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On-going

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

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

Mondays & Wednesdays

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

Friday & Saturday

Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-11 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

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

Saturdays

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

Sundays

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

Through July 31

Summer Art Camp with The Bascom, The Highlands Art League and the Highlands Recreation Park to present the camp for 5- to 13-year-olds. Call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

Through Saturday, July 12

The Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival is a multi-day spread of garden-themed events including lectures, a garden tour. Call 526-4949 for tickets.

Thursday, July 10

The Bascom's lecture/demonstration/luncheon/book signing with Ron Morgan, American floral designer 11 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Wine Dinner at ...on the Verandah. Join Chef Andrew Figel for a Robert Craig Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$115 per person. Call 526-2338 for reservations.

Thursday-Monday, July 10-14

At Acorn's on Main Street, a MarieBelle Chocolates Trunk Show.

Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20

At Highlands Playhouse, "On Golden Pond." For tickets call 526-2695.

Thurs.-Sat, July 10, 11, 12

"The Best of Parallel Lives," at ITC on Main Street. Call 828-342-9197 for tickets.

Through Friday, July 11

Macon County Soccer Club registration for the fall recreation league soccer season, 9 - 11 a.m. at the Highlands Rec Park.

Friday, July 11

Highlands Chamber Music Festival presents Dr. Richard Prior and "Beethoven's Influence on Chamber Music" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at PAC. For tickets call CLE at 526-8811 or the Festival at 526-9060.

Mountain Music in Highlands School

old gym featuring, Marshall Henson and The New Gem City and The Rough Creek Cloggers at 6:45 p.m. Concerts are 7:30-9 p.m.

The annual Scaly Mountain Women's Club Benefit Auction is at 6 p.m., at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and NC Highway 106.

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: "Beethoven: The Complete Works for Cello and Piano" with Sara Sant'Ambrogio and William Ransom; 7:30 p.m. at PAC. 526-9060
Fri.-Sat., July 11-12

"Don't Count Your Chicken's" fanciful art show from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center.

Bascom-Louise Gallery's annual "Mountains in Bloom" Garden Festival. Call Donna Woods at 526-0207 for information.

Saturday, July 12

Performing at PAC, The Dappled Grays at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each. Call 526-9047.

Macon County Soccer Club registration for the fall recreation league soccer season, 6-8 pm at the Highlands Rec Park.

Mirror Lake Improvement Association Summer Outing at 4 p.m. at the pavilion at the Rec Park. In case of rain it will be inside.

Sunday, July 13

Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: "Beethoven: The Complete Works for Cello and Piano" with Sara Sant'Ambrogio & Will Ransom, 5 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-9060.

"Melodies of Faith" at the Shortoff Missionary Baptist Church on Buck Creek Road, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Mon.-Fri., July 14-18

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church featuring the Amazon Expedition, the Ultimate Trek through History, 9 a.m. to noon.

Monday, July 14

Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. "Bad Boys of Napa." Call Wolfgang's at 526-3807.

The Audubon Society presents John Sill, wildlife illustrator at the Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. when John will teach us how to draw a bird. Bring a pencil and drawing paper.

Tuesday, July 15

At Highlands-Cashiers-Asheville Chiropractic's at the Hudson Library: "Blood Nutrition: learn how to read your blood work."

Macon County Soccer Club registration for the fall recreation league soccer season, 6-8 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park.

The movie Dr. Seuss's "The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T." at 7 p.m. at PAC. Free & rated G.

Wednesday, July 16

Lakeside Restaurant will donate a portion of its revenue to The Highlands Playhouse when the Playhouse is mentioned.

The Bascom will host an "Evening with the Artist" featuring James Daniel III, teaching the "Drawing on Experience" at 7 p.m. Call (828) 526-4949.

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

PAC presents Folkmoot USA at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Call 526-9047.

Setback variance approved

In days past, requests for setback variances were denied pretty quickly by the Zoning Board. Now, a little more thought goes into the process.

At the July 9 Zoning Board meeting, members heard a request from property owner

Kathleen Hillman of 98 Oak Lane to erect an 8'x8' deck alongside her home.

The finger-shaped property at the Oak Lane curve across from the Greenway entrance is surrounded on three sides by Oak

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Lee Ann Hall, Lacy Jane Vilardo, May Schmitt, Lindsay Gearhart, BiBi Buras, Allison Tate and Emily Porter are walking an average of 20 miles a week in preparation for the Cancer 3-Day walk set for Oct. 24-26 in Atlanta.

Team May-BiBi holding fundraiser for 2008 Atlanta 'Breast Cancer Walk'

Residents encouraged to help raise funds at Creative Concepts to fight breast cancer

The team May-BiBi of Highlands will be holding a fundraiser at Creative Concepts Salon on July 19 to raise money for the Breast Cancer 3-Day.

A team of 10 courageous women from Highlands are joining thousands of other dedicated women and men for the Atlanta Breast Cancer 3-Day, a three day, 60-mile walk Oct. 24-26 benefiting Susan G. Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust.

To participate, each walker must train for the event and commit to raising a minimum of \$2,200.

"Many walkers raise more than the minimum. In fact, event

organizers report the average amount raised is \$2,900," said May Schmitt. "With this fundraiser, I hope to exceed my fundraising goal. I know with Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust as beneficiaries, I'm helping to ensure funding is available for important research and community outreach programs."

Team May-BiBi includes May Schmitt, BiBi Buras, Lindsay Gearhart, Allison Tate, Lee Ann Hall, Lacy Jane Vilardo, Pam Ross, Ashly Coppage, Leslie Cook, Emily Porter.

To train for October's event they walk on an average of 20 miles

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State-wide mandate set for restaurant inspections

Local health departments began using a new food service inspection form July 1, following a 2007 statewide mandate to focus inspections on those establishments with the highest potential risk and violations more likely to contribute to food-borne illness.

Macon Health Director Jim Bruckner said that the new form completes the risk-based inspection approach to food service establishment inspections. The form, like the risk-based inspection approach, focuses on critical violation risk factors. This means that more emphasis will be placed on identifying and immediately correcting contributing factors that increase the chance of developing food-borne illnesses.

"The new rules are important in that they are in place to protect and promote the health of Macon County residents. One of the ways we ensure the public's health is by educating restaurant owners and consumer on food safety through regular restaurant inspections and posting of grades," said Jim Bruckner, Macon County Health Director.

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
79-59°F	80-60°F	81-61°F

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• LETTERS •

Fair is fair



Kim Lewicki
Publisher

Discussion about the proposed "Shortoff Woods" workforce housing complex is ramping up now that a place has been picked and a price tag assigned.

At last week's Town Board meeting, residents in the ETJ and in the vicinity of the site – 1/10 of a mile off U.S. 64 east on Buck Creek Road – voiced concerns over traffic safety and congestion, clientele and water and sewer rights.

Since the town ran a water and sewer line out to the hospital and Chestnut Hill some years ago, the infrastructure needed for the new complex is in place. But is it fair to let a private entity hook on to town lines when the current policy disallows that?

The mayor says 'yes' because the workforce housing apartment complex will house people who work in the service industry of Highlands – health care employees, town and county employees, school employees and others.

Some opponents to the complex say the town will be helping a private enterprise profit from the scenario when in the past private enterprises were offered no assistance from the town concerning employee housing.

Though Shortoff Woods will likely fill a need in the Highlands area, is it right for the town to arbitrarily change its rules when the outcome suits it?

Town officials reasoned it made sense to supply the hospital with sewer and water because for the community the hospital is a matter of life and death.

But what logic did the Town Board apply when it allowed Chestnut Hill Retirement Community to hook on to town water and sewer? That's a private entity that caters to well-heeled retirees.

Of course, once the infrastructure was in the vicinity, it made sense to allow Zachary Fields to hook on and now one thing has lead to another.

Perhaps people wouldn't be so opposed

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Shame on columnist

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regard to columnist Katie Brugger's article in June 26 issue entitled "What President Bush Took From Me."

My family is vacationing in the mountains as we have every year since the mid 80s. We read her column and were shocked and saddened that a women who was living in this country enjoying the many advantages afforded by this great nation could write such things.

However, thank God for the patriots that have afforded us this right. We all agree that President Bush has not been a perfect president, I don't believe there has been a perfect one yet, but he has presided over probably the most difficult time in our country since the civil war and second world war. Simply the fact that we have not been attacked since 2001 should be enough to reward him with a job well done. Those attacks awoke this great nation to the great dangers that exist in this world and made us come to the realization that some people cannot be dealt with rationally and hate us for the mere fact that women like Brugger can write what they want, wear what they want, and pursue whatever career they want, even slandering the leader that is proud to represent them.

I am a women that is close to your age,

I graduated from high school in 1983, and I was proud of my country then and am more proud every day to be an American.

I thank God every day that I was born in this country. Traveling abroad makes you realize, in about five minutes off these shores, that there is nowhere else like America. It makes you aware of why everyone wants to come here, why so many break the law to get here. Our country is the land of the free, so people are free to find shelter, employment, and pride in any country they wish. I

however know that Brugger won't be seeking a home anywhere else, because all those who complain vehemently about this country, are those who never leave, continue to make a great living, own homes and sometimes numerous homes, and remain here because there is no where better to be.

I hope that as Brugger sleeps without fear of incoming fire or suicide bombers, or lack of emergency health care, that she might reevaluate her opinion of this country, because I know that even though she complains, she will still be here tomorrow.

A Very Proud American.
Tracey Ridenour
Fort Lauderdale, FL

More on 'tooth snatchers'

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in regard to columnist Fred Wooldridge's column in the June 26 issue entitled "Legend of the Tooth Snatchers."

I think we have something in common — Dr. Money. About 15 years ago I went for my annual dental exam and was told by my dentist to see a certain dentist as quickly as possible as I had a tooth that definitely needed his attention This doctor was a specialist in root canals and extractions. I dutifully made the appointment and went to see him. He advised me to go right out and make an appointment for the "needed extraction." I walked right out to go home and think this over. Fifteen years later my molar is still functioning, does not hurt and chews very well.

The extraction specialist died about 10 years ago without ever having serviced my molar. Every year when I return to my dentist for my annual checkup, he advises me that I am going to have trouble with the tooth in question. I tell him that when I have trouble he will be the first to know.

After that experience I developed a real skepticism regarding dentists in general. But when my dentist told me I needed a cap replaced, I made the appointment and sat down in the chair, put the bib around my chest, and then, after a moment or two, looked up at him and said "No way, I can't go through with this." I got up and walked out to his astonishment. He said to me, "Ann, people sometime do these things as a preventive measure." Please understand that I have been going to this dentist for more than 30 years.

