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This Week:

- 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.
- 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.
- Mon. & Wed.**
 - Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Call 526-5852.
- Mon., Wed., & Fri.**
 - Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
- Mondays**
 - Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.
- Thursdays**
 - Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.
- 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 Phillips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.
- Saturdays**
 - 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.
- All of August**
 - At Acorn's on Main Street, it's Juliska Month. Juliska's glass and ceramic for home décor and tableware.
- Through Aug. 31**
 - At Highlands Playhouse, "One Voice" Call 526-2695 for tickets.
- Thurs., Aug. 28 & Sept 11**
 - At CLE, A Shakespeare Workshop - Henry IV with Dr. Tery Nienhuis. 3-5. \$65 members, \$75 non members. Call 526-8811.
- Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 28-30**
 - 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 526-8084.

Thurs.-Tues., Aug. 28-Sept. 2

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Coralia Leets Designs Trunk Show.
- Thursday, Aug. 28**
 - 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.

Friday, August 29

- Honey harvesting at the Highlands Biological Station. Drop in anytime from 10:30 am to 4 p.m. All ages, free.
- Shops at KettleRock open house with hamburgers and hotdogs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. N.C. 106 across from Freeman Gas.
- "Social" at Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles on Main Street next to Wolfgang's from 5-7 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 29-30

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

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 30-31

- The Labor Day Art & Craft in Highlands Pine Street Park from 10-5 both days. Food, public bathrooms and plenty of parking.

Friday-Monday, Aug. 29-Sept. 1

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Nina McLemore Clothing Trunk Show.

Saturday, Aug. 30

- At Summit One Gallery, on Second Street an artists' reception with paintings by Edward Rice and Phillip Morsberger from 5-7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 1

- Labor Day B-B-Q pool party at Skyline Lodge. All you can eat, \$10 per person

Tuesday, Sept. 2

- Audition for Highlands-Cashiers Players production "A Thousand Clowns," 6 p.m. at PAC.

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.

- Voter Registration day with MC Board of Elections at the Highlands Rec Park noon to 3 p.m. Bring driver's license or last 4 digits of SS#.

Affordable Housing not dead

The Town Board may have said no to water and sewer for Shortoff Woods Apartments, but that doesn't mean the workforce housing issue has been put to rest. At its meeting Friday, Aug. 22, the Workforce Housing

Taskforce discussed what went wrong for Shortoff Woods at the Aug. 6 Town Board meeting and discussed ways to re-introduce the issue to the Highlands community.

"We need to keep our eye

on the purse and not let the personal issues that came into play affect the ultimate goal," said Christy Kelly. "We do need to keep the taxpayers in mind and perhaps we should open our circle a little wider

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'Name the Park' contest begins



Bill Nellis, developer of Old Highlands Park on Harris Lake, wants help naming the public park area of the condominium complex. The winner of the "Name the Park" contest will get dinner for four at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro courtesy of Nellis Communities. All entries should be sent to namethepark@awisp.net. The public park is the red area on the graphic above. The park is complete except for the entry which has been delayed due to a sewer realignment project that should be completed within a year. People can enter the park from the corner of Smallwood Avenue and 5th Street. The park contains two covered picnic tables, two benches, lots of grass and three boulders salvaged from the clearing of Bridal Veil Falls. This is a "walk-to" park with no area designated for parking but fishing is allowed! The lake itself is owned by the Potts family. The selection committee is Mayor Don Mullen, John Cleaveland, Ran Shaffner, Richard Betz, Bill Nellis and Kim Lewicki. Entries will be accepted through Sept. 30.

County, school, SAT scores released

The Center for Public Education announced nationwide reading, writing and math SAT scores didn't change this year, ending a three-year decrease in scores. Officials said increased

preparation of students, including those in lower-income areas, may be the reason.

In previous years, the SAT exam had spread to more schools with little expertise

at test preparation, but the efforts schools have been putting in, with increased emphasis on getting all kids college ready, has started to pay

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Franklin students elect to go Highlands School

By Sally Hanson
Reporter

At Monday's monthly Board of Education meeting, the board approved a bus driver to drive a "School Choice" bus from Franklin to Highlands School for the 2008-2009 school year.

According to Superintendent Dan Brigman, the school system has to fund transportation for five students from Franklin who have elected to attend Highlands School under the school choice option of the No Child Left Behind Act.

When a school does not make state adequate yearly progress (AYP) then the district is required to offer school choice and/or supplemental educational programs for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch.

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
77-58°F	79-59°F	78-58°F

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School choice allows parents to choose to have their children transferred to another school in the district that has met AYP for the year.

The money to provide these services comes out of Title I funds, and Macon Middle and South Macon Elementary were the two schools that did not make AYP for the 2007-2008 school year.

Macon Middle met 16 of the 18 target goals and South Macon Elementary met nine of its 13 target goals.

Highlands met all 10 of its 10 target goals. The five students are in Highlands middle school.

Terry Bell, *Director of Auxiliary Services* said that students would be picked up as early as 6:20 a.m. to make it to Highlands by 8 a.m. Chairman Donnie Edwards expressed concern over the fact that sometimes school isn't cancelled or delayed in Highlands until between 6:30 and 7 a.m.

Bell announced that three price quotes had been received for the roof repairs at Highlands School. The project excludes the old gym and the middle school building, but the board agreed to verify the figures that were quoted to determine if funds would be available to update the roof at the middle school building as well at this time.

Architect Mike Watson asked the board for permission to move forward with color selection for the new 5-6 middle school. Because of the rising cost of metal, the board approved the roof color so that materials could be secured at the lowest possible price.

Watson also proposed a solution to the current traffic congestion problems at Macon Middle School, which include a four-lane entrance with two lanes for entering traffic and a right-turn and left-turn lane for exiting traffic. These changes wouldn't require the Department of Transportation's involvement, and all roads and parking lots would be resurfaced.

The process of choosing a name for the new 5-6 middle school was also discussed. Brigman said that members of the community had been submitting suggestions for names, and 56 responses had been received.

The top five names that were suggested most often were Stepping Stone Intermediate School, Clarks Chapel Intermediate School, Cornerstone Intermediate School, Mountain View Intermediate School, and Nikwasi Intermediate School. The board agreed to close the name selection process, and after going into closed session they voted to name the school Macon 5-6 School. Board member Roberta Swank was the only member to oppose the motion, and it passed.

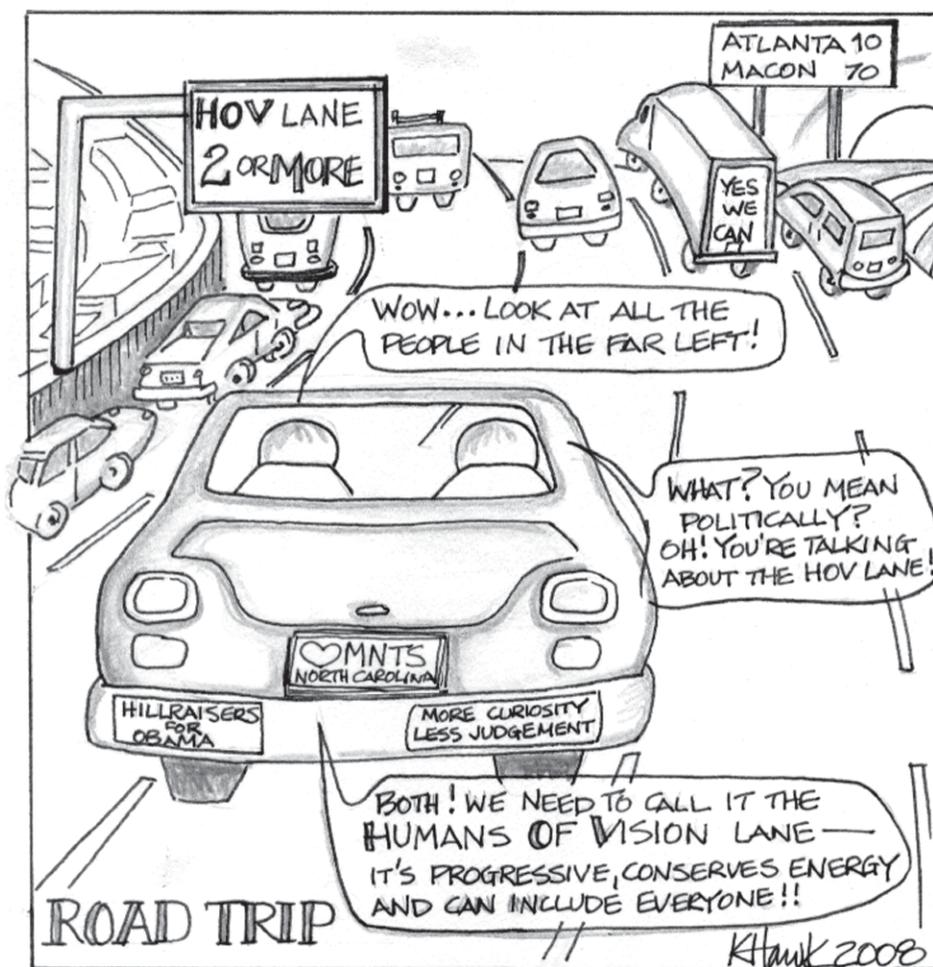
After closed session, the Board also unanimously voted to extend Brigman's contract until June 30, 2012. Brigman's existing contract was for three years and eight months, and was set to expire in July, 2010.

The next regularly-scheduled Board of Education Meeting will be held on Sept. 18 at 6 p.m. in Highlands.

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

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• LETTERS •



Representative Haire was rude

Dear Editor,

I was in attendance at the League of Women Voters Forum Thursday, Aug. 14, in Franklin. All of the candidates invited were present. However, I was especially appalled by Representative Phil Haire's lack of manners during the event. For a man trying to obtain his sixth term he should have known better than to have his cell phone on during the forum. Not only did it ring numerous times, but he actually took a call while NC State Senate candidate Susan Pons was speaking. This interrupted her speech as he was seated next to her and he was talking so loud that she thought he was speaking to her.

I happened to review the NC House rules and cellular phones are forbidden in the House chambers, which to me means Rep. Haire chooses to show more respect to his fellow law makers than his constituents. When his phone rang twice during his speech he commented that he obviously didn't know how to shut the phone off. Is this the kind of flippancy we want representing us in Raleigh? I for one do not especially since he is Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and is partially responsible for the \$21.4 billion dollar State Budget including over \$875 million in non-voter approved debt for this year alone.

Jennifer Steele
Secretary, Macon CO Freedom Works
Franklin, NC

'Forum' worth the ticket price

Dear Editor,

"A Funny Things Happened on the Way to the Forum" is theatre like you've never seen it in Highlands! When we went to the Performing Arts Center to see it last week, we laughed until we hurt. Even though this is the first musical the Highlands-Cashiers Players have done, they do it up right. They have brought professional musicians from Atlanta under the leadership of Robert Ray, and the cast of 23 is headed up by Wayne Coleman, a professional himself. The set is absolutely remarkable. If you enjoy escaping reality for an evening, call 526-8084 to make reservations; the show ends Saturday.

Elaine Whitehurst
Highlands

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LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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• OBITUARIES •

James Dee Sanders

James Dee Sanders, age 84, of Franklin, NC, died Thursday, August 21, 2008 at the VA Medical Center in Asheville, NC. He was born in Macon County on January 9, 1924, the son of the late Claude and Leona Tippet Sanders. He was a veteran of WWII, serving at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO and with his U.S. Army Engineer Brigade in Bombay, India; Tehran, Iran, and in Northern Russia. He was a lifetime member of VFW Post #7339 and served for many years on the Military Funeral and Honor Guard Detail, and was retired from Franklin Grading Company.

He is survived by one sister, Thelma Hogsed and husband, Jim of Canton, OH; brothers, Bill and wife, Norma of Little Rock, AK; Leonard C. and wife Maxine; John J. and wife, Virginia of Franklin, NC and Charles and wife, Gwen of Sylva, NC; sister-in-law, Georgia Sanders of Highlands, NC. Special family, Mattie, Jimmie, Patty, Missie Johnson, Wanda Dillard, Jackie Ernst and Mike Johnson. He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald R. Sanders.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home with Rev. Tommy Fouts officiating. Burial was at Ridgecrest Baptist Church Cemetery. The VFW Post #7339 and American Legion Post #108 will conduct full military graveside honors.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ridgecrest Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 205 Ridgecrest Church Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

On-line condolences can be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Joseph Richard Pierce

Joseph Richard Pierce, age 67, of Otto, NC, died Sunday, August 24, 2008 at a local hospital. He was born in Warren County, NJ, the son of the late Joseph A. and Appolenia Feltes Pierce. He was a security guard and culinary worker for Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. He enjoyed traveling, camping and photography.

He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Lynne Wallace Pierce; a sister, Joan Castner of Enola, PA; two brothers, John Pierce of California and William Pierce of Anchorage, Alaska.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Care Net of Macon County, 130 Bidwell Street, Franklin, NC 28734 or to Macon County Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 1585, Franklin, NC 28734

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

An online register can be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

• MILESTONES •

McCall graduates with honors

On Aug. 1, 2008, Craig McCall graduated from the Universal Technical Institute in Orlando, FL, with a degree in Automotive Technology. He received awards for Excellent Attendance, S.O.C. (he student with the highest academic and lab GPAs for the course) in Criaveability and Emission, Electronic Diagnostics, and Climate Control. He received Directors' List Awards in Electronic Technology Fuel Ignition Systems, Driveability and Emissions Electronic Ciagnostics, Advanced Diagnostics System, Climate Control Power, Performance 1A, Power



Craig McCall with Mr. Duray, an instructor at Universal Technical Institute.

and Performance 1B, Certified All Data Automotive Informatmion Specialist, UTI Sun-oscilloscope Operator Systems and Emissions Tester. He received Certificate of Completion Awards in Ford Technical Customer Handling, Corpedia: Customer Bias and Discrimination, Practical Ethics, Sceion 609 for Refrigerant Recovery and Recycling Certificate. He maintained a 4.0 G.P.A. throughout the curriculum. Craig is employed with David Maus Volkswagon Dealership in Orlando, FL.

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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

The odd couples

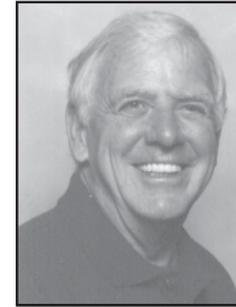
Men are born slobs! There, I said it and women everywhere can rejoice. But wait, before you soft-tails grab this column and shake it in your hubby's face, read on. Why are all men slobs? Simply put, we're not. It's that women are such weird neatniks, we look like slobs in their presence. Write that down.

No, I'm not just talking about the toilet seat thingy 'cause we lost that battle long ago. I'm talking heavy duty neatnik weird stuff, like the stupid throw pillows on the couch.

Russia is invading the country of Georgia, Al Qaeda is gaining strength in Afghanistan, our economy is collapsing, inflation is growing, we're about to elect another incompetent president and women everywhere are jumping all over their hubbies for messing up the friggin' throw pillows on the couch. Now I ask, is that weird or what?

Woman have developed this term called “straightening up.” Magazines must be placed in the rack, the toothpaste must be in the medicine cabinet, dirty underwear in the hamper and....darn, I could go on and on. How can anyone read a magazine if it's in the rack? If it's on the coffee table or on the floor next to my favorite chair, it might actually get read. There are magazines in our rack I have not seen because they must be kept nice and neat in their li'l racks. And here's another weird thing. We use our toothpaste often, so why not leave it conveniently lying on the bathroom sink? Nooooo, if must be placed in the medicine cabinet. Hellooooo, toothpaste is not medicine.

We have wall to wall carpeting in my...oops, her house. When I walk around in my socks, little pugs of material sometimes fall from my socks onto the rug. We call this little cloth material “bickers.” Actually a “bicker” is any foreign object touching the carpet. My li'l missus can spot a “bicker” from 10 yards away. We nicknamed them “bickers” because, years ago, when I actually thought I was king of my...oops, her house, we used to bicker over this issue. Well, I put an end to that stupid nonsense. Now, at least once a day, I crawl around on my hands and knees picking up “bickers.” Finally, peace



Fred Wooldridge

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reigns.

