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Thursday, June 20, 2013

Through Saturday, June 29

• Half-price sale at the Book Worm in the basement of the Peggy Crosby Center.

Through Sunday, June 30

• At the Highlands Playhouse, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story. Call 526-9443.

Thurs., June 20

• The Highlands Historical Society opening of the Dr. Mary Lapham exhibit Thursday, from 5:30-7:30p. Cocktail food, music.

• Open House at Yoga Highlands on Carolina Way. Meet their new teachers.

Fri.-Sat., June 21-22

• At The Hen House on Main Street, Firehorse Pottery with potter Kerry Kennedy who will be turning pots on the porch.

Friday, June 21

• A memorial service for Coach Butch Smart 6pm in the Highlands School Gym. Doors will open up at 5pm.

• Author and Proud Spirit Horse Sanctuary founder Melanie Sue Bowles, talk, slide-show & book signing at Hudson Library at 4 p Sat., June 22

• Audubon's joint EcoTour with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust will visit Sweetwater Farms. Call Julie at 526-1111.

Sat., Mon., Tues., June 22, 24 & 25

• At The Bascom, from 11a to 2 p, Four Southern Artists will demonstrate their techniques on the Terrace. It's free.

Sunday, June 23

• At the Episcopal Church, Flutist Candace Keach in AMERICANA, a recital of music for Native American and Asian wood-instruments at 2 PM.

• Auditions for HCP's summer play, "Almost Maine," Sunday, 3-5 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

Sun., June 23-27

• Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church. 5:30-8p. Call 526-3376.

Mon., June 24

• Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players summer play, "Almost Maine," at 5:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

• Highlands Audubon presents Brown-headed Nuthatches in Suburban Environments program at 7 p.m. at the Rec Park,

• The Art League of Highlands will feature basket weaver Peggie Wilcox of Lakemont, GA at The Bascom at 4:30 p.m.

Wed., June 26

• Dr. Barry H. Bodie will present "Improving Couple's Health" at 12:30 P.M. in suite 103 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic at the Hospital.

## Stiehler throws hat in ring for Mayor

Last week Commissioner Brian Stiehler verified Face Book postings and rumors that he will be running for mayor this November 2013.

According to the Macon County Board of Elections, a Town

Commissioner may file for the Mayor seat and if elected as Mayor, the candidate would resign as Commissioner.

In November Mayor David Wilkes' seat and Commissioners Amy Patterson's and Gary Drake's

seats are up for grabs.

If Stiehler is elected, it will be the first time in decades a mayor is not self-employed or retired. Stiehler is the golf course superintendent at Highlands Country

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## County approves budget

Grants most of additional requests

By Davin Eldridge

Following weeks of deliberation and debate, which proved contentious for two commissioners in particular, the Macon County Board of Commission voted 3-2 to finally approve an amended budget for the 2013-'14 fiscal year.

Throughout the month of June, commissioners wrestled with the hardships of increasing funding for several Macon County departments while facing state mandated reversions, a mending economy and Federal sequester.

Among the many hot topics, the granting of additional funds to several county agencies (including law enforcement, health and public safety) proved difficult for Commissioners Ron Haven and Paul Higdon, who ran on conservative platforms of fiscal respon-

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From left, Representative Rex Baker and wife Helen, André Michaux, (a.k.a. Charlie Williams) and Highlands Historian Ran Shaffner who helped make the state historical marker a reality.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

## French explorer-botanist leaves mark in Highlands

On Saturday, June 15, explorer-botanist André Michaux's 1787 inaugural foray into the North Carolina wilderness was commemorated with a state Archives and History marker.

The marker was planted on June 15, the very day Michaux land-

ed in Highlands, though 226 years later, and is Highlands' fourth marker.

On this first trip to North Carolina, Michaux made his most important discovery, a plant so rare botanists didn't find it again

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## Planning Dept. says 'no' to OEI's off-premise event signs

At the May Town Board meeting, commissioners agreed to let Old Edward Inn's off-premise, directional sign at the corner of Arnold Road and NC 106 to stay until the July Town Board meeting which was supposed to give the Planning Board time to consider amending the current ordinance which prohibits such signage.

As it turned out, the issue wasn't on the June 17 Planning Board agenda and so wasn't discussed per se. According to Interim Planning and Development Director Josh Ward, the town's Land Use Committee – made up of Commissioners John Dotson and Eric Pierson – agreed with staff that amending the ordinance to allow OEI's off-premise sign would open a Pandora's Box.

"If we allow one, we would have to allow all and then there could potentially be signs everywhere," said Ward. "It's our recommendation to leave the ordinance as it is."

The issue will be discussed at the Thursday, June 20 Town

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSTION •

## • LETTERS •

### A dignified response?

Dear Editor,

Even though Wanda Drake responded to the wrong newspaper regarding my letter about her husband and his colleagues, why DID she dignify it with a response? Me-thinks she doth protest too much?

Alice Nelson  
Highlands

### Should we change Highlands' name?

Dear Editor,

I would like to know why the Highlands Police Department is letting OEI security handle noise complaints. Is that legal? I don't believe it is.

The calls were made through the county emergency system 911 and an officer was specifically requested.

At 1:30 a.m., Saturday, June 8th, I was awakened by loud music, loud laughter and loud mouths at the Piermont Inn on South Street – an OEI establishment.

I called 911 and requested an officer be sent to stop the noise – not OEI security like before. I was told they only send an officer. But someone other than 911 sent OEI security. Who made that decision?

At 2 a.m., I had to call 911 again to inform them that the noise had not stopped, only gotten louder. I told them not to send OEI security again, but got OEI security, who had to call an officer to stop the noise.

Don't they realize that the security isn't capable of handling this type of situation?

This is the second time this has happened and was handled in the same way. OEI security, then the police.

I didn't see the call in the police report in this week's paper. Is this how OEI keeps their negativity out of the public view?

If the police department is going to let OEI security try and handle these calls, maybe we should eliminate the police department and save the taxpayers a lot of money.

Or even better, the town should have changed the name on the new gateway signs – then everything that OEI does would be legal and Larry, Moe and Curley could keep their positions with the town and still work for OEI.

Sharon Bowen  
Highlands

### About the 'big, bad' art & craft shows

Dear Editor,

I wanted to tell you that the photo of K-H Park on Pine Street on the editorial page in the May 30 edition of Highlands Newspaper was priceless.

It was one of the funniest things I've ever seen; I laughed 'til I cried!

I heard rumors while in town for the arts & crafts show over the weekend of June 1 that Hizoner the Mayor won't be running again this year. If true, that's probably the smartest thing he's ever done!

I was astonished at how strongly the local folks felt about the issue of the arts & crafts show in the park. In the past, I've often inquired of the locals about it and found that they knew nothing about it, which tells me that they don't read!

They are aware now.

I talked to several merchants along Main

Street and found only one who felt that the show interfered with their revenue; most felt very welcoming to the vendors. Much credit goes to you, and I thank you.

Keep up the good work – I love your paper!

Nancy C. Taylor  
Greenville, SC

### Highlands and its visitors are missing out

Dear Editor,

My sisters and I always have a reunion in Clayton, GA on Memorial Day weekend. We go to Highlands to the craft show and shop in downtown Highlands and have lunch there.

When we arrived this year, there was no craft show. We were very dissatisfied! We

heard there was a show in Cashiers, so we went there.

The show in Cashiers was not of the quality of the Highlands show. There was nowhere to park and they charged admission. We still attended the show and ate lunch in Cashiers, but it just wasn't nearly as fun.

Then a friend sent me the Photo of the Week which ran in the May 30 edition of Highlands Newspaper which showed an empty park on Pine Street. It just seems a shame that you have caused the show to not be on Memorial Day weekend. It seems other people went to Cashiers, also. Your downtown merchants probably suffered from this decision.

