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**On-going**

• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center.

• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs.. \$5 per class.

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

• At the Nature Center, daily family activities.

**Mondays & Wednesdays**

• Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Call 526-5852.

**Mondays**

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

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• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

**Friday-Sunday**

• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. and during brunch on Sunday. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

**Saturdays**

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.  
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**Sundays**

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood at 7 p.m. Call Kay Ward at 743-5009.

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• At Highlands Playhouse, "One Voice," call 828-526-2695.

**Thurs, Aug. 21, 28, Sept 11**

• A Shakespeare Workshop - Henry IV with Dr. Tery Nienhuis. 3-5. Call the CLE office at 526-8811.

**Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 21-24**

• HCP presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at PAC. 7:30 evenings, 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee. For tickets call 526-8084.

**Thursday, August 21**

• Meet the Teachers Open House at Highlands School from 4-6 p.m.

**Friday-Sunday, Aug. 22-24**

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Dweck Jewelry Trunk Show. Unique jewelry- bold, colorful, yet worldly.

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• At ITC, "Clarence Darrow" starring David Milford at 8 p.m. Call 828-342-9197 for tickets.

• Relay For Life of Mountain Top "Carnival of Hope" at the Cashiers Recreation Ball Fields on 54 Plastic Plant Road in Cashiers at 6 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 23**

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Chester Campbell will sign "The Marathon Murders" from 1-3 p.m. and from 3-5 p.m. author Will Leverette will sign copies of "A History of Whitewater Paddling in Western North Carolina: Water Wise"

• "Contemporary Folk Art" exhibition opens at The Bascom with a free public reception from 5 to 7 p.m.

• Pancake breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on Hwy 106 and Buck Knob Road. Call Jan DeJong at 526-0370.

**Sunday, Aug. 24**

• Violin prodigy Ben Beilman, will perform at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 5 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

**Monday, August 25**

• First day of school at Highlands School.

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. Oakville Ranch Vineyards, "Traveling Wine Diva." To make reservations, call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807.

• The Town Scholarship Golf Tournament at Cullasaja Club.

• At CLE, Animal Rights and Animal Wrongs: Biomedical Research. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• At CLE, Mid Course Correction: An Environmentalist's Journey. Please call 526-8811 to register.

**Beginning Tues., Aug. 26**

• At Health Tracks at the hospital, "Freedom from Smoking" classes. The round of eight classes, taught by a certified instructor, is free. Call Health Tracks at 526-1FIT (526-1348).

**Tuesday, Aug. 26**

• At CLE, Short Story Masters of America's Genre (Series). Please call 526-8811 to register.

**Tues.-Fri., Aug. 26-29**

• At The Bascom, watercolor classes with Herbie Rose from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring paper and paint. To register, call 526-4949, ext. #4.

**Tues.-Sun., Aug. 26-30**

• HCP presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at PAC. 7:30 evenings, 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Call 828-526-8084.

**Wed., Aug. 27**

• At Fressers Eatery, an Argentinean Wine Dinner with Bodegas nieto Senetiner at 6 p.m. \$90 per person. Call 526-4188 for reservations.

• "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Audubon Society. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

## Water flow still below normal

Once again water is flowing over the Lake Sequoyah Dam but that doesn't mean Highlands is in the clear.

"The situation isn't as critical as it was last week, but unless we get some more rain, we could be right back again," said Public Service

Administration Lamar Nix. "The fact is, there is less water in the creeks than what is needed to supply Highlands water at its regular volume."

At the Aug. 20 Town Board meeting, commissioners agreed to extend the Stage II Water Shortage for another

two weeks.

"Conservation measures taken by citizens helped," said Town Administrator Richard Betz. "Consumption was down this past week, but to be safe we'd like to extend the declaration."

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## First day of school is Monday, Aug. 25



It may still feel like summer, but buses are set to roll Monday, Aug. 25, when students will begin the 2008-2009 school year at Highlands School. Eight new teachers will greet students and others will wear new hats this year. For more on Highlands School happenings see page 16.

Photos by Kim Lewicki

## County wants TDC members

After much discussion, research and legal scrutiny, two Tourism Development Commissions will now determine the distribution of the county's occupancy tax revenue.

At the Monday, August 18 Macon County Commission continuation meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to accept a resolution creating the Franklin-Nan-

tahala Area Tourism Development Commission (TDC) and the Highlands Area TDC.

Anyone in the accommodation business as well as people interested in tourist development but who don't own or operate a hotel, motel, or other taxable tourist accommodation is eligible to serve on the commission.

"We hope to hear from everyone who wants to

serve," said Macon County Commissioner Brian McClellan. He said though general TDC member criteria has been set, whether a business stays open all year may come into play during the selection process.

Over a year ago, commissioners learned the county needed to firm up its arrangements with the Frank-

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## Issues varied at meeting

During a relatively short meeting Wednesday night, the Town Board covered a lot of ground.

For the fourth time, the subject of the town paying to run a gravity sewer line along 4 1/2 Street connecting to the Chestnut Street line was brought up.

At the Aug. 20 meeting, Commissioner Larry Roger, aided by Commissioner Hank Ross and the mayor, said running sewer up the street "would clean up that area" and the hook-up fees would pay for about a third of the cost to the town.

Public Works Administrator Lamar Nix estimated it would cost about \$60,000 to run the gravity line along 4 1/2 Street.

Recently, Doug Helms, who built a new home on Chestnut Street, had to pay to extend the town's line to his home. Now with that line in, sewer down 4 1/2 Street would

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## Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
74-59°F	76-59°F	77-60°F

# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • FORUM •

## • LETTERS •

### Western school districts fare better in 'parent-friendly' rating

#### Districts earn Bs, Cs in new JLF assessment

North Carolina school districts are not very "parent-friendly," according to a new John Locke Foundation Spotlight report. But western school districts earn better grades than others in a new assessment of public school administration, teachers, safety, and student performance.

Polk and Cherokee county schools both earn a B+, the state's highest grade, while Clay, McDowell, and Yancey County schools all earn B grades. The report assigns a B- to schools in Rutherford County.

Asheville, Buncombe, Burke, Graham, Macon, and Transylvania schools earn C+ grades. The report gives C grades to schools in Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, and Swain counties.

"With no threat of losing clientele to competitors, many schools and school districts behave like the monopolies they are," said report author Terry Stoops, JLF Education Policy Analyst. "These school districts focus on strengthening the organization's position and goals, rather than meeting the needs of students and parents."

No school districts earn an A grade, and just 19 of North Carolina's 115 school districts earn B grades in Stoops' assessment. The Polk and Cherokee county school districts earn the only B+ grades in the state. Most districts earn C's, while 27 districts earn D's and five earn F's.

In a district-by-district comparison, Stoops found differences based on geography and school district size. "School districts in western North Carolina generally fared well in the 'parent-friendly' rankings, with eight of the top 10 districts being located in the west," he said. "In contrast, districts in the Triad, Triangle, Charlotte, and northeastern North Carolina fared poorly."

"In general, smaller school districts proved to be more parent-friendly than large school districts," Stoops added. "Most of the top-performing school districts in this assessment enroll between 1,000 and 5,000 students."

The rankings are based on 11 different measures in the four categories of school administration, teachers, safety, and

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### Conservation groups want 'no boating' policy maintained on Upper Chattooga

Dear Editor,

Georgia ForestWatch, Wilderness Watch and the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club have filed detailed comment letters to the U.S. Forest Service urging the agency to preserve the Ellicott Rock Wilderness by continuing its 30-plus-year prohibition on boating on the 21 miles of the Wild and Scenic Upper Chattooga River.

The conservation groups' comments were provided in response to a new proposal from the Forest Service, which would legally permit limited boating on a narrow, wild and remote stretch of river.

"In this case, however, the need to protect the wild values of this backcountry far outweigh the wishes of small number of elite boaters simply looking for another notch in their belts," said Joe Gatins, a volunteer district leader with ForestWatch.

Said George Nickas, executive director of Wilderness Watch: "Protecting the area's wilderness character for present and future generations is what matters most – and boating would simply add even greater pressure to a place that is already suffering harm."

Alan O. Toney, Conservation Chair of the Georgia Chapter, Sierra Club, also weighed in: "The Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club feels there is no need to open the small, heavily snagged upper section of the Chattooga to boating. This area was originally reserved as a Wilderness experience, and there are over 30 miles of some of the most spectacular whitewater in America downstream, enough to satisfy every white water boating experience."

The groups also pointed out in their comment letters to the federal agency that the Forest Service, to date, does not appear ready to commit the manpower and budgetary resources that would be needed to properly monitor and regulate any new boating activity.

This section of river also is being blocked more and more by dying hemlocks falling across the water from a deadly insect infestation — another reason for keeping boats out of these headwaters. The hemlocks will provide excellent fish habitat and protect water quality, but opening the river to boaters will result in the logs being removed to allow passage or more impacts to the land as boaters portage

around the logs.

Whitewater kayakers already have free rein on the 36 miles of the lower Chattooga and many nearby tributaries, which provide viable challenges to the whitewater boating community.

The Forest Service arrived at its proposal after a 24-month study of the area, in response to a legal appeal filed by American Whitewater, a whitewater boater lobby.

Joe Gatins  
Satolah, GA

### For a better town government

Dear Editor,

After reading Mayor Don Mullen's column concerning affordable housing in Highlands, it is obvious he is the one who is misinformed. To make the comment that the vocal minority needs to be satisfied is totally ridiculous. I think the correct interpretation would be a vocal majority.

The majority of people in Highlands know very well what the issue is and the majority of the people at the meeting the other night spoke against it. That's called a majority not a minority.

An issue such as this requires consensus of all the people not just a handful of the Mayor's allies. Maybe the next time instead of making the comment that "this issue is a done deal," he will show a little bit more humility.

Another issue that the people of Highlands need to be concerned about is the Taj Mahal being planned to replace the existing Town Hall, now at a figure of roughly \$5 million, which is close to triple the original estimate.

This, coupled with the moving of the ABC store, at a cost of another \$2 million, will deprive the town of any revenue from the ABC store for many years to come.

I personally think the final cost of the Town Hall complex will be \$10 million plus. In hard economic times, this makes no sense.

The cost of the Pine Street Park project is another issue that needs to be scrutinized by the public.

I would encourage the people of Highlands to get more involved with their town government. If these projects are allowed to go forward, it will require considerably more taxes.

Yours for a better town government...

John Cleaveland  
Highlands

#### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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## • OBITUARIES •

### Mary Cary Leonard

Mary Cary Leonard, age 93, went to be with her Lord on August 15, 2008. "Mary Cary," as she was known fondly by family and friends was a strong believer in Jesus Christ and was devoted to doing His work here on earth.

A native Atlantan, she graduated from North Avenue Presbyterian School in 1933 and Emory University in 1937. She married Dr. William P. Leonard in 1941. Mary Cary was a Realtor with Harry Norman, Realtors, in Atlanta for more than 30 years.

She loved gardening and as a member of the Peachtree Garden Club, she helped restore Swan Woods at the Atlanta History Center. She visited Highlands as a teenager with her parents, bought a lot on Big Bear Pen in the 1940s and built a house here with her brother, Al Maynard, in 1960. It remains in the family today.

She was a free spirit and lived her life with enthusiasm, curiosity and endless optimism. Most of all she loved to have fun. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill. Survivors include her children, William P. Leonard, Jr. and wife, Sandy of Atlanta; Kathryn Leonard Eskew and husband, Lee of Woodstock, GA; and Molly Cary Leonard of Highlands: two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to The Swan Woods Foundation, 378 Running Pine Trail, Dawsonville, GA 30534 A memorial service was held in Atlanta on Wednesday.

### Charles Robert Norris Maybury

Charles Robert Norris Maybury, Jr, age 75, of Highlands, N.C. died August 18, 2008 at a Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva, NC. He was born in Union County, N.J. the son of Charles Robert Norris Maybury, Sr., and Henrietta R. Bell Maybury.

He was married to the late Mary Ratliff who died January 2007. He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran during the Korean Conflict and was former owner of The Cheese Shoppe in Highlands, NC. Mr. Maybury was a former member of the Highlands Rotary and the JC Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Linda Hunter and Dale Walker of Dillard, GA; two grandchildren, James Michael Hunter and Amanda Rose Talley. Two great-grandchildren also survive.

Memorial services were held Wednesday, August 20 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with Chaplain Martha Porter officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospice, PO Box 190, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences can be made by visiting [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

## Moxley elected president of NCAC

Lesley Fogleman Moxley, the Macon County Attorney, was elected president of the North Carolina Association of County Attorneys at its annual summer conference in July.

The North Carolina Association of County Attorneys (NCACA) is an affiliate of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, which celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in New Bern this month. The NCACA is composed of the county attorneys of North Carolina's 100 counties. Moxley is only the third woman to be elected President of the NCACA.

As president, her duties include acting as parliamentarian for the Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference, planning programs for the County Attorneys' Annual Summer and Winter Conferences, and serving on the Legislative Goals Committee of the Association of County Com-



Lesley Moxley

missioners.

A native of eastern North Carolina, Moxley brings over 20 years of legal experience to the position. She has an extensive background as a county attorney and a wide range of experience in the governmental and private sectors, in addition to the legal services community. She has practiced in the coastal, piedmont and mountain regions of North Carolina, as well as in rural, agricultural and urban settings.

Ms. Moxley has represented Macon County and its Board of Commissioners since 2006. She is the only full-time county attorney practicing west of Asheville. Additionally she was the first person to serve as the Moore County Attorney in a full-time capacity, a position she held for over six years. She assumed

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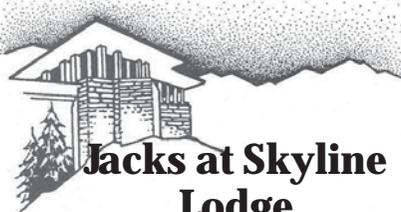
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

**Commissioner are real ‘cards.’  
 They must be dealt with**

**M**y worse nightmare is that I die, go to hell and the devil says, “I’m making you a Highlands’ commissioner.” Then I wake with a start and realize I am still just a satire writer. Phew!

I can’t figure what drives seemingly sane and normal people to want to become a Highlands’ politician. I asked a good friend that question and he asked, “Who said they were sane and normal?” He was kidding.

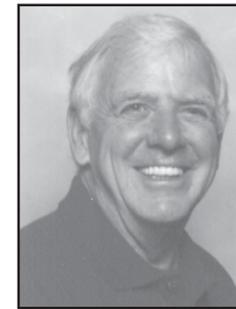
It certainly isn’t graft or big money and there are no kick-backs, at least none we know of. It couldn’t be the glory and prestige since everyone is continuously beating them up about one thing or another. I am left with no other explanation than it must be love of Highlands and a desire to make things better for its citizens. I know that sounds corny, but can anyone think of another reason?

As you know, I love to make fun of our politicians. They are so vulnerable, like catching fish on Harris Lake. And who wants me making fun of them all the time? This week I’m feeling sorry for our commissioners because they just got trounced on the low cost housing dilemma. Regardless of how they voted, they made enemies. I’m convinced they all meant well but they were damned if they did and damned if they didn’t.

And Hank Ross hit it right on the head when he voted against the plan. He thinks it’s a good idea, but the wrong location. I wish he had shut up right there but, no, he went on to say we need to find a suitable location within the town limits with sewer and water. Hank, it ain’t gonna happen!

So I’m lying in bed the other night hoping I’m not going to have another nightmare about becoming a Highlands politician when, POW, it hit me like a big flat slick river rock right up side my head.

I have a son living in Dubai where the cost of living is literally off the scales. Even though he makes a nice salary flying the Boeing 777 for Emirates Airlines, he cannot compete with the billionaires who live there. The cost of living is huge. (Is this sounding familiar?) Sooooo, in order to keep their pilots happy, the airlines went out and polled Dubai’s businesses, asking who would be willing to



**Fred Wooldridge**

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give pilots a discount on products and services. The response was overwhelming.

My son was given an airline identification card and a very long list of participating businesses. Everything from soup to hummus to Shisha pipes is on that list. His lodging and utilities are free and he uses his card at five star hotels for use of their spas at no charge. The list of restaurants and grocery stores he can obtain a discount from are endless.