I'm sure you know the old saying “happy wife, happy life.” This saying was created by wives to keep us hard-tails in line. You see, men actually have a grasp on the real world. We're concerned about being invaded by a foreign country and women are concerned about a crooked picture in the living room. We are concerned about our economy and the cost of gasoline while women are concerned with three small leaves that drifted

onto the porch.

Are you sitting down? I have a relative who puts cantaloupe seeds in cute little tightly tied plastic bags before depositing them in another plastic garbage bag. Also, I have a friend that can't leave the room for a potty break 'cause his wife turns off the TV and squirrels away the remote. I hear he's wearing “Depends” for the football season.

In spite of my joking about the li'l missus, life is good at our house. We've been married a very long time. Actually I think we were born married. The bed is made immediately, sometimes with me still in it. Everything we own is in place and the glass I just used is in the dishwasher. If you stop by, the place will not be messy. There is order in our house. That means she orders me here, she orders me there. Yikes, I'm about to write myself out of dinner tonight.

The garage is where I am king. My garage is also carpeted so I vacuum it, whether it needs it or not, once every year just in case a few “bickers” are on it. My tools are dirty as they should be. Whoever heard of a clean weed eater? If women owned weed eaters, they would be spotless. My garage garbage can is only emptied when it is totally full, even though it might smell a little from the garlic pizza slice from seven weeks ago. Life is good in my garage.

And finally, I have a friend who, at the brink of divorce, solved the toilet seat issue at his house. He simply bought a yellow toilet seat and never raised it again. Ta, da!

• Why is Fred hopping mad at homosexuals? Read his book, *I'm Moving back to Mars*

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The way of the world...today

Writing a column is a snap, or child's play, or more accurately adult's play when compared to sixth grade geography. I got an "A" in the subject way back when and I've been fortunate enough to travel fairly extensively. I know that that Lake Superior is the largest of the Great Lakes and that Jefferson City, not St. Louis, is the capital of Missouri. Now that I'm on roll, I should tell you that the building is the "capitol" and the city is the "capital." All that knowledge would get me a big fat "F" today.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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movie and pick him up after the film. Lizzie didn't feel like going out, so I went to the movie — alone. Don't do it. Take a nap in the parking lot. Go to a sports bar, or risk the greenway after night, but don't under any circumstances go to a movie alone. I felt suspicious eyes as soon as I joined the ticket line. I considered buying two tickets, but feared that I would only arouse further suspicion if I casually told the cashier that Lizzie was in the car and would be along any minute.

This crisis of confidence results from helping Bull with his lessons, and if there is a harder school in North America than Summit Charter School, I'm determined to steer clear of it. If you haven't studied geography is the last 50 or 60 years, you wouldn't recognize the subject. I don't even understand the terminology. Kids are studying themes, elements, and standards and as far as I can tell, none has anything to do with the little known fact that Frankfort is the capital of Kentucky. I think, but I'm not sure that the study of geography today integrates the study of location, physical characteristics, and human-environmental interactions, none of which I understand either singly or in the aggregate. I think it means that in the American South climate, soil conditions, abundant labor, and brisk demand made cotton cultivation profitable until the boll weevil came along and upset the apple cart.

Bull has been trying to convince me for days that sixth grade, the inaugural year of middle school, is the most trying in a kid's life. I hope so. If seventh grade is tougher, I might just start sleeping at the clinic. It would spare me the embarrassment of helping with home work that is as alien as Mandarin Chinese. I could claim that I was making a sacrifice for the environment by eliminating my commute, saving gas, reducing my carbon foot print, in short, being a selfless hero. I wonder what they're teaching in medical school today. Of course, I can still find solace in the knowledge that Pierre in the capital of North Dakota.

Bull had a date to meet a friend at the Fun Factory last Saturday evening. I sure didn't want to hang out at the Factory, so I suggested to Lizzie that we take in a

At the concession stand I could have, I should have played it safe ordered a small Coke and popcorn and returned for seconds. Instead I ordered a medium Diet Coke, no ice, but did I dare order a \$5 tub of popcorn without ordering a second Coke for my imaginary companion to cover my gluttony? No chance. I settled for a medium bucket with lots of butter-like substance. I usually nod towards Bull, sigh, "Kids, Where do they put it?" and order the family-size. Not this time. Thank God I had bought a ticket for "Mirrors," a genuinely terrifying horror movie instead of to a PG film. I'm sure someone would have called the cops if I had gone into the cinema showing "Star Wars: The Clone Wars." A guy with a flashlight might have approached and said, "Sir, what are you doing in a kids' movie with a \$5 bucket of popcorn?" I imagined myself answering defiantly, "Watching a movie. What do you think I'm doing? Trolling?" "You alone?" he might ask, "with all that popcorn?"

There was enough fright in the film that I don't think anyone noticed me sitting alone. I just sat there telling myself that it was make-believe and there is not an alternative reality behind mirrors. After the movie I went to the wash room, but avoided the mirror. I made a mental note to abandon my habit of parking in the far corner of the parking lot. It's dark out there. It was darker than usual Saturday.

I know there are a slew of geographers out there eager to write to the editor and tell her that Pierre is the capital of South Dakota. Heck, I knew it all along, even before Bull told me. Bismark is the capital of North Dakota. Or is it capitol?

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• **REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND** •

Beaver Pond



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In this summer of drought — although it looks like Tropical Storm Fay is going to help us out after all — we have plenty of water in Turtle Pond Valley thanks to an amazing family of beavers that have been resident in the fields behind my house for the last three years or so.

I have lived here for over thirteen years now, and beavers have come and gone during that time. In the past they would build multiple small dams along Turtle Pond Creek, each of which had a drop of 1 foot or so. We bought inflatable boats and it was great fun to paddle around but there would only be a stretch of fifty feet or so between dams. I often portaged over the dams which was dangerous with an inflatable boat.

One day a big storm came and broke the dam directly behind our house, so I decided to tear it apart completely so I

could paddle a greater distance. I worked for a couple of hours pulling the sticks apart and hurling them up on the stream banks. The next day I went down to the stream excited about my new stretch of open water and there before me was the rebuilt dam—bigger than before! And to make their point clear, sticking up from the middle of the

dam was the fresh-cut top of a pine tree, as if to say, “Keep your hands off our dam!”

Beavers are nocturnal and I have tried to see them right at dusk. One year I sat down by the dam for a few days in a row, catching fleeting glimpses of swimming beavers. The third day a beaver swam right up to me and slapped his tail repeatedly, then turned and swam off. Once again the message was clear: “stay away!”

The beavers disappeared for awhile, and this is normal as I learned from a book I got out of the Hudson Library (*Lily Pond: Four years with a family of beavers*, by Hope Ryden, 599.32R). Beavers move into a river valley with plenty of trees, particularly willow, and build dams, forming wetlands that are a haven for many species of mammals, fish, turtles, frogs, birds and ducks. If a beaver pond becomes too shallow due to the settling of sediment, or if the tree supply is depleted, beavers will abandon the site. Eventually the dam will be breached by storms and the water will drain out. As the wetland dries out, new plant species colonize it and it becomes a meadow. In an area with nothing but forest down to the stream edge, this provides a valuable niche for many animals.

Over time the meadow will be colonized by riverine trees, typically aspens, willows and such species which are favored by the beaver. Beavers are then likely to re-colonize the area, and the cycle begins again.

The beaver family that moved in a few years ago I call the Uber-beavers because they have built a dam that surpasses anything I have ever seen. The dam right behind our house is a good twenty feet wide and four feet high. The pond behind it stretches 150 feet before the next dam so we have a fabulous place to float. The banks are lush with at least six varieties of grasses and thick with flowers like bee balm, jewelweed,

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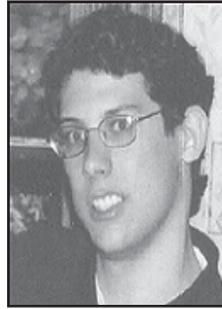
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• COACH'S CORNER •

Football predictions

It's heading into my favorite season of the year (fall) and that means that we are gearing up for football here in the United States. This weekend (actually, tonight for those who are really excited) marks the start of college football season, so let's preview some of the key matchups from the opening weekend of college football.



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players, you have to believe that Clemson must win this game in order to appease a fan base that has a reputation for both devotion and delusion. Alabama has their own expectations in Nick Saban's second season with the Crimson Tide, but the Tide faithful won't be nearly as cantankerous as the IPTAY bunch if they come up short on Saturday.

NC State vs. South Carolina

The visored one (Steve Spurrier) has decreed that this is the most talented team that he has fielded while at South Carolina, and it better be, if he wants to survive the brutal SEC East with a winning record. The Gamecock defense looks to be very solid, but the offense has been the question mark for this team the last few years. Look for Chris Smelley to start tonight, but give way to super recruit Stephen Garcia at some point this season.

Florida vs. Hawaii

This was supposed to be a big matchup because former Hawaii coach June Jones badmouthed Tim Tebow last year and ended up looking like a total jackass in the process. However, rather than taking his beating from Tebow and the Gators like a man, Jones ran off to SMU for more money and a chance to avoid 80,000 fans in the Swamp calling for his head. Watch how well Florida runs the ball with USC transfer Emmanuel Moody and Chris Rainey against an undersized Hawaii defense and think about much better Tebow will be with an actual running game this season.

LSU vs. Appalachian State

Two years ago this would not have been a marquee game on ESPN, as it would look like just another cupcake for a BCS school to tune up against at home. However, after three 1-AA national titles in a row and last year's glorious upset of Michigan (in the Big House no less) suddenly people are looking at this game and saying "hmmmm..." They shouldn't, mainly because of the huge advantage LSU has up front and their familiarity with the spread option. Appalachian State will score some points, but there will be no partying in Boone as LSU wins this one going away.

Clemson vs. Alabama

You can call this one the Bowden Bowl as well, because this is the biggest game of Tommy Bowden's tenure at Clemson. After an entire preseason of lofty expectations and an offense that features 4-5 NFL caliber

Illinois at Missouri

This game will feature two great quarterbacks in Chase Daniel and Juice Williams, and two equally bad coaches in Ron Weir and Gary Pinkel. Illinois returns a ton on both sides of the ball, but they must figure out a way to replace Rashard Mendenhall, who anchored their run game last season.

Tennessee at UCLA

This is a very intriguing matchup for several reasons. For Tennessee, it will be a chance for Jonathan Crompton (our very own Jonathan Crompton, who played at Tuscola High School in Waynesville) to show his wares as the new starting quarterback for the Vols and also an opportunity to make a statement as a team that has been under the radar coming in to this season. Never before has a defending SEC East champion received less respect than Tennessee, and they will have something to prove on the west coast. For UCLA, they are in a rebuilding process with Rick Neuheisel and offensive guru Norm Chow, but they definitely have the firepower to pull off a big upset on the first weekend of the season.

Important Notes

The Town of Highlands Golf Scholarship event which was scheduled Monday, Aug. 25 was cancelled because of rain.

The event, including social time and dinner at the Cullasaja Club after golf, has been rescheduled for Sept. 15.

Reserve your spot today. The fun begins at 11 a.m. with registration and lunch. Shotgun start at noon. 5-7:30 p.m. drinks and dinner with raffle and silent auction.

Cost is \$150 per player. Call 526-3531 for information.

Also, The water shortage declared by the Town on Aug. 13 has been lifted. Town officials say they appreciate their cooperation in conserving water over the past two weeks.

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LH program?

It was extremely helpful in introducing me to a very interesting group of people who made up my class - people I probably would not have otherwise met. And it also helped me learn about the community in which I live. The town and county, although they are not large, have a remarkable mix of people, resources, concerns and programs that make this a very interesting environment in which to live.

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

The first way that I am continuing to use what I learned is in my connection with the people that I met. I know that I can count on them both for support and for an improved connection with the fullness of life in Highlands. Secondly, I continue to be to

be made aware of the wide diversity of people and conditions in this community. I believe that all of the various interests groups that make up Highlands need to be appreciated to make this a well-functioning town.

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

I joined the Board of Directors of Leadership Highlands and am currently its Past President. I am also on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce. I continue to work in retail at Reeves Hardware where I go by the professional name of "Peter O'Tool" and am active at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. In addition, my wife and I have opened a small bed and breakfast in our home.

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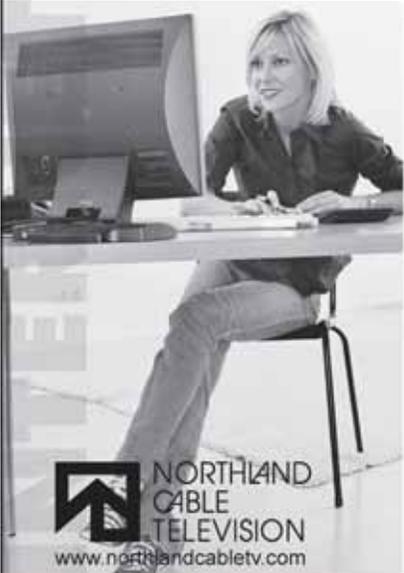
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• HIS & HERS •

The carefree capitalist

This is a story about Johnny. He ceased to exist except in memory, the day he very solemnly informed his bemused parents that Johnny was an unsuitable name for a young man and he'd prefer to be called John. This is also about a perfect day in the summer of 1958, in Ocean City, Maryland.



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Every year, Johnny's grandfather would take a large apartment on the Boardwalk in Ocean City. The whole family would come down for a month, except for Dad, of course. He had to work, and was there only on the weekends.

Johnny was tall and skinny with horn-rimmed glasses and a crew cut the color of straw. He'd entered the commercial world for the first time the previous summer, selling newspapers on the streets, the Boardwalk and beaches of Ocean City. With experience comes knowledge. By the next summer he'd perfected the process.

The Daily and Sunday Sun were delivered from Baltimore to Ocean City by a sea plane, which took off from Baltimore harbor and landed in Sinepuxent Bay. The plane would taxi to a broken-down wooden dock on 6th Street, where the heavy-set lady in a floral-print dress who had the Sun papers franchise in Ocean City would meet it. She would help off load the wire-bound bundles of papers, still smelling of fresh printer's ink.

Then the lady would clip the wires and deftly count out to each of the paperboys the number of papers they had requested. It was pure capitalism. Each boy paid three cents, cash on the barrel head, for his daily papers, and sold them for a nickel. On Sunday, he paid ten cents each, and sold them for fifteen cents. (Those prices give you an idea of how long ago this was.)

There was a no-return policy. Johnny would have to eat the loss for any unsold papers. But he was good. Really good. That summer he never had any unsold papers. Day by day his profits grew steadily. At the end of the month he had slightly more than \$100.

The first stop for the morning paper was at seven a.m., at the docks. The men going out for deep sea fishing would snap up papers to read on the long trip out to the fishing grounds. Next, it was a stop at the Coast Guard Station at the Inlet. A

hurricane in 1933 had cut the Inlet from the Atlantic Ocean back to Sinepuxent Bay. Now, rock walls held the Inlet open. On the north side was the downtown of Ocean City. On the south side was the tip of Assateague Island, where the wild ponies roamed, occasionally within sight of the City.

The best of the paper boys had special bicycles, with large basket in front over a half-sized wheel. That basket would hold a hundred Sunday papers. Johnny kept a heavy plastic sheet in that basket too. Rains were sudden, and wet papers were a dead loss.

On this day, though, the weather was perfect. There was a steady, off-shore breeze. Being a veteran, Johnny could ride his bicycle with no hands and fold papers for throwing, at the same time. The next big target for his newspaper sales were the apartments at the other end of the Boardwalk, 21 blocks distant.