Judith Gray  
Cherry Log, GA

### The value of a Liberal education

Dear Editor,

Bob Wilson's recent column in a local publication condemning a liberal college education, is full of contradiction and misinformation. The point he tried to make was that today's very expensive college degree should be focused on a student's future earning potential. No one can disagree with that.

Mr. Wilson says he agrees with Governor McCrory that all college education should be focused on getting a job, not some silly liberal arts degree. The trouble with that idea is that no one knows what kind of a job he or she will have in 10 years.

A Bureau of Labor statics study reports that the average American worker will change jobs 11 times in his career. Many of these changes involve completely different kinds of employment. So if one goes to college and studies for a particular kind of job, chances are that within a few years that education will be worthless.

Of course a degree in computer science, or medicine will produce great job prospects, but few will become Doctors or engineers or scientists. The vast majority of future employees will need an education that will prepare them for many different kinds of jobs. They will need an education that will prepare them to think clearly, and be able to adapt to whatever jobs are available. That is the definition of a liberal arts degree!

Mr. Wilson can make fun of all the silly courses on "Dogs and People" he wants, but, if you end up working in a Veterinarians office that one class (likely a one semester, 3

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### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

**NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands Newspaper.

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# • OBITUARIES •

## Ian Richard Denham

Ian Richard Denham, son of the late Albert and Edith Denham, died unexpectedly on May 20, 2013. Born December 12, 1947 in the village of Morton, Lincolnshire, England, Ian grew up in Morton, and then in the nearby town of Bourne.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Shelley, daughters Gillian Denham Jones, Megan Denham Vered and Joy Denham; sons-in-law Andrew Jones and Moran Vered, and two granddaughters, Ella and Kaylee Denham Vered. Ian is also survived by his sister, Iris Whitham, her husband Colin, their three children and grandchildren; and extended family members, Tom and Jane Warth, Charlyn Jackson, and many dear friends.

Ian was a world traveler in his early 20's. On a trip to Canada and the U.S., he happened to meet Shelley Jackson, and within six hours, they had decided to marry. Five months later on December 22, 1973, they did so, in Bourne. Ian then emigrated to the U.S., and lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Ian immediately realized that joining the Jackson family meant singing. With no training or experience in music, he good-naturedly joined the church choir, and sang for a number of events with Shelley, and her brother David and wife Char Jackson.

Ian and Shelley's three daughters – all of whom were born in Cincinnati – were his greatest joys. A close-knit family, they all shared a love of travel, nature, music, and a sense of fun and adventure.

In 1989, after many trips here, Ian and his family moved to Highlands, NC to work at a local retreat center. Ian's job as Facilities Director included the management of all aspects of the infrastructure of the 90+ acre facility and he supervised all new construction projects, and most of the renovation of older buildings himself, with staff and volunteers.

Music became an even more important part of Ian's life when he and Shelley met Tom and Jane Warth, and formed a quartet. Their close harmonies and unique blend gave voice to their mutual passion for social justice, embrace of diversity, and spiritual expression. Together, they traveled through much of the eastern United States, providing worship services, concerts and workshops. They had started recording their second C.D. in January, and had planned to



complete it by the end of 2013. More recently, Ian sang in the First Presbyterian Church choir whenever his schedule permitted, and the church became a warm and loving home for both Ian and Shelley.

Ian's kind, gentle nature could only be rattled by mistreatment or mean-spirited behavior to his loved ones, lack of a strong and dependable work ethic, and waste of natural resources. Among

the comments in the many loving cards and messages sent to his family upon news of his death, was this tribute: "The world lost a truly wonderful human being when he died. Ian brought goodness and gentleness to all who knew his cheerful spirit, and we are better for having known him!"

A Service of Remembrance and Celebration will be held at First Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m. on July 6th, 2013 – the 40th anniversary of the day Ian and Shelley met and decided to marry. A reception will be held after the service in Coleman Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the First Presbyterian Church Bolivian Mission Scholarship Fund, and/or to the Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

## Clay Kevin Hughey

Clay Kevin Hughey, 57, of Cashiers went to be with the Lord, Friday, June 14, 2013 at

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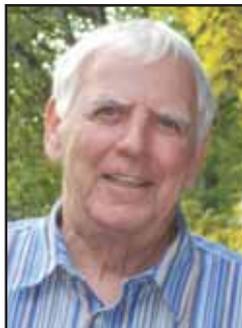
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## • THE FREDSTER •

### Dig a hole, fill it with water, and then throw money into it forever!

It has been reported that until a couple of weeks ago, the swimming pool at the Rec Park is losing 5,100 gallons of water a day. Do the math. At eight pounds per gallon, that means over 40,000 pounds of water containing chlorine and muriatic acid is seeping into our soil each day. Environmentalists should get their shorts in a wad on this one.

Trust me when I say I know a lot about how to waste money on swimming pools. In Florida, I'm currently supporting a swim program for a family of raccoons and a passel of land crabs. But my pool is not leaking.



Feedback is encouraged  
highlandseditor@aol.com

The worst thing Highlands could do is repair or build another pool that only gets used a few months a year. If Highlands can't find a way to build an indoor pool, then bring in the fill dirt and save taxpayers a bundle of money. I'm hoping one of Highlands many philanthropists (yes, we have many and no, I'm not one of them) will build and support an indoor pool. It would be a worthy cause and give our year-round locals a new athletic activity.

Look no further than the Mt. Laurel Tennis Club or the Senior Center in Tiger, GA, on how to run a pool program.

As one member told me, "It's soooooo fun to swim in a warm pool in February while watching it snow outside."

On an entirely different issue, our Town Board never seems to learn that if a person is hired with the title 'planner' or 'planning' in it, grab your wallet and run. Here's what planners usually 'plan' to do. These very nice people manage to get hired at a fairly decent salary while knowing little or nothing about the town they 'plan' to change, suggest ideas no one likes and eventually get themselves fired and move on to the next sucker. Aren't we due to hire another parking planner?

And how funny is this? When I first learned that our planner had been terminated, I thought some lunatic had shot the poor guy. Then I remembered I'm in Highlands and realized he had just been fired. Must be the cop in me; wadayathink?

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his residence. Clay was born in Rabun County, GA, the son of the late Doyle Hughey and Irene Moffitt Hughey. He was a self-employed stone and block mason. Clay was a loving father and grandfather who loved to hunt and fish and was a good basketball player. He loved all sports.

He is survived by three daughters, Hilary Hurst and husband David of Greer, SC, Heather Blythe and husband John of Little River, NC and Jessica Hughey of Pisgah Forest, NC; one son, Jonathan Hughey and wife Holly of Brevard, NC; two sisters, Brenda Moss of Cashiers, NC and Hilda Nevius of Glensville, NC; one brother, Leland Hughey of Cashiers, NC and two grandchildren, Braxton Ricker and Baylor Blythe.

Funeral services were held Monday June 17, 2013 at Cashiers Baptist Church with Rev. Scott Patrick officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Cashiers. Pallbearers were Brian Stewart, Dean Watson, Tommy Bryson, Bill Hooper, Stacey Dillard, Cliff Moffitt and J.J. McCall.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### William Howard Liner

A native and lifelong resident of Haywood County, Howard Liner died May 22, 2013. He was the son of the late Jerry Liner, Sr. and Georgia Rathbone Liner and was also preceded in death by his first wife, Dorothy Norris Liner, who died in 2000; a stepson, Tim Alexander, who died in 2012; and a sister, Mary Ann Liner.

