

Highlands Newspaper

Happy Birthday! We are 10 years old!

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Thursday, July 25, 2013

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• At Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Larry Reeves will speak on "Sense and Non-sense about Memory Loss" at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse dining room.

• At First Presbyterian Church, the annual Kirkin of the Tartans at the 11 a.m. service.

• At Main Street Inn, live music with Norma Jean on the lawn from 5-8p.

Fri.-Sun., July 26-28

• At Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, Hal Philips on the piano.

Sat. -Sun., July 27-28

• At Main Street Inn, live music with Norma Jean on the lawn from 12:30-3:30p.

Friday, July 26

• At the Hen House on Main Street, a tasting of Bittersweet Herb Farms Finishing Sauces and Merrily James & Jellies from 11a to 3p.

• Bill Lea presents "Understanding the Black Bear" at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Center.

• At the Hudson Library, an Ice Cream Party for participants in Summer Reading Activities at 3 p.m.

• Live music in Town Square from 6-8p.

Saturday, July 27

• At the Hen House on Main Street, a Stonewall Kitchen tasting of four products from 10:30a to 4:30p.

• At the Community Bible Church on the Cashiers Road, "The Jesus Film for Families" at 6 p.m. It's FREE.

• At The Bascom, Youth and Family Art: Painting by Roots, Workshop. 10am - 12noon

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July 29-Aug 2

• A FREE children's music camp at HUMC that culminates with campers performing at "Dinner at Seven" at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2. Camp is 9a to 3p. To register call 526-3376.

Monday, July 29

• John Crossan will speak at the Church of the Incarnation Episcopal Church at 7 PM. The topic will be "Justice as Love."

Tuesday, July 30

• Blood drive at the hospital from 8-11am and will then move to the First Citizens Bank in Highlands from 1-5pm.

Wed., July 31

• Free Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m.

Town Board considers planning issues

At the July 18 Town Board meeting, Interim Planning Director Josh Ward said the ongoing lack of applicants to fill positions on the town's boards means something's got to change.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is short one alternate mem-

ber and the Appearance Commission is short one member. The Planning Board is finally full, but it took a while.

The 3-year term for Zoning Board members is mandated by the NC General Statutes so the Town Board can't change it, but

Ward suggested two things to alleviate vacancy problems – to shorten terms to one year instead of three and to have terms begin January 1 instead of July 1.

"We suggest changing the calendar year to January instead

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SB 402 opposed by BOE; fills positions

By Davin Eldridge

The Macon County Board of Education publicly denounced the actions of lawmakers in Raleigh at its meeting on Monday.

In response to a \$20.6 billion state budget deal struck by legislators in the House and Senate, BOE members unanimously passed a resolution that would oppose proposed changes to NC Senate Bill 402.

According to Franklin High School teacher, John deVille, who wrote the resolution, changes would weaken the already frail condition of public education in North Carolina. The SB 402 agreement, announced on July 21 with tentative approval, could end teacher tenure, cut \$120 million for funding teacher assistants, and appropriate taxpayer money to

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Kirking of Tartans at First Presbyterian is Sunday

Brightly colored tartans of more than a dozen Scottish clans and the sway of the kilt will again enliven the sanctuary of Highlands First Presbyterian on Sunday, July 28, as the church continues more than 25 years of tradition when it holds its annual Kirking O' the Tartans.

Once again, local bagpiper David Landis will lead the procession of banner carriers and beadle up the isle at the start of the 11 a.m. worship service, which always attracts an overflow crowd. Landis will also be playing before and after the service on the lawn in front of the sanctuary.

Scots and those of Scottish descent are invited to participate in the event by carrying a banner in the procession (either their own, or one supplied by the

church). However, those who wish to carry a banner are asked to wear at least some item of Highland dress. Full Scottish dress is always encouraged, but it is not required. The church owns more than two dozen banners of various clans from which to choose and many of those who participate have their own clan banner.

Anyone wishing to carry a banner in the service is asked to contact Skip Taylor at 828 526-4280 or the office of First Presbyterian Church at 526-3175. Banner carriers should gather in the parlor of Coleman Hall and/or the adjoining patio no later than 10:15 a.m. the morning of the event. Instructions will be provided.

A buffet reception will be

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Six line up for TB election

Contenders for the upcoming November 5 election are on the books.

The mayor seat is open as well as two commissioner seats.

Brian Stiehler and Pat Taylor are vying for the mayor seat which David Wilkes is vacating.

The two commission seats open on the board are currently held by Commissioners Gary Drake and Amy Patterson, both of whom are running for re-election.

Final contenders in that category are Donnie Calloway who operates Finishing Touches and who is a past commissioner and Michael Rogers of Michael David Rogers Landscaping.

According to the Macon County Board of Elections, if Stiehler is elected mayor obviously an additional vacancy will occur on the board since his seat is not open.

That seat will then be filled by appointment of a majority vote of the Highlands Town Board. The person chosen by the board for the seat can be anyone; not necessarily someone who was on the ballot and lost.

Whoever is selected will serve the remainder of Stiehler's term – in this case another two years.

– Kim Lewicki

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• LETTERS •

'Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith'

"THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Dear Editor,

In his July 18 Spiritually Speaking column, the bitter Mr. Murphy seemingly corrupts it to: "Anyone who disagrees with me is an enemy of God; and the greatest of these enemies is someone who doesn't embrace and revel in my own insecure bigotries."

How else to explain his tiresome pursuit in print of so-called liberals rather than the Kingdom of Heaven? It's particularly rich that in his most recent column, he holds up "the intrepid individuals who fled religious and political tyranny" to found our country "upon a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ." Who fits that description? The Pilgrims, the Puritans, the Quakers—all persecuted by the Anglican Church. Well, Mr. Murphy is a traditionalist, grant him that.

No, if one is seeking a truly inspirational Anglican man of God, a voice crying out in our very own Southern wilderness, let him or her turn to Rufus Morgan (1885-1983), the Episcopal priest, educator and conservationist who at one time or another served most of the parishes in western North Carolina (including Cashiers and Highlands) and who loved our mountains and their people.

In the fourth Foxfire book, the Rev. Morgan quotes St. Francis of Assisi's prayer, "Oh, Lord our Christ, may we have Thy mind and Thy spirit. Make us instruments of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Oh, divine Master, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving, that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life." He went on to say to his interviewer, "I've been trying to live by that."

Stuart Ferguson
Highlands

• PHOTO OF THE WEEK •

Can anyone ID these elusive mushrooms? There in the AM gone by the PM.



By Linda Barden

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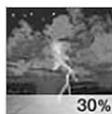
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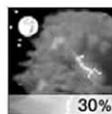
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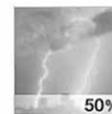
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Fred continues to tickle the funny bone

Dear Editor,

Fred's column in the July 18 edition about Highlands bridge players wearing Depends is the second funniest ever to the Breathables about five years ago.

Betty Ingrish
Highlands

• THANKS •

From the Sergi family

Dear good people of Highlands; citizens and visitors.