It was a simple matter to raise the top end of that plastic sheet and angle it with both hands, so the bicycle would sail like a flying fish, up the nearly empty Boardwalk to the other end, where open sand stretched out, and the round concrete gun emplacements still stood in the sun, unused relics from a war that had ended in Johnny's lifetime. There were a few people out surf fishing. A few people running their dogs on the beach. An occasional treasure-seeker with one of those metal-finding gadgets. But other than that, a City of a quarter million souls was silent and apparently empty at the break of day.

With the dollars from the fishermen safely in his pocket, and the dollars of the apartment dwellers soon to join them, Johnny knew it was going to be a fine day. On reflection from the man he would become, Johnny already knew the secrets of successful capitalism:

Know your own business as well as you can. Buy low, sell high. And go where the customers are. Not a bad set of lessons for a fifteen-year-old boy to acquire almost inadvertently on a halcyon day in Ocean City.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

God speaks to Nancy!

While millions of voters are absorbing all the relevant information available to reach an informed decision on the presidential race, Ms. Pelosi called Obama

“a leader that God has blessed us with at this time.” Thank you for passing along that revelation, Nancy. So let’s just cancel the election since who would vote against God? Hold on there, Bucko, if Obama is the Messiah, doesn’t that mean that, since Christ is God, isn’t she hearing from the candidate himself?

“I will win, don’t worry about that,” says His Eminence. Well, that seals it for me.

Frankly, I was worried about that and now that he’s confirmed it, I’m petrified. Remember a few weeks before the 2006 election, I cautioned anyone who would listen that electing a Democrat Congress and Senate would spell disaster for America. I don’t think I overstated the case. Well, you ain’t seen nuttin yet.

Before I forget it, recently Senator Obama had his personal campaign jet refurbished. In the process, he had the American flag image taken off the tail and replaced it with his personal symbol. Snopes.com confirms it. I abhor it.

Meanwhile, I’m writing this a week before the start of the Democrat convention so you will have seen the hijacking of the convention by team Clinton by the time you read it. I’m not sure how they pulled it off, but it has to be one of Obama’s less brilliant moves in allowing it. I wonder what motivated him to do it?

On the subject of stupid moves, how about Obama agreeing to be a part of Rick Warren’s forum at Saddleback Church? It was a perfect format for McCain and a nightmare for Barack. McCain was specific, emphatic and unmistakably clear about his answers. Obama, on the other hand, was his normal stuttering, stammering, vague, circuitous self and looked bad doing it. His minions were making excuses for him before his hour was over.

Another interesting fact that was made public recently presents an opportunity to provoke one’s thinking. Mark Penn was a consultant to the Clinton campaign. Newly-published memos disclose that Penn suggested that Obama’s “roots to basic American values and culture are at best limited.” As I



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understand it, Penn was dumped from the campaign team as a result of this idea.

Call me xenophobic or anything else you choose, but frankly, I had the same thought when I first learned of his background. Born in Hawaii in 1961, he was within two years of not qualifying to run since Hawaii became a state in 1959. I don’t know what Hawaii is like now much less how things were in 1959, but

I’m reasonably certain that it bore little resemblance to the rest of the US.

His father left the family and returned to his native Kenya. His mother remarried and the family left Hawaii for Indonesia where Obama went to school in Jakarta.

At the age of 10, he returned to Hawaii where he graduated from high school, then went to California to attend college. I would say that at least until arriving in California, his roots to basic American values and culture were at best limited. Does this mean he’s unfit to serve? Not necessarily.

Some of us more cynical types would say that his further education at Columbia might not provide much insight into American values but that could be stretching it. Perhaps the best way to understand Obama’s grasp of our culture is to consider how he has lived as an adult in “traditional America.”

His association with Dr. Jeremiah Wright and the Trinity United Church of Christ has been hashed and rehashed. Obama sat and listened to Wright’s separatist ideology and condemnation of whites for 20 years. Wright’s statement that blacks should not sing “God bless America” but “God damn America” didn’t drive Obama out of the church. Wright’s assertion that the United States brought on the 9/11 attacks with its own “terrorism” didn’t drive Obama from the church.

Pressure from his own campaign staff convinced him to distance himself from his pastor. Did Wright preach American values? Not mine.

Does the fact that Obama finally left his church under duress negate the fact that he listened and absorbed and tacitly agreed with the philosophy being preached?

Does the fact that Wright recently retired give Obama a pass for his 20 years

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3. Place shrimp on baking pan. Bake 10 minutes until shrimp are fully cooked and crispy.

Variation: Add 1 teaspoon curry powder to crushed onions.

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Cook Time: 30 minutes

Serving size: 4 ounces

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- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
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Tuscan Roast Pork Tenderloin

Courtesy of Family Features

• ANOTHER POV •

Old soldiers

It has been two weeks since my last article and I needed a break. I had been tracking down an old friend from the army only to find that he had died. He had suddenly become ill, was taken to the hospital and was immediately scheduled for a bypass operation but died during the night. For most you would think that just another old soldier has died you would be wrong.

When I knew him, he was a First Sergeant. For those who do not understand the rank, First Sergeant is the top sergeant of a company and who is responsible for all the enlisted soldiers and directly supervises and trains every non-commissioned officer in the company. The First Sergeant is also the right-hand man to the unit commander. He provides support to the commander, echoes his orders and ensures they are carried out without question. In the army, unlike in any civilian organizations (except perhaps the fire department) a soldier, his squad, and possibly his entire company could die if the soldier fails to immediately execute the commander's orders.

In a time a crisis, a soldier cannot think about their orders they must execute, and to do that they must have the confidence that the orders they are being given are legitimate, accurate, and keep both the success of the mission and their lives in mind. Soldiers respond to honor and integrity and when they feel their leadership lacks either they will not respond and thus may risk their lives. The most important person in establishing and maintaining that trust is the First Sergeant. The First Sergeant is both the face of the commander to the troops echoing his commands and the boot kicking those in the butt who don't respond instantly. As the First Sergeant goes, so goes a unit.

My First Sergeant in B Company, 501st, 1st Armored Division, was the essence of a soldier. He was tall, hard core, strack (that's sharp for non-military), and always looked the part. He was intensely loyal and no one, I say again, no one questioned his



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Commander. He was a trainer to his NCOs and accepted nothing less than total commitment to the unit and his troops. He was knowledgeable, feared and most of all respected. He would give his life without question for his commander, his unit, and all in his command. He was the soldier, he was an icon.

We served together for two years in that company but formed a bond that will last forever. After I retired we lost touch, it's something we tend to do when we move and

change careers. I think perhaps we try to put a past behind us in looking forward. I had not seen him in 10 years but I thought of him often.

This Sunday I was at a concert in Highlands that featured a pairing of a violist and pianist that created music that would please the angels. As I sat there looking about the room I could see one man lone standing in the back. He was standing erect like no other; uniform perfectly prepared, boots shined so bright the reflection could blind you. His eyes fixed forward watching as if making sure all in the room were safe. His name was First Sergeant Woody R. Kent, and he was my First Sergeant and my friend. He always had my back and he always will.

Some people have the opinion that soldiers join the army serve and then leave. Real soldiers never leave, they always serve. The loss of one soldier such as First Sergeant Kent is a heartbreak. Our nation has been in crisis for some time, and we have lost more than 4,000 soldiers in it. For those that think the price is not that high, I think of the loss of over 4,000 First Sergeant Kent's and I mourn.

Many years from now, I hope that he will stand beside me once more – covering my back.

A famous Navel Officer once said upon retiring, "Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away." He was wrong and I have Another Point of View on that. Old Soldiers never die; they live forever in the hearts with whom they served.

Next week I will have another POV.



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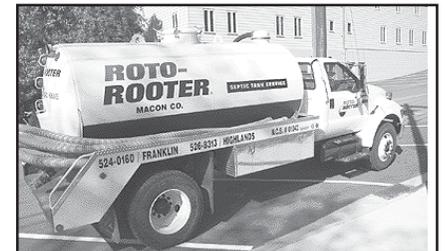
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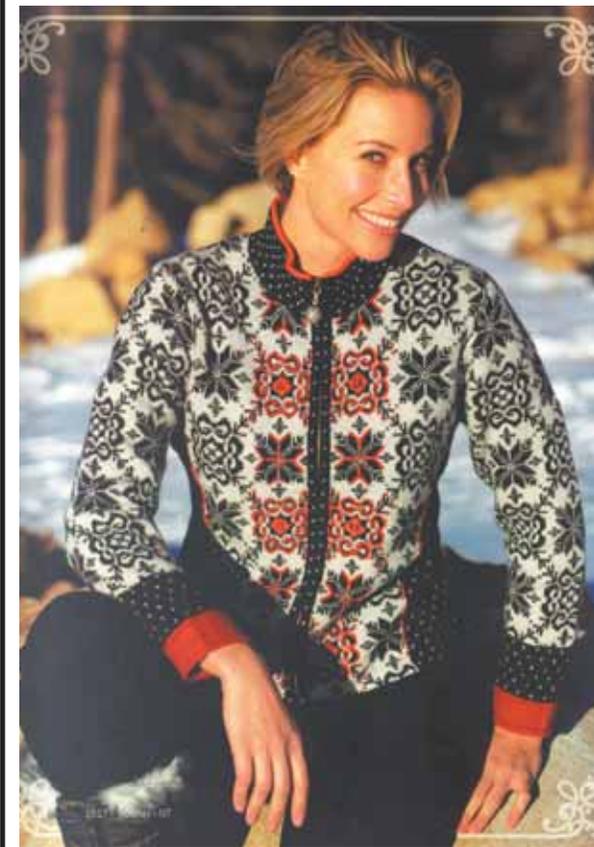
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and ask people in the real estate community and others for help. We need to know what they know and we don't."

"Personal issues" include the views of the Chestnut Hill Retirement community homeowners who opposed the proposed location of the apartment complex on Buck Creek Road and the views of Highlands' taxpayers who want water and sewer offered in town before it is given outside town.

Mayor Don Mullen told the taskforce not to get discouraged. "We didn't anticipate the complaints. I naively thought everyone would hop on the band wagon but they didn't," he said. "Every town similar to Highlands is working on getting or has some sort of affordable housing project including Breckenridge and Aspen, Colorado and Flagstaff, Arizona. This issue is sweeping the country."

Christy Carter, who has been advising the taskforce on the grant procedures, said municipalities in the Region A division of Western North Carolina, including Cashiers, have contacted her office about affordable housing.

Members discussed other pieces of property in town including acreage around the sewage treatment plant on Arnold Road, but access to the property can only be gained by driving through the sewer plant. Carter said the government won't help finance affordable housing on land considered undesirable.

"In other words, you can't build poor people homes on land no one else wants," she said.

The Rec Park's undeveloped 40 acres was also discussed but strict PARTF rules regulate what can be built on that property and how it can be used. Only recently PARTF relaxed its rules to allow indoor or covered swimming pools to be built on PARTF funded land. Typically, PARTF land can only be used for outdoor recreational purposes. Mayor Mullen said the town may have to go to Raleigh for answers concerning Rec Park property.

Six acres on U.S. 64 across from Flat Mountain Road was also discussed. Bucky Meredith is asking \$630,000 for the acreage.

But member Bill Nellis said the property isn't suitable for the project because three streams converge on it and the only place suitable for the complex is toward the back of the property which fronts the fifth fairway of Highlands Falls Country Club.

Taskforce member Dick Lawrence suggested privately funding the project which would eliminate a lot of road blocks concerning size, location, funding and control. "There may be individuals in town interested in investing in something like this," he said. "People wanted to know who would have ultimate control over the project and with it outside of the town and ETJ limits that meant the town had no control."

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Luminaries defined the perimeter of the Relay for Life track at this year's event held at the Cashiers Community field. Survivors started the walk and were presented with a flower after the first lap.



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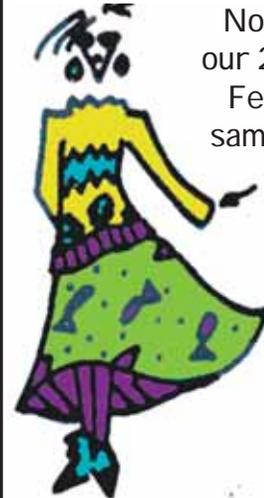
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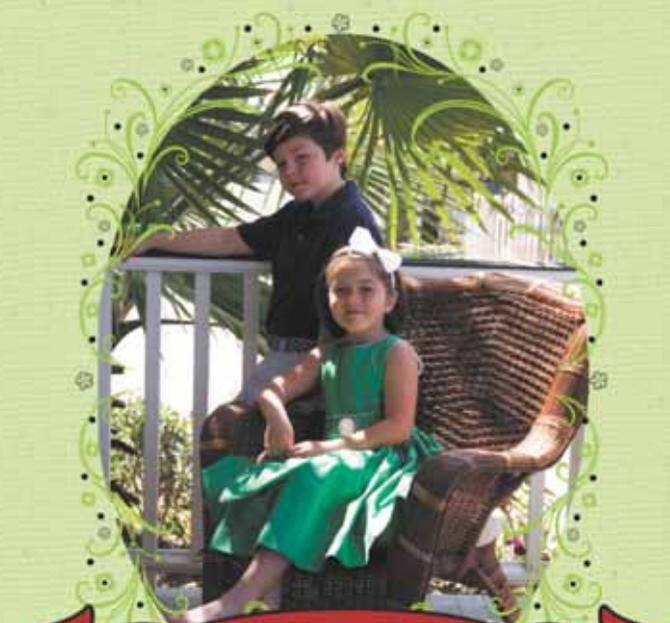
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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Multi-million town projects loom on the horizon

Last week at the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners meeting there was healthy discussion of several projects which are facing the town. The capital improvement projects are indeed increasing in numbers and some priorities have to be determined by the board. The major expenses the town has coming up, as was emphasized at not only this meeting

but the public hearing regarding the potential Shortoff Woods development, are the various sewer projects around town. These include the Harris Lake Sewer Project which we have budgeted for this year at a cost of over \$2 million (partially funded by a grant); but then we have the Lake Sequoyah, the Mirror Lake, and the Big Creek drainage basins, set as the next

priorities, along with major stormwater projects all over town.

The estimated cost of these sewer projects alone will be in the seven to eight million dollars range and stormwater projects are at least that and probably more. All are projects we think it is necessary to move forward with. The sewage projects priority developed some years ago are being done as funds are available.

We have been able to obtain state funds for the paving of most of the roads around Big Creek producing silt which threatens our source of drinking water, but some of the smaller private roads are being paid for by the town.

The board has determined that a parking study is necessary along with continuing support of the Greenway Trail and development of plans for a new Town Hall. The Kelsey-Hutchinson Park (formerly the Pine Street Park) deserves attention. Priorities for these projects will soon be developed by the Board of Commissioners.

I have suggested to the Town Board we have a planning meeting soon to begin to prioritize these projects and continue the public discussion regarding each of these developments. I know some feelings are strong in the community and they need to be discussed in a manner which all will hear. Confrontation and negativism are not the way to open discussion and eventually develop solutions. We welcome this open discussion which hopefully will lead to solutions to problems.

My thinking is that we should move ahead with these projects as soon as funding is available, from whatever source we can find. We certainly revere the delightful and historic horse and buggy era, as wonderful as those days were, but we are far beyond those days and must positively move into a progressive and modern but controlled growth town. Nostalgically, some would like to remain in those horse and buggy days.

There is not a major town in North Carolina which does not have an ongoing Affordable Housing plan. Every resort town we have investigated works diligently at this aspect of their community. We will continue to do so in Highlands to keep our town a viable and forward moving community which tries to keep up with the times and answer the needs of all working citizens.

The current Town Hall is an embarrassment to the town of Highlands



Mayor Don Mullen

and terribly inadequate for the work that goes on there.

The police force has offices in two rooms in the corner of a building which is not much larger than the 1885 jail on Maple Street. With the quality of men and women we have as police officers, that in itself is an embarrassment.

We have hired new employees in the Town Hall in the last few years and will definitely add more with the hiring of a new manager soon. In other words we are bursting at the seams with personnel in a building inadequate for the job, and we have no more room for storage of vital records and expansion. Something must be done.