He received his degree in civil engineering in 1953 from NC State University and joined his father's business, Jerry Liner Construction Company, Inc., which completed

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## Flying Solo



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around. I wish they'd provide music, just to make it more interesting. The poor TSA ladies always apologize for the pat-down, which these days almost qualifies as a date night. "I'm just using the back of my hand," said the woman. What does it matter whether it's the back or front of the hand, when someone's going up the inside of your leg or checking out the under wiring of your bra? And always the same apology, "You know, it's because of 9/11," they explain with great solemnity. As someone who watched the Twin Towers go down from two blocks away, I don't really need someone in a small country airport reminding me about terrorism in New York.

The Asheville flight was delayed, and I got to Charlotte with just 20 minutes to make it to my gate, which was switched three times. The weather continued to be dreadful, as was the mood in the Charlotte airport. You see, President Obama was also in town that day. As he was just about to fly out, all air traffic was halted, adding to the backed up schedule due to the inclement weather. The airport was filled with hateful, vocal people – mostly men – who fumed and fussed about Obama. No one took a poll as to whether an airport shutdown for Bush would have made them equally angry, but I suspect not. Always the troublemaker, I piped up. "When I was flying into Jackson Hole Airport, they shut the place down for 24 hours for Dick Cheney. And HE wasn't even president." The humor of this comment is lost on everyone but several African Americans at the check-in desk, who smiled in my direction.

I finally got to Charlottesville Airport, almost two hours late, making it through the gate to be greeted by my mother's old driver, Bradley. The car trip from Charlot-

tesville to Waynesboro is one I've taken hundreds of times, but the sheer beauty never fails to impress me. And then, I arrive at the Holiday Inn, where a nice, big welcoming room – complete with Jacuzzi – awaits me! I unpack, and try to get a good night's

sleep.

The Jacuzzi wound up being a mixed blessing. I'd seldom used the ones up on Kettlerock, so I was clueless about how much bubble bath to use. Once in the tub, I found myself surrounded by bubbles up to my nose, and they only got bigger and denser by the minute. I turned on the jets, hoping the force of the water would flatten and dissolve the bubbles, but it only made them worse. Struck by the absurdity of the situation, I was overcome by a fit of giggles. If you laugh alone in a hotel room, does it still count?

The week sped by. On Saturday, I joined a group of gardeners weeding the grounds to make my old church look nice for the pastor's last day on the job. "It's kind of like having a face lift when your husband's already filed the divorce papers, isn't it?" I quipped. On Tuesday, I spent the day at Summit Square, visiting my mother's old friends and neighbors, including my former Home Ec. teacher, who is over 100. It felt good to be back there – almost as if I would go around the corner, and see Maman waiting there for me. I went to the storage unit, pulling up the metal gate with gusto. The sight of my mother's gardening boots waiting for her return reduced me to tears.

Then, finally, it was the night of the high school mini-reunion. I gazed at those faces that I might have recognized years ago in the school corridors, but now, drew a blank. Like most academic establishments, Waynesboro High School was divided into cliques,

and ours was no exception. From early on, we were divided into two main groups – those of us with plans for college, and those who planned to go to work or get married immediately upon graduation. Those groups were subdivided by race, religion, neighborhood, sports affiliation, hobbies. In spite of being a small school, you could graduate without even speaking to some of the people in your own class year.

If reunions are good for anything, they give you a second chance to get to know folks you may have missed years ago. Life provides you with common ground that high school didn't.

We all joined in, reminiscing about the things that had mattered to us growing up – the local movie theaters, the drive-in, the places in town that made the best milk shakes, the small eatery that served hot donuts (the melodiously named Do-Nut Dinette), the restaurants in town (including the greasy spoon where the menu listed no prices – you paid what you thought it was worth or what you could afford). The first place to serve pizza – in rectangles! The two outdoor swimming venues – Shenandoah Acres and Sherando Lake. It was heartening and refreshing to see that, no matter what our family backgrounds, we all enjoyed similar things, felt the same awkwardness, worried about being popular, and rankled at being compared to our siblings.

It was amazing how much pleasure we took in each other's company, how easy and comfortably the conversation flowed. One man stared at me for most of the evening, his face suddenly breaking out in a large grin. "I remember you now!" he declared. "You were the smart girl!" I grinned across the table at him. "I still am," I said.

• Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who was born in Key West, and grew up in a small town in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. She has lived in Highlands since 2006.

Each month, the Baby Boomers from my old high school get together to share a meal. Living so far away, I'd never attended one of these dinners. Having to clear out Maman's old storage unit recently meant that I was able to plan a trip which included both the painful chore of going through family furniture and memorabilia, and reconnecting with people from my old school days.

Every night until my trip, I watched as the weather became progressively worse and worse. By the time I got to Asheville Airport, it was downright nasty. Checking in is always an adventure, at least since I got Willard, my artificial knee (named for weatherman Willard Scott, since it is bald and can tell the weather).

With every flight, I get to do the Airport Macarena, palms up, feet here, feet there, jump, turn

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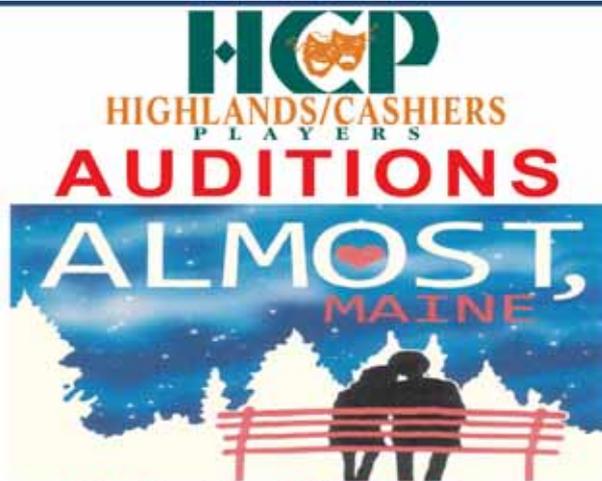
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### Game 7 of the NBA Finals should be a classic



**Ryan Potts**  
tryanpotts@hotmail.com

It's one in the morning here, but it seems like the best time to write about an incredible game 6 that saw one of the best finishes in the NBA's illustrious history. There were heroes galore tonight, just enough officiating controversy to make it normal for the NBA, and most importantly, we are going to get a game 7 in what has been a fantastic series for both the casual fan and for basketball junkies alike.

Obviously, most of the focus in the NBA is on the players, and we will get to them in a minute, but this has been a fabulously coached series on both sides, as both Gregg Popovich and Erik Spoelstra have battled back and forth making adjustments to one another's schemes. Game 6 saw more of the same, as Miami stayed at home on the red hot Danny Green and tried to use LeBron James to bottle up Tony Parker. The Spurs adjusted, and Tim Duncan had one of the best halves of his career, scoring 25 points in the first half and generally dominating the paint. Unfortunately for the Spurs, Duncan is 37 years young, and he wore down in the second half, even as the Spurs took a 13 point lead and looked to have the title in hand.

However, as has been the case in these playoffs, Miami responded. Well, mostly LeBron responded. While there has been a lot of talk this year about LeBron's legacy, etc. (which is laughable because he is only 28 years old) people must understand that comparing LeBron to anyone else is foolish, because he isn't like Jordan, or Magic or anyone else. For the haters, there was plenty of evidence with which to damn King James, as he fell apart in the waning moments of the game, first getting toasted by Tony Parker and then faltering offensively as the Spurs packed the paint and forced him to shoot jumpers. However, as is the norm, if you look at LeBron's overall performance in game 6, 50 minutes, 32 points, 10 boards, 11 assists, 3 steals and forced Parker into a 6-23 performance. All of that just for a CHANCE at another "legacy game" that can determine whether or not the Heat will remain champs. LeBron got a little bit of help, mainly in the form of Mario Chalmers in the first half, Ray Allen's huge shot in the close of the 4th quarter, and Chris Bosh, following through on his promise not to let Danny Green beat Miami. It was an incredible game to watch, but the real fun will begin when game 7 tips off.