I wanted to take a moment to reach out and thank all of you for your patronage and support of Highlands Barber Shop (open March 2012-December 2012) My husband Mike Sergi (Mike the Barber) passed away unexpectedly on January 2nd this year. He was eagerly anticipating re-opening the shop after the holidays, unfortunately it was not to be. He would come home each evening, tell me how happy he was, what a wonderful clientele he had and that he hoped to make a success of the business. Mike and his shop was a success because of all of you and I just wanted to pass along my gratitude.

With much appreciation and kindest regards

Kathy Sergi
Franklin

• CORRECTION •



In last week's issue we reported that Sydney Figel sold 1,150 boxes of Girl Scout cookies. It was a mind-blowing 1,510! We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

• OBITUARY •

Raynor L. Duncombe



The Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics mourns the loss of Professor Emeritus Raynor L. Duncombe who died at his residence in Austin, Texas on Friday, July 12, 2013 at the age of 96. Born in Bronxville, N.Y., in 1917, he was educated at Wesleyan University, with an MA from the University of Iowa in English literature and a PhD from Yale University in astronomy. Dr.

Duncombe worked as an astronomer at the U.S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D.C. and was Director of the Nautical Almanac Office; until recently, he served as a professor of aerospace engineering at The University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Duncombe was predeceased by his first wife, Avis Bailey Duncombe and by his second wife, Julena Steinheider Duncombe.

Dr. Duncombe is survived by one son, Raynor Bailey Duncombe (Janice) of Middleburgh, N.Y., two grandchildren, Christina L. Duncombe of Chesapeake, VA and Raynor L. Duncombe (Heidi) of Mooresville, N.C. and their two children, his great grandchildren, Ava and Zack.

Dr. Duncombe was a member of the NASA space science steering committee having worked on the Vanguard, Mercury, Gemini and Apollo projects and was instrumental in determining the orbit of Sputnik when launched by the Russians. He was a member of the Hubble Space Telescope Astronomy team and was past executive editor of Celestial Mechanics. He was a fellow of various astronomy associations and received

numerous awards.

Dr. Duncombe was a true renaissance man. He was as comfortable reciting poetry as he was discussing the universe. He learned to fly a plane, had perfect pitch and played several musical instruments, and was skilled at plumbing, carpentry and electrical work. Most of all he had a contagious sense of humor and a well grounded sense of self that was never boastful.

He loved encouraging and aiding students in pursuit of their education. He enriched so many lives and will be sorely missed by those who knew him.

A service will be held on Sunday, July 28, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. followed by a visitation with light refreshments at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home located at 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin. An additional service, followed by a visitation will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at noon at Bryant Grant Funeral Home located at Highway 64 E., Highlands, N.C. Highlands was Dr. Duncombe's summer home. Burial will be at a later date in Newtown, Connecticut.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, 301 E. Dean Keeton C2100, Austin, Texas 78712-0287 with checks payable to UT Austin. Please include in the memo line: "In Memory of Ray Duncombe." To make your donation online click here and indicate "Yes" this is an honorary or memorial gift, then enter "In Memory of Ray Duncombe" in the text box.



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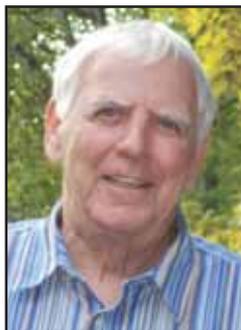


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• THE FREDSTER •

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She is Highlands very own red headed stepchild gypsy, aimlessly wandering about....not staying in one place too long. She's been kicked out of every place she's tried to homestead. When she brings her merry band of vagabond and struggling merchants to a new location, some cone-head thinks of a reason she can't be there. You know I'm talking about everyone's favorite entrepreneur, Andrea Gabbard. She's treated like the wicked witch of the west.....or better still, Tokyo Rose.

First boot was from the old dog poop park across from the Catholic Church; then she was chased from the front driveway of the Highlands' school. Finally it seemed she had found the perfect place at Highlands Plaza in front of the li'l flower shop. There's plenty of open space for merchants to show their wares and oodles and oodles of parking. It brought business to the permanent merchants who loved her there, including Bryson's Food Store. Everyone was a winner. What's not to like, you ask? Ha, read on!

Last week, some guy with a slide rule and a town rule book determined there were not enough parking places for a Farmer's Market. Andrea was booted to the lower lot at the plaza. Wait! It's all one parking lot. If there's not ample parking near the flower shop, then there's not ample parking at the lower level which, by the way, has more empty stores than Detroit. God forbid the farmer's market

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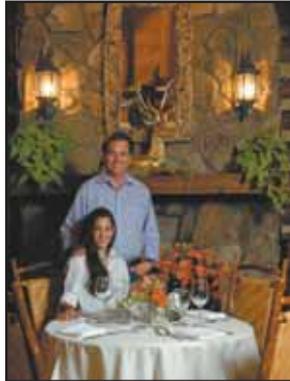
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Bird with whiskers identified

This Photo of the Week ran in the July 11 edition. Identification was requested. According to Russ Regnery of the Highlands Audubon Society, the bird is a Dark-eyed Junco. They seem to like collecting dry plant fibers that come off on door-mats for their nests.

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of July which is a hard time of year to fill positions," said Ward.

He said each December staff would compile a list of candidates which would include the member whose term has expired. The Town Board would decide if a quality candidate who wishes to stay on the board could stay.

Currently, a member can only serve two consecutive 3-year terms and then must rotate off for a year. Sometimes quality members would like to stay, but can't, said Ward, and once they rotate off they rarely apply to come back. By changing the terms, Ward said it's possible good members can be retained.

The board voted unanimously to set a public hearing for the August 15 Town Board meeting to amend the Unified Development Ordinance to change the term limits of the Planning Board and Appearance Commission.

Signs have been in the news lately so the planning staff and the Land Use Committee made up of Commissioners John Dotson and Eric Pierson suggested to send the ordinance to the Planning Board to see if it should be amended.

Ward said the sign ordinance hasn't been amended in 20 years so "it's time the current standards be reviewed."

The board OK'd the idea unanimously, so sign issues to be discussed at the Monday, June 29 Planning Board

• JUST HERS •

A river runs past it

Some people are drawn to the mountains; some to the beach. Others wither and die far from their wide open spaces, while only the Big City lights will do for the rest.

One of the benefits of age is that you have a greater chance of knowing what makes you happy, and where to find it. And while the mountains, beach, expanses of nature, as well as the bustle of city

life have all captured my heart, nothing feeds my soul like the lure of the river.

As a very small child, my brother and I lived briefly with my French grandparents, who took us to the river Seine to watch the tourist boats go by. We particularly enjoyed seeing the famous Zouave statue which used to be on the Pont de l'Alma. Flood stages were gauged on where the water was in relation to the French soldier, with the populace of Paris increasingly nervous (and presumably the Zouave!) as the water inched up his anatomy. If his feet were in the water, the road lanes on the river bank were closed; if the water was up to his thighs, the Seine was considered to be unnavigable. During the Great Flood of the Seine in 1910, it was up to his shoulders!

