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Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007

- On-going**
- Live music every night at 7:30 p.m. and during brunch on Sunday at ...on the Verandah restaurant.
 - Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.
 - Hal Phillips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.
 - Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.
 - At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.
- Every Monday**
- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.
- Every Tuesday**
- Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church. Summer series on 1 & 2 Peter. All women are invited.
- Every Wednesday**
- "The Bible Tells Me So" at 6:15 p.m. at the Methodist church at 6:15.
- Every Thursday**
- At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.
- Every Saturday**
- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.
- Through Sunday, Sept. 16**
- At Acorn's on Main Street, Coralia Leets Jewelry Trunk Show.
- Thursday, Sept. 13**
- Highlands Rotary Bingo at the Highlands Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30.
 - Highlands School PTO meeting is at 6 p.m. in the old gym.
- Friday, Sept. 14**
- Now in its 11th year, the first meeting of The Girls' Clubhouse for the 2007-2008 school year from 3-4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All 6-8 grade girls are welcome.
- Saturday, Sept. 15**
- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital FREE Health Screenings. Call 526-1434 to sign up.
 - Fall 2007 Gorge Road Cleanup. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8 a.m. Lunch & refreshments provided. Call 526-5841.
 - At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Anne Sharpsteen with Vivian Cash signing "I Walk the Line" 1-3 p.m.
 - The Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center announces a tour of the facility, free BBQ and "Star Night." Tour and lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.; talent show is at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 16**
- Special gospel singing with Pastor James Wilson at the Assembly of God Church on Sixth Street at 11 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 17**
- Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. Reg. Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Rec Park.
- Tuesday, Sept. 18**
- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Highlands School gym.
 - Free movie at PAC. "Madison" at 7:30.

Bond referendum subject of public hearing

The last item on the commissioners' bond referendum "to do list" was done Monday night.

At the Monday, Sept. 10 Macon County Commission meeting, commissioners authorized the bonds totaling \$64 million to cover future expenditures in schools, public buildings, com-

munity college, parks and recreation facilities and the Highlands library.

To be included on the November ballot, the bond referendum must now go to the Macon County Board of Elections which sends it to the State Board of Elections and the Local Government

Commission with each department's signoff necessary along the way.

Acceptance of the bond referendum followed the required public hearing on the issue held in the courtroom prior to the regular meeting on Monday.

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Parking & SUP subject of ZB

The First Presbyterian Church moved from the Appearance Commission's unanimous vote Monday night to the Zoning Board of Adjustment's unanimous vote Wednesday night.

With its Special Use Permit (SUP) in hand, demolition of the church's fellowship hall on the corner of Fifth and Main will begin the latter part of January. Construction of the new 7,209 sq. ft. fellowship hall will begin mid-February with completion set for Christmas of 2008.

At Wednesday night's meeting, architect Jeff Weller walked the zoning board through the plans noting that the new building will be two stories rather than the current three stories and will be pushed back 30 feet from the Main Street sidewalk "to open up the line site to the historical sanctuary," he said.

The new building will mimic the existing sanctuary in profile, roof design, size and texture with lap siding and butternut paint color.

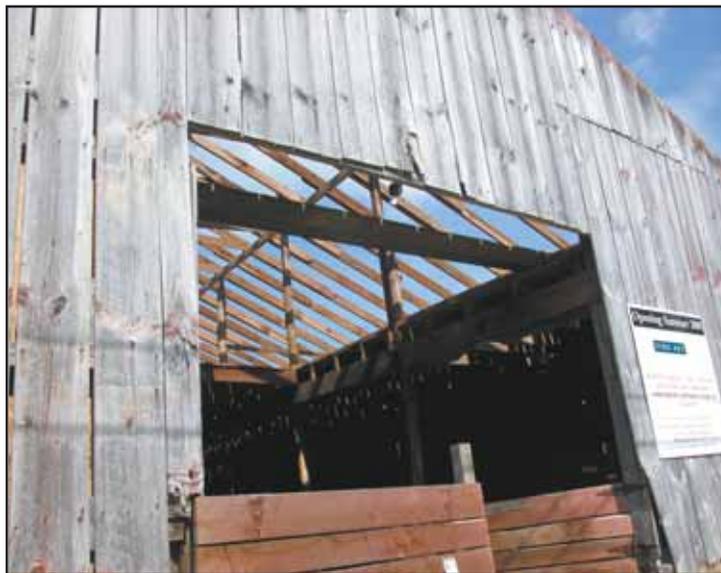
He said the design of the building which will include classrooms, a kitchen, nursery, offices and bathrooms, will improve accessibility to the property and its building by utilizing a "step" design.

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
		
72-57°F	71-49°F	70-46°F

Crane Barn to get a face lift



Over the next several days board by board, nail by nail, Crane's Barn at the Fine Art Center site on Oak Street will be meticulously disassembled. After a new foundation is constructed, the barn will be reassembled exactly as it was only with a new interior. It will be the Center's pottery facility where work will be created and fired.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

Macon County Schools graduation rate up by 10%

Highlands School only school to hit 'high growth' mark on state ABCs model

By Dan Brigman

Superintendent of Schools

Over the last year, I have taken time to visit many classrooms throughout the district and observe staff and administrators attending to the state curriculum and other daily demands within each facility. The Macon County School System is very fortunate to have a quality team of professionals in each school and department

to serve our children and prepare students for the ever-changing world we live in.

Each county and school system has its own unique challenges. For Macon County, we are continuing to address increasing academic standards, steady growth, and space restrictions within each facility. Academically, we are continuing to provide adequate edu-

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'Big Box' regulations discussed again

The Planning Board can't seem to put the Big Box issue to rest.

At its August 27 meeting, members voted unanimously to limit new construction of commercial buildings to 15,000 sq. ft. and to require owners of existing commercial buildings who want to expand beyond 15,000 sq. ft. to apply for a special Use Permit (SUP) from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

But at the Monday, Sept. 10 meeting, members decided by consensus that they wanted to amend last month's ordinance change.

Though there was a quorum, because three of the seven members were absent, Interim Town Planner Richard Betz suggested the group lodge a final vote at the next meeting when everyone was in attendance. Absent were Mike Bryson, Ricky Bryson and Chairman Griffin Bell.

What concerned members was the amount a business could expand beyond the 15,000 sq. ft.

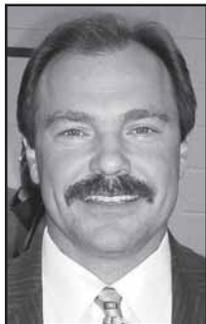
"There is no cap or limit on how big a business can expand," said Vice Chairman Ginger Slaughter.

The Highlands Storage Village was used as an example. Members suggested someone could buy the business and add 150,000 sq. ft.

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Dan Brigman

educational services to each student with limited resources. The Macon County School System has consistently performed at or around the state average on all performance indicators and assessments.

But, improving student performance is one of our district's primary goals for the current academic year.

Happily, at the State Board of Education (SBE) meeting Sept. 4-6 at the Education Building in Raleigh the 2006-07 performance results on state and federal accountability models for the state and each district were approved. North Carolina public schools showed improvement in the 2006-07 school year, according to the ABCs report approved by the State Board of Education (SBE) Thursday. Nearly 72 percent of schools showed expected or high growth, a 17.5 percent increase from the previous year's numbers.

Also reported was an increase in students graduating from N.C. high schools in four years, with 69.4 percent in 2007, up from 68.3 percent the prior year.

Macon County successfully met its graduation requirements for 2006-07 with an overall gain of nearly 10 percent in the new Cohort Graduation Rate calculations. Our Cohort Graduation rate for 2006-07 was 76%.

We are proud of our historical accomplishments and meeting both federal and state accountability models year after year; however, under the federal *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB) legislation, our school system did not make Adequately Yearly Progress (AYP) in one or more areas during the 2006-07 academic year.

Under the federal accountability model (NCLB), two of our schools, Macon Middle School and East Franklin Elementary School did not make AYP and have now entered year two of school improvement. In 2006-07, Macon Middle School achieved 15 out of 21 target areas with performance among the following academic cells and subgroups not meeting annual goals:

- Reading - Hispanic students,
- Reading - Students with Disabilities -

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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



• LETTERS •

WLOS unavailable through Channel 14

Dear Editor,

I must respond to the letter written by Arthur Hancock in the September 6 issue of Highlands' Newspaper. I don't have a problem with Northland Cable other than they have fewer channels and charge more money than the cable system I had when I lived in Montgomery, Alabama. Also they currently do not have any High Definition channels - although I understand that is about to change.

Like Arthur I know that Northland was not the cause of WLOS not being on their Highlands system. Northland simply could not receive the WLOS signal because of technical difficulties at WLOS. If you can't get something, you can't sell it to your subscribers.

However, I don't think you can equate Western North Carolina news and weather that's provided by WLOS with taped programming on the local cable access channel. Every cable company is franchised by the local community they serve - and they are required to provide a local access channel. That's why we have the programming provided by Arthur and Katie on Channel 14. That's why the Episcopal Church services are also on Channel 14. Not because Northland is a great community servant. This is what they are required to do.

Now that WLOS has their technical difficulties fixed, we can all stop jumping on Northland Cable. I've been waiting over a year for them to get High Definition service and it can not come too soon for me.

Hoyt Andres
Highlands

Chatooga River comment deadline Thursday, Sept. 13

Dear Editor,

For comments to be adequately considered, send them in by Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007 via e-mail to comments-southern-francismarion-sumter@fs.fed.us. Be sure to include your name and address with comments.

Talking points to consider in e-mails:

The Forest Service is requesting comments on potential environmental

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LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please email letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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• OBITUARIES •

Mary Ann Powell

Mary Ann Powell, age 70, of Crawfordville, FL and Highlands, N.C. died Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was born in Palm Beach Co., FL, the daughter of the late John P. and Margaret Everett Olsson. She was a homemaker and worked in real estate. She was the first woman president for the Bluetick Breeders and Coon Hunters Association. She graduated with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in chemistry. She was an avid airboater, sports woman and street rider. She was also a member of the Highlands Women's Club.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Philip Powell; a daughter Karen Hendricks and her husband, Bryant of Highlands, NC; a son, Charles Powell and his wife Angela of Crawfordville, FL; three sisters, Virginia Musgrave of Port Charlotte, FL, Joan Wardle of Hoboken, Georgia and Linnea Coggin of Oklawaha, FL; one brother, John P. Olson of Viera, Florida. Four grandchildren also survive.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lewis Rathburn House, 121 Sherwood Road, Asheville, NC 28803. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Katherine Vella Mae McCall Hicks

Katherine Vella Mae McCall Hicks, age 82, of Highlands, NC, died Friday, Sept 7, 2007 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was a native of Macon County and was married to William Griffin Hicks for 56 years, who passed away June 12, 2003. She was a homemaker and a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church, where she was a former treasurer.

She is survived by one daughter, Loretta Wilson and husband Gary of Highlands; one son, Charlie Hicks and wife Joan of Highlands; one brother, Frank McCall and one sister, Vivian Chastain of Highlands; two grand daughters, Michelle Lane and husband Curtis, and April Hicks; three grandsons, Michael Wilson and wife Debbie, Sampson Wilson and Adam Hicks, all of Highlands. She was preceded in death by one sister, Marie Chastain, and one infant grandson, Mitchell Wilson.

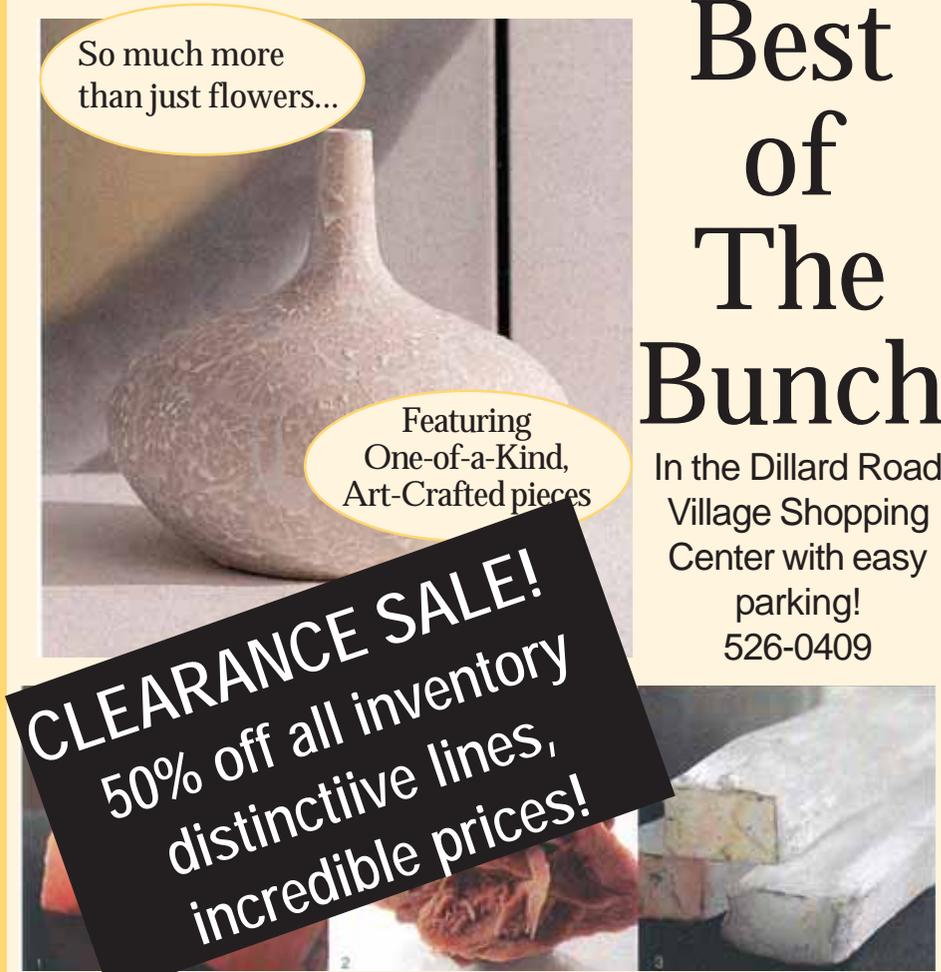
Funeral services were held Monday, September 10 at 2 p.m. in Clear Creek Baptist Church with the Revs. Everett Brewer and Matt Shuler officiating. Michael Wilson, Sampson Wilson, Adam Hicks, Curt Lane, David Chastain, and Jerry Tilson will served as pallbearers. The family received friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Clear Creek Community Cemetery. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

George M. Klepper

George M. Klepper, Jr., 78, died Saturday in Highlands, N.C.. Mr. Klepper was born May 26, 1929 to George M. Klepper and Margaret Lee Klepper in Memphis, TN. He attended Memphis public schools through junior high and graduated in 1947 from the Battle Ground Academy in Franklin, TN. Mr. Klepper furthered his education attending the University of Tennessee, 1949-50; Memphis State University, 1950-51, B.S.; University of Mississippi Law School, 1951-54, LLB; University of Mississippi, 1968, Juris Doctor; and the American College of Life Underwriters, 1968, CLU. Mr. Klepper served in the United States Army from 1954-1957 as captain Judge Advocates General Corps stationed in Germany. In 1957-1962, he served as attorney for Klepper & Klepper Memphis National Trust Life Insurance Company. Mr. Klepper also served as V. P. and general counsel - chairman of the board and president from 1963-1980 and was president of the National Trust Fire Insurance Company from 1980-1984. He practiced as an attorney from 1984 until the present time at Wunderlich - Klepper Law Offices and also handled personal investments. Mr. Klepper was also very involved in various civic and service activities including; Memphis Rotary Club - past director Salvation Army - former advisory board member, Les Passees Rehabilitation Center - former director, LeBonneur Children's Hospital-past director and past secretary, Chickasaw Council Boy Scouts of America-executive committee, United Way of Memphis-former board of governors, Christian, Psychological Center - executive committee, Economic Club of Memphis-former member, and the Boys Club of Memphis-former director. He also served as the director of First Tennessee Bank of Memphis, Commonwealth Life Insurance Company, Mid-south Title Insurance Company, Capital Holding Corporation, and the U. S. Security Insurance Company. Mr.