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Club.

According to Stiehler his candidacy for mayor was vetted with the Highlands County Club board which he says "is 100% behind him" and says he has an awesome staff that will pick up any slack, if necessary.

Stiehler says the office of mayor will satisfy his need for always being challenged. He also feels he will be a better mayor than a commissioner citing "communication" as one of his best traits. He said he hopes to improve the communication avenue currently in place at Town Hall.

If elected, he plans on being at Town Hall Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a few hours each morning.

According to the MC Board of Elections, if a vacancy occurs in an elected office of a municipality it is filled by appointment by majority vote of the Town Commissioners. The person appointed serves the remainder of the term.

If the person appointed to serve as Commissioner would like to run for office, then he or she would do so when the filing period starts for that office.

Stiehler said he's canvassing for candidates to fill his commission seat should he win the mayor's seat and welcomes submissions.

The filing period for the upcoming 2013 Municipal Election for the Town of Highlands begins at noon, Friday, July 5 and closes Friday, July 19 at noon.

Only registered voters of the municipality are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Candidates must also

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hr. credit elective) might get you a raise. As he says, "The analytical and critical thinker will always win." His apparent personal definition of "analytical and critical" thinking appears skewed. No, make that contradictory.

In his attempt to take a cheap shot at "liberal" education he completely missed Governor McCrory's point. As a true hard right ideologue the Governor wants the colleges in his state to produce good reliable worker bees for his corporate funders. Critical thinkers, independent minded employees, are usually more trouble than they are worth.

**Shirley Ches  
Franklin, NC**

### The Republicans promised us jobs and wealth, but give us fewer of everything

Dear Editor,

The House Republicans in Raleigh have passed their version of the budget. It cuts taxes most for the wealthiest households while eliminating the earned income tax credit, which will hurt almost a million middle income North Carolinians. Their tax plan will reduce money available for state services, including police, fire, roads, water quality, public education, health care and programs that help the poor.

Reducing taxes is not the end-all be-all solution to NC's issues. It just shifts the burden from those who can afford it to those who are just trying to get by. The GOP tax cuts will most help households earning over \$100,000. How many

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reside within the municipality to be eligible to file a notice of candidacy with the board of elections.

Candidates file for office with the Macon County Board of Elections, Monday-Friday from 8a to 5p. which is located on the first floor of the Macon County Courthouse Room 127A.

– Kim Lewicki

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households in Macon County would be ecstatic to live on less than half of that?

Using Rush Limbaugh and Fox News, Republicans have brought about a cultural shift. Gone are the days of "Be Thy Brothers' Keeper." They've replaced it with "Every man, woman, and child for him/herself." In other words, "I've got mine and who cares about everyone else."

The real crime is that Republicans are trying to convince us that greed is good, and that the highest civic duty is to cut taxes rather than help our neighbors. In their eyes, profits and lower taxes are more important than people. All Christians and others of good heart should be disgusted with their trickery.

Further, Republicans in Raleigh and DC want to use their wealth to control us. Leave us alone. We are just trying to make a living while they make a killing off of us.

From an economic and moral standpoint, why did so many of us vote them in?

Call them and write them now before they finalize the budget. Let them know that greed and powerlust are not the answer. Jesus was quite clear about this.

Dan Kowal  
Franklin, NC

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numerous construction projects throughout Western North Carolina.

He was also a past member of Haywood County EDC and served on the NC Code Qualification Board.

He is survived by his wife, Nan T. Alexander Liner; three sons, Tommy Liner (Teresa) of Waynesville, Kenny Liner of Lake Junaluska and Jay Liner (Robin) of Weaverville; three step-daughters, Lisa Wyatt (David) of Highlands, Vicki Stokes of Charlotte, and Rachel Van Horn (Chris) of Otto; a step son, Wes Alexander (Norma) of Gainesville, GA; a step-daughter-in-law, Trudy Alexander of Highlands; one sister, Dorothy Welch of Ormond Beach, FL; one brother, Jerry Liner, Jr., of Dahlonega, GA; 24 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Med-West Hospice, 560 Leroy George Drive, Clyde, NC, 28721 or the American Red Cross, 1668 Brown Ave., Waynesville, NC, 28786.

for a 100 years – Shortia galacifolia known as Oconee Bells or Little Colt's Foot. That is the plant that cemented his fame, though on subsequent trips he made pre-glacier discoveries including the Yellow Poplar or Tulip Tree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*), Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), Fraser Magnolia (*Magnolia auriculata*), Rosebay Rhododendron (*Rhododendron maximum*), and Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*).

About 30 people turned out for Saturday's marker unveiling which is near the steps on Main Street across from Reeves Hardware and in front of the old Visitor Center.

Mike Hill, research supervisor with the NC Division of Archives and History, explained the significance of the state's 77-year-old historical marker program which has planted almost 1,600 markers state-wide, 12 of which stand in Macon County.

In fact, Macon County has more historical markers than any other of the state's 100 counties with the first one erected in the 1930s at the Nikwasi Mound in Franklin.

The marker erected for Michaux is in the natural history category and joins markers in Macon County for William Bartram, Silas McDowell and Thomas Harbison.

Hill said there are five other Michaux markers in the state which were erected in 1949 in Bakersville, Morganton, Lincolnton, Black Mountain and on Grandfather Mountain. But somehow the earliest trip, into what is now Highlands, was overlooked, something Highlands historian Ran Shaffer reminded the department of.

Most marker subjects originate as requests from the public and anyone can submit a proposal, as did Shaffner. Proposals for new markers are submitted to the members of the Marker Advisory Committee for review, which is made up of 10 historians from across the state, each of whom is an expert in the state's history. Members meet twice a year and what they primarily look for is some indication that the subject

is statewide, as opposed to local in significance. "It is not a simple matter to qualify," said Hill.

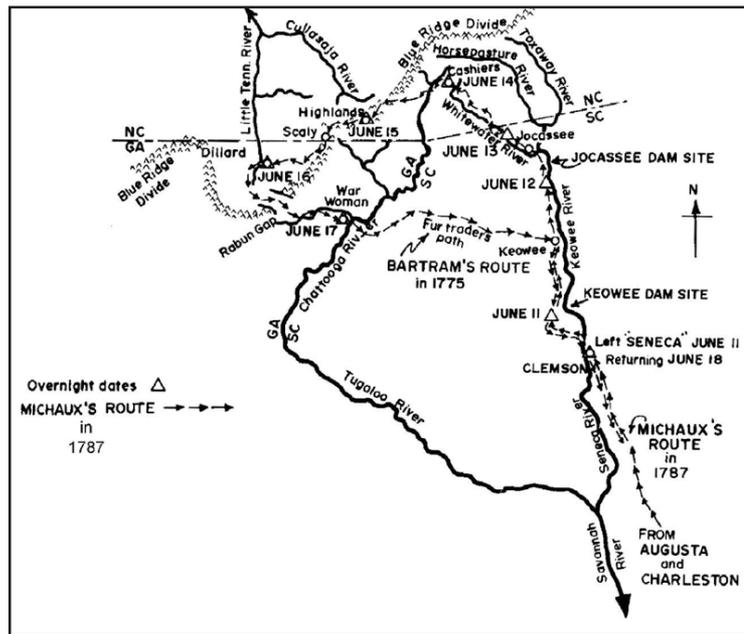
Also on hand Saturday was André Michaux himself (a.k.a. Charlie Williams, retired librarian from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library System who is also chairman of the North American

Williams said there are accounts of Michaux's fear of the wilderness but he overcame that fear to become a true wilderness explorer-botanist. He traveled greater distances than any other botanist of his era. In 11 years he went from Florida, north to Quebec and west to Mississippi.