True, he is not living in an all marble palace with servants at his beck and call, but he does lead the life of a corporate president.

Flash across the globe 8,000 miles to li'l ole Highlands. Rather than struggle with finding low cost housing in Highlands that won't happen anyway without a huge battle, offer sizable discounts to employees who can prove they work here. How many grocery stores, gas stations, landlords, restaurants etc. in Highlands would be willing to give a low wage earner a “break even” discount on services and products to finally end our employee problem? Workers can find existing housing using their discount cards.

If merchants think that’s a bad idea, let them continue struggling with trying to find employees who are willing to drive up this mountain everyday for the wage they are offered. With a slumping economy, it’s only going to get worse.

Remember, finding housing for a handful of low wage earners is only a small part of the problem. Where does that employee buy groceries and gas in Highlands once they’ve moved here? How about the high cost of entertainment? They may have suitable rent but that’s not enough to make life pleasant for them. Rich folks don’t understand that.

With the discount plan, there’s no police and fire increases, no sewer and water issues, just a little inexpensive plastic card and strong support from our business leaders.

To show my support for this plan, employees who present their cards to me get my promise I will never poke fun at them plus a free newspaper each week. That should do it.

• Fred speaks out for women. Read his book, *I’m Moving Back to Mars.*

## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Money makes the world go 'round

A couple of good old Georgia boys caught the nation's attention last week with a tale of Bigfoot. Hunters usually offer us reports of unsupported sightings, grainy photos, or vague, but gigantic foot prints. These guys claimed to have detailed photos, DNA samples, and a body in a freezer. Although they weren't yet ready to display the body, detailed photos and DNA would be hard to fake.

I'd heard of a bigfoot in a freezer years ago. When I lived in Duluth, Minnesota, a friend was mentioned in a magazine article as a companion of a man who claimed to have shot and killed a bigfoot. David Allison had indeed been on a deer hunting trip in northern Minnesota with the claimant, and remembers becoming mildly alarmed when darkness fell before the last member of the party returned. Upon his return, he said that he had become lost. At the time he offered no further explanation. It is interesting, but inconclusive that Dave also remembers helping his hunting partner move a large, heavy, pad locked freezer several months. The guys trying to move the freezer onto the moving van suggesting removing the contents, but the owner was adamant, claiming that the contents would thaw and spoil. That's the last contact Dave had, until he was named as a witness to the shooting. The guy apparently displayed the body, encased in a block of ice, for a few years at county and state fairs around the Midwest. Ivan Sanderson, famed crypto zoologist and documented kook declared the monster authentic, shortly before the owner of a costume shop in California testified that he had created it. The Minnesota Ice Man, as it was called, disappeared as did its owner, as far as I can tell.

So Bigfoot in a box is not new, but announcing a news conference in Palo Alto, California to disclose photos and DNA evidence shook the world of crypto zoology. According to a report, serious Bigfoot investigators quickly expressed skepticism. I wonder what makes an investigator "serious." It seems to me that anyone who studies this phenomenon is, by definition, frivolous. There is a guy at Idaho State who boasts a large collection of Bigfoot footprints. I guess everyone with the exception of members of the tenure and promotion committee consider him a serious investigator. They just wish he'd run off with Bigfoot and disappear. Idaho State has standards. Maybe the professionals were just jealous that a couple of amateurs had made the discovery.

There were problems with the account of the Bigfoot corpse found in the North Georgia mountains. The good old boys de-



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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scription of how they acquired the seven foot stiff changed frequently. My advice to liars to stick to your story, no matter what. Of course, it helps to have a credible story at the outset. Shifting stories arouse doubt even among serious investigators. Still, it was stunning that these guys announced a news conference in advance and promised irrefutable evidence of the find. I was on the computer at 3:00 PM Friday, awaiting the results, which were disappointing, to say the least. Of the three DNA samples submitted, one

was human, one was probably opossum, and the other damaged and could not be examined. An Internet sleuth identified the photo as a spitting image of a costume available from an on-line shop. He believed that dentures had been added and chicken guts spread liberally over the abdomen.

Undaunted, the Georgia boys promise that they will allow examination of the corpse, perhaps by sympathetic serious investigators, if they can find any. For the moment, it is being stored in a freezer, presumably between the dragon steaks and the Loch Ness Monster fillets. I'd love to believe, but these guys make it tough.

It's not hard for some to believe. I met a lady last week who believes in Bigfoot, alien abduction, and the Philadelphia Experiment the way a gambler believes in a trifecta. There is a guy in Pennsylvania who set up a motion activated camera to photograph animals. His name is Rich Jacobs and his pictures are available online, pictures which do seem to have captured a primate. Fish and Wildlife officials identified the creature as a black bear with a bad case of mange. What's more the lady claimed that her husband had once worked with Mr. Jacobs and could confirm his honesty. She concluded a government cover up. Why, I asked, would the government have any interest in denying Bigfoot's existence?

"Money," she answered.

"Money?" I parroted. "Howso?"

"The government makes millions from hunting licenses. If they admitted that Bigfoot is real, women wouldn't let their husbands go hunting, the men wouldn't buy licenses, and the government would lose a lot of money."

It seemed so simple, the way she explained it. At that moment the woman's husband walked into the room. He saw us hunched over a computer, studying grainy photos. He shrugged and dropped his head, an apparent silent apology. I realized in an instant that he had suffered for years. I could play along for a few minutes. "Sure," I said slowly. "Sure. It makes sense. Money."

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

**Circle of Poo**



Katie Brugger  
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Last year I learned something very interesting about Highlands: we have carnivorous plants that grow here! We've all heard of Venus Fly-traps, which are native to North Carolina but only grow in the eastern part of the state. Pitcher Plants and Sundews grow in the mountains, and you can see them along the edges of Lindenwood Lake in the Highlands Biological Station Botanical Garden.

I learned all this while interviewing a young man working on his doctoral research at the Station, Marc Milne (*Heart of the High Country Show 509*). Marc is studying the interaction of spiders with pitcher plants. Pitcher plants are tubular shaped plants that are filled with water and digestive enzymes. Insects are attracted to the rim of the plant and then either fall in or crawl in, but because of the downward sloping hairs on the inner wall of the plant the insects can't escape. Sometimes Marc has found frogs and salamanders inside the pitchers — that's why they're called "carnivorous" and not "insectivorous."

The spiders he is studying spin their webs on top of the pitchers, and at first it sounded like the spiders were stealing the pitcher plant's food. But Marc said that the spiders dropped their waste, called "frass" into the pitcher. His dissertation is focusing on the possibility that the spiders are actually pre-digesting food for the pitcher plant. Instead of stealing from the pitcher the spiders are helping it; the plant doesn't have to expend any energy to break down the insects.

The spiders' waste is the pitcher plant's food.

"Waste equals food" is a foundational principle of what is being called the "Next Industrial Revolution." This phrase was coined by William McDonough and Michael Braungart, founders of McDonough Braungart Design Chemistry, a firm dedicated to transforming the design of products, processes, and services.

McDonough and Braungart criticize the standard environmentalist strategy of minimizing pollution and the waste of natural resources because it does not mean real change in industrial processes. As they say, making an inherently destructive process more efficient is not going to solve our problems. The revolution they are advocating involves designing industrial processes so they do not gener-

ate pollution and "waste" in the first place.

On their website ([www.mbdc.com/c2c\\_ee.htm](http://www.mbdc.com/c2c_ee.htm)) they explain their concept: "Cradle to Cradle Design's strategy of eco-effectiveness is rooted in the systems of the natural world, which are not efficient at all, but effective. Consider the cherry tree. Each spring it makes thousands of blossoms,

which then fall in piles to the ground — not very efficient. But the fallen blossoms become food for other living things. The tree's abundance of blossoms is both safe and useful, contributing to the health of a thriving, interdependent system.

"Eco-effectiveness seeks to design industrial systems that emulate the healthy abundance of nature. The central design principle of eco-effectiveness is waste equals food. When waste equals food, the 'be less bad' imperatives of efficiency fade. When a product returns to industry at the end of its useful life and its materials are used to make equally valuable new products, the minerals or plastics of which it is made do not need to be minimized — because they will not become waste in a landfill.

"This fundamental conceptual shift leads to design strategies that some might find surprising. For example, instead of using only natural, biodegradable fibers like cotton for textile production (a pesticide-intensive agricultural process), why not use non-toxic synthetic fibers designed for perpetual recycling into new textile products?"

As I thought about this cycling of waste into new products I found myself singing one of my favorite songs from the animated TV show South Park, called "Circle of Poo." One of the characters on the show is a piece of poo called Mr. Hankey (it is animated), and in one episode Mr. Hankey's son Cornwallis is depressed because he thinks he's no good; after all he's "only" a piece of poo. Mr. Hankey sings this song to make Cornwallis understand what a vital role poo plays in the order of the natural world:

"Everything that lives on earth poos in some way; And that's how the cycle happens each and everyday; Just look at the green green grass and the birds up in the sky; It's all here because of poo and now I'll tell you why.

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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Olympic Haiku

This week I am providing a recap of the Olympic games thus far...completely in haiku form! This is what my college literature professors dreamed of whilst they were givin' me some good schoolin.' Here are eight of the finest 5-7-5's that I have to offer. (If Michael Phelps can do it, so can I.)



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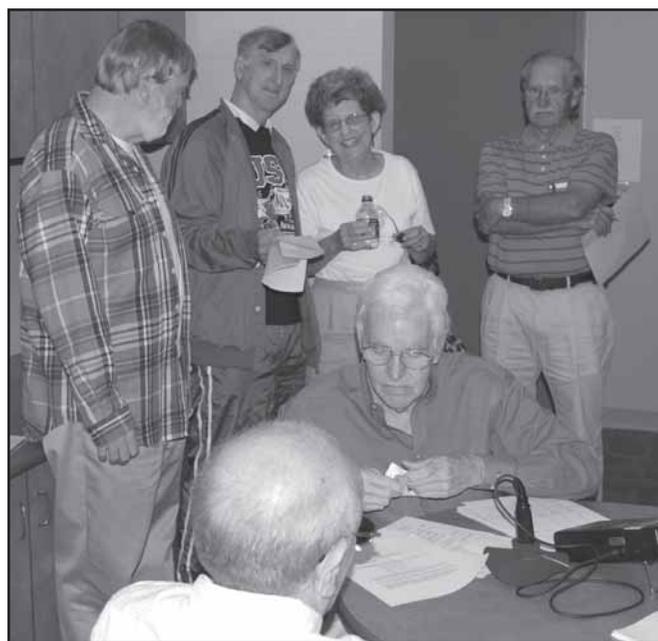
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Coming from within Beijing  
Gymnastics judges

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Played tag in Kingston



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### The art of 'healthy living'

Healthy food, exercise and preventive living patterns was what last week's "Healthy Living Fair" at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital was all about. Attendees got to try tasteful and healthy recipes for breakfast and lunch, get their body composition figures and learned about hiking trails around town -- all in an effort to make and keep Highlanders healthy.

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performance. The measures include end-of-grade reading and math scores, four-year graduation rates, and school crime statistics. Also included are statistics linked to teacher turnover and teaching vacancies, the percentage of each school system's staff devoted to jobs outside classroom teaching, and results of a Teacher Working Conditions survey.

Stoops converted the numbers into letter grades. He assigned each school district four individual-category letter grades and an average final grade. "This report develops a system that's designed to show the extent to which North Carolina's school districts provide children a sound, basic education in a stable and safe environment that is responsive to the needs of children and concerns of parents."

Further research could help school leaders learn more about the steps they can take to become more parent-friendly,

Stoops said. "We need to know more before we can pinpoint the combination of factors that contribute to success, but the school districts that fared well in this ranking were generally small districts with stable, high-performing teaching staffs."

A parent-friendly organization is important, Stoops said. "One need not look further than the low regard that many teachers and administrators have toward parents to find evidence of an organization-first mentality," he said. "Genuine accountability to parents begins with school choice."

• Terry Stoops' Spotlight report, "The Parental Prerogative: How 'parent-friendly' are school districts in North Carolina?" is available at the JLF Web site. For more information, please contact Stoops at (919) 828-3876 or [tstoops@johnlocke.org](mailto:tstoops@johnlocke.org). To arrange an interview, contact Mitch Kokai at (919) 306-8736 or [mkokai@johnlocke.org](mailto:mkokai@johnlocke.org).

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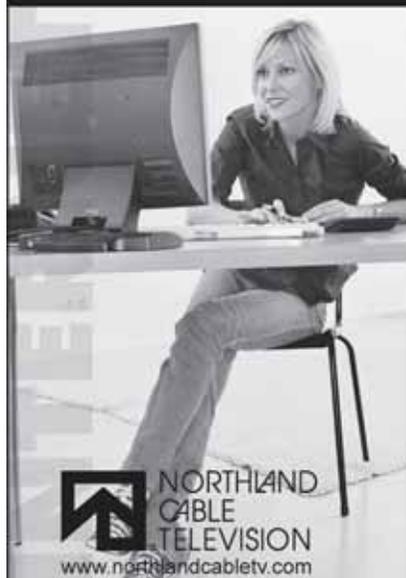


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## • HIS & HERS •

### The Butterfly Summer

**S**ome summers mark you more than others. This summer – the summer of my 58th year – is one of these summers.

Most people will tell you that summer is their favorite time of the year. I'm not one of those people. In fact, if I were to be perfectly honest with you, I'd admit that summer is my least favorite season, after fall, spring, and winter, in that order. During the local news, the weather presenter frequently uses the terms "nice and hot" as if they were the passwords to bliss. In my mind, those two words don't go together. Nice is 70-75F. "Nice" is not 80-105F, with 85-100% humidity. "Nice" does not make your hands and feet break out in itchy heat rash. Does this mean that I spend June, July and August in a snit, parked in front of an air conditioner? We don't have air conditioning, but I do have the snit. Normally, I wander around the house until I find the coolest room – let me restate that – the room which is the least stifling – and then I find a place to sit/lie down and try not to move.

It could be worse. Last year, we spent six weeks without water. This meant daily trips to the Rec. Center for showers, laundry in Dillard, and the kindness of friends who let us fill two 5 gallon containers of water each day. At least we could flush our toilets, water the cats, and wash dishes every other day. We watched the skies for the slightest chance of rain – a habit which we are repeating this summer as well. While we haven't run out of water yet, we are not doing laundry at home, and we have cut down our water use to the bare minimum. When invited to dinner or dining out, I drink water like a camel, and wash my hands like Lady Macbeth.

After seeing an informative program about installing rain barrels on **This Old House**, we sent off for two barrels. They arrived by Fedex only a few days later, and were very simple to install. The amount of rain which you can get off your roof is amazing! Just the briefest of showers gave us a nice addition to our water supply, so we're hoping for more. The key word in the term "rain barrel" is, of course, **rain**. Without it, we have two tanks of nothing.

John and I were docents at the Highlands Historical Society's recent event, in which folks could visit houses



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near Mirror Lake. It was fun! Not only was it neat to show off the lovely house we'd been assigned, but we were able to meet a whole bunch of visitors who were polite, well-behaved, and asked intelligent questions. The owners of Harcombe House, Jim and Suzanne Peterson, were also extremely welcoming. How do they get their house in

such perfect shape for visitors? There must be a secret.

We did get a fun story of it, too. One of the gentlemen touring the house asked if we were the owners. "No," we said, "We're docents." He recalled that years ago he had not been familiar with the word "docent." On a similar tour, he had encountered a number of people, and asked who they were. The folks all replied that they were docents, but he thought that they were "the Docents." "Boy, you sure are a large family!" he remembered commenting. All of the events done by the Historical Society are first rate, and I can't recommend them highly enough to anyone who wants to get a good feel for the town of Highlands, as well as its past and present residents.

On the Historical Society Tour, we had a rare treat – we saw a bush which was literally covered in blue butterflies. I wish I knew what kind they are. Someone suggested blue swallowtail, but I'd like a confirmation on that. In any case, we have been seeing them all over town, and they are magnificent. They say that the bees have largely disappeared, but we have these marvelous butterflies to fill in for them – gracefully going from flower to flower, and landing with incredible agility.