Rivers have always played a major role in history, being the lifelines for commerce and industry. Almost all of the major civilizations have grown up on the banks of rivers – be it the Seine, Thames, or Nile. Rivers were vital as small encampments grew into small towns, then larger towns, and eventually cities. In cities such as medieval London, where narrow streets and disease made transportation on foot, by carriage, and on horseback a harrowing experience at best, many preferred to use the river. It seems instinctual for us to be drawn to rivers.

It doesn't even have to be a memorable river, in fact. My childhood river was no Danube or Amazon or Rhone. My river was the undistinguished South River, unknown to most Southerners, and even many Virginians. It ran through the town of Waynesboro, Virginia, and was used the way rivers were used in the olden days, mostly for industry, not tourism.

The Ramworks Iron Foundry used the South River, as did Virginia Metalcrafters. An offshoot of the Ramworks dam was that it



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created an area swimming hole, which attracted the youth of the town. Old Man Rife, who owned the ironworks, would stand on the river bank, shouting and waving his fist at the swimmers whom he considered indecently dressed. This was way before my time, but legends live a long life in small towns, and my hometown was no exception.

By the time we moved to Waynesboro, the Ramworks had shut down, and Virginia Metalcrafters had moved across town. The South River was mostly for wading and swimming and losing the occasional golf ball. My brother and his friend, Tommy Vigour, collected old inner tubes one summer, and latched them on to several pieces of wood, to make a raft. Their grand plan was to sail down the South, ending up who knows where. The project took on the grandeur of a

Mark Twain novel. On reflection, I wonder if my parents worried, or whether they assumed the whole crazy idea would go nowhere. Finally, the day of the Great Raft Launch came, and we assembled on the banks of the South to watch Eric and Tommy sail into history. They pushed the raft into the middle of the river, climbed aboard, where it proceeded to sink like a rock. The two young men scrambled off the disappearing raft, and soaked to the bone, scrambled back onto the banks of the South. Bitter disappointment showed on the faces of the two would-be sailors, but I can't help thinking both sets of parents were enormously relieved. I certainly was. Having only one brother, I was far from cavalier in my desire to keep him.

In the 1980s, I acquired another river, a more distinguished one, this time. My parents bought an old manor house on the Dordogne, in the tiny village of Lamothe Monttravel (between Bordeaux and Bergerac). The back lawn swept down to the water. The only thing that separated us from the Dordogne was a small footpath, where the local fisher-

men would walk to their favorite spots in the early morning, their voices booming across the water. A particularly large – both physically and in personality – fisherman was Monsieur Bouty (ironically pronounced “booty”), who would recount with great enthusiasm the more intimate details of his relationship with poor Madame Bouty. A plain and undistinguished lady, we assumed she must have had hidden talents, if her husband was to be believed.

On rare occasions a local shepherd would bring his flock along the footpath. He looked very distinguished in his long cape, keeping the sheep and goats from straying with the help of his shepherd's crook, and two enthusiastic dogs. A few of the flock wore small bells on their collars, and we delighted in the music made by their jingling, mingled with the bleating of the sheep and goats, and the barking of the dogs.

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Dr. Farrow is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a fellow of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a graduate of Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA and completed her residency at St. Paul University Hospital at UT Southwestern, Dallas, Texas.

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• H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •



Grand reopening and ribbon cutting at Eckerd Living Center is Aug. 18

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's Eckerd Living Center (ELC) welcomes the community to join the "Grand Reopening" ribbon cutting celebration and tour held Sunday, August 18 from 2-4 pm.

This special presentation marks the completion of a recent renovations project that will improve daily living for ELC residents. Restoration involved both exterior and interior structures. ELC now has a new porte-cochère to provide easier access for visitors and residents who are mostly confined to wheelchair mobility.

Upgrades were also made to the Nurses Station and dining area. Two new "day rooms" consisting of an activity room and a

library/media room were created through remodeling existing space. Individual resident rooms were also treated with a fresh coat of paint graciously donated by members of local churches.

"This project has improved the aesthetics of our center," said Chief Nursing Officer Ava Emory, RN, "but more importantly will foster resident and family involvement, and collectively enhance the quality of our residents' lives. We want our community to be proud of our center, it's residents, and the experienced medical professionals that keep us strong, so we are hoping for a great turnout for this event."

... KIRKING continued from page 1

held in Coleman Hall following the event for those attending or participating in the service.

As far as established scholars can tell, the Kirking O' the Tartans is a purely American tradition begun 1941 at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. by the great Presbyterian minister and Chaplain of the U.S. Senate Dr. Peter Marshall.

Popular legend has it that the Kirking of the Tartans dates to the period immediately following the great defeat of the Jaco-

bites at Culloden in 1746, when tartan was banned (under the Proscription Act). Families supposedly took small scraps of cloth to church (the kirk) to surreptitiously have them blessed during the service. However, no historical evidence has ever been uncovered to lend validity to that myth. In fact, various historical facts cast doubt on it. The point of the modern event is to honor the heritage of Scottish Americans in general, and more specifically the Presbyterian faith.

• HEALTHY MATTERS •

Breast augmentation (enlargement w/implants)

One of the most frequently performed cosmetic surgery procedures worldwide can give women with small or unevenly sized breasts a fuller, better-proportioned look. Newer implants and surgery methods have improved the results and reduced the recovery time.

People choose to undergo breast enlargement for many different medical and aesthetic reasons, including achieving larger breasts and balancing asymmetric breast size. Breast enlargement may need to be combined with another procedure such as a breast lift in order to achieve the best result if gravity has also taken its toll.

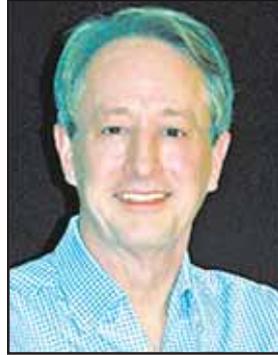
To determine what is required to achieve the desired look and what size implant is needed, I believe a considerable amount of time doing an examination and consultation is necessary. Taking more time than is standard has lowered my redo rates from around 25%, the standard for this procedure, to less than 2%.

Often, an extensive exam and discussion are the most overlooked portions of many consults for breast augmentation. Part of this evaluation process is determining the proper implant to use. A number of studies have shown that, when the implant is matched to patient measurements through a comprehensive exam and further chosen through careful discussion, the satisfaction rate goes up significantly. This is partially because the same sized implant will achieve different results in different people and even different results in the same person depending on placement of the implant. Likewise, the choice of incision should be based mainly on the implant used since the standard incisions all give equal results. As an example, the new cohesive gel Silicone implants, the so-called "Gummy Bear" implants, re-

quire a larger incision to allow positioning of the implant without risk of injury to it. (Research has demonstrated that injury from forceful insertion is one of the leading causes of late implant rupture, another cause of revision.) Location of the implant should also be made on individual patient concerns and anatomy. The newer implants now allow a choice. I generally prefer placement under the breast tissue rather than under the muscle. Positioning it above the muscle usually provides a faster recovery with less pain, prevents some displacement, especially down and outward, is ideal for those who are athletic or use their arms a lot as it does not cause the breast to move with arm movement, and may reduce the risk of deflation or rupture. Some people, those with minimal superior tissue and those wishing smooth implants, however, may fare better with sub-muscular implant placement. These choices then determine patient satisfaction.