Klepper was also involved with the Board of Regents, State University & Community College System of Tennessee - former regent member, Memphis State University Foundation - former director, Greater Memphis State - former irector, Memphis State University Alumni Association - past president, and served the Presbyterian Day School-past trustee. He was also professionally involved with the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association as a member, the Tennessee Bar Association-former member; American Bar Associ-

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Newly remodeled, open and airy home on the 4th tee at Highlands Falls Country Club features bright kitchen with skylight, light cabinets & countertops, dining room with wet bar, 2 bedrooms & baths upstairs, family room, bed & bath downstairs, beautiful laurel railings on the stairs, 1 car garage and lots of storage. \$695,000



Great location in Highlands Falls Country Club with a view from the screened in porch of the 6th green and the adjoining lake. This one level 2BR/ 2BA villa has low maintenance, new HVAC and stone fireplace make this cozy villa the perfect solution for a great getaway or summer home. \$329,000



Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath traditional family home in a great neighborhood close to town and the hospital. 1.7 acres with beautiful grounds with stocked fish pond, studio/ playhouse, and mature fruit trees. Bonus room over the 2 car garage could be used as office or playroom. All freshly painted and new carpet makes this home move-in ready. \$695,000



This like new Winterberry villa in HFCC offers a split floor plan with vaulted ceilings in the kitchen, great room, and master suite. Boasting 3BR/ 3BA, incredible landscaping with walking paths and sitting areas, wood burning fireplace in the living room, huge covered deck and sounds of the flowing stream, and 2 car garage. Walk to the Swim and Tennis Center. \$625,000



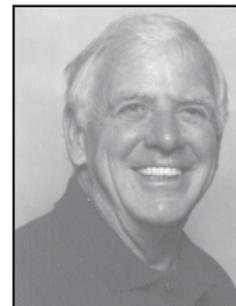
This beautiful 5 BR/ 5.5BA home features wonderful long range mountain views. Built by Koenig Homebuilders, the home boasts all Viking appliances in the kitchen, with warming drawer and wine cooler, granite counter tops, custom cabinetry, tile floors, tiled showers, 4 stone fireplaces, and view gorgeous sunrises over the mountains from each room. \$1,895,000



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I never ever use a public restroom unless it is absolutely necessary. Well, just this week it was necessary. I am on Main Street acting like a typical tourist, fondling everything, buying nothing when Mother Nature called. No, let me rephrase. Mother Nature screamed. Since there was no need to even try to use a merchant's facility, I high-tailed it to the restroom behind Town Hall. My situation was bad...real bad. Have you ever tried climbing that hill with irritable bowel syndrome? Whew!

Under normal conditions, whenever I enter the stall of a public restroom I always cover the seat with toilet paper. I know that's kind of girlish but this habit is left over from when I was a cop. We once had this infection nurse lecture us on personal hygiene. I'll leave out the tacky details but I'll never forget her first question to a room full of police officers. "Why do you guys wash your hands after you use the facilities when all the germs on your hands are there before you used the facilities?" DUH!

According to the infection nurse, it is wise to wash your hands before using any restroom and then again after. And always cover the seat with paper. The only exception to this is in China where you can actually pick up more germs washing your hands than not. Anyway, that's your personal hygiene lesson for today.

Let's get back to my dilemma. None of that personal hygiene stuff was going to occur on this occasion because this was an emergency. I was a desperate man. I'm in the stall for only a moment when a guy enters the stall next to me. After a moment, he moves his foot close to my side of the stall and does interesting little movements with it. I thought the guy was cool and was wearing his Ipod, listening to his favorite rock song and keeping beat with his foot. I was envious that he had music and I didn't.

Just to show my envy and appreciation for his music, I moved my foot close to his and picked up his beat with my foot. This seemed to get him real excited as his foot movements became frenzied

and, at one point, his foot actually touched mine. I'm thinkin' this guy must be a real rock junkie and spaced out on the music. Because the guy seemed to get so excited, I decided to stop participating and pulled my foot back.

That's when it happened. After only a few seconds passed, the guy removed a paper plug that was stuck in a hole in the stall wall and looked into my side. Naturally, I became con-

cerned and wondered why he would do this. He probably wants to see if I am wearing an Ipod and listening to the same type of music. Anyway, there's this giant eyeball stuck against this hole in the stall and looking around; very, very unsettling.

Not knowing quite what to do, I quickly wadded up some toilet paper and stuck it in the hole. After a few seconds, the guy uses his finger to push out the paper. Written on the top of his finger are the words, "Let's play." Now I'm really confused so jokingly I wrote on my finger, "What song?" and stuck my finger in the hole to his side. Did I hear him moaning?

I was getting bored with this foolishness and was finished with my business anyway, so I prepared to leave my stall. Then the guy sends me a note which I should have just ignored, but didn't. It said, "Meet me later and I'll light your fire." Now I'm really suspicious and wondering what this guy is up to. Then, like a flash, a thought crossed my mind that I had not thought of since my days in the Army. I quickly pulled off 40 or 50 sheets of toilet paper and lit them. When they were in a full blaze, I lobbed them over my stall into his. Whoa, what a commotion; such thrashing and shouting.

Now all my readers and friends know I am a reasonable man. If I had known for one minute he was an undercover officer for the North Carolina Department of Smut, I would not have set him on fire. I laughed and told him I was a retired policeman. He laughed and threw me in jail. Some guys just don't have a sense of humor.

• ANOTHER VIEW •

The pride in a job well done

A writer knows that his creative well is dangerously depleted when he drops in bucket and pulls up mud and moss. Mine was as dry as west Texas in August and I considered calling in sick when I received inspiration from a most unlikely source.

I stopped in Seneca at the Waffle House this morning and was rewarded with a column and an omelette. A short order cook, whom I hadn't seen for several weeks, stood at the grill. I had imagined that he had drifted to the next job or the next town. He looks like a jockey who had outgrown the ponies, 5'4" and impossibly slim. He would be described as "wiry" in a western novel. He faded black jeans ride low and cling tenuously to whatever bit of flesh they can find. His black baseball cap is pulled low as if a size too large or meant to conceal his shaved head. He wears two rings in his left ear. His eyes dart from grill to toaster to waffle iron, like a hawk in search of prey. His ageless face shows signs of aging. There is a hint of humor and wisdom, of some grand joke untold or of some great secret unrevealed.

I like the guy and had missed him. The cooks who had replaced him moved more like turtles than like sparrows. I always sit at the counter in a place like this. It seemed that I had watched him in a hundred diners. He is like a department store Santa, sometimes a little older, sometimes fatter, sometimes drunker, but pretty much the same guy. A Santa or a short order cook would never be mistaken for a banker or a surgeon. It's amazing how often I'm treated to a virtuoso performance, cooking with a flair by guys who care.

I was inexplicably pleased to see him and delighted with his greeting, "bacon and cheese omelette on the side" which in the language of Waffle House means without toast, grits, or hash browns and was delivered with a air of triumph. The waitress who takes my order at least twice a week and was the beneficiary of an overly generous tip, never remembers my order. When I jog her memory with "bacon and cheese omelette" she asks if I want toast



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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and grits or hash browns. "Just the omelette," I reply ritually, and add, "and coffee," knowing that she will ask in a robotic voice, "Do you need cream?" I want to answer, "No. black, just like yesterday, last week, and tomorrow," but it comes out a polite, "No thanks. Just black."

I told the cook I'd missed him and that I'd figured he'd moved away. He answered that he worked only weekends

which at Waffle House means 10-hour shifts, Thursday through Sunday. He volunteered that he was a certified welder and could do anything. He mentioned roofing and plumbing. It occurred to me that roofers and cooks look a lot alike. I imagined him growing up on a farm, his Dad teaching him all the skills that farmers were too poor or too independent to hire out. I could see him fixing a truck engine, welding a broken plow, roofing a barn, rewiring the house, or fixing a leaky faucet. He was proud now. He broke egg shells with a flourish, scrapped excess batter from the edge of the waffle iron, pulled toast, butter it, stacked it and neatly halved it. He turned the bacon and served customers if the waitress was slow. He flipped my eggs unnecessarily high in the air, folded in the bacon and cheese and delivered it himself.

There are people who take pride in their work, who transform a job into an art form. Others resent their work, and who, by doing it poorly or dispassionately, seem to believe that they demean not themselves, but their work.

Admiral Rickover asked a young Ensign Jimmy Carter if he had done his best while at the Naval Academy. When Carter answered that he had not, Rickover ended the interview with a single question, "Why not?" The question changed the life of the future president and it changed my life the first time I heard it. When I lecture or teach, I repeat the story, hoping to enrich other lives. I end each lecture with the story. By pursuing our life's work with passion, we grow. We become more than we were. Perhaps that is the great secret which my favorite cook holds unrevealed.

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to it.
Betz asked if the upper floors of a building should be calculated in the gross measurement.

Board members, Slaughter, Craig and Clark said that just the footprint should be calculated.
Pat Taylor said if that's the case, a

building could have two floors and actually have 30,000 sq. ft.

The other members said what they were really concerned about was the footprint not the gross amount of useable square footage.

After much discussion, members agreed to amend Section 213.4 of the ordinance to: "The maximum foundation footprint for all new commercial construction in the ETJ Mixed Use District shall not exceed 15,000 square feet per building," and to add the following to Sections 204.2, 205.2, 206.2, and 213.2 of the ordinance: "No building in this zoning district shall exceed 15,000 square feet in building footprint."

In other Planning Board business Hilary Quinn, Chairman of the Greenway Committee discussed the most important ordinances the board must incorporate into the town's ordinance those being: Conditional Zoning including greenway participation and payment in lieu of open space dedication; Minimum lot sizes and how donations for easements might affect built-upon calculations for homeowners; and Watershed Overlay Regulations determining the size, design and the vegetation in buffers.

Quinn also introduced Brian Levo, a senior with UNC-Chapel Hill intern program at the Highlands Biological Station. Quinn suggested he could help draft ordinances which might expedite the process.

Quinn said the Greenway Committee is putting a push on the first segment of the trail — Satulah Mountain-Coker Trail-Biological Station-Kelsey Trail "so the public can see it and use it," said Quinn.

At the Appearance Commission meeting prior to the Planning Board, members unanimously approved the renovation plans of the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall presented by architects, Hank Ross, Dennis DeWolf and Jeff Weller.

— **Jim Lewicki**

County funds \$50,000 to nonprofits

The Macon County Community Funding Pool announced recipients of the county's contribution to nonprofits for 2007-2008.

Of the 14 groups requesting funding for a total of \$84,773, 12 were awarded funds. The county caps the Community Funding Pool disbursement to \$50,000 a year.

Highlands-based organizations, considered "Quality of Life" groups were awarded \$16,715 and Franklin-based organizations, considered "Human Service" groups were awarded \$33,285.

In Highlands: Highlands Literacy Council after school tutoring requested \$3,500 and got \$2,510; Highlands Community Child Development Center teacher support requested \$10,000 and got \$6,571; Highlands-Cashiers Community Care Clinic prescriptions asked for \$6,000

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'Citizens with Disabilities' encourages using volunteers to 'police' handicap parking violators

By Sally Hansen
Reporter

Three representatives from Asheville's Mayor's Committee for Citizens with Disabilities attended last week's Kiwanis Club meeting to a new program to help out those with disabilities.

Asheville's mayor Terry Bellamy reinstated an ordinance in February to allow volunteers to write tickets for drivers who park illegally in handicapped parking spaces. The program is called the Volunteer Handicapped Parking Enforcement Program, and so far about 15 volunteers have been through the training and are allowed to write tickets to offending drivers.

Floyd said training includes learning what constitutes illegal parking and also teaching volunteers what information has to be put on the citations. "This includes things like the type and color of the vehi-

cle, and the tag number," he said.

The penalty for failure to display a hangtag or proper license plate is a fine of \$250. Harrington said that 275 parking violations have been written since February, but that not all of them are truly for illegal parking. "Many are due to someone not hanging the placard or letting it expire," she said.

Floyd said "Some people don't like it, but I don't like it when people park in handicapped spaces when they don't need them."

Several members of the Kiwanis Club showed interest in bringing a similar program to Macon County, which would free up police and bring in revenue. Mike Decker, Franklin town manager, attended the meeting said he'd pass the information on to the town board.

Also in attendance at the meeting was Ann Parkey, one of the program's volun-

teers. She talked about several laws regarding handicapped parking that people don't know about, even though they are listed in the driver's handbook. "For instance, many people don't know that the stripe zone next to the space is part of handicapped parking," she said.

It was clear that improper use of handicapped parking is definitely an issue in our county, as most people wanted to know exactly what volunteers could write the tickets for. Parkey explained that if the car is parked in a handicapped space and it has the proper license plate or hangtag then the volunteers can't cite the driver even if there is no apparent disability.

Disabilities aren't only physical, but can include neurological and cognitive limitations as well. Problems with balance or coordination can necessitate a handicapped sticker, even in younger people.

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MC Health Dept. starts dental clinic

By Sally Hansen
Reporter

The county's new dentist and its dental program were introduced at Tuesday's Macon County Health Department meeting.

Dr. David Oliver is working with the Board on the new Adult Dental Clinic. Currently, the county's mobile dental unit (the Molar Roller) only serves Macon County residents between the ages of 2 and 20, providing preventative and restorative care to those who are at or below 200% of the poverty level. Emergency care is also available through the Molar Roller for adults.

However, there have been a few issues in the past concerning containment of the radiation used in dental x-rays, and the Molar Roller is now undergoing changes to ensure staff and patients aren't exposed to dangerous levels of radiation. Jim Bruckner, director of the Health Department, said "we were seeing patients on the Molar Roller, but not anymore."

According to Bruckner, the Adult Dental Clinic is targeting both adults with Medicaid and those who are uninsured. The latter patients will be charged on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income, just as they have been on the Molar Roller. "We looked at three other clinics and how they operate, and they are able to generate enough revenue to set up contingency funds to replace equipment and other things," Bruckner said.

Money - totaling about \$100,000 from the Kate B. Reynolds Grant - will be used

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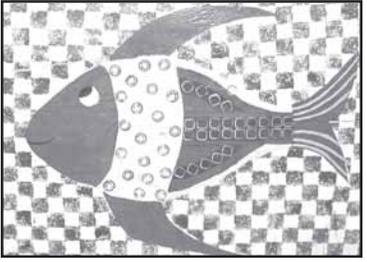
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• COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

Recipes with a fresh twist

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The following are some recipes featuring their products.

Grilled Garlic Lime Pork Tenderloin

Servings: 8

Ingredients

2 Pork Tenderloins, 12 oz. avg.

3 large garlic cloves, chopped

1 tbsp. soy sauce

1 tbsp. grated fresh gingerroot

1 tsp. Gourmet Table Dijon

mustard

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

1/4 cup Raffinato olive oil

cayenne pepper to taste

Instructions:

In a blender or small food processor blend marinade ingredients with salt and pepper to taste. In a large sealable plastic bag combine pork with marinade. Seal bag, pressing out excess air, and put in a shallow baking dish. Marinate pork, chilled, turning occasionally, at least 1 day and up to 2 days. Prepare grill. Let pork stand at room temperature about 30 minutes before grilling. Remove pork from marinade, letting excess drip off, and grill on an oiled rack set 5 to 6 inches over glowing coals, turning every 5 minutes, until a meat thermometer registers 160° F., 15 to 20 minutes. Transfer meat to a cutting board and let stand 5 minutes before slicing.

