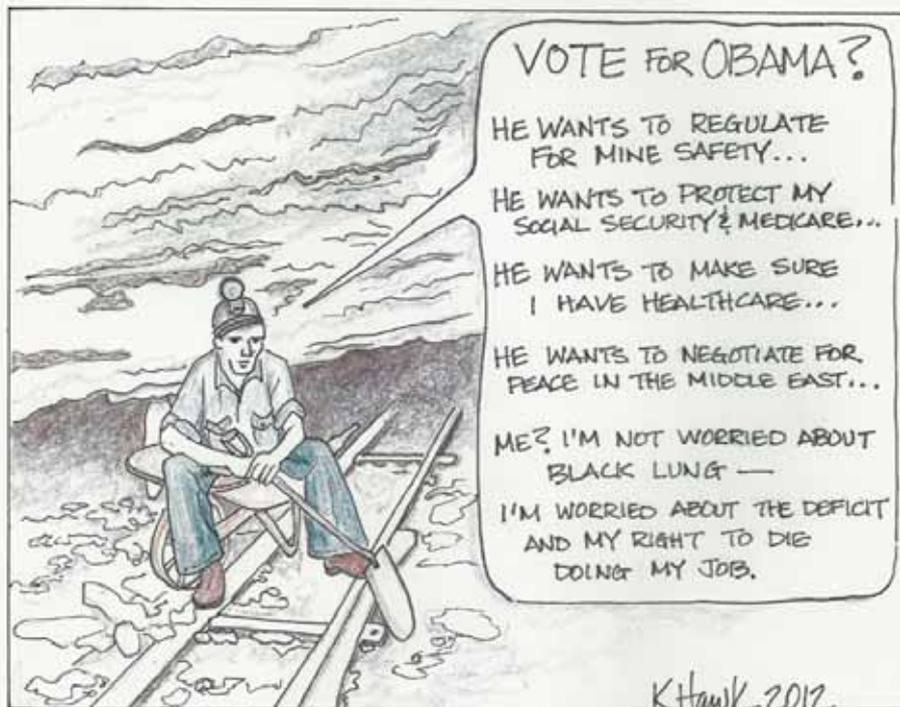
Through most of his term, President Obama has labored to prevent the Netanyahu government from igniting a conflict with Teheran that would prove extremely detrimental to the security of the Jewish state, the interests of the United States, and the health of a world economy dependent on the oil of the Persian Gulf.

The strategy to restrain an overzealous minority within the Israeli population and give support to the majority who oppose unilateral military action against Iran has been two fold.

First the president has used extensive verbal, financial and military support to reassure the Jewish state and its citizens that the United States is firmly committed

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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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• LETTERS •

Fire Swanson!

Dear Editor,

I will not belabor the point. I have written and know of a few friends who have written about Don Swanson. You seem to not care. Just let him write what he wants no matter how outrageous, hateful, subversive and conspiracy-pushing he can be!

You may think its fun and games. But this is detrimental to good order, riles up the natives, and causes the promotion of occurrences of intolerance in our community and yours.

When he is wrong, as he usually is, he never corrects his mistakes. Just keeps on going.

His column in last week's paper was totally inappropriate. He does not know what Marxism really is, if he did, he and others would not use the word.

Income Distribution, the return to the individuals who for all their work lives paid in the system to cover part of their retirement years. Health Care! Whenever everyone is involved in an insurance it always works better. Same as Life Insurance! Why do insurance companies give you hundreds of thousands of coverage for such a small premium? Because statistics show not everyone will die all at once. Health Care and Life Insurance work the same way.

We are getting back refund checks from our health insurance companies for the money they never use for research and development!

I do not know everything about anything. But you and I know wrong when we see it. We know inappropriate behavior and especially we know stirring the pot of hate and misrepresentation.

I believe you should be ashamed to allow Swanson to continue writing columns in your paper. What he is doing is not American; it promotes hate and distrust!

You know Swanson never served in uniform; he never tasted the fear of battle; he is a bully and a coward hiding behind your paper!

This is so WRONG!

**Allen Johnson
Franklin, NC**

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Calling Don out

Dear Editor,

I ready Don Swanson's column each week, but this time I wrote him and asked that he verify his information before I can even remotely believe. Show me!

This was his reply:

Joe, I've been a Republican since 1956. I effectively left the party seven years ago and have managed the local branch of FreedomWorks since. I am a conservative. You may notice that last week almost all of my column is encased in quotation marks. I cite the source of nearly every word that appears in the column.

If you notice, you can verify my information by Googling in the source -- the column I quote from -- and find the information you want to verify.

As far as going off the deep end, when you are the writer of an opinion piece, you get to go off an end you want to.

Thanks for reading the column and buckle up, I'm going to go deeper). -- Don
Joe Mathis
Otto, NC

Local merchant is honorable

Dear Editor,

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

I'm out-of-the-box

Why some folks stay angry with me

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Boxers know how to have fun and we find each other



with Fred Wooldridge
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to exchange unusual ideas. I'm proud to say General Patton was a boxer. That's why the Germans hated his guts and why criminals hated my guts. It's now safe for me to reveal how I tick since all my serious enemies are dead and I'm safe from prosecution. Remember, boxers consider a good criminal a dead criminal! Are you ready?

First off, let me lay some groundwork. Have you noticed when pilots turn on the "fasten seat belt" sign, it's always followed by turbulence? It happens every time. The conclusion, of course, is that, by turning on the seat belt sign, turbulence is created. Why do pilots do that to us? I'm guessing they just want to shake up the

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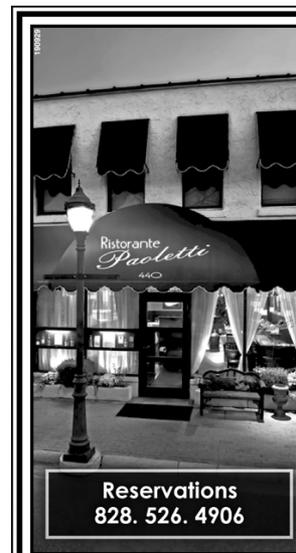


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passengers. If you have a different idea, you're probably not a boxer but that's OK.

Back when I was a lawman for Miami Beach, I worked for a chief who was an out-of-the-box thinker extraordinaire. He was the best of the best. One afternoon, he gathered his box thinkers together for a meeting and said, "I have an idea. We know most of the criminals who live and commit crimes in our city. We also know, because they're committing crimes of opportunity, they're next to impossible to catch in the act. They commit crimes and we write about it but little else." He hesitated, scanning the room for a reaction. "We shouldn't just record crime; we should at least displace it. We're mere historians for criminals. While we're writing crime reports, they're off committing more crimes. Instead, why don't we victimize and terrorize the criminals instead of them terrorizing and victimizing our citizens?" (I'm not making this up!)

The room grew quiet as the box thinkers looked at each other, analyzing the theory. Heads began to nod with approval. The few who didn't want to participate in this fun program were told to leave and return to their regular

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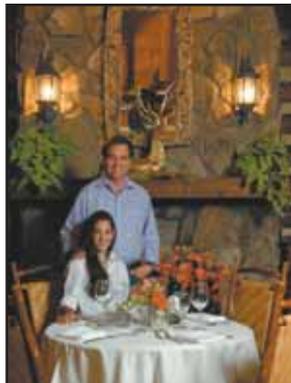
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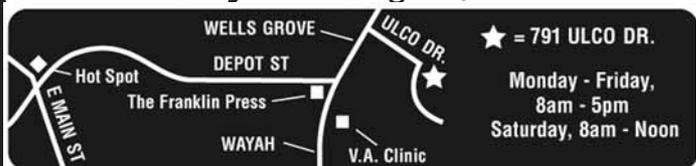
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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Where Americans draw the line

Americans are a generous people. We built school houses to educate our kids, roads to support commerce, libraries for enrichment, and an army for defense. Museums exist to preserve our past and inspire children responsible for the future. We set aside huge tracts to protect the most spectacular of America's wilderness. We willingly paid taxes for the common good. The services we provided were for everyone. Of course, there were exceptions.

The South created a segregated school system which was finally struck down when the United States rejected the concept of "separate but equal." But for the most part, the blessings of America were there for the taking. A family could choose to motor to the great national parks and visit great dams that harness the Colorado River, or it could spend the summer at home. America was there, waiting to be sampled, ready to be explored by any of her citizens or guests. To be sure, our stewardship was imperfect, but that's another story.

Americans are a generous people who will donate a dollar to the truly needy, but fight a free loader for a quarter. Our country, as well as individual Americans, pledged billions for the relief of natural disasters and terrorist attacks. We are eager to help a guy who's down on his luck, but we expect him to help others when he's back on his feet. We want to create a safety net for the needy, not a hammock for the perpetually dependent.

We get uneasy when our taxes are being spent, not for the good of us all, but for the maintenance of a few. Americans don't begrudge the taxes spent to provide school lunch or guarantee all Americans the means to a higher education. We get mad when graduates default on their loans. We don't object food stamps for the poor, but grimace when we see our taxes



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paying for soda pop, Ding Dongs, and Pringles. The truth is probably that far more recipients fill their carts with rice and beans, but the Images of abuse anger us. We'd like families to care for themselves. We'll help out a needy family, but get mad at the idea of women bearing children to milk the system. Poverty is a crushing and growing problem in America. But working, tax paying Americans fairly ask when they'll get a chance to spend some money for the enrichment of their own families. We understand the welfare deadbeat and disability cheat. Their support offends otherwise generous Americans.

The billions in largess provided to industry and paid for with millions in campaign contributions is not as obvious as a basket of junk food bought with food stamps, but the bill is much greater. We focus on the abuse of individuals, because we see them and understand them, whether it's the disabled guy hiking to his deer stand or the unemployed person rejecting a menial job, preferring instead for us to pay him. We're getting tired of footing the bill for the health care of those who refuse to care for themselves, but we neither see, nor quite understand the cost of subsidizing the wealthy and the greedy, whether it's tax breaks for multi-billion oil companies or blocking the importation of generic drugs for the

benefit of the pharmaceutical industry. We raged when bank executives paid themselves bonuses with our money, taxes intended to rescue their banks from their own recklessness. That was a story we could easily understand.

It makes us uncomfortable and it makes us angry.

It's not that we have lost our willingness to help out in a pinch, but that Americans who foot the bill are starting to feel the pinch themselves. Our government is unable to prevent waste and abuse. There are those who believe government is inherently wasteful and abusive. If we can't find a way to address the abuse and trim the waste, the argument goes: shut her down.

Get government back to the core business of building roads and maintaining an army. We won't, and we shouldn't, eliminate programs for the needy, especially now, in times of high unemployment. We won't eliminate programs for the wealthy either, because contributions from the wealthy guarantee reelection of the Congress. But forgive us, in frustration and impotence, we say, "Chuck the whole thing. It's broken and can't be fixed. It's everyman for himself. That's the American way."

All work to finish on Gorge Road within 2 weeks

NC DOT project manager Trent Anderson said \sShoulder reconstruction and permanent pavement markings on US 64 west began this week and will be completed within two weeks, weather permitting.

This should culminate the summer-long Gorge Road paving project.