My personal goal is to provide natural looking breasts that are proportional to your body, make you look great in clothes, swimwear or nothing, provide an appearance undetectable as surgically enhanced unless that is what you want, return you to normal activities as quickly as possible, usually by the next day, and do this only once. I have been able to achieve these goals using thorough evaluation, newer methods of measurement and modified surgical technique.

My method takes about two hours, a little longer than some methods, but necessary for fast recovery and minimal pain. I also prefer modern light general anesthesia (going to sleep) as an out-



Dr. Robert Buchanan
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patient because it is, in my opinion, the safest, and you awaken faster with fewer side effects. Technique also makes a huge difference in how fast one recovers after surgery. Older techniques, though faster, stretch the tissues to make a

place for the implant. This causes significant postoperative discomfort. Modifying the technique eliminates this stretch and eliminated most post procedure pain. Many people require only Tylenol® after the second day. With this type anesthesia and technique many women are back to many activities within just a few hours to a day after surgery and return to most light activities and work within one to two days. On the day after surgery, you can shower and change into a sports bra. You can return to sporting activities by 2-3 weeks. Incisions are closed with deep, dissolvable stitches and skin tapes. Though this takes longer, I believe this helps assure that the scar is as invisible as possible.

The procedure generally increases the bust line by several cup sizes, depending on each person's desires. If there is preexisting asymmetry, use of different sized implants on each side can provide balance.

Although there are many potential problems with Breast Augmentation, when done by a well-trained surgeon in a certified facility, the risks are minimal making this an exceedingly safe operation. Taking extra time with the consultation and during surgery also results in better outcomes and higher satisfaction.

• Dr. Buchanan practices full time in Highlands. For more information, visit www.PlasticSurgeryToday.com.

Community Blood Drive on July 30

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH) and AnMed Regional Blood Center will have a joint blood drive July 30th. The AnMed bloodmobile will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital on Tuesday from 8-11 a.m. and at the Highland's First Citizen Bank from 1-5 p.m.

Anyone 16 years or older and 110 pounds can give blood. If you are taking medication, it won't usually prevent you from giving blood; just bring the name of the medication with you. The AnMed officials will determine eligibility through the donor screening process.

Giving blood will only take 30-45 minutes out of your day. Be sure to eat and drink plenty of fluids before you come. Donating just one pint of blood can save up to three lives.

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meeting include signs on the outside of buildings, on the inside of windows, "Open" signs including banners, flags, inside and outside, electric signs, outdoor display of merchandise, string lighting, the construction of signs, signs for businesses that border two streets, political signs, and off-premise signs for profit or nonprofit businesses.

"Issues around town have created this list," said Commiissioner Eric Pierson. "These are the main issues, but there may be more. We think the Planning Board should take a look at the ordinance."

Ward also distributed information on Conditional Use Zoning Districts and Conditional Zoning as they apply in other NC municipalities. He said the town's process for Conditional Use Zoning Districts is lengthy and cumbersome and suggested making changes to streamline the process.

Board members said they will look over the material and discuss it at the Au-

gust 15 Town Board meeting.

In other news, the board OK'd the new pool design. To save money it will be built where the current pool exists and the pool house will be renovated and brought up to code rather than demolished which will save \$80,000.

The main pool and kiddie pool will be incorporated into a one-pool design where a Zero Entry pool will serve as a kiddie or wading pool as well as entry into the Junior Olympic lap pool – 42ft X 75ft with six lanes.

There was some talk about people accessing the pool through the kiddie pool, but there will be several ladders for adults to use to enter and exit the pool so they won't have to wade through the kiddie area.

The current pool will be demolished on Sept. 23. Town Manager Bob Frye said the new pool should be ready when school is out next year.

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• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •



Ongoing

• Registration is now open for the 2013 summer Nature Day Camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are being offered: "WOW! – a World of Won-

der" (ages 4-6), "Amazing Animals" (ages 7-10), "NatureWorks" (ages 8-11), "Mountain Explorers" (ages 10-13), and "Junior Ecologists" (ages 11-14). Most camps are offered more than once during the summer and ses-

sions run from Tuesday to Friday each week. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623 or visit the summer camps webpage at www.highlandsbiological.org.

Mondays-Fridays

• At The Bascom. Adult Classes: Sculpture: Clay "Fearless Sculpture" 10am to 4pm. Photography: Digital and Photoshop "Beginner" Friday, 2 - 5pm; Saturday, 10am - 4pm
Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

Mondays

• Mountain View Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the Faith and Fellowship Center of First Presbyterian Church. Enter via the entrance on 5th St. Take the few steps down to the library.

Monday & Thursday

• Hatha Yoga – Body n' Soul. 10:45a at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. R.Y.T. and YA (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

Tues.-Sat.

• The Bookworm in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street is 10a-4p.

Tuesdays

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center at noon.
• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Wednesdays

• Dine at Lakeside Restaurant. A portion of their proceeds go to area nonprofits.
• Hatha Yoga – Body n' Soul. 7:45a at First Presbyterian Church. R.Y.T. and YA. (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the H-C Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 am.

• Men's interdenominational Bible

• See **EVENTS** page 12

Electrifying concerts at this week's HCCMF



The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival offers the sublime talents of its artistic director, Dr. William Ransom, and the unexpurgated joys of sax with a pair of electrifying concerts.

Ransom will be performing Chopin's "Ballade #3, Mazurka in A, Scherzo #1;" Beethoven's "Waldstein Sonata;" Steven Paulus' "Preludes, Book I;" and Ger-shwin's immortal "Rhapsody in Blue."

Ransom has appeared as a piano soloist with orchestras, recitalist, and chamber musician in Europe, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Canada, South America, Ireland, and throughout the United States. His performances have been broadcast on National Public Radio and Television in the US, Argentina, Poland and Japan. He has collaborated with musicians including Yo-Yo Ma, Richard Stoltzman, William Preucil, Robert McDuffie, Stephen Isserlis, and members of the Tokyo, Cleveland, American, St. Petersburg, Borromeo, and Lark String Quartets; the Empire Brass Quintet, Eroica Trio, and the percussion group Nexus among others.

If Ransom's performance captures the sublime pleasures of precise musicianship, the second half of the bill offers the free-wheeling delights to be found in jazz.



Classical saxophonist Leo Sanguiguit and jazz saxophonist Dwight Andrews will share their sounds with classical pianist Elena Cholakova and jazz pianist Gary Motley on Fernande Decruck's "Sonata in C#;" Richard Rodney Bennett's "Ballad in memory of Shirley Horn;" and Irwin Schulhoff's "Hot Sonata." The quartet will then break lose with true jazz performances that rarely make their way onto chamber music schedules.

Those displays of joyful showmanship are a hallmark of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival and have earned it recognition across the Southeast.

Just last week, Classical Voice of North Carolina reviewer Laura McDowell published an enthusiastic review of the Festival's July 15 concert in Cashiers.