Parmesan Peppercorn Tortellini Salad

Ingredients

2/3 cup Village Garden Old World

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Dressing

7 oz Raffinato Cheese Tortellini,

cooked

8 oz Provolone cheese, diced

1 each Tomato, coarsely chopped

1/2 each Green Bell Pepper,

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1/2 cup Black Olives, pitted and

coarsely chopped

4 each Green Onions

1/8 cup Fresh Parmesan Cheese,

grated

1 tbsp Fresh Italian Parsley,

chopped

Instructions:

Cook cheese tortellini according to package directions. Drain and allow to cool completely. Combine remaining ingredients with tortellini and refrigerate. Garnish with grated Parmesan cheese and parsley before serving. Serve as part of an entree salad, as a side dish to sandwiches or as a part of a buffet or salad bar.

Nectarine Blueberry Cobbler

Ingredients

8 small nectarines, pitted and sliced thin (about 4 1/2 cups)

2 cups blueberries, picked over

1/2 cup water

1/2 cup sugar, or to taste

1 tbsp. + 1 tsp. cornstarch

1 tbsp. lemon juice

1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

3 tbsp. sugar

1 tbsp. double-acting baking powder

a pinch of salt

1 cup West Creek Heavy Cream

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Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 450° F. In a saucepan combine the nectarines, the blueberries, the water, 1/2 cup sugar, the cornstarch, and the lemon juice, bring the mixture to a boil, stirring constantly, and simmer it for 5 minutes, or until the fruit is softened. Transfer

the fruit mixture to a shallow 1 1/2 -quart baking dish. Make the biscuits: Sift the flour onto a sheet of wax paper, into a bowl sift together the flour, 3 tbsp. sugar, the baking powder, and the salt, and make a well in the center. In a bowl beat the cream until it holds soft peaks, spoon it into the well in the flour mixture and combine the mixture with a fork until it just forms a dough. On a lightly floured surface knead the dough until it is combined well, roll or pat it out about 3/4 inch thick, and with a 2 1/2 -inch round cutter cut out 6 biscuits. Arrange the biscuits on top of the fruit mixture, brush them with the cream or milk, and sprinkle them with the sugar. Bake the cobbler in the middle of the oven for 15 to 17 minutes, or until the biscuits are browned and the fruit is bubbling. Let the cobbler cool slightly and serve it with vanilla ice cream, if desired.

• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

A human-free world

A charge that conservatives have leveled against environmentalists is that they care more about trees and spotted owls than human beings. I always thought this was a ridiculous statement, until I read a new book called *The World Without Us*, by Alan Weisman (304.2W). This book will provide a lot of fuel for the conservatives' argument.

The point of the book is to imagine what the planet would look like if somehow, magically, all human beings completely disappeared simultaneously. Mr. Weisman had written a magazine article about what happened after people abandoned the area around the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl, and an editor suggested he imagine what would happen if humans vanished on a planetary scale.

It is a very strange endeavor. The author goes into intricate detail about plants taking root in cracks in roadbeds, water filling subway tunnels, all the ways nature would bring down what humans have created.

What is perhaps strangest is he keeps saying "when" humans are gone; he less frequently says "if." You start getting the strong impression he *wants* human beings to disappear.

The quote on the front cover is by Bill McKibben, the author of a book with which I have a strong philosophical disagreement — *The End of Nature*.

I believe that human beings are part of nature. Everything humans have created is natural. There is *nothing* that is not part of nature. We may have created huge problems but those problems are natural. Human beings have not brought about the end of the natural world — that's in fact impossible.

I remember the time I spent on Heron Island in the Great Barrier Reef. The island was a bird refuge and every tree was filled with the nests of the Black Noddy Tern. Hanging from the nests were stalactites of birds' droppings which appeared to be killing the trees. We are not the only creature who fouls our nest.

Mr. McKibben, a famous environmental author, is quoted on the front cover saying this book "is one of the grandest thought experiments of our time, a tremendous feat of



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imaginative reporting!" What rubbish! I found it a colossal waste of time. How about a thought experiment that explores how humans can live sustainably on this planet? *That* would be useful.

And it's too bad because Mr. Weisman takes the reader on some interesting journeys and shares some fascinating information, but then it

always ends up the same way: wouldn't it be much better if there were no people.

For example: I had no idea before I read this book the fantastic variety of creatures that lived on the American continent before humans arrived around 13,000 years ago. There were giant short-faced bears, nearly double the size of grizzlies; beavers as big as today's black bears; a lion bigger and faster than today's African lion; the imperial mammoth, weighing in at 10 tons; mastodons; horses; camels; saber-toothed tigers; cheetahs; and a ground sloth that lived in what is now Florida that was the size of a modern elephant and weighed 3 tons.

Many scientists believe these creatures went extinct within a thousand years of humanity's arrival on the continent because we hunted them out of existence.

This book is not dropping the idea of a planet without humans into a vacuum either. This may surprise you as it did me, but there are people out there actually advocating the end of the human species.

The Voluntary Human Extinction Movement (www.vhemt.org) advocates just what its name implies. The group encourages people not to reproduce. They envision the slow extinction of the human race over 100 years as no new humans are born. If you visit their website you can get an "award" for not reproducing (click on "biology and breeding" and scroll almost to the bottom of the page).

Others, such as Dave Foreman, the founder of the radical environmental group Earth First!, think we should just reduce our numbers and readjust our relationship with wildlife. Mr. Foreman directs The Rewilding Institute, which advocates creating large interconnected areas of wilderness similar to that existing in the pre-human world. Part of the plan would be to reintroduce to the Americas some of the large predator

animals lost 13,000 years ago — import African lions, cheetahs, and elephants (www.rewilding.org).

Mr. Weisman suggests that all women on Earth refrain from having more than one child. He cites research that suggests that if all women did this the world population (currently 6.5 billion) would drop by 1 billion by 2050, instead of rising to approximately 9 billion. By 2100 the population would fall to 1.6 billion.

He somehow believes that this decrease would solve all of our problems. Yet we would still be driving cars, spewing pollutants out of factories, spraying chemicals on our farms. We would still be thinking in the same fight/flight ego-centered way. Maybe the pressure on the planet would be reduced, but this isn't any true solution.

I believe that only a major evolution in human consciousness will turn things around.



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A few days ago a good friend of mine called me with some sad news. Unfortunately, his father had passed away over the weekend and he wanted me to know – mainly because he knows how much I admired his father. It was very difficult talking to my friend about his loss, and he implored me to enjoy the lesser things in life because you never know when it is going to end.



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high flying or technical ability, and the best part about seeing Owen Hart was listening to him work the crowd as a heel – truly a loss for all fans of wrestling. Wrestling held a tribute show for Owen the next night, one that saw even the toughest of wrestlers sobbing openly in mourning the loss of a friend and colleague.

• Dale Earnhardt- One of my worst college

I thought a lot about his statement and along with the thoughts about my own family, mortality and I ended up thinking about some of my first experiences with death. I immediately thought of my grandmother who died when I was young, and I also thought of Reggie Lewis, who died when I was thirteen. Lewis was a rising star for the Boston Celtics (my favorite pro team) and was going to take them back to the top after Larry Bird's retirement. Unfortunately, Lewis died of a heart attack during a summer workout. I remember being devastated by the news and wondering how such an athlete could be gone from this world in merely an instant. In addition to Lewis, here are a few other athletes/sports figures who left us much too soon.

• Darryl Kile – Kile was a baseball pitcher who died of a heart attack at the young age of 33. I remember watching Kile when he was with the Astros and marveling at his curveball and the effortless with which he threw it. I also remember seeing the announcement that the Cubs would not play the Cardinals due to Kile's death. The Cardinals honored Kile by writing DK57 on their jerseys, as did many former teammates of Kile after this tragedy.

• Owen Hart – Hart was a WWF wrestler who died from a tragic accident when he was attempting to zipline into the ring for a match. This memory is like a bad dream for me, because my friends and I were watching the pay-per-view when Owen fell from the ceiling – for a long time we debated over whether or not what was happening on our screen was real or simply part of the show.

Unfortunately, it was all too real and Owen was no longer with us. Hart was a dynamo in the ring, capable of

memories is that of being in our old house in Coats and watching the end of the Daytona 500 only to see Dale Earnhardt crash into the wall. Crashes happen quite often in racing, and we didn't think much of it until we started to hear the announcers voice gaining in intensity and ultimately panic. When the announcement that we had lost Dale Earnhardt came it was like a sledgehammer, even for a non-racing guy like myself. My best friend openly wept and I saw first hand the affect that the loss of a hero can have on folks. The Intimidator was a legend in the south and in racing, and it was a huge loss for all race fans regardless of allegiance.

• Jim Valvano- Valvano is best known for his famous "running around looking for someone to hug" moment after the 1983 national championship and his "never give up" speech given at the ESPY awards ceremony in 1993. Valvano was stricken and fighting cancer at the time and yet found the ability to speak some incredible words stating that "Cancer can take away all of my physical abilities. It cannot touch my mind, it cannot touch my heart, and it cannot touch my soul. And those three things are going to carry on forever" I honestly cannot even read those words now without seeing Valvano in my mind on that stage and getting a little misty eyed.

All of us have lost loved ones – whether they be family, friends, or simply people that we looked up to at some point in our life.

Today, take the time to savor some of the best memories that you have of those lost, and then take a moment to call or visit those people that you love the most.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

It's fall (almost)

I just love this time of year. Soon the trees will turn and the fall colors will appear. The green landscape will suddenly turn yellow and orange and red and brown and it's all beautiful.

It used to be that the Atlanta Braves would be gearing up for the playoffs about now, not so this year. If you are a baseball lover, you'll just enjoy who is in it and wait until next year.

The County Fair should be going on right about now. For the first time, my very talented wife and her no-talent hubby will be entering the competition in various categories. We'll see how that works out.

A lot of fans are all excited about the NFL season getting underway. My wife is still a big-time Dolphin fan but since they insisted on resigning that pothead Ricky Williams several times, they lost me. I'll wait until the playoffs until I really get interested.

But college football is a different issue. Their season started last week and what a start it was. I went to the University of Minnesota, and for 50 years, Michigan has been eating our lunch. Typically, big time nationally ranked teams schedule patsies for their pre-conference games to pad their record. Fifth-ranked Michigan scheduled Appalachian State for their home opener. Now this is a total mismatch; Appalachian State isn't even in the same classification as Michigan. That didn't stop the Mountaineers from beating the Wolverines in front of the Michigan fans. It doesn't get any better than that for Michigan haters.

Now, on the positive side, when we moved to Miami, since Minnesota was going nowhere, I took the Hurricanes as my team just in time for them to win several national championships. That was then, this is now. Miami scheduled Marshall for their opening day patsy and did what they were supposed to do; they won 31-3.

This week, however, a tragic mistake was made. Miami scheduled Oklahoma. The Sooners dismembered my precious Hurricanes, and to make matters worse, it was a nationally televised game. My only solace would be if Oregon can beat Michigan in the late game.

Now that my undefeated season is history, what is left? Fortunately, we will have four or five months of what could be vicious inter-party campaigning. The rhetoric is heating up in both camps



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and this could turn out to be fun. By the way, I saw my first yard sign today; "Ron Paul for President," it read. While I don't agree with much of his politics, he certainly doesn't hesitate to let you know what he thinks. He also seems to be the winner of Republican debates based on public call-ins.

So Oprah has come out in support of Barack Obama. Personally, I've

never seen her show, but I understand she has a large and faithful following. Does her choice mean that color will trump gender in the election? Does it mean that sex appeal is in play? Does it simply mean she likes his politics better than the others? Of course, I have no idea but I'll bet the pundits are having fun with the possibilities. At least he'll raise a ton of money at her house party on his behalf.

Has Romney eased into second place on the Republican side? I think he leads fairly substantially in the two early states, Iowa and New Hampshire. That's got to count for something. Evidently, Fred Thompson's long overdue entry into the sweepstakes sort of fell with a thud. As much as I like the guy's politics, he looks old and gray, and a little ridiculous with his young wife and little child. Maybe others see it differently. We'll soon see.

Meanwhile, John Edwards seems to have a lock on third place on the Democratic side. Admittedly, I haven't paid much attention to his message, which is possibly why I don't understand it. I do keep on hearing him wanting to end poverty in our country on the one hand and helping to create it, poverty, on the other. I guess I'm confused.

I'm surprised and a little disappointed that Al Gore has slipped into quietude. I had hoped he would have maintained some visibility so that his campaign could be launched from an active platform. Maybe I was wrong about his political intentions and he is content to profit from his carbon credit trading schemes.

By the way, Oregon annihilated Michigan so badly I almost feel sorry for their fans.

Note:

• Last week, in this column, it was stated that the IRS' budget was \$11 million. It should have read \$11 billion.

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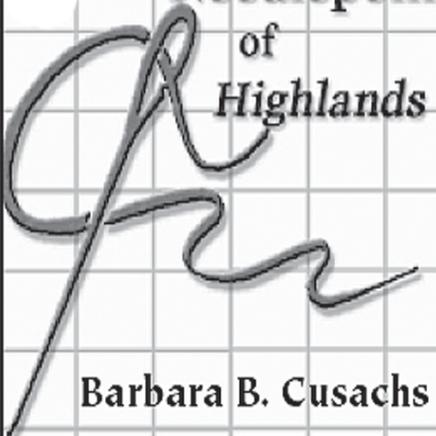
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Support the National Party of the United Race?

Does that sound like I've gone off my rocker? Am I asking you to support the White Citizen's Council, or the KKK, or some such? No. Hold your fire. You'll be angry when you finish this column. Not at me, but at an organization which pretends to be just a community-based, self-help group.



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La Raza, or the National Council of La Raza, claims to be just a self-help group. It says on its official website that the word "la raza" means "community." It says it has "no interest" in reclaiming for Mexicans the lands from Texas to California which form the southwestern seven states of the Union. This appears on a page of its website entitled, "The Truth about NCLR."

My mind is like flypaper in a barn, everything sticks to it. I remember when La Raza first arose, and engaged in "civil rights" litigation. Its name then was "La Raza Unida." There's still a website for that old form name. It's for the Partido Nacional de La Raza Unida. That means what the title says, the National Party of the United Race.

The best way to find out what any organization stands for, or what leaders in that organization really intend, is to read what they say to their own supporters, when they don't think outsiders are listening. For instance, when one reads the garbage that Palestinians are dumping into the minds of their school children, it's clear that for now, Palestinians are uncivilized, murderous barbarians who cannot be trusted with a blackboard and chalk, much less with weapons, uniforms, and a nation.

Let's review what the United Race is saying to its own people, to see where it stands.

You will notice first the symbol, a circle containing the red outline of the southwestern states of the US. What is the intention of the United Race about those states? The text makes clear that "Mexicans" in those states are "oppressed" and that the United Race can and should establish "self-determination," and "rescue our culture." According to the United Race, all people

in those seven states who are of Mexican heritage, regardless of whether they are legal or illegal residents in the U.S., "own" this land and should take it over from the "other" people who currently run the local, state and federal governments there. The United Race should act in concert with "people of color

and the Working-Class." In addition to wanting the states back, they also want to bring down the U.S. free-market economy.

This website unabashedly promotes Aztlan libre, which means freedom for the American southwest. Note this quote from its information section: "Because the governments of the U.S. and Mexico signed a paper giving the U.S. rule over the current 'Southwest' does not mean that the people gave up their nationality or their right to struggle for liberation."