• COACH'S CORNER •

21st Century quarterbacks stake their claim

It started on the Washington Redskins second possession in the Louisiana Superdome on Sunday, as Robert Griffin III dropped back to pass, avoided the rush ever so slightly to release the ball before getting buried by a host of New Orleans Saints. Griffin III lay flat on his back as he watched Pierre Garcon rumble for an 88 yard touchdown, and the Saints fans in the Dome (and at home) all turned to one another and said "uh oh."

Griffin finished his remarkable debut in New Orleans with a perfectly threaded bullet of a slant pass on second and long to finish out bleeding the clock and stamp out Drew Brees' and company. As he stepped off the field, it was hard not to look at the performance and compare it to Cam Newton's 400+ yard debut a year ago. At 4PM, the west coast watched the debut of another young QB, Seattle's Russell Wilson. Wilson wasn't quite as scintillating in his debut, but he acquitted himself well and continues to represent the type of 21st century quar-



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terback that this column is about.

The 21st century NFL quarterback is going to be markedly different than the traditional drop-back quarterback in that they are able to drop back and throw in addition to being able to be used in a read-option or scrambling style. While in previous years quarterbacks like Randall Cunningham and Steve Young were renowned for their ability to scramble, they were not often used on designed runs in the way that Newton, Griffin and the like will be utilized in the future.

As offensive football thinking continues to evolve, I believe you will start to see coaches call more read-option based running in order to put more pressure on the defense. Much in the same way that the spread offense currently used by the likes of New England and New Orleans stretches the field, so does the read-option pressure the defense to account for the Quarterback as a runner and a passer.

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We all know that times have changed since the recession started in 2008. It seems that no one, including the wealthy, has been unscathed by the economy since. The inventory of available homes in all price ranges has increased magnanimously. Since the beginning of this year, we have seen many more people looking at properties and have also seen more sales. Real estate is stabilizing and those who have been waiting to purchase do not want to wait until prices come up. There will always be those who are comfortable with purchasing high end homes, but many are going back to more conservative choices. Stepping stones with prices as low as they are today, will serve as a way to get into a second home in Highlands and allow you to get your foot in the door. Also, it makes sense to those more conservative buyers to purchase something today that will be easiest to sell later in case things change in their futures.

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Lynn Kimball
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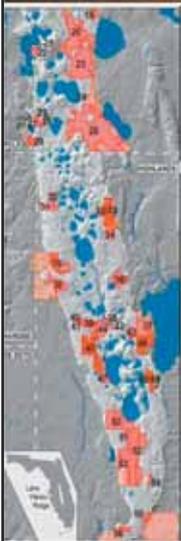
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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

Lady Highlanders qualify for NCHSAA Playoffs



Emily Gabbard



Rebekah Parks

By Ryan Potts

In a mere two matches into the season, the Highlands School women's golf team has already had two ladies qualify for the NCHSAA state playoffs. Last week, Junior Rebekah Parks qualified for the NCHSAA playoffs by scoring a 55 at Sequoyah National Country Club in Cherokee, NC. This was an improvement upon her top score from last year, and marks the first time that she has qualified for Regionals. In addition to playing basketball and soccer at Highlands, this will be Parks' third year playing golf, and her improvement has shown in back to back rounds of 55. "I think I have improved a lot," said Parks, "I think I am more consistent now than before and it has really helped my scores."

Fellow Junior Emily Gabbard will also join Parks at Regionals after shooting a 48 at Lake Junaluska on Monday. Gabbard missed the meet at Cherokee due to illness, but made up for it with her performance in Waynesville. Gabbard said that the biggest reason for her improvement is due to playing almost every day during the summer, and while her score of 48 is impressive, her goal is to "try and be around 45 every match. I typically shot around there this summer and so I was a little disappointed with a 48 my first match out."

The Lady Highlanders will have another match with Cherokee this week. NCHSAA regulations require a score of 55 or better in one match in order to qualify for Regionals.

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• THE 'CONSERVATION' POV

The tortuous route of the DNC

Let me preface this column by saying I don't like political conventions. I don't like going to them and I really don't like watching them. I confess I watched Ann Romney's speech during the Republican convention - I felt I should know something about her. I'm pleased that I did; I thought her speech was just right, and well delivered. As far as the Democrat convention is concerned, by the grace of God, the USA channel had a non-stop, 24/7 marathon of re-runs of JAG the entire week, so it was JAG during the day, baseball in the evening. Priceless.

In the recent past, the Democrat National Committee has acquired the reputation for pulling off major public events with the grandiosity of Cecil B. deMille (ask your father - or grandfather). Remember Obama's acceptance speech of 2008 in Denver? Greek columns, magnificent pomposity, whoop-dee-doo all over the place. It was, in a word, "over-the-top." An outdoor stadium, filled with worshipers, fireworks galore - an extravaganza fit for a coronation.

Let's fast forward to the 2012 convention. Not so pretty. In the days leading up to the event, to the surprise of professional weathermen, the DNC decided to cancel plans to use, well, let the Denver Post tell you what happened. "After promising to hold the event at Bank of America stadium

rain or shine, suddenly team Obama is moving inside after questions about enthusiasm for the event."

Now why, if the DNC felt they needed an outdoor venue to hold the momentous event, why would they have picked North Carolina to do it? According to The Caucus, "Here in North Carolina, the outdoor speech was always risky, considering that summertime rain and thunderstorms are far more common than Denver."

Well, as it turned out, the standard 20% possibility of precipitation failed to materialize, and folks on the ground said that the weather was just fine. They would have had to empty the jails and prisons in the area to come close to filling the stadium. They avoided a huge embarrassment and blamed it on the non-weather.

One of the casualties of the last-minute moving the speech in the Time Warner Cable Arena, where the rest of the convention was held, was that it was too late to load the thousands of balloons in the ceiling to drop after the speech. Bummer. I assume that goes for confetti, as well.

But the misery started well before the speech. From foxnews.com: After removing the only mention of God from their party's platform on Tuesday, Democrats voted the Lord back in late Wednesday." They also originally excluded verbiage, included in the 2008 platform, that affirmed that Jerusalem is and will remain the capital of Israel.

The Patriot Post follows: "And while the Democratic party at their convention in Charlotte walked it back a day later, the cat was out of the bag - officially declaring its antithesis toward people of faith."

"In order for the Democrat Party platform to be amended, a two-thirds vote of approval from the delegates was required. Former Ohio Governor Ted Strickland introduced the amendment with the language from the 2008 platform to be reinserted in the 2012 platform. Convention Chairman, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa called for yeas and nays via voice vote.

The first time the nays were the clear majority, so a confused-looking Villaraigosa called for the vote a second time with the same results. He called for the vote yet a



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third time with the overwhelming majority still in opposition to the reinsertion of God, Jerusalem and the Israel language in the platform. A stunned and flummoxed Villaraigosa looked around the convention hall, then read from the teleprompter this already loaded statement. 'In the opinion of the chair two-thirds having voted in the affirmative, the motion is adopted and the platform has been

amended.'

The already charged up convention floor became even more obstreperous, vociferously booing the insertion of God, Jerusalem and the language supporting Israel. Delegates holding their Arab-American Democrat signs and atheists were up in arms. The entire menagerie of errors making the Democratic Party look foolish was aptly summed up by Democratic pundit Paul Begala calling the incident 'beyond awkward, embarrassing, and stupid.'

There is far too little time left to do justice to the other notable speeches that ensued, but I'll try. Elizabeth Warren, my least-favorite female on Earth, gave her usual hate business, profit, corporations, etc. rhetoric. I wonder where she thinks the money comes from that pays for her Harvard Law students to be infected with her garbage. Yes, Lizzy, it's from the oft-maligned 1%.

The Veep's speech provided a field day for the fact checkers, exceeded only by Bill Clinton's spinning of reality which sent the folks doing the checking into an all night flurry of activity. Jennifer Granholm, former governor of Michigan, made a valiant effort to outdo Howard Dean in the ballistics department. She set off car alarms for miles around and there were reports of seismic activity in the area.

I'll let the experts have the final word - on Obama's speech. The headlines on the Drudge Report read: "Peggy Noonan - 'Stale and empty... he is out of juice.' Michael Tomasky (liberal writer) - 'Pedestrian and overconfident.' Charles Krauthammer - 'One of the emptiest I've ever heard.' And finally, Clint Eastwood - 'Obama, the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people.'"

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• OBITUARIES •

Marjorie Louise Henry Carter

Marjorie Louise Henry Carter, age 95, of Mt. Rest, SC passed away Thursday, September 6, 2012 in a Seneca, SC Care Facility. She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late Claud and Lecy McCall Henry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jeter O. Carter. She was a homemaker and caregiver. She was a very active member of Monte Vista Baptist Church in Mt. Rest, SC where she was a former Sunday School Teacher and choir member.

Several nieces and nephews survive. She was preceded in death by a sister, Hattie Cole Henry and two brothers, Claud Atward Henry and Joe L. Henry.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 9, 2012 in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands, NC.

Burial will be held at Highlands Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be made by www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Howard Furman Tilson

Howard Furman Tilson, age 67, of Highlands, NC died Friday, September 7, 2012 at a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of Claude J. and Fannie Stiwinter Tilson. He was a construction worker and was of the Baptist faith. He liked to hunt and fish.

He is survived by two sisters, Lois Houston of Highlands, NC and Ola Holland of Carrollton, GA; three brothers, Thomas Tilson of Brevard, NC, Ronnie Tilson of Highlands, NC and Randall Tilson of Franklin, NC. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Sunday, September 9 at the Buck Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Jamie Passmore officiating. Burial was held in the church cemetery. Newton Tilson, Larry Houston, Tommy Houston, Andrew Picklesimer, Glandon Vaughn, Chris Houston, Benny Speed and Berkley Speed served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Buck Creek Cemetery Fund,

c/o Algie Bolick, 3659 Buck Creek Road, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Timothy Marc 'Timo' Alexander



Timothy Marc "Timo" Alexander, age 55, of Highlands, died Friday, September 7, 2012 at his home surrounded by his family. Tim was the loving husband of 35 years to Debbie "Trudy" Rogers Alexander, and devoted father of Timothy Cole Alexander, and Carly Lynn Alexander. He was the first born of Nan Alexander (Howard) Liner and the Late Jack L. Alexander. He is survived by his wife and children and four siblings, Lisa (David) Wyatt of Highlands, Vicki A. Stokes of Destin, Fl, Wes (Norma) Alexander of Gainesville, GA, and Rachel (Chris) Vanhorn of Otto, NC.

Tim was a known master craftsman who worked for Schmitt Building Contractors for 19 years as a carpenter and cabinet maker. He owned and operated Alexander's Woodworks for the next 12 years and at the time of his death was back with Schmitt's in their cabinet shop. He retired as a volunteer fireman with the Highlands Fire Department after 27 years of service. Tim was

also a leader with the Highlands Boy Scout Troop for many years, and a member of the Highlands Jaycees.

Tim was a kind, gentle man, known for his ever present warm smile and compassion for others. Tim's passions were the hours spent in his wood shop and the time he spent with his family.

A memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Highlands at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12th. Rev. Jim Kinnard officiated. Arrangements were entrusted to Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, LLC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Highlands Fire Dept., Four Seasons Hospice or to the Highlands Emergency Council.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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John Kenneth Marchman

John Kenneth Marchman died Friday September 7, 2012 at the age of 56 after a brief illness. Ken was born in Atlanta on November 4th 1955 and grew up in the Buckhead area.