The planned new Town Hall may have to be modified and down-sized but we definitely need something done which meets the needs of the town of Highlands. According to architects and city planners expansion of the current building is not an option. This board always welcomes objective criticism and encourages realistic discussion. We are always looking for ways which will not lead to tax increases but, with the cost of business and construction these days, some tax hikes may be inevitable although we aim to keep them to a minimum.

There was no increase in millage this year and a minimal one cent increase last year. Creative financing and grants for these projects are continuously being searched for.

I hope we can all work together in a civilized and constructive way to meet the needs of Highlands in a way that all will benefit. Objective and creative constructive criticism to each of these projects is always welcomed.

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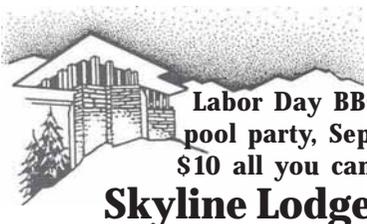
The Town of Highlands Golf Scholarship event which was scheduled Monday, Aug. 25 was cancelled because of rain.

The event, including social time and dinner at the Cullasaja Club after golf, has been rescheduled for Sept. 15.

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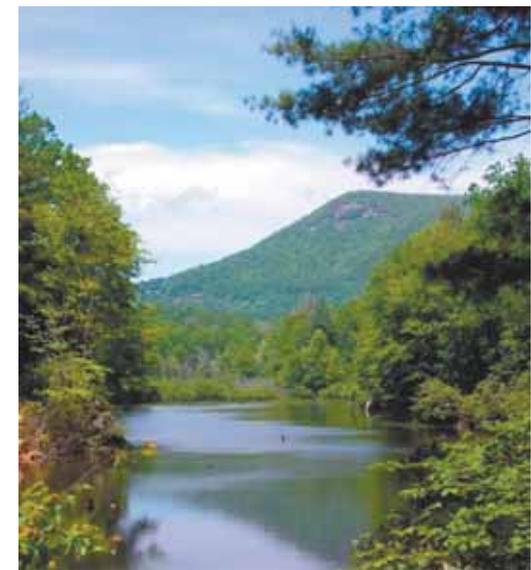
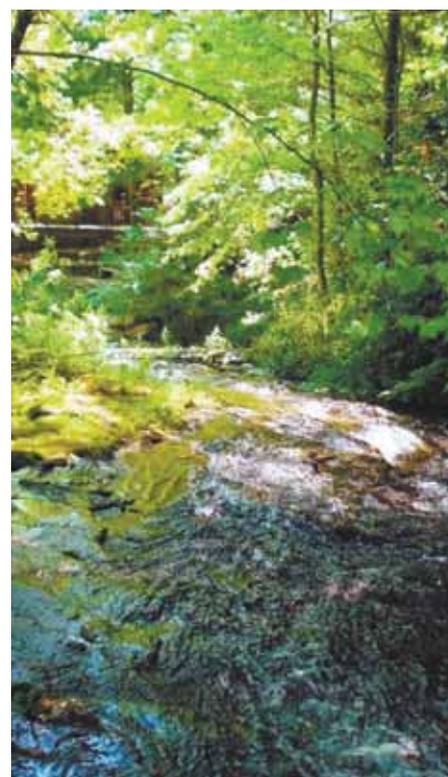


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First day of school Mon., Aug. 25 in Highlands



Great Beginnings students socialize at the locker area.



New teacher Ashly Coppage says "goodbye" to daughter Cyndi.



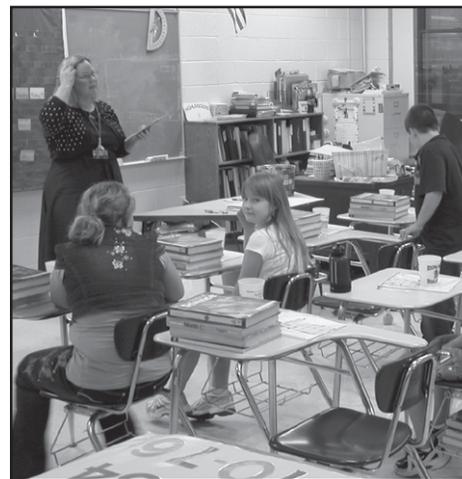
Will Chastain and Darius Arnold already busy in Ms. McClellan's kindergarten class. Photos by Kim Lewicki



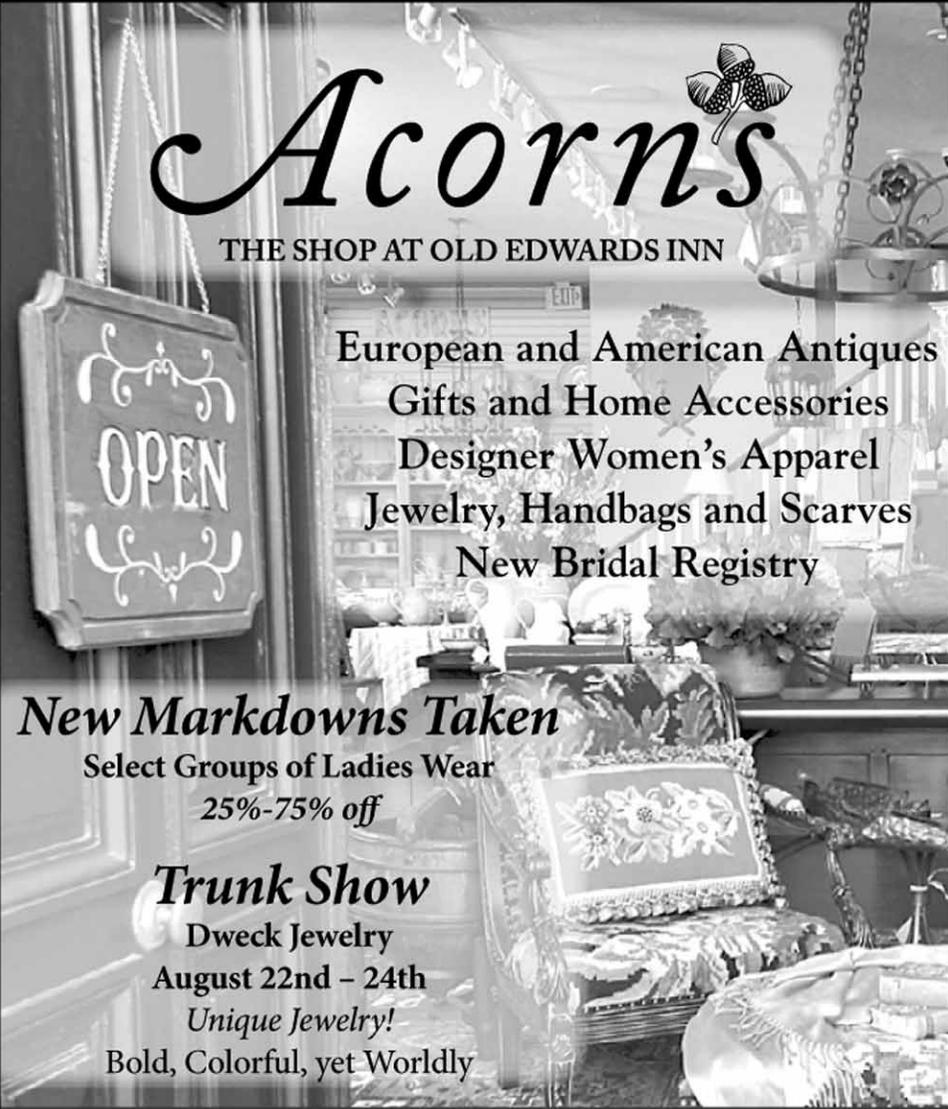
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Members said two options were immediately evident – to offer water and sewer to everyone along the U.S. 64 corridor and to satellite annex the entire hospital property which would give the town of Highlands control over the complex.

Member Bob Wright said he came away for the Aug. 6 Town Board meeting feeling

the workforce housing was definitely doable.

He suggested identifying every possible site within 4-5 miles of town with six acres or more; adding those opposed and local representatives to the taskforce's next phase; strengthening public education before going before the Town Board again; developing a conditional zoning approach and criteria – especially if the site can be satellite annexed; and return to the Town Board for a water and sewer commitment.

“We only need one more vote and if the town agrees to give water and sewer to people along the corridor, we might get it,” said Nellis.

Wright said at the Aug. 6 Town Board meeting, there was a silent majority in support of Shortoff Woods but they withdrew from speaking.

The taskforce plans to meet again in October.

– Kim Lewicki

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Volunteers help first day go off without a hitch

Dear Editor

The Highlands School PTO welcomes new and returning students and their parents for the 2008-2009 school year. We had a very successful preparation week with a breakfast and a lunch for the school staff and teachers, and Classroom Clean-Up.

It is gratifying to have a membership that pitches in so effectively, and we must especially thank the businesses that partnered with us to enhance the PTO events: The Lodge at Scaly Mountain, Scaly Mountain Nursery, The Little Flower Shop, Highlands Nursery and Landscape, Fressers Eatery, and The Sports Page. I hope we all let these fine businesses know how much we appreciate their support.

Another big thank you, as well, to Dusty Raby and Jessica Tilson. These young ladies were the backbone of our efforts to help the teachers get their classrooms ready, and they aren't even old enough to be PTO members!

Susan Coram
Highlands School PTO President

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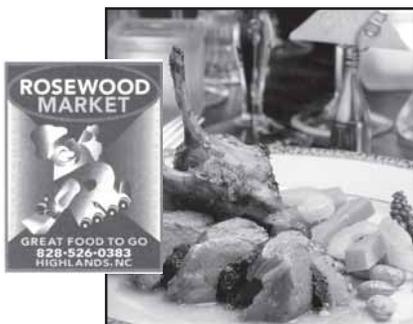
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Hospital CEO Ken Shull with Dr. Hal Alpert in the sleep center.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital announces new sleep medicine program

Getting a good night's sleep is not just a matter of feeling better the next day. It may also be a matter of life and death.

Sleep disorder can be serious business. Sleep apnea, for example can sometimes result in death itself. But it can also trigger life-threatening heart arrhythmias, as well as significantly increase your risk of heart attack, stroke, hypertension and many other serious diseases. However, now area patients who suffer from sleep disorders will have access to a highly-trained, experienced sleep specialist on a regular basis, and to a new state-of-the-art sleep lab located at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Atlanta sleep specialist Harold M. "Hal" Alpert, MD, FCCP, began seeing area patients here two weeks ago through the Highlands-Cashiers Sleep Center. The center will share offices with the Mountain Heart Center, located in Suite 304 the Jane Woodruff Clinic. Additionally the hospital has been working with CSRA Sleep, LLC, of Augusta, GA, for providing equipment and technicians for a new sleep lab, located in three specially outfitted rooms in the hospital. That new program is also already available to perform studies ordered either by Dr. Alpert or directly by other area physicians.

"We've been working with the hospital over several months now to work out all the details, and I'm delighted to now be able to offer my services to patients here, and also the services of a first-class sleep facility through the hospital," said Alpert.

"I'm looking forward to working closely with the area's primary care physicians to help them diagnose and treat a wide range of sleep problems."

The hospital has been without any sleep lab capabilities for several months after its contract with another company ended. However, hospital President and CEO Ken Shull said the new sleep program will offer a major upgrade over previous efforts.

"We have two completely redecorated patient sleep rooms, along with a dedicated monitoring room, and they are located in a quiet area, away from the activity of the main acute area. And thanks to our arrangement with Dr. Alpert, we will be able to have the studies interpreted in a matter of a few days instead of weeks," Shull explained. Alpert is also serving as the medical director of the new sleep lab.

In addition to providing a more casual, less institutional environment, both sleep rooms feature comfortable beds with Tempur-Pedic mattresses. A trained, certified technician in an adjacent room can electronically monitor both rooms simultaneously. In addition to monitoring for the sounds the patient makes while asleep, sleeping position and restlessness, patients are also checked for vital signs such as heart rate, oxygen saturation, and EEG.

Dr. Alpert will be reviewing each study and providing an interpretation, either directly to the patient or to a primary care

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off, they said.

More than 760 U.S. institutions are no longer requiring students to take the SAT or its competitor, the ACT, according to the National Center for Fair and Open Testing, based in Cambridge, MA. Still, the number of students taking the SAT increased 1.6 percent, to 1.52 million, the New York-based College Board, which administers the test, said.

According to the The College Board, North Carolina's average SAT score in 2008 increased, bringing the state to within 10 points of the nation's average.

The state's average SAT score was 1,007, and the nation's was 1,017.

North Carolina's math score on the SAT gained 2 points in 2008 from 509 in 2007 to 511 in 2008. Nationally, the math score in 2008 was 515, the same as the 2007 score.

The state's critical reading score on the SAT was 496 in 2008, up one point from 495. The nation stayed the same in reading, with an average score of 502.

North Carolina also improved on Advanced Placement tests, another measure of college-readiness. On the AP tests, North

Carolina students increased their participation, the number of tests they took and the number of tests they passed.

The number of participants was up by 5.9 percent with a total of 45,704 students taking more than 85,000 exams. The percentage of AP exams that received passing scores (generally considered scores of 3, 4 or 5) also increased by 5.1 percent to 49,508.

In 2008, 135 students in Macon County took the SAT - 119 from Franklin High School, 13 from Highlands and 3 from Nantahala.

The combined score in Math, Critical Reading and Writing for Macon County was 1467; 1453 for Franklin High School, 1453 for Highlands School and 1626 for Nantahala School.

The number of students taking the test in Macon County has decreased, however, since 2006.

In 2006, 149 students took it countywide - 122 from Franklin High School, 25 from Highlands School and none in Nantahala School. The combined score countywide was 1482; for Franklin, 1462 and for Highlands,

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Highlands School soccer drama begins



Senior Taylor Parrish fights Franklin for the ball during the Wed., Aug. 20 game. The teams tied 1-1.

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physician.

"We are very fortunate to have the services of someone of Dr. Alpert's experience and training," Shull added.

Alpert, who has a home in Cashiers, has 27 years experience in pulmonary and sleep medicine, and is currently medical director of the Tritt Breathe and Sleep Cen-

ter at Atlanta ENT, Sinus & Allergy Associates in Atlanta. He also serves as medical director of SleepMed, and SleepWorks, in Atlanta.

He earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1975 and performed his residency in Internal Medicine at Jewish Hospital. He completed a fellowship in Hematology and Oncology at the University of Cincinnati before undertaking another fellowship at Emory University in Pulmonary Medicine.

Board certified in sleep medicine, he is also certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in internal medicine, and in the subspecialty of pulmonary disease. He is also a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and a member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine. In addition to being on staff at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, he is also affiliated with Northside Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital in Atlanta.

Dr. Alpert says many sleep problems often go undiagnosed, because the sufferer may not either recognize the symptoms or dismiss them as not all that serious. Symptoms such as loud snoring, falling asleep at inappropriate times (such as at red lights), snorting or gasping for air while sleeping, pauses in breathing during sleep, or difficulty in falling or remaining asleep may indicate a sleep disorder. High blood pressure or being overweight can be factors in sleep conditions. Those who experience such symptoms should discuss them with their primary care physician.

Appointments for consultations with Dr. Alpert can be made by calling the Highlands-Cashiers Sleep Center at (828) 787-2450.



The Free Dental Clinic is on the second floor of Laurel Terrace in Cashiers, on Highway 64; just east of the crossroads. The mailing address is BRMHP, P.O. Box 451, Cashiers, NC 28717.

New Chapter in Dental Clinic history

The initial meeting of the Free Dental Clinic "Fraternity of Tooth Fairies" was held in Cashiers on July 19. Three new Tooth Fairies – Phil Wrangle, Ed Morse, and Wally Seinsheimer, were welcomed by Master Tooth Fairy, Ron Keller.