Just last week, President Felipe Calderon of Mexico said this in a speech, "Wherever there are Mexicans, there is Mexico." Hasn't anyone cracked a history book lately? World War II began with the claim of Adolf Hitler for the Sudetenland, lands belonging to other nations but having substantial German populations, who had a "right" to a German government, rather than the Polish, French, Czechoslovakian or Austrian governments they actually had at the time.

Am I suggesting that Mexico is planning an armed assault on the United States? Not in a million years. They are not that foolish. However, unlike German ambitions beyond its borders, Mexican ambitions can succeed without a shot being fired. There is already proof that the Mexican invasion is succeeding.

More and more local governments, and notably the state government in California, are making decisions as demanded by their Mexican "citizens" rather than their American citizens. How else can one explain the status of Los Angeles as a sanctuary city, at the same time that gang murders there, from largely Hispanic gangs, are at an all-time high?

How else can one explain the

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• GARDENING ON THE PLATEAU •

It's Time to Plant Spring Bulbs

By Charlie Nardozi

Fall is bulb-planting time across the country. However, not all spring-flowering bulbs are created equal. Some require less maintenance and are more likely to come back and flower year after year. These are what I call the "no-fuss bulbs," and here are my favorites.

Daffodils

You just can't go wrong with daffodils. They come in a variety of flower shapes, sizes, and colors; they bloom early to late, depending on the variety; animals don't bother them; and they come back faithfully every year with little extra effort. I particularly like the small-flowered, fragrant daffodils (often called narcissus or jonquils). The flowers range in color from pure white to deep yellow. Some of my favorite hybrids are 'Thalia', 'Quail', and 'Tete a Tete'. They look great in rock gardens, mixed in perennial borders, and cut for indoor arrangements.

Tulips

Tulips have a reputation of being difficult to grow and quick to stop flowering after a few years. While this may be true of the large-flowered varieties such as 'Triumph' and 'Darwin', the species tulips are a different story. Species tulips are lower growing (less than 12 inches tall), and the flowers are smaller and less spectacular than their hybridized cousins. However, what they lack in

flower stature, they make up for in performance and longevity. Species tulips will bloom for years in your garden with little care. *Tulipa saxatilis* has stunning lavender-colored flowers with a yellow base. It grows 6 to 8 inches tall and naturalizes readily. *Tulipa greigii* 'Red Riding Hood' features red flowers with striking purple-striped foliage.

Minor Bulbs

The so-called "minor bulbs" are small bulbs that produce small flowers. They are usually planted by the hundreds for a striking visual effect. When allowed to naturalize, these bulbs can create a carpet of color in spring. However, you don't have to break the bank buying hundreds of these beauties to create an impact. Even 20 or 30 bulbs tightly planted in the right location can be lovely.

Scilla is one of my favorites. This early-blooming bulb looks great planted among deciduous trees or even in the lawn. The flowers appear before grasses and other perennials start growing. When allowed to go to seed, the flower can multiply itself around your property.

Snowdrops are the first harbingers of spring. They bloom so early that these fragrant white flowers often appear poking through the snow. Plant them among perennials that will fill in later once the snowdrops have gone by.

Plant these no-fuss bulbs in a sunny, USDA zone 4 to 8 location. Shade in summer is okay, since these bulbs go dormant by June. Work in a little bulb fertilizer at planting time and keep them watered. Critters such as mice and voles seem less interested in these bulbs than in tulips and crocuses, but if they are a problem, place a handful of crushed oyster, clam, or dried egg shells in the planting holes to deter them.

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Siltation and other issues

Last week at the Town Board of Commissioners meeting several significant decisions were made that could have long lasting effects on the community. There had been some misunderstanding regarding the paving of roads around Mirror Lake and the Big Creek arm of Lake Sequoyah and a good discussion occurred between the residents primarily on Hickory Hill Road and the board. Since there is no interest by these folks to give the State Department of Transportation fifty foot right of ways for their road, an alternative way of paving these roads must be taken. This holds true for Chowan and Cullasaja Roads also.



Highlands Mayor Don Mullen

The NCDOT has agreed to turn these three roadways over to the town and assist us in finding funds to pave each road by our own standards and not the repressive standards of the state of NC. Mountain roads are not like roads in other parts of the state, something the state does not seem to understand. Fifty foot rights of way are simply impossible in already established communities on many mountain roads. This decision to take over these roads means we must find funding from different sources within the state and both local DOT officials and our State Senator John Snow have agreed to assist us in obtaining these contingency funds.

We will have a meeting soon with DOT to decide the method and type of paving and look for help in estimating the cost of this project so we can go for the funding to pave these roads "as they are." We have cancelled the meeting of September 17 because the Board heard the people loud and clear on this past Wednesday night. I thank the residents for there interest and their civilized approach to any misunderstanding which we all may have had regarding these circumstances and hope to work closely with everyone to resolve this difficult situation. It is absolutely essential that we do these pavings in order to protect the integrity of Big Creek and try to prevent silt collection in both Mirror Lake and Big Creek.

In another key issue the Town Board of Commissioners gave permission for a referendum this fall on serving beer and mixed drinks in our restaurants. Since OEI has been able to serve these beverages because they are

classified as "a private club," to make the playing field level, the other restaurants have expressed the desire to have the ability to do the same. This is an issue that the people of Highlands must themselves have the right to decide and the best way to do that is to hold a referendum in the fall. I am taking no side on this issue other than giving the people the opportunity to make this decision. An open and free

discussion will go on amongst everyone and the democratic process will work.

Also this past week an important regional representative of Congressman Heath Shuler was in town to meet with me. His name is Boyce Dietz and he was the coach of the representative when he played highschool football in Swain County when they won three state championships. Coach Dietz and I had a great day together as I took him round town and told him of some of our most pressing problems such as Big Creek silting and the paving our town roads. We also went out to the hospital and gave him a tour of that great facility. After this visit I feel sure Congressman Shuler will be supportive of our efforts to improve our community and its water supply.

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got \$3,926; Highlands Historical Society porch light filtering drapes asked for \$5,000 got \$2,615; International Friendship Center tax help asked for \$5,000 and got \$1,869.

In Franklin: Kids Place administration/operating asked for \$10,000 got \$9,286; Macon County R.E.A.C.H. operating/bilingual services asked for \$7,675 got \$6,841; Macon County Arts Council programs/operating asked for \$5,000 got \$4,250; Macon Program for Progress after school Program asked for \$8,000 got \$6,034; Mountain Mediation (WNC) Macon services/operating, asked for \$6,000 got \$3,874; Macon County Carenet Gas Stove for Soup Café asked for \$2,098 got \$1,337; Macon County Historical Society purchase mannequins asked for \$1,500 got \$887.

Not funded due to an incomplete application was a banquet table in Franklin for \$5,000. Also not funded was \$8,000 requested by the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center for reception area flooring.

– **Kim Lewicki**

• VIDEO GUY •

'Night at the Museum'

The 2006 PG rated family/comedy/adventure/special effects film, starring Ben Stiller (Along Came Polly, Star-sky & Hutch, Meet the Parents), and Robin Williams (The Night Listener, Everyone's Hero, RV), Dick Van Dyke, Mickey Rooney, Bill Cobbs (The Ultimate Gift) Directed by Shawn Levy (Just Married, Cheaper by the Dozen, The Pink Panther). Inspired by a 1993 children's book of the same name by Milan Trenc.



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surprise here by revealing that most every thing is good or better at the end.

Really good family movie, a little slow to start as the story is set up, but fast and funny once it gets going, with VERY cool special effects, some computer generated, some by costuming and statuary, at a cost of over \$110 million.

One early scene starts as though it may be a little too scary for a PG film, but

quickly turns funny and cute, so nothing to terrify the toddlers here, and plenty to entertain the big, grown up kids. Owen Wilson's part, originally a small one (literally, his character is about two-nches tall) was rewritten and expanded halfway through the filming, after playing it so well.

A bit of trivia. While filming, Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson only had one day that they saw each other. Stiller talked to a tooth pick for the Jedediah scenes, then three months later Wilson came in and filmed all of his parts, the woman in the employment office is Ben Stiller's mother, Anne Meara, and as a bit of a game, there are references to many other films, including Alladin, Broke-back Mountain, Mary Poppins, and more.

A few more films of similar tone are Indian in the Cupboard, Toy Story, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Chronicles of Narnia, and Harry and the Hendersons, all available at Movie Stop Video, come on in and take a look.

The Storyline: Larry (Ben Stiller) is a nice guy, but not real good at holding a job. So, in order to make things a little more stable for his son, he seeks out a job with regular hours and regular pay, something without to many demands or much stress. What about night watchman at a museum? Can't be much to that, can there be?

Well, generally no, unless everything in the museum comes alive every evening, which apparently happens in more places than you would guess.

Larry gets a brief explanation of his tasks and responsibilities, but the original night watchmen, played comedy, TV and film legends Dick Van Dyke, Bill Cobbs and Mickey Rooney,

neglect to mention that one small but salient point, leaving him to figure that little issue on his own.

Since this is an adventure, there must be a few bad guys in the story, but being a PG film, they are not real bad, and I don't think I am giving away to much of the



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repeated passage by the California legislature of a bill to offer drivers licenses to illegal aliens in that state? (So far, the Governor has vetoed such bills.) This has happened despite the fact that California is experiencing the same spike of highway deaths due to illegal aliens on the highways in (often) drunk driving accidents as all other states with significant numbers of illegal aliens.

Not since 1066, when the Norman French conquered England, has a foreign

population taken over the whole of an established nation and culture. Yet, exactly that is happening, without warfare and with the apparent cooperation of the U.S. government in the southwest today. The United Race makes no secret of its intentions when talking to its own people, rather than writing lies for public consumption.

Here are the two La Raza websites. The first one is the current, official site, which spends much of its space attacking

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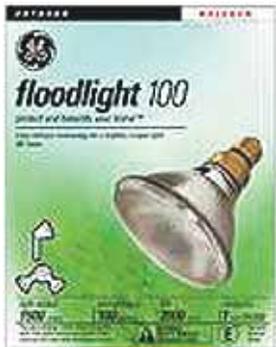
what the late Congressman, Charlie Norwood, said about it. The second is the older, candid website, which demonstrates in spades that what the Congressman said about La Raza, and what is said here, is the plain, unvarnished truth. <http://www.nclr.org/>

and <http://members.tripod.com/~larazaunida/hist.htm>
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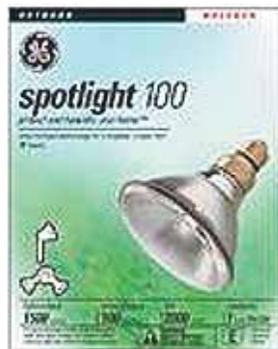
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The same principles of layering light that apply to the interior of your home can be translated to the outdoors, according to the lighting experts at GE. Ambient light, which provides overall illumination, includes yard lights and porch lights. Task lighting consists of low-voltage lights along sidewalks and paths – it can even include lights that keep insects at bay. Accent lighting includes spotlights and other forms of special-interest lighting to dramatize water features, outdoor sculptures or art.

Use GE outdoor bulbs for their unique all-weather construction, which is designed to withstand harsh weather conditions. For a full, balanced effect, use a variety of subtle lighting techniques with multiple levels of brightness.

Uplighting is the perfect way to add depth and drama to trees, landscape features and architectural elements. Uplighting is achieved by placing lights at an angle and lighting objects from below. For heavy-duty, all-weather bulbs that will stand the test of time, choose GE halogen floodlights. They produce broad beams of light for creating dramatic effects.

Backlighting creates beautiful silhouettes by placing objects of interest in front of a lit surface. Instead of directly lighting a tree, shrub or a statue, angle the light against a wall or fence behind the object. GE outdoor halogen spotlights are a great choice for this eye-catching effect.

Use accent lighting to enhance the

beauty of your home. For a bright, white light that’s long lasting and designed to make your home look its best, try GE halogen postlights.

Security

- Purchase lighting fixtures that are UL-listed and designed for outdoor use.
- Light decks, patios, porches and other outdoor living spaces well, especially steps. These areas can be prime tripping hazards for those unfamiliar with the landscape.
- Use motion-sensing fixtures with GE floodlights and get light only when you need it.
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To ensure that you are getting the maximum benefit and effect from your outdoor lighting, clean exposed bulbs several times during the season. Dirt and pollen can build up on bulbs, causing a light loss of up to 40 percent.

For more information visit www.GELighting.com and click on the new “Design With Light” section for helpful lighting tips throughout your house.

• Courtesy of Family Features



Hospital's Cardiac Rehab Program wins national recertification

The cardiac rehabilitation program at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has once again received national recertification by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

One of the few cardiac rehab programs in the region to meet the association's rigorous guidelines, the hospital's program has been undergoing the lengthy recertification process for the past several months. Hospital officials were notified Tuesday that their efforts had been successful.

"This recertification for the next three years shows that our cardiac rehabilitation program continues to meet the strict criteria and highest standards required to be awarded national certification," said program director Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, CDE. "I am very proud of our department and our staff in achieving this recertification. It lets the public know that all of us here at the hospital continue to strive to offer quality health care to our communities."

Part of HealthTracks, the hospital's wellness and fitness department, the cardiac rehab program first obtained national certification by the AACVPR six years ago. It was recertified in 2004. The American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation is a national, multi-disciplinary association dedicated to the improvement of clinical practice, promotion of scientific inquiry, and advancement of education for the benefit of cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation professionals and the patients they serve. Certification recognizes those programs that are rigorously reviewed by a national board and found to meet the essential requirements for standards of care.

To be considered for recertification, the hospital's program had to undergo an intensive, detailed survey, said Smith. All areas of the program were scrutinized, including equipment, staffing, monitoring procedures, and patient outcomes.

Since the hospital began its own cardiac rehabilitation program in 1994, it has helped hundreds of patients recover from heart attacks and cardiac surgery, and aided others in managing chronic cardiovascular disease. The goal of the program is to allow patients to recover as

much quality of life as possible and to reduce the risk of reoccurrence of their illness.

Local cardiologist Carl M. Curtiss, MD, FACC, who only took over as medical director of the cardiac rehab program last fall, says the hospital should be proud of the program.

"I'm impressed with the cardiac program that Yvonne and her team have here. It's one of the best I've seen, even

when compared to many large hospitals," said Curtiss.

In addition to cardiac rehabilitation, HealthTracks also offers a variety of fitness and exercise programs aimed at the general public. Among the offerings are monitored and independent exercise programs for otherwise healthy individuals, stretching and balance programs, personal training, weight loss classes, yoga, Pilates, and tobacco cessation programs. HealthTracks is located on the lower level of the Jane Woodruff Medical Building, on the hospital campus.



Members of the HealthTracks team overseeing the cardiac rehabilitation program are from left: Program Director Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, CDE; Mary Roberts, RN; Suzanna Pollock, RN; and Jeanette Fisher, CPT.

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More than a dozen citizens spoke about the bond – some for, some against – concerning mostly the school expansion, recreation facility and the senior center renovations.

John Cleaveland of Highlands, spoke against the school and recreation facilities portions of the bond, in particular. Of the \$64 million, \$42.1 million is for schools and \$9.4 million is for the new recreation facility on Siler Road..

"I question if the amount of \$9.4 million is enough to build and operate the recreational facility you want," he said. "I don't see how you can operate a larger facility than the one in Waynesville with less people than they have."

He said Macon County is a great county but commissioners have to be careful not to tax the people to death.

"We should pay as we go instead of going into debt," he said. "I know you have a hard job ahead of you but consider the cost and consider who will be paying for this."

He said historically in Macon County construction involves major cost overruns.

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teams from other schools.