Ken was a third generation home builder working with his family at Marchman and Sons before starting his own business. Ken attended Marist High School and Georgia Southern College. Ken was so full of life and his wit and humor will be remembered by all. He loved being with family and friends and was always the life of the party. Ken was an avid traveler and one of his favorite sayings was "Travel is an education that you give yourself".

Ken and his wife Kathy were rarely seen apart. Their love for each other was apparent to anyone they encountered. He lived his life by their song "Moon River." Ken was also a writer and kept a daily journal which many friends would love to read. Even though Ken's life was cut short he lived life to the fullest every day.

He was preceded in death by his parents Vernon and Katherine Marchman, brother - Mike Marchman. He is survived by his loving wife Kathy King Marchman, sister and brother-in-law Carol and Stiles Kellett, brother - Marty Marchman, several nieces and nephews. He was one of the best and will be missed by all those who

knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday September 18, 2012 at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Highlands, NC at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Highlands/Cashiers Humane Society - 200 Gable St Cashiers, NC 28717 or Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church 315 North 5th Street Highlands, NC 28741.

A memorial service in Atlanta will be held at a later date. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Samuel Lee Butler, Jr.

Samuel Lee Butler, Jr., a resident of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida and Cashiers, North Carolina, born December 23, 1933, died on September 9, 2012 in Asheville, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel Lee Butler, Sr. and Roberta Jones Butler, and his nephew, Jimmy Butler.

Sam is survived by his wife, Stella Burns Butler; brother, James R. Butler and his wife, Sheila Casey Butler; nephew, Andrew John Butler and his wife, Sam's stepdaughter, Andrea Burns Butler; two grand nephews, A. J. Butler and John Pierce Butler; stepdaughter, Rhonda Burns Boggess and her husband, Kenneth D. Boggess; four grandchildren, Melissa, Drew, Emily and Trevor Boggess.

Sam spent forty years working in community development. For twenty-eight years, he was active in developing Palm Coast and Hammock Dunes, Florida, building homes, shopping centers, cable TV stations, roads and bridges.

He was a member of Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, Florida and First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, North Carolina.

Visitation will be held at Snow's Memorial Chapel, 746 Cherry Street, Macon, Georgia, Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 1 p.m. with graveside services following at 2:30 p.m. in Riverside Cemetery, Macon, GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, P. O. Box 548, Highlands, North Carolina 28741.

Snow's Memorial Chapel, Cherry Street has charge of arrangements.

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to their survival. Time and again the president has declared that all options are on the table if the international effort to force Iran to abide by its commitments under the Nuclear Non-proliferation treaty, of which the Islamic Republic is a signatory, are not met.

The second part of the strategy to restrain Israel from an action that would pull the United States into yet another Middle East war is to serve notice that the American public is reaching the point at which it sees the interests of the United States as diverging from the interests of Israel. This is where the political platform on which Barack Obama will run for a second term came in.

The omission of Jerusalem as the future capital of Israel was a message directed not at the American voter but at the Netanyahu government. It meant that the United States remains committed to the two-state solution for the protracted Israeli-Palestinian conflict that has brought so much suffering to all people of the Middle East. To achieve that goal the status of Jerusalem must not be dictated by the United States but negotiated between Israelis and Palestinians. There was a subtext aimed at Netanyahu and his supporters. The United States was not willing to rubber stamp an extremely provocative act undertaken by a bellicose Israeli government.

Now instead of the subtleties of diplomacy, the issue of support for Israel

and America's Middle East policy has become red meat thrown into the race for the White House. While Mitt Romney screams that the president is throwing Israel "under the bus," the Democratic convention put Jerusalem into the platform.

The irony is that a political platform used as a subtle foreign policy tool may have worked in at least postponing an Israeli attack on Iran. For every citizen of Israel is acutely aware that the ultimate security of the Jewish state resides in the willingness of the American government and its people to support it financially and militarily.

Two days after the Democrats unveiled their platform a meeting of the Israeli government's 14-member security committee that must approve military action against a foreign country was canceled. The prime minister's office claimed the cancellation was due to a security leak. But most observers of Israel's inner workings believe the cause was due to the deep and ongoing questions within the Netanyahu government about the prudence of an attack on Iran and the threat of what it might do to American support of the Jewish state.

Whatever the answer to the question of the omission of Jerusalem from the Democratic platform, the reality is that Israel has paused on the path to disaster for itself, the United States, and the world economy.

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mer House here in Highlands. We ended up returning them for a credit as they weren't quite what we needed.

Well, time has a way of getting away from you when you're busy working here in these mountains. When we finally put our heads up to finish finding furniture, it was 2012! Yikes. We went back over to Summer House and somewhat sheepishly asked if we still had a credit. The sales person looked it up and said with a twinkle, "Well, yes, we sure do....you guys need to get busy!"

Now that is such a great example of good business ethics and INTEGRITY that we just had to say THANKS Paula and Barry Jones for your patience with us and we'll be over soon to pick out some new things!!!

Paula & Neil Van Hoogen,
Highlands

Issues then and now

Dear Editor,

To quote Will Rogers, "All I know is what I read in the newspapers." He had radio in his time, I guess. I have radio, TV and the local newspapers, two of which are free. I don't use the Internet. Reading the letters-to-the-editor, it seems the Republicans are in trouble.

I have gained much insight from the columnists in Highlands Newspaper, although I don't see any media telling all sides of the story. It's slanted to the right or left depending on the network's view points and moneyed interests.

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Seems to me like Wooldridge is biting the hand that is furnishing him a place to engage in his hobby. I don't play bridge but I have enjoyed the "House that the Wooldruff's Built" and donated to our town.

Why anyone would knock Jane is beyond me. Our hospital has evolved into one of the finest hospitals in this area. Thank you, Jane. The new Post Office is a pleasure to visit.

Mr. Swanson would have us believe unions are the ruination of this country. I do agree with him on a lot of issues; universal health care, cap and trade, stimulus and bail outs, global warming and this being a fine newspaper.

He doesn't tell us about restrictive English laws. Our legal system is based, for the most part, on English law that made it a prison offense for workers to conspire "organize" to raise wages, about indentured servitude, about coal, steel and other big business equipping private armies and using government agencies to keep their workers in line, about railroads using the power of eminent domain and coolie labor to build railroads, nor does he mention the organizations

big business has used to their benefit and control.

The same is true today – import cheap foreign goods "tariff free," turn a blind eye on illegal immigrants and break up unions.

Are these abuses? Absolutely. Should a fork-lift operator make \$25 per hour plus benefits? Should a CEO who forced his company into bankruptcy get \$30 million severance pay? Who harmed society more?

In my lifetime, I have seen President Roosevelt take us off the gold standard, confiscating Americans' gold at \$20 oz. and re-value it to \$35. Kennedy taking us off the silver standard at \$120 an ounce and letting it float to market value, along with all the silver coinage in government vaults. Enacted the Federal Reserve Act. The USA doing the United Nation's bidding, fighting in so called police actions. These acts continue today under different names. It doesn't matter which party is in power. What will they think of next? Re-value our currency?

My heroes aren't the Bushes lad's dad and brother; Carnegie Mellon, Peabody, Vanderbuilt, Astor, Flagler, Getty and other industrialists who made so much money off the hard word and cheap labor of others – they can't give it away in six lifetimes!

Highlands community turns out for Alexander Funeral



The memorial service for Tim Alexander was held Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the First Baptist Church of Highlands. Highlands Fire & Rescue volunteers – both retired and standing – were honor guards. They greeted people as they entered the sanctuary and they stood at attention at the front of the church during the service. Tim retired from the department after 27 years of service. See his obituary on page 11.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

They didn't accumulate this wealth without the aid of the finest and most willing politicians money could buy here and worldwide.

My heroes have a more humble beginning. They include but aren't limited to: Dr. Ralph Stanley, Ben Lilly, Oliver O. Grant, Lou Dobbs, Sheriff Joe Apario, Junior Johnson, Francis Marion and my son and a daughter who works as a nurse at the H-C Hospital.

My two primary care physicians who help keep me healthy and my street rod mechanic who I hope will help me complete my last farewell tour in my 80th year on this earth.

The more things change, the more they stay the same. Seems like the GOP is the least of the two evils.

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• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

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• Open AA meeting at noon at the Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Thursdays, Fri., Sat., Sun.

• Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road. Call 526-2121.

Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

• The Highlands Writers Group meets at 1 p.m. at the Hudson Library. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

• Free dinner at the Cashiers Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Mostly organic, healthy food. Donations accepted. Call 743-5706 for more information. Volunteers needed!

Second Thursdays

• The regular meeting of Highlands Chapter #284, Order of The Eastern Star is held at 7:30 p.m.

PAC's Bluegrass Duel:

Nitrograss vs. Packway Handle Band is set for Sat., Sept. 15



This Saturday at the Highlands PAC, Bluegrass Duel featuring Nitrograss and Packway Handle. Each band will play a set and then JAM together in the third set. The fun begins at 8pm. \$25 tickets are available for purchase online at www.highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047 The Bluegrass Duel is presented by Ray McPhail. Save the Date: Saturday, October 20 for the Nashville Bluegrass Band."

It all started in Athens, Georgia in 2001 during a most peculiar spell when 5 or 6 bluegrass bands circulated the town. The famous Athens, which had once spawned the B-52s, REM, Widespread Panic, and countless other indie, pop and punk acts, was now the home to a competing minority of bluegrass players.

The Packway Handle Band emerged from this small scene, finding national acclaim first as finalists at the Telluride bluegrass competition in 2002 and 2003, then taking 2nd place in 2004. PHB has emerged at the national forefront of bands that use a gather-around-the-mic style.

The band now plays upward of 200 shows a year in the US and Europe. It's obvious their enthusiasm and sense of humor are honest, and that what they do appeals to broad audiences, even those who don't normally listen to bluegrass. You're not going to say you've heard this band before, unless you actually have.

Nitrograss sprung to life from the heart of the rural Appalachians with one singular mission: to take the Bluegrass world by storm. Nitrograss certainly wields a fierceness most acoustic groups lack today.

The percussive banjo of two-time national champion Charles Wood lays the foundation for the band's unique style; merging traditional Scruggs-style banjo with rhythmic motifs reminiscent of ZZ Top and the Allman Brothers. Next up is the lock-chop of Caleb Hanks' mandolin, from which occasional melodic passages erupt with fire. Micah Hanks offers an intuitive array of acoustic guitar parts that are both anticipatory and improvisational, with the two brothers layering their strong vocal harmonies over the mix in a sonic separation that could make a Kentucky moon rise on demand. Finally, the back beat of Dakota "Smoky" Wadell's bass lines pushes the music of this southeastern powerhouse into a foray beyond the frontiers most acoustic musicians dare travel.

Each band will play a set and then jam together for the third set. A great evening a bluegrass. Don't miss it!

The Bluegrass Duel will be at PAC on Saturday, September 15 8pm. Tickets \$25 may be purchased online at www.highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047. Highlands PAC: 507 Chestnut Street. Saturday, October 20 for the nationally acclaimed Nashville Bluegrass Band.

Art and Literature are the Focus of this week at the Center for Life Enrichment

For those of you who are fascinated by folk art and the artists who produce such interesting work, Tom Patterson, curator and author specializing in contemporary folk art, is presenting a presentation on Friday, September 14 at the Performing Arts Center from 10 to 12 noon. Entitled Meetings and Sightings Along the Outsider-Art Trail: A slide-illustrated talk, Tom will introduce or re-acquaint you with such luminaries as Eddie Owens Martin and Howard Finster, two untrained artists from Alabama who have wowed the art world for the past 50 years or so. This will be a rare look at the work and lives of a number of folk artists. Cost for members is \$20, non-members \$30.