The group's objective is to increase awareness of the Free Dental Clinic in Jackson, Macon and Transylvania Counties, and to do it in a fun-loving manner. Each new fairy received his wings and work has started on the tu-tu which will require significant yards of fabric to surround waist lines that range from 44 to 55 inches. The first group sighting of the Fairies is expected in early December at the Highlands, Cashiers and Sylva Christmas parades.

The Free Dental Clinic is operated by the Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project, Inc., a locally-based 501 (c) (3) organization. Its mission is to provide dental care to Western NC residents who cannot otherwise afford the care they need. Many of its patients are in such critical condition from dental pain and infection that they are unable to

work or otherwise lead a normal life within their families and communities, and in some cases, infections have become life-threatening.

Since its founding in 2005, the Clinic's volunteer dentists have treated over 1,200 patients, providing over 12,000 procedures with a market value in excess of \$1,500,000. Its annual operating budget of around \$150,000 is supported by donations from individuals and local churches, and by foundation grants.

BRMHP President, Bill Jacobs said Fraternity members have come up with an unforgettable way to have some fun while publicizing a unique program that is making life a whole lot better for a lot of our neighbors. "Many area residents (and their children) will remember Ron and Wally as highlights of last year's Parades in Cashiers and Highlands, and it will be both bigger and better this year. In addition to the Parades, the Fraternity is providing direct help in fund raising, and also in dental hygiene educational efforts," he said.

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1597.

In 2007, 135 students took it countywide – 107 from Franklin High School, 21 from Highlands School and 7 from Nantahala School. The combined score countywide was 1528; for Franklin, 1525 and for Highlands, 1592 and for Nantahala, 1397.

Nationally, average reading scores remained at 502 on an 800-point scale after a five-point drop last year, and math scores were constant at 515 after a similar fall, according to the statement. Scores for the writing component were also the same, at 494, after falling three points last year, the College Board said.

Boys scored four points higher than girls on reading and 33 points higher in math, while girls outscored boys by 13 points on the writing test. The number of students with

a perfect score of 2,400 increased 9 percent, to 294.

Officials said scores had fallen in 2005 through 2007, partly because the addition of the writing component in 2006 made the test longer and less likely to be taken multiple times and because the test is being taken by an increasing number of students from schools and communities unfamiliar with it.

Instead of only traditional "college bound" student taking the test students who aren't assumed to go to college – students coming from different backgrounds – are taking it.

Students from minority groups made up 40 percent of SAT test takers this year, up from 33 percent in 1998.

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Last hospital health screening for Highlands in 2008 is Sept. 13

Residents in the Highlands and Scaly areas have one more opportunity this year to take advantage of the free community health screenings being offered by Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

The hospital will conduct its fall community health screening in Highlands on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the hospital campus.

Registration is already under way for that screening. Pre-registration is required and participants will be assigned appointment windows as part of the registration process to help reduce lines and waiting times. Those wishing to participate can register Monday through Friday during regular business hours by calling 526-1435, or any time on line at the hospital's website at www.highlandscashiershospital.org (click on the screening drop-down menu, and complete the registration form).

In addition to the basic measurements for height, weight, blood pressure, and body mass index, participants will also have their

blood drawn to be assessed for glucose and cholesterol levels (full lipid profiles, which break down cholesterol into types). Those test are completely free, as are prostate specific antigen tests that are run on most men over age 50. Due to the laboratory tests performed, those participating in the screening are asked not to eat or drink anything but water after midnight the night before.

Results of the laboratory tests are kept confidential, and are reviewed by the participant's own family physician (or another local physician if no family doctor is specified), before being mailed to each participant.

There will also be a number of information stations and opportunities to talk with one or more area physicians. Members of the HealthTracks program at the hospital will also be there to answer any diet and exercise questions, and participants are treated to a free continental breakfast, compliments of the hospital's Nutrition Services Department.



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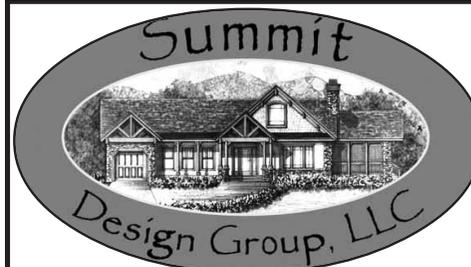
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Separately, the ACT, taken by 1.42 million students, saw its average scores fall to 21.1 this year, on a 36-point scale, from 21.2 last year. Those results were announced by Iowa City-based ACT Inc., the administrator of the exam, in a statement on Aug. 13.

U.S. colleges are slowly moving away from standardized tests and toward a more-rounded evaluation of each student.

In June, Wake Forest University, in Win-

ston-Salem, North Carolina, announced it would no longer require the tests. The school is ranked No. 28 in U.S. News & World Report's rankings of national colleges.

Schools that have made the SAT optional are generally small and can take the time to evaluate each student without relying on a numerical score. Officials say for larger schools, the SAT is a useful tool for evaluating students.

- Kim Lewicki

Town IDs capital projects

At the Aug. 20 Town Board meeting, Mayor Don Mullen suggested a special meeting to line out the town's uncompleted major projects - one of which is sewer extensions.

"People need a timeline so they have an idea of when they can expect sewer in their area," he said.

Top on the "uncompleted project list" is the Town Hall. It's estimated to cost \$4.3-\$5.1 million and the board is waiting for cost esti-

mates for a more "green" design and may consider downsizing or adjusting the plan. There is currently \$340,000 in the Town Hall Fund.

- The town needs to upgrade its accounting software which is expected to cost around \$30,000 but board members want to visit other municipalities using the software before purchasing it.
- The parking study and the Unified De-

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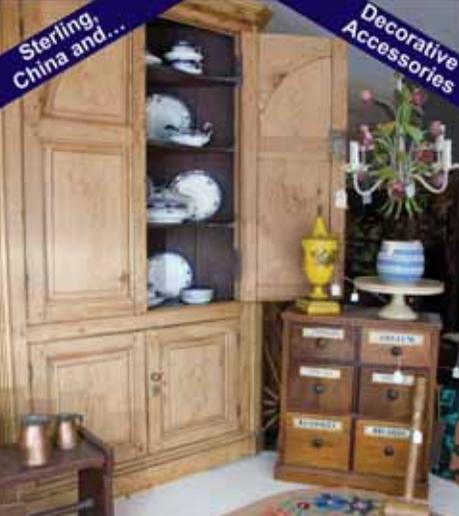
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of allegiance? Does the fact that the Wright thing was debated early and often and then seemingly forgotten mean that it shouldn't be considered in determining Obama's values? I don't think so.

Then there is the Farrakhan connection. In December, 2007 Wright's church bestowed its highest social achievement award upon Louis Farrakhan, the head of the Nation of Islam. Farrakhan, an avowed black supremacy advocate, traveled with Obama to pay a visit to Libya's leader Kadafi, who at the time was an acknowledged terrorist. Farrakhan gave Obama's candidacy his enthusiastic support. Not exactly an association that would promote American values.

Bill Ayers is another Obama association that would indicate a less than firm belief in American values. The American Issues Project says it much better than I.

"United 93 never hit the Capitol on 9/11. But the Capitol was bombed 30 years before – by an American terrorist group called the Weather Underground that declared 'war' on the U. S., targeting the Capitol, the Pentagon, police stations and more. One of the groups leaders, William Ayers, admits to the bombings, proudly saying later: 'We didn't do enough.'"

"But Barack Obama is friends with Ayers, defending him as, quote, 'Respectable' and 'Mainstream.' Obama's political career was launched in Bill Ayer's home. And the two served together on a left-wing board. Why would Barack Obama be friends with someone who bombed the Capitol and was proud of it?" American values?

Early in his adult development, Obama attached himself to the radical leftist (Communist) Saul Alinsky who wrote the rules (literally) on community organization. In his book *Rules for Radicals* Alinsky writes, "Any revolutionary change must be preceded by a passive, affirmative non-challenging attitude toward change among the mass of our people. They must feel so frustrated, so defeated, so lost, so futureless in the prevailing system that they are willing to let go of the past and change the future."

This is where Barack Obama's campaign about change comes from. He is not talking about positive change but rather the change outlined by his mentor, Saul Alinsky. Revolutionary change. Socialist change. This is not the basic American culture I know.

Finally, his wife. The woman scares me. As part of her requirements for graduation, she wrote a thesis entitled, "Princeton-Educated Blacks and the Black Community." When interested parties learned of it and tried to get a

copy, they were informed by Princeton that access to the thesis was restricted until after the presidential election in November 2008. Under intense media pressure, the content was released. All I can get out of it is that Princeton isn't fair to blacks and she felt unwelcome. No surprise there.

CNN and Fox News, among others, have described her as an "Angry Black Woman."

In February 2008, Michelle commented, "For the first time in my

adult life, I am proud of my country because it feels like hope is finally making a comeback." Doesn't this feed into the overall concept that America is evil, evidently no matter who is running the country?

Rev. Wright certainly thinks so, Farrakhan knows it, Bill Ayres is anti-American to the extreme and Michelle, who has his ear, says so and Saul Alinsky convinced Obama of it.

If you are a big fan of Obama's, you are in fine company. Naturally most of the entertainment community backs him. The Communist Party USA

endorses him as do Fidel Castro, Moammar Kadafi, Kim Jong Il and Hammas.

Does all of this support Mark Penn's assertion that Obama lacks an understanding of America's values and culture? I think so. Frankly, I believe that Obama is a product of multiculturalism and doesn't understand the American way, if such a thing still exists. His associations indicate that he strongly believes in the black separatist philosophy, has an anti-capitalist agenda and generally has little love for America, no matter how he spins it.



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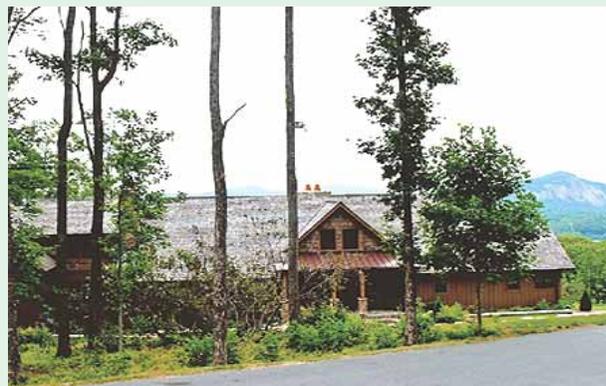
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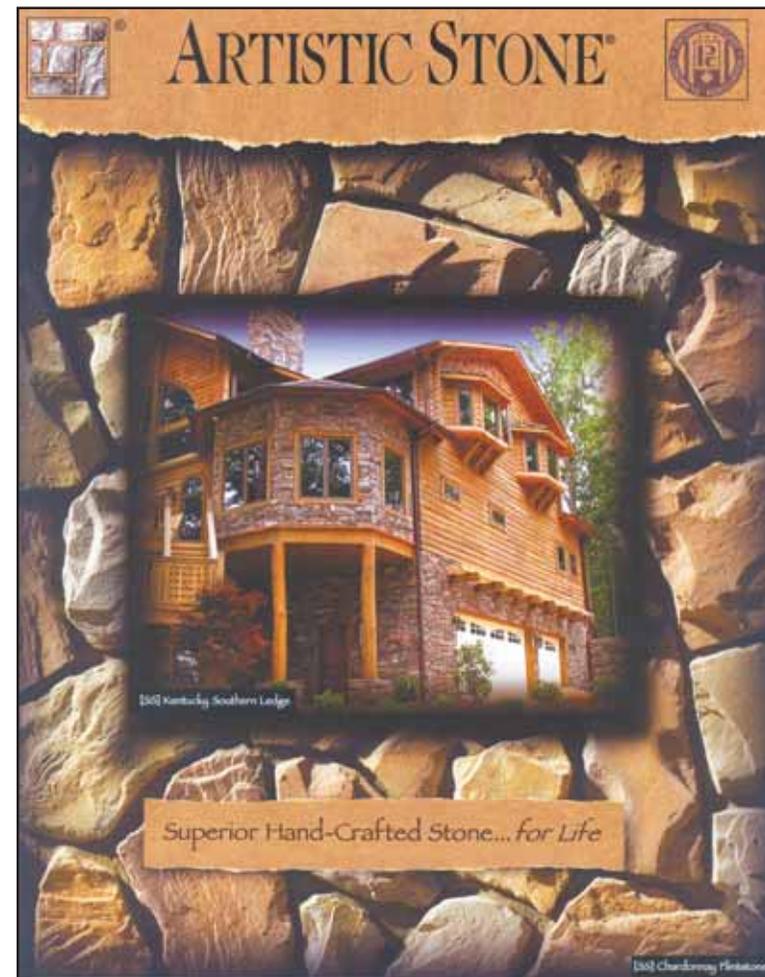
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That's why I love my little girl because she loves to fish and loves to hike.

Right after lunch we found a little stream and Caroline forced me to fish. She wanted to fish with me but she did not want to get her feet wet, so I picked her up, placed her on a rock in the middle of the stream and fished. Caroline was fine with staying on a rock until I got a little too far away from her then she would yell, "Hey dad, don't forget me, I am right here, don't leave me!"

I tried to assure her that I would not leave her on a rock all by herself, and she would say "I know" but then in a few minutes I would again get a little too far from her and she would yell again, "Hey dad, don't forget me!"

I share that little story with you this week because believe it or not there are times in all our lives when we feel that God has left us and we are the ones standing there yelling; "Hey God where are you? Have you forgotten me?"

I call those the tough moments of life, when we feel all alone and afraid. Maybe we have received some news about our health, maybe bills keep piling up and the money keeps drying up. Maybe we are so busy that we feel we never have time to just relax.

Yet, when we have those kind of alone-feeling times, let me encourage you to look around. The older I get the more I am convinced that God comes to us in many ways to assure us that we are not alone. Maybe it is a call from a friend we haven't talked to in a while. Maybe it is a stranger saying to us, you are in my prayers. Maybe it is an unexpected gift that helps us pull through. God is there ready to show us grace; we just need to pay attention.

We finished our hike that day and Caroline said, "Dad, that was a fun day. I know you will always be there to help me, but one day you may not be there but that's OK because when you are not, someone will be there, and who knows it may even be God."

I don't know where you are right now or what you may be going through but know this — I have it on the authority of a then 10-year-old theologian — someone cares and someone is there for you, it may even be God.

I encourage us all to look around and see where we can experience this gift called GRACE.

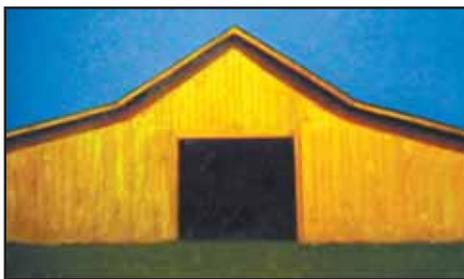
• BUSINESS NEWS •

Two Realities: Paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morsberger Aug. 30 – Oct. 1 at Summit One Gallery

Two Realities features two very diverse artists: Edward Rice and Philip Morsberger. According to Sara Irvy, the *New York Times* (March 30, 2005), Philip Morsberger stands "...at the crossroads of Abstract Expressionism and Pop Art." Mr. Morsberger thinks this is a fair assessment. The work is 'painterly,' certainly, but also a return to the beloved newspaper comic strips of his boyhood ("Barney Google," "Krazy Kat," "Smokey Stover," et al). Other heroes – Van Gogh, Gauguin, El Greco, Toulouse Lautrec – round out the mix, leaving Morsberger as an exuberant artistic ecumenist. As he enthusiastically puts it, "Man, I love all that stuff!"