Rex Baker, a member of the NC House of Representatives in 2003, who was also at the unveiling Saturday, sponsored the Carolina Lily, one of the plants Michaux discovered on one of his subsequent forays into the NC wilderness, as the state wildflower and named it for Michaux. It was res-

cued at a construction project and transplanted at Hanging Rock State Park. Rex's wife, Helen, donated a photograph of the flower that was originally on display in the Governor's Mansion to the Highlands Historical Society Village.

– Kim Lewicki



Map of Michaux's trek from Seneca to Highlands in 1787. Prepared by the late Bob Zahner.

Chapter of the André Michaux International Society.)

Williams explained that in June 1787 Michaux left the relative civilization of the Indian village of Seneca (modern-day Clemson, SC) with a young interpreter and two Cherokee guides who led them through the wilderness and up the mountains to Highlands.

There were no roads; he walked leading a horse on Indian trails and bear paths for five days to get from the Seneca village to Highlands. It rained everyday. His party ran short of food because his guides couldn't hunt because their powder was wet. Nevertheless, they continued their trek up the mountain.

Why did Michaux make this difficult journey? It wasn't the lust for gold or land or adventure. He endured these hardships to discover plants that were then unknown to science. He made this journey to add to the catalog of human knowledge, said Williams.

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Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

If the board agrees to allow OEI's signs, then the Planning Board will be asked to amend the ordinance and present it at the July Town Board meeting.

In other planning news, both the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board spent most of their June meetings held Wednesday, June 12 and Monday, June 17, respectively, doing housekeeping.

These were the first meetings presided over by Ward and as such, matters relating to procedure were reviewed.

Like the Planning Board the month before, the Zoning Board adopted Rules of Procedure relating to terms of office, duties of officers, attendance, conflict of interest, recusal from voting, the step-by-step meeting outline, etc.

Ward stressed several points.

All actions take a 4/5th vote, but if only four members are present then the vote must be unanimous. If an applicant learns there are only four of the five Zoning Board members present, he or she can ask to be put on the next month's agenda.

Desired recusal from a case must be declared prior to discussion of new business and only under the following terms: a board member has a financial interest in the decision, has a close family or business tie to the applicant (including if the applicant is a board member's employer) or if the board member has a pre-determined fixed opinion that is not susceptible to change.

Terms of recusal are now more precise than in the past when it was believed

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that only a direct financial interest – as in the board member is likely to make money based on the outcome of the vote – held sway.

Like the Planning Board, faithful attendance is required of members and alternates. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings or four nonconsecutive meetings within a 12-month period, regardless of the reason, shall be cause for removal from the board.

Ward also went over the strict guidelines for the issuance of a Special Use Permit (SUP) or a variance.

To issue a SUP, four findings of fact must be met with an affirmative answer or else a SUP can't be granted.

The board learned that both SUPs and variances go with the property and there is no expiration date unless the use stops for 12 months and then both are void and must be applied for again.

Likewise, to issue a variance, three general findings of fact, as well as five additional findings must be met with an affirmative answer every step of the way.

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Saturday, June 22 8pm

*Angel of Music: A Salute to Andrew Lloyd Webber*  
Starring Franc D'Ambrosio & Glory Crampton

Presented by Jim & Marsha Meadows  
Wade & Gerri Coleman

Saturday, June 29 8pm

Jason D. Williams as *Jerry Lee Lewis*

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**Saturday, June 22, 10a-noon** *WOMEN, ART & POWER IN 17TH CENTURY BRITAIN*-Elizabeth Chew introduces two elite women who pursued unusual avenues to express their individual identities.

**Tuesday, June 25, 10a-noon** *ARCHITECTURE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH*-Elizabeth Meredith Dowling

**Tuesday, June 25, 2-4p** *TEN TENORS IN 90 MINUTES*, presented by Malcolm Richardson and Dr. J.F Taylor of LSU

**Thursday, June 27, 10a-noon** *MAKING SENSE OF THE CHINA-JAPAN ISLANDS DISPUTE: An examination of Modern East Asian Relations* presented by David Ambaras, Ph.D, NC State

**Thursday, June 27, 2-4p** *ROMANTIC VISION IN LANDSCAPE*, presented by Tom Sully, great-great-great grandson of the 19th century portraitist of the same name.

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## This Weekend at Highlands PAC - Angel of Music: A Salute to Andrew Lloyd Webber

Franc D'Ambrosio is best known as the "Phantom" in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award winning Musical, "The Phantom of The Opera." Affectionately known as "The Iron Man of The Mask," Franc was awarded the distinction as the "World's Longest Running Phantom."

With the success of D'Ambrosio's national and international tours, he has joined the ranks of the famed Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman as only a handful of Phantom alumni to successfully crossover to solo careers. Mr. D'Ambrosio is also a welcomed and frequent guest artist with many major symphonies in America and Europe (Pop Series).

In July of 2011 D'Ambrosio was pleased to accept the invitation to co-star in the production "Love Changes Everything" - a celebration of the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber. This production boasted an all star cast, which also featured Tony Award nominee Liz Callaway,

Kevin Kern and Laurie Gayle Stephenson. They played to packed houses and received rave reviews. "Most impressive is D'Ambrosio who played the title role in "The Phantom of the Opera" for six years and delivers an exquisite version of "The Music of the Night." Alice T. Carter/Pittsburgh Tribune.

GLORY CRAMPTON is a

Broadway leading lady, musical theatre veteran. She is best known for her critically acclaimed roles in productions of The Fantasticks, Camelot, My Fair Lady, Carousel, Jane Eyre, Nine and Phantom. She is also an accomplished soprano solo artist who has sung with acclaimed tenor Jose Carreras. Glory's first solo CD, "Unusual Way" was released in 2011. The CD features Glory singing such Broadway standards such as I Could Have Danced All Night (My Fair Lady), All I Ask of You (Phantom of the Opera) and Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend (Gentlemen Prefer Blondes). She was thrilled to have the accompaniment of the London National Symphony and to be able to record at the famous ABBEY ROAD STUDIOS in England.

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### Ongoing

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• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$5 per class or \$40 a month.

• Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5 per class. First class free.

### 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. and proceed a 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

• Hatha Yoga - Body n' Soul. 7:45a at First Presbyterian Church. R.Y.T and Y.A. (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 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.

### Fridays through August

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### Saturdays

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

### Sat. & Sun.

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

### Through Saturday, June 29

• Half-price sale at the Book Worm in the basement of the Peggy Crosby Center on Fifth Street.

### Through Sunday, June 30

• At the Highlands Playhouse, Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story. A celebration of Holly's short but legendary life. For ticket information call 526-9443.

### Thurs., June 20

• The Highlands Historical Society opening of the Dr. Mary Lapham exhibit Thursday, from 5:30-7:30p. Cocktail food, music and even an old car.

• Open House at Yoga Highlands on Carolina Way. Meet their new teachers. 526-8880.

### Fri.-Sat., June 21-22

• At The Hen House on Main Street, Firehorse Pottery with potter Kerry Kennedy who will be turning pots on the porch.

### Friday, June 21

• A memorial service for Coach Butch Smart 6pm in the Highlands School Gym. Doors will open up at 5pm.

• Author and Proud Spirit Horse Sanctuary founder Melanie Sue Bowles, will present a talk, slideshow and book signing at Hudson Library at 4 p.m.

### Sat., June 22

• Audubon's joint EcoTour with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust will visit Sweetwater Farms, a mixed habitat 80+ acre property near Highlands. Call Julie at 526-1111 to reserve your spot for this special walk, and to get details on meeting place and time.