Like those butterflies, I have emerged from my caterpillar stage of a long-term single lady to a newly minted married one. I'm still testing my wings. People say that there isn't really any difference between being married and living together. I used to feel that way, too, but now I beg to differ. I've been saying "my husband" when talking about John for some time now, but since it's been really legal and true, it feels better.

That isn't to say that we have worked out all of the kinks. John hasn't yet figured out that I don't have superhuman

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

**The beat goes on**

Since the entire issue is going totally unreported, I feel the need to provide an update on the matter of "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America", the "Trans-Texas Corridor" and the "North American Union."

To refresh your memory, "the SPP was launched in March of 2005 as a trilateral effort to increase security and enhance prosperity among the United States, Canada and Mexico through greater cooperation and information sharing." To continue from their website, "the SPP provides the framework to ensure that North America is the safest and best place to live and do business. It includes ambitious security and prosperity programs to keep our borders closed to terrorism yet open to trade."

Seems benign enough to me. I wonder why the original meeting of the three heads of state was clouded in secrecy as have the four meetings since? You probably haven't heard of it unless it



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was from one of my previous columns, yet it has enormous implications, some being felt already.

Now to the TTC. At last report, the State of Texas DOT had contracted a Spanish firm to plan and facilitate the construction of a massive infrastructure project that would build a superhighway, 12 lanes divided for commercial use and automobile traffic, railroads, pipelines, trans-

mission lines, etc. It was conceived as the start of the US part of a transportation system (NAFTA Superhighway) connecting two Mexican ports and a distribution center in Kansas City (owned and operated by Mexico) that would facilitate further distribution to the US and Canada.

This now includes an eastern leg originating in Dallas and running to Detroit where it will connect with the recently announced "Canadian Intelligent Super Corridor" (CISCOR) that will

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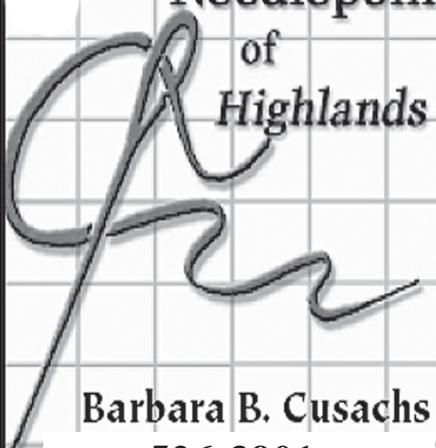


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be facilitated. The problem is town policy.

"We have a sewer master plan in place which outlines priorities around our lakes and that's what we've been constructing," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "If it's not on the master plan, property owners pay to bring the line to them. We can't pick and choose like this. Why them and not someone else?"

But Commissioner Rogers said the three commercial entities and two residences on the street are taxpayers and they're paying for a sewer plant they can't use.

"But why would we change our policy now especially since they're not dumping into our water supply?" asked Patterson.

Rogers said they're having a lot of trouble up there, but Patterson theirs isn't a unique situation.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf agreed that people in town need and want sewer connections.

"We are bombarded by people who want sewer to their particular areas, but unless property owners are willing to pay for the installation we can't do it," he said. "However we do need some kind of time period for a long term plan."

Patterson said the town needs to have a policy. "Either stick to it or change it," she said. The discussion was tabled.

Parking Study

The firm of Wilbur-Smith has been selected to do the Parking Circulation Study for \$31,000 and there's a chance it will also do the Unified Development Code (UDC) project, as well.

The company said combining the UBC project with the parking circulation study could represent a savings due to project overlap and because both jobs could be done at one time.

The board voted to wait on the UBC issue until the company returns in September with a firm price for that project.

Public Works Projects

Board members agreed to use \$156,510 of the \$200,000 allocated for public works projects to construct handrails on Pine Street over the creek near Bank of America, the sidewalk area outside the Schmitt Building across from Town Hall, along the elevated sidewalk at Third and Oak streets and on Fifth Street where it crosses the creek.

"This will bring our railings in town up to code," said Ross. Town Administrator Richard Betz said it will also remove the potential for serious liability.

Also on the list is a curb and gutter along Fourth Street at the Mountain Brook Center where the sidewalk is below grade. That and the installation of 11 tree planters staggered down the center of Main Street to house 25-foot high, four-inch diameter, Japanese elms will require NC-DOT approval but Nix doesn't foresee any problems.

That leaves \$43,490 in the public works budget which commissioners agreed to use to pay for right-of-way surveys for Azalea Circle and now Dogwood Drive.

Paving

Property owners along Dogwood Drive requested the town pave that road like it's planning to pave Azalea Circle.

Commissioner Patterson reminded the board that it isn't the town's policy to pave private roads and the only reason Wyanoak, Chowan, Azalea and possibly Dogwood would be paved is to protect the town's water supply from siltation.

Nix said the money left in the budget for this year isn't enough to pave the roads, but it could be used to pay for surveys and prepare the roadways for eventual paving.

Annexation

The board accepted a petition for annexation from eight property owners of undeveloped lots along Satulah Ridge Road.

"No one knows why these contiguous lots to the town weren't annexed 20 years ago with everything else in the area," said Betz. "With the Harris Lake Sewer Project in the works, they want to be annexed."

Town Attorney Bill Coward said to include a sentence to the annexation petition waiving any vested rights to anything under construction to ensure compliance with town standards. "This eliminates a type of grandfathering," said Coward.

Manager-Council

Bill Wilder, of Wilder Consulting, is developing an employee profile for the prospective Town Manager, Sept. 2-3. Each Town Board member and the Mayor is appointing two community representatives to a focus group of 12 people to aid in the process. So far Jim Tate, Steve Chenoweth, Steve Lucas and Jack Mayer have been requested. - KL

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Water flowing over the Lake Sequoyah Dam represents excess water – water Highlands isn't using and typically there is more going over the dam than Highlands could possibly use, said Nix. "The streams and creeks that supply Highlands water – Big Creek, Cullasaja and the Satulah Branch, also known as Munger Creek, aren't running as full as they normally do," said Nix. "That's the water we have to use and right now there's not much left over."

Town Administrator Richard Betz said Highlands doesn't draw from a "contained" water reservoir like most communities.

"Our situation in town is a little different since we draw our water supply from Big Creek. It's a run-of-the-river supply, not a true reservoir supply - so as long as there is positive flow down the river, it doesn't help to conserve unless surface water supplies begin to dwindle," he said. And that's what's been happening.

Surface water or run-of-the-river supply, is affected by rainfall. When it rains, the water soaks into the ground creating springs that

feed the creeks and streams. When the water table is low, springs, and hence creeks and streams can disappear which ultimately affects the volume of water available to Highlands.

Just to be safe, Nix suggests a "mindset" change "We have to be in the mindset to conserve water rather than wasting it," he said, "and sprinkling wastes a lot of water."

The Land Stewards of Highlands say that's where native plants come in. Hearty native plants, flowers and shrubs have adapted to surviving on the plateau with minimum care – which often translates to minimal watering.

Though purely a voluntary measure, the Stage II water shortage conditions still exist in the Town of Highlands. This type of water shortage is declared when it appears that demand on the town water system may exceed supply.

Water from Big Creek, is treated at the Water Treatment Plant on Hickory Hill Road and pumped to several elevated storage tanks in town. Since water storage levels are lower

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lin and Highlands chamber of commerces concerning the disbursement of the occupancy tax proceeds collected by accommodation businesses in the county.

An occupancy tax of three percent of the gross receipts derived from the rental of any room, lodging or similar accommodation furnished by a hotel, motel, inn or vacation rental is subject to the occupancy tax.

Traditionally, the county has been sending the amount generated in each township back to the respective chambers minus administration fees. That practice will continue, but it will go to the TDCs instead of the chambers. In the past the administration fees have been as high as 15% but will likely be in the three to five percent range from now on, said commissioners. Finance Director Evelyn Southard will determine the fee by September's commission meeting.

Occupancy tax revenue may be used only to promote travel and tourism in the county which has been divided into to three districts: the Highlands Travel and Tourism District which consists of the Flats, Sugarfork and Highlands townships; the Nantahala Travel and Tourism District, which consists of the Nantahala Township; and the Franklin Travel and Tourism District, which consists of the Franklin, Millshoal, Ellijay, Smithbridge, Cartoogechaye, Cowee and Burningtown townships.

Since Nantahala doesn't have an entity like a chamber of commerce or a visitor center like Highlands and Franklin, commissioners decided to combine Franklin and Nantahala into one commission.

The Franklin-Nantahala TDC will consist of nine members to be appointed by the county commission including a county commissioner from those districts, two owners or operators of hotels, motels, or other tax-

able tourist accommodations – one which owns or operates a hotel, motel, or other accommodations in the county with greater than 10 rooms and one which owns or operates a hotel, motel, or other accommodations in the county with 10 or fewer rooms, one member of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce board of directors and four individuals interested in the tourist business but who don't own or operate an accommodation facility, one at-large representative from the Town of Franklin and the executive director of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce who will serve as a non-voting *ex officio* member.

Members will serve staggered terms of one, two and three years.

The Highlands TDC will consist of seven members – also a county commissioner from the Highlands District, a Town Board commissioner, two owners or operators of hotels, motels, or other taxable tourist accommodations – one which owns or operates an accommodation facility with greater than 10 rooms and one which owns or operates an accommodation facility with 10 or fewer rooms; one member of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce board of directors; two individuals interested in the tourist business but who don't own or operate an accommodation facility, and the executive director of the Highlands chamber who will be a non-voting member.

Commissioners will select the TDC members at the September board meeting so the TDCs are up and running in October. All people interested in serving on the Highlands TDC are encouraged to contact Commissioner Brian McClellan. People interested in serving on the Franklin-Nantahala TDC are encouraged to contact Commissioner Bob Simpson.

– Kim Lewicki

than normal and will remain low until a rain event replenishes surface water supplies the Stage II water shortage is still in affect.

The little bit of rain over the weekend helped, but more is needed, said Nix.

The Town's Code of Ordinances delineates voluntary guidelines for a Stage II water shortage.

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The town would appreciate your cooperation in helping to conserve water until this shortage has been rescinded.

Meanwhile, all eyes are on Tropical Storm Fay which may bring needed rain.

"We are currently monitoring the situation and the public should stay tuned to local media sources for the next couple of days to see what develops with this storm," said Macon County Emergency Services Director Warren Cabe. "There is a potential for some flooding but at this point we don't know how much if any and a lot depends on the storm's track."

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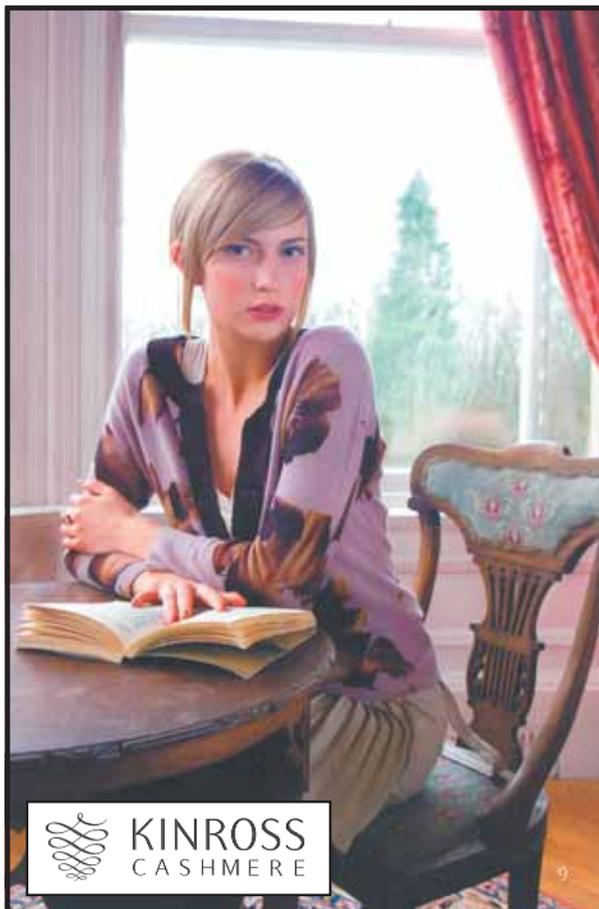
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extend from coast to coast. CISCOR would also connect with the NAFTA Superhighway at Windsor, Ontario and Winnipeg, Manitoba.

If you haven't had enough of acronyms, there's more. CANAMEX is another super transportation system that runs from Edmonton and Calgary through the western US and the west coast of Mexico down to the Mexican ports. Finally (for now), the River of Trade Corridor Coalition will run from the California coast ports through Dallas and becomes the eastern arm of the NAFTA superhighway.

I know this description is convoluted, at best, and a picture is worth all the words I've spent, so, if you really want to understand the network, go to [www.ciscorport.com](http://www.ciscorport.com) for a map that will clear up the whole issue.

There are many advantages to be gained by creating this massive infrastructure system. It will take pressure off the overloaded California ports by redirecting ocean shipments to Mexico. It will also avoid egregiously costly stevedore and longshoreman activities in California ports. It will take much of the over-the-road truck traffic off the Interstate System leaving non-commercial traffic more room and less anxiety. Anyone who drives I-40 often will say amen to that. Mexican truck drivers will replace Teamsters. Cheap goods will flow more efficiently from Asian producers to North American consumers. So what's the beef?

The run-up to this mega project has been kept largely beneath the legislative radar. Bush and his counterparts have kept the issue within their Executive

branches of government. What was considered a product of right-wing imaginations just a few years ago is now a glaring certainty. It will eliminate the American jobs referred to above. But far more important, it will also eliminate the borders between our neighbors and us. Foreigners will become an integral part of the operation of our economy on our soil.

Haven't you wondered why the persistent foot dragging in closing our Southern border while opening up truck traffic into the US by Mexican shippers driven by Mexican drivers? To quote Human Events, "President Bush is pursuing a globalist agenda to create a North American Union, effectively erasing our borders with both Canada and Mexico. He intends to abrogate U. S. sovereignty to the North American Union, a new economic and political entity which the President is quietly forming, much as the European Union was formed."

Achieving this goal is going to take many years to accomplish, and thankfully, many of us will be involved with a much more pleasant environment. In the immediate future, however, many will start feeling the pain when the use of eminent domain is employed to dispossess and uproot thousands of families and businesses in the path of the mammoth highway/railway/utility right-of-way.

Another result of the matter is the increasing distrust of government, which disregards the will of the people and does as it pleases in the name of global unification. Welcome to the brave new world.

**... BRUGGER continued from page 6**

"Grass is eaten by the cattle; Which is eaten by women and men; Defuses with their body, and becomes poo again; And that poo goes through the sewer; which is tucked into the sea; and it's eaten by the plankton which becomes the fishes for me; We got bigger fish with the poo still inside; Swims up near the shore and gets eaten alive; By a grizzly bear that poos on a dead piece of sand; So that it can spring to the life and become poo for the land!

"It becomes the blades of grass; The grass is eaten by the cattle; which comes out the other end; To make poo for the humans, and start all over again... That's the circle, the circle of poo." If you'd like to see the video and hear the complete song, which I highly recommend, go to YouTube.com and search for "Circle of Poo."

Now before you write me an angry letter saying I shouldn't use a word like

"poo" in the newspaper, consider this: President Bush's nickname for Vladimir Putin is "Pootie-Poot." I am imagining him on the phone with Putin last week during the crisis over Georgia saying "Now Pootie-Poot, you need to pull your troops out or, to quote my dad, you're going to be in deep doo-doo."

If you'd like to hear more about this principle of waste = food, attend Ray Anderson's lecture on Monday, Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church. As I have written before, Mr. Anderson is attempting to implement this principle in his Atlanta carpet business, and it will be very interesting to hear him describe his progress towards the very laudable goal of eliminating the concept of waste.