"The concerts move chiefly between Highlands and Cashiers and are held in relatively small, congenial spaces such as this one, affording every listener close proximity to the players," noted McDowell. "One can not only enjoy the world class performances, but observe in some detail the beaded brows, the working musculatures, the fierce concentration, and all the other mechanics required to coax beautiful sounds out of boxes with strings. The members of the renowned Eroica Trio (violinist Sara Parkins, cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio, and pianist Erika Nickrenz) were



joined by violist Miles Hoffman and a 21-year-old violinist Margaux Maloney who is a rising senior at The Julliard School.

"I haven't heard the Eroica Trio in several years, and remembered them as consummate musicians with an aggressive performance style, huge gestures, and gorgeous clothes. The ensemble certainly seems to have mellowed a bit. Gone are what I had viewed as excessive movements I'd found distracting in previous performances. What I witnessed was a superbly poised, musically nimble and savvy group of beautiful women who seemed to have ditched the theatrics and simply played the heck out of each and every score."

Throughout the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival season, concerts will be held at 6 P.M. Fridays at the Martin-Lipscorn Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 P.M. Saturdays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers. Sunday concerts will be staged at 5 P.M. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 P.M. Mondays at the Cashiers Community Library.

For more information about the festival and its full lineup of performances and events, visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org or call (828) 526-9060.

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• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

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.

- Mah Jong games will be held, open to the public, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers-Community Library at 1 p.m.

1st and last Wednesdays

- Kayak demo's and roll clinics are held the first and last Wednesday of every month throughout the pool season from 4:30-8 p.m.

1st Wednesday

- Movies at the Hudson Library. Children/ Family movies at 3:30 p.m. Free including popcorn. Bring your own soft drinks. 828-526-3031 for movie information.

3rd Wednesday

- Movies at the Hudson Library. Recently released movies at 2 p.m. Free including popcorn. Bring your own soft drinks. 828-526-3031 for movie information.

Thursdays

- Live music with Norma Jean on the lawn at Main Street in from 5-8p.

- Free lectures, which will be held each Thursday evening at 7pm through August 29th at the Highlands Nature Center at 930 Horse Cove Road in Highlands. Call the Highlands Biological Foundation at 828-526-2221 for information.

Fridays through August

- The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center presents Friday Night Live in Town Square. Save the dates as the season festivities will be held every Friday, from 6-8pm. Scheduled performances feature area musicians and a variety of musical styles and talents.

Fri., Sat., and Sun.

- At Attitudes at Skyline Lodge, Hal Phillips on the piano Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday brunch.

Fridays

- Free, Grief Support Group, 10:30am-noon at the Jane Woodruff Clinic - Suite 201,

on the H-C Hospital campus. Questions? Call 828-692-6178 or email:

mlee@fourseasonscl.org

Saturdays

- At The Bascom, knitters meet from 10 AM to noon.

- Highlands Farmer's Market in Highlands Plaza 9a to noon. Fresh vegetables, Flowers, breads, baked goods, craft items, jewelry.

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

- Live, free concert in K-H Park on Pine Street from 6-8p.

Sat. & Sun.

- Live music with Norma Jean on the lawn at the Main Street Inn 12:30-3:30p.

Through Oct. 15

- Join the "Winkler Challenge" for Hud-

son Library. Horst and Margaret Winkler are offering the library \$35,000 if it can collect a matching amount. Donations will be accepted July 15-October 15.

Through Aug. 17

- At the Highlands Playhouse, Annie. For ticket information call 526-9443.

Through July 27

- Exhibitions at The Bascom: Barbara Sorensen: Goddesses On Campus. A Never Ending Stream: Art of Linda Anderson. Balcony Gallery, ReDress: Upcycled Style by Nancy Judd. Loft Gallery, Southern Lights, Bunzl Gallery, Form Follows Function, Atrium

Thursday, July 25

- Join this CLE class given by an Audubon board member entitled "Birding Beyond

Our Borders," 2-4 PM at the Peggy Crosby Center in Highlands. Call the Center for Life Enrichment to register.

- At Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Larry Reeves, Long-term Care Ombudsman for Region A, Southwest Commission on Aging will speak on "Sense and Nonsense about Memory Loss" at 6:30 p.m. in the clubhouse dining room.

- The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night, July 19th. Dr. Jim Duncan from Otto, NC will be doing the calling. There will be a workshop at 6:30 and the dance will start at 7PM. at the Macon County Community Building, 1288 Georgia Rd (441 South) Franklin, NC. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, Main/Stream and Plus levels. Everyone is wel-

CLE lecture line-up July 25-Aug. 2 Literature, Music, Birding, Current Events & History

Want to know about the real person who inspired the creation of "Downton Abbey's Lady Grantham? Get tips on birding? These subjects are all coming up soon through the Center for Life Enrichment, which also is sponsoring talks on topics you may never have thought about. How about the reason behind the development of public parks, relationships between science and music or between jazz and classical music, Supreme Court decisions on free speech, and what's really going on politically in Israel? This week is full on fascinating lectures.

Downton Abbey's Lady Grantham may be fictional on TV, but she was at least partly inspired by the American-born Mary Leiter, Lady Curzon, says Rick Hutto, who now lives in Macon, Ga., but was appointments secretary for the White House during Jimmy Carter's term, Hutto is a lecturer and writer whose books include "Entitled: American Women, Titled Husbands, and the Pursuit of Excess." Hear Hutto dish about "Lady Curzon, Prototype Downton Abbey," at 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 25.

Highlands' resident Romney Bathurst, who has traveled

to 50 countries, and searched for unique birds since 2000, will give a slideshow of birds and talk about "Birding Beyond Borders, 2-4 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

"Spiritual Language of Art," a talk in conjunction with the Bascom's exhibit "Southern Lights," which runs through Sept. 1, will be given by Asheville artist Steve Aimone. A popular art workshop leader and author of "Design!: A Lively Guide to Design Basics for Artists & Craftspeople," and "Expressive Drawing," Aimone will talk at the CLE Lecture Hall, 5-6 p.m. Thursday, July 25. \$15.

"Jazz Meets Classics" is a follow-up to last summer's lecture on "Jazz as Chamber Music," both by Dwight Andrews, PhD., an associate professor of Music Theory and African American Music at Emory. Andrews will focus on the sexy saxophone in both jazz and classical music from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 27, at the Performing Arts Center.

Can there be "Too Much Free Speech?" How to balance First Amendment rights with the interests of society will be discussed from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 30, by Todd Collins, PhD., a lawyer and associate professor in Western Carolina University's Department of Political Science and Pub-

lic Affairs. He'll talk about two recent controversial U.S. Supreme Court decisions, one upholding rights of corporations to spend unlimited money on advertisements for political candidates, and the other permitting protestors to march outside of funerals of soldiers killed in action.

Reasons for developing public parks is the story behind the oddly titled program "The City of the Dreadful Night: Parks and Urban Reform, 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 1. Basically, "times they were a-changing" fast in the 18th and 19th centuries, as populations boomed, causing major problems with health, sewers and water supplies. Public parks were one solution. Douglas Allen, professor emeritus in the Department of Architecture at Georgia Tech, and a popular CLE lecturer, will explain why.