• Chestnut Hill of Highlands is sponsoring a Cupcake Competition on at 2 p.m. Entries will be judged on table presentation,

## Watch for HCP's 'Maine' auditions

Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players summer play, "Almost Maine," will be held Sunday, June 23, 3-5 p.m., and Monday, June 24, 5:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. This popular new romantic comedy, set in a small fictional town in Northern Maine, has been produced by theaters all around the country, including the NC State Theater, Flat Rock Playhouse in Hendersonville, where HCP director Virginia Talbot saw it, loved it, and determined to bring it to the HCP stage.

The play contains 17 episodes. There are parts for 12 or more actors, ranging in age from late teens to men and women in their 50s. The Players encourage both experienced and new actors to attend the auditions.

Scripts are at the Hudson Library, the Cashiers Library, the Macon County Library in Franklin, and on line. For more information call 526-4904.

# HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS



**PULL OUT**

decoration of cupcakes and taste. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. No entry fee will be charged. Cupcakes will be sold after the competition and proceeds will be donated to Highlands Recreation Center for its Senior Winter lunches. Please call Teresa Robbins at 526-5251 to register or email at tar.chestnuthill@yahoo.com by June 20th.

• At PAC, 8pm Broadway veterans Franc d'Ambrosio and Glory Crampton return with Angel of Music: A Salute to Andrew Lloyd Webber. Highlands PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands 828.526.9047 www.highlandspac.org

• There will be a dance Sat. night from 8-10:30 PM at the Franklin American Legion Post. Music by "Tom Ellers" Non-members welcome. Non-smoking. For more information call PH 828-369-9155.

## Sat., Mon., Tues., June 22, 24 & 25

• At The Bascom, from 11a to 2 p, Terrace Painting: Four Southern Artists. The four artists of Southern Lights – Charlotte Foust, Martica Griffin, Krista Harris, and Audrey Phillips – will demonstrate their abstract painting techniques on the Terrace. Free to the public. Call 526-4949.

## Sunday, June 23

• At the Episcopal Church, Candace Keach, Principal Flutist of the Macon Symphony Orchestra will present AMERICANA, a recital of music for Native American and Asian wooden flutes, silver flutes and singing bowls at 2 PM on Ms. Keach will be accompanied by Pennsylvanian Russell Ferrara on classical guitar and synthesizer enabled guitars.

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## Sun., June 23-27

• Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church. 5:30-8p. Dinner at 5p. Activities for children in rising Kindergarten through sixth grade. Pre-school activities for children ages 3 and 4. Nursery for children under 3. Call Jennifer Forrester 526-3376.

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Maine, has been produced by theaters all around the country. Scripts are available at the libraries in Franklin, Highlands and Cashiers.

• Highlands Plateau Audubon presents Dr. Mark Stanback, Davidson College, speaking on Brown-headed Nuthatches in Suburban Environments: the Role of Nest Site Competition. Program will be held at Highlands Civic Center on Highway 64 at 7:00 PM. Public invited.

• The Art League of Highlands will feature basket weaver Peggie Wilcox of Lakemont, GA at The Bascom at 4:30 p.m. Social time, and presentation.

## Wed., June 26

• Dr. Barry H. Bodie, Board Certified Urologist, will present "Improving Couple's Health" at 12:30 P.M. in suite 103 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the Hospital's campus. The "Lunch and Learn" session on important topics relating to couple's health issues.

## Fri. & Sat. June 28-29

• At the Highlands Historical Society, 6-7:15 pm two Indian Cultural Heritage talks by Don Wells at the Historical Village. Friday evening talk will be "Mystery of the Trees" and Saturday evening will be "In the Presence of the Elders." Admission is free.

## Fri.-Sat., June 28-29

• At HCCMF: William Preucil, violin; Alexandra Preucil, violin; Jennifer Stumm,

viola; Paul Murphy, viola; Charae Krueger, cello; William Ransom, piano Mozart, Brahms, Mendelssohn. Friday (6 PM) & Sunday (5 PM) – Highlands PAC, Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. Ticket Information available at (828) 526-9060.

## Sat., June 29

• At PAC, 8pm: Retro Rock with Jason D Williams as the memorable Jerry Lee Lewis. Highlands PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands 828.526.9047 www.highlandspac.org.

• Join Highlands Plateau Audubon and Franklin Bird Club as they co-lead a bird walk along the Franklin Greenway. Meet at the Highlands Town Hall parking lot near the public restrooms at 7:30AM for car-pooling to the Macon County Public Library in Franklin. www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or call 743-9670.

• The Highlands Police Department will be hosting its annual Open House on Saturday from 11am-2pm. Refreshments will be provided. Other emergency departments, state and local will also be in attendance. Please stop by for a tour of the department; child-seat inspections, safety material and other activities will be available.

## Sun.-Mon., June 30-July 1

• At HCCMF: The Four Bs: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Bill" William Preucil, violin and William Ransom, piano Bach, Beethoven, Brahms. Friday (6 PM) & Sun-

day (5 PM) – Highlands PAC. Saturday & Monday (both 5 PM) – Cashiers Library. Ticket Information available at (828) 526-9060.

## Free picnic concerts and more this season from HCCMF

You're invited to a picnic concert by The Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet at 5 P.M. on Wednesday, June 26, on the grounds of the historic Zachary-Talbot House in Cashiers.

Be sure to bring a picnic and a blanket and prepare to luxuriate under late afternoon skies with al fresco dining and a healthy dose of irresistible music. The concert is free, but donations are greatly appreciated.

The picnic concert marks the beginning of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival's ambitious 2013 season, stretching from June 28 through August 11.

"Because of the July 4th weekend, our opening concerts will be a little earlier than usual -- we open on June 28th-29th with William Preucil and friends for a weekend of brilliant string playing," says Artistic Director Dr. William Ransom. "Highlights will include the festival debut of the dashing young Concertmaster of the Atlanta Symphony, David Coucheron, and his talented sister pianist Julie. Other newcomers include English flutist Anthony Reiss in a program entitled 'The Magic Flute' and clarinetist Roeland Hendrikx from Belgium. It wouldn't be summer without The Eroica Trio, and they will be joined by special guests in 'Eroica Plus!'

"The Vega Quartet will be back, and we will have some fun with another 'Jazz Meets Classics' concert featuring, this time, the saxophone, with Dwight Andrews. The Festival Chamber Orchestra will once again close the season at our final Gala with Mozart's extraordinary 'Sinfonia Concertante.'"

Concerts will be held at 6 p.m. Fridays at the Martin-Lip-

scomb 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.

With all that talent, the Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival can't help but spill out into the twin communities.

If you miss the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet's picnic concert, or you'd enjoy an encore performance, they'll be offering a free concert on Saturday, July 6th from 3-5 P.M. at Town Square on Main Street in Highlands.

The Vega Quartet will offer the free Bach at Buck's at Buck's Coffee Cafe on Main Street in Highlands at 8 P.M. Wednesday, July 17. They'll also perform at 8 P.M. Wednesday, July 24, at Buck's at the Crossroads in Cashiers. Bach at Buck's is as natural a combination as, well, rich coffee and warm, mellow notes.

In addition to its nationally-recognized program of concerts, the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival is laced with a series of Feasts of the Festival. They're a chance to meet fascinating people and enjoy marvelous food and drink in some of the most breathtaking homes in Western North Carolina. Feasts continue through September and will feature an irresistible series of locations and menus.

For more information about the festival and its full lineup of performances and events, visit [www.hcmusicfestival.org](http://www.hcmusicfestival.org) or call (828) 526-9060.

## Free July 4 patriotic concert at First Presbyterian



First Presbyterian Church will present the annual patriotic concert at 8 pm on Thursday, July 4. The free concert will last approximately 45 minutes, ensuring plenty of time to watch the town fireworks display. Featured will be Dave Landis, bagpipes; Larry Black, trumpet; Angie Jenkins, pipe organ; and the Highlands Male Chorus under the direction of Joe Powell, with Carol Guise as accompanist. Come dressed as you are. In the event the fireworks display is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicapped entrances are located on Church Street and on 5th Street.