Well, I had a wakeful night that night as I thought, "What if I have heart trouble or cancer, and have an unnecessary toothache, too." The next morning I swallowed my pride and called to remake the appointment. No wonder my dentist and I have a somewhat distant relationship. He obviously does not know what to expect when I sit down in the chair. And that's just a well with me — he has kept my mouthfull of teeth going all these years and at this writing, I still have them all, the "questionable" molar included.

Ann Urbanski
Highlands

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• MILESTONE •

Baste graduates from Princeton

Larisa Baste graduated Magna Cum Laude from Princeton University on June 3, earning a bachelor of arts in the Department of Politics with minors in the Programs of Near Eastern Studies and the Study of Women and Gender.

Her senior thesis, "Vote Like an Egyptian: Islamism, Feminism, and Women of the Muslim Brotherhood," won the Suzanne M. Huffman Memorial Senior Thesis Prize in Women's Studies. While at Princeton, she also won the Quin Morton '36 Writing Seminar Essay Prize and the Creative Writing Award for Outstanding Work by a Sophomore.

Larisa's activities included serving as the



Larisa Baste

Editor-in-Chief of the *Nassau Literary Review* and as the President of the Organization of Women Leaders. She also interned for the Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students.

Next month, she is moving to Washington, DC to work as a Research Assistant at the Washington Institute, a think tank for Middle Eastern foreign policy. She is applying to graduate school in Near Eastern Studies.

Larisa is from Otto, NC, and attended RGNS for six years. Her parents are Scott and Betsy Baste of Otto (formerly of Scaly Mountain), and her grandparents are Jim and Betty Kelly of Tiger.

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Neurologist leaving?

Dear Editor,

Do you know anyone locally with dementia, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, brain damage, or any other neurological disorder? If so, who is treating them medically? Are they seeing a specialist or is their family doctor treating them?

Did you know that we have had a wonderful neurologist here in Highlands? Has your family physician referred you or your loved one to her as ours did? If not, have you asked for a referral? You can do that you know.

To my knowledge I have never seen her advertised as staff of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital that much so who would've known about her? Did you know she is the daughter of the late and Dr. Mike Mangum? One of Highlands first family doctors — and a fine one in my opinion.

Well his daughter, Michelle Mangum, is a fine neurologist that has been with us for seven years now. Did you know she is leaving? Can you imagine a fine neurologist in a retirement village such as Highlands not having enough patients to even keep her doors open?

With the growing number of neurological conditions in today's society, isn't it hard to believe that we don't have any of those conditions and have no need for a neurologist.

Our next closest neurologist is in Clyde, NC I believe. Do you know how hard it is to travel with a neurological patient? Have you been there? So who will be treating your loved one? And who will treat the patients at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center? I sure felt better knowing my loved ones were being treated by a specialist, educated in the field, especially when it comes to

dealing with the brain.

It might be a little hard to find one that you can communicate with so well and one so knowledgeable in her field and medications as Dr. Mangum.

Farewell to Dr. Mangum and husband Jim who has helped her out at the office — always greeting you with a sense of humor and a smile that can make a difficult time so much more bearable. It's sure going to be more hopeless (and more stressful) around Highlands without them both.

It was so good to have them with us as close as Highlands hospital and once again we're forced to say goodbye to another good doctor. Seems as if every time we get a good one then "poof" they are gone.

We shall surely miss them both and best wishes for them. I know they'll be successful wherever they go. Just sorry it couldn't be at Highlands hospital. They have been a great asset there but suppose we'll be forced to go elsewhere now.

Audrey Keener, Highlands

Good for a laugh

Dear Editor,

We thought Fred Wooldridges piece entitled "The 30 minute 'O'" in the July 3 issue was a real HOOT. Some wienies will complain, but we thought it was one of your best yet. We always look forward to your column.

In the mayors' column he states that the proposed lessees of the new Shortoff apartments must have a "clean" criminal record. Doesn't having a criminal record mean that you are/were a criminal?

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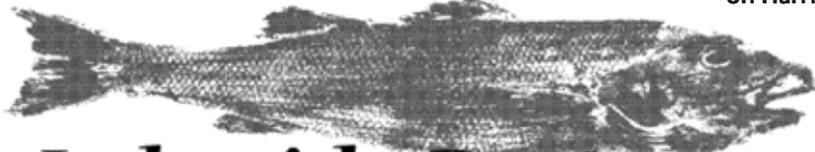
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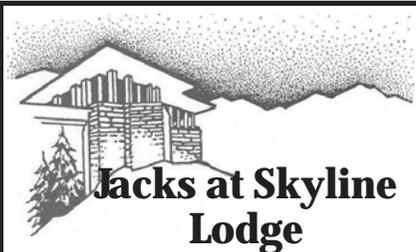
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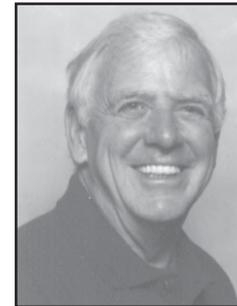
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

Town Board keeps me fueled

How dare the Town Board do away with two-hour parking? It was the one single thing I could poke fun at and have the entire citizenry behind me. Then, in a moment of brilliance, the board waved their magic wand and, poof, it's gone and I'm out of business. They did the same thing to me when they paved Bowery Road. Again, how could they? Don't they know this is all about me?



Fred Wooldridge

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is encouraged!
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Did you notice the absolute and total chaos over the holiday weekend with everyone parking for as long as they wanted? Happy faces were everywhere. Ya think the town could do a better job of cleaning up the two-hour graffiti from our streets before the entire season is wasted? Maybe we could get the coneheads who thought up two-hour parking to come over and help clean up.

Next, let's get rid of that stupid caste system ordinance where no employees can park on Main Street. Dumping that will allow our poor police chief to get some sleep. Talk about a stupid lose/lose nightmare. Instead of an ordinance, how about if all the Main Street merchants get together and tell their employees, "If you park on Main Street, you're fired?" Hello!

Wait, relax Fred and stop using common sense. (Here, I'm talking to myself as I often do.) I still have the beautiful Pine Street Park (Dog Poop Park) fiasco to poke fun at. Thank goodness for that little jewel. Now I'm holding my breath in fear the board has started to show great wisdom.

I really shouldn't be concerned about them not supplying me with material. The low-cost housing project currently underway should keep me fueled for a long time.

Some of my most memorable moments as a police officer took place in low-cost housing projects. I delivered my first baby in a hot, sweaty third floor apartment of a run down low-cost housing project.

With absolutely no training on baby delivery, I managed to work that little guy out into the world and get him breathing. The umbilical cord was wrapped around his little neck and the child was blue. I also delivered the child under adverse conditions. The 15-year-old birth mother was calm but her

mother had gone bonkers and kept pounding me on the back and screaming, "Do something, do something." I finally did and knocked her on her fanny to calm her down. It must have been over 100 degrees in that bedroom. A small fan on the dresser quickly dried the baby as it came out. He was so sticky I could have stuck him to the wall. My second delivery went much easier.

Later in my career I was working as an

undercover narcotics officer and went to that same housing project with another officer to visit with a junkie informant friend named Seymour S. Seymour was not a violent man but, as fate would have it, we arrived just at the moment he was scoring from his dealers, who were violent. This was memorable as it was my very first gun fight as a police officer.

Then came the famous Mariel Boat Lift (Thank you, Jimmy Carter.) and our not so fair city filled with the worse of the worse in humankind. The low-cost housing projects were simply overloaded with druggies, dealers, pedophiles, and crazy people released from Cuba's insane asylums. The situation was out of control.

Here's a fun harassment tactic we used often. Oh, I forgot to tell you, police harassment was acceptable during this era. We would round up a mess of marked police cars and caravan at high speed to the housing projects with emergency lights flashing and sirens blaring. Officers would bail out of their cars and race through the halls knocking on doors shouting, "Police, open up!" On every floor you could hear the toilets flushing as occupants dumped their stashes. Then we would calmly return to our cars and leave. No one ever opened their door.

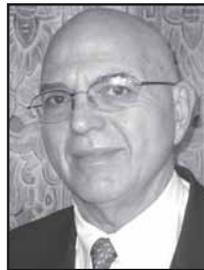
Now I am sure our small housing project in Highlands will never get as famous or be as much fun as the Biscayne Street projects of Miami Beach, but one thing is for certain, Highlands is about to experience something they've never been confronted with. Just exactly what that will be is still unknown. One thing for certain, it will supply me with material to write about for years to come. (Thank you, Town Board.)

• Want to read about Fred talking trash? Read his book *I'm Moving Back to Mars*

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Will Dec. 21, 2012 be the end or another beginning?

Thousands of kooks around the globe expect the world, or the world as we know it, or civilization to end abruptly on December 21, 2012. Their reason for believing this nonsense isn't central to the story. They are not the first and won't be the last to reach this conclusion based on interpretation of ancient writings or information directly from alien beings.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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This time it has to do with the fact that the Mayan calendar stops on that date. Nobody knows why. They just stopped calendaring. My guess is that they got bored, or decided to take a break, or wanted to leave a challenge to future Mayan generations. Folks predicting the end decided they stopped because things were going to wind down on that date, leaving no need to keep track of time any longer.

If I were a Mayan and if I were in the calendar business, and I had a knowledge of the end, I'd be a little less enigmatic. I wouldn't want future generations wondering if I just ran out of paper or stone pillars. Of course if they could predict the end of the world, maybe they saw the Spanish were coming, too. If so they might have said "To Hell with you, Figure it out for yourselves," a perfectly rational response to destruction of one's civilization.

If we could predict the end of the world as we know it, the information could be pretty useful. Thirty-year-olds could stop whining about Social Security going broke and running out of oil. I think it's safe to say that enrollment in MBA programs would plummet. It's hard to say how long order would survive in the days leading up to the end. We could stop studying pollution and climate change. Good old Mother Earth would do a little house cleaning on her own. She would clean the slate, and it would be a long time before survivors of the Apocalypse, if there were any, produced enough offspring to threaten the planet again. No one is certain what form this cataclysmic event might take, but my guess is that it would leave a carbon foot print, the likes of which hasn't been seen for 65 million years.