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: [www.kathleenbrugger.com](http://www.kathleenbrugger.com)

## • FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

### Drought, scholarship golf tournament, live performances

**A**t this writing we are in extreme drought conditions. This past week the Town of Highlands declared a Stage II water shortage condition, effective immediately. Our town water supply comes from the Big Creek Arm of Lake Sequoyah. Water is treated at the Water Treatment Plant near there on Hickory Hill road and is pumped to several storage tanks in Town. Last week the Town Engineer, Lamar Nix, along with the operator of the water plant, Wade Wilson, reported that water storage levels have become dangerously low, and will remain low until a rain event replenishes surface water supplies. One can easily see this problem by simply looking at how much water is coming over our dams in town and Bridle Veil Falls. It is now down to a dribble and we will be in serious trouble soon if we do not conserve our water.

The town's ordinances set guidelines for a Stage II water shortage. Water customers are urged to limit car washing to the minimum; limit lawn, garden, and shrubbery watering; not wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, and parking lots; not leave faucets running; limit the use of clothes washers and dishwashers; limit showers to no more than four minutes; limit flushing of toilets; use paper cups and plates if possible; and delay any new landscape work until the shortage has ended. Please, no lawn or flower watering. Having brown lawns is much better than having no water.

We are requesting cooperation to help



Mayor Don Mullen

us conserve water and hope that we do not have to institute mandatory limitations.

The town scholarship golf tournament committee needs help. We are less than a week away from this fund raiser for scholarships for graduates of the Highlands School and volunteers and players are needed. Over the past 20 years the Town of Highlands has

been able to give over three quarters of a million dollars in scholarships to students and amass an endowment of almost \$750,000 for use in those scholarships.

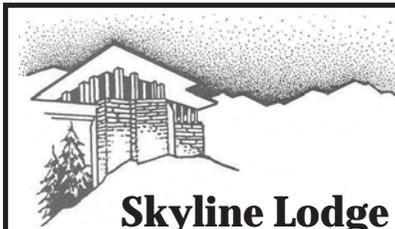
This past June we handed out over \$50,000 to students and we want this to continue. The tournament and dinner following it this year will be held at the Cullasaja Country Club golf course on Monday, August 25 and is always a fun event for both players and volunteers. So we ask all who can participate to call either the Town Hall or Steve Chenoweth to volunteer not only your time but also your talents for the success of this tournament this month so that our students can continue to get the scholarships they deserve.

My wife and I took in the performance at the Highlands Playhouse the opening last week of "One Voice" and it was outstanding. Great songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s of Patsy Cline, Karen Carpenter, and Judy Garland were sung beautifully by Cindy Summers accompanied by a great instrumental quartet. This is the last series of performances by the Playhouse this season and will go on through this

weekend. I highly recommend you attend one of these shows for an evening or Sunday afternoon time of sheer musical enjoyment.

And a promising musical, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," also begins at the Performing Arts Center this week. Anything with Wayne Coleman as the lead singer is always outstanding and we never miss those

performances. And don't forget the Instant Theater performances for continuing entertainment at its best along with all the CLE (Center for Life Enhancement) events which are presented almost every day. Check your newspapers for times of these incredible presentations created to improve your life experiences in almost any field you may be interested.



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Monday, Aug 25

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Monday, Aug 25

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Tuesday, Aug 26

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Wednesday, Sept 3

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Thursday, Sept 4

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### 'Quick Draw' to feature local artists

A variety of paint techniques will be on display at the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw on Sept. 6 at Peregrines at Highlands Cove. Local artists will interpret a subject through their chosen medium. All proceeds from the event will be used by the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary for local area projects. Rotarian Dennis Hall will be donating his services as auctioneer for the live auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the Quickdraw beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35, which includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, the Quickdraw and silent auction, and the live auction. A cash bar will be available. For tickets please call 828-421-2548, or e-mail [mntnquickdraw@aol.com](mailto:mntnquickdraw@aol.com).



Kathie Blozan enjoys a recent paint-out at the North Carolina Arboretum.

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## • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL NEWS •

### Successful students eat smart, move more



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This program aims to get Local Wellness Policies fully implemented, monitored and evaluated. Every school district is required by federal law to have a written Local Wellness Policy. These policies must include guidelines for all foods available in school, nutrition education, physical activity and other school wellness activities.

This month, encourage your audience to get involved with their Local Wellness Policy. By attending school board and PTA/O meetings and asking questions, parents can become informed on their district's policy

They can push for stricter guidelines for foods sold as fundraisers, school stores and concession stands as well as foods and

drinks served at classroom celebrations and used as rewards.

Through Successful Students, a Scorecard is available online to help schools evaluate where they are in implementing their policy. The Scorecard provides feedback on the aspects of the policy at which the school is excelling and those aspects that need a little work. Every school that fills out the Scorecard is designated as a Successful Students School. These schools gain access to banners, certificates, ads and other promotional pieces.

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#### First Day of School

Monday, Aug. 25

#### First PTO meeting

Thursday, Sept. 11  
6 p.m.

#### Parent Night

Monday, Sept. 15

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Middle School Parent Night  
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# • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL NEWS •

## Eight new teachers sign on for 2008-2009



**Ashly Coppage**  
3rd grade

I am from Carrollton, TX. and graduated from Texas Woman's University with a degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education. After graduation, I wanted to see the world so I became a flight attendant for Delta. Shortly after becoming a flight attendant, I married my husband and moved to Highlands where he was living and running the family business, The Log Cabin Restaurant.

I was a flight attendant and commuted to Atlanta for five years until I had

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**Britt Iannacone**  
4th grade

I grew up on a horse farm in Alpharetta, GA when it was still a small town/farm country. The

Highlands School reminds me of the elementary school where I attended, Hopewell Elementary, a K-7 school with one class per grade. After high school, I attended the University of Alabama, Georgia Southern University, and graduated from Georgia State University with a degree in Early Childhood Education.

I taught SIA and fourth grade in Gwinnett County, north-

• See IANNAZONE page 17



**Vicki Taliaferro**  
MS Math and Computers

I moved here two years ago from Virginia to be closer to my dad's side of the family. I have two sons, Chris and Ian. I earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, Va. I earned a Masters Degree in Education from Hampton University, Hampton, VA.

This is my 20<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. I taught special education for about 12 years. Then I taught computer technology and math. I taught Spanish and history at Summit

• See TALIAFERRO page 16



**Brian Aulisio**  
HS Math

I am originally from Scranton, PA and moved to Tampa, FL when I was 7-years-old. I attended the University of Florida at Gainesville, FL. My college degree is Bachelor of Arts in Education. I live in Franklin with my wife Abigail.

I have eight years experience teaching all core subjects at the middle school level in Tampa. This is my first year teaching high school.

My father is a high school chemistry teacher, and I have always respected his career choice.

• See AULISIO page 16



**Gina Billingsley**  
HS Math

I have lived in Scaly Mountain for the past 14 years with my husband, Keith Billingsley. I have two children: Whitney, age 10, and Jake, age 7. They both attend Highlands School. Whitney is in fifth grade and Jake is in second grade. I graduated from Western Carolina in May 2008 with a BS in Education with a concentration in Mathematics.

This is my first year teaching. I student-taught the spring semester of 2008 at Highlands School and I finished the school year after

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**Ashley Burnett**  
HS Spanish

I was raised in Franklin, NC. I went to school there until I moved to Wilmington, NC when I was 18. However I spent my summers traveling, I have been to Mexico, Central America, and parts of Europe. My father and mother's family live in south Florida and Pennsylvania, my father's side of the family speaks both Spanish and English, my father now lives in Costa Rica. My mother lives in Franklin with my step-father who is a minister. I have three step-siblings and a brother

• See BURNETT page 16



**Daryl Phillips**  
HS English

I was born and raised in Clayton, N.C., youngest of two children. At Clayton, I enjoyed running track and field as well as cross country. My parents were very supportive of my running, even to the point of my dad running out in the country with me and my mom driving out in her mini-van to bring us water.

In 2003 I graduated from Clayton High School and went to Johnston Community College for two years where I graduated as a member of Phi Theta Kappa (the Community College equivalent of

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**Ryan Potts**  
HS Social Studies

• Tell us a little about you...where you are from, your family makeup, what your college degree is and where you earned it - Campbell University

• Is this your first year teaching? If not where did you teach and what did you teach? - This is my fifth year of teaching, last year I taught GA history at Towns County in GA.

• Why are you a teacher? - I love the challenge of helping kids to better themselves

• Why did you accept a job at Highlands School? - It's home to me.

• What excites

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... **BURNETT** continued from page 15

and sister. I attended UNC-Wilmington for my first two years; I married my husband who is from Franklin and moved back home to be close to his family and mine. I

finished my bachelor's degree at Western Carolina. I graduated with a major in Spanish and a minor in communications. I then decided to get a Masters in Teaching

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ESL (English as a second language) from WCU. I am still continuing my education. My husband and I have two girls a four-year-old and a one-year-old. We currently live in Franklin.

This will be my third year teaching in Macon County. I was an assistant first-grade teacher at South Macon Elementary, then I taught ESL at Macon Middle School and Franklin High School for one year. I took a year off to spend with my second daughter. During my maternity leave I taught Spanish at Southwestern Community College. I returned as the ESL teacher at Highlands, Cullusaja, Cartoochagey, Iotla, and Cowee.

I love to learn and school has been a huge part of my life. I want to share my knowledge and passion with the next generation. Teaching is a gift, I am able to teach children skills that will allow them to reach their goals and be successful in our evolving society.

After only a few weeks of teaching at Highlands last year I realized what a neat and special place it is. I really enjoy the small school atmosphere, and the way the K-12 works so well. I really loved teaching ESL, however I am excited to teach Spanish. I have wanted to have the opportunity to educate students on the language and cultures of Hispanic people and Highlands

school has given me that opportunity.

Highlands is beautiful and different from Franklin, I am so happy to be at one school instead of 2, 3, 4, or 5. I think Highlands school is very dynamic; the student body seems to have a very interesting and good relationship. I like that the classes are small and each student is recognized, appreciated, and pushed to their full potential. I also noticed that the teachers have a special relationship with their students, they get to watch them grow from kindergartners into seniors, that is neat.

I hope to bring a level of understanding of the need to learn Spanish in today's society. I believe knowledge is the key, I will teach them another language, however I will also teach them about the history and culture of that language. I am excited to reach each of my students and become a part of Highlands school.

So, get ready to learn Spanish! I feel that parent/teacher communication is top priority, I will be available and willing to help my students in any way I can. I expect students to come to class with open ears and ready to learn. I understand that each student is different and special and I will offer a method of teaching that will reach all of my students. Thanks for the opportunity and I look forward to meeting you all.

... **AULISIO** continued from page 15

I remember early on getting a kick out of how he interacted with his students when he let me sit in his class. Later I realized how his personal touch truly influenced his students.

I have been visiting the area since I was 14-years-old, and have traveled to Franklin and Highlands every year since for vacation. The moment I returned to Tampa from vacation, I counted down the days until we would visit again. I consider the job offer to work in such a scenic and relaxing area a blessing.

I am excited to be teaching at High-

lands School because of the smaller class sizes, for one. In Tampa I have had classes with as many as 32 students. I also look forward to working in a small school. I believe that a smaller school fosters greater teamwork among the staff.

I hope to bring a sense of achievement to every student in my class.

To the parents I say: I am here for you and your child. Any concerns that you may have will be addressed immediately. It is with your input and assistance that we can help your child achieve the most that they can. To the students I say: Get Ready!

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my daughters Cydni and Peyton. I then became a stay-at-home mom until now. Cydni will be in first grade and Peyton will be in kindergarten so we will be starting our first year of school together.

I am very excited to teach in Highlands.

After substituting last year, I know what a special and wonderful school we have. I love this community and I am ready for this new adventure in my life. I can't wait to meet my students and parents and look forward to a wonderful year!

... **TALIAFERRO** continued from page 15

Charter School the last two years. I have always known that I wanted to work with children.

I have also always loved math. So the two just kind of came together! I accepted the job at Highlands because I wanted to teach Math! I love the Highlands area and

I have heard some wonderful things about Highlands school.

I am very excited to be here! I hope to be able to get the kids to love math as much as I do and to see that math can be fun! That any one can do math with the right attitude.

**... IANNACONE from page 15**

east of Atlanta, for five years. I have been at home with two boys for 10 years. Four years ago, we left Atlanta for Highlands. During the last three years, I substituted, volunteered, and was PTO Treasurer at the Highlands School.

I became a teacher because watching the children learn something new and getting excited about what they are learning is a blessing for me. It's neat to see the lightbulbs come on. I hope to bring experience, energy, and a love of learning to this group of children. To my students and parents, I look forward to getting to know you and learning many new things together!

**... POTTS from page 15**

you about Highlands and Highlands School? – It is one of the most unique systems in the state and a great place to raise a family.

- What do you hope to bring to the job? – A local perspective.
- What message would you like to give prospective students/parents? – Anything you need don't hesitate to email me or give me a call.

**... BILLINGSLEY from page 15**

Mrs. DeWolf retired in May.

I am a teacher because with teaching, I am being given the opportunity to share my love of mathematics. I am aware that not all students enjoy mathematics, but I want to have a positive impact on how students perceive mathematics in general and even if I cannot make them love mathematics as I do, I want them to at least appreciate the value of mathematics in their lives.

I accepted the job because Highlands School is an exceptional school and has a positive teaching environment. The faculty and parents in the community have always been supportive and I am honored to have been given the opportunity to teach in this school system.

The faculty has been very supportive of me throughout my internship at Highlands School and I am excited to become one of them. The students are a wonderful group of people and I am excited about being given the opportunity to teach them and impart my knowledge of mathematics to them.

I hope to bring my passion for mathematics to the students in my classroom.

To the students, I would like to say that I am excited about this upcoming year and hope that my classroom will be a positive experience for them. To the parents, I am excited that you are allowing me this opportunity to teach your child mathematics and I hope that your child leaves my classroom with an appreciation of mathematics.

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## New laws will help NC land trusts, property owners to protect more unspoiled land

Private landowners who want to make their property a haven for wildlife won support from the North Carolina Legislature, which passed two laws that will encourage greater conservation statewide.

The House and Senate voted overwhelmingly in favor of H1889, which will let landowners enroll 20 to 100 acres in a new wildlife use value classification. The resulting lower property tax will make it affordable for them to keep undeveloped land, and restrictions on who can participate will mean minimal impact on county budgets.

North Carolina loses more than 100,000 acres of farm and forest land annually, and leads the nation in farms lost, Gary Wein, Executive Director of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust noted.

"This bill recognizes that land doesn't have to be developed, clear-cut or planted with Christmas trees to be considered productive. A land owner can use his land to benefit the wildlife that already live there", Wein noted.

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sight or hearing. He still expects me to hear him from one floor to another or from one end of the house to the other. It hasn't yet dawned on him that the highway road sign he can't read yet, I can't read yet, either. A registered Republican, John has a hard time understanding that his registered Independent wife isn't the least bit interested in John Edwards' marital woes, or Obama's birth certificate. Still, we're a work in progress, and progress we shall.

John is showing his love and kindness in the way he is supportive of my mother. Maman has recently made

The measure was signed into law August 4, 2008 by Gov. Mike Easley, marking the end of six years of work by land and wildlife protection proponents to win the new classification for conservation-minded landowners.

The new law requires each enrolled property to have a wildlife management plan. It also clarifies the conditions under which individuals who place their land under a permanent conservation easement will be allowed to continue to receive a property tax break under the current present use value program.

"These changes will provide more incentives and certainty for property owners who want to conserve their property for future generations," said Edgar Miller, director of government relations for the Conservation Trust for North Carolina.

A second measure that the General Assembly passed and Gov. Easley signed into

law will provide land trusts and historic preservation organizations with an additional option to help finance their work to permanently protect North Carolina's natural and cultural treasures.

The measure, H1770, authorizes the nonprofits to include provisions in their conservation and preservation agreements that would allow them to collect fees when the property is conveyed to new owners. The provision's inclusion would be entirely up to the original property owner who negotiates the agreement with the land trust. The money would be used to cover costs associated with the long-term monitoring and stewardship of the property.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust has been protecting special places since 1909 and is a leader of the Blue Ridge Forever campaign to protect 50,000 acres in the Southern Blue Ridge by 2010. You can contact us at 526-1111.

older is no big deal. Getting older and wiser, that's the challenge. As the Scottish tune goes: "My heart's in the Highlands." Mine sure is.