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sibility and small government before taking their offices.

"I vote my conscience," said Higdon to on-looking Burningtown volunteer firefighters, who had requested a fire tax increase for their district to maintain adequate fire coverage and hire an additional employee. "I promised my [constituents] that I would not support expansion of government... A full time employee doesn't help anybody at three in the morning."

However, in the end, the board voted in favor of the \$47,145,470 budget ordinance. Commissioners Higdon and Haven cast the only dissenting votes.

Education

Macon County Public Schools can retain its first-year teachers after all, as commissioners voted to appropriate \$220,000—about half of the \$440,000 shortfall—to maintain its current level of operations.

The appropriation was a breath of fresh air for Board of Education members and dozens of young area educators, who faced a \$1.4 million budget shortfall for FY 2013-'14.

"I support the proposed budget... The immediate benefit of this is we get to put

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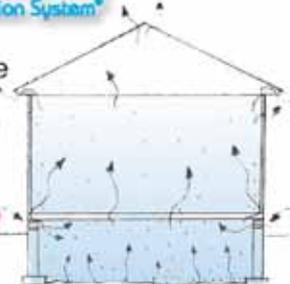
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teachers back into the classrooms and keep our class sizes to a minimum, as well," said incoming MC Schools Superintendent and FHS Principal Chris Baldwin. BOE Chairman Jim Breedlove echoed Baldwin's comments and gave his thanks to the board for their decision.

According to Commission Chairman Kevin Corbin, by decreasing Capital Outlay funding, the commission could allot roughly half of the funds needed by the Board of Education. Interim Superintendent Dr. Jim Duncan said now all first-year teachers facing cuts could keep their positions within the school system.

Though the 2% teacher supplement the county pays each year was on the cutting block, Monday night commissioners agreed to allot the \$430,000 for the supplement. However, still \$220,000 short of its needed \$440,000, MC Schools Finance Director Angie Cook said the school board will decide what will happen to the supplement money. Two weeks ago, BOE Chairman Jim Breedlove said if necessary the BOE would be the "bad guys" if the funds allotted for the supplement had to be reallocated FY 2013-'14.

The commission gave the BOE permission to "use the funds as it sees fit."

### Sheriff

Following last week's plea for a School Resource Officer by Nantahala School's principal and Nantahala's BOE representative, commissioners voted to grant the Macon County Sheriff's Office one SRO for Nantahala, instead of the two originally requested. The appropriation will pay for personnel only, not equipment or a vehicle.

"I take the responsibility of serving as sheriff extremely seriously," said Holland at the beginning of the meeting. "I am responsible for protecting this community; those that support me, those that work against me, those that believe in our mission and those that do not. The day that I was elected I took an oath to protect and serve. That does not mean only those who share my beliefs, but to serve all the residents of Macon County. When it comes to those we serve, your responsibility is virtually the same as mine. I stand before you tonight to let you know that the budget you are voting on tonight is not perfect. But all of us have spent several months working together with our county manager to make this budget what it is." Holland said that he did not want to see taxes raised and encouraged the board to support Horton's budget.

### Fire

Commissioners granted the proposed fire tax increases for two of the 11 fire districts that serve Macon County.

Instead of a fire tax increase, the county has appropriated Burningtown Fire Department \$25,472 to cover the majority of a full-time employee's salary.

Both Cowee and Otto fire departments got their requested fire tax increase of .04 and .07, respectively. Clark's Chapel Fire Department withdrew its fire tax increase request.

### Community Care Clinic

Originally in the proposed budget, \$10,000 was allotted the Franklin Community Care Clinic, however at the behest of Commissioner Ronnie Beale and following

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a plea by Community Care board members, the board opted to provide a \$40,000 one-time appropriation in the FY 2013-'14 budget to the clinic.

Last week clinic representatives said \$50,000 was needed to sustain the clinic and continue to provide services while it embarks on a major fundraising campaign to see the clinic into the future.



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## Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Physician Forum Series 2013

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Wednesday, June 26th  
12:30pm

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Dr. Barry Bodie is committed to providing ongoing information regarding urological conditions that may improve an individual's and/or couple's quality of life. This HCH Physician Forum presentation will highlight important topics relating to couple's health issues. The hour long lecture includes a healthy lunch and ends with a question and answer session.



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## • HOSPITAL NEWS •

### Board certified family practitioner joins medical staff at HCH

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital welcomes Board Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, Kim Havas, FNP-BC, to its medical staff. Havas will enhance the Hospital's family practice located on level three of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, working alongside, Danielle Koman, FNP-C and J. Scott Baker, M.D. She will assist with the seasonal influx of patients by providing coverage for well and sick visits and urgent care services.



**Kim Havas**

Kim Havas, FNP-BC has more than 30 years experience in practicing adult medicine in both office and hospital settings, including three plus years in a cardiology specialty clinic.

"Havas will play a large role during the season, helping our family practice physi-

cians and providers meet the growing need for primary care services. She is familiar with our area, having spent many summers here and is a true pleasure to be around. Havas is a great fit for our Hospital and our community," said Hospital CEO Craig James.

Kim Havas, FNP-BC, attended the University of South Alabama in Mobile, AL, receiving her Master's of Science in Nursing. She completed a post Master's

certificate as an Ambulatory Care Nurse Practitioner at the U.S. Army Academy of Health Sciences, in Fort Ord, CA. She is Board Certified through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. For more information call 828-526-1DOC(1362).

### Physicians Forum coming to HCH

Dr. Barry H. Bodie, Board Certified Urologist, will present "Improving Couple's Health" on June 26th at 12:30 P.M. in suite 103 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the Hospital's campus. Dr. Bodie is committed to ongoing information regarding urological conditions that may improve an individual's and/or couple's quality of life. To that end HCH is offering a "Lunch and Learn" session on important topics relating to couple's health issues. The hour long lecture includes a healthy lunch and ends with a question and answer session.



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He is a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina and completed residencies in both general surgery and urology at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. Barry H. Bodie, MD, is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has 25 years of active medical practice. He is Board Certified in Urology. Dr. Bod-

ie is a member of the International Continence Society and the American Urological Association. He is the past president of the North Carolina Urological Society and has been an active urologist in Western North Carolina for the past decade.

Those interested in attending must RSVP (828) 526-1313 or email [info@hchospital.org](mailto:info@hchospital.org).

# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •



On Thursday, June 6, the Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with the food pantry to sponsor "Food Pantry Bingo." All proceeds went to support our local food pantry, which helps feed needy families in our community. From left: Jodie Cook, winner of the final super Bingo game, with some of the youngsters who played Bingo and Rotarian Jacqueline Podzinski, chair of the Rotary Bingo committee.



Highlands Rec. Park held their second kayak demo and roll clinic of the season at Highlands Town Pool on June 4. Nineteen people and 15 kayaks showed up for this event our largest turn out yet. This event is open to all skill levels from beginner to advanced kayakers. Boats are available for those that do not have their own from sit on tops for kids as young as four to whitewater boats for those that want to learn to roll. Private boats are welcome as well. The event is organized by Town of Highlands Recreation Technician Joseph Deppe with a special thanks to Jeff Johnson and Patti Campbell for help with instruction. Kayak demos and roll clinics are held the first and last Wednesday of every month throughout the pool season from 4:30-8 p.m.