No one reading this column believes that the world, or civilization, is going to end on December 21, 2012, or they'd be

reading Playboy or the Bible instead of the Highlands' Newspaper. Those people believe that the Meso-Americans had a secret, and they are preparing for earth's final chapter. Some are making plans to survive, laying in stocks of canned goods and buck shot. They are burrowing deep into the ground, hunkering down, waiting it out, and hoping to emerge sometime after December 21, 2012, as the new Adams and Eves. Others are no doubt resigned,

spending their days in prayer, perhaps for salvation, but more likely for a reprieve. They just feel better surrounded by others who share their knowledge, wrapped in blankets, clutching crystals, and moaning New Age chants.

My question is this. What happens to the poor saps on December 22, 2012, when they awake and find that the only thing that has changed is the date?

The press will be waiting at the entrance to their cave, lights blazing, cameras rolling, reporters stalking when these poor souls emerge on December 22, 2912. My guess is that some will be relieved, some disappointed, and others merely embarrassed.

I think if I were in that situation and the reporter shoved a mic in my face and asked, "What are you going to do now?" I might answer, "Try to get my old job back and rebuild my credit." Or I might decide to spend more time with Lizzie and Bull, or just go skiing, depending on how much living with loonies had changed me.



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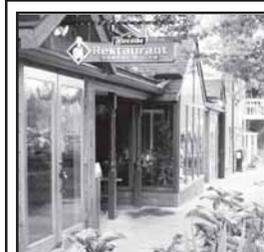
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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

It's UP from Eden

I have thought more about the column I wrote a few weeks back about pacifists, and the idea that possibly the human race could grow up and leave warfare behind.

It occurred to me that perhaps the real dividing line between liberals and conservatives is this: Liberals believe in evolution and conservatives don't. Currently the Republican Party is associated with evangelicals who don't

believe in physical Darwinian evolution; however I think privately many conservatives do believe in evolution.

But I'm speaking of another kind of evolution, that of culture, morality, psychology, and spirituality. This is the evolution conservatives don't seem to believe in. They want to keep things the same. They are always going on about being



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"strict constructionists" wanting to interpret things exactly the way the Founders did.

But I say: Who wants to think like the Founders? We've gone *beyond* them. Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence when he owned 200 slaves and fathered children by some of them. In fact, I have read that Jefferson's original draft included a passage condemning King George for permitting a slave trade where people were bought and sold — how hypocritical can you get?! (If you don't believe me, check out www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/rough.htm)

What point in our history do the conservatives want to preserve for all time? When should we freeze change? One hundred years ago, before women could vote? Seventy-five years ago, before the minimum wage was invented? Fifty years ago, when you could still discriminate against black people?

I for one think America is a better country today. I think life is about growth, evolution, and change. My vision of America is a country that is *continuously* forming a more perfect union.

Ishmael, by Daniel Quinn, was a sensation when it was published in the mid-1990s. One of the points that Mr. Quinn made was that humans seem to think, whether they believe in evolution or not, that the end point, the goal of creation, was us: human beings.

When religious people talk about the creation of the world the story ends with the arrival of human beings. Creation was done.

When people describe evolution, the way they tell the story according to Mr. Quinn, is like this: first there was a Big Bang, then over eons of time the solar system developed and Earth formed. Then after lots more time the first life form emerged. Over three billion years life progressed from single-cell creatures to dinosaurs to mammals to human beings. End of story. Evolution done.

Mr. Quinn's point is that this has been a very destructive part of our culture. We think the universe was created just for us

(and he doesn't say this but more to my point) we think no further development is needed or possible.

Physical evolution happens on such a slow time scale it's very difficult for us to perceive, particularly in ourselves, but it is obvious to me that there is evolution occurring on other levels — mental, moral, cultural, social — and evolution on these levels is happening much faster.

My friend Rosemary Stiefel suggested I read *Reason for Hope* by Jane Goodall when we were discussing these ideas one day. Ms. Goodall (who studied chimpanzees in Africa in the early 1960s) is a fervent believer in the idea that humans are evolving morally and (hopefully) spiritually.

She points out that the DNA of human beings is almost 99% identical to that of chimpanzees, so we are not very distinguished by physical evolution. Her research made headlines very early when she observed tool-use among the chimps — prior to her study tool-making was one of the things that "set us apart" from all other animals. Ms. Goodall showed that chimpanzees have a culture, and that it evolves.

Her conclusion is that what makes humans distinct is that we are evolving in other ways — in particular, morally. She gives these reasons for her belief: How recently slavery was acceptable; how poor people were treated just 100 years ago in her country, England; and more recently, how peaceful were the fall of the Soviet Union and apartheid in South Africa.

The title of this column is from one of my favorite books: *Up From Eden*, by Ken Wilber. His thesis is that the universe begins with an infolding, or involution, of God consciousness, and the whole course of time is the unfolding, or evolution, of consciousness. In his theory humans are somewhere in the midpoint of this evolution.

Just this week I read a surprising article that feeds my hope that we really are evolving: a group of conservative foreign-policy establishment-types — George Shultz, Henry Kissinger, William Perry and Sam Nunn (two former secretaries of state, a former secretary of defense and a former chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee) — is calling on the United States to lead a global campaign to eliminate nuclear weapons. In two opinion articles in *The Wall Street Journal* they described a frightening world of ever-expanding nuclear ambition in which traditional deterrence no longer works. They argued that the only way for the United States to rally the cooperation it needs to confront such dangers is with a clear commitment to the goal of a world

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Housing: an affordable freedom

We have had another great July 4th in Highlands. There is nothing like July 4th in small town America and Highlands certainly bends over backwards to give a great celebration of the birth of our country. From the great barbeque given at the Community Center by the Rotary and the games on the ball field to the great music all around including the patriotic music at the Presbyterian Church and on the square by Thea and the Greenman to the incredible fireworks put on at the Rec. Park, this year sponsored by both the Chamber of Commerce and the Highlander Newspaper, to wonderful family gatherings and comraderie, it was another great July 4th in Highlands.

Indeed, a good time was had by all, young and old alike.

Our country now is a mature 232-years-old and we celebrate our individual freedoms as a nation. Freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to bare arms, freedom to own property among many other freedoms. But we also must understand this freedom brings responsibility. As we enjoy our individual freedom, we also have a certain responsibility for the freedom of others. The community is also important, and it is in tension sometimes with our individual freedoms. As it says in our original national document, the Declaration of Independence, we are all created equal and there has always been that tension in our country as to what that means to the community as a whole and to individual freedom.

To me it means equal rights for all and equal opportunity for all to pursue their dreams. And if some are in situations where they cannot look to obtain a chance for that freedom, the rest of us are bound to help them achieve that freedom and equality. That is the kind of responsibility which the fortunate have for the less fortunate. We must make it possible for all to have a chance to achieve the American dream. I am not saying give it to them on a silver platter. What I am saying is that we try to help give them a chance to do it on their own and to have that individual freedom many of us enjoy.

Which gets me to the workforce housing which we will soon begin in our community. And, my friends, we will do it. One of the freedoms a community has is to allow this to happen; to allow this to happen in the private sector if possible without the interference of government.



Mayor Don Mullen

Someone has said that people say they "do not want to live near where they work, but that they would like to work near where they live." Our surveys and studies of the people in this community reveal this to be the case on the Highlands plateau. Quality workforce housing is wanted by many and it is possible. Individual freedom is possible for all.

People who live around a complex such as we are proposing, I can assure you, will be proud of it. Those out there who are saying, "not in my back yard," have nothing to worry about.

It is amazing to me how little understood the concept of workforce housing is and how many excuses not to build it hide the true reason for being against it — which is NIMBY, "not in my back yard." And the "if they are going to get it, why can't I have it," referring the water and sewer hookup. The truth is, hooking up onto the already existing lines would earn money for the town.

The ultimate goal of this town is to have sewage and water for all. How to get that now? Support major tax increases. No one wants that so many must wait until we can obtain the funds in other ways. If everyone wants sewer right now, just let the commissioners know and they can raise taxes next year to get it for them. It is one of our greatest needs in the Town of Highlands. In our new waste plant sewage capacity, which is truly a state-of-the-art facility, we can handle twice what we handle now. All we need is the funds to create new lines.

Once people understand the concept of workforce housing and the benefit to the community, it is a no-brainer. I hope everyone will take the time to truly study the problem we have in Highlands in detail.

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without nuclear weapons.

They called for policies that include banning all nuclear testing, taking American and Russian missiles off of hair-trigger alert and agreement on "further substantial reductions" in both countries' arsenals.

This gives me reason for hope indeed.

- All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website:
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• HIS & HERS •

Daisies in the barbecue

When I moved to Highlands from midtown Manhattan, my city friends warned me about getting bored. After a recent hectic six months, I'm looking forward to things getting a little boring around here. We have just survived the Big Three, that is, the congressional primary campaign, the wedding, and yesterday, the Brahms concert. Oof! *Jamais deux sans trois*, as we say in France (things come in threes, quick translation).

No, things aren't boring in Highlands, in fact, just the opposite. This is The Season, the summer season, that is, and the problem is not so much that there isn't enough going on (save that for the winter!), but rather that there is too much going on. Picnics, concerts, plays, art exhibits – shame on those who might think this small Southern town nestled in the mountains is a cultural backwater. I've seldom attended so many cultural events, of such excellent quality - and for Pete's sake, I moved here from New York! I chuckled the other day at someone describing Highlands as being "kind of like the Hamptons," but since I never

hung around in the sort of Manhattan circles that actually went to the Hamptons, I couldn't tell you.

In the midst of all the excitement and cultural activity, however, there was a sobering note. I got my first senior citizen discount card. We were in Franklin, and I needed to pick up a few ingredients for my peach cobbler (thank you, Paula Deen, for your wonderful recipe). We'd stopped at the Bi-Lo before, and since John couldn't find his old Bi-Lo card, we'd tried to get a new one. Too bad. They were out of them temporarily. This time, when we went, I made sure to stop at the customer service counter to try again. "Are you over 55?" the lady asked me. "Boy, am I ever!" I chuckled. "I'll be 58 in August!" Normally, I don't have a problem with my age. (My weight, that's another story.) The nice woman handed



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me an application form to fill out, with a card attached. I filled in the blanks, handed the form back to her, and pocketed the card. Then I read it – "Present this valuable BI-LO SENIOR BONUSCARD each time you shop." I kid John about being 7 years older than I am.

I'm fine with him being an old coot, but suddenly I realized that

in my mind, I wasn't ready to be a cootess.