Unless specified, classes will meet at the new CLE Lecture Hall at the Peggy Crosby Center, 348 S. Fifth St., Highlands, and cost \$25 for CLE members, \$35 for non-members. To join or register for an upcoming course, call 828-526-8811 or go to www.clehighlands.com.

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- At First Presbyterian Church, the annual Kirkin of the Tartans at the 11 a.m. service.

Friday-Saturday, July 26-27

- At HCCMF: "Ransom Solo." William Ransom, piano. Chopin, Beethoven, Gershwin. Friday (6 PM) & Sunday (5 PM) – Highlands PAC. Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. Ticket Information at (828) 526-9060.

Friday, July 26

- At the Hen House on Main Street, a tasting of Bittersweet Herb Farms Finishing Sauces and Merrily James & Jellies from 11a to 3p.

- Bill Lea presents "Understanding the Black Bear" for the B.E.A.R. Task Force at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Center. Lea, a black bear expert, is a widely published nature photographer and author. Free. For more info call (828) 526-9227.

- At the Hudson Library, an Ice Cream Party for participants in Summer Reading Activities at 3 p.m.

Saturday, July 27

- At the Hen House on Main Street, a Stonewall Kitchen tasting of four products from 10:30a to 4:30p.

- At the Community Bible Church on the Cashiers Road, "The Jesus Film for Families" at 6 p.m. It's FREE. Light snacks served.

- At The Bascom, Youth and Family Art: Painting by Roots, Workshop 2.10am - 12noon

- Audubon bird walk on Turtle Pond Rd. near Highlands. This area offers several types of habitats that should yield a large variety of birds seen. Meet in the Highlands Town Hall parking lot near the public restrooms at 7:30 AM to carpool. Visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or call 743-9670.

- Tour the gardens at Sagee Manor, the Fisher estate 10a, 11a, noon and 1 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Call The Episcopal Church office at 828-526-2968 or go online at www.incarnationwnc.org. Proceeds benefit the church's mission and church in Haiti.

Sunday-Monday, July 28-29

- At HCCMF: "The Joy of Sax" Leo Saguiguit, classical sax; Dwight Andrews, jazz sax; Elena Cholakov, classical piano; Gary Motley, jazz piano. Ticket Information at (828) 526-9060.

July 29-Aug 2

- A FREE children's music cap at Highlands United Methodist Church that culminates with campers performing at "Dinner at Seven" at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2. Camp is 9a to 3p. To register call the church office at 526-3376.

Monday, July 29

- John Crossan will speak at the Church of the Incarnation Episcopal Church at 7 PM. The topic will be "Justice as Love." He also will deliver the sermon at the Church on July 28th.

Tuesday, July 30

- HCH and AnMed Blood Center blood mobile will be at the Hospital from 8-11am and will then move to the First Citizens Bank in Highlands from 1-5pm. For

more information please call Callie Calloway at 526-1313.

- Ethnobotanist, Dr. David Cozzo will lead a joint Eco Tour with Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust (HCLT) and Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) to the Tennesse Bottomland. Cozzo will discuss how the Cherokee select river cane for baskets and restoration efforts for this important artisan resource. The tour also includes other interesting features of the property including riverbank and wetland restoration, and the Preserve's 115 specie bird list. To learn more about this Eco Tour call HCLT at 828-526-1111 or email Julie.hitrust@earthlink.net.

- At the Village Nature Series in Cashiers on the Village Green, Dr. David Cozzo will speak on how the Cherokee selected river cane for baskets at 7 p.m.

Wed., July 31

- Free Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, August 2-3

- At HCCMF: The Parker String Quartet. Mozart, Schulhoff, Beethoven. Friday (6 PM) & Sunday (5 PM) – Highlands PAC. Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. Ticket Information at (828) 526-9060.

Saturday, Aug. 3

- Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House and Firetruck rides. 11am to 3pm. Hotdogs and drinks for free. Donations accepted. Celebrating 60 years of serving Highlands.

Sunday-Monday, August 4-5

- At HCCMF: The Parker String Quartet; William Ransom, piano. Beethoven, Shostakovich, Dvorak. Friday (6 PM) & Sunday (5 PM) – Highlands PAC. Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. Ticket Information at (828) 526-9060

Wed., August 7

- Free Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.

Friday and Sunday, Aug. 9 & 11

- Final Gala Concert and Dinner: Sunday, August 11. Friday (6 PM) & Sunday (5 PM) – Highlands PAC. Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. olin; Eugene Izotov, oboe; Violins: Kate Ransom, Domenic Salerni, Helen Kim, Jessica Wu, Adda Kridler, Eun Sun Lee, Margeaux Maloney, Chris Pulgram; Violas: Yinzi Kong, Allyson Fleck, Allan Sandlin; Celli: Charae Krueger, David Hancock; Bass: Joe McFadden; Harpsichord: Timothy Albrecht; Horns: Brice Andrus, Susan Welty; Oboe: Dane Philipsen, Bach, Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante. Ticket Information at (828) 526-9060.

Friday-Saturday, August 9-10

- At HCCMF: "Sibling Rivalry." David and Julie Coucheron, violin and piano; Kate and William Ransom, violin and piano. Debussy, Prokofiev, Leclair, Franck. Friday (6 PM) & Sunday (5 PM) – Highlands PAC. Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. Ticket Information at (828) 526-9060.

Sat., Aug. 10

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Highlands, NC Real Estate: Surging interest in building

"Life is a blank canvas, and you need to throw all the paint on it you can."

~ Danny Kaye

Last summer, the whisperings of renewed interest in buying vacant land began. Those whisperings began to grow into a murmur late in the year, and by the spring of this year, a well-throated chorus was sounding.

But, could that really be the case? Even after such a debilitating downturn in the construction industry throughout the United States, could we truly be seeing the return of interest in building? And what about the historically high levels of inventory of already-built product that had not moved, while new properties continued to hit the market daily? Wouldn't Buyers be drawn to the prospect of buying an already improved property at a potentially significant discount?

As it turns out, the answer is not either/or, it is both/and Buyers are doing both. They are chasing improved properties – homes, townhomes, and condos alike. And, in many cases, they continue to negotiate well and enjoy good discounts and deals. However, there's a new kid in town – or, perhaps, the return of a kid who left years ago – who seems to be causing quite a stir.

The Buyer with the gleam in his or her eye when standing upon a gorgeous piece of vacant land is back. Clutching mental or actual drawings of that perfect mountain getaway, the land Buyer has laced up hiking boots or walking shoes and is out looking – and, importantly, buying.

What I'm coming to realize is that this Buyer never gave up his or her dream of taking that blank canvas and throwing all the paint on it he or she could. The land Buyer is a passionate creator at heart. Not only desirous of orchestrating the organic process of building and bringing to life a vision,



Susie de Ville-Schiffli
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but also unwavering in seeing that dream come to fruition.

Indeed, an artist.

I recently stood on acreage with Buyers that boasts long-range mountain views and adjoins US Forest Service. Our native flame azalea were in full bloom and the morning haze had lifted. I stood behind them as we all faced the view. I watched their shoulders drop in relaxation as they let the view wash over them. They turned toward each other and grabbed hands.