About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband live on top of a mountain on the Continental divide near Highlands. They are members of the Highlands Writers Group. If you have a steady source of water and air conditioning, please keep her in mind.

## • A REVIEW •

### 'Clarence Darrow' at ITC

Clarence Darrow was made nationally famous for defending the right of teachers to teach evolution in public school classrooms - known as the "Monkey Trial."

But those who attend "Clarence Darrow," held over at the Instant Theater on Main, will learn how involved Darrow was in his defense of the weak and poor and how involved he was with social justices we take for granted today. Simple, expected justices, like the eight-hour workday, the right affiliate with a union and others.

What's incredible about "Clarence Darrow" is how interesting the story is and how spell-bounding the performance of actor David Milford.

Minimal scenery and spot lights are all that's needed to relive the courtroom episodes in Darrow's life and the personal

struggles he endured because Milford says it all.

He is truly amazing. Only an actor of the highest caliber can take the subject - the life and times of one man - present it in a one-man show, keep the audience riveted, and the pace moving so as to defy the passage of time.

Everything attributes to the success of ITC's "Clarence Darrow" - the direction by Madeleine Davis, managers Scott and Collin Paxton, lighting by Alan Snyder, and more. But it's Milford's performance and his reputation for consistently becoming his characters that brings audiences back for more.

Go see "Clarence Darrow." It's a historical study and a study in a craft well-honed. Call the ITC box office for tickets at 828-342-9197.

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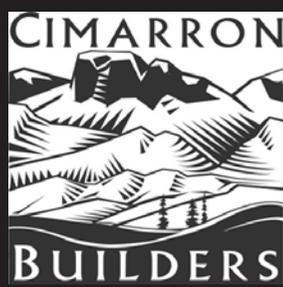
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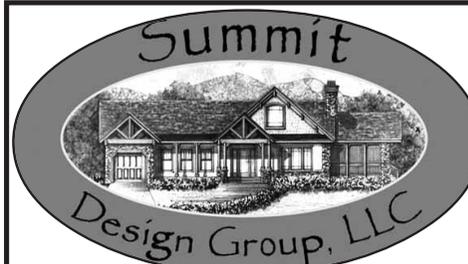
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those duties after practicing law with former Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., who had served as Moore County's attorney for several years on a part-time basis.

From 1996 to 1999, Moxley was an assistant county attorney for Durham County, where she represented departments, handled major litigation and assisted the Board of Commissioners in preparing the County's legislative agenda. She also worked as a man-

aging attorney for Legal Services of North Carolina in New Bern, where she practiced for many years. Moxley began her law career in Houston, Texas, after receiving her juris doctor (J.D.) degree from Wake Forest University in 1986, and her undergraduate degree from Salem College, where she graduated with honors in biology.

On behalf of the Association of County Commissioners, Ms. Moxley has represent-

ed North Carolina counties' interests as amicus curiae before the North Carolina Supreme Court and as defense counsel in class action litigation against 99 of North Carolina's counties. An experienced litigator, she successfully argued a case of first impression before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit involving social security survivors' benefits for children, and she is admitted to practice in all state and federal courts in North Carolina.

Most recently, Moxley participated in a three-lawyer panel on the topics of County

Attorney in Court: Professional Responsibility in Addition to Advocacy and County Attorney As Advisor And Potential Witness: Protecting Attorney-Client Privilege at the County Attorneys' 2008 Winter Conference sponsored by the UNC School of Government. The focus of the discussion was toward unique issues that arise when county attorneys become witnesses in civil litigation, and related strategies to protect privileged and work product protected information.

She is a member of the North Carolina Bar Association (NCBA), the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, and the American Bar Association. In 1991, she was appointed to the NCBA's Commission on the Status of Women in the Legal Profession to study numerous issues faced by women attorneys; the Commission issued its final report to the NCBA in 1993.

Moxley has continued to serve on various professional committees of the NCBA, and served on the governing board of the North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys from 1996-2001, including two terms as treasurer and one as vice-president.

Moxley's other community and professional activities include 10 years on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Legal Education Assistance Foundation, which helps North Carolina lawyers pursue careers in public service through educational loan repayment assistance.

She is a member of P.E.O. International, a philanthropy dedicated to enhancing the lives of women through education by providing scholarships, grants, awards and loans for undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies, as well as stewardship of Cottey College.

Moxley has served on the Food Bank of Eastern and Central North Carolina - Sandhills Advisory Council, as well as on the boards of the Coastal Women's Shelter - New Bern, and Rape Crisis of Durham, as its president. Craven County honored her with an outstanding leadership award for her years of service on its Aging Planning Board, and she is a graduate of Leadership Craven.

Born and raised in Kinston, Ms. Moxley currently resides in the mountains of western North Carolina and has one son who is a public policy major at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is an avid contemporary and folk art collector and enjoys reading, gardening, sailing and travelling both at home and abroad.



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### HCP auditioning for 'A Thousand Clowns'

Auditions for Highlands-Cashiers Players production "A Thousand Clowns," a comedy/drama written by Herb Gardner, is Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street.

A reading copy is available at the Hudson Library. Available roles are for 3 adult males and 1 adult female.

Performance dates are October 16-19 and 23-26.



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## Fall trainings offer skills and knowledge for Macon County nonprofit leaders

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- Sept. 11, Being An Effective Facilitator, Asheville
- Sept. 18, Nonprofit Fundamentals – Organization Planning, Asheville
- Sept. 23, Individual Donors: The Key to Fundraising Success, Bryson City
- Oct. 1, ABCs of Special Events, Columbus
- Oct. 10, Nonprofit Fundamentals – Board Basics, Asheville
- Oct. 28, Build Your Influence – Enrich

### Focus Gallery features work of Highlander Marge Rohrer

August 16 through October 7 Focus Gallery will feature the work of Highlands textile artist Marge Rohrer. The exhibition is a celebration of self expression through wearable art.

Marge Rohrer designs capes, scarves, hats and purses. With the help of her husband, David, who is the primary weaver, the couple creates accessories for the woman who loves to wrap herself in luxury.

In her artist statement Marge says, "Unique fibers, enticing textures and exciting colors form the palette that gives shape and substance to my inner visions."

For the Focus Gallery exhibition Marge designed pieces which would echo her love for Art Deco style. Squares and rectangles in various colors and textures are the building blocks of her designs. She makes clothes which are delightful to the eye and sensuous to the touch.

The Southern Highland Craft Guild was established in 1930 to bring together the crafts and craftspeople of the Southern Highlands. It's authorized to provide services at the Blue Ridge Parkway's Folk Art Center under the authority of a cooperative agreement with the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. It's located at Milepost 382 of the Blue Ridge Parkway, just north of the Hwy 70 entrance in east Asheville, NC.

### Your Life, Asheville

- Oct. 31, Mastering the Art of Public Speaking, Burnsville
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## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### Confession



**Pastor Sam Forrester**  
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

Sin is not a topic many people like to talk about. Why? Because we are all sinners and do not care to have our short comings pointed out. Yet, sin is a part of our every-day lives. How do we know what is sin and what is not? The Shorter Catechism of The Westminster Confession of Faith asks the question, "What is sin?" It answers, "Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God." In other words, sin is anything God says is sin.

How do we handle sin? Sin is handled through confession. By admitting our sin and doing it in such a way as to show we know it is sin. Proper confession is always accompanied by repentance. Confession requires that we stop and examine our hearts, making known our deepest secrets.

I don't think anyone would disagree that confession is hard. It is so hard that it cannot be engaged in properly without the grace of God. Only God's grace can bring the sinner to the recognition of his need of confession to cleanse his heart. Confession is a very repugnant activity to the ego. It does not improve the image we want of ourselves.

The apostle John knew how difficult confession was and he warned not to deny that we were sinners. You cannot claim a close and personal relationship with God if you refuse to admit your sin. Jesus made this a part of his ministry. He chose his harshest words, not for the thieves and prostitutes of his day, but for the religious hypocrites that thought they were holy. You don't have to look in the darkest areas of this world to find people without God. You will find them in all the good places, country clubs, fashion centers and respectable churches just as much as in porn shops, gay bars, and houses of ill repute. Hypocrisy is just as deadly a sin as is murder. Hypocrisy is a more disgusting sin to God than those that come out of the gutter of life. Those who engage in it will not enter into the kingdom of God without a proper and true confession.

Most people would rather talk about others and their sins than confess their own. But refusing to face our own sin only proves we do not have the truth. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us" (John 1:8). To have the truth is to understand as the apostle Paul said, "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

Facing sin is extremely important in the life of a Christian. There are many people who acknowledge they sin but chose to do nothing about it. They love their sin and take great pleasure in it. Others see their sin and only fret over it because they don't want to change the way they live. If you know Jesus Christ and believe the message of hope he brought into the world. Then, you will know your sin is what separates you from God and you will want to deal with it. You will confess it and know that your confession will bring God's forgiveness. God makes a promise to everyone through the apostle John. He says, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Don't allow your sin to separate you from the one and only true and living God. Examine your heart against God's Word and confess the sins you find there. He promises if you do this, with a broken and contrite heart, you will find forgiveness.

## • BUSINESS NEWS •



### Michael's for Hair now open in Wright Square

Like many of us, Michael and Susan Frankenberg were captured by the beauty and charm of Highlands. They enjoyed coming to Highlands to hike, and the mountain ranges, clean air and climate reminded Michael of his home in Northern Germany. That's another reason he has always felt comfortable here.



**Michael Frankenberg**

Michael was born in the City of Hildesheim, famous for its thousand year old rose tree, "the Rose of Hildesheim," still growing in the apse of St Mary's Cathedral, which is considered a masterpiece of medieval architecture. The tree nearly died a few times, but always has been nursed back to health.

A well traveled man, Frankenberg is an avid sailor and scuba diver, and he enjoys gardening. "I hope to get used to mountain gardening, which is a lot different from Atlanta," he says. He has lived in different places in Europe before coming to work in Houston, Texas. He travelled around the United States; west and east coast and Hawaii. Frankenberg met his wife Susan in Denver, Colorado. They moved to Atlanta in the early 70s where they live today – or rather where Michael lives on weekends when he's not in Highlands! They have been married for 38 years and have two children, Jennifer and Christopher.

They are also the delighted grandparents of boy and girl twins Ella Jane and Aiden living in Charlotte.

When you visit his salon, you will always get an update on the twins' progress! Susan is a registered nurse in the Georgia Public Health system, but their dream is to move full time to Highlands, hopefully by

next spring.

Frankenberg moved to Houston, Texas in 1962 where he worked with many celebrities. His clients included actresses such as Kim Novak, and Jayne Wyman. He also styled the hair of astronauts' wives. Michael Frankenberg ran the salon at Old Edwards Inn for some time, until he made the decision to start his own business.

He opened 'Michael's for Hair' in Wright Square on Main Street. His salon is modern and comfortable with a European flair, and meets the needs of the most discerning clients, both male and female. The salon also carries natural skincare and cosmetics from Switzerland.

Frankenberg is excited to be part of the Highlands business community and will soon be hosting an open house. He hopes you will drop by, have a cup of coffee and relax at Highland's newest salon.

### Leadership Highlands kicks off another year

Since 1999, Leadership Highlands has offered local participants a comprehensive program that provides them with the opportunity to develop leadership skills and community awareness. This week Leadership Highlands offers the reader an inside look at what a Leadership Highlands Alumnus thinks about the program.

The current interview is answered by Katy Calloway, who has been active in the community in several areas and has worked as the Executive Director of the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Organization and as the Director of the Highlands Nature Center in the past. Currently, Katy's involvement in many local organizations and her two-year old son, Trip Calloway, keep her very busy.

Look forward for future information on Leadership Highlands and contact the Highlands Visitor Center at 526-2112 or email LeadershipHighlands@hotmail.com if you would like to participate in an upcoming Leadership Highlands class.

#1) What did you find unique about the LH program?

One of the highlights of my Leadership Highlands experience was the relationships I formed with my fellow classmates. I continue to work closely with them through volunteering and business. The program encourages these long-term relationships and networking opportunities through alumni events and continuing education programs.

#2) How are you currently using what you learned in Leadership Highlands?

I participated in the 2004-05 class and was introduced to many aspects of the community that I didn't know existed. I have since become more involved with organizations that I feel are vital to the community, and help define the character of Highlands. At the top of my list are the organizations that protect the local envi-

•See BIZ NEWS page 38

### Same acronym, new name



HCP, formerly the Highlands Community Players has changed its name to the Highlands Cashiers Players. HCP President, Ronnie Spilton said, "HCP has several residents from Cashiers participating regularly in our productions and the board wanted to recognize them. Also, we hope that the name change will invite more Cashiers' residents to become a part of our theater group." The Highlands Cashiers Players produces four professional quality plays a year and is a community based theater group. Its current production opens August 21: *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, by Stephen Sondheim. For more information call: 828-526-8084. Pictured: HCP Board of Directors: Front row, Dean Zuch, Ronnie Spilton, Diane Rossaza and Mary Adair Leslie. Back row, Jim Gordon, Jody Read, Jim Schulte, Rick Siegel, Virginia Talbot and Donna Cochran.

### Scudder's nets hospital \$1,300



Lambert Garrison of Tuscaloosa, AL, was the high bidder of the Remington bronze entitled "The Bronco Buster" auctioned at Scudder's Galleries in Highlands last Friday. Lambert's high bid of \$1,300 will be donated to the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Foundation. From left is Frank Scudder with Lambert Garrison.

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-going

- Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for \$2,000 and have four difference chances of winning.

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs).

- Oak Street Café is donating a portion of its revenues to the Playhouse from meals purchased prior to show time. Park your car, have a meal, then walk across the street to the Playhouse production!

- The Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for "One Voice" Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 14-31. Please call 828-526-2695 or write or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.

- Yoga at the Rec Park, 7:30 a.m Monday and Wednesdays. Call 526-4340 for information.

- Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call

526-4340.

- 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](http://www.ncmana.org).

- 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.

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

### Sundays

- Hal Phillips at the piano during Sunday Brunch from 12 noon to 2 pm at Jack's at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.

### Mondays & Wednesdays

- Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class.

## HCP's 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' opens Thursday, Aug. 21



"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" by Stephen Sondheim opens Thursday, Aug. 21-Aug. 30 in Highlands NC at the Performing Arts Center. Produced by the Highlands Cashiers Players. Directed by Ronnie Spilton, Musical Director: Robert Ray and Choreography by Katherine Cochran. For tickets or more information please call: 526-8084. Wayne Coleman as Pseudolus, surrounded by Marsha Schmalo, Caroline Brown, Katherine Cochran, Linsey Wisdom, Michelle Hott, and Nancy Reeder.

As the opening number of the musical promises, it's comedy tonight and every night through August 30 with the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street.

Set in ancient Rome, the plot concerns a crafty slave named Pseudolus (originally played by Zero Mostel) who schemes to win his freedom by acquiring for his lovesick young master the beautiful virgin who lives next door. What ensues is a madcap tale bursting with comical energy, featuring slaves, masters, matrons, exotic courtesans, Roman soldiers, and wonderful satirical, "singable" songs.

HCP has a cast of thousands, teenagers to septuagenarians. Well, actually 23 players, who act, dance, sing and bring to life this most funny of Sondheim musicals. So, you're likely to see someone you know in this riotous production.

Opening on Broadway in 1962, *Forum* was a monster success with Zero Mostel as Pseudolus, the lead character, and that great character actor Jack Gilford as his sidekick,

Hysterium. Our Pseudolus is Wayne Coleman of the big beautiful tenor voice and Hysterium is Rick Siegel. (Did you know Rick could sing?). There will be a few other singing surprises as well.

It's hard to believe that there is anyone who hasn't seen *Forum* before, as it has been revived several times on Broadway and produced through the years by innumerable regional, college, and community theaters. But there are many who haven't had that pleasure. If you've seen it, you must see it again. If you haven't, don't miss the Players production, sponsored in part by Wit's End Shops, directed by Ronnie Spilton, with musical direction by Broadway veteran, Robert Ray, and choreography by Kathryn Cochran.