I digress. Since it's July in Highlands, we should be seeing that wonderful sign of summer around here. No, I don't mean the rhododendrons; I mean the nasty battle of Letters-to-the-Editor decrying the driving habits of our summer visitors from Florida. Personally, I think it's churlish to be too snotty to our visitors, who let's face it, put bread on our tables and money in our pockets. On the other hand, John and I are year-rounders, and it is a bit of a pain not to be able to park downtown, or frequent our usual haunts, which are now filled with people wearing often amusing outer garments and intriguing footwear.

I don't really want to get into the slow driving issue, since I think that many locals drive much too fast, especially the ones who are totally absorbed in their cell phone conversations. Where I do get a little upset in the apparent inability of folks to pick up on certain niceties of polite Highlands society. When you are in a checkout line, let folks who have just a few items go in front of you. Hold the door open for folks who have difficulty walking, or whose arms are full. Keep your voices down in restaurants, and that means loud, hysterical laughing, too. Make sure your kids are polite, and in control. When people are backing their cars out of parking spaces, do the right thing and stop to let them out (not just when you want their parking space, either). If there is a long line of traffic, be the kind soul who lets that poor guy who's been waiting to turn for 15 minutes in front of you. When you go to the Post Office, don't hold the line up with endless petty issues, and don't expect the same hours as Miami. Ditto for the banks. Come on, visitors. We Highlanders are warm and friendly folks, and we are normally very, very courteous to each other, so the best way

to fit in is to be the same.

Now that we are home much more, I can get back to my major project, which is getting this big, old house in order. KettleRock was built in 1916, and sometimes I think we have some of the original dust. That said, my furniture, and 144 boxes from New York did nothing to simplify the already chaotic state of the place. Add to that John's inability to part with anything, be it worn out shoes, clothing many sizes too small ("I'll get back into them one day" he wails), and threadbare linens inherited from his mother. There are days when it all seems like too much, and I have to steel myself, remembering what folks have been telling me all along – break it down into a series of small projects or you'll go crazy.

John's mother, Annie Linn Henley Armor, was quite the *grande dame*, and a leading member of Highland's society. Her pancake brunches on the lawn were legendary. I feel badly that the old grill in the yard now has daisies growing in it. Of course, the gardener in me rather likes the daisies, and many of my late mother-in-law's flowers and other bushes surprise me with each passing season. That's the fun of inheriting someone else's garden – each new season brings its own unexpected treats – the irises, the daylilies, and with the rain this year, the most marvelous profusion of tea roses. Our wedding plants are adding to the profusion of color and smells in the yard. Joyce's wisteria is bravely staking its claim on the tree stump holding up one half of our Pawley's Island hammock. And with the flowering gifts we have an added bonus – the gift of butterflies. Our yard is alive with all manner of bright fluttering wings dancing from plant to plant before soaring up as high as the red tin roof.

It's all coming together, slowly, but surely. I have to make sure to savor every day, embrace the unexpected, and delight in the beauty that surrounds me. Another of life's little realities hits me, too. Not all messes can – or should be cleaned up. A smattering of chaos reminds us that we can't control everything. I've made my choice. I think I'll keep the daisies in the barbecue.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

The summer of our discontent

This column is based on speculation, conjecture, guesswork and supposition. The conclusion, however, is as real and factual as it can get. Now that the disclaimer has been taken care of, let's go.

A couple of years after President Bush took office in term one, the price of crude oil started to rise following a few years of relatively stable prices. At the time, I thought, hmmm, the President was a big oil guy, and after a visit to the middle-east, the price starts going up. There was talk that it was common knowledge that the oil market was too big and deep to manipulate. Maybe it is, maybe it isn't, but I'm beginning to lose my conviction that it can't be done if one has all the chips at his disposal.

Have I forgotten about the checks and balances built into our system of government? No, but I have seen Congress forgetting its part of the program.

If they are providing any sort of check on anything but our ability to grow our energy, I'm missing it. Gas prices went on the rise in the first half of the decade, and they became a campaign issue in 2006.

Nancy Pelosi issued the following statement on April 24, 2006: "With skyrocketing gas prices, it is clear the American people can no longer afford the Rubber Stamp Congress and its failure to stand up to Republican big oil and gas company cronies. Americans this week are paying \$2.91 a gallon on average for regular gasoline, double the price than when President Bush first came to office.

"Democrats have a commonsense plan to help bring down skyrocketing gas prices by cracking down on price gouging, rolling back the billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies, tax breaks and royalty relief given to big oil and gas companies, and increasing production of alternative fuels."

Oh, really?

So the Democrat leadership appeals to the lemmings and the voters say the President and their big Republican buddies are evil and vote out the R's and elect the liberal D's because they have the answer. Nancy didn't say Congress couldn't handle the problem, to the contrary, she said they could and would. Well, since Nancy promised the voters relief at the pump, gas has "skyrocketed" (evidently her favorite verb) an additional 40+ %. She has held 40 oversight hearings, grilled 160 industry witnesses and no one has come away with



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the slightest proof that any of her charges have substance nor have they stopped the rise in prices.

Where does the blame lie? In the past, I've gone through the litany of the various causes for our continued reliance on oil supplied by our enemies. Prior Presidents stopping drilling, continued roadblocks thrown up by Congress. Your government is busy blaming the oil companies that

continue to bring you a constant supply of gasoline while it is guilty of bowing to the greenies and putting everything out of bounds exploration-wise.

So while you are busy figuring out a new budget to accommodate higher priced gas and refiguring your summer vacation to something you can afford, what is Congress doing to alleviate the problem? Taking a vacation, of course. Senate Leader Harry Reid wasn't taking a vacation from his harebrained rhetoric. Harry says, "coal makes us sick, oil makes us sick." Holy moly, the sky is falling. That's real helpful leadership, Harry.

Harry can't wait to get back to work pushing ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act that Barney Frank and Tommy Baldwin, the two openly homosexual members in Congress, introduced last year. The country's economy is on the skids and public pessimism is rampant, and Senate Leader Reid is concerned with giving homosexuals advantages in the workplace. Nobody will ever accuse Reid of statesmanship.

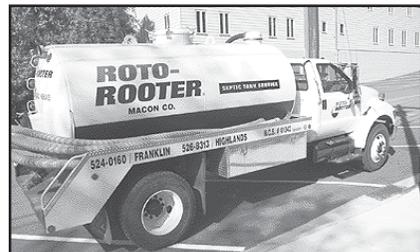
Speaking of statesmen, conservatives are mourning the loss of a true leader. Sen.

Jesse Helms, who made more sense while asleep than Reid makes on his best day, left us, appropriately, on the 4th of July.

Helms saw the folly of many of the social programs that are helping to bankrupt the country and served for 30 years in the Senate as the Voice of Conservatism. He was Reagan's staunchest help in defeating communism. One might guess that ENDA and the prospect of tax increases that Obama promises may have encouraged him to give up on this world and go on to the next.

On another subject, my wife made me read Fred's column last week, and it's a good thing I did. Rowdy and tacky, indeed. I think that his preoccupation with animals' sex life tells something about him, don't you agree?

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• ANOTHER POV •

At least I know I'm free

This week CNN and the Associated Press reported that The Justice Department is considering establishing a new policy that would allow the F.B.I. to target Americans for investigation even in the absence of evidence or other compelling indications that the person was breaking a law. This new DOJ policy would allow the F.B.I to conduct racial profiling "simply on the basis of patterns established through data mining public records and other information."

The FBI would be allowed to profile targets based on their race and activities, such as travel to the Middle East or any other part of the world associated with terrorism. But race would be only one factor in the decision to open an investigation. The changes would allow FBI agents to ask open-ended questions about activities of Muslim- or Arab-Americans, or investigate them if their jobs and backgrounds match trends that analysts deem suspect.

Well it's about time.

And maybe while we're at it we can take care of that whole pesky fourth amendment to the US Constitution thing. "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized." After all, if the founders of the country really thought personal freedoms were all that important why wasn't it the *first* amendment?

Disparate times require desperate actions. Just look back at history and that tells the tale. Senator Joseph McCarthy and The House Committee on Un-American Activities had his bad points but he did some good. Although there weren't any convictions from those hearings of his, and it cost a lot of money, time and energy, and the US Constitution took a real hit, we got rid of a lot of those free-thinking, radial Hollywood types of the period who weren't just like us. Hundreds were "blackballed" from the industry and some, like that radical Charlie Chaplin fellow, left the country all together. Who needed all those funny movies anyway?

And let us not forget in World War II when we put Japanese Americans in an internment camp for the duration of the war because of a fear of espionage. True, the



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idea of internment was popular among many white farmers who resented the Japanese American farmers and who saw internment as a convenient means of uprooting their Japanese American competitors. And in fact, internment was likely responsible for a massive influx in immigration from Mexico, as significant labor was necessary to take over the Japanese Americans' farms at a time when many American laborers were also

being inducted into the Armed Forces. That aside, we put 120,000 of them in internment camps to prevent enemy sabotage, and it must have worked because we didn't have any. You know though, we didn't put German-Americans in camps. I wonder why?

We "watched" those Japanese-Americans of the forties, the commie liberals of the fifties, the pinko liberals of the sixties, the hippies of the seventies, and the ACLUers of the eighties. And now we have to watch those Muslim-Americans, those anti-Iraq war types, and even the people who travel to "those" places. How to watch all these people? Fortunately, now with technology it's easier. We can listen to their phone calls, watch their Internet traffic, know where they travel, and what books they read. We can run their data through computer programs that can determine if they are a possible threat. Yes computer programs aren't always correct; lord knows we've all had our bank or medical accounts screwed up by a computer error. And yes all this watching, making lists and investigating people will cost money and possibly embarrass those that get investigated when they find nothing wrong, but is that too high a price to pay for Freedom? Hey forget his, protect mine.

So where are we in all this? If you haven't gotten that this column is satire then you might not be hearing me, or you're listening too hard.

This country was founded on an intense and passionate desire for personal freedom. Americans value justice; we value it just as much for one person and we do for all. An injustice to one is an injustice to us all, and if we forget or ignore that then we disgrace the memory of all those who came before us and the principles of which our country is supposed to be about. Making a person prove he has done nothing wrong without evidence is an

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• COACH'S CORNER •

Random thoughts from the week in sports

It's been an exciting week in the sporting world this week, we had swimming records fall (41 must be the new 30 for Dana Torres), Olympic qualifying and much, much more, so let's get started with the random thoughts for this week.