They and their coaches spoke of the grind of traveling to Asheville YWCA and to Western Carolina University to use indoor swimming pools, because swimming pools in the county are outdoor which close when the weather turns.

Franklin High School swimming coach Dwayne Picon said his team performs well, but can't out-perform those who can swim year-round and the county's dollars spent could affect the future of its students. "Think of the scholarships we're giving up," he said.

Bill Crawford, a retired school teacher, a school bus driver and a participant in the county's senior games, was against the recreation center.

"There isn't much demand for racquet ball, inflatable domes over area outdoor pools would solve the pool problem and county-funded facilities that replace private programs is just a bad idea," he said. "There are several private enterprises in Franklin that will be threatened by the county's facility."

Speaking to that were the Barbara and Ed Morris, owners of the Franklin Health and Fitness Center. They said they support

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- Mathematics - All Students
- Mathematics - Hispanic students
- Mathematics - White Students
- Mathematics - Economically Disadvantaged (students receiving free or reduced lunch) students.

• East Franklin achieved 12 out of 13 of their targeted areas under the federal accountability model. The target area for improvement is mathematics among economically disadvantages students is:

- Mathematics - Economically Disadvantaged (students receiving free or reduced lunch) students.

No Child Left Behind is an all or none accountability model with increasing performance requirements year after year until all students are performing at or above grade level. We have until 2012-13 to have all students proficient in all academic cells and subgroups.

As required by federal law, school choice must be offered when schools fail to meet all annual targets for two consecutive years. At East Franklin and Macon Middle school, we have expedited parent notification of these results as required by federal law. In response to the results, parents and guardians must be informed about school choice requirements and options for school choice in Macon County.

For students at East Franklin Elementary School, school choice has been expedited for attendance at Cowee Elementary School or Iotla Elementary School. Students who attend Macon Middle School may choose to attend Nantahala School as we satisfy this federal requirement. The staff and administration at East Franklin Elementary School have established goals and strategies for the area of improvement identified under NCLB.

Macon Middle School is also striving for continuous improvement with focused interventions to address all areas of performance that did not make the federal accountability standards.

For more details about the *No Child Left Behind* legislation, go to the following website: www.nochildleftbehind.gov.

The annual report reflected a decrease in the percentage of schools that met requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind law.

In 2006-07, 44.7 percent of North Carolina schools met federal standards, down from 45.2 percent the prior year. Schools are evaluated on the performance of students in various subgroups based on race, ethnicity, income and disability.

For a school to pass, all subgroups must meet its targeted goals. Across the state 91 schools received the designation of *School of Excellence* compared with 69 in 2005-06. This recognition is earned by schools where at least 90 percent of the scores are passing and students meet expectations for academic growth.

Schools where at least 80 percent of the scores are passing and students meet growth

expectations are designated as *Schools of Distinction*; the number of which also rose statewide from 305 to 462.

Under the North Carolina ABCs, one school in Macon County made *high growth* in the 2006-07 school year. We commend the staff, students, parents, and administration at Highlands School for its outstanding achievement.

The following seven schools met *expected growth*: Cartoogechaye Elementary School, Cowee Elementary School; Cullasaja Elementary School, Franklin High School, Iotla Elementary School, and Nantahala School.

Each of these schools is to be commended for their efforts and for meeting expected state performance standards for the NC ABCs accountability model. Four of our schools, East Franklin Elementary School, South Macon Elementary School, Macon Early College, and Macon Middle School did not meet expected growth and have developed action plans to address the areas of improvement within these schools.

For more information regarding our district and each school's performance on the North Carolina ABCs accountability model, please visit www.ncpublicschools.org. Final results for the 2006-07 academic year have not been posted and will be added to the web site once the state finalizes all results sometime after October 15, 2007.

Effectively meeting the standards of two rigorous accountability models will require high expectations for all students, teachers, and parents as we meet the needs of a more diverse student population throughout Macon County.

We are excited about the changes that have already occurred to address our areas for improvement and anticipate each will have a tremendous impact on teaching and learning. Thank you to each parent, guardian, volunteer, and community member for your ongoing support and efforts to make each school a great place for teaching and learning.

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to purchase some items for the Dental Clinic such as chairs.

Oliver thought that the dental clinic could be open in approximately two weeks. "We want to see people who are in pain, and eliminate dental illness," he said. As soon as a secretary is hired and the rest of the office equipment and furnishings are in place Oliver hopes to begin calling patients currently on a call list and start getting them in.

Anne Hyder, Assistant Health Director, added that the seniors at Britthaven "are in tremendous need of these services." However, many are not ambulatory and this could pose a problem while the Molar Roller is still out of commission.

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effects of the alternatives, including the effects on aesthetic values (solitude, remoteness, wildness, protecting endangered experiences, psychological, etc.) and social values (encounters, user conflicts, interference with activities such as angling, bird watching, wildlife viewing, the rights of others to solitude, etc).

The North Fork's recreational Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV) includes aesthetic and social values in a foot travel only backcountry setting.

Woody debris

- Limited woody debris removal is allowed in Alternatives 4, 5 & 6. This is a standard that can result in biophysical degradation in Wilderness and wild segments of the North Fork and its tributaries. Ecological important: Large woody debris (LWD) has incredible ecological importance in river systems. A variety of aquatic species depends on natural accumulations of trees, branches, and root wads known as LWD. For decades a few insensitive but otherwise skilled boaters have made a practice of removing the LWD that hinders their passage in headwater streams, such as the Chattooga's West Fork / Overflow Creek headwaters.

Alternatives 4, 5 & 6 add boating recreation:

Compliance with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act: There is no credible evidence that adding boating recreation to the North Fork will protect and enhance its backcountry ORVs of solitude and remoteness for present and future generations as required by the Act.

Compliance with the Wilderness Act: There is no credible evidence that adding boating recreation to the Ellicott Rock Wilderness will not diminish the outstanding opportunities for solitude or assist in securing an enduring resource of wilderness for present and future generations as required by the Act.

Compliance with the Decision for Appeal: Diverse whitewater boating opportunities exist on 63% of the length of the Chattooga and all other streams on all surrounding National Forests. However, the North Fork is the only segment of a backcountry Forest Service stream in the southeast zoned for foot travel only, a unique resource deserving of protection for present and future generations. There is absolutely nothing in the Wilderness Act and/or the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act that says all activities must be permitted in all segments of the river.

Stewardship: Zoning ensures that different types of users are physically separated. Zoning of conflicting activities is good stewardship. Stewardship encompasses far more than

picking up litter; it includes the protection of the aesthetic values of natural resources such as remoteness and wildness, the proper regard for the rights of others to solitude, and the responsibility of preserving these values intact for future generations.

Alternatives #1, #2, and #3 do exactly that. Some elements of Alternatives 2 or 3 would be beneficial, but alternatives 4, 5 and 6 will have adverse impacts on the North Fork's recreational Outstandingly Remarkable Values (ORV) includes aesthetic and social values. Alternative #1 or a blended strategy incorporating portions of Alternatives 1, 2 and 3 appear to provide the best long term protection for the North Fork.

The following are brief descriptions of the 6 management alternatives"

- Alternative #1: Maintain Current Management; foot travel only. No boating above the Highway 28 Bridge.
- Alternative #2: Primary objective is to manage encounters among existing users; foot travel only. No parking lots inside the corridor boundary & a permitting system will be implemented for all existing users. No boating above the Highway 28 Bridge.
- Alternative #3: Primary objective is to manage biophysical impacts on natural resources; foot travel only. Emphasis is on trail and campsite mitigation. No boating above the Highway 28 Bridge.

- Alternative #4: Primary objectives are to manage biophysical impacts on natural resources and encounters between users. Emphasis is on trail and campsite mitigation. Limited woody debris removal allowed. Year-round any level boating on USFS lands upstream of Bull Pen Bridge and limited boating in the wilderness to ¼ mile above Burrell's Ford Bridge (4 winter months & 2.4 ft level and higher).

- Alternative #5: Primary objectives are to manage biophysical impacts on natural resources and encounters between users. Emphasis is on trail and campsite mitigation. Limited woody debris removal allowed Boating allowed between Grimshawes Bridge and Lick Log Creek (year-round at 2.3 ft and higher).

- Alternative #6: Primary objectives are to manage biophysical impacts on natural resources and encounters between users. Emphasis is on trail and campsite mitigation. Limited woody debris removal allowed. Unlimited boating is allowed on entire river and tributaries upstream of Highway 28 Bridge (year-round, any time, any water level, any number of floaters per day). For more details of these alternatives and a side-by-side comparison table, go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/documents/>

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For more background, go to: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms/>

Even if people have commented previously, still take time to share views specifically on these six alternatives.

Boating on the lower Chattooga has displaced other visitors wishing to avoid conflicts and interference while seeking solitude and quietness. Some people sought sanctuary on the North Fork. Have you experienced user conflict or interference from whitewater boating on a mountain trout stream? Is it worse now than it was 20 years ago?

What's it going to be like in another 20 years? Do we need more stream sections zoned like the North Fork of the Upper Chattooga, for "foot travel only"? Help protect for present and future generations the only section of the Chattooga not damaged by allowing access for too many user groups. Comment on the preliminary management alternatives, urging the Forest Service to protect and enhance the unique ORVs, which caused the North Fork to be designated a National Wild and Scenic River.

Doug Adams
Highlands

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Plans for the new fellowship hall met the crucial four criteria for obtaining a SUP. "It will be a beautiful addition to downtown Highlands," said one member of the audience.

In other zoning board news, Interim Zoning Administrator Richard Betz

reported that Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward had recalculated the square footage of Furniture South and found it slightly higher than first indicated so the business needs 40 parking spaces rather than 39.

That affects the number of spaces

Fresser's and Don Leon's can use at Furniture South to satisfy their parking requirement.

Betz said he will notify Ellen Westledge, owner of Don Leon's, that she must decrease her seating to 48 from 51 seats. In addition she and Debbie Grossman, owner of Fresser's have 30 days to erect signage directing patrons to park at

Furniture South, and to mark the parking spaces.

Betz said all restaurants outside the B1 zone have been put on notice that over the next two weeks, spot checks will be conducted to verify that their seating capacity complies with the parking ordinance.

- Kim Lewicki

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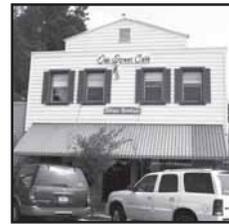
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Dian and Tom Winingder, left, with Bob Fisher, chair of the Bascom-Louise Gallery's board of directors. The Winingder-Coleman family are funding the covered bridge that will become the new entrance to the fine art center. It will be named the Will Henry Stevens Bridge in honor of the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts

Arts center's covered bridge to honor Highlands, New Orleans and Will Henry Stevens

For one Highlands family, funding the covered bridge entrance at the Bascom-Louise Gallery's new fine arts center means more than just the chance to see something beautiful and historic mark the town they so love. It's about connections: between the old and the new, between Highlands and New Orleans, between the community and the new art center, and between the art world and Will Henry Stevens.

The 19th century bridge was originally constructed in 1807 in Warner, New Hampshire. In 1966, the crumbling bridge was disassembled and purchased from the Town of Warner for \$1 by the Graton family, and it has been stored in a New Hampshire barn ever since. But now, thanks to Dorothy and Jimmy Coleman and Dian and Tom Winingder, that bridge will be coming to Highlands to serve as the signature entry feature of the new fine arts center. The bridge will be reassembled over the entrance creek as the Will Henry Stevens Bridge in honor of the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts, which Dorothy Coleman helped found.

For the Winingder-Coleman family, the bridge has come to represent something very personal and significant. And that is why they have chosen to make its presence in Highlands possible.

Dian Winingder is Dorothy Coleman's daughter. The family has been coming to Highlands for many years; in fact, the Colemans honeymooned in Highlands 68 years ago when they first married, and now the family has a second home here.

Winingder said that when she heard about the new fine arts center, she immediately wanted to do something to help.

And it seemed appropriate to do something with art, to honor her mother and what she has done.

"I went to my mother and father and told them of my interest," Winingder said. "I was interested in the bridge. I kept getting drawn to it. It was something that captured my heart in connecting - New Orleans to Highlands, the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts to the fine art center here - and the bridge kept haunting me as the amazing way to make this connection. My mother immediately said to me, 'It must be the Will Henry Stevens Bridge.'"

With that, the plan was set.

It is important to the Winingder-Coleman family that Will Henry Stevens be honored. Stevens (1881-1949) was an abstract modernist Southern painter who taught for many years at Newcomb College in New Orleans. He was also Dorothy Coleman's teacher and mentor, and he had a profound impact not only on Coleman's own artistic creations, but on her life, as well.

Stevens was caught between the Depression and World War Two, a time when many people were not collecting art. Still, he kept painting, and that is why, today, so much of his work is still available. The Bascom-Louise Gallery has four of Stevens' paintings.

"He painted beautiful abstracts," Winingder said of Stevens, whose work often features glorious landscapes depicting nature in her finery, lit with vivid, vibrant colors. "He would condense the essence of what he saw. It is a very different style from modern abstracts. He was very influenced

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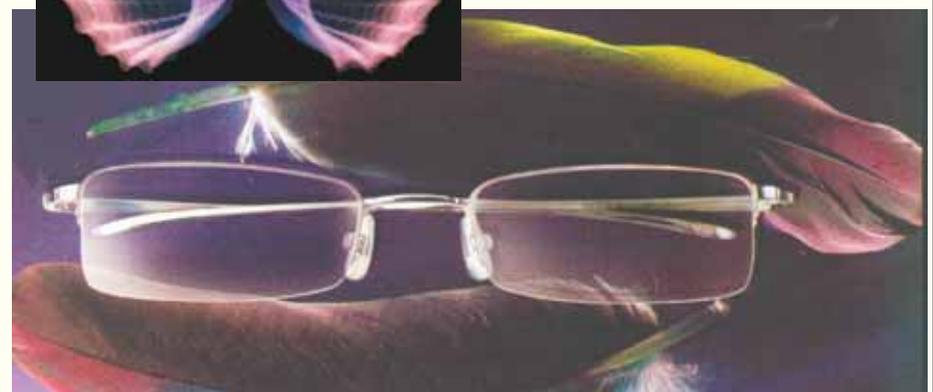
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Highlands' stars to shine at PAC 'Star Night' performance Saturday

Highlands' version of *American Idol* and *America's Got Talent* takes place Saturday night at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Chestnut Street.

Star Night is a showcase of area talent. Performers will vie for prize money. \$200.00 will be awarded to the Best Student performer, the Best Non-Student performer and for the Best Over-All.

A student will be regarded as those performers age 18 and under. A Non-Student performers will be those over the age of 18.

As in *American Idol* and *America's Got Talent* there will be judges similar to the irascible Simon Cowel, the lovely Paula Abdul and likeable David Hasselhoff. However...critiques will not be given!! Acts include tenors, singers, storytellers, acting, a magic act, a harpist and singer and guitar pickin' and singin'.

Star Night begins at 7:30 p.m. at PAC. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door.

But, during the day come and tour the new renovations at PAC and enjoy a complimentary Bar-B-Que lunch (served by the Highlands School Cheerleaders).

The renovations include a new freight elevator, expanded backstage area, new dressing rooms and a backstage restroom, and expanded downstairs reception area. Come see what goes on in PAC! The tours and lunch begin at 11:30am and continue until 1:30 p.m. The day's events are sponsored by Summit One Gallery.