The very next day, September 15, Julie Cannon, a recognized and award winning writer and teacher, will present Writing Down Your Life. This will be an all day workshop in which those who want to write their memoirs or deepen their ability to convey their feelings on paper will learn

to do so. The workshop will be held at The Mountain on Dillard Road from 10 and until 3 pm, and those who wish will have their opportunity to read their work for critique. A buffet lunch will be provided. Members \$60, non-members \$75.

The final offering for this week is a 3-session study with Dr. Terry Nienhuis of the Shakespearean tragedy, Macbeth. Those who have studied with Dr. Nienhuis previously know what a treat is in store for them as they tackle this short but powerful play. This event is Tuesday, September 18 through Thursday, September 20 from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Performing Arts Center. Members \$75, non-members \$90.

All these sessions still have space available. To register for any of these classes, call the CLE office at 526-8811 or email at clehighlands@yahoo.com. More information is available online at www.clehighlands.com.

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Highlands Area Upcoming Events

Friday & Saturdays

• Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road 7p until. Hal Phillips. Also 2:30-4 on Saturday. Call 526-2121.

Saturdays

• At Mountain Fresh Grocery, free wine tastings from 2-4 p.m.

• Simply Homegrown is a local farmers market in Rabun County, GA. Celebrating its 11th season as the area's original sustainable farm market. Open 9 am to 2 pm at the new location 0.7 mile west of Clayton on Highway 76 West. Look for directional signs on Routes 441 and 76 in Clayton. Our website has detailed directions www.simplyhomegrown.org.

• Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road, 2-4p. Call 526-2121.

• The Highlands Farmers Market 9am-12 through October at Highlands School.

• The Art Room, 45 East Main St. in Franklin is having free Make & Take Classes from 10am to 12:30. Come make a Card...Ages 15 and up please! Call Dianne 828-349-3777 or Robin 828-421-9891.

• Bascom Community Knitters welcome all knitters, crocheters, smockers and needlepointers to join us on the Terrace at the Bascom. 10 until noon. From now until Thanksgiving! Come and knit or come and watch. mscarolray@yahoo.com

Every Third Saturday

• The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 am. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Thursday, Sept. 6

• Free movie at the Cashier Library. Cheaters at 4p

• At the library on Siler Road in Franklin, Angela-Faye Martin will be performing songs from her album to be released by Totemgirl Records at 7 p.m. It's free.

Sept. 13-21

• Highlands School Media Center is sponsoring a Scholastic Book Fair with the theme, "All Star Book Fair: Every Reader is a Star!" The Book Fair opens on Thursday at 8 am and run daily until 3 pm. The Book Fair will also be open from 5 - 6 pm before the PTO meeting. Everyone is welcome to come

and shop at the Book Fair! All proceeds directly benefit the Library Media Program at Highlands School.

Thurs., Sept. 13

• At the Franklin Library on Siler Road at 7pm Living Responsibly in Bear Country with Anne Allison and Kathy Sherrard with Appalachian Bear Rescue.

• The League of Women Voters will host a forum between Hayden Rogers and Mark Meadows, candidates for US House of Representatives for NC's District 11, at noon in Tartan Hall of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin. Bring your own lunch.

• The September meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the wood-working shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 P.M., March through November.

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. Denise Allen with The Pink Ribbon and Command Mobility of Franklin will be the guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served. A \$50 gift certificate will be given away. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info, call 828-369-9221.

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 14-15

• The Highlands Biological Foundation presents its Native Plant Symposium on the campus of the Highlands Biological Station, in the Botanical Garden to which 100% of the proceeds from the Symposium go. Friday's activities will include a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and a lecture with Lisa Wagner, Clemson University, on how to garden to maximize the amount of wildlife that enjoy it. Participants can choose from options that include a guided tour of Pond Hollow Garden, hike to Jones Gap, a bog dish workshop, fern propagation workshop, or hike along the Chattooga Loop. To register for the Symposium or to find out the full schedule, call (828) 526-2221 or visit www.highlandsbiological.org/events/. Cost is \$75 for members and \$125 for non-members.

Friday, Sept. 14

• The Second Annual Dazzling Dahlias Patron Party at the home of Rhett and Carolyn Tanner on Kettle Rock Mountain. Tour the grounds and gardens

and enjoy Mexican fare to commemorate the origin of dahlias. For more information call Joyce Franklin at 828-526-9418 or email www.highlandshistory.com.

Saturday, Sept. 15

• At PAC on Chestnut Street, Bluegrass Duel with Nitrograss and Packway Handle. 8 p.m. Tickets \$25. Presented by Ray McPhail.

• The second annual Dazzling Dahlias Festival at the Highlands Rec Park 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 available at the door. The event will benefit the Highlands Historical Society. Exhibitors can enter five categories of dahlias for a \$10 entrance

fee. Pick up a registration form at the Historical Society on 4th Street where after the show there will be refreshments and live entertainment from 1-3:30 p.m. For more information call Joyce Franklin at 828-526-9418 or email www.highlandshistory.com.

• The Macon County Republican Party will hold its September general meeting on Saturday at 11 a.m. at The Boiler Room Restaurant in Franklin (Brunch 11am -11:30am - meeting to follow). The Guest Speaker will be N.C. candidate for Superintendent for Public Instruction John Tedesco. Mr. Tedesco will attend a

Round-Table with local educators prior to the meeting. A brunch buffet is available for \$12.50 per person. This meeting will be the last meeting for Chairman Chris Murray and he looks forward to saying farewell to members. For questions call Chris Murray @ 421-2191.

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will have its monthly work trip this Saturday. Anyone interested in participating, please register with Ran Shaffner by emailing

• See EVENTS page 18

It's Celebration!

Fine American Crafts for Sale at The Bascom's Fall Fun-raiser

Discover a treasure trove of craft art during Celebration! A weekend event at The Bascom in Highlands from September 28-29, the itinerary will include a patrons-only cocktail reception; artists' demonstrations, such as woodturning and ceramics-making; a panel on "Collecting Craft: A Love Affair"; silent auction and cocktail buffet. The festivities will culminate in a live auction of select craft by major American artists.

This exciting annual event, sponsored this year by Wells Fargo, will feature an informative and entertaining line-up of activities geared to American craft. Three-dimensional art objects offered for sale will include the mediums of wood, ceramics, glass, jewelry, sculpture, fiber, metal, furniture, baskets and more. Expect the bidding to be spirited at the live auction, with its showcase of select prime artworks by some of America's best craft artists. Karl Green, Director of European and American Furniture and Decorative Arts of Bonhams New York, will serve as guest auctioneer and direct the live auction sale.

This year's auction on Saturday, September 29th features seventy fine craft items including:

• The spectacular cast glass hands holding an orb by major



Among the many wonderful fine craft items being auctioned during Celebration! at The Bascom is Alan Daigre's Rocking Chair

artists John Littleton and Kate Vogel

• Large wood cloisonné bowl by Ed Barnes created with inlaid metal in a process that he developed himself over years of experimentation

• Unique walnut framed rocking chair created by linking different wood blocks together so that the chair conforms comfortably to the sitter, a signature design by Tennessee craftsman Alan Daigre

• Two beautiful wood bowls - one by Philip Moulthrop and the other by his son, Matt; the Moulthrop men are legends in elevating

woodworking to art

• International ceramics artist Mara Superior's towering English porcelain teapot accented with gold leaf

• and several fantastic trip packages, including fly fishing to the noted South Holston in Tennessee, toy making trip to a craftsman's farm to create a rocking horse that will become a family heirloom, and art trip to the Hudson Valley for privileged access to craft sources.

Guests will glean valuable advice and tips from the experts at Saturday's panel, "Collecting Craft: A Love Affair." Mark Leach, executive director of the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art; well-known art dealer Fay Gold of Fay Gold Art Advisory; collector Margaret Pennington; and Anne Tracht of ConsultArt Inc. will be our panelists in an informative discussion of collecting craft art today.

Witness the creation of art in the demonstrations by woodturners and potters. The Bascom's unique six-acre campus has three main buildings, including a 2,500-square-foot pottery barn, to host the various attractions of Celebration!

For more information and to purchase tickets, call (828) 787-2896 or visit www.thebascom.org/celebration.

Autumn Home Improvement

Your home's windows are an investment

(StatePoint) You may not realize it, but your windows could be costing you money and putting your family's safety at risk.

"Homeowners should do extensive research when selecting windows for their homes," advises Ken Kubus, with Simonton Windows. "The right windows can defend against severe weather and potential intruders while increasing your home's energy efficiency, so explore your options."

Kubus offers these tips to anyone building a new home, or replacing windows in a cherished older home:

Protect Your Investment

Build for the future by giving your home an invisible security system. If you live in an area prone to active children or potential crime, order windows with tempered safety glass. Two panes of glass are adhered to a durable plastic interlayer, much like a car windshield. So, if a stray baseball hits a window, the glass will shatter, but broken pieces remain adhered to the interlayer, preventing glass fallout inside. The plastic interlayer is also puncture-resistant, frustrating potential intruders.

Weather the Storm

Are your windows doing enough to protect your family from inclement weather? Weather patterns in North America are in flux, so even if your windows seemed durable a few decades ago, that same glass may not do the job today.

No matter where you live, opt for products that have been tested and can tolerate repeated blows by a heavy

object. For example, Simonton StormBreaker Plus vinyl windows feature double-strength glass that's laminated and a frame that's reinforced with steel, so they are able to withstand high winds and flying debris without the need for plywood or shutters. And houses constructed with Simonton ProFinish Brickmould 600 windows and doors with the SafePoint impact-resistant glass package don't need to be boarded up before storms, ideal for any homeowner wishing to avoid this stressful task.

Beyond protecting your home and loved ones, there's an added financial incentive to using impact-resistant glass – some insurance companies will even give homeowners a discount for choosing this option.

Tamper Sound

Avoid sleepless nights no matter how heavily trafficked your street is or how loud your neighbor's dog barks with laminated glass in your windows. Laminated glass, such as the SafePoint glass package, can lower sound transmission by 50 percent over standard windows. Check the product's Sound Transmission Classification rating, which measures the ability of sound waves to penetrate walls.

Energy Efficiency

If you're building a new home, do your research up front and select the best vinyl windows you can for long-term, low maintenance enjoyment. Energy efficient windows can significantly lower your bills throughout the year while keeping your interior comfortable.



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How to make Fall lawn care easier

(StatePoint) It's time for raking leaves, pruning shrubbery, and other seasonal fall lawn care tasks.

Never has the old adage "work smarter, not harder" been more apt than when tackling yard work and preparing lawns for next season.

"After a long summer mowing lawns, many people lose enthusiasm for lawn care when fall hits," says Bob Monahan, creator of the EZ Lawn & Garden product line, and a former frustrated leaf-raker looking for cost-effective ways to make yard work easier.

"There are several tips to streamline yard work -- from knowing the best time to pull weeds to using the right equipment to make tasks simpler," he says.

Here are some smart ways to handle fall lawn care:

Be Body Smart

Good posture can prevent backaches when raking leaves. Keep your head up and back straight. Relieve back pressure by raking using the "scissors" stance: whereby you place one foot forward and the other back, reversing position after several minutes.