Ryan Potts
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Setting the bar at age 41 — shady according to some sports observers' commentary on Dana Torres this week. While I would agree that we need to look at these feats through a microscope due to the steroid abuse of guys like Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds, the question now is...how long before we are so cynical about steroids and athletes before we automatically assume every record is roid driven?

Some big time NBA free agent signings occurred this week, with the top deal being Elton Brand reportedly signing with the Philadelphia 76ers in the east. Brand automatically gives the Sixers the post presence that they were lacking last season (when they almost upset Detroit in the first round of the playoffs) and if the Sixers can make a move for a quality shooting guard they are going to be a major threat in the east next season.

Another star on the move this week was Baron Davis signing with the Clippers in hopes of teaming with Brand and making a move in the Western Conference. Alas, the curse of the Clips continues, as Davis is now left alone with both Brand and Corey Maggette on their way out of LA.

Outstanding Wimbledon final on Sunday, proving that the primary attention given to the women's game is not always the right move. While Venus Williams defeated Serena in a short, albeit intense final-it was no comparison for the marathon battle between Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. While Federer was the favorite (carrying a 4,119 match winning streak on grass) (P.S. Don't fact check that number please) coming in to the match, he suddenly transformed into the underdog as he struggled to keep up with a younger Nadal.

Despite saving several championship points and putting up an epic struggle, Federer finally succumbed and Nadal was Wimbledon champion for the first time.

I ran into some folks at the Rib Shack

the other night that were excited about the start of college football season. Big time Georgia Bulldog supporters, they certainly have reason to be excited, as Georgia is expected to be one of the favorites to win the national championship. It's a great time of year if you are a football fan, because the days are getting shorter and we are making a beeline

for the fall...and that means football on Saturdays.

Finally, since we are talking about the fall, it is time to note that this is the part of the year where major baseball trades start to take shape. (As a loyal Pirates fan, this means it is time to say bye bye to our most productive players and hello to a bunch of guys who you have never heard of.)

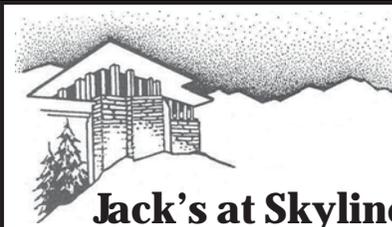
This week the National League took center stage, as an arms race is developing between the Milwaukee Brewers and the Chicago Cubs. The Brewers completed a trade for Cleveland ace CC Sabathia, only to see the Cubbies counter by obtaining Rich Harden from the Oakland A's.

This sets up a duel between the Brewers and the Cubs down the stretch that is sure to be entertaining. I can't wait to see my Pirates playing the role of possible spoilers with numerous division games down the stretch (playing with a roster of AAA players and the occasional college flameout).

If you can't win the pennant, then you might as well rip the heart out of someone who can...that's the way it should be...actually, that's my policy.

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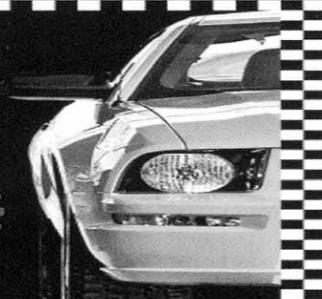
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Mary Gestrich during last weeks vacation Bible school activities at Highlands United Methodist Church.

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Not your 'ordinary' Duke Divinity intern

By **Evan Schmidt**
Reporter

"Have you seen 'Victor'?" Mary asked as she entered the building. Others in the church office announced they hadn't seen the lost dog. As a summer intern from Duke Divinity School at Highlands United Methodist Church, Mary Gestrich says there are no typical days at her internship. "We minister to all creatures," she said referring to the lost dog incident.

Summer interns from Duke Divinity School are part of an annual tradition at the church. The church enjoys the ideas and helpfulness they bring to the church for the months that they are there. Originally from Pennsylvania, and later moving to Florida, Mary Gestrich is happy to be in Highlands this summer and says she declared one of her goals during her time here is "to refresh and renew." "Coming to church and working this summer is just energizing to me," she said.

Mary's life

Mary started with a degree in nursing, and went on to work for data management at a pharmaceutical company; served at a Boys and Girls Clubs Foundation, and operated her own contemporary craft shop. But she truly learned her calling when she helped in

Welcoming Care and Congregational Ministries at her church in Bradenton, FL. "When I went to work for my church, I just lit up and was excited," she said. "In 2002, my only child graduated from high school, and I became real active in my church, was hired and went on staff. Once on staff, I kept getting more and more involved. It was one of those things where I say 'God always gets my attention by experience.' I seldom have these great revelations of something wonderful I'm supposed to do. I just get pulled into it and I say 'this feels right' and I keep doing more, and more." Though older than most, she began an education at Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL. Last year, she transferred to the Duke Divinity School, and is now planning to dedicate the rest of her life to ministry.

Mary's goals as an intern

In addition to refreshing and renewing, Mary says she is hoping "to offer ideas to broaden the mission perspective" at HUMC. Just recently, she has been discovering her calling towards missions. "My real heart's mission is all levels of missions," she said. But so far, she is proud of the job that the Methodist church is doing in that area through their Vacation Bible School and food

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injustice and a slap in the face of us all.

On July 4th I watched the fireworks show put on by the Town of Highlands. During the show some person turned on his car stereo with patriotic songs and the crowd loved it. One was Lee Greenwood's Proud to be an American. Those lines "And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me," are

enough to stir the passion of any patriot. The dollar is down, the economy is bad, the war drags on, I got a mortgage, a wedding to pay for, and business generally is not all that good. But I must say, life is good, because I live in America, where at least I know I'm free. Let's keep it that way.

Next week Another POV (unless of course if they're listening).



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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Summary of the June Meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

To keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items that occurred at the June 27 board meeting.

To begin the meeting, Director of Highlands-Cashiers Hospice Monica Crook, RN, gave the board an overview of the organization and its services to terminally-ill patients in the area. Hospice currently has a staff of 13, (mostly part-time). The team is composed of nurses, a pharmacist, medical director, a chaplain, dietician, and other care-givers, which is supplemented by more than two dozen volunteers, including many new additions. Those volunteers recently underwent extensive training in how to help both Hospice patients and their families.

Chairman Bud Smith welcomed Earle Mauldin of the Foundation Board to the meeting, and went on to stress the importance of having all directors of both the hospital and foundation show their support for the hospital by contributing financially to the foundation.

Finance Committee Chairman Charlie Sheehan reported that revenue for the month of May was up 31 percent over the previous year, while expenses rose by only 17 percent. While the hospital still showed a loss for the month, it was less than half of what it had been the previous May.

President and CEO Ken Shull said one of the reasons for the increase in revenue was a major jump in both surgical procedures and patient census in acute for May, a trend that was continuing in strong fashion in June. New gastroenterologist Richard Carter, MD, continues to see a full schedule of patients, including performing nearly 60 endoscopic procedures during May. He is on pace to exceed that number in June. In addition to endoscopies, the hospital's surgical department performed more than 60 other types of surgical or pain management procedures. The total procedures in May (114) was more than twice the volume of the previous month (50), and Shull said the June number would easily exceed May's.

The patient census in acute was also up significantly in May – more than twice the average daily census of the same month last year, and an increase over April as well. Shull said the census in June was expected to be higher still.

He also took the opportunity to an-

nounce that the hospital has reached a contract with UnitedHealthcare, Inc. of North Carolina and will begin accepting that company's insurance coverage as of July 1. Under the agreement, the hospital will be able to accept insurance coverage from United customers in other states as well. Several area physicians are already accepting the company's various plans and many more are expected to sign on within the next two months.

The board also discussed primary care physician needs and the impact that recruiting new physicians could have on the hospital. The hospital is currently working with Mountain Area Family Medicine to make sure that Cashiers and surrounding communities are adequately served in the years ahead.

During the Governance Committee report, Chairman Don Mullen handed out self-evaluation forms to board members as part of the board's internal review process. Board members will be asked to evaluate their own performance as board members in areas such as attendance at meetings, participation in educational sessions, preparation for meetings, and maintaining the hospital's policies on avoiding conflicts of interest.

During the Physicians Recruiting Committee report, it was noted that two visiting physicians will no longer be seeing patients in Highlands. Neurologist Michele Mangum, MD (who is not a member of the hospital's Medical Staff) will be closing her office in the area later this month. And visiting gynecologist Carmelo Hernandez, MD, from Brevard will also no longer come to the area. The hospital has already begun looking for a visiting gynecologist to serve the area.

It was also reported that the hospital's full-time radiologist, Rodney Stinnett, MD, will retire next February. In preparation for that, the hospital is studying the most cost-effective way to have all of its radiological images read by a qualified radiologist or group of radiologists.

The hospital's Performance Improvement Committee will soon be renamed the Patient Care Committee, to be co-chaired by board members Griffin Bell, Jr. and Dr. Jim Rothermel. Frank Leslie, vice president of operations and compliance officer gave the board a overview of the hospital's sentinel event alert procedure, which is designed to track and address life-threatening patient care issues, should they arise.

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Lane and a 20-foot setback on all three sides.

The home was built prior to the current zoning code and today nothing could be built on the .18-acre due to setbacks and required lot sizes.

"Today this would be considered a non-buildable lot," said Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley. "However, she's not extending a non-conforming structure nor is she expanding a non-conforming use, but the deck would go into the right-of-way."

For a variance to be granted, three questions and their sub-questions need to be answered:

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Question 1 sub-question A raised the most concern. "...the applicant can secure no reasonable return from, nor make reasonable use of his property."

Member Allen Frederick said that's the part he had a problem with.

"She has reasonable use of the property already because she has a house on it and a deck is not necessary," he said. "We have always considered setbacks sacred. If we start allowing people to put stuff in setbacks just because it adds value to the property we'll be setting a precedent."

But member Tony Potts disagreed. "The law was written after the house was built, so it's due to the law that she can't make reasonable use. Today she couldn't even build a house there," he said.

The question was does building a deck translate to "reasonable use the property."

"It's not reasonable use to have a deck; it's reasonable use to have a house," said Frederick.

The proposed deck would extend into the setback on the back side of the curve where the road grade is 12-15 feet below, so there's no way a vehicle could hit it.

"The slope of the land means the deck is up hill. Even though it would be in the setback, it's not a safety issue," said Cooley.

The deck is considered a pervious structure so the built-upon is not affected.

In the end, the motion passed 4 to 1 to grant the variance because the deck constituted reasonable use and it improved the value of the property.