Participants in the talent show are:

- Michelle Hott: singing – Christian Contemporary
- Virginia Talbot and Dean Zuch – Old Time Radio Show
- Austin Vinson, Kalyn Billingsley, & Skler Billingsley – Magic Act
- Ann Doggett – Storyteller
- Keith Hardy – Singer "To Where You Are" by Josh Groban
- Jessica Bryant – singer
- Buddy Mix – Singer/Tenor
- Jim Gordon – Singin' & pickin'...guitar
- Matt McClellan – Singer/songwriter. Wrote & will sing "Born"
- Johnathon & Margaret McAllister – Margaret wrote a piece which her brother, Johnathon will sing as she accompanies him on the harp. She takes lessons from Valerie Whitcup.

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by two poets: Emerson and Whitman. In fact, he is often referred to as a [visual] poet. He would quote them in his work."

Every summer, Stevens used to come to the mountains around Highlands with Newcomb students and have classes here all season. Dorothy Coleman always wanted to come along on those trips during her college days, but she could never afford it, which is why funding the bridge in Stevens' name is especially poignant to the family.

"I believe naming this covered bridge the Will Henry Stevens Bridge will be an amazing discovery of this artist, and I think the connecting of New Orleans to Highlands is a very special ingredient for my family," Winingder said.

The New Orleans-Highlands connection is steeped in history. In fact, legend has it that Highlands was founded so it could become a great trade center. If you draw a line from New Orleans to New York and Savannah to Chicago, the intersection is Highlands.

"Many of the old New Orleans families came here long before it even became a town," Winingder said.

With the Will Henry Stevens Bridge as the entry to the new fine art center, the family feels that all of these connections – and more – will be made.

Bob Fisher, the art center's board chairman, said he is extremely grateful for the generosity of this family.

"It's particularly significant that the

Coleman and Winingder families, with long ties to the tradition of art in Highlands and in New Orleans, have made this donation in honor of this important New Orleans and Highlands artist," Fisher said. "Making the donation in honor of the New Orleans Academy of Fine Arts also creates an important tie between the Bascom-Louise Gallery and that facility. One of our important assets in the Highlands-Cashiers area is wonderful people like the Winingders and the Colemans who are deeply involved in the visual art institutions across the Southeast, and we have an opportunity to develop relationships with these sister institutions that will help us in our mission and also help these other institutions to expose themselves to the important populations that visit Highlands seasonally."

The bridge is slated to be reassembled in Highlands this fall by Arnold Milton Graton, a fourth-generation bridgewriter and the son of the very man who bought the bridge for \$1 back in 1966. Graton will reassemble the bridge here in the old style, honoring every piece of wood. Between now and the assembly, the bridge is being meticulously inspected, ensuring that every piece of wood is usable and safe.

When the bridge is ready for installation, the entire Winingder-Coleman family will be on-site to watch it mark the entrance to the new fine art center – and bring another piece of history to Highlands.



Sue Manning and Jessica Bryant auditioning for *Raindrop Waltz*, HCP's first production of the 2007-2008 Season

Highlands Community Players lines up four productions for season

Highlands Community Players announces 2007-2008 Season. Beginning with *Raindrop Waltz* by Sylva native Gary Carden and directed by Virginia Talbot. A beautiful, moving drama introduced at each performance by the playwright.

The play itself centers on three generations of a mountain family faced with the difficult decision of how best to care for their aging grandmother. In flashback scenes narrated by her grandson, we learn of past joys and sorrows of Agnes's life.

The bittersweet tale is softened with humor and love, and sensitively depicts the characters and the mountain culture in which they live. Oct. 18-21 and Oct. 25-28.

Lend me a Tenor by Ken Ludwig and directed by Annette Coleman is a clever and wildly entertaining contemporary comedy in which confusion, mistaken identity, innuendo and slapstick are key elements. Set in Cleveland, Ohio, the Cleveland Grand Opera is celebrating its biggest night in history. World famous Tito Merelli is scheduled to sing the lead in *OTELLO*, produced as a gala fundraiser. Chaos sets in when a "Dear John" letter is mistaken for a suicide note and Tito's appearance seems unlikely. But for the GM of the Opera, "the show must go on!" But how? How? Feb. 28 & 29, March 1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 2008

The Last Night of Ballyhoo by Alfred Uhry and directed by Mary Adair Leslie, winner of the 1997 Tony Award for Best Play takes place in Atlanta, in December 1939. *Gone With the Wind* is having its world premiere and Hitler is invading Poland, but Atlanta's elitist German Jews are much more concerned with who is

going to Ballyhoo, the social event of the season; a last chance for the dreamy and unpopular Lala to find a socially acceptable husband. The Freitag family gets pulled apart and then mended together with plenty of comedy, romance and revelations along the way. May 8-11 and May 15-18, 2008

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book written by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gilbert, and directed by Ronnie Spilton. This hysterically funny Sondheim classic is filled with unforgettable characters and wonderful light-hearted, satirical and melodious songs. Set in ancient Rome, the plot involves a young man of respectable family who falls in love with a beautiful young virgin. The slave Psuedolus (the role originally played by Zero Mostel) is promised his freedom if he can acquire the virgin for his lovesick master. Thus ensues the riotous romp promised by the opening number "Comedy Tonight"— *old situations, new complications; this time it all turns out all right.*

Tragedy tomorrow. Comedy tonight, Aug. 21-24 and Aug. 28-31, 2008.

HCP also announces with the beginning of the 2007-2008 season the acceptance of MC/VISA for donations and ticket purchases. Season subscriptions are \$55.00. Four plays for the price of one. All performances are in the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Chestnut Street, Evening performances: 7:30 pm, Sunday matinees: 2:30 pm.

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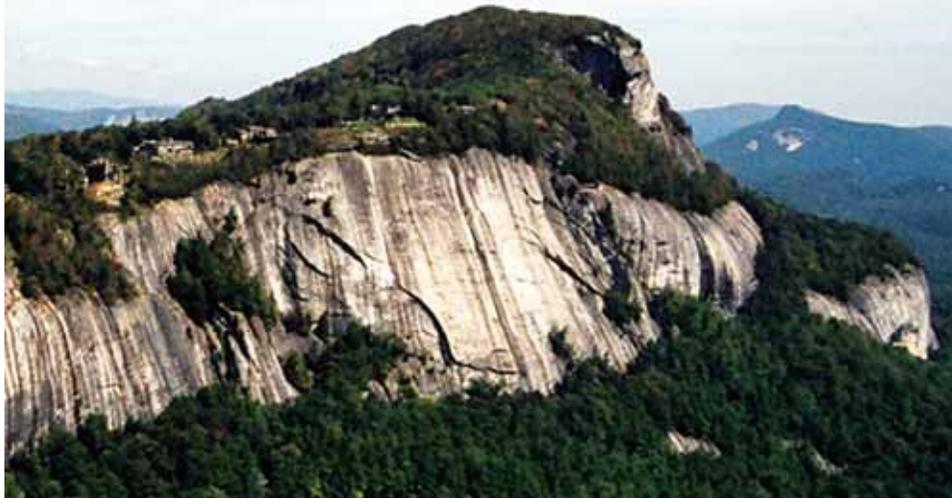
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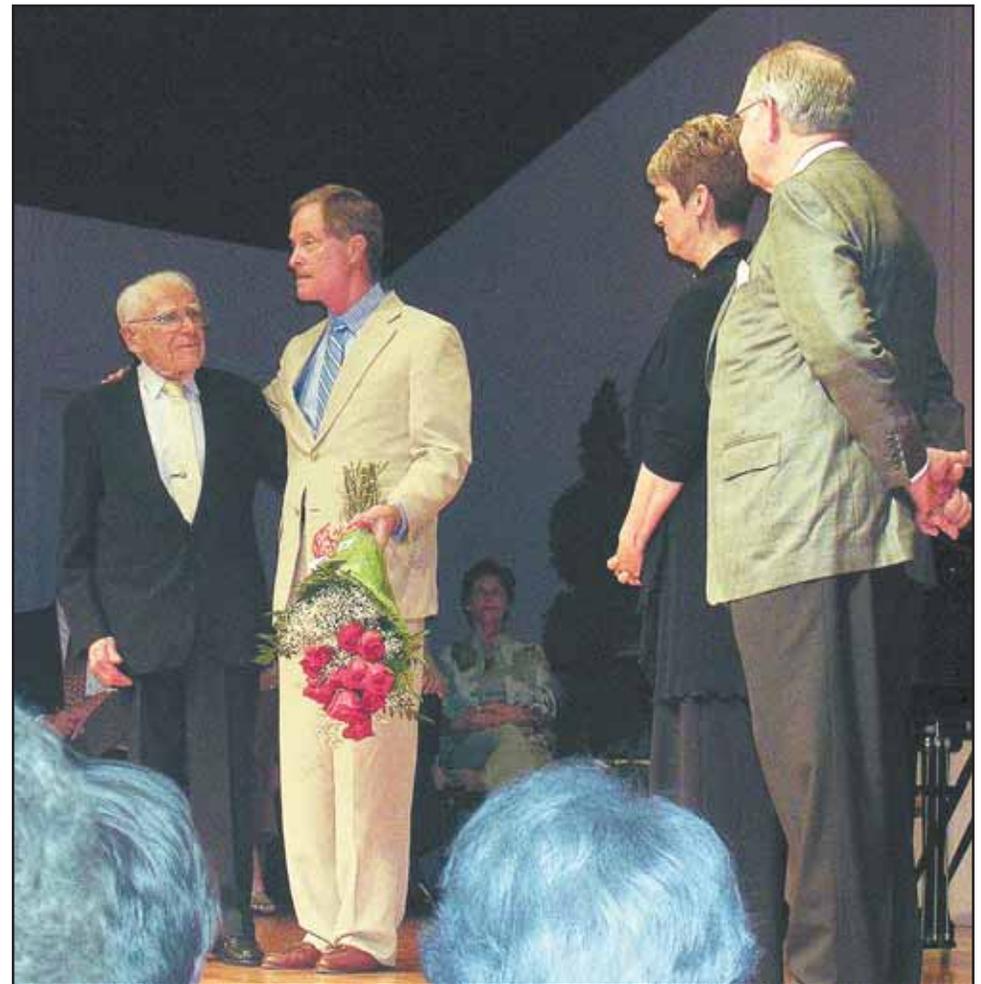
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to guide, direct, protect and provide. When the husband does these things for his wife and the wife submits to her husband they show those who are watching the glory of God's plan for this world and its people. It is a beautiful picture of peace and harmony that reflects the life in heaven all who hear and believe this gospel message shall have.

Wives don't forsake the place of honor God has given you. Husbands do not mistreat the most precious gift you have been given. Seek his grace and live your lives in the way he calls you to live them that the world around you may see the joy and blessing that obedience can bring.



Bob Fisher and Kay Goreki of the Bascom-Louise Gallery and Fine Art Center and Stell Huie, incoming Bel Canto chairman, thanked outgoing Bel Canto chairman Richard Joel for 15 years of service with a bouquet of roses and an announcement that an exhibit hall at the new gallery will be named for him.

Photos by Jim Lewicki

Bel Canto recital like no other

This year's 15th Anniversary Bel Canto Recital will be hard to beat. Opera singers Stella Zambalis, Phyllis Pancella, Mark Thomsen and Kelly Anderson and pianist Stephen Dubberly brought the audience of 200 to its feet numerous times.

The cast quickly followed Mark Thomsen's lead and engaged the audience like never before. After Thomsen ventured into the audience, sat on the edge of the stage and borrowed personal items to enhance his performance, the rest followed suit which blew the performance wide open. Opera with this type of comradie has never been performed like this before – at least not in Highlands.

At intermission, Bob Fisher, director of the Bascom-Louise Fine Art Center board, Kay Goreki, artistic director of the center and Stell Huie, upcoming director of the Bel Canto board, thanked outgoing Bel Canto director of 15 years, Richard

Joel.

He was given a bouquet of flowers and informed that an exhibit room at the new gallery will be named for him where his portrait which will be painted by Julyan Davis will hang forever.

Joel brought Bel Canto to Highlands and has been responsible for luring world-class opera performers to the performance year after year.

Proceeds from the concert go to the Bascom-Louise Gallery's permanent collection and to the Highlands School music program.



Opera singers Stella Zambalis, Phyllis Pancella, Mark Thomsen and Kelly Anderson, and pianist Stephen Dubberly take a final bow at Sunday night's Bel Canto performance held at PAC.

The Place of a Wife



Rev. Sam Forrester
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord”
Colossians 3:18.

The women's lib movement has done a lot for women. It has caused many to seek a divorce that left them in poverty. It has given them sexual freedom that left many marred with an incurable venereal disease. It has given them a false sense of self-esteem and self-love that has led many into murder through abortion. This is not what God intended for women when He created them.

God made woman to be the crown of a man's life, (Proverbs 12:4). She was created to be his help-mate and life-companion. She was not to be a second class citizen but the first concern in her husband's life. He was to esteem her above all else and to honor her as the greatest gift God could give him apart from eternal life.

The woman was given instructions also. The command was to submit to her husband. She was to follow his lead and give him respect. God did not give her this role because of her inability to make decisions or understand life. She is quite good at both, but he is a God of order and he created man as the leader of the family, leading, not as a dictator, but as a shepherd.

Have you ever tried to drive sheep? It is a difficult thing to do; sheep are much easier to lead. A shepherd knows his sheep and they respond to his voice and follow him. They will run away from the stranger. The family should be the same way. First, the husband must be an example as one led himself by Christ and following Christ's voice. God made the husband/father the shepherd/leader and his wife and children should know his voice and follow him.

God made the woman for this purpose, to help the shepherd lead his family. She is to submit to him as the shepherd of her family, just as she submits to the Lord in her Christian walk. Peter talks about how this is what made the women of old beautiful.

Don't believe the lie of women's lib. Hear God's Word and adorn yourselves with the beauty of the heart, that your husbands will look upon you as the most beautiful part of God's creation. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery; but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband" Ephesians 5:31-33.

This is a picture of what this world is like. The believer is to submit unto his Lord and Maker. The Lord is

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First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

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Church: 706-746-2999
Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

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Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy
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Sunday: Holy Communion - 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the
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Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's weekly Bible study at 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.

at First Baptist Church
Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES
3rd & Spring Streets
Sunday 11 a.m.

Wednesday testimony meeting 7 p.m.
Study room open Tuesday 2-4 p.m.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Prayer - 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday - 7 p.m.
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Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
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Wednesdays: 5:30 p.m. Supper (free for kids 8th
grade and under); 6:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study; 6:30
p.m. programs for students.

Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: 8 A.M. - Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Chapel
8:30 A.M. - Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Rite II); Evening Prayer in
the Chapel 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Monday: 4 P.M. Women's Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 A.M. Men's Cursillo Group

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday: 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 A.M. Daughters of the King

• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

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Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977

Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.
(nursery provided)

Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's
Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School - 9:30
a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7:15
Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.;
Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sun.: Worship - 11 a.m.; Sun.School - 9:30 & 9:45.
Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers
Choir - 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sixth Street

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

HIGHLANDS 7TH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Senior Pastor Todd Struble; Asst. Pastor Mike Harris
526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults
studies; 6:15 - Adult choir
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs:12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
Chaplain Margaret Howell
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Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Choir - 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m.

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Friday: Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m.