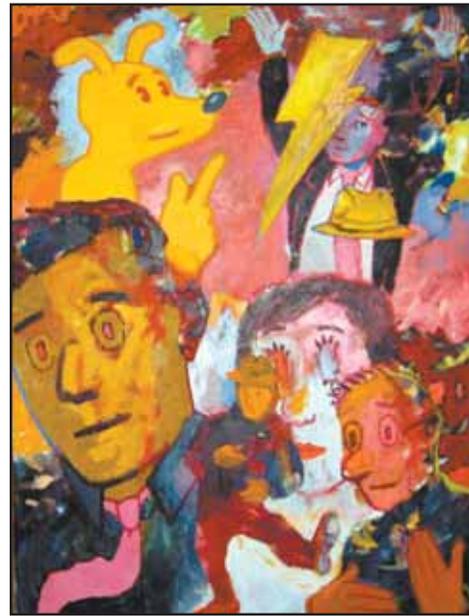
Morsberger has worked and held influential professorships in America and Britain since the late 1950s. He was Master of the Ruskin School of Drawing, Oxford, from 1971-1984 – the sixth Master in the school's history and the only American to hold that chair.

Morsberger has never been subservient to any one style of painting; his work has evolved through many distinct phases: realism, abstraction and the American comic strip tradition. His life and work has re-



Leadership Highlands alumnae speak out

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 Alumna thinks about the program. The current interview is answered by Peter Ray, who is the most recent Past President of the Leadership Highlands Governing Board. Peter, along with his wife



cently been the subject of a book by Christopher Lloyd, *Surveyor of The Queen's Pictures* (Merrill Press, NY 2007).

"Edward Rice's architectural paintings (as described by David Houston, Chief Curator, Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans) are carefully rendered evocations of place, born of close familiarity and intense study. Informed by the continued absorption of outside influences, yet following his own self motivated path, Rice's work matured during the reemergence of a vigorous school of American realist painting..."

Rice has exhibited with acclaimed galleries such as the Babcock Galleries in New York and the Gerald Peters Gallery in Santa Fe. His work is included in the permanent collections of the Gibbs Museum of Art, Charleston, the South Carolina Museum of Art, the Georgia Museum of Art, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, the Morris Museum of Art, Augusta, and others, as well as numerous private collections in the US and Europe.

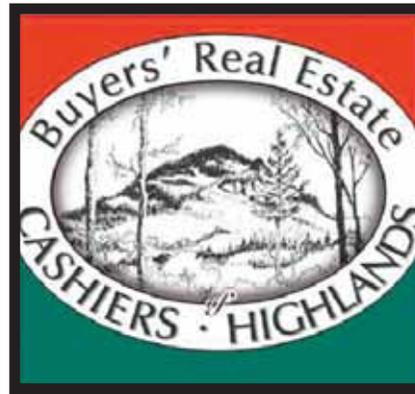
Two Realities opens at Summit One Gallery on Saturday, August 30, with an Artists' Reception from 5-7pm and continues through October 1. Summit One Gallery, South Second Street, Highlands NC 526.2673 summitonegallery@verizon.net www.summitonegallery.com

Martha, moved to Highlands permanently in 2001 from Memphis, TN where they were both working as pastoral psychotherapists.

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

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A beaver dam

woodland sunflower, and joe-pye weed.

Beavers are famous for being engineers, and watching them work on this dam and pond has been an amazing experience for me. Not only do they cut trees and interlace them to form a dam, they dig mud from the streambed and push this in among the sticks to reinforce and strengthen it. They are constantly carving out new channels by cutting down plants and digging out silt.

Our southern beavers don't build lodges; they dig burrows in the soft dirt of the river valley and the pond submerges their entrances.

Perhaps the most interesting thing I've observed about beavers is they're also farmers. Beavers are vegetarians that eat herbaceous plants, such as clover, grasses and aquatic vegetation in addition to the green bark, leaves and twigs of fast growing trees, such as aspen and willows.

Before this Uber-beaver family moved in the stream banks were thick

with blackberry and a yellow-flowering woody shrub. Now the grasses and willow trees are flourishing. The beavers farm by changing their environment so their preferred food crops grow abundantly of their own accord — it seems like a better system than most human farmers use. In addition, their pruning causes the willow to grow even more lushly.

Many people hate beavers and the wetlands they create, but biologists call them a "keystone species," which means an animal vital to an ecosystem, just as a keystone is vital to holding an arch in place. I can see this is true in our valley: the bird population has increased in number and variety and our summer evenings are filled with the songs of frogs.

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website:
www.kathleenbrugger.com

• MIRROR LAKE REFLECTIONS •

Area roads are ready for paving and the beavers are back

The preparation of the roadbeds in our area is finished. The paving is scheduled for sometime in September.

Our citizens watch committee urges we all be vigilant and aware of activities in our neighborhoods. If anything seems suspicious or just doesn't look right, call 911 and report the situation.

Several beavers have been spotted so take measures to protect your lakeside trees

and shrubs. Installing chicken wire around the trunks will discourage the beavers from gnawing at the trunks.

A thought for the month – when you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think algebra!

Our next meeting is Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m at the Highlands Civic Center. All are welcome.

– Elaine Johnson

Conservation groups say multi-million dollar highway through Nantahala National Forest unnecessary and environmentally damaging

Conservation groups today condemned the findings of a recent environmental study by the North Carolina Department of Transportation that a 10-mile section of the proposed Corridor K highway would have little environmental impact. The four-lane highway would run from Stecoah to Robbinsville in Graham County, cutting through a portion of the Nantahala National Forest. The groups say the project is exorbitantly expensive, would pose a threat to local water quality, wildlife habitat and other natural resources, and would not be the boon to economic development it was conceived to be 40 years ago.

The highway, projected to cost \$378 million, would cut a 2,870 foot tunnel under the Snowbird Mountains and require excavation of 3 million cubic yards of rock. Furthermore, studies conducted by DOT show that for most hours of the day, driving the new road would make no difference in travel times compared to existing routes, which with modest improvements are projected by the NCDOT to have acceptable levels of traffic for 20 years or more.

"The financial cost and environmental impact of this project cannot be justified in light of its meager transportation benefit," said DJ Gerken, Senior Attorney in the Asheville office of the Southern Environmental Law Center. "With a construction cost of more than \$38 million per mile, the agency's refusal to consider cost-effective improvements to existing routes instead of this new construction is a major problem we will be calling on them to reconsider."

The NCDOT has not yet released specific dates and deadlines for a public comment period on the draft environmental impact study.

The project is part of a road network planned by the Appalachian Regional Commission in the 1960s to boost the economies of the Appalachian states. In the 40 years since this project was conceived, nearby highways have been improved significantly and the new construction is not needed.

"Like a lot of the communities in this area, Graham County has adopted economic development plans that focus on increasing heritage tourism, not the kind of heavy industry that looks for a four-lane highway," said Bob Grove, a member of the Western North Carolina Alliance.

Conservation groups have expressed

concern over the environmental impacts the project would have on the health of nearby streams as well as wildlife habitat, forests and rare species in the region. Road construction is projected by NCDOT to bury 5,400 feet of mountain stream resulting in increases in siltation and other pollutants in these waters.

"The Stecoah and Cheoah Bald areas are environmental treasures, and we are deeply concerned about the impact road construction will have on the exceptional mountain streams, wildlife and pristine forest habitat here," said Hugh Irwin, Programs Director for the Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition. The area is home to rare species and an exceptionally large forested mountain habitat tract.

In addition to extensive environmental impacts, the draft study reveals that 35 families would be displaced and others would face a "high probability" that their well water supplies would decrease as a result of the project.

"We are disappointed that the ARC isn't giving more consideration to positive alternatives, like devoting the \$378 million this project would cost to economic development programs in Graham County," said Holly Demuth, Executive Director of the Stop I-3 Coalition. "Instead of building a redundant and environmentally destructive road, the ARC could spend the \$42,000 per Graham County citizen on more effective economic development projects."

About the organizations:

The Stop I-3 Coalition is a grassroots nonprofit organization that preserves and protects the unique heritage and environment of Southern Appalachia and nearby Piedmont communities by promoting sustainable transportation practices.

The mission of the Southern Appalachian Forest Coalition is to protect and restore the wildlands, waters, native forests and ecosystems of the Southern Appalachian landscape.

The Western North Carolina Alliance is a non-profit organization with the primary goals of protecting and preserving the natural environment of Western North Carolina.

The Southern Environmental Law Center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization that uses the power of the law to protect forest land, wetlands, water and air quality, rural landscapes, coastal resources, wildlife habitat and special places throughout the Southeast.

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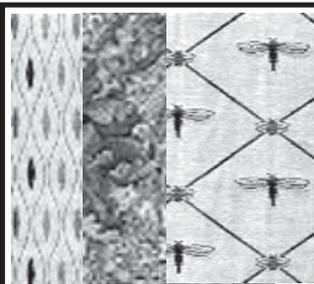
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• BUSINESS NEWS •



Images Unlimited's Spa on Spring introduces Mary Shambaugh and Karen Vizzina to its team.

Mary, a licensed esthetician since 2003, trained at the Institute of Aesthetic Arts and Sciences in Connecticut and has practiced in Connecticut, Florida and North Carolina. She is certified in Yon-Ka Paris all natural, botanical product line. With this versatile product line, Mary can address your specific skin care needs from deep pore cleansing to anti-aging, firming and resurfacing. She can take your treatment to a deeper level with microdermabrasion and chemical peels to address specific areas of concern such as minimizing fine line and wrinkles, uneven skin tones and scarring.

She also offers energy sessions for and energy-based approach to health and healing. She is a Master Level Reiki practitioner, a Karuna Reiki Level II practitioner and has a Level III Healing touch certification. Energy

work rebalances the human energy field, clears toxins, reduces pain-anxiety-stress-tension and places the client in a position to self heal.

Karen is a licensed massage and bodywork therapist who received her initial training from the New Mexico Academy of Healing Arts. She has been a licensed massage therapist since 1992 specializing in sports, deep tissue and myofascial massage, medicinal herbs and body energetics. Benefits of massage include improved circulation, increased blood supply and nutrition to muscles, congestion relief throughout the body, promotes healing of injured tissue, improves muscle tone, relieves stress and feels good!

Come by and meet Mary and Karen and learn what they can do for you.



Literacy Council annual gala a hit

Left is Literacy Council president Matt Eberz with Jane Webb and Donna McEwing. Below is Linda and Tom Clark with Literacy Council boardmember Marjorie Fielding.

The Highlands-Cashiers Players provided the entertainment with its production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" and Holly's Kitchen provided finger foods and desserts, Wednesday, Aug. 20 for the Literacy Council's annual fundraising gala.



Photos by Michael Davidoff

• REVIEW •

HCP pulls off musical with precision and flair

The Highlands-Cashiers Players pulled out all the stops when they took on "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" now on stage at the Performing Arts Center.

This bawdy, rollicking romp through ancient Rome is truly over the top, even for HCP.

"Forum" marks HCP's first try at a musical and the first time a live orchestra accompanied the cast which made the production very special.

It has a highschool play scope and feel to it, as it features a large cast of 23 – many of whom are new to an HCP production. But with the help of HCP regulars like Wayne Coleman as the lead Pseudolus, Dean Zuch as Senex, Jim Gordon as Marcus Lycus, Stuart Armor as Miles Glorious, Virginia Talbot as Domina, Shirley Williams as Erronia and Kathryn Cochran at Tintinabula, the production maintains its comedic timing with HCP flair.

Robert Ray, who staged the



The dedicated cast of 23 on stage at PAC performing "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

production and likely helped with the vocals, and Kathryn Cochran, who choreographed the show, enabled the cast to sing and dance its way into the hearts of the audience who enjoyed the

production for what it was – a silly, fun, madcap series of mishaps portrayed by a group of players dedicated to good community theater.

As usual, HCP's sets added a

lively dimension to the show, as did the costumes and wigs – another hallmark of the company.

Director Ronnie Spilton showed the community what she

could draw from a group of high-schoolers in "Get Bill Shakespeare Off the Stage" and she did the same thing with this cast. Everyone sang – some better than others, clearly some no one knew could sing; and everyone danced or rather moved to the music in an acceptable way – all which made the show funny, endearing and lively.

A production such as this took a lot of work and dedication from the actors to the musicians, the production team, the construction crew and all the others involved – and it shows.

It's clear the Highlands talent pool is growing which can only mean good things for the Highlands-Cashiers Players and other production companies in town.

"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" plays Tuesday, Aug. 26 through Saturday, Aug. 30, 7:30 p.m. at PAC. To reserve tickets call 526-8084.

POLICE , FIRE & SHERIFF LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Aug. 18-27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 19

- At 3:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and Fourth streets.

Aug. 22

- At 4:50 p.m., Richard Anthony McConnell, 20, of Cullowhee, N.C., was arrested for driving with a revoked license when he was stopped and cited on U.S. 64 for exceeding a safe speed.

- At 9 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Hickory Hill was cited for displaying an expired registration.

Aug. 24

- At 11 a.m., a motorist on N.C. 106 was cited for failing to look before moving into traffic at the site of an accident.

Aug. 25

- At 9:53 a.m. a motorist at Main and

4th street was cited for driving without a license.

- 3:45 p.m., a breaking and entering at a home on Ravenel Ridge was reported where someone had broken into a covered porch via a French door. The main residence was not invaded.

During the week, officers issued 4 warning tickets and responded to 5 alarm activations.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 20-27

Aug. 20

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

Aug. 21

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Wildwood Road. It was a Life Line call but it was a false alarm.

- The dept. responded to an accident on Buck Creek Road. There were no injuries.

Aug. 22

- The dept. responded to a report of an accident on U.S. 64 east but what it found was a pedestrian who had fallen and broken an ankle.

Aug. 23

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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

Aug. 24

- The dept. responded to an accident on the Dillard Road. There were no injuries so it routed traffic.

Aug. 25

- The dept. responded to a call of a tree on a scooter on the Dillard Road.

There were no injuries.

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

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cook Road. The resident was having a diabetic reaction. There was no transport to the hospital.

Aug. 26

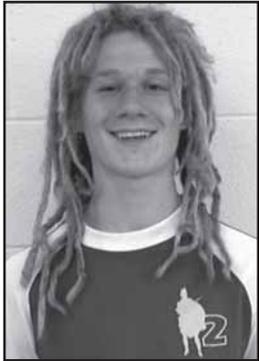
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence at Highlands Country Club. It was false.

- The dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers Fire Department for a structure fire. Highlands manned the Cashiers station.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at the Rib Shack restaurant. It was false.

- The dept. responded to a call of a transformer on fire at Buck Creek and U.S.64 east but it was unfounded.

Highlands School Men's Varsity Soccer 2008



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The team with coaches Hank Ross and Chris Green

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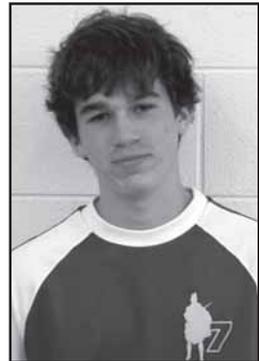
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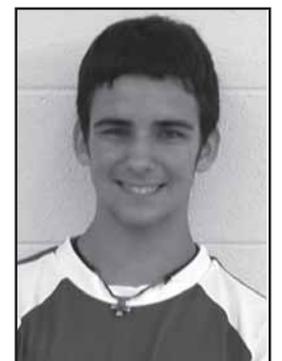
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- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

- 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

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Come to the Highlands Rec Center Monday night, September 8, to learn about the the northern flying squirrel.

This free program is provided by the Highlands Audubon Society and the Bird Barn in Highlands. The Carolina northern flying squirrel is not the same as the flying squirrel some of you see on your bird feeders. It is a nocturnal, gliding rodent found exclusively at high elevations in the spruce-fir and northern hardwood forests. Listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1985 due to shrinking habitat, northern flying squirrels in NC are isolated on eight mountaintop islands of their remnant boreal forest.

Each winter NCWRC biologists check several hundred squirrel boxes to monitor flying squirrel populations and are pursuing ways to connect isolated populations by restoring red spruce forest, for the benefit of the squirrel and many other species.

Chris Kelly, a biologist with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Wildlife Diversity Section, will inform us about this work and the Flyer's cold-hardiness, diet, forest ecology, and gliding ability. Chris leads surveys, monitoring, and habitat management for the Carolina northern flying squirrel. She also oversees peregrine falcon nest monitoring and all other mountain region bird projects. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., but come to the Rec Center early and join us for light refreshments and conversation at 7.