In other business, the board was scheduled to hear the continuation of Special Use Permit Application #437 by Mike and Kim Manaut for a seasonal canoe rental/outdoor furnishings business at 621 Franklin Road. It was continued from the June 11 Zoning Board meeting. However, the request was withdrawn earlier that day.

"We discovered that the amount of impervious surface proposed was 28%-30% and due to the critical watershed area the maximum impervious surface there is 12%," said Cooley. "They realized there is no way they could meet that."

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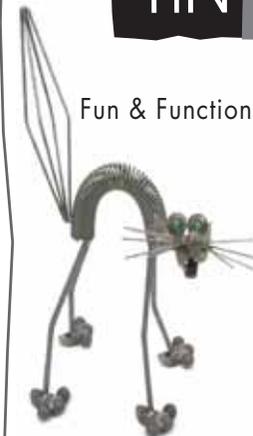
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to Shortoff Woods if infrastructure along the U.S. 64 east corridor was opened up to all property owners - not just projects the town tips its hat to.

And if the Town Board decides that it shouldn't be arbitrary in its allowances - that is, decides to let property owners along the U.S. 64 enjoy the luxury of the town's infrastructure - then it should also decide to charge ETJ property owners the same fee it charges in-town residents to hook on.

After all, ETJ residents are now subject to zoning designations and regulations just like in-town residents, why not treat them as such when it comes to infrastructure fees?

Town officials say Shortoff Woods Apartments would have to pay \$5,000 per sewer hook up per apartment versus the in town rate of \$2,500 per home because the apartments are outside the town limits.

In the mayor's column this week he chastises citizens for wanting something others have when throwing down the "fair is fair" card concerning water and sewer. But what's wrong with that?

The mayor said a lot of money would come the town's way if Shortoff Woods Apartments hooks on to existing lines.

He also says the ultimate goal is for the town to supply sewer and water for all.

If that truly is the goal, and the only way to raise money to extend new lines - outside of raising taxes - is to deposit fees into the water/sewer fund, then why not let property owners along the U.S. 64 east corridor - particularly those in the ETJ area - hook on and pay the in-town rate?

Sounds like it could be a win-win situation and it may make the prospect of workforce housing on Buck Creek Road more acceptable to all.

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a week. They usually try to do team walks Saturday mornings and Sunday evenings.

On July 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Creative Concepts at the Falls on Main will be offering wet hair cuts, mini manicures/pedicures, hand massages with paraffin dip, hot dogs and drinks, homemade goodies, handmade crafts, jewelry, tin signs, and face painting.

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Inspection requirements separated into critical violation risk factors and good retail practices. It was patterned after one used nationally and developed by a committee of state and local health officials and industry representatives.

"It is a matter of public health," Bruckner said. "Emphasis is again focused on the importance of the critical risk factors by dividing the inspection items into categories of critical violation risk factors and good retail practices, which are preventive measures

to control the introduction of pathogens, chemicals and physical objects into foods"

Such critical risk factors include improper cooking or holding temperatures of potentially hazardous food, food handlers not washing hands properly and ill workers preparing food. The form has 18 critical violations and 30 good retail practices.

Under the existing inspection protocol, each food service establishment will be evaluated and assigned a risk category based on the type of food and amount of food preparation conducted in the facility.

Environmental Health Supervisor Barry Patterson said the new inspection process shouldn't take any more time than the previous procedure. "In fact, in some cases it could mean fewer inspections/year for certain restaurants if they fall into a low risk category," he said.

Previously, environmental health specialists were required to conduct a minimum of four inspections per year in each retail food service establishment. Points were deducted for violations and reflected in the final score and grade, but there was no requirement to correct items on-site.

Patterson said there is no change to the scoring system. "The public will still see the usual numeric and A,B,C scores that they are used to," he said.

For more information on the new inspection form, please contact Barry Patterson, supervisor of the Macon County Public Health Center's Environmental Health Program, at (828) 349-2490. For more information about the statewide food service inspection program, go to the Food Protection Branch's Web site at: http://www.deh.enr.state.nc.us/ehs/dfp_links.htm.

PUBLIC NOTICE

North Carolina Department of Transportation in cooperation with Buchanan Unlimited, INC. will begin the hauling and placement of stone in the town of Highlands along Hickory Hill Road, Chowan Drive, and Cullasaja Drive on July 14, 2008.

All operations are planned to conclude no later than August 22. North Carolina Department of Transportation is respectfully requesting the removal of all vehicles parked adjacent to these routes during construction operations.

All cooperation is greatly appreciated in efforts to expedite and safely complete this project.

'Dappled Grays' coming to PAC for one night this weekend

The Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street will host the Dappled Grays this Saturday evening, July 12 at 8 p.m. The Dappled Grays have been named "Best Bluegrass Band in Atlanta" by Creative Loafing Magazine. They include co-founders mandolinist Michael

Smith and guitarist Casey Cook, as well as bass player Keith Morris, banjo player Greg Earnest and vocalist/fiddler Leah Calvert. Tickets to Saturday evening's concert are only \$10 each. Call 526-9047 to check on ticket availability or visit www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org.

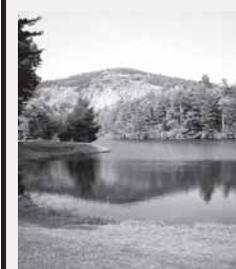
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pantry. "Every night this place is just packed with children," she said on the Vacation Bible School.

"They have a very special food pantry that they coordinate with the other churches in town," she continued. "I'm real impressed with their food pantry; it's different in that when I've worked in other mission sites, they hand people a bag of groceries. This one is set up as a grocery store, they walk through and people get to choose what they want. One of the members of the church even planted a garden."

Arriving with experience in Congregational Care, Mary does such tasks as hospital visitation. "Sometimes you can have so many people in the hospitals that

you spend the week visiting them," she said after returning from a day-long trip to Asheville to visit church members in various locations across the area. Mary also says one of her favorite Bible verses is John 10:10, which reads "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Mary's goals after this summer

Mary still isn't quite sure where God is calling her. Because of her interest in missions, she believes that God may be calling her to go to a mission field one day. As an outreach from her church in Bradenton, Mary took a 16-day visit to Angola, to help support a church in that area. She said another place she may get involved is to open opportunities

for others to be involved. Then there's always the possibility of becoming a member of Florida conference of Methodists, where she would be transferred to a church in that state to serve. Mary says she learns from experience, which means she will likely try many things before finding exactly what it is that she will do. But before that happens, she says she will finish her education at Duke Divinity School. Her time here over the summer counts as one of two credits necessary for a field experience. And now she continues to work towards her diploma, dedicating the rest of her life to ministry, and her summer to the people of the Highlands United Methodist Church.

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He also recapped the Joint Commission's 2009 Patient Safety Goals for hospitals nationwide, many of which focus on improving the continuity of care through better communications and efforts (particularly in larger hospitals) to reduce the chances of the wrong patient receiving the incorrect treatment because of mistaken identity.

During his report, Chief of the Medical Staff Robert T. Buchanan, MD presented a recommendation to re-credential seven current members of the staff. Up for re-appointment were anesthesiologists Mark C. Shoptaugh, MD, and S. David Register, MD; radiologist Rodney G. Stinnett, MD; consulting oncologist Michael S. Heller, MD; consulting cardiologist Byron R. Williams, MD; associate pathologist Benjamin Emanuel, MD; and podiatrist L. Scott Hale, DPM. The board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Medical Staff, renewing privileges for those physicians.

In his administrator's report, Shull told the board that four surveyors from The Joint Commission recently spent several days at the hospital reviewing virtually every aspect of operations. The survey was as part of the review process the hospital must undergo every three years to maintain its Joint Commission accreditation. Not only the hospital, but the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, Highlands-Cashiers Hospice, and those physicians' practices owned by the hospital were reviewed. Based on exit interviews with the survey team, Shull said it appears the hospital did very well. As is almost always the case (at nearly every hospital) surveyors made recommendations for a number of improvements, nearly all of which in this case involved documentation. Shull said surveyors did not find any deficiencies related to patient or resident care at the hospital, or any of its other organizations.

In the coming weeks, the hospital will be changing several policies and instituting others to make sure they reflect the latest version of Joint Commission's requirements. Once that follow-up process is completed, Shull said the hospital expects to given full, three-year reaccreditation.

On other matters, Shull reported that the hospital's new sleep study lab is expected to go into operation later this month. Atlanta sleep specialist Harold M. Alpert, MD, may begin seeing patients sometime in July. The hospital is completely overhauling its sleep medicine program, which will be overseen by Alpert. He is board-certified in both pulmonary and sleep medicine. It is converting two acute-care rooms into a newly redecorated sleep lab that will provide a more home-like environment for overnight studies. Results of those studies will now be available to the patient's physician much more quickly than had been the case with the old program.

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Clayton Lopez, of Community Bible Church, and Father Cass Daly, of Christ Anglican Church, are pictured presenting Highlands Emergency Council Secretary, Mary Ann Creswell, with a check from the proceeds of their second concert in their fundraising concert series. The concerts are sponsored by Christ Anglican Church and Community Bible Church. The next concert will be Sept. 7 at 2:30 at Community Bible Church and will feature The Mountain Chamber Players involving a variety of Instruments and voices from Brevard College. The proceeds of this third concert will benefit the Highlands/Cashiers Community Care Clinic. Come out and enjoy the music!

POLICE & FIRE LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for July 1-8. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 1

- At 7 p.m., officers responded to a call of vandalism at the Nature Center where two glass cases and their contents were tampered with.

July 3

- Tawny Perez, 16, of Highlands, was arrested for damaging personal property.

July 4

- At 10 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on N. 4th Street.

- At 1:45 p.m., a resident reported a dog bit her child at a residence on Cotswald.

- At 10:30 p.m., a resident on Sixth Street reported a nuisance animal.

July 5

- At noon, \$855 of merchandise was reported missing from C.K. Swan.

- At 1:45 p.m., The Little Flower Shoppe reported \$100 worth of steel sculptures missing from the shop.

- At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and Main Street.

July 6

- At 11:30 a.m., damage to a room at the Hampton Inn was reported.

July 7

- At 3:30 a.m., a motorist on U.S. 64 east was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 40 zone.

During the week, officers issued 4 warning tickets and responded to 1 alarm activation.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of July 3-8

July 3

- The dept. was called to help search for a miss-

ing child on the Whiteside Mountain Trail. The 11-year-old boy had walked back to the car and was in the parking lot when the dept. arrived.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Dogwood Drive where a 52-year-old man had fallen down an embankment. He was transported to the hospital.