When mowing, move the mower with your body weight as much as possible, rather than relying on your arms and back.

And use ergonomically designed rakes, shears and pruners that require less hand strength than traditional ones.

Rake and Haul Easily

Put away the loud, smelly leaf blower. Nothing is worse than raking leaves on a windy day, only to have them blown around.

Rake leaves onto a tarpaulin and drag it away. One

innovative tarp solution is the EZ Leaf Hauler, which has been dubbed the "giant dustpan for leaves." It's a modified tarp with sides that holds up to five wheelbarrows of yard debris. Stakes are attached and can be pressed into the ground to hold it in place on windy days. Approved by the Good Housekeeping Research Institute, it uses tent construction technology to form sides and a back, and has reinforced pockets and stitched handles for easy hauling and dumping.

And if you already have a tarp, you can easily clip handles to it to make it easier to haul when full of leaves. For example, the EZ Tarp Tugger is a low-cost option that combines handles with stakes, so you can keep your tarp in place and then pull it away when it is full of debris to bag or compost.

Remember, dragging leaves away is easier on your back and environmentally friendly.

Weed Wisely

Weeding can be made less painful if you adhere to the old gardener's trick of weeding after it rains. When earth is dry, it's harder to pull out the whole weed without breaking off the top. After rainfall, the ground is damp, making it easier to pluck out entire weeds.

This way, weeds can easily be added to leaves and other debris that need to be hauled away.

More information on innovative tools for raking, hauling and bagging yard debris can be found at www.ezlawnandgarden.com.

Remember, fall is your last chance to put your lawn in order before next season's warm weather.



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highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leaving a message at 828-526-5622. We will meet at the large upper parking lot (near the pool entrance) behind the Rec Park at 9:00 AM for a brief orientation session. We'll complete the Highlands Historical Trail behind the Rec Park with gravel, stepping stones, and gargoyles. Participants will be furnished the necessary tools and safety equipment. Participants should bring water, rain gear, and a day pack to hold them. Wearing clothes that can get dirty is advised.

Sun., Sept. 16

- Wilson Reunion. Herm, Hube, John, Mack families. 1 p.m. at the Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to go with fried chicken and ham. Drinks provided. Call Anne Tate. 828-526-2840.

- At the Episcopal Church, Peter Gorday to autograph copies of his biography of spiritual writer Francois Penelon. He will also preach at the 8 and 10:30 a.m., services.

- Homecoming at First Baptist Church, Highlands. Covered dish lunch after morning worship with activities on the church lawn and music performed by

the Olive Rice Group. Also celebrating its 128th birthday. The public is invited, especially friends and former church members for a day of celebration.

Tues., Sept. 18

- At the H-C Hospital's Jane Woo-

druff Clinic, Danielle Koman, FNP, is next on the schedule for HCH's Summer Forum Series presenting "Staying Healthy after 50" at 12 noon at the Jane Woodruff Clinic. The hour long lecture will cover the latest hot healthcare topics such as

Brain Health, Adult Immunizations, Diabetes Prevention and Psychiatric Well Being. RSVP to (828) 526-1313 seating is limited. A light boxed lunch will be provided.

Thursday Sept. 20

- Free movie at the Cashiers Library. Stand and Deliver at 4p.

- Friends of Panthertown is hosting a public meeting and information session Thursday at 6 pm at the Cashiers Community Center gymnasium located at 42 Community Place Road, Suite 3, off US 64 in Cashiers, near the public library and new recreation center. Experts from several organizations, including the U.S. Forest Service, will be on hand to answer questions and take comments related to proposed actions in Panthertown Valley.

- Taize on the Mountain at 6:30 p.m. at the Kelsey/Hutchinson Park on Pine Street in Highlands. Taize worship's emphasis is on silence, light, and above all the meditative weaving together of prayer and music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. (Please, no alcohol or pets) ALL are welcome!

Sept. 22-Oct. 11

- Macon County Girls Basketball Sign-ups will begin on September 22nd and go through October 11th. For ages 6-18. The cost to register is \$35. For more information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey of The Highlands Parks and Recreation Department at 828-526-3556.

Sat., Sept. 22

- There will be a Macon County Republican Party Executive Committee (special) meeting on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Boiler Room restaurant in Franklin (South Dining Room). The purpose of the meeting is to elect an interim Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Macon County Republican Party. Chairman Chris Murray will resign as chairman at the adjournment of the September 15th general meeting at the Boiler Room. It is important that every Executive Committee member attend this special meeting if possible. For questions call Chairman Chris Murray at 421-2191.

Monday, Sept. 24

- The North Jackson County Republican monthly meeting is on Monday at 6:30 PM at the Sylva Republican Headquarters Office at 58 D Sunrise Park, a retail complex located op-

Charity Fly-in set for Sat., Sept. 22 & 23 in Otto



Spectators and flyers admire one of the radio control airplanes to be flown at the Macon Aero Modelers Third Annual Charity Fly-In on Sept. 22 -23.

The Macon Aero Modelers is holding its third annual Charity Fly-In at the club's flying field in Otto, on Saturday Sept. 22 & 23. This year the proceeds from the fly-in will go to CareNet, a non-profit organization which collects food for the needy and those who have been caught short by the current economy.

The Fly-In is open to the public and will feature all manner of radio controlled air planes and helicopters flying and on display. Some are gas powered, some electric powered and sail planes. Some are very large airplanes while others are considered micro and very small. There will be scale models of military aircraft, stunt planes and some flying machines that defy description.

Visitors are asked to bring 10 cans of non-perishable food or donate \$5 per car for parking. All profits and the food will be donated to CareNet.

The flying begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. on Sunday. The club's air field is located about 8 miles south of Franklin, on Tessentee Road. Tessentee Road is opposite the Otto Post Office. There will be a hot dog or Bar-B-Que lunches available.

Country Music Legend John Michael Montgomery to perform in Highlands



To celebrate twenty years of experiential programming utilizing our equine staff and colleagues, Carpe Diem Farms reached for the stars...3 time Grammy nominee, John Michael Montgomery. Together with his traveling band Montgomery will perform twice on October 6: in an afternoon Concert on the Lawn and later that evening for the Tux, Tails and Blue Jeans Ball.

Two thousand and twelve is the 20th anniversary of the Carpe Diem foundation and the 15th anniversary of the Farm where we do our work. It has been an incredible journey for a project built and implemented by volunteers, individuals and foundations from across the country, who gave their time, talents and personal treasures. Carpe Diem Farms has served more than 3800 people of all ages through our experiential equine programs, workshops and camps.

In celebration of this auspicious milestone, Carpe Diem Farms will host award winning, country music super star John Michael Montgomery, Saturday, October 6th in two separate fund raising events. The family friendly, Concert on the Lawn is from 2 - 4 pm. The gates will open at 1

pm. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket. This is an alcohol free event.

Beginning at 6:30, award winning Chef and Event Planner, Tim Lundy, is preparing the Highlands event of the year: The Tux, Tails and Blue Jeans Ball. Lundy will transform the indoor arena into a formal setting. Wine and appetizers will be served at the new pavilion followed by a formal, multi-course dinner in the arena. Montgomery will perform for the guests while equine specialist Sue Blair provides a spell-binding dance with the horses.

Tickets for the Concert on the Lawn are \$50/person. Children under 12 are \$10. Tickets for the Tux, Tails and Blue Jeans Ball are \$200 per person, a portion of which is tax-deductible. All monies raised will go to provide for the equine staff. It is through the work that they do with participants of all ages that you can help change our world...one life at a time.

Please go to our web site www.carpediemfarms.org for information, location and tickets. Or call Peter Raoul at 828.526.5700. You won't want to miss this opportunity to celebrate with us!

Highlands Area Upcoming Events



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The Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center, a 22-log-cabin village, contains ex-

Village Nature Series features hummingbirds and more on Sept. 25



Ruby-throat hummingbird
Photo by Greg Scott.

Tuesday, September 25th will be the last chance this year to attend the Village Nature Series. The final program of 2012, "Hummingbirds: Delicate Gems or Sky Kings?" by Romney Bathurst will begin at 7pm at the Cashiers Library. This is a free community event, everyone is welcome.

Romney has traveled extensively throughout Central and South America and has personally seen more than 5,800 species of birds, 220 of them hummingbirds! Her talk will cover not only the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, but many found in other countries as well. Photos will help demonstrate their incredible variety, unique flight capabilities, and important role in the eco-system, as well as their breeding biology, iridescence and migration.

The Village Nature Series, now in its fifth year, is a collaboration of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and Village Green. To learn more call the Land Trust at (828) 526-1111.

the website www.jacksoncountygop.com.

Saturday Sept. 29

• The Foxfire Museum and Heritage Center will open its doors free of charge along with over 1,400 other par-

ticipating venues for the eighth annual Museum Day Live! For one day only, The Foxfire Museum will grant free access to visitors who download a Museum Day Live! ticket at Smithsonian.com.

Celebrating 35 Years of the Bartram Trail

The North Carolina Bartram Trail Society will celebrate its 35th anniversary with an illustrated presentation on "The Natural History of the Southern Appalachians" and a trip to the Cowee Mound.

Dr. Dan Pittillo, Professor Emeritus in botany at Western Carolina University, will kick off the festivities on Sept. 29 at the Macon County Library in Franklin. His colorful talk will show how the plants and animals of the mountains developed from the earliest ages of our continent to the present.

Walter Wingfield, President of the Society, said in announcing the meeting, "We are pleased that Dr. Pittillo will address the organization and its guests on this, the 35th anniversary of our establishment. Dan has been involved in the planning, building, and maintenance of the trail since its beginning in 1977; he is the only remaining member of the original Board and the only one surviving who participated in the creation of the Trail."

One afternoon in 1974, Walter McKelvey dropped into Pittillo's office at WCU and began to tell him of his plans for creating a hiking trail that would commemorate William Bartram's travels through western North Carolina 200 years earlier. He explained that Bartram was the first American-born naturalist and that the Philadelphian had explored the Southeast between 1773 and 1777.

Although the professor had not heard of Bartram, he recognized that McKelvey's idea of creating a hiking trail that would provide a means of promoting Bartram and his travels fit nicely

with the concept of dispersed recreation that Dan had proposed in the Southern Highlands Recreational Study. It would also be an appropriate effort in commemoration of the nation's bicentennial. He joined McKelvey's group and participated in the scouting of potential routes for the trail. They flagged routes and presented them to the Forest Service for approval.

The trail has grown to a well-maintained pathway that extends about 80 miles from the Georgia line to Cheoah Bald, near the Tennessee line. It closely follows the route travelled by William Bartram the year before our nation declared its independence.

The meeting will begin at the Franklin library at 10 a.m. Following Pittillo's presentation, participants will travel down the river to the eat lunch beside the Cowee Mound, which William Bartram described in his book *Travels* (1791). Dr. Jim Kautz of Franklin, who has published *Footprints Across the South: Bartram's Trail Revisited*, a book on Bartram's journeys across the southern colonies, will provide a brief discussion of America's first native-born naturalist and his visit to Cowee in 1775.

Members of the society invite all interested persons to join them in this community celebration.