They were home.

• Susie deVille, ME, ABR, SFR, is Owner/Broker-in-Charge of White Oak Realty Group.

Her areas of expertise include real estate investments, niche marketing, social media, and strategic property positioning. An expert in entrepreneurship and anthropology, Susie applies her acumen in human behavior toward negotiating and advocating on behalf of her clients. White Oak Realty Group's sales office is located at 125 South Fourth Street in the heart of the retail district in Highlands. For more information, visit WhiteOakRG.com or call (828) 526-8118.

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fund private school tuition through vouchers.

SB 402 allocates approximately \$23.6 million to fund measures to end the longstanding teacher tenure system utilized by state educators, which promotes the employment of educators via contracts renewed through performance reviews. According to the bill, approximately \$10 million in tax money will also be allocated to help low-income families pay for private school tuition beginning

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in 2014.

The resolution to oppose such changes to state public education was introduced by deVille, who presented it at the BOE meeting. He crafted it after recently joining other protesting educators in Raleigh.

"It is incumbent upon Macon County schools to send a message to Raleigh that the status quo is unacceptable," said deVille, decrying the apparent dismantling of public education by certain conservative legislators. He added that the changes to SB 402 have not been vetted by any legislative subcommittee.

Besides the fact that the voucher would only cover a fraction of private school tuition, according to deVille, many private schools are not equipped to handle the demands of special needs students. "If we divert money from public education, we can't meet the needs of academically-challenged students," he said.

The resolution was warmly accepted by board members. Superintendent Chris Baldwin lauded the verbiage of the resolution, which BOE Attorney John Henning reported was fit for board approval. Board member Tommy Cabe asked if the resolution could be made more earnest.

"If it were any stronger, it would be ticking," laughed Henning. Member Gary Shields motioned the approval of the resolution, Cabe seconded. The resolution passed unanimously.

BOE refills positions

Board members also continued their efforts to fill teaching and administrative positions throughout its school system, after receiving an extra \$220,000 from the Macon County Commission in the 2013-'14 budget.

During the July 3 BOE continuation meeting, board members approved 37 teacher/teacher assistant positions for the coming year, effective Aug. 1. At Monday's meeting, 22 of the 28 remaining vacant positions were filled. According to BOE Director of Personnel Dan Moore, there are only a handful of vacancies left.

"Twenty-two vacancies were filled," said Moore. "However, due to resignations and the like, we still have eight vacancies at this point. I am expecting a couple of other resignations as some employees have given me a 'heads up' that they are being considered for vacancies elsewhere."

Christopher Bell was hired as the Highlands School middle school social studies teacher. The school counselor position is still open.

It is unclear at this point what proportion of funds from the state or county will be used to pay for these positions, according to BOE Finance Director Angie Cook. The money will be allotted after the state budget passes, which she says will hopefully be sometime this week. Typically, the state pays for higher-paid positions, and the lower-paid positions are paid for with county funds, she added.

The county has given the BOE permission to reallo-

cate the 2% Teacher Supplement money as it needs to, but Cook said the BOE will wait until November – which is when the supplement is typically paid – before deciding if any of that money will be spent on something other than the supplement.

"Obviously, the BOE would prefer to spend it for the supplement," she said. "By November I will be able to see how all the pieces of the financial puzzle fit together for the rest of the school year."

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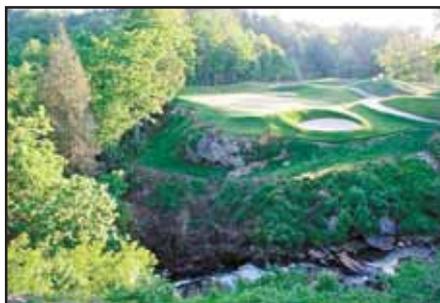


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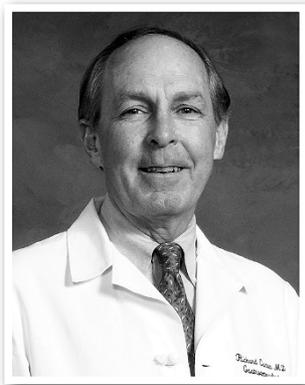
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the river from us. During the summer, we watched patient instructors put both children and adults alike through their paces. Most fun to watch was the class where beginners learned to flip over and right themselves in kayaks. We marveled at the courage it must take to perform this maneuver, and delighted in the shrieks of the students, as they hit the cold morning water.

My father was not a little ray of sunshine at the best of times. When around him, we often braced ourselves, never knowing whether today's Daddy would be the fun and friendly one, or the short-tempered and critical patriarch. Once, on a college break, and flush with the knowledge from the psychology course I was taking, I asked my mother if she thought my father might be bi-polar. "Don't be ridiculous," she replied. "He's not bi-polar. He's Irish." Even our family doctor in France, a mild-mannered gentleman whose shy and retiring nature contrasted dramatically with my rambunctious bi-cultural family, noted my father's famous temper. He also observed Daddy's insistence at following the beat of his own drummer regarding diet and exercise, a source of frustration for my poor mother. Once, on a particularly trying day, my mother threw her hands up in frustration, declaring that she had no idea what to do with her husband. Dr. Delannoy looked at my father, and then smiled sympathetically at my mother. "There's always the river," he said.

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presence would entice someone to rent a shop.

Here's the worse part. The Farmer's Market new location is totally unsafe. You must see this for yourself, folks. In a very small area, customers are backing their cars toward the merchants. Customers on foot weave in and out of cars looking for parking. It's only a matter of time until a driver's foot slips off the brake pedal and onto the gas pedal, wiping out several merchants and helpless shoppers.

Highlands needs to do the right thing and put the market back where it was. Will someone please step up and use some common sense.

John 3:16

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July 2

• At 7:05 p.m., a firearm was reported stolen from a vehicle in a parking lot on the Dillard Road. The holster, gun and ammunition are valued at \$470.

July 3

• At 4:31 p.m., officers received a call from a resident on the Dillard Road regarding a person on the property who was causing a disturbance.

July 5

• At 3:50 p.m., a nuisance dog violation was issued a resident on Choctaw Lane.

• At 1:15 a.m., criminal damage to property where a fight between brothers caused a hole to be punched in the dry wall at a residence on Bowery Road.

July 6

• At 7:25 a.m., officers received a bear complaint call from a residence on Bowery Road whose vehicle was damaged.

July 7

• At 6:15 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106.

• At 1:57 p.m., a gas drive-off of \$81 was reported at the Farmers Market.

July 8

• The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from July 8.

July 8

• At 11:04 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Turtle Pond Road. It was false.

• At 4:52 p.m., the dept. responded to a call at a residence on Oak Street where a microwave was on fire. There was no damage to the home.

July 9

• At 7:55 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on the US 64 east where a person had fallen in the bathroom. EMS transported to the hospital.

July 10

• A little after midnight the dept. was called to standby at the Cashiers FD while it fought a structure fire.

July 12

• At 10:18 a.m., the dept. was called to Cole Mountain Circle about the smell of LP gas. The gas company was called.