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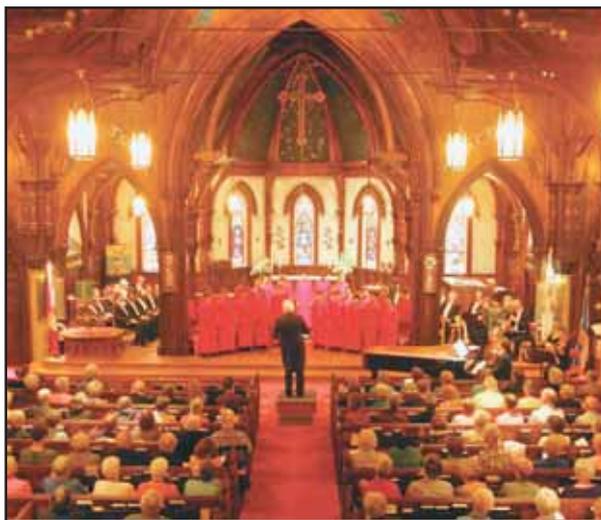
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Boys and Men In Lunenburg

## Highlanders join choir for Nova Scotia tour

Several Highlanders were among the 55 members of the World Famous Atlanta Boy Choir when they sang last week in Nova Scotia.

This Grammy Award winning musical organization was founded 56 years ago by longtime Highland resident, Fletcher Wolfe.

Maestro Wolfe had as his accompanist for the tour organist and choir master at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Robert Henry.

Dr. Henry, an internationally acclaimed concert pianist began his career with the choir when he was a youngster. Also joining this group was the renowned Highland Soprano soloist Molly McKim.

The choir having sung last month here in Highlands at Incarnation once again brought rave reviews and overflowing audiences to their concerts.

Of the more than 8,000 boys who have been members of this choir, several now reside in the Highlands area and are on hand each time the choir performs here.

The thirty young boys and the twenty Alumni men who participated in this tour were treated royally by the Canadians who prepared many luscious meals for them as well as showing them things most tourists don't get to see.

They took the boys out into the ocean 15 miles to see the whales, otters and other sea life and the fisherman invited them aboard their ships to witness firsthand how they catch fish and land lobster.

The choir was given many educational experiences including a rare look at items that came off the Titanic along with several films and lectures about that event.

All in all this was a marvelous cultural experience for the boys and men as well as for all those who came to hear them.

Several listeners said, "Surely this is the best choir in America and quite possibly in the world." Such comments were also heard from many Highlanders who attended their recent concert here.

For more details concerning the choir please visit their website at [www.atlantaboychoir.org](http://www.atlantaboychoir.org)

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from May 27 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

## May 27

• At 12:30 p.m., officers were called to Holt Knob about a dog that was allowed to bark for two hours.

## May 30

• At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Church Street.

## June 2

• At 9 a.m., officers were called to ...on the Veranda restaurant about a burglary and larceny with forced entry the previous night. A door and safe were damaged valued at \$2,000 and \$640 in cash was stolen from the safe and cash drawer, as well as a computer and Ipad together valued at \$800.

## June 10

• At 7:54 p.m., officers were called to the Ugly Dog about a patron being rude to other customers and refusing to leave when asked.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 4.

## June 4

• At 5:51 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on N. 6th Street.

• The dept. was called to the hospital multiple times for alarms that went off due to work being done on the system.

## June 5

• At 1:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS on Main Street.

• At 10:55 p.m., the dept. was called to a residence

on Hummingbird Lane about a strange smell in the house. Nothing was found.

## June 8

• At 9:29 a.m., the dept. was called to a residence on Spring Street when steam from the shower set off the fire alarm.

## June 9

• At 2:15 p.m., the dept. was called to a residence on Blue Valley Road for a fire alarm. It was false.

## June 10

• At 10:48 a.m., the dept. was called by a Life Line Alarm to a residence on Satulah Ridge Road.

• At 2:03 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street for a medical call.

• At 5:11 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Buck Creek Church Road where a 5-year-old child had fallen.

## June 12

• At 9 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at Falls Village Court. It was false.

## June 13

• At 5:23 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Falls Drive East.

• At 10:33 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a call at a residence on Church Street where someone had fallen.

## June 14

• At 2:42 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a call on Main Street.

## June 15

• At 3:51 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS on Clear Creed Road where a SOAR runner

had fallen.

## June 16

• At 10:09 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS on Cullasaja Drive with a bicycle accident.

• At 4:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a call on Main Street.

• At 8:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at

a residence on Falls Village Court. It was false.

## June 17

• At 4:12 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a call on Mountain Brook Way.

## June 18

• At 3:20 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Falcon Ridge Road.



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“Variances should be very hard to grant,” said Ward.

The first finding is perhaps the most daunting: “There are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the ordinance. To determine that first finding, another five sub-findings must be met. The first sub-heading is the hardest to meet: If the applicant complies, he can’t secure a reasonable return from nor make reasonable use of his property ...”

Besides OEI’s off premise sign, which was discussed briefly at the end of the meeting, the Planning Board agreed with a 3-1 vote to amend its attendance requirements to match the Zoning Board’s by changing the word “may” to “shall.”

Ward said the word “shall” is strict and the word “may” isn’t and that’s what the commissioners want in the verbiage: Failure to attend three consecutive meetings or four nonconsecutive meetings within a 12-month period, regardless of the reason, shall be cause for removal from the board.

Member Mandi Neumann voted against changing the verbiage. Members Thomas Craig, Tony Potts and Glenda Bell voted to change may to shall.

The board also voted unanimously to amend sections of the Unified Development Code to exempt governmental and community service signs OK’d by the town from the off-premise sign ordinance; and to amend section 15.3.1. which applies to issuing citations for illegal off-premise or other signage.

To streamline the citation process, a notice of violation now accompanies a citation which is \$100 each time.

There was some talk about increasing the citation since paying the \$100/day fine for an illegal sign could be equated to advertising and well worth the cost of doing business if the illegal sign brings people in the door.

Ward said that point will be brought up to the Town Board and it’s possible a different fee will be assigned habitual offenders.

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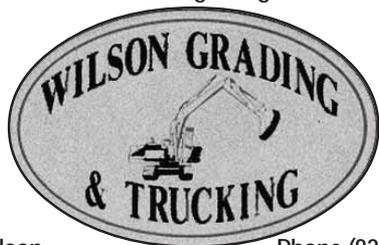
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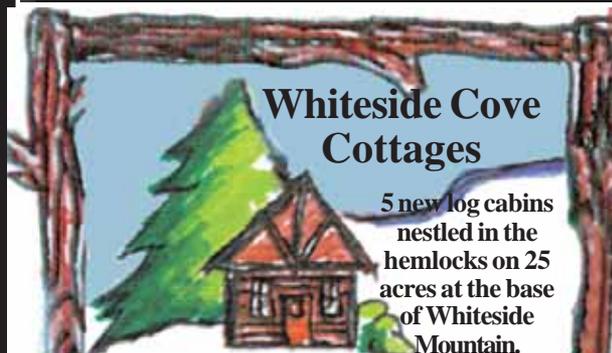
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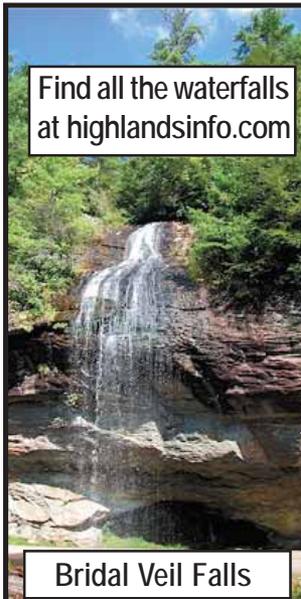
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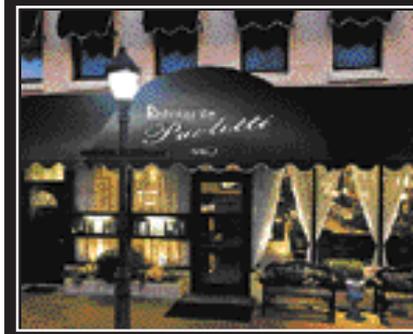
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