Box lunches may be reserved for \$6 through the North Carolina Bartram Trail Society website <http://ncbartramtrail.org/> (click "News and Events" and fill out the form). Or call Meg Petty at 828-371-0633. Deadline for lunch reservations is September 27. Water will be provided for all.

posite the intersection of Highway 107 and the Asheville Highway. Important reports will be given on all campaign progress and activities. Campaign literature and yard signs will be available. Republicans, independents and other interested voters are welcome. For Jackson County GOP information call Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County GOP Chair at 828 743-6491, email jacksonctygop@yahoo.com or visit the website www.jacksoncountygop.com.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

• The South Jackson County Re-

publican monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the Cashiers Republican Headquarters Office in Laurel Terrace. Laurel Terrace is just past the Cashiers Crossroads traveling east on Highway 64. Important reports will be given on all campaign progress and activities. Campaign literature and yard signs will be available. Republicans, independents and other interested voters are welcome. For Jackson County GOP information call Ralph Slaughter, Jackson County GOP Chair at 828 743-6491, email jacksonctygop@yahoo.com or visit

Native Plant Symposium set for this weekend, Sept. 14 & 15



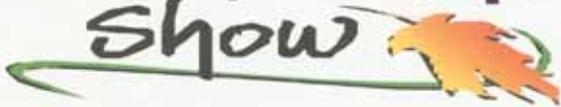
The 13th Annual Native Plant Symposium at the Highlands Biological Station is fast approaching, and time is running out to register. There are spaces remaining to spend next Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15, learning unique aspects of gardening with native perennials, mingling with other garden enthusiasts and sharing ideas. And the intimate nature of this particular plant symposium affords you the opportunity to speak personally with the guest lecturers, all of them experts in their fields! This is an amazing opportunity to support the Highlands Botanical Garden, a treasure of the southern Appalachians.

The schedule will feature three lectures, illuminated garden tours where the Highlands Botanical Garden will be spectacularly lit, field trips and workshops that highlight various aspects of gardening, and of course the native plant auction with wine reception and dinner.

Public support is vital to the Highlands Botanical Garden. Through the Native Plant Symposium, the Highlands Biological Foundation thanks past and present supporters of the Botanical Garden – and welcomes others – by providing this wonderful weekend filled with native plants, good food, and great company.

A full schedule of the 2012 Native Plant Symposium is available on the web at www.highlandsbiological.org/events/. You can also find out more information by calling (828) 526-2221.

Highlands Arts & Crafts Show



Saturday, Oct. 13

30th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show.

9a to 5p

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Free admission and parking.



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Saturday, September 15 8pm



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or by calling 828.526.9047

Highlands PAC 507 Chestnut Street Highlands NC

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duties. The remaining officers were handed a slip of paper with a list of known dangerous criminals' names on it. Two officers were assigned to each criminal and we would work from midnight until dawn. Our dress code was jeans, black t-shirts and ski masks.

Here's just one example of how our new, fun program worked. My partner and I arrived at the criminal's flat just after 2 a.m. He lived on Euclid Ave. on Miami Beach. This particular scumbag supported his heroin habit by committing brutal armed robberies on women. After quietly breaking into his flat, we found him stoned and passed out on his bed. After finding his gun squirreled away nearby, we shook him hard to wake him, then invited him to join us for a pleasant tour of our city. Even though he was a little grumpy and resistant at first, he agreed to join us. The ski masks seemed to bother him. By the time we arrived at the South Beach Pier, our dirt-bag was out of his stupor and realized this pleasant ride may not be a good thing. We slowly pulled our unmarked car out to the end of the pier. After shooping off a lone fisherman, the three of us walked to the edge of the pier and I invited our guest to take off his shoes. "You're kidding," the criminal responded. "I can't swim!"

"We know that. Take off your shoes," I demanded. The guy's anxiety level was worse than when he had recently shoved a gun in a lady's mouth, chipping off her front teeth and ripping her purse from her shoulder. Our guest slowly pulled off his shoes.

"You know you're committing murder," he said as he handed me the shoes.

"We know that also," I responded. "But we don't care."

I tied the laces together, saying, "This will make it easier for you to find them. Find one....you've found the other." I hurled them from the pier into the Atlantic Ocean. The three of us watched them float for a few seconds before disappearing into

the black water. Then his gun followed his shoes. "OK, time to go home," I said.

The three of us walked back to our car and I sat next to our guest in the back seat. The guy was relieved we were taking him home. On the way back to his flat, I put my arm around him and explained my theory on pilot's causing turbulence. The guy just stared at me in disbelief, convinced I must be totally insane. Then I said, "The next time we meet....which will be....for sure, for sure, tomorrow night, we'll take you back to the pier so you can retrieve your gun and shoes. Are we clear on that?"

There was silence as our criminal evaluated the seriousness of our invitation. Then I said, "There are many communities north of here and out of our jurisdiction where you can live without these unpleasant evening tours. You'll be able to pick and choose your victims and it'll take the police a while to find you. Or you can stay right here in our city and retrieve your gun and shoes tomorrow night; your choice."

Well, our out-of-the-box program was a huge success and no one got hurt in the process. Our displacement program caused crime to drop dramatically. The criminals were happy they were not harmed and took advantage of our generous offer to leave town. Our citizens, unaware of what we were doing, were happy with the lower crime rate. Our chief was ecstatic as the city's crime rate dramatically diminished.

PS - If, by chance, the criminals could swim, (most couldn't) we used tall buildings for their scenic pleasure. You can't imagine how much noise a pair of shoes makes at 2 a.m. when they hit the pavement from 17 stories up.

• *If you have a fun new way to rid your town of dirt-bag criminals, swing by Farmer's Market this Saturday, tell me about it and shake hands with a "boxer." There's not many of us left.*

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rons of Highlands is forest land, the report offers the following:

- Request a yearly update and technical assistance from the USDA Forest Service and the NC Forest Service to be aware of forest threats that are emerging and solutions to protect the forest community, to assess tools to educate the public and to develop and implement local solutions.

- Work with the USDA Forest Service, the NC Forest Service and NC Department of Transportation to help develop a man-

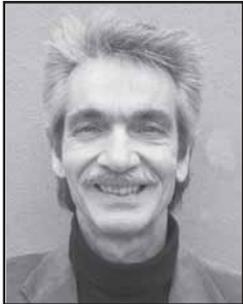
agement strategy to control nonnative invasive species (such as kudzu) within the community, in public spaces and along the road ways.

- Work with the local garden clubs, the Highlands Biological Station, the Highlands Cashiers Land Trust and the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance to develop a Grow Native education program to help protect and improve private and

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Ignoring God: Absurdity or tragedy?



Pastor Dan Robinson
Highlands Central Baptist Church

Jean-Paul Sartre, arguably the leading existentialist philosopher of the twentieth century, while yet a young boy wrote a paper on the death of Jesus Christ. The composition did not win him a gold award...only a silver one. He became embittered. In his own words he said:

"For several years I continued public relations with the Almighty...but privately I ceased to associate with Him. Only once did I have the feeling that He existed. I had been playing with matches and burned a small rug. I was in the process of covering up my crime when suddenly God saw me. I felt His gaze inside my head and on my hands. I hurled about...a horribly visible, live, target...but indignation saved me. I flew into a rage against so crude an indiscretion. I blasphemed. I muttered like my grandfather. I let out a string of oaths and profanity toward God...and He never looked at me again."

Sarte concluded by saying, "I've just related the story of a missed vocation. I needed God. He was given to me but failing to take root in my heart, He vegetated...and then He died. Whenever anyone speaks to me of Him today, I say: 'There was a moment when God called. I looked away...and it's been ashes ever since.'"

The Bible teaches that certainly God has...and continues...to reveal Himself to the human race. This revelation, according to Romans, chapter one, is through creation, conscience and ultimately Christ Jesus, Himself.

It is absurd, then, to ignore God because every person who has ever lived will stand in front of Him one day. There is no real ignoring. But it is also tragic. God made us for the purpose of knowing Him. To miss that is to miss my purpose for living. To compound this, there are many in our world who write God off without even considering His truth or what He's done for them through Jesus Christ. Who knows? This article may be the "moment for you when God calls". Will you look away? No one knows you better and no one loves you more than Jesus Christ. Furthermore, He is not ignoring you. You are valuable to Him. And He is "looking at you". Why don't you look to Him and avoid the senseless tragedy and absurdity of anything else.

John 3:16

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

Proverbs 3:5

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Sun.: Holy Communion - 9 a.m.; Adult Forum - 10:45 at Buck's Coffee
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Mon.: Bible Study & Supper at homes - 6 p.m.

Wed.: Men's Bible Study - 8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church

Thurs.: Women's Prayer Group - 10 a.m., Whiteside Presbyterian Church;
Healing Service at noon

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Wed.: 6pm: CBC University Program

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Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 a.m., Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 5
p.m.

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Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Sun.: Worship - 11 a.m.; Sun. 8:30a communion service June-Labor Day;
School - 9:30

Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast

Wednesdays - Choir - 7

GOLDMINE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Bible Study - 6 pm

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Randy Reed, Pastor
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Sunday: School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:45 a.m., Evening
Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376
Sun: School 9:45a.; Worship 8:30 & 10:50.; Youth Group 5:30 p.
Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 - children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 - Adult
choir (nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs: 12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

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Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.

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Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

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public forest land.

- Create incentives for local land owners to grow native species- for the benefit of local forests, wildlife, water quality, and air quality.

- Actively discourage the planting of invasive nonnative species.
- Work with local nurseries and landscapers to promote native plantings.
- Require that all Town Plantings be

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Monday-Wednesday

Mondays - The Bascom 3-4:30p

Tuesdays - The Episcopal Church 3-5p

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native species only, including Main Street Plantings. The USDA Forest Service, local environmental nonprofits and local garden clubs can assist with developing a list of acceptable species, for various sites, conditions and vegetation. (shade, trees, flowers, etc.).

Air Quality Solutions is next.

Air quality affects the sustainability of a community in a variety of ways perhaps the most obvious being the health effects of breathing bad air—asthma, respiratory disease, etc. Having clean air is one of the many natural benefits to living in Highlands and something that will draw people to this community in the future. Highlands has relatively high air quality due to many factors including high elevation, temperature, weather patterns, and population density. Highlands is most affected by poor air quality in the surrounding regions and by localized air quality hot spots. Haze on bad air quality days in the surrounding low elevation towns and cities limits the views that are pursued by many of the visitors and residents of this community. The ability to see far off in the distance is one of the main tourist attractions in Highlands.

There are many solutions to improve the air quality within Highlands. For the most impact, solutions need to include reducing overall and widespread consumption of energy in order to reduce emissions at the source. Localized planning within communities to reduce traffic flow or including more pedestrian infrastructure can reduce air quality hot spots. Encouraging carpooling, public transportation use, and turning off vehicles when idling can develop good air quality behavior and action.

Highlands School is a good example of one area that is a potential hot spot that could be improved by planning efforts. The school is in a relatively low lying area with an inadequate road system. During drop off and pick-up times this road becomes significantly congested with idling vehicles. As a first step in finding a solution the school was provided with a sign to encourage drivers to turn off vehicles while idling.

Ideas from NCDENR- Air Quality Section:

- Come up with a classroom adopt a light switch program that becomes a competition between the classrooms. Give them ownership
- Buy LED light bulbs- they last for 20-30 years
- Replacing old appliances with new ones can save 100's of dollars per year
- When purchasing a new car go to [fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov) to see which cars get the best gas mileage/compare
- Teach people how to do regular maintenance on their vehicles that will help reduce emissions

• Do we have a shuttle that will take people to Highlands/Cashiers and stop at Whiteside along the way?