The Players' box office, at the Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and \$15 per person for groups of 15 or more, except on opening night. Call (828) 526-4904 for reservations. VISA and Mastercard are accepted.

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

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### 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.

### Mondays

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

• At the Nature Center, Animal Feeding Time 11 a.m.-noon, all ages welcome: Come and observe what each of the Nature

Center's animals eat and learn how they feed.

### Tuesdays

• At the Nature Center, Family Nature Activity 3-4 p.m., ages 4 and up: Activities vary, but may include critter searches, discovery walks, or nature games \$1 per person.

• 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.

### Wednesdays

• At the Nature Center, Nature Show & Tell/Storytime 2:30-3 p.m., all ages: Come

for a nature lesson based around a children's storybook using items from the

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## Mystery Writer and Whitewater Paddler at Cyrano's on Aug. 23

Nashville-based mystery writer Chester D. Campbell will autograph copies of "The Marathon Murders," his latest novel, at Cyrano's on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 1-3 p.m. Then Will Leverette signs copies of "A History of Whitewater Paddling in Western North Carolina: Water Wise" from 3-5 p.m.

"The Marathon Murders" finds retired Air Force OSI (Office of Special Investigations) agent Greg McKenzie and his wife Jill — now private investigators — back in a new adventure, which involves a 90-year-old murder (not much DNA evidence there!) and a very recent disappearance. And Campbell's story is based on actual events: the rise and fall of Nashville's Marathon Motor Works, an early automobile maker named in honor of the famous distance race in the then-recent 1904 Olympics held in St. Louis. (Marathon's manufacturing buildings still stands in Tennessee's capital, where they are currently being converted into office space; Mr. Campbell's recent book-launch party was held there in the car company's former showroom, complete with a restored 1914 Marathon touring car.) The real Marathon came a cropper due to some questionable business decisions and the fictional McKenzie's clients, Col. Warren Jarvis—who first appeared in "Secret of the Scroll"—and his girlfriend, Kelli Kane, believe the records would shed light on the fate of her great-great-grandfather. A Marathon officer who disappeared in 1914, he was accused of embezzlement and later found dead. More murders occur, appearing aimed at suppressing the secret behind the missing records. It's a tale of greed, misplaced pride, family loyalty, and the unpredictable violence of an irrational mind.

Chester Campbell has been a journalist (for the Knoxville Journal and the Nashville Banner), advertising man, speech writer for the governor and a magazine editor. He and his wife, Sarah, live in the Nashville suburb of Madison, Tenn. "The Marathon Murders" is his fourth published

mystery; besides "Secret of the Scroll," his earlier Greg McKenzie novels include "Designed to Kill" and "Deadly Illusions." In an interview with Nashville's New Channel 4, the author said that he and his character Greg McKenzie were a lot alike, except that McKenzie is bigger and stronger. Chester Campbell's readers understand that his protagonists can have grey hair, yet still mix it up with the bad guys.

"A History of Whitewater Paddling in Western North Carolina: Water Wise" tells the fascinating, exhilarating story of paddling's pioneers in the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains, from 1923 to 1980. The Chattooga and Nantahala rivers get plenty of coverage, of course, but there are many other streams with their own stories. The author's grandfather, Frank Bell, founded Camp Mondamin in Tuxedo, and in 1923 led a group of campers from there all the way to the Mississippi River—in canoes. They went via the turbulent French Broad and had many adventures in their low-tech boats; it's one of the many interesting, relatively unknown expeditions that are recounted here. Will Leverette himself grew up working in summer camps in the area, and eventually moved out west. But after a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis, he came back to North Carolina to his family and friends, and to where he can still carry on with paddling sports thanks to new inflatable kayaks. "A History of Whitewater Paddling in Western North Carolina" is filled with wonderful, rare, old photographs of early enthusiasts and their crafts, and will appeal to anyone intrigued by the interplay of rock and running water in these mountains. Leverette is Warren Wilson College's "Paddling Mentor-in-Residence."

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@nctv.com; to learn more about our store please visit [www.cyanosbooks.com](http://www.cyanosbooks.com)

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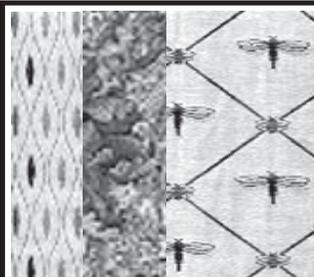
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**• UPCOMING EVENTS •**

**Relay for Life starts Friday at Cashiers Community Park**

The annual Relay For Life of Mountaintop event is set for Friday-Saturday, August 22-23, at Cashiers Community Park. Activities will begin at 5pm.

Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. Teams of family

m e m b e r s , friends, co-workers, and others join together each year to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and make a difference in the community. In honor of those who battle cancer 24 hours a day, team members typically take

turns walking the track throughout the day and night. For those not walking, there is around the clock action to keep everyone busy. From entertainment, food and games to touching ceremonies and stories of inspiration, there is something for everyone at Relay For Life. Every unique Relay For Life is truly a community event, where new friends are made, old friends are hugged and hearts are touched by the magic that is Relay. It is an event like no other.

At every Relay For Life event, we celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer through our Survivor's Lap and survivor recognition. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight. We also remember loved ones lost to the disease with our Luminaria Ceremony. At Relay, people who have walked alongside those battling cancer can grieve and find healing. Finally, we fight back against cancer because everyone has been touched by cancer and we want to put an end to the disease. Relay helps individuals make a commitment to save lives by taking up the fight.

In 2007, the Mountain Top Relay For Life raised \$159,750 for the American Cancer Society, claiming the number-

one per capita Relay For Life event in the nation for the seventh year in a row.

Sponsors are Cashiers Crossroads Chronicle, The Highlander Newspaper, Carolina Smokehouse, Fressers Eatery and SweeTreats of Highlands.

There are a number of Relay fundraisers in which the public can participate. They include:

\*RBC Bank of Highlands has an ongoing book sale in the lobby and Friday August 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a yard sale on the front lawn of the bank.

\*Ice Cream Bonanza and Blue Grass every Friday night at the Lake Toxaway Community Center with proceeds benefiting Relay.

\*Wachovia Bank - Cashiers will be having a car wash in



August.

\*Grace Church is having a luncheon after church July 13, Wednesday night supper July 30 and lunch after church August 10 with donations and proceeds going to Relay For Life.

\*Relay For Life Stars are available for purchase at numerous various locations including Wendy's, RBC Bank of Highlands & Cashiers, Wachovia Bank - Cashiers and United Community Bank. Luminaries honoring or remembering cancer victims may be donated for only \$10 each.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is more than just a fundraiser. It is an opportunity to get together with family and friends and celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and fight back against this disease. Walk with us August 22 in this inspirational event as the Cashiers and Highlands communities come together to raise funds and make cancer history.

For more information, please visit www.relayforlife.org or call Sarah Bishop at 828-221-0246. For information about luminaries or torches, contact Sue Gorski at 526-0606. You may also visit our event website at <http://events.cancer.org/rflmountaintop>.



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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

Nature Center.

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

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

### 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.

### 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

- The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095 Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

### Thursdays

- At the Nature Center, Zahner Conservation Lecture Series 7 p.m., 12 and up: An evening seminar series featuring leading scientists, historians, writers and artists on a variety of environmental topics (schedule available at [www.wcu.edu/hbs](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs)).

### Fridays

- At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages: A guid-

ed walk through the Highlands Botanical Garden, featuring the native plants of the region.

### Friday & Saturday

- Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

### Friday-Sunday

- At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

### Saturdays

- At the Nature Center, Featured Creature 11:30-noon, all ages: come and learn more about one of the Nature Center's live animals up close.

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

- Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student.

### Sundays

- Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood at 7 p.m. Call Kay Ward at 743-5009 for more information. Dress is casual.

### Through Nov. 12

- The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the sculpture to be added to the Perma-

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## Maestro William Fred Scott to lecture for CLE on Bel Canto weekend

William Fred Scott, past associate conductor of the Atlanta Symphony under Robert Shaw and Artistic Director of the Atlanta Opera for 20 years will speak on "Spectacular songbirds: A loving look at the operas of Handel, the songs of Schubert and the nocturnes of Chopin."

These composers wrote more than practically any other composers and this lecture will give us a look at Handel's operas in-depth as well as examine the particularly Bel Canto qualities of Chopin's piano music. Schubert is in there for fun, since his hundreds of songs also give us a chance to discuss what fine singing is all about and, after all, fine singing is the translation of "bel canto."

A Georgia native and cum laude graduate of Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, he was invited by Sarah Caldwell to come to Boston as pianist, coach and chorus master where he made his conducting debut at age 22. With the Opera Company of Boston, he lead almost 200 performances as principal conductor of Opera New England, the company's touring arm. Robert Shaw next invited Mr. Scott to

serve as associate conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He later returned as guest conductor of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra where he created and conducted their popular "Champagne and Coffee" concert series from 1985-1998. In 1999 he conducted the inaugural season of "Christmas with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra," and he continues this annually. He has made guest appearances with the New York City, Chautauqua, Wolf Trap, Boston, Carolina, and Sarasota Operas. He has conducted many symphony orchestras in the U.S. and conducted the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. In addition to the long list of credits in the traditional opera repertoire, Mr. Scott has conducted a number of rarely seen operas. He is a sought after speaker and authority on opera and vocal performance.

Maestro Scott's lecture will be in Highlands at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation with piano demonstration on Friday, Sept. 5 from 10-12 a.m. Call CLE at 526-8811 to sign up or you may sign up at the door at the time of the lecture.

## POLICE , FIRE & SHERIFF LOGS

**The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Aug. 13-17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.**

### Aug. 13

- At 2:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at N. Cobb and U.S. 64 west.

- At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident in Wright Square.

### Aug. 14

- At 4 p.m., officers were called to assist another agency when a person tried to get into a residence on Aspen Lane. He was intoxicated and was at the wrong house.

### Aug. 15

- At 4:35 p.m., a motorist at Third and Main streets was cited for having an expired registration.

- At 5:30 p.m., Mark William Murray, 54, was arrested for harassing phone calls and passing worthless checks.

### Aug. 16

- At 6 p.m., a resident reported losing his keys at Reeves Hardware.

- At 10:50 p.m., a motorist on N.C. 106

was cited for driving while impaired.

- At 1:25 a.m., officers were called to a residence on Paul Walden Way where people were being disruptive.

### Aug. 17

- Officers were called to assist another agency during a intoxillizer test.

- At 6 p.m., a gas drive-off of \$76 was reported at Farmers Market.

- At 23:09, Mary Theodora Moschouris, 24, of Highlands, was cited for failing to stop at a Stop sign on Oak Street and arrested for DWI and drug violations.

- Officers were called to assist another agency at a traffic stop on N. 4th Street.

During the week, officers issued 6 warning tickets and responded to 4 alarm activations.

**The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 14-19**

### Aug. 14

- The dept. responded to a golf cart accident on Falls Drive West. The dept. assisted EMS with treatment and transport.

- The dept. was first-responders to as-

sist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Holt Cottage Lane. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. responded to a report of a brush fire on Rich Gap Road. It was a controlled burn but the fire dept. extinguished it.

### Aug. 15

- The dept. provided mutual aid to assist the Cashiers Fire Dept. with a possible structure fire. The call was cancelled en route.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hemlock Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### Aug. 16

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call concerning an allergic reaction. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### Aug. 17

- The dept. responded to a call of a gas grill on fire at a residence on Mountain Ash Lane. Grill on the porch had a hole in the gas line. The fire caused minimal damage to the deck. The gas was cut off.

**The following is the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries for Aug. 16-18 Aug. 14**

- At 4 p.m., deputies investigated a larceny of a polly tank valued at \$500 from a residence on N.C. 106.

### Aug. 16

- At 8 a.m., a breaking and entering was reported at Tate's Landscaping Company where a dead bolt was tampered with and damaged.

### Aug. 17

- A little after midnight, Augusta Capps, 30, of Georgia, was arrested for DWI and possession of an open container when she failed to stop at a traffic light at N.C. 106 and Main Street.

- A little after midnight, Clayton Randolph Capps, 30, of Georgia, was arrested for resisting and delaying an arrest at N.C. 106 and Main Street.

### Aug. 18

- At 6 p.m., deputies responded to a breaking and entering with larceny of various guns, rifles and tools from a residence on Buck Creek Road.

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### Dubberly returns for Bel Canto on Sept. 7

Bel Canto brings a history of opera to the modern stage, accompanied by Stephen Dubberly.

The long-standing tradition of beautiful singing carries on in Highlands this September with the 16th annual Bel Canto.

Organizers aim to bring some of opera's most internationally renowned singers to the stage at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. For one night only, Sept. 7, the PAC will resonate with the voices of baritone John Packard and tenor Roy Cornelius Smith under the artistic direction of Stella Zambalis.

Accompanied by Dr. Stephen Dubberly, the night is wonderfully coordinated to provide a harmonious musical performance. Few people understand the human voice better than Dubberly, who now serves as the orchestral conductor at North Texas University. At the university he is acting opera music director.

This year marks Dubberly's 16th consecutive performance as the Bel Canto accompanist and keyboard soloist. His career as an opera conductor is accelerating and since he made his conducting debut fourteen years ago, he has been lauded for productions in Saint Louis, Knoxville, Athens (GA), Hilton Head and with the American Bel Canto Opera Company.

Opera has a long and varied evolution starting back in the late 16th century with madrigal singing. The stage and performers have changed a great deal since the Renaissance and early Baroque eras of the madrigal. At the time, it was a collection of six to eight performers unaccompanied by instruments.

Around 1597 the very first Italian opera, "Dafne" by Jacopo Peri, was composed. Although the music has been lost over time, it patterned after a chamber-music style. Peri's



Stephen Dubberly

later opera, "Euridice," written around 1600, is the first surviving piece of opera known today.

At the same time madrigal singing was evolving in Italy, the French were bringing ballet to the stage and in England the masque was gaining popularity – both of which became incorporated with the Italian opera.

In the seventeenth century, the solo performer began to cast a shadow on the ensemble-style of poetic expression.

During the 18th century the opera was widespread and popularized most notably by Mozart in such compositions as "Marriage of Figaro," "Don Giovanni" and "The Magic Flute." But it was Christoph von Gluck's reform that brought opera to new heights of popularity. Where his pieces lacked in vocal versatility, they made up for it in rich orchestral support.

Following Gluck's success came the first bel canto – beautiful singing – where the voice was the highlighted feature of the performance. Requiring great vocal agility, the performance continued to receive high demand.

Contemporary times have seen a new evolution in the composition. Instead of focusing on distant history, retold myths and legends, the stage now holds a performance on current historical figures and redramatizations – making the music tangible to modern audiences.

The orchestra has been downsized once again to a chamber music ensemble. Highlands' Bel Canto aims to showcase a variety of the styles and stages as opera has been performed through the centuries.

Join us, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. at the PAC for an evening of beautiful singing followed by an equally beautiful banquet hosted at the Highlands County Club. Tickets are \$150 and as a patron of the arts, Bel Canto proceeds will help support both the permanent art collection at The Bascom and the music program at Highlands School. For ticket information, contact 526-9074 or write to P.O. Box 2302, Highlands, NC 28741.

#### Through Aug. 31

• At Highlands Playhouse, "One Voice," featuring selections from Patsy Cline, Judy Garland and Karen Carpenter. For further information or reservations please call 828-

526-2695 or P.O. Box 896 in Highlands.

#### Thursdays, Aug. 21, 28, Sept 11

• A Shakespeare Workshop - Henry IV with Dr. Tery Nienhuis. 3-5. \$65 members, \$75 non members. To become a CLE member and register for courses and events, call the CLE office at 526-8811.

#### Through Friday, Aug. 22

• The Highlands Middle School soccer team will practice at Buck Creek Field from 8 – 11 a.m. Players need to have cleats, shin guards, and a water bottle. Any questions, call Coach Ryan Sprague at 342-3951

#### Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 21-24

• HCP presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at PAC. 7:30 evenings, 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee. For tickets call 828-526-8084.