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Rev. Tien, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418

Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m.
Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

(through last Saturday of October)

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Clifford Willis

Sundays: School -10 a.m.; Worship -11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

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

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price

Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

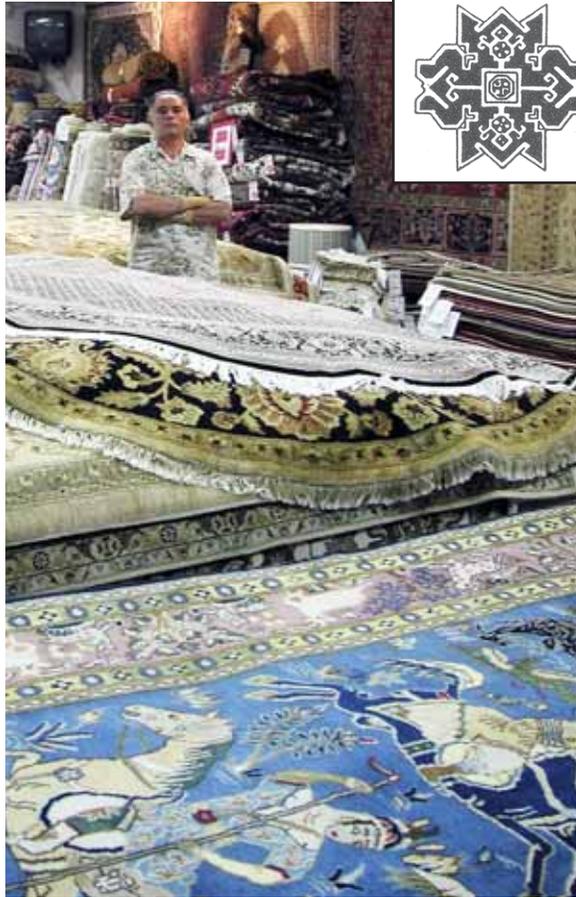
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Lay Led Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Sundays: Worship - 11 a.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

- Live music every night at 7:30 p.m. and during brunch on Sunday at ...on the Verandah restaurant.

- Nantahala Tennis Association: Meets Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. -noon for Round Robin at Highlands Recreation Park. All levels of play welcome.

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.

- Hal Philips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.

- Live music with Angie Jenkins, Friday and Saturday nights at Old Clayton Inn on Main Street in Clayton.

- NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satelite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: www.ncmana.org.

- Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

- Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodward room 201. It

is designed for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

First Mondays

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Every Monday

- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Every Tuesday

- Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

- Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

- Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church. Summer series on 1 & 2 Peter. All women are invited.

- Open Studio Night Figure Drawing: Informal instruction available for beginners. Bring your sketch pad or paint box for a leisurely session of figure drawing/painting. Cost is \$12, \$10 for "Friends" of the Gallery.

Every Wednesday

- "The Bible Tells Me So" at 6:15 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church. The assigned readings for each week are taken from the book, "The Bible Tells Me

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Pastel class at Bascom-Louise Gallery



On Friday & Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29, a new class at Bascom-Louise Gallery, "The Pastel Experience" with Robin Miltner, covers various aspects of using pastels, including hands-on experimenting with a variety of pastels and papers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for two days is \$225 (\$180 for art center members). For one day only, the cost is \$135 (\$110 for art center members). For more information, call Bascom-Louise Gallery at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Male Chorus to perform at PAC



On Thursday, Sept. 27 The Performing Arts Centers Male Chorus will appear in concert at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street at 8 p.m. Solos by Stell Huie, seen above with accompanist Angie Jenkins, will be featured along with rousing renditions by the greatly enlarged Male Chorus. The program has been planned by director, Orville Wike, and is entitled, "American Music: Made in America." Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the door. Tickets can be reserved by calling 526-9047. A reception follows the performance.

So: uses and abuses of Holy Scripture" by Jim Hill and Rand Cheadle. This book is currently out-of-print so copies of each reading assignment will be handed out each week. The study will meet in the Fellowship Hall — beginning promptly at 6:15 and will last approximately one hour.

- Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

Every Third Wednesday

- Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

Every Thursday

- At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.
- Al-Anon Meetings, noon in the First Presbyterian Church basement at Fifth & Main Street.

Every Saturday

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.
- Children's classes ongoing at Bas-

com-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-10

- At Acorn's Coralia Leets Trunk Show. Distinctive jewelry with precious and semi-precious stones, gems and pearls set in 14k and 18k gold.

Through Saturday, Sept. 15

- This year's Macon County Fair's theme is "The Barn Door is Open at the Macon County Fair." The Fair Association extends to the public the opportunity to construct an educational booth using this theme. To obtain an application please call the Extension Office at 349-2046.

Through Sunday, Sept. 16

- At Acorn's Coralia Leets Jewelry Trunk Show

Thursday, Sept. 13

- Highlands Rotary Bingo at the Highlands Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30. It is open to people of all ages. Cost is \$1 per card per game. Half of all revenues are awarded as prizes and the other half support community charities.

- Highlands School PTO meeting is at 6 p.m. in the old gym.

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Game against Franklin tough



Spectators saw lots of bodily contact during Highlands home game against Franklin, Wednesday, Sept. 6. It was a literally a tough and rough game for Highlands. Franklin won 3-2. Highlands plays Polk County at home tonight, Sept. 13. Photo by Noel Atherton

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Ruby Cinemas

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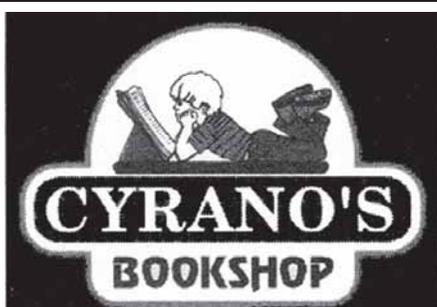
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Sat & Sun: (2:05), (4:10), 7:05, 9:10



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Upcoming Book Signings

September 22

Thomas Chown
"Wolfs at the Door"

1-3 p.m.

October 5

Karen Weihs
Out of My Mind

5-7 p.m.

October 13

Sandra Brown
"Play Dirty"

noon-3 p.m.

Anne Sharpsteen with Vivian Cash
"I Walk the Line"
3:30-5 p.m.

- Public forum on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Cartoogechaye Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

- The League of Women Voters is sponsoring the program, to be held at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Franklin. Participants will hear details of what the bonds would be used for and will have the opportunity to ask questions. The public is invited. Lunch will be available at noon by reservation (call 524-5192) and the program will start at 12:15.

- Volunteers are wanted to work with The Medical Reserve Corps concerning Psychological First Aid — Dealing with Disaster Stress, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Macon County Public Health Center. No medical background required. All Trainings are FREE. Food will be provided! For more information call Hope Burch (828) 713-2310.

Friday, Sept. 14

- Now in its 11th year, Friday afternoon is the first meeting of The Girls' Clubhouse for the 2007-2008 school year from 3-4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All 6-8 grade girls are welcome. Come have fun while serving others. For more information, call Kim Lewicki 526-0782.

Saturday, Sept. 15

- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital FREE Health Screenings. Registration is required for all screenings. People can sign up by calling the hospital at 526-1434.

- Fall 2007 Gorge Road Cleanup. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8 a.m. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. To sign up call 526-5841.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Anne Sharpsteen with Vivian Cash signing "I Walk the Line" 1-3 p.m.

- At noon at the Hambridge Center Rabun Gap, GA, "Memories of Betty's Creek: Stories of the Early Days of Hambridge" — Gena Latimer Smith and Dorothy Dickerson. Free and open to the public. Call Debra on 706-746-7324.

- A class on Scherenschnitte, Wycinanki and Chinese paper cuts, at the Bascom-Louise Gallery. To register, call the gallery at (828) 526-4949.

- The Highlands NC Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center announces "Star Night." The regional talent show is the climax of the center's open house on Saturday. The all-day event begins at 11:30 a.m. with guided tours offering visitors a chance to see the facility's recent renovations, which include an equipment elevator, a dressing room, rest rooms and other ad-

ditions to the backstage area. Tours will be given until 1:30 p.m., and each is followed by a complimentary BBQ lunch. The "Star Night" talent competition will be judged, and cash prizes of \$200 will be awarded to the best student and best non-student acts, and \$200 to the overall winner.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6-mile moderate hike with beautiful views from Black Balsam Mtn. above Graveyard Fields on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9 a.m. Drive 80 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations or more information. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3.5-mile hike with an elevation change of 900 feet to Rock Mtn. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 4 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Eva Hansen between 6-9 p.m. at 743-1611 for reservations or more information. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

Sunday, Sept. 16

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike to Lookoff Mtn. in Black Rock Mtn. State Park in Georgia. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center in Otto on Hwy. 441 at 2 p.m. or call leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Drive 26 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- Special gospel singing with Pastor James Wilson at the Assembly of God Church on Sixth Street at 11 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 17

- Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Rec Park.

Tuesday, Sept. 18

- Public forum on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Highlands School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

- Free movie at PAC. "Madison" at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 7 p.m. Donations accepted.

Thursday, Sept. 20

- Beth Moore's 10-week study "Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion

of Faith," 9:30-11:45 a.m. at Community Bible Church in the Orange Room. Call Peg Askew at 526-8943.

- Macon County Schools first meeting of the Western Mountains Reading Council is at the Franklin High School Media Center from 4:30-6 p.m.. The program will be on I-Search. Email reservations for the catered meal to carol.bowen@mcsk-12. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

- Public forum on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Cowee Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 21-23

- At Acorn's, Earthborn Pottery Trunk Show. Handcrafted pottery from Leeds, AL that is dishwasher and microwave safe.

Friday, Sept. 21

- Angel Medical Center is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hospital is located at 120 Riverview Street in Franklin, NC. Please call 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for two Delta Air Lines international round-trip tickets!

Saturday, Sept. 22

- Macon County Democratic Rally at the Tasse Shelter on the Greenway in Franklin from 12-2 p.m. Federal, state and local Democratic Party representatives will be on hand.

- The Nantahala Hiking will take a moderate 6-mile hike up a Forest Service road to Round Mtn. for good views at the top. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles at 743-1079, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) seventh annual Conservation Celebration at the site of North Carolina's newest state park, Chimney Rock State Park. The celebration will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Guests will have a panoramic view of the "The Chimney" while visiting, enjoying complimentary beer and wine and perusing silent auction items, followed by a supper buffet of applewood-smoked BBQ ribs will be served. Live old-time and bluegrass music will be provided by local fiddler Lew Gelfond and guitarist Barrett Wilson. There will also be special guided hikes offered prior to the evening's activities, as well as a compli-

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mentary shuttle trip to the top of the Park. An original, signed painting by Scott Upton, whose works of color and light are on display at Summit One Gallery in Highlands. is a special live auction piece. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by contacting CMLC at 697-5777 or online at www.carolinamountain.org. Each ticket can also be redeemed for a considerable discount on an annual pass to the Park.

- Mirror Lake Association will have a litter pickup. Meet at Thorn Park at 9 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 23

- "The Ultimate Navigation System: The Presence of God's Goodness" - a free talk by Don Wallingford of Lilburn, GA. Highlands Civic Center, 3 p.m., Sunday, September 23. All are invited.

Tuesday, Sept. 25

- Public forum on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Cullasaja Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

- The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village Nature Series presents Jim Costa and "Bugs in the Night-Exploring the Diversity and Biology of Nocturnal Insects," at the Albert-Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 pm. Call 526.9938 x254 for information.

- Wal-Mart of Franklin is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The store is located at 4599 Highway 441 By Pass in Franklin. Call 524-9111 to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for two Delta Air Lines international round-trip tickets!

Thursday, Sept. 27

- The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association announces its annual meeting of the membership at the Highlands Civic Center on Thursday from 6-7 p.m. There will be a brief presentation on Macon County's new floodplain ordinance. Free and open to the public.

- Highlands Rotary Bingo at the Highlands Community Center from 6:30 to 8:30. It is open to people of all ages. Cost is \$1 per card per game. Half of all revenues are awarded as prizes and the other half support community charities.

- The Performing Arts Center's Male Chorus will appear in concert at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street at 8 p.m. Solos by Stell Huie, seen above with accompanist Angie Jenkins, will be featured along with rousing renditions by the greatly enlarged Male Chorus. The program has been planned by director, Orville Wike, and is entitled, "American Music: Made in America." Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the door. Tickets can be reserved by calling 526-9047. A reception follows the performance.

- Plateau Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library. Dr. Bill Chiles will discuss unguided wil-

derness fly fishing in Alaska. Bill Chiles has fished the Alaskan wilderness on 14 occasions and will discuss fishing for large Alaskan trout while fending off grizzly bears. A slide show will highlight his adventures both on and off the water. Bill has written extensively for national fly fishing magazines and is an authority on fishing local mountain small streams. Following the presentation, the raffle will include a winner of the Orvis waders and boots. Call 743-2078 for information.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 28 & 29

- A new class at Bascom-Louise Gallery, "The Pastel Experience" with Robin Miltner, covers various aspects of using pastels, including hands-on experimenting with a variety of pastels and papers from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost for two days is \$225 (\$180 for art center members). For one day only, the cost is \$135 (\$110 for art center members). For more information, call Bascom-Louise Gallery at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 28-30

- The Highlands Playhouse Antique Show is on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center on Sunday, the hours are 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 at the box office. Call 828-526-2695.

Friday, Sept. 28

- Landscape architect, Mary Palmer Dargan, presents a special lecture at the third annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Sapphire Valley Country Club at 10 a.m. Ticket price of \$65 includes a luncheon at the club and admission to the three-day antique show held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Dargan reveals seven points that can help achieve order, tranquility, and formality, in even the most unkempt terrain. Dargan showcases landscape design as a visual art and provides examples in her new book, *Timeless Landscape Design: The Four-Part Master Plan*. A book signing will follow the lecture. She will also sign copies of her book. Reservations are requested and tickets are available at The Highlands Playhouse Box Office or by calling 828-526-2695; at Bryant Art Glass new location at 216 S 4th Street or by calling 828-526-4095; at The Catbird Seat in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-6565; at Ryan & Co. in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-3612.

Saturday, Sept. 29

- Interior Designer, Charles Faudree presents a special lecture at the third annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Sapphire Valley Country Club at 10 a.m. Ticket price of \$65 includes a luncheon at the club and admission to the three-day antique show held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. A book signing will follow the presentation. Reservations are requested and tickets are available at The Highlands Playhouse Box Office or by calling 828-526-2695; at Bry-

ant Art Glass new location at 216 S 4th Street or by calling 828-526-4095; at The Catbird Seat in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-6565; at Ryan & Co. in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-3612.

- Marine Corps Motorcycle Toy Ride. Toys for Tots. First leg: Cornelia, GA to Toccoa, GA; Second Leg: Toccoa to Clay-

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*Dear Ladies,
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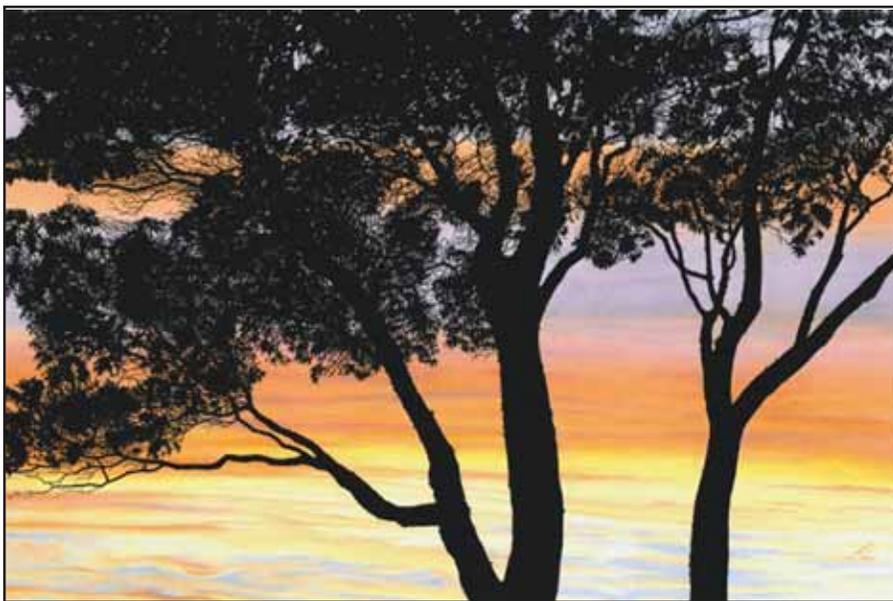
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Photo reference color pencil class



On Tuesday-Saturday, Oct. 16-20 at Bascom-Louise Gallery, "Artists Photo Reference," taught by internationally known color pencil painter Gary Greene, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class begins with a photographic field trip, followed by a return to the classroom. All levels of expertise are welcome. The cost is \$350 (\$315 for art center members). For more information, call Bascom-Louise Gallery at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.