- Hook up an electric car charging station in Highlands/Cashiers
- Find out where the nearest "share-theride" point is and encourage people to carpool
- Can we get the radio station to report air quality/visibility when they do their weather forecast?
- We can add the air quality forecast to our websites- airnow.gov

• Pass an ordinance that states that people cannot mow their lawn after 4 pm on summer days.

• Post energy conservation signs in all public buildings to heighten awareness.

Also under the Social Sustainability heading is Energy Solutions.

Energy consumption directly effects air quality at the source and beyond. It also affects local residents, as it becomes more and more expensive to heat their home and to pay their utility bills. So this is one example of how the environment, the economy and the social needs are interconnected.

Energy Solutions

The Pyramid of Conservation starts with many no to low cost steps then climbs to fewer more costly solutions. The WNC Green Building Council advises us not to skip steps in this pyramid unless it's necessary. For example, your heat pump may stop working and suddenly you need a new heating system. One thing to consider would be what size unit is right for your home or building. If your new system is not properly sized and installed; your home may develop humidity problems. However, no matter how efficient your new heating system is; if you haven't sealed and insulated your house you haven't maximized your investment or your comfort level. Your house is a system. Everything we do in our homes is connected. This applies to all buildings not just homes.

Become aware of your energy use and cost by requesting a history from your power company. Understanding your current use allows you to set a benchmark so you may monitor benefits while implementing solutions. Steps that can save significant energy include installing faucet aerators and providing shade for your outdoor air compressor. Simply set your water heater to 115 degrees F, your thermostat at 75 degrees in the summer and 68 degrees in the winter.

We spend a lot of time in our homes and every home leaks air. To maximize your comfort and minimize your energy use, be sure your home is sealed and well insulated. An average home leaks air through the ceiling into the attic; through the walls;

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through the windows, and into the floor. You can reduce energy use by 20 percent, just by sealing air leaks in your home.

When sealing air leaks start in the attic, using the spray can foam insulation to seal around the gaps in wiring, plumbing vents, electrical boxes, attic doors, the chimney, drywall, framing, and anywhere you can feel air or see light coming through. Be sure to seal similar areas in the

Flu shots in Highlands

This year, the MC Public Health influenza vaccine provides protection against three strains of influenza, including H1N1.

Vaccine will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

In Highlands: Wednesday, Oct. 3, from 1-4p at the Jane Woodruff Building at Highlands-Cashiers hospital.

The vaccine is \$25. Bring their cards with them. Medicaid does not cover the cost.

basement and to seal the crawl-space. Sealing ductwork with mastic and installing weather stripping around all exterior doors will offer savings too. The next step is to be sure your home is properly insulated to maximize savings.

Investing in more energy ef-

ficient appliances and renewable energy options would be considered a more costly solution and should be done only after you have invested in sealing air leaks and insulating your home.

• Next week Health Recommendations.

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The lecture will include current healthcare topics such as Brain Health, Adult Immunizations, Diabetes Prevention and General Well Being.

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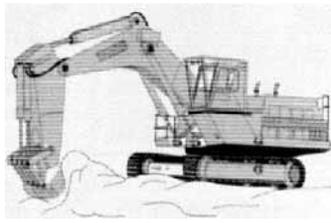
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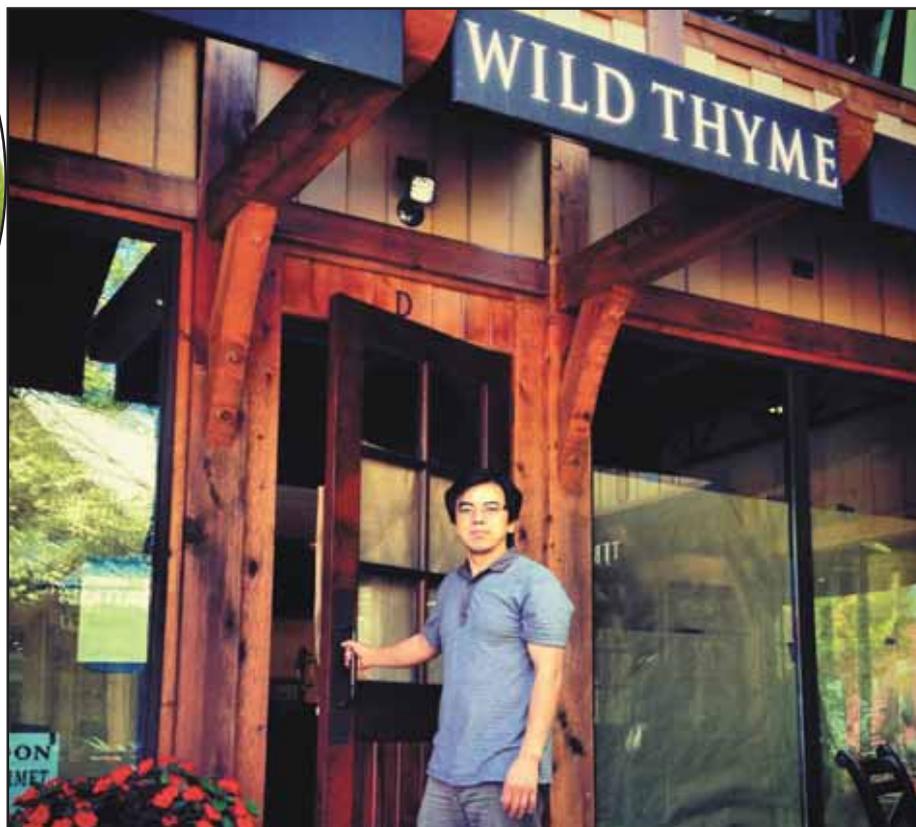
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Wild Thyme moves to Town Square Adds more jobs and menu selections



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open in October at 490 Carolina Way.

With two world-class restaurants, Chef Lama is also scaling his staff to continue to offer outstanding service at both Wild Thyme and Ghangri. By October, Chef Lama expects to add 17 new positions for a total staff of more than 35. Both locations will offer luncheon and dinner services seven days a week from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. until the last patron is served.

Be a mentor. Learn how Sept. 18



Rick Siegel, Debbie Lassiter and Julie Schott with Big Brothers Big Sisters.

School is back in session and so it's time for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) to get extra busy finding mentors for some of the great young students at Highlands School. On Tuesday, Sept. 18th at 5:30pm join BBBS at Buck's Coffee Café in Highlands and learn how you can lend a hand with this fantastic program and give something of yourself to the kids of our community. For questions or more information contact Program Coordinator Debbie Lassiter at highlands@bbbswnc.org or 526-4044

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20th Bel Canto recital plays to sold-out crowd at PAC Sunday



Founder of Bel Canto, Richard Joel enjoys the company of his favorite star Stella Zambalis at the Highlands Country Club After Party Sunday night.

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keeping public health and safety in mind."

The new food code represents the most comprehensive change in North Carolina's food protection standards in more than 30 years and establishes practical, science-based rules and provisions to help avoid food-borne illnesses, like noroviruses and salmonella.

"Restaurant owners know that safe food is good business," said "Bruckner. "By working together to implement these changes, we can reduce our incidence of foodborne illness across the state."

"The new code brings a more stringent set of rules for food's perceived shelf life for the state of North Carolina," said Arthur Paoletti of Paoletti's Restaurant. "Macon County has always been a forerunner in safe food-handling code. It should put a new layer of protection and with it, more accountability for the food service establishment."

According to Barry Patterson, Environmental Health Section Administrator at Macon County Public Health, "Under the new rules, employees must avoid handling ready-to-eat food with their bare hands and all restaurants must have a certified food protection manager during hours of operation. Restaurant owners also must establish employee health policies to ensure that an ill employee who has the potential to con-

taminate food is not involved in the preparation or serving of food."

"We have always had gloves available for employees to use, but now I understand they are required to wear them so that will be an small added expense because we will go through a lot more gloves than in the past," said Debbie Grossman owner of Fressers Eatery.

Restaurant rating systems will also change under the new food code. Although sanitation rating cards showing the grade and score will continue to be posted, restaurants will no longer earn a bonus for completing voluntary food safety training since certification will be required.

"Our inspectors have spent the last year learning the new rules and how to administer them," Patterson said. "We've also sponsored local training workshops for our local food providers to help them make the transition to the new system."

Another change people will notice is that local food trucks and pushcarts will also be subject to the new food code rules and will be required to post a sanitation rating card.

Key Provisions of the new NC Food Code:

- Each food establishment will be required to demonstrate knowledge of food protection by passing an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited exam. This requirement will be phased in and become effective January 1, 2014.

- Each food establishment will be required to develop and adhere to an Employee Health Policy to prevent and control the transmission of illnesses.

- Food establishments will be required to refrain from handling exposed, ready-to-eat foods with bare hands.

- Food establishments will be required to decrease the temperature of refrigerated foods and must date-mark opened, ready-to-eat foods.

"I don't see this as a big deal whatsoever," said Mic Cook, owner of Pescados. These are slightly stricter rules. I had to get my walk-in cooler serviced to ensure it doesn't go above 41 degrees. And we have to put a date on food products that we open and reuse. The date has to be put on when the package is initially opened. As far as the gloves go, we are very glove-friendly already, so the new rules didn't affect us. If a restaurant isn't already using gloves, it might cost a few more bucks but for me it's business as usual."

Anyone interested in the new code can view it at: <http://ehs.ncpublichealth.com/rules.htm>

- Kim Lewicki

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ion, Highlands is built-out.

Another factor is the price per sq. ft. for rent in Highlands versus Cashiers claiming a 10%-20% difference, as well as the cost of utilities and available parking for clients.

Deborah Whyte, who owns Bungalow Boutique at 15 Flashpoint Drive in Cashiers, closed her shop in Highlands about three years ago and made the move to Cashiers. "There are a lot of country clubs in Cashiers and those ladies are a big part of my clientele." In addition, she said there are a lot of younger people moving to Cashiers and they are big shoppers.

John Collette closed his art gallery in Highlands and moved to 107 south across from Tommy's Coffee Shop in Cashiers. He said there is more building and real estate activity in general with a greater prospect of growth in Cashiers.

"The demographics are different, too," he said. "Younger families and families buying second homes from a more diverse area than in Highlands are moving in - places like Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana versus Florida and Atlanta."

None of the merchants are concerned about the seasonality of Cashiers, in fact, Linda Hall who owns two "Vivace" shops in Highlands and now one in Cashiers next to Collette believes Highlands is a seasonal as Cashiers. "I think Highlands' season is May-October so I don't think Cashiers is any more seasonal than Highlands."

She said the age of the clientele in Cashiers didn't play into her decision. "I have customers who are 16 and 80. They all need shoes and clothes."

Instead, she opened her store in Cashiers to catch more customers. "There are so many people who live in developments beyond the Crossroads who don't make it to Highlands frequently," she said. "If people have a reason to shop in Cashiers (where the only grocery store exists for miles) they will stay and shop."

David Paterson and Edwin Lusk, who own Fletcher & Lee at 395 Hwy 64, recently closed their store in Highlands when their lease came up.

"We had been thinking about making the move because we are moving into more design work and we didn't need the overhead of a 4,000 sq. ft. space. We also wanted more exposure," said David.