July 4

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

July 5

- The dept. was called to investigate smoke in the Turtle Pond area. It was smoke from the Walnut Creek fire.

July 6

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call to Glen Falls where a woman had fallen on the trail and broken her ankle.

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers to help with a structure fire on U.S. 64 east across from Ingles Shopping Center.

July 7

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

July 8

- The dept. responded to a structure fire caused by lightning on Cowee Gap Road. The three-car garage and part of the guest house and main house were damaged, but the home is still liveable.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cullasaja Drive where an 80-year-old man complained of medical problems. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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

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'The Best of Parallel Lives' opens Thursday at ITC



Katie Cochran and Gloria Pariseau as the "Supreme Beings" in *The Best of Parallel Lives* Thursday Friday and Saturday at ITC's The Studio on Main, Highlands. The "Supreme Beings" are working on the world order, deciding the color of things, who gets to be good at different things, and other things. *The Best of Parallel Lives* continues next week also. Call: 828-342-9197 for tickets. Adult language and mature situations. The show runs July 10-12 and July 17-19.

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July 11

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July 15 and 16

Anne Porter Highlands High School Computing 101 Phone 526-8811

July 18

Dr. Mary (Mimi) Fenton Professor of English at WCU The Poetry of John Milton at PAC Phone 526-8811

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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 "On Golden Pond," Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20; "70th Anniversary Diamond Review," Thurs.-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10; and "Inherit the Wind" Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 14-31. Please call 828-526-2695 or write or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.

- Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for its annual Children's Theatre Mon.-Fri., July 7-18, taught by instructors with extensive experience in theatre education 9 a.m. to noon for ages 6-10, and 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-16. Please call 828-526-2695 or write or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.

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

- Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 526-4340.

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

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

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

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

Mondays & Wednesdays

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

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.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

'On Golden Pond' opens Thursday night at Playhouse

On Golden Pond by Ernest Thayer in Key West, FL, and worked with the crew filming "The Frogmen" and several other film projects. In addition to Norman in "On Golden Pond," Curtis has portrayed Big Daddy in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."



ompson, Highlands Playhouse's second show of the season, tells the touching story of Ethel and Norman Thayer, a couple in the twilight years of their marriage who are summering on a lake called Golden Pond.

For husband and wife Highlanders Curtis and Vangie Rich, portraying Norman and Ethel in "On Golden Pond" is old hat - they've performed it together upwards of 16 times.

The production tells the story of the lovable curmudgeon Norman (Curtis) and his spirited wife Ethel (Vangie) a couple whose lakeside cottage in Maine is interrupted by the arrival of their estranged daughter and her fiancé's young son.

The play is filled with both love and laughter with heartfelt moments as the family goes through many trials and tribulations.

Curtis Rich was a cinema photog-

Curtis and Vangie Rich as Norman and Ethel in Highlands Playhouse current production "On Golden Pond" on stage through July 20.

Vangie Rich first appeared on stage at the age of five as a fairy in *Midsommer Night's Dream* and has appeared regularly on stage over the past 60 years in various capacities. In addition to modeling and directing, Vangie has appeared in

May Fair Lady, Steel Magnolias, The Sound of Music, Harvey, Zorba, Finnegan's Rainbow, Pirates of Penzance, Pillow Talk and others.

The show runs from July 10-July 20 and is sponsored by Cimarron Builders, Inc.

For tickets, call the Box Office at 526-2695.

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 MountainTop 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 suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

Thursdays

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

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 7-11 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.

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• **UPCOMING EVENTS** •

PAC presents Folkmoot



Folkmoot USA, North Carolina's official international festival, is celebrating its 25th year, and the celebration includes a visit to Highlands. Folkmoot will come to the stage at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Wednesday, July 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each summer Folkmoot celebrates the world's cultural heritage through folk music and dance.

Folkmoot performers demonstrate their cultural heritage through colorful and authentic costumes, lively dance and

beautiful music. During its 25-year history, over 200 folk groups from more than 100 countries have shared their heritage and culture at Folkmoot USA. For the 18th time Folkmoot has earned a spot in the top 20 events in the southeast by the Southeast Tourism Society.

Tickets to the performance at the Performing Arts Center are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Charge by phone at 526-9047, or visit www.highlandperformingartscenter.org.

Sundays

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church of the Willwood 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.

Through July 23

• At Summit One Gallery, New Works by Scott Upton.

Through July 31

• Summer Art Camp with The Bascom is teaming up with The Highlands Art League and the Highlands Recreation Park to present the camp, which will offer an exciting variety of art and craft projects for 5- to 13-year-olds. The day rate for Bascom students is \$5. There will be no additional charge for students enrolled in Rec Camp. Hours are 1 to 1:45 p.m. for 5- to 8-year-olds and 2 to 2:45 p.m. for 9- to 13-year-olds. For more information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

Through Saturday, July 12

• The Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival will be offered by The Bascom, a center for the visual arts, in downtown Highlands. Join nature lovers for a multi-day spread of garden-themed events including lectures, a garden tour, Patron Parties and a flower show. For information, call (828) 526-4949. To order tickets online, visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Aug. 18

• Beth Moore's Stepping Up, a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent, a 7-week study at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Community Bible Church. For information or to order a workbook (\$15) call Peg Askew at 526-8943.

Thursday, July 10

• The Bascom's lecture/demonstration/luncheon/book signing featuring Ron Morgan, celebrated American floral designer. The lecture is set for 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Highlands Civic Center. All four of Morgan's books - "A Glass Act," "A Celebration of Clematis," "In the Company of Flowers" and "The Center of Attention" - will be available for purchase and signing.

• Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center presents Russell Townsend on "Cherokees and the American Revolution: A Cultural Landscape in Flux?" The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. For a

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Many rooms



Chaplain Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran
Church

Finally, the Move is complete. My Mum is settled into her new place at my sister's. The old family house is cleaned out and everything is scrubbed and freshly painted to within an inch of its life. It sits quiet and hopeful, a slick "for sale" sign adorning the front yard, waiting for someone to buy it and turn it into a home again.

Since I am the only kid left in town, it's my job to go over to the house several times a week and check on things — water the plants, pick up and trash and keep the house vacuumed and dusted while it's on the market.

It's strange, walking through the house now. It looks like a magazine — beautifully staged, uncluttered and pristine. It's not the house I remember — cluttered with all the things that real families use, slightly worn and full of activity.

While I was walking through yesterday, I couldn't help but think of John's gospel, especially John 14.

"In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you."

I started wondering, "What type of preparation is Jesus doing for us?"

First and foremost are Jesus' life, death and resurrection. These are the keys to our heavenly home. But what type of home will heaven be?

Will it be a cartoon heaven, where everyone sits around in white robes and plays the harp? Or will it be more a pastoral setting, like the Greeks imagined their Elysian fields would be? Will it be like my mother's house is now, perfect and feng shui-ed within an inch of its life?

Jesus says, "I am going there to prepare a place for you."

I love this verse. It's personal. Jesus doesn't say "I am going to prepare a place for all people. He says, "I am going to prepare a place FOR YOU."

This leads me to believe that my room in heaven will be exactly what I long for it to be, and your room may not look like my room, because we're all different.

The truth is, no one knows for sure what heaven is like on this side, but it must be swell, because no one's come back to complain about it.

If someone asked me to describe what I would like in my "room," I'd have to say that the most important furnishings in the room would be the people I have loved. My Dad, my friend, Carol, and all my friends and family, many of whom died too young — they'll all be there, smiling and waving.

A friend of mine once asked if her beloved dog would be waiting for her in heaven. I told her, "If that's what heaven is to you, she'll be there."

I imagine heaven is life as we wish we had it on earth, filled with love and acceptance free of pain and trouble. It's not the furnishings of the rooms either here on earth or in heaven that matter — it is the love contained therein.

So, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." We have the promise of our Lord and Savior that when our time comes, our room will be ready, and it will be exactly what we need. And He will be there to greet us.

God's peace to all.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

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Sky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy
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CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Rev. Cass Daly • Office – 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to
the ballfield in Highlands)

Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.

Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.

at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Corner of Spring and Third streets
Sundays: 11 a.m.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

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3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
6:30 p.m. High School Group
Wednesdays: Dinner 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. programs
for all students; 6:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study
Thursdays: Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan – Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

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

Monday: 4 P.M. Women's Cursillo Group

Tuesday: 8 A.M. Men's Cursillo Group

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday: 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

10:30 A.M. Daughters of the King

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

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.
(nursery provided)

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

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's
Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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

p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Mark Kayser, Interim Pastor
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Bible Discussion &
Breakfast

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers
Choir – 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy
526-3376

Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 6:15 – children, youth, & adults
studies; 6:15 – Adult choir

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

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

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

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Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Adult discussion
group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion – 10:30
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Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.

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

MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871
2nd Friday: Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m.
4th Saturday: Sabbath Services at 10:30 a.m.
For more information, call (706)-745-1842.

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Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.

(through last Saturday of October)

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

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

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

• Movie time at the Cashiers Library at 7 p.m. "West Side Story" written by Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim was the winner in 1961 of 10 Academy Awards including Best Picture. It is the Romeo and Juliet story of two rival street gangs in New York City. The movies and the popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

• The League of Women Voters of Macon County will present a program on the water situation in Macon County. Bruce Hedden of Hedden Brothers Well Drilling, who has been in the well business for decades, will discuss water supply, availability, and usage. As Macon County enters the third year of drought, as our population grows, and with high population neighboring areas suffering water shortages,

many people are concerned about water issues — Do we have enough water? For how many people? How can we use our water wisely and protect our sources? The meeting will be held at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Franklin. Lunch is available at noon by reservation, call 524-5192. The program will begin at 12:15. The

public is invited.

• Wine Dinner at ...on the Verandah. Join Chef Andrew Figel for a Robert Craig Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$115 per person. Call 526-2338 for reservations.

Thursday-Monday, July 10-14

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a MarieBelle Chocolates Trunk Show. MarieBelle offers fine gourmet chocolates for the true connoisseur.

Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20

• At Highlands Playhouse, "On Golden Pond." For further information or reservations please call 828-526-2695.

Thurs.-Sat, July 10, 11, 12

• "The Best of Parallel Lives," at The Instant Theatre Company on Main Street. The comedy hit of the season returns with your favorites. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197.

Through Friday, July 11

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Friday, July 11

• Highlands Chamber Music Festival presents Dr. Richard Prior, Director of Orchestras and Chamber Music at Emory University, will present "Beethoven's Influence on Chamber Music" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at PAC. For tickets and more information about the class, contact CLE at 828-526-8811 or the Festival at 828-526-9060.