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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. Call 526-5852.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

• Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

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 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.

1st & 3rd 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 suffer-

ing 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

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Opera performance promises to be crowd-pleasing event

With only two weeks before the grand performance, the sixteenth annual Bel Canto is shaping up to be a crowd pleaser.

Founder Richard Joel stepped down from his organizational role last year, handing the reins to Stell Huie to chair. One of the first additions was an artistic director, which came in the lovely form of previous Bel Canto performer, soprano Stella Zambalis.

"It took two of us to fill the role of one man. Richard dedicated so much time to Bel Canto and worked so hard for this cause, it is hard to imagine," Zambalis said. "He had this wonderful way about him – perhaps it was his charm, his sweet, southern charm, that just made you want to get involved with this project. It is hard to fill that big of a person's shoes."

Zambalis, who has had her own illustrious career in the world of opera, said she is ready for the next stage in her career. While she has no plans to stop singing completely, she said she is ready to slow down. The Bel Canto Artistic Director was a perfect opportunity to launch her into a new phase with her musical career.



She said the audience could expect to be wowed this year with the selection of tenor Roy

Cornelius Smith and baritone John Packard. Both have been performing for quite some time and are well known in the opera-world.

"I think these two hot dog voices are just going to blow the roof off the performing arts center," she said.

Smith, who has performed in Highlands before, has certainly been a crowd pleaser in the past.

"I've worked with him extensively through the years and just watched him really come in to his own voice. He's known as a heavy lyric tenor and it is just really beautiful to hear him sing," Zambalis said.

The new addition of Packard will be

an exciting new voice for concert goers.

"What John brings is that he is brilliant on stage – absolutely riveting" she said.

Packard was catapulted to the spotlight after his role in the debut performance Dead Man Walking. Zambalis said he was so convincing in that role that it has been said people were afraid to be in his presence off-stage.

This year's Bel Canto was arranged to be a crowd pleaser.

"If you had a top 40 hits of opera, this would be it," Zambalis said.

She said she really geared the program to be a very popular selection that would be appealing to everyone.

"We just want to continue to bring in wonderful artists and continue on in the tradition Richard established so well here," she said.

Bel Canto is scheduled to run Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. A specially catered dinner is planned afterwards hosted by Highlands Country Club. Tickets are \$150 and can be obtained by calling 828-526-9074, or writing to Bel Canto, PO Box 2392, Highlands, NC, 28741. Proceeds benefit The Bascom and the Highlands School music program.

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SAT. & SUN. AUG. 30 & 31 On 701 Dillard Road, just past Dusty's. Junk, antiques and collectibles. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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HELP WANTED

PART TIME RETAIL ASSISTANT needed from September-December at The Highlands Gem Shop. Call Matthew Schroeders at 828-526-2767. 9/18

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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).

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

Fridays

- At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages: A guided 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 Phillips 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 Permanent Collection at the Green.

All of August

- At Acorn's on Main Street, it's Juliska Month. Juliska's rich European heritage spans six centuries and combines historic shapes with imaginative new interpretations of glass and ceramic for home décor and

tableware.

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. 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.

Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 28-30

- 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.

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.

- 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.j-mca.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

- 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.

- Shops at KettleRock open house with hamburgers and hotdogs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. N.C. 106 across from Freeman Gas.

- "Social" at Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles on Main Street next to Wolfgang's from 5-7 p.m.

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Last weekend to see 'Darrow'



David Milford as Clarence Darrow

Reviews keep coming in praising David Milford as Clarence Darrow playing at the Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main.

Dr Rebecca J. Shilling, DVM, MPH, Highlands, offered this thoughtful evaluation, "In this one-man show David Milford portrays Clarence Darrow with such depth and range of feeling that there were moments when I almost expected to hear Mrs. Darrow or someone on the witness stand answer him. Milford's Darrow is that three-dimensional, that powerful. From tender, poignant pleas to chuckling good humor to intense courtroom drama, Milford's Darrow is richly satisfying. The entire show is well paced, well staged, and well directed. In my opinion, good theatre does something for an audience, not to an audience. It was obvious looking at the long line of people who wanted to speak to Milford after the show that this production of 'Clarence Darrow' did something for the audience. This was the directorial debut for Madeleine Davis, the incoming Artistic Director at the Instant Theatre Company, and I look forward eagerly to more shows under her direction. Hats off to all involved!"

Technically speaking, it is a rare experience to attend a theatrical production in which every detail has been considered and introduced in a way that enhances the performance rather than overpowers it; from lighting, to sound, to the staging itself - an atmosphere was created which was both compelling and supportive. Once again, the Instant Theatre Co. production team has raised the bar."

There are still a few tickets available for the Friday and Saturday final performances of Clarence Darrow. Phone the ITC box office at 828-342-9197 for reservations.

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 29-30

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

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 features 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 women 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 Morseberger

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 web-site at 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 reading 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 are 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 organiza-

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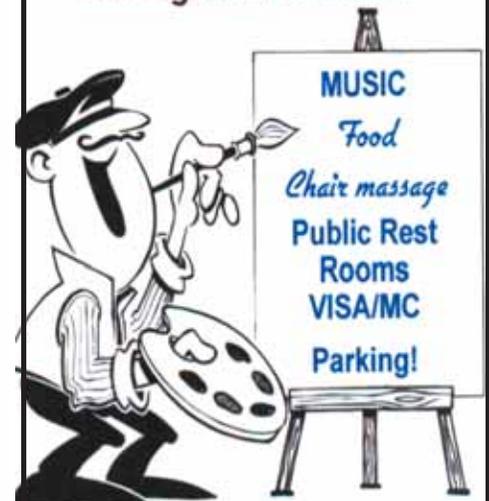
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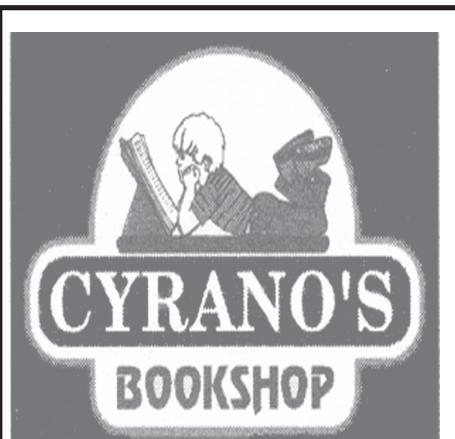
Thursday, Sept. 4

• 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

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

Saturday, Sept. 6



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Saturday, September 6

2-4 p.m.

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Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 10-11

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&

Ron Rash's "Serena."

• 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 auction. A cash bar will be available. For more information or to purchase tickets please call 828-421-2548, e-mail mntopquickdraw@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 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 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

Legendary folk singers coming to ITC



Cindy Mangsen and Steve Gillette

After a summer full of incredible entertainment, Highlands can become suddenly culturally bleak. The Instant Theatre Company isn't going to let that happen.

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. The duo appeared at the Studio on Main last season to a sold out audience who demanded their return. The Instant Theatre Company will present Steve and Cindy for one night only, Saturday, September, 13th at 8PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of performance.

Another audience favorite that played to full houses last November, was "The Diaries of Adam and Eve" by Mark Twain. Adam and Eve discover each other in the Garden of Eden and record their experiences on stone tablets. (The

first diaries!) Their dramatized courtship sparkles with wit and humor, poignancy and pathos. When they leave the Garden, Adam and Eve discover their enduring love and need for each other. This highly original two-character performance piece is a barrel of laughs, as rich in wisdom as in wit. David Milford and Madeleine Davis will revive this legendary couple, September 19th and 20th at 8PM. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Reservations can be made for these two popular shows by calling The ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197. The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main is located at 310 Main Street, Oak Square in Highlands. For a complete up to date schedule of the ITC visit the website at www.InstantTheatre.org. Discover the comedy, drama, celebrities, passionate music, politics and dancing that the ITC will offer in October.

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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.

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.

- The Highlands School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the PTO meeting. They will start serving around 4:15 and end at the beginning of the PTO meeting. We will accept to go orders.

- 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.

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Two-day arts & crafts festival over Labor Day weekend

Gather up your friends and family for the Village Square Art and Craft Show in Highlands this weekend. A lot of new crafters and artists as well as some familiar faces will grace Highlands Pine Street Park and the Village Square for this popular event on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show includes stained glass, pottery, wind chimes, turned wood, fine art, folk art, decorative staffs, jewelry, rustic birdhouses and signs, furniture, baskets, gourds, ornamental iron, and even exotic plants. Fair goers will find many unique items to decorate their homes or persons, or to get an early start on their Christmas shopping. There's more! Kids can have their faces painted by Patti Cakes the clown. A masseuse will be giving chair massages. On Saturday from 3-5 p.m. Thea and the Green Man will perform in the square. And on both days Fressers Express will be open for breakfast and lunch. There are public bathrooms and plenty of parking.

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tention activities. Masters degree with a background in nursing leadership required. This position reports directly to the CEO/President of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, working closely with the QA Nurse Manager and the VP of Operations. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

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.

• Free health screening at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Saturday at the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the

hospital campus. Registration is already under way for that screening. Pre-registration is required and participants will be assigned appointment windows as part of the registration process to help reduce lines and waiting times. Those wishing to participate can register Monday through Friday during regular business hours by calling 526-1435, or any time on line at the hospital's website at www.highlandscashiershospital.org

Monday, Sept 15

• The Town of Highlands Golf Scholarship event which was scheduled Monday, Aug. 25 was cancelled because of rain. The event, including social time and dinner at the Cullasaja Club after golf, has been rescheduled. Reserve your spot today. The fun begins at 11 a.m. with registration and lunch. Shotgun start at noon. 5-7:30 p.m. drinks and dinner with raffle and silent auction. Cost is \$150 per player. Call 526-3531 for information.

• At CLE, Digital Photography- Put Pizazz 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., Sept. 17

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

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 18

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are 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, Sept. 19

• This year the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center's Male Chorus will give its annual concert at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Fri-

September workshops at The Bascom focus on art history, painting, silk scarves

September brings two special art classes at The Bascom to round out a summer of creativity.

On Sept. 8-12, bask in Carole Katchen's "Three Steps to Creative Painting," held at the Highlands Recreation Park. Katchen is internationally known for her enchanting imagery, dozens of books on painting and promotion, her regular column in Pastel Journal, and her forums and workshops on a variety of art-related subjects. Cost is \$387 for Bascom members and \$430 for not-yet-members.

Then, on Sept. 18-19, don't miss "Arashi Bomaki: The Glory of Shibori," a class devoted to silk scarves and the ancient art of Shibori dyeing. Janet Taylor, renowned North Carolina fiber artist, delivers the two-day workshop, held at the Highlands Rec Park. Cost is \$108 for members and \$120 for not-yet-members.

Other upcoming classes include needlefelting with Teresa Bouchonnet on Oct. 4, figurative oil painting with M Kathryn Massey on Oct. 6-10, and porcelain painting with Margie Shambaugh on Oct. 13, 15 and 17.

For more information or to register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Folk Art exhibit now at The Bascom



Folk art exhibition now open at The Bascom Mary Collany, left, and her daughter, Kathy, admire "Francois Gourdeaux," a gourd-okra pod creation by Helen Newton, at The Bascom's special Director's Circle Preview Party on Friday, Aug. 22, for the art center's Contemporary Folk Art exhibition. Members of the Director's Circle (The Bascom's top-tier membership category) got a sneak peek at the exhibition the night before the public opening, held Aug. 23. The exhibition is now open and will run until Sept. 18 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Artists include H. Aaron Hequembourg, Joel Pinkerton, Spirit Anderson, Lisa and Tim Klutz, and more. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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– Call Dora at 828-200-1038. References available.

FOUND

A CAT – Buck Creek Road/Cole Mountain Area. Small male, gray-striped/white. Call 526-2252.

A RING – At Sliding Rock Falls in

Whiteside Cove. Call Steve at 743-5470.

FREE DOG

MOVING. 5-yr-old Jack Russell Terrier looking for a loving home. Call 828-200-9842.

LOST

YELLOW CAT – No tail. From Rocky Hill/Raoul Road area. "April Mae" If seen please call 526-0991

RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

day evening at 8 p.m. The director of the Male Chorus, Orville Wike, has put together a concert of songs ranging from barber-shop to spiritual to operetta. Angie Jenkins accompanies the Chorus at the piano. The concerts are usually sellouts, so early reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$12 each and may be charged by phone at 526-9047.

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 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

American Antiques and Militaria a feature of Highlands Playhouse Antique Show

On Sept. 26-28 and also on Thursday, Sept. 25 during the preview party, Christopher Mitchell of J. Christopher Mitchell American Antiques and Militaria, is one of the nation's most active and knowledgeable arms and militaria authorities.

He has led the field with his expertise in American and foreign military items spanning the periods of 1750 - 1945. Mr. Mitchell's education includes a bachelor of arts in history from Springhill College in Mobile, Alabama. He also completed the core requirement courses for the International Society of Appraisers.

Mr. Mitchell is highly regarded for his understanding of the period pertaining to the American Revolution through the American Civil War. He specializes in Confederate items as well as Civil War presentation items, which he has collected for more than 25 years. He is a frequent consultant to museums, auction houses and some of the nation's



leading collectors of militaria from all wars.

Mr. Mitchell is a member of several antique military collector organizations including the Pennsylvania Antique Gun Collectors Association, the Alabama Gun Collectors Association and the Southeastern Antique Arms Collector

Association. He is also a life member of the Antique Bowie Knife Association. His numerous television and lecture appearances have included participation as an appraiser on Antiques Roadshow for the past eight seasons. He is currently conducting research for a book about historical weapons of the American military in addition to penning articles for the Antiques Roadshow Insider newsletter.

Mr. Mitchell has exhibited at each of the past three annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Shows. This year's show is at the Highlands Civic Center.

• 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. 828-526-2338

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 specializes in pearls and precious stones and a Laruen Lachance Botanical Pressings Trunk Show Transforming a five hundred year old tradition of pressing plants into an arrestingly beautiful contemporary art form.

Friday, Nov. 7

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

2,000 SQ. FT. + OR -, 399 Main Street, Highlands, rear of building. Call 526-4154. 8/28

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Terms. Best location in town. Call 864-630-0808 for info.

RESIDENTIAL FOR TRADE OR SALE

HILTON HEAD, SC, BUILDING LOT FOR TRADE OR SALE. Enjoy breathtaking views of marsh and beyond to deep water. Watch the shrimp boats pass by! Located on a quiet cul-d-sac, in a new gated community. Community dock, stables nearby, short drive to beach. \$299,000 sale or trade up or down for local home or villa. Owner SCREA. Call John at 843-301-5640. 8/21

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2 BR, 2BA HOUSE ON HWY 64 IN FRANKLIN. Heat/AC, easy access. Comfortable for 2 or makes a great office. \$700 per month, 1 mo security dep. Call Sandy at 369-6263.