He, too, believes there is more chance for real estate growth and expansion in Cashiers.

"Cashiers has a younger crowd who

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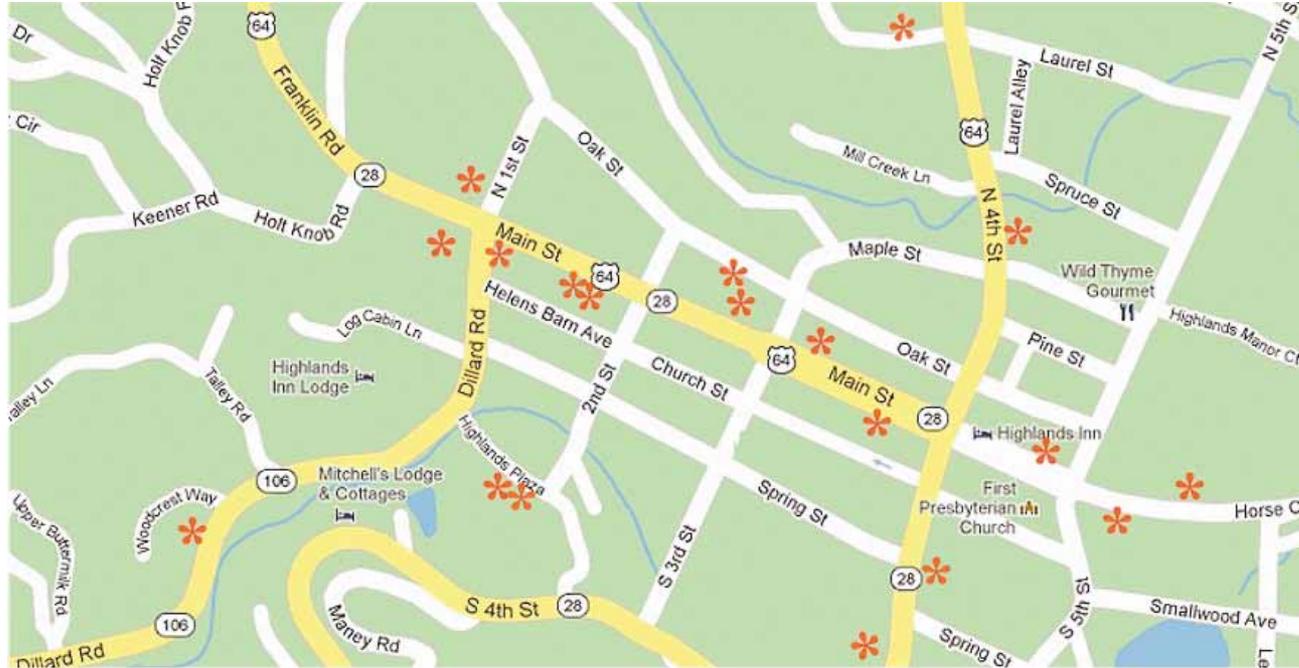
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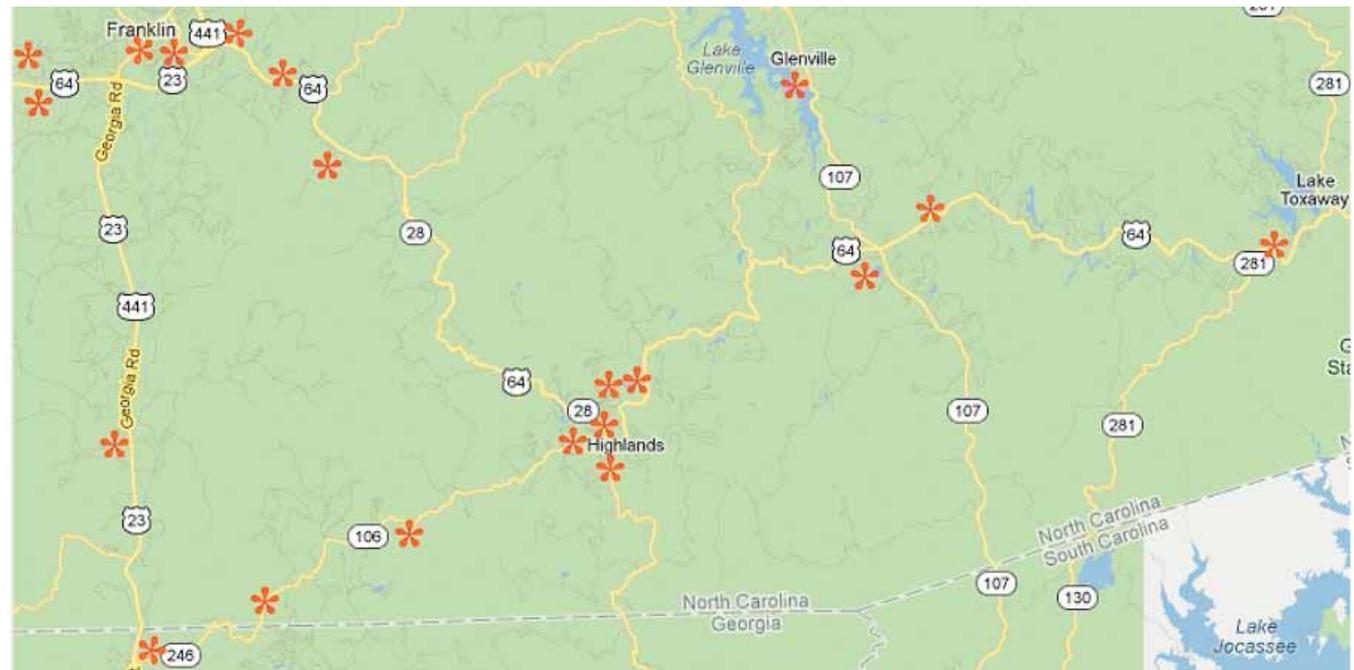


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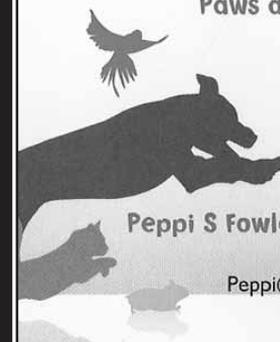
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is still buying – who still need to buy, versus in Highlands where people already have what they need.”

Kirk Moore and Don Fry of Oakleaf Garden Shoppe opened a store in Cashiers in Chestnut Square because a great storefront opened up and they jumped on it. Their decision is the first in a plan to expand their shop concept to Charlotte and Greenville in 2013. “This is just a natural process of expansion,” said Moore.

He too, cites a younger demographic being good for business, though. “They are nesting and therefore acquiring,” he said.

Margaret Browne, who like everyone else lives in Highlands but opened up her Chivaree Gallery in the Commons on Hwy 107 north, said her decision was based on finances and parking.

“I spoke to people who own galleries in Highlands and Cashiers and everyone said it's difficult to make a go of it in Highlands if you aren't on Main Street and the rents on Main Street are really, really high. I pay less than half of what I'd be paying in Highlands and it's a good location with good traffic and lots of parking.”

She plans on building up her Internet business and hopes that will sustain her through Cashiers' off-season. But others aren't concerned. Collette said he did a good business last winter in Cashiers; other's say they will adjust by only opening on weekends.

Owners of Highlands Emporium, opened a store in Cashiers, too, and are moving their Highlands location from Main Street to a storefront on the hill on Fourth Street.

Bob KIELTYKA, president of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, said he has heard that less expensive rent and a younger clientele seem to be the theme. “Though we continue to see visitors from the surrounding communities – Cashiers, Sapphire Valley, Sky Valley, Franklin, etc. – I am receiving reports of fewer shoppers and many of them spending cautiously. It will be interesting to track sales tax reports and compare the areas to see if there really is a difference or whether it's just the “grass is greener” concept.

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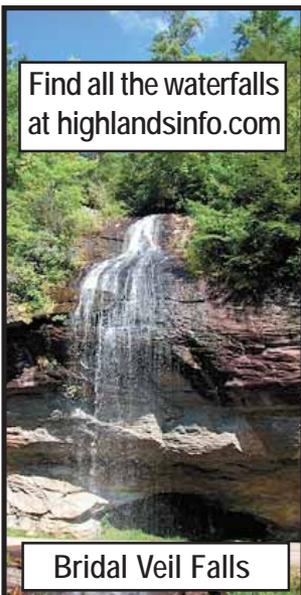
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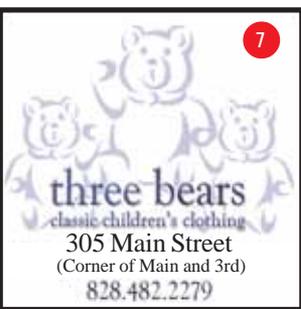
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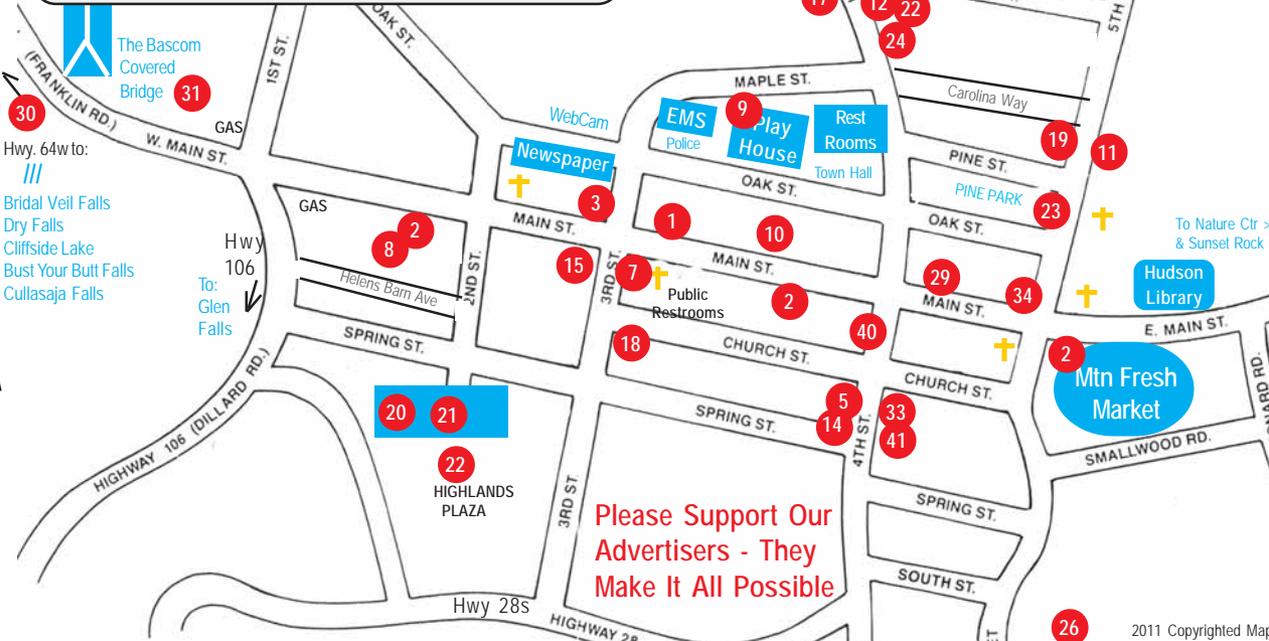


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