#### Thursday, August 21

• In the 2007 movie "Elizabeth: The Golden Age," Cate Blanchett plays the queen in this exploration of her relationship with Sir Walter Raleigh. The free movies are usually shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Donations are appreciated.

• Republicans in Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties are invited to a breakfast event at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, at the Jarrett House in Dillsboro. The breakfast is being organized by the Jackson County Republican Organization to welcome Representative Paul Stamm, North Carolina State House Minority Leader, to Western North Carolina. Representative Stamm will address the group with an update on the legislature's 2008 session and the legislative agenda in 2009. For additional information and reservations call Republican Headquarters at 828-586-3634 or visit the Jackson County Republican Organization website at [www.jacksoncountygop.com](http://www.jacksoncountygop.com).

• Meet the Teachers Open House at Highlands School from 4-6 p.m.

• Ballroom Dance at the MC Commu-

ment Collection at the Green.

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nity Building, on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30-9: pm with music by "Swingtime Band", for information call (828), 369-9155, 524-7888 or 586-6373.

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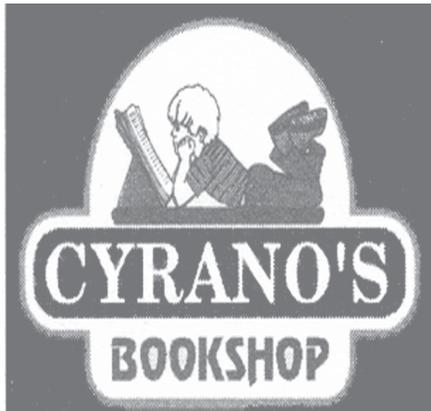
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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •



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### Upcoming Book Signings

#### **Saturday, August 23**

1-3 p.m.

Chester Campbell

"The Marathon Murders"

3-5 p.m.

Will Leverette

"A History of Whitewater Paddling in Western North Carolina: Water Wise"

#### **Thursday, September 4**

1-3 p.m.

Susan Wilson

"Come to the Table" cookbook

#### **Saturday, September 6**

2-4 p.m.

Rod Andrew

"Wade Hampton"

#### **Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 10-11**

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- Relay For Life of Mountain Top "Carnival of Hope" at the Cashiers Recreation Ball Fields on 54 Plastic Plant Road in Cashiers, NC from 6 p.m. – 8 a.m. Survivor/Caregiver Laps at 6:30 p.m. Medical Mile to follow. Public Welcome. For more information, visit [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org), call 828.254.6931 or visit our event website at <http://events.cancer.org/rflmountaintop>.

#### **Saturday, Aug. 23**

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4 mile moderate hike to the Devil's Courthouse on Whiteside Mountain, with an elevation change of 700 feet. Meet at Whiteside Mountain Parking lot off Hwy. 64 between Highlands and Cashiers at 9:30 am. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Chester Campbell will sign "The Marathon Murders" from 1-3 p.m. and from 3-5 p.m. author Will Leverette will sign copies of "A History of Whitewater Paddling in Western North Carolina: Water Wise"

- "Contemporary Folk Art" exhibition opens at The Bascom with a free public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibition continues through Sept. 18 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

- Pancake breakfast presented by the Scaly Mountain Women's Club at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on NC Hwy 106 and Buck Knob Road. For more information contact: Jan DeJong, Chairman at 526-0370.

- A trunk show at R.E.A.C.H. Karen Odgers, a jewelry designer, will hold a trunk show at the Treasures within R.E.A.C.H. shop, at 111 Heritage Hollow

Lane, on Saturday from 11 am till 3 pm. Ms Odgers, a resident of Franklin, is a native of North Carolina, who has studied graphic design and has been designing jewelry since she was a teen. Her passion for jewelry design began as a child with "found objects" and has evolved into the "Funky Elegant" look she creates today. For the past 20 years she has made "one-of-a-kind" jewelry for women who like creative jewelry. She markets an earring line on handmade collaged cards to retailers across

North Carolina. R.E.A.C.H. of Macon County is a private, community based non-profit agency serving victims of family violence and sexual assault. For further information please call 828-524-3220.

#### **Sunday, Aug. 24**

- Violin prodigy Ben Beilman, will perform at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 5 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

#### **Monday, August 25**

- First day of school at Highlands

## Folk art expert to speak at The Bascom Aug. 28

Folk art expert Wendy Lavitt will give a special lecture on "Animals in Folk Art" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28, at The Bascom. The lecture is free to members of The Bascom.

Lavitt is a well-known author and authority on American folk art. She will share her vast knowledge of folk animals and dolls, vintage textiles and other collectible folk art.

"We are lucky to have an expert of Wendy Lavitt's caliber speak to our family of art supporters," said Donna Rhodes, The Bascom's education di-



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rector. "She is an exceptionally entertaining speaker, and she brings so much expertise about folk art to our community. This is a real treat."

The lecture is in conjunction with The Bascom's "Contemporary Folk Art" exhibition, which runs from Aug. 23 to Sept. 18.

Annual memberships in The Bascom costs \$35. Proceeds benefit the art center's programming, including exhibitions and education. To become a member and attend the Lavitt lecture for free, call (828) 526-4949, or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

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School.

- Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. Oakville Ranch Vineyards, "Traveling Wine Diva," Paula Kornell. Part of the fun of this dinner is Paula herself and her positively wonderful personality that reminds you how wine dinners can be very enjoyable and not pretentious. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David have fun with this dinner as well, because they know her wines so well. To make reservations, please call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807 or visit our web site at [www.wolfgang.net](http://www.wolfgang.net).

- The Town Scholarship Golf Tournament at Cullasaja Club.

- At CLE, Animal Rights and Animal Wrongs: Biomedical Research. Please call 526-8811 to register.

- At CLE, Mid Course Correction: An Environmentalist's Journey. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 26

- At Health Tracks at the hospital, "Freedom from Smoking" classes. The round of eight classes, taught by a certified instructor, is free. Space is limited, so those interested should call as soon as possible to register. For more information or to register, call Health Tracks at 526-1FIT (526-1348).

- Highlands School PTO fundraiser Sally Foster will begin August 26. Students will have information and samples.

### Tuesday, Aug. 26

- At CLE, Short Story Masters of America's Genre (series). Please call 526-8811 to register.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet on Tuesday at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features Mac Marrett, one of the area's top guides, who will discuss his favorite local fishing streams, many heretofore undisclosed. Mac guides for Headwater Outfitters in Rosman and is well known in the Cashiers area. A raffle, featuring three grand prizes will follow the presentation. Everyone is invited. Call Alan at 885-7130 for additional information.

### Tues.-Fri., Aug. 26-29

- At The Bascom, watercolor classes with Herbie Rose from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring paper and paint. To register, call 526-4949, ext. #4.

### Tues.-Sun., Aug. 26-30

- HCP presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," at PAC. 7:30 evenings, 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee. For tickets call 828-526-8084.

### Wednesday, August 27

- At Fressers Eatery, an Argentinean Wine Dinner with Bodegas nieto Senetiner at 6 p.m. \$90 per person. Seating is limited. Winemaker Roberto Gonzalez and consultant Alberto Antonini will feature a chardonnay reserve with hors d'oeuvres; a cabernet/Shiraz reserve with mushroom ravioli

topped with wine sauce and goat cheese; a Malbec reserved with warm brie and salad; a cabernet sauvignon reserve with lamb top sirloin, vegetables and pilaf; and a merlot reserve with a decadent flourless chocolate cake. Call 526-4188 for reservations.

- The Village Nature Series is a free summertime lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green. "The Making of the Mountains" with Steve Yurkovich. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments follow. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted. Call HCLT for info: 526.1111.

- "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Audubon Society. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

- High Mountain Squares will dance this Wednesday night at the Macon County Community Building from 7-9 p.m. Nelda Eaton, the pretty lady from New Boston, Texas will be the callers. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. High Mountain Squares will start New Dancers lessons September 28. Come learn to square dance. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-349-4187, 706-782-0943, or [www.highmountainsquares.org](http://www.highmountainsquares.org)



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### Thursday-Tuesday, Aug. 28-Sept. 2

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

### Thursday, Aug. 28

- In the 2006 movie "The Queen," Helen Mirren won the Oscar for her performance as Queen Elizabeth II as she struggled with the events after Princess Diana's death. The free movies are usually shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. Donations are appreciated.

- The Bascom will host an "Animals in Folk Art" Lecture by expert Wendy Lavitt at 7 p.m. at the art center, inside the Hudson Library in Highlands. The lecture is free to Bascom members. To become a member, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

- Friends of Panthertown work day. Volunteers are needed to maintain trails in Panthertown Valley. Meet at the Cold Mountain entrance parking lot at 9 am. Work days are scheduled on the last Thursday of every month, so if you can't make it to the next work day, we hope you'll be able to join us next month. They're a great way to

meet new friends and help keep Panthertown Valley beautiful and well maintained. You can also find out about work days on our online calendar of events. Go to [www.jmca.org](http://www.jmca.org) and click on the Friends of Panthertown link. Questions? Contact Nina at 828-243-9800 or send an email to [friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com](mailto:friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com)

- Macon County Cooperative Extension will hold a class on "Managing Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the Landscape." The class will be at the Macon County Environmental Resource Center on Lakeside Drive from 2-4 p.m. The lifecycle and control measures will be discussed. Please call 349-2049 to register and get directions.

### Friday, August 29

- Honey harvesting at the Highlands Biological Station. Drop in anytime from 10:30 am to 4 p.m. to observe extraction of honey from the Nature Center's hive. Beekeepers will be available to discuss the practice of beekeeping, and visitors will have the opportunity to participate in honey collection and taste testing of different types of honey. All ages, free.

### Fri. & Sat., Aug. 29-30

- At ITC, "Clarence Darrow" starring David Milford at 8 p.m. Call 828-342-9197

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### Sat. & Sun., Aug. 30-31

• The Labor Day Village Square Art & Craft show will be held in Highlands Pine Street Park from 10 to 5 both days. The show features many new and returning regional artists and crafters showing a wide variety of quality products such as stained glass, turned wood, pottery, folk art, fine art, jewelry and such. The event also fea-

tures Patti Cakes the clown doing face painting. Thea and the Green Man will play in the Village Square Saturday from 3 to 5. There will be food as well as public bathrooms and plenty of parking for this popular event.

### Friday-Monday, Aug. 29-Sept. 1

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Nina McLemore Clothing Trunk Show. Clothing designed by a woman with fashion and business expertise, for smart, confident wom-

en on the go.

### Sat. Aug. 30-Oct. 1

• At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. "Two Realities" paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morseberger.

### Saturday, Aug. 30

• At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave, an artists' reception "Two Realities" with paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morsberger from 5-7 p.m.

### Sunday, Aug. 31

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 1-mile easy-to-moderate hike on the Rufus Morgan Trail with a pretty waterfall and a couple of short climbs along the way. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2:00 p.m. Drive 24 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

• Refuge Youth of Cullasaja Assembly of God will be doing a Human Video, Praise and worship, and Youth Ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof will be giving a special message at 10:50 a.m. service at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. You may call us at 828-369-7540, or check out our website at [www.cullasajaag.org](http://www.cullasajaag.org). Come and support our youth. See you there!

• Shape-note singing from 2 to 5 p.m., the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. We will sing from the reissue of the 1873 William Walker Christian Harmony song book. We will have loaner books available, so come and listen, or, better yet, join in with Christian Harmony singers from all over western North Carolina. For information, call Carl Blozan (828) 743-1765.

### Tuesday, Sept. 2

• Audition for Highlands-Cashiers Players production "A Thousand Clowns," a comedy/drama written by Herb Gardner. A read-

ing copy is available at the Hudson Library. Available roles are for 3 adult males and 1 adult female. 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. The performance dates October 16-19 and 23-26.

### Wed. & Thurs., Sept. 3-4

• At CLE, Elderhood: A New Vision of Aging. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Wednesday, Sept. 3

• "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Highlands Plateau Greenway. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

### Thursday, Sept. 4

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Susan Wilson will sign "Come to the Table" a cookbook from 1-3 p.m.

### Friday, Sept 5

• Spectacular Songbirds: Handel, Schubert and Chopin. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Saturday, Sept. 6

• Live music at The Pizza Place on Main Street featuring "Home Remedy" at 7 p.m. until? Now serving beer and wine. Free Admission.

• Coming Soon to a Blank Canvas Near You. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw is at 5:30 p.m. at Peregrine's Restaurant at Highlands Cove. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw is an exciting event where local and regional artists will race the clock and complete a piece of artwork in two hours. The spectator has a chance to see the art being created from start to finish and interact with the artist as they make choices and compose the piece of work. Immediately following the Quickdraw, the pieces that were completed during the two hour time period will be auctioned off. All proceeds from the auction will be used by the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary to fund Rotary projects in the Highlands-Cashiers area. Tickets are \$35, which includes an hors d' oeuvres buffet, the Quickdraw and silent auction, and the live

## Two-day arts & crafts festival set for Labor Day weekend



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**CANOE FOUND IN MIRROR LAKE.** Call 828-506-0308 for details.

### RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT

**COMMERCIAL FOR RENT** — Storage warehouse, Highlands Meadows. 1,000 sq. ft. Call 526-4154. 8/28

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auction. A cash bar will be available. For more information or to purchase tickets please call 828-421-2548, e-mail [mtntopquickdraw@aol.com](mailto:mtntopquickdraw@aol.com)

### Sunday, Sept. 7

- Christ Anglican Church of Highlands/ Cashiers and Community Bible Church series of concerts, Sundays at CBC at 2:30. Love offerings will be given to noted agencies. The Mountain Chamber Players – chamber music involving a variety of instruments and voices – benefiting The Community Care Clinic.

- At Cyprus Restaurant, a Caribbean Cookout and Party with live music UGA drum band, games and great food. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$19 for children. Price inclusive of all food and beverages except premium rum drinks.

### Beginning Monday, Sept. 8

- There will be a Beth Moore Bible Study, Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent, beginning Monday, at 4 p.m. in the Media Center at Highlands School. This study is an in-depth look at 15 Psalms. Themes such as unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God. (7 sessions) There will be a Member Book that includes a personal interactive study five days a week plus viewer guides for the group video sessions. The cost for the member book is \$14. If you have any questions or wish to reserve a book, please contact facilitator Carol Bowen at 828-526-5168.

### Monday, Sept. 8

- All Hospital Auxiliary members are invited to the annual luncheon at 12:30 pm. It will be in the dining room at Chestnut Hill. Call Polly Touzalin at 526-3837 for reservations. Cost for the luncheon is \$15.

## Gold medal winner to play Sunday afternoon at the Episcopal Church

Ben Beilman, young violinist and winner of the highest award in the arts, recently received the coveted gold medal from President Bush at the White House.

Ben, now only 18 years old, has been heard on the most important world's concert venues and as soloist with major orchestras since he made his international debut at the age of 8 with Fletcher Wolfe, playing in concerts both in Italy and Spain.

It was in Venice at the famous S.S. Geovanni et Paulo, that he was heard by conductor Andre Previn and violinist Sophie Von Mutter. They were so impressed by his playing that they requested a special visit with him and Mr. Wolfe where they offered encouragement and advice concerning his career.

Ben began his initial studies with Patricia Vas Dias, violinist with the Atlanta Symphony. His family then moved to Chicago so he could study with Thomas Wermuth and renowned pedagogues, Roland and Almita Vamos. He currently studies at Curtis Institute in Philadelphia with legendary teacher of prodigies Ida

Kavafian.

Although Ben still has a few gold medals left to win before he reaches his newest Olympic idol Michael Phelps, he can still boast of winning the gold at the 2007 Stulberg International Competition and the 2007 Gold Medal from the national Foundation for Arts Advancement which presneed him in concerts at Washington's Kennedy Center and New York's Ziegfeld Theatre.

He made his Carnegie Hall debut under the direction of Maestro Jaime Laredo in 2005 and was featured at the Verbier Festival in Switzerland and the Marlboro Festival in Vermont. Following his concert here in Highlands, he will make his debut with the Detroit Symphony

Orchestra.