FURNISHED 3BD/2BATH HOUSE IN MIRROR LAKE area available for 6-12 month lease \$1200+ utilities. Call 770-977-

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

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

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Sat & Sun: (2:15), (4:30), 7:15, 9:30

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Mon - Fri: (4:20), 7:10, 9:20

Sat & Sun: (2:10), (4:20), 7:10, 9:20

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS 2

rated PG-13

Mon - Fri: (4:10), 7, 9:10

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

THE ROCKER

rated PG-13

Mon - Fri: 7:05, 9:15

Sat & Sun: 7:05, 9:15

MAMMA MIA!

rated PG-13

Mon - Fri: (4:15)

Sat & Sun: (2:05), (4:15)

Rotary's 'Quickdraw' sure to be fun on Sept. 6

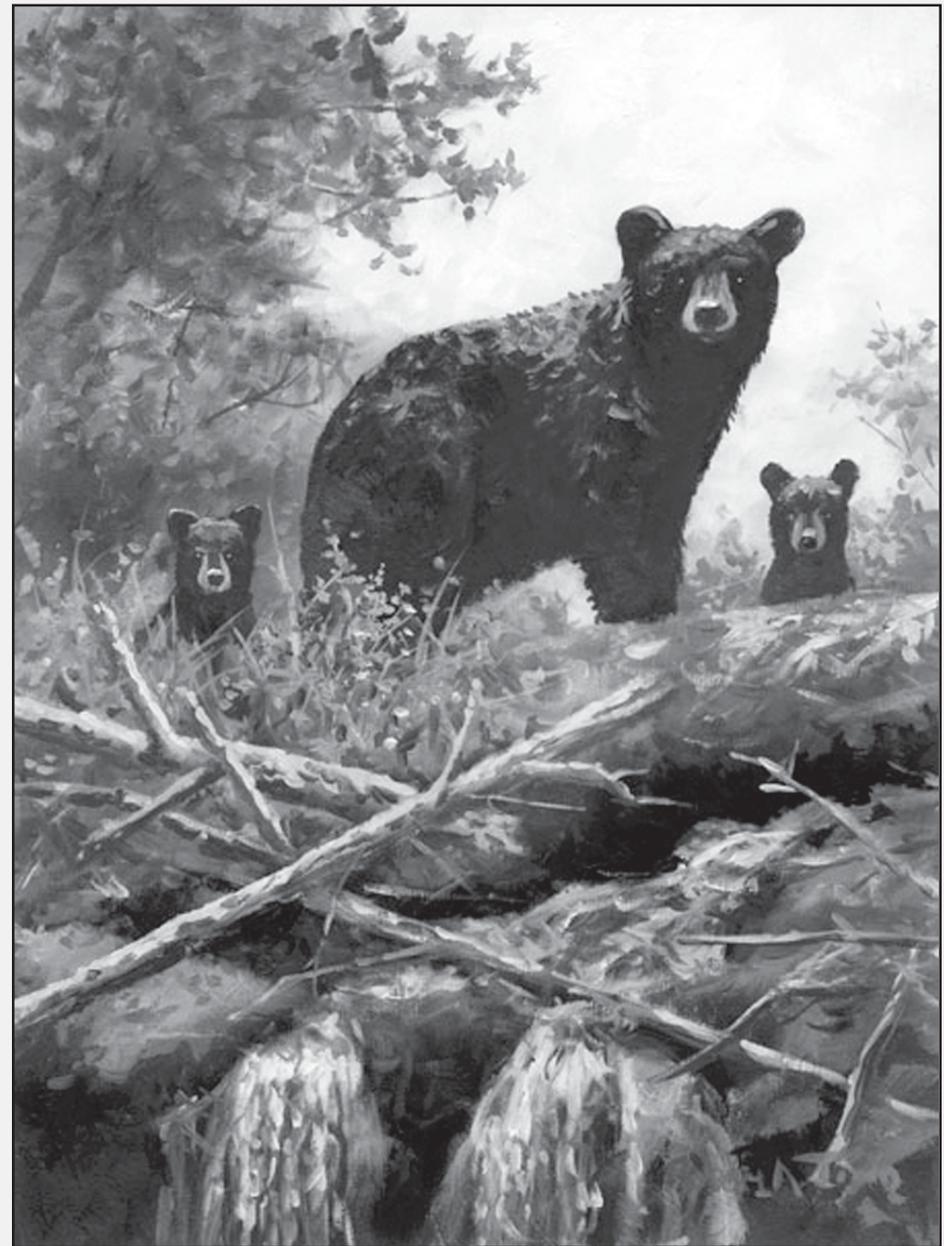
Tickets are selling quickly for the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw on Sept. 6 at Peregrines at Highlands Cove.

Don't miss your chance to meet artist Robert Tino and his fellow artists Bonnie Adams, Chris Bell, Kathie Blozan, Jim Chapman, Cheryl Coombs, Kay Gorecki, Duncan Greenlee, Bob Martin, Diane McPhail, Mark Menendez, Karen Pait, Jack Stern, and Sally Taylor as they create a painting right before your eyes which will be auctioned off that evening.

Robert Tino is a familiar name to art and nature lovers as he is known for capturing the beauty of the great Smoky Mountains. In his bio Tino states, "I feel sometimes like a reporter in the field, a cartographer who scouts and maps out peaks and streams, thickets and meadows... the oldest mountains on this continent - to bring back and translate treasures I found from the land. It's a journey my audience and I navigate together each sea son. To be able to make a living doing what I love best in the place I love most in this world is an embarrassment of riches." Come visit with Tino and marvel as you watch him choose his subject and complete a work which you could take home that night.

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. Tickets are available for purchase at The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/ Visitor's Center, the Highlander Newspaper office and at Peak Experience. For tickets please call 828-421-2548, or e-mail mtntopquickdraw@aol.com.



"At the Top" by Robert A. Tino.

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Recent Complete Renovation. Fully Furnished, kitchen, dining area, living room, washer/dryer, cable connection, fireplace, \$600 includes water, sewer, electricity, Single Family, References Required, No Pets, No Smoking, Call Jim at 1-770-789-2489.

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3BR, 2BA HOUSE ON LAKE SEQUOYAH. \$1,500 a month + utilities. Call Tony at 828-332-7830

LEASE TURTLE POND AREA — 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, hot tub. 526 2759.

3BR, 2BA COTTAGE NEAR MIRROR

LAKE — In town. \$1250 per month. Very clean. 770-977-5692

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COTTAGE FOR RENT — 1BR, 1BA in

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Shape-note singing starting up



On Sunday, August 31, from 2 to 5 p.m., the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library will host the 12th annual Cashiers Shape Note Singing. We will sing from the reissue of the 1873 William Walker Christian Harmony song book. 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.

Cashiers Rotary to present 'Fall Fling'



Hartworks Stoneware, Inc will be one of 40 vendors at the Cashiers Rotary Fall Fling.

Regional artists will descend upon Cashiers this Labor Day weekend as the Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley hosts the Fall Fling. This 8th annual arts and crafts fair will be held at the Village Green, located at the intersection of Highways 64 and 107 in Cashiers. The Fling will run from 10-5 on Sat. August 30th and Sun. August 31st, rain or shine. Admission is \$2 per adult.

Artists from the Highlands-Cashiers area as well as some from as far away as Florida will be present. A

wide range of crafts will be on display at over 40 different booths. Pottery, folk art, jewelry, furniture, and more will all be available.

The Rotary Club will also have a concessions stand at the pavilion where hot dogs, bratwurst and other food will be on sale throughout the day.

All proceeds from the Fall Fling admissions and food booths will go into the Rotary's Symphony fund, which benefits Cashiers-area nonprofits and service efforts.

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development Code is expected to cost about \$100,000.

- Funds for the Greenway Trail development account for \$100,000 in the 2008-2009 budget.

- The Stormwater Ordinance is in the works and so far \$10,800 has been paid.

- The town would like to get a PARTF grant to develop the Houston property which is now part of the Rec Park.

- The development of Pine Street Park is also on the horizon, but a price tag has not been identified.

- An emergency action plan for Lake Sequoyah Dam is underway at a cost of \$8,800.

- Lake Remediation is estimated to cost \$3 million. The town has \$300,000 in the lake remediation fund.

- Phase I of the Harris Lake Sewer Project is expected to cost \$2.6 million. The

job will be bid in September.

- Phase II is the East Shore of Lake Sequoyah Sewer expected to cost about \$1.04 million but that estimate has to be updated.

- Phase III is the Mirror Lake Drainage Basin Sewer — expected to cost \$1.8 million but it too, needs to be updated.

- Phase IV Big Creek Drainage Sewer is expected to cost \$1.68 million but it also needs to be updated.

- Mill Creek, Harris Lake and other stormwater projects have been identified but there is no cost associated yet.

- Paving streetscape items have been identified with \$206,000 budgeted and about \$135,000 remaining.

- Also pending is the Horse Cove Road Power Line move and the pole audit. Neither item has a cost assigned yet.

The Town Board hasn't decided on a date for the special meeting, yet. — Kim Lewicki

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HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB — Sorry, golf and club privileges not available. \$2,495 a week. Call 912-230-7202.

THE LODGE ON MIRROR LAKE — Fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly,

monthly, 3-day min. Call 828-342-2302.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

RESIDENTIAL LOT - COWEE RIDGE ROAD, HIGHLANDS. Off U.S. 64 east. 4,500 ft. elevation. Great views. Two acres. Southern exposure. 4 BR septic installed. Community water. Paved Road. Gated community. \$300,000. Firm. Owner financing available. Call 478-741-8818. FSBO. 9/18

GREAT CONDO AT VZ TOP. This 3 bedroom/3 bath flat has been updated and features new stainless steel appliances in the kitchen. The walls have also been updated and there is new flooring and new

bathroom tile. The greatroom has a stone faced fireplace and opens onto a wonderful covered deck with exceptional long mountain views. Great buy, just reduced to \$312,500 fully furnished. Call Meadows Mountain Realty at 828-526-1717 to see.

WALKING DISTANCE TO TOWN!!! Adorable Park Model in Chestnut Park. 1 Bedroom, one bath with cathedral ceilings and loft. Full size kitchen appliances, stack washer & dryer. Central heat & air and electric fireplace. Screened porch and open deck. Adjacent lot available for expansion or motor coach. \$185,000 or \$270,000 with extra lot. Phone 526-2598.

PREMIUM PROPERTY, BARGAIN

PRICES, OWNER FINANCING AVAILABLE. — Prime location, less than 4 miles from Main St. Highlands. Lots from 1 to 2 acres, a 7 acre tract and a waterfall lot that sits between 2 falls available. The community is 52 acres, has 8 homes all built after 2000 — 3 completed just this year. Home values range from \$750,000 to \$1,750,000. We are governed by the "North Carolina Planned Community Act", our covenants are well balanced and thought out, designed to protect values while maximizing your peace and enjoyment. We employ "Low Impact Development" practices to protect our water and land resources. NOW is the time

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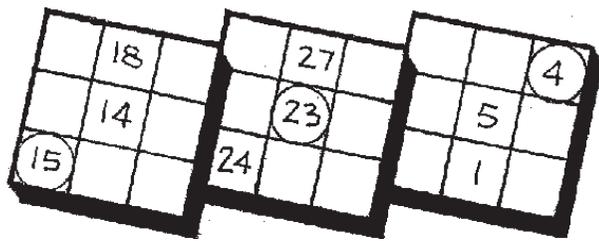
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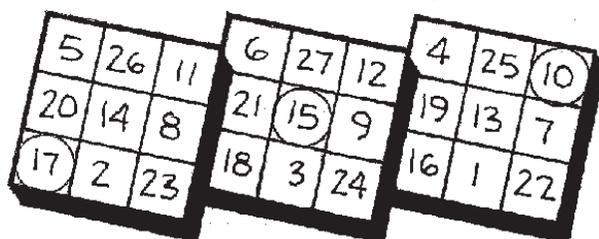
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Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

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Solution to #AZ2E in Aug. 21 issue



N-Cryptoku[©]

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. Feedback encouraged!

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Across

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2. Mother (slang) (3)
3. N.Y. baseball team (4)
4. Curley, Larry & --- (3)
5. Existed (3)

Down

6. Uncooked (3)
7. Hearing organ (3)
8. Asphalt (3)
9. Small carpet (3)
10. All right (slang) (2)

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Solution to Aug. 21 puzzle

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Planning Board takes a stand on several issues

At Monday's Planning Board meeting, Aug. 25, members took a stab at equalizing built-upon percentage ratios across the Highlands watershed.

Over the past few months the board has questioned the sense of restricting built-upon percentages on small lots but allowing a 100% built-upon, except for setbacks, on larger lots.

"If the purpose of the built-upon percentage is to protect the watershed, why doesn't it apply to all lots," asked member Thomas Craig at a previous meeting.

Town Planner Joe Cooley said when the state ruled on built-upon percentages, it was concerned about the overdevelopment of lots which are smaller than the required minimums in watershed areas.

In the WS-11-Critical Area (CA), the minimum lot size is 2 acres with the maximum built-upon of 6%.

In both the WS-11-Balance of the Watershed (BW), and the WS-111-CA, the minimum residential lot size is

1 acre with a maximum built-upon of 12%;

In the WS-111-BW, the minimum residential lot size is ½ acre with a 24% built-upon.

Any lot larger than the minimum size has no built-upon limit.

To protect the environment, give homeowners flexibility and to make the overall scenario fair, the Planning Board agreed to suggest the Town Board change the built-upon language in the zoning code for all watershed designations to: "All lots meeting or exceeding the minimum lot size shall not exceed a maximum of 50% built upon area as defined by this ordinance."

Members also agreed to suggest changing time limits for plan submittals and reviews for rezoning and conditional zoning requests from 30 days to 32 days to match the time limits already in place for preliminary and final plats. Expanding the time limits will give the board two meeting

cycles to hear or decide cases instead of just one.

In the past, the 30-day time limit has hindered the board's ability to make decisions on large subdivisions when there are many aspects to consider. The board also asked Cooley to clarify when the countdown begins – when the plat or plans are turned into his office or when the board hears them.

The board also discussed investigating the possibility of Verizon or AT&T expanding cell phone coverage in the area. Member Ricky Bryson is researching the matter.

Members also want to encourage the Town Board to set up a recycle trailer in town so people don't have to drive to the Buck Creek or Rich Gap convenience centers.

"We should make recycling more available and more apparent which will say 'We're for recycling and provide a place for it,'" said member Thomas Craig. "Convenience encourages more recycling."

– Kim Lewicki

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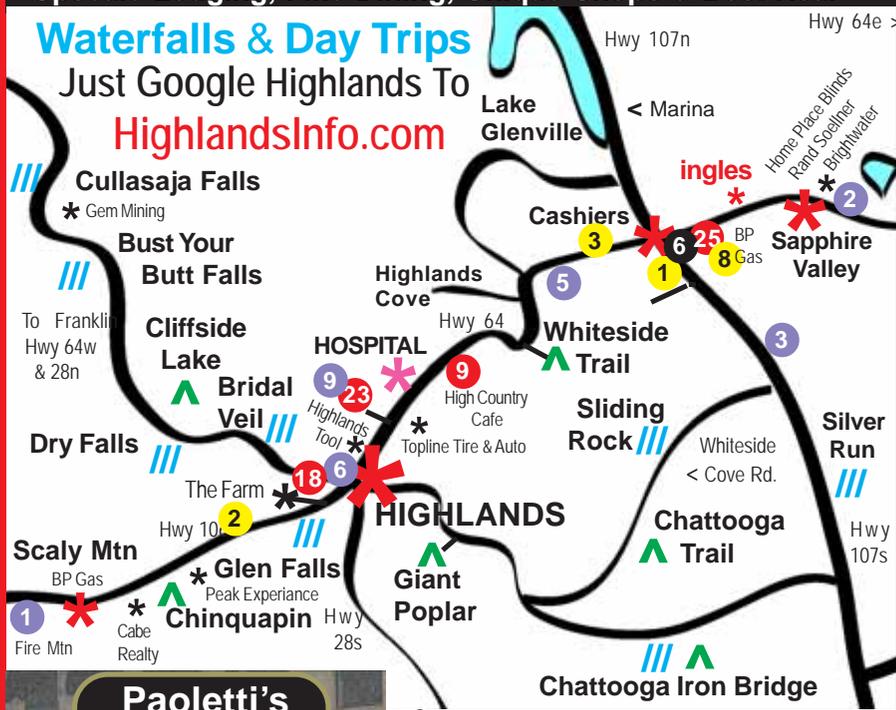
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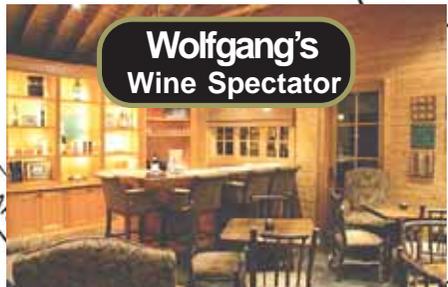
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