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Thurs.-Sunday, Oct. 4-7

- The Highlands Playhouse, "Forever Plaid." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695.

Thursday, Oct. 4

- Public forum on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at East Franklin Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Friday, Oct. 5

- Collect Spirits Auction at Fine Art Center.

Saturday, Oct. 6

- Hurricane Creek Fall Fling Dance at the Instant Theatre Company at 8 p.m. call 828 342-9197 beginning Oct. 1

Monday, Oct. 8

- The Peggy Crosby Center Golf Classic hosted by the Old Edwards Inn & Spa 9 a.m. at the MountainTop Golf and Lake Club in Cashiers. Cost is \$250 per person, or \$1,000 per team. Call 526-9938, ext. 410 to sign up.

- Bolivian Auction and dinner at Highlands Country Club to benefit the Bolivian Mission. For information about the fundraisers, please call 526-3605.

Tuesday, Oct. 9

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Franklin High School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Thurs.-Sunday, Oct. 11-14

- The Highlands Playhouse, "Forever Plaid." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

Thursday, Oct. 11

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Iotla Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14

- At Acorn's, Mary Louise/Bijoux de Mer Trunk Show. Mary Louise's exclusive line of 18k gold jewelry has a distinctively feminine flair. Bijoux de Mer or Jewels of the Sea, specializes in pearls and precious stones.

Saturday, Oct. 13

- 25th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center, Highway 64 East, Highlands, NC Free admission and parking. More than 100 vendors - four raffle drawings with prizes donated by popular artists - sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and the Highlands Recreation Department.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Sandra Brown signing "Play Dirty" 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday, Oct. 16-20

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, "Artist's Photo Reference," taught by internationally known color pencil painter Gary Greene, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Class begins with a photographic field trip, followed by a return to the classroom. All levels of expertise are welcome. The cost is \$350 (\$315 for art center members). For more information, call Bascom-Louise Gallery at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4

Tuesday, Oct. 16

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Macon Middle School media center. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 18-20

- The Instant Theatre Company's Comedy Festival featuring funny man Al Ernst and other national stand-up comedians with music by Benny Skyn. call 828 342-9197 for information beginning October 1st.

Thursday, Oct. 18

- Steele/Shooting Star Vineyards Wine dinner at OEI's The Farm. Each dinner is \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 828-787-2604.

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Nantahala School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our

Priorities within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 29-31

- Art League of Highlands "Fall Colors Fine Art Show" at the Civic Center Recreation Park in Highlands, NC, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fine original art, jewelry, photography and much more by over 40 artists. Art activities for kids both days in the Children's Art Room. Free admission. Door prizes. For information call Karen Taylor at 828-526-2177 or Dottie Bruce at 828-743-7673.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at South Macon Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

Thursday & Friday, Oct. 25-26

- The Instant Theatre Company's Comedy Festival featuring funny man Al Ernst and other national stand-up comedians with music by Benny Skyn. call 828 342-9197 for tickets beginning Oct 1.

Saturday, Oct. 27

- Highlands School Fun Run at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 31

- At Instant Theatre Company Hurricane Creek Halloween Dance. Call 828 342-9197 for tickets beginning Oct. 1.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 8-11

- The Chamber of Commerce presents "Cooking Central" at the First Annual Highlands Culinary Weekend. Highlands area restaurants, accommodations, and merchants will partner to present instructional culinary courses/classes, tastings, and outdoor activities. Call 866-526-5841 or 526-5841.

Sunday, Dec. 2

- East Coast Girls Volleyball showcase for 9th-12th grade girls at the Greensboro Sportsplex from noon-4 p.m. The Lucky Dog Volleyball Showcase provides high school players the opportunity to exhibit their skills in front of college coaches. This showcase may connect players with coaches who otherwise would not have the chance to see them play. \$40 per player before Nov. 5; \$60 per player thereafter. Call Lucky Dog Volleyball at 877.665.6661

Saturday, Dec. 8

- The Highlands Community Christian Chorale Christmas Concert is at 4 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

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active lifestyles and sports for students but suggested the county spend money on memberships to their center, or on domes and heaters for outdoor pools instead.

The Morris family suggested the county was building the swimming components of the new recreation facility mainly for student swimmers. "You're talking about 150 swimmers; that's .006 of the Macon County population. I understand everyone wants a new facility, but it's a question of the logistics of building and operating the complex," said Barbara Morris.

Senior citizens have also expressed interest in being able to swim year-round but Morris said the pool water temperature for seniors is 88 degrees and 81 for students.

"It takes days to alter the temperature," she said.

She suggested Macon County do as Brevard and cover its outdoor pools. "You can buy a cover for \$43,000 and a heater for \$10,000," she said.

Her husband Ed questioned the cost to build the center. He said the original cost at \$87 per sq. ft. was questionable and now, according to a draft of a brochure produced by the Recreation Committee, that figure as been decreased to \$54.22 sq. ft. "That doesn't include grading or finishing. There's no way you can build it for that amount of money," he said. "I suggest you take a good look at these figures."

He closed saying the Franklin Health and Fitness Center stands to lose members if the county's facility opens. "If we lose 50 members, we can't pay our bills," he said. "You need to put this in perspective. It's going to be a private facility competing with a public facility catering to 150 students."

He said for \$75,000 the county could buy every student a membership at Franklin Health and Fitness and students could swim year round.

The last person to speak specifically about the Recreation Bond was Mark Wadewitz, chief medical officer at Angel Medical Center.

"Angel Medical Center will lend its support in the creation of a state-of-the-art facility," he said. "All studies indicate that a sedentary lifestyle leads to various health problems including obesity, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Medicine can help but proper diet and exercise can often-times do away with the need to take medicine. The staff at Angel sees the results of such lifestyles which cost the county money due to uncompensated care, high insurance rates, and the loss of productivity in the workplace."

He said it's more important than ever for Macon County to have a facility with activities and a comprehensive water sports program.

People also urged the commissioners to move forward with renovating and expanding the senior center near Wal-Mart. Renovations for that building would come out of the \$6.5 million authorized for Public Buildings Bonds.

Money from the bond will go toward expansion and the addition of bathrooms and a laundry room. "The number of people it serves has grown so the facility isn't adequate anymore," said Janet Holt who retired from the center and returned to volunteer.

Susan Norton, whose mother and now mother-in-law use the center, said the fact that the center serves more people translates to more activities and more space so expansion is needed. "I'm not afraid to pay my share of taxes for services needed," she said.

Commissioner Chairman Charlie Leatherman thanked the citizens for being interested enough to become involved and to take the time to learn what the bond and its issues are all about.

The five bond questions on the ballot will be yes or no for \$42.1 million for schools; \$6.5 million for public buildings; \$3 million for community colleges; \$9.4 million for recreation facilities; and \$3 million for a Highlands library.

- Kim Lewicki

Highlander John Cleaveland was one of a dozen or so people who spoke about the upcoming bond referendum at the public hearing, Monday night prior to the Macon County Commission meeting.



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Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles names top producers; announces new agent



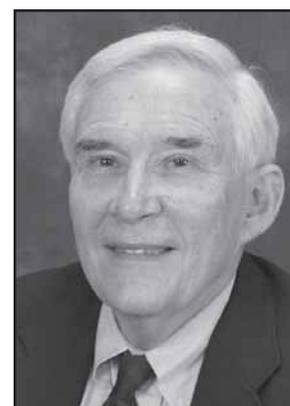
Sharon Dalton



Diane Stumm



Elizabeth Matej



Bob Shipp



Eddie Palmer

The following agents were top producers for their office during the month of August.

In Cashiers the top listing agents were Sharon Dalton and Diane Stumm and the

top sales agent was Elizabeth Matej, broker associate. Matej was also awarded the Bronze Producer award for her production in 2006. Bob Shipp was recognized as the "Rookie of the Year" for his office in 2006.

In the Highlands office, the top sales agent was Bob Shipp, broker associate. Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles welcomes new agent

CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles is pleased to announce the following agent has joined its firm as a sales associate, specializing in residential sales: Eddie Palmer in the Cashiers Office.

Originally from Murphy, NC, Eddie previously taught math at Cherokee High School, worked as the Postmaster in Tuckaseegee, and served in the U.S. Army. He received his B.S. in Math Education from Western Carolina University and enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening.

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ation-former member, Tennessee Association of Life Insurance Companies-past president, National & Local Chapters, Chartered Life Underwriters International Association of Financial Planners, and was named Outstanding Young Memphis Attorney in 1969. Mr. Klepper was also involved in many Fraternal organizations including: Masonic Organizations-Lelia Scott Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Consistory, and the Al Chymia Shrine Temple; Sigma Alpha Epsilon-social fraternity, Phi Delta Phi-legal fraternity, and Omicron Delta Kappa-leadership fraternity and was also socially involved with the Memphis Country Club, Tennessee Club, and the Highlands Falls Country Club in Highlands, N.C. He received an honor for leading the Memphis State Annual Fund Drive and also received the Sam Myer Award for outstanding service as a young lawyer. Mr. Klepper enjoyed reading, woodworking, jogging and family trips. Mr. Klepper was a member of Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis and was a deacon on rotation at the church.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, the former Gladys Dye; four children, Karen Kay Klepper Erb and husband Jack, George M. Klepper, III and wife Nancy Hurley, Margaret Lee McCoffman, James Donald Klepper and wife Brooks Turley, eight beloved grandchildren, George Klepper Erb, John Charles Erb, George M. Klepper, IV (Kyle), Shea Bryan Suderow Kona, Hi, Katherine Peyton Klepper, Benjamin Lee Coffman, James Danial Klepper (Jake), and William Brooks Klepper (Will). Funeral Services were held Wednesday at Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis with Rev. Sandy Wilson officiating. Interment was private in Memorial Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Second Presbyterian Church Missions.



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• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Sept. 5-11. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Sept. 5

• At 8 a.m., Carlos Contreros Gaona, 21, of Highlands was arrested for an outstanding warrant for damage to personal property the week before and for driving without a license.

• At 8:10 a.m., Enrique Contreros Gaona, 27, of Highlands was arrested for on an outstanding warrant for damage to personal property the week before when he was stopped on S. 4th Street and cited for driving without a license. He was also arrested for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

• At 8:30 a.m., James Chad Roney, 36, of Highlands was cited for driving without a license and arrested for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

• At 9 a.m., Jorge Horacio Contreros, 23, of Clayton, GA, was cited for driving without a license and arrested on an outstanding warrant for damage to personal property the week before.

Sept. 6

• A little after midnight, a motorist was cited for illegally parking on Oak Street.

• At 8:10 a.m., a motorist on S. 4th Street was cited for speeding 38 mph in a 25 zone and for driving without a license.

• At 4:40 p.m., a motorist on S. 4th Street was

cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25 zone.

• At 8:30 p.m., a motorist at NC 106 and Stoney Creek was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.

Sept. 7

• At 5:10 p.m., James, Chad Roney, 36, of Highlands was arrested for driving without a license on Main Street.

• During the week officers issued 3 warning tickets.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Sept 6-12

Sept. 6

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at OEI which was set off by steam..

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. It was cancelled..

Sept. 7

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Walhalla Road. It was false..

Sept. 9

• The dept. responded to a propane leak at a residence on Upper Divide. The leak was contained..

• The dept. responded to an alarm at Highlands School. It was false..

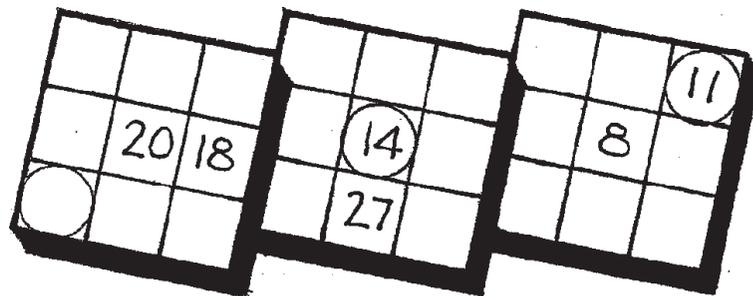
Sept. 12

• Twice, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Lake Sequoyah. They were false.

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a home on Glen Falls Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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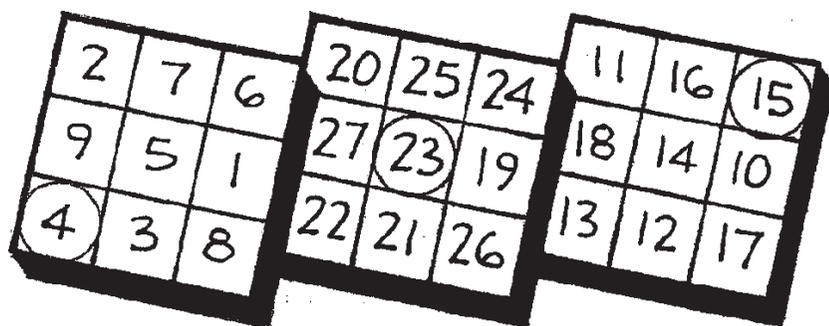
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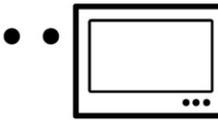
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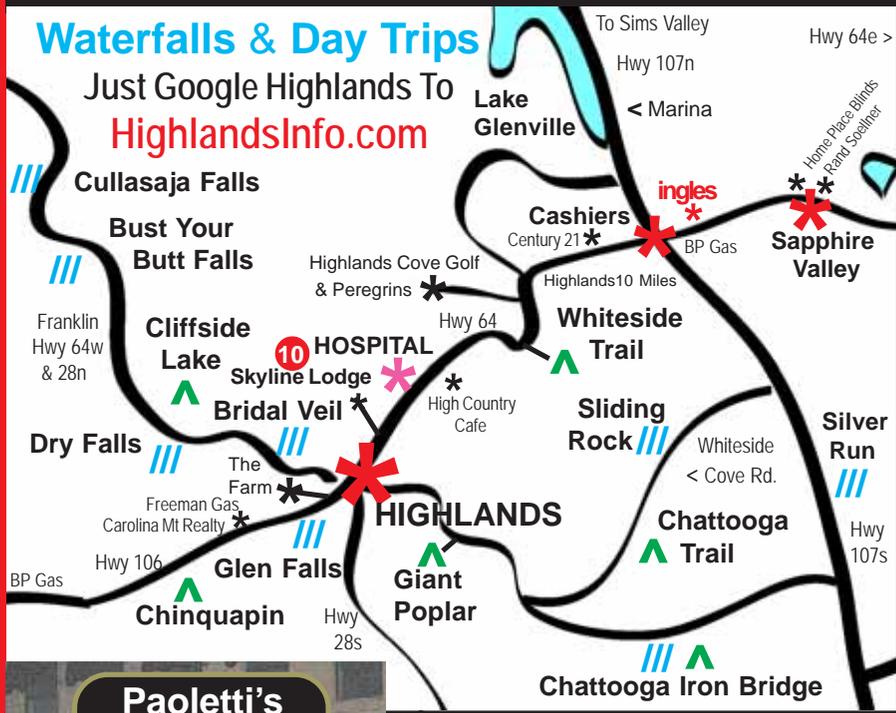
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