This concert, part of the Great Performances at Incarnation Series, will be given at the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Sunday, Aug. 24 at 5 p.m. The concert is free and everyone is invited to attend. Come early for good seating.



**Ben Beilman**

### Wed., Sept 10

- At CLE, Interior Design 101: Accessorizing your home. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Thursday, Sept. 11

- Patz and Hall Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

- At Highlands School, first PTO meeting at 6 p.m.

- At Highlands School, Book Fair from 5-6 p.m.

### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Planet Clothing Trunk Show. Contemporary clothing with a distinctive Oriental flair.

### Saturday, Sept. 13

- At Instant Theatre at 8 p.m., Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen in Concert. Steve Gillette is a legendary folk songwriter, guitarist and singer. His wife Cindy Mangsen sings with a rare voice that radiates smoke and crystal. Together they create magical music. Tickets: \$25.

### Monday, Sept 15

- At CLE, Digital Photography- Put Pizzazz in your Fall Photos. Please call 526-8811 to register.

- At Highlands School, Elementary School Parent Night from 5-6 p.m.; Middle School Parent Night from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; High School Parent Night from 6-7 p.m.

### Wed.-Sat., Sept. 17- 20

- At Instant Theatre on Main Street at 8 p.m., "2000 Year Old Man." An hilariously, side-splitting interview with a 2000 year old man, written and first performed by the famed Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner. Tickets: \$20

### Wed., Sept. 17

- "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Highlands Community Child Development Center. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

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### Beginning Thursday, Sept. 18

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are

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needed, including books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, and small pocket books, which fit neatly in the BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Phone cards, lounge pants, grey or black t-shirts, and cards of encouragement are also in great demand. Consumables such as insect repellent, lotions, and other hygiene products must come new, in original packaging. Monetary donations to fund the flat rate APO shipping at \$10.95 per box should be left at the front desk of Chestnut Hill. The drop point for all items will be under the flagpole at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse on Clubhouse Trail. For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

### Thursday, Sept. 18

• A Miner Vineyards Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 866-526-8008.

• At CLE, Your Dog's Lifetime Developmental Stages: What's to Know? Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21

• At Acorn's on Main Street, two trunk shows: a Match Trunk Show. Table furnishings of pewter, crystal and ceramics handmade in northern Italy and a Blossom Bath and Body Trunk Show. Pomegranate bath and body products that embody a lifestyle of maintaining internal beauty.

### Saturday, Sept. 20

• Got talent? Show it off at this year's "Star Night," the talent competition at the Performing Arts Center at 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands. Entrants of all ages are eligible to compete for money prizes to be provided by Summit One Gallery. Pianists, vocalists, instrumentalists — any kind of performer with talent may enter. Registration forms are available now at PAC. There is no registration fee.

• At CLE, Spokes of the Wheel: Indian Cooking Cuisine. Please call 526-8811 to

register.

### Sunday, Sept. 21

• Readings and book signing by Ib Raae, "Colors of My Life" at the Episcopal

## 'Clarence Darrow' continues at ITC



David Milford as Clarence Darrow continues to play to rave reviews from audience members who attend the play. Dr. Irving and Millie Kagen of Atlanta and Highlands emailed this quote, "The play we attended last weekend at the Instant Theatre Company on the life of Clarence Darrow starring David Milford was outstanding. We are still resonating with the power of his presentation. We lived through the struggle of the auto workers in the 1930s, but we knew very little about the struggles that Clarence Darrow experienced in his lifetime on behalf of American workers in the early 1900s. The play was stirring and a tour de force. David Milford was outstanding.

"Richard Joel, founder of the Highlands Bel Canto, wrote, "The greatest production of this season in Highlands. David Milford was not acting that part.... he was living it! It is a tour de force. The whole production, set, lights, all of it was very fine."

The last four Held Over performances of Clarence Darrow will play at the ITC's Studio on Main, August 22-23, Aug. 29-30 at 8 p.m. For reservations call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. Advance reservations have been coming in steadily and early reservations are suggested. The Studio is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands. Visit our website at [instanttheatre.org](http://instanttheatre.org) to view what's playing next at the ITC.

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Church at 5 p.m. with a program of classical piano music by Robert Henry.

### Monday, Sept 22

- At CLE, Digital Photography-Put Pizzazz in your Fall Photos. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Wednesday, Sept. 24

- The Village Nature Series is a free summertime lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green. "Weaving Nature and Community into a Poetry of Place" with Brent Martin. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 PM. Refreshments follow. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted. Call HCLT for info: 526-1111.

- At CLE, The Art of Coffee. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Thursday, Sept 25

- At CLE, Pencil Drawing. Please call 526-8811 to register.

### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28

- Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Highlands Civic Center. Preview Party, Thursday, Sept. 25. Call 828-526-2695 for information.

### Sunday, Sept. 27

- At ...on the Verandah, Beer, Brats and Mustards. Unique Pairings in time for Oktoberfest. 1-4 p.m. \$40 per person plus tax and gratuity

### Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a SHC Jewelry Sara Hall Clemmer Designs. Using pearls, semi-precious and precious stones

### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 3-5

- "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy by Neil Simon, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706-212-2500.

### Saturday, Oct. 5

- Highlands-Cashiers free health screenings, for residents of Cashiers, Glenville, and Sapphire at Blue Ridge School.

- Christ Anglican Church of Highlands/Cashiers and Community Bible Church series of concerts, Sundays at CBC at 2:30. Love offerings will be given to noted agencies. Brevard College Showcase – talented young artists performing a variety of repertoire on a variety of instruments – Charitable Agency, yet to be named.

### Thursday-Monday, Oct. 9-13

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Mary Louise Jewelry Trunk Show. Exclusive line of 18k gold jewelry with a distinctively feminine flair.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 10-12

- "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy by Neil Simon. 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday. At the Dillard Playhouse, Dillard, GA. Adult \$10, and children 11 and under: \$5. (706) 212-2500.

### Saturday & Sunday, October 10-11

- At Cyrano's Bookshop a book signing from with Philippa Gregory "The Other Queen" and Ron Rash's "Serena."

### Friday-Sunday, Oct 10-12.

- "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy by Neil Simon, 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706-212-2500.

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Gardena Art Trunk Show. Hand carved items from Italy.

### Saturday, Oct. 11

- Highlands Own Craft Show at the Rec Park.

### Thursday, Oct. 16

- A Martin Ray Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 866-526-8008.

### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show. Bijoux de Mer

## Pancake breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on Sat., Aug. 23



A full breakfast will be served from 7:30-10:30 a.m. at the Scaly Mountain Community Center located in the historic Scaly School House, corner of NC Hwy 106 and Buck Knob Road. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

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Friday, Nov. 7

- Krupp Brothers Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

### Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 13-16

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ronment such as UCWA, J-MCA, the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, Highlands Biological Station and Carpe Diem Farm.

#3) What are you doing to remain involved and demonstrate commitment in the community?

I have remained closely involved with Leadership Highlands by taking a role on the Governing Board, this year I am honored to serve as President. The Governing

Board has worked hard over the past two years to totally revamp the curriculum and create a program that uses new technology, research and regional information. Through a partnership with Western Carolina University, I believe that this year's Leadership program will redefine our standards and provide participants with current, relevant information on Highlands and the Western Carolina region.

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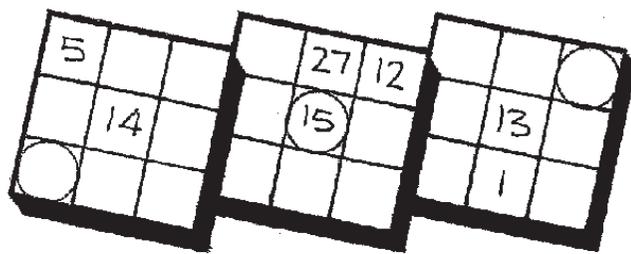
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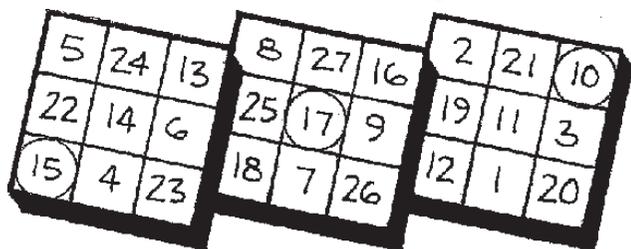
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

### THE CHALLENGE:

Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

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Solution to #DZ2E in Aug. 14 issue



## N-Cryptoku<sup>©</sup>

**Object:** Assign 9 **different** letters to each cell of 9 columns and 9 rows. In addition, nine 3 x 3 cells in the layout have the same nine **different** letters (this is similar to Sudoku but uses nine letters instead of nine numbers). A 'mystery word or phrase' using all nine different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different 'mystery word or phrase' (no spaces).

**How to Solve:** Determine the nine different letters among those given. Try to solve the mystery word using the clue given and write it in. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these ACROSS/ DOWN words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in all blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or 3 x 3 cell. Email: [pseudocube8@aol.com](mailto:pseudocube8@aol.com). Feedback encouraged!

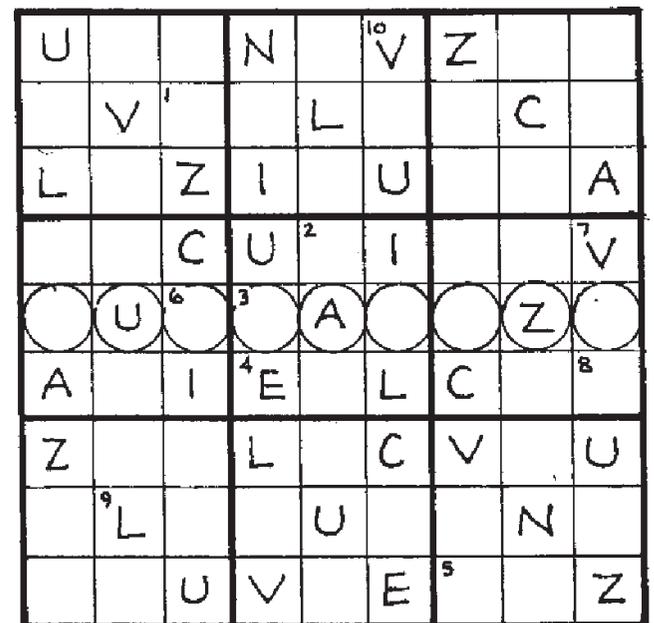
### Mystery Word "Harden Rubber" (9)

#### Across

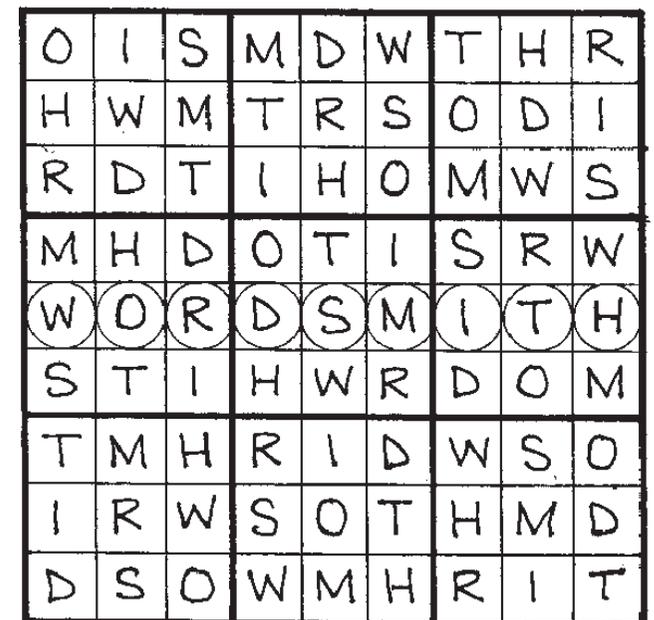
1. New Zealand (abbr) (2)
2. Girl's name (3)
3. To be able (3)
4. Evelyn (abbr) (2)
5. Elizabeth (slang) (3)

#### Down

6. Falsehood (3)
7. Victory in Europe (abbr) (2)
8. To microwave (slang variation) (3)
9. 6th musical note (6)
10. Virginia (abbr.) (2)



Solution to Aug. 14 puzzle



## ... PHILLIPS from page 15

Phi Beta Kappa.) In 2005 I transferred to UNC-Wilmington, where in 2007 I graduated with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

This is my first year teaching. I accepted the job at Highlands School for a number of reasons, one of which being the allure of the landscape.

One thing that excites me the most about Highlands and the Highlands School is the amount of community involvement. I've never attended, seen, or heard of a community so devoted to their school; the bond is both impressive and inspiring.

I hope to bring a degree of enthusiasm to the school in both the academic and athletic fields. I will be teaching 10th and 11th grade English as well as coaching the High School and Middle School cross country teams.

The message I would like to convey to prospective students and parents is a philosophy I adopted from Richard Leder, my screenwriting professor from UNC-W: "I will at all times be ruthlessly fair, but equally caring. I will push you to do your very best, and I will settle for nothing less."

## Important Dates

### Meet the Teachers Open House

Thursday, Aug. 21  
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### First Day of School

Monday, Aug. 25

### PTO Sally Foster Fundraiser

#### Begins

Tuesday, Aug. 26

### First PTO meeting

Thursday, Sept. 11  
6 p.m.

### Parent Night

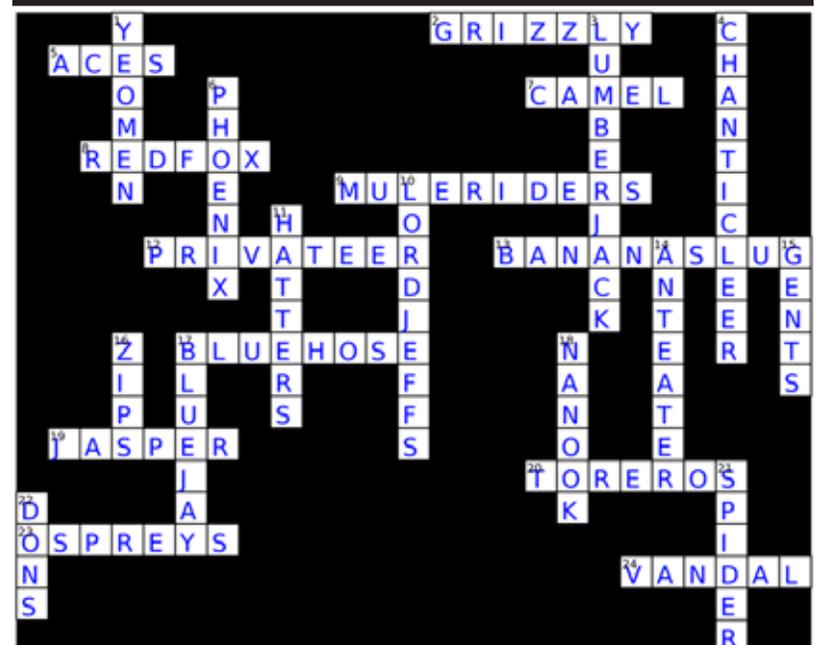
Monday, Sept. 15

Elementary School Parent Night  
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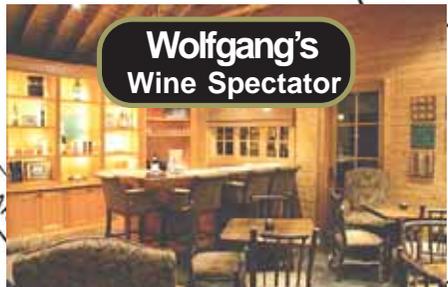
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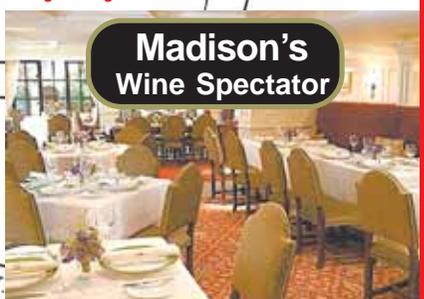
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