• At 10:39 a.m., the dept. assisted EMS rescue a woman who fell on a hiking trail possibly fracturing her leg.

At 5:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident on N. 4th Street. There were no injuries.

July 13

• At 1:12 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Sage Drive.

• At 4:36 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by workers at a residence on Eastover Drive.

• At 5:55 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

• At 9:31 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by burning food at a residence on Sequoyah Drive.

July 15

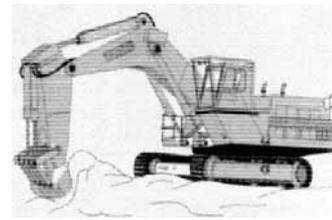
• At 2:38 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Jenkins Lane.

• At 5:47 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Oakwood Circle. EMS transported to the hospital.

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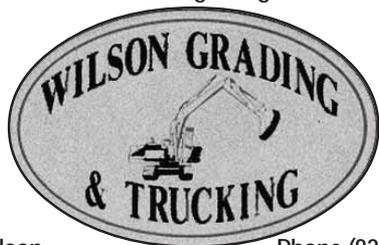
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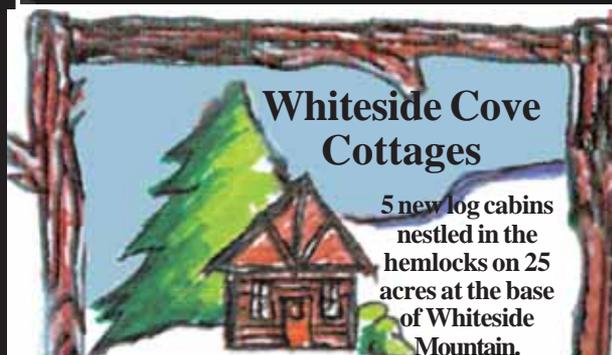
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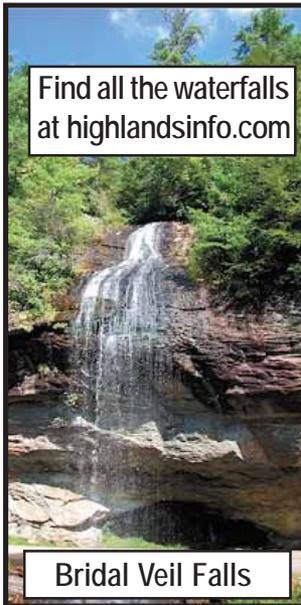
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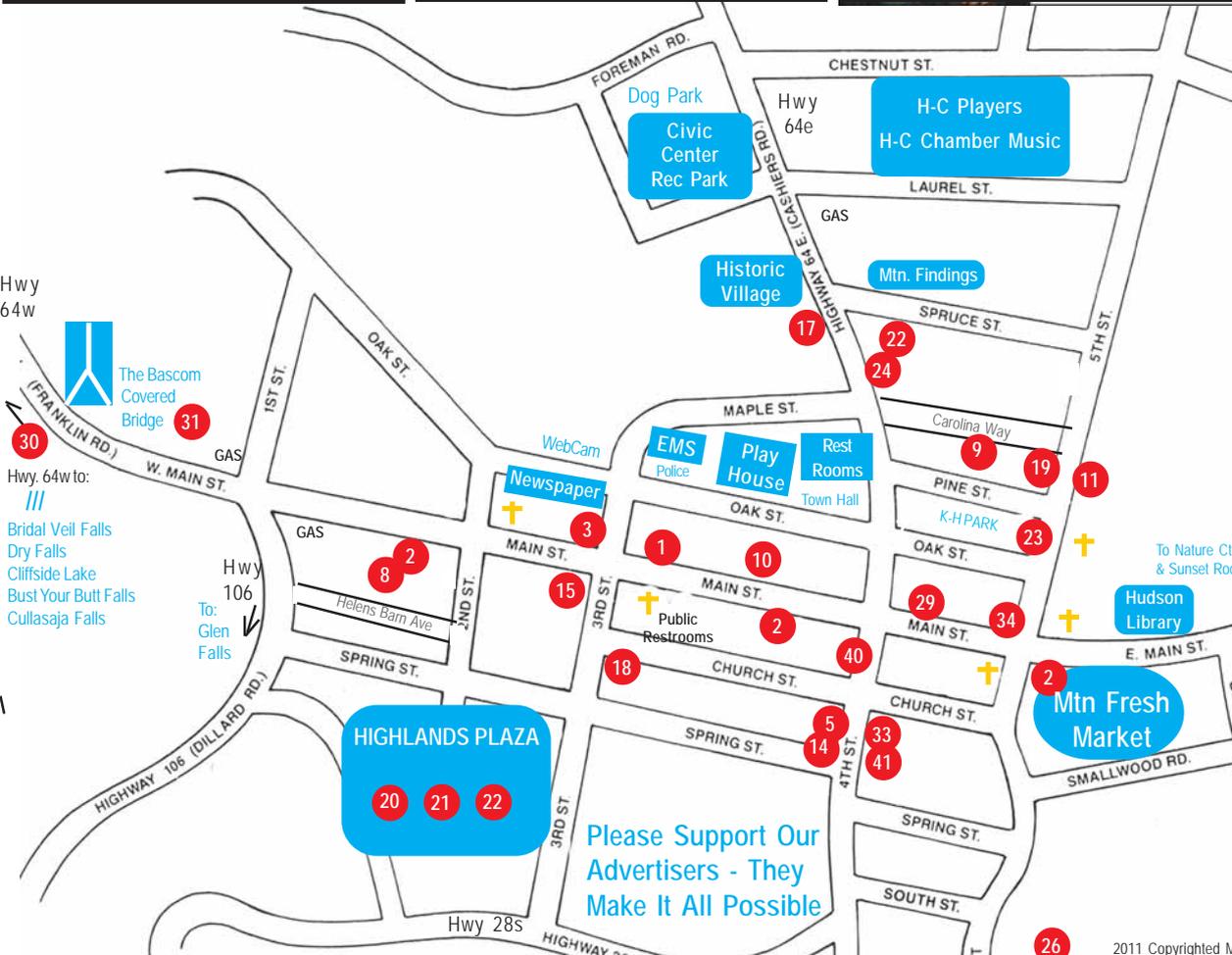
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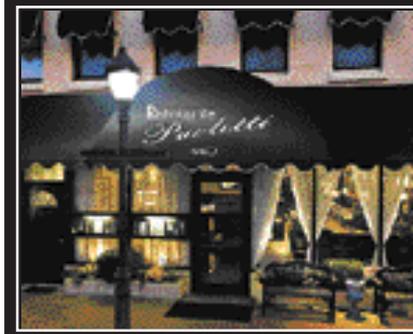
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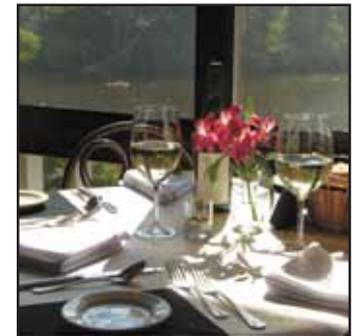
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