• At CLE, Beethoven's Influence on Chamber Music Emory's Richard Prior. Call: 526-8811.

• Mountain Music will abound in Highlands School old gym featuring, Marshall Henson and The New Gem City and The Rough Creek Cloggers. Square dancing and clogging will entertain and involve audiences beginning at 6:45 P.M. Concerts will run between 7:30 and 9 every Friday. These free concerts are sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. This year's Relay for Life Event will be held in Cashiers on Friday, August 22.

• The annual Scaly Mountain Women's Club Benefit Auction is at 6 p. m., at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and NC Highway 106, the auction promises a large and eclectic array of items. Auctioneer Brian Snyder will once again keep things moving at a brisk pace as he offers hundreds of opportunities to acquire some new and interesting things. Proceeds from the event will be used for the club's scholarship fund available to Scaly Mountain students wishing to continue their education and to other area charities. Donations are tax deductible. For additional information, contact Bellwood at (828) 526-9079.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: "Beethoven: The Complete Works for Cello and Piano" with Sara Sant'Ambrogio and William Ransom;

• See EVENTS page 26



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**F. Augustus "Gus" Dozier
MD, FACS**



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MD, FACS**

the position of Chief of General Surgery. A former Commander in the US Naval Reserve, Dr. Dozier is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Widely known throughout western North Carolina, Dr. Noell also brings extensive surgical experience to our communities. A graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, Dr. Noell completed his surgical internships and residency training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He practiced at Harris Regional Hospital (later West

Care Health System) for 18 years, including serving six years as chief of surgery, before relocating his practice to Highlands in 2008. Dr. Noell is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

7:30 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060
Fri.-Sat., July 11-12

• "Don't Count Your Chickens" fanciful art show
from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Highlands Community

Center. Botanical prints, faux bois pots and garden
ornaments, garden stakes and lanterns, candles and
chandeliers, potholder rugs, garden journals, tin and
bark bugs and animals... Wonderful accents for your

Experience the evolution of one of the greatest composers: Beethoven



Festival Artistic Director William Ransom and Sara Sant'Ambrogio, cellist with the Eroica Trio, will be performing Beethoven's complete works for cello and piano over the course of two concerts this weekend.

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival continues its innovative programming this week with Grammy Award winning cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio and Festival Artistic Director William Ransom performing the Complete Works for Cello and Piano of Beethoven.

"Everything that Beethoven wrote for this pair of instruments fits neatly into two concerts, so it makes a great pairing," commented William Ransom. "The pieces are from his young years, middle period, and some of his last works, so we get to experience the whole cycle of Beethoven's creative development in two programs, which is very illuminating."

Mr. Ransom continued, "This is an amazing chance to hear one of the world's best string players performing the greatest music ever written for her instrument all on one weekend."

Just as his Symphonies, Concerti, Quartets and other Sonatas are generally considered some of the greatest music ever written for the genres, these Sonatas for cello and piano are, along with the solo Bach Suites for cello, the most amazing creations for cello."

Ms Sant'Ambrogio concurred, saying, "Other than Bach, Beethoven wrote the most music for the cello, and his cello-piano works span his entire compositional life. The first sonata is Op.5 meaning the fifth work published and the last is op. 102. So in the space of one concert you can experience the entire evolution of one of the

greatest composers of all time. The op. 5 reminds me of a late Mozart Symphony and the 102 is almost radical in its architecture!"

This two-part mini-series will present Beethoven's 5 Sonatas and 3 sets of Variations beginning with part I on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Highlands and Saturday in Cashiers at 5 p.m.; and Part II in Highlands on Sunday at 5 p.m. and Cashiers on Monday also at 5 p.m.

Ms Sant'Ambrogio will be available to sign copies of her recent solo CD, "Dreaming," after the concerts.

For more background on Beethoven's chamber music and as an introduction to the concerts, the Center for Life Enrichment and the Festival will present Emory University's Dr. Richard Prior in a lecture entitled "Beethoven's Influence on Chamber Music" at the PAC on Friday July 11th from 10 a.m. to noon featuring live demonstrations by William Ransom and Sara Sant'Ambrogio.

"Bach at Buck's" returns on Wednesday, July 16 from 8-10 p.m. at Buck's Coffee Café on Main Street featuring the popular Vega String Quartet. You can enjoy some coffee or tea with some sweets, or a glass of wine as you listen to a variety of music from Bach to Beethoven to Tangos in this informal and intimate setting. And best of all, there is no admission charge!

For tickets and more information about the Festival's 27th Season, call 828-526-9060; online at h-cmusicfestival.org.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

home and garden. Free admission.

- Workshop Designed for Landowners in Western North Carolina. If you are a landowner interested in learning more about managing your land in western North Carolina, you are invited to attend the "Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills" workshop at the Cradle of Forestry in America on Friday, from 9-5, and Saturday from 9-noon. Participants will have hands-on opportunities to learn general skills and information useful in managing their land. Introductory information on a wide variety of land management topics will be discussed. The cost is \$50 per person per session, with spouse or other family member at \$25. Registration includes lunch, snacks and workshop-related materials. Reserve your spot for the whole course by registering early! Registration for this workshop will be accepted through July 3. Call 828-884-5713 ex. 26.

Saturday, July 12

- Performing at PAC, one of the most popular bluegrass groups in the southeast – The Dappled Grays at 8 p.m. Vocalist/fiddler Leah Calvert will appear for one night only. At only \$10 each, tickets are expected to sell out fast. They may be charged by phone at 526-9047, or online at www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org.

- Ballroom Dance at the MC Community Building, on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30-9 p.m. with music by "Swingtime Band."

- The Macon County Soccer Club will hold registrations for the Fall recreation league soccer season, 6 pm - 8 pm at the Highlands Rec Park and the Macon County Community Building in Franklin. Children age 4 and up are welcome and will be placed on teams according to age. The registration fee is \$55 and covers uniform, state registration and referee fees. All new players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate. Parents are encouraged to print out the registration form at the club's website and bring it with them to the registration. For more information visit <http://www.maconsoccer.net> or call Michelle Thornton at 349-4939.

- Mirror Lake Improvement Association Summer Outing at 4 p.m. at the pavilion at the Rec Park. In case of rain it will be inside.

Sunday, July 13

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: "Beethoven: The Complete Works for Cello and Piano" with Sara Sant'Ambrogio and William Ransom; 5 p.m. Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060.

- "Melodies of Faith" presented by the Young Ladies Vocal Ensemble of Faith Baptist Church in Reidsville, S.C., at the Shortoff Missionary Baptist Church on Buck Creek Road, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Monday, July 14–Thursday, July 17

- A "Drawing on Experience: Lessons with a Master" workshop taught by James Daniel will be offered by The Bascom, a center for the visual arts, from July 14-17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Hill. James Daniel, who has been featured on the cover of "American Artist Magazine," uses a demonstration approach to his teaching. The class is for all levels and costs \$350 (\$315 for Bascom members). Pre-registration is required. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or email drhodes@thebascom.org.

Mon.-Fri., July 14-18

- First Baptist Church invites you to join us on our Amazon Expedition, the Ultimate Trek through History, 9 a.m. to noon. We will look at the Seven "C's" of

History which are: Creation, Corruption (the fall), Catastrophe (the flood), Confusion (the tower of Babel), Christ, Cross, Consummation

Monday-Saturday, July 14-26

- Summer Courses offered at the Highlands Biological Station. Fleshy Fungi of the Highlands Plateau. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit <http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currentycourses.htm>

Monday, July 14

- Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. "Bad Boys of Napa." To make reservations, please call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgang.net.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society presents John Sill, nationally known wildlife illustrator at the Highlands Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. when John will teach us how to draw a bird. Bring a pencil and drawing paper for an entertaining evening.

Tuesday, July 15

- At Highlands-Cashiers-Asheville Chiropractic's at the Hudson Library: "Blood Nutrition: learn how to read your blood work."

- The Macon County Soccer Club will hold registrations for the Fall recreation league soccer season, 6-8 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park and Macon County Community Building in Franklin. Children age 4 and up are welcome and will be placed on teams according to age. The registration fee is \$55 and covers uniform, state registration and referee fees. All new players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate. Parents are encouraged to print out the registration form at the club's website and bring it with them to the registration. For more information visit <http://www.maconsoccer.net> or call Michelle Thornton at 349-4939.

- The movie Dr. Seuss's "The 5,000 Fingers of Dr. T." at 7 p.m. at PAC. It's free and rated G. All donations will go to the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

- The Christian Women's Connection Luncheon will feature Muncy Chapman of Vero Beach, FL, at the Community Bldg. Along with raising a family and pursuing a career in nursery management, she has won awards for her poetry, several novels, stories, children's stories, and articles for newspapers and magazines. She is past president of Martin County Writers' Association and past president of National League of American Pen Women's Vero Beach Chapter. She is currently a certified statewide speaker for Christian Women's Clubs.

Wed.-Sat., July 16-19

- Sale at the Cashiers Library. Stock up on books, DVDs, and CDs at bargain prices says Dianne Ray, book sale chairman for the Friends of the Library. "We have a great selection of used books available in addition to fiction including everything from children's books to cook books, how-to books, and books on travel, politics, history, gardening, humor, health, finances, and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wed.-Sat. and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

Wednesday, July 16

- Lakeside Restaurant will donate a portion of its revenue to The Highlands Playhouse when the Playhouse is mentioned.

- The Bascom will host an "Evening with the Artist" featuring James Daniel III, artist-in-residence teaching the "Drawing on Experience" workshop, on Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. Daniel will share an

insider's look at the life and exceptional talent of this exceptional young painter. Cost is \$15 (\$13.50 for Bascom members). For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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

- At 3 p.m., "Snakes Alive" a long time at the Cashiers Library favorite program presented by Ron Cromer, a specialist in herpetology, consists of two parts. The first half is an orientation lecture, and the second half is a "hands-on" session. The "hands-on" session is an opportunity to hold and pet about a dozen tame snakes. A snake-free zone will be provided as well.

- PAC presents Folkmoot USA, North Carolina's official international festival celebrating its 25th year at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children. Call 526-9047 to charge by phone or visit the website at www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org.

Thursday, July 17

- The Cashiers-Highlands and Franklin PEO Sisterhood Luncheon will be held at the Cullasaja Country Club with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. The cost is \$26 which includes a selection of wines. Reservations may be made with a

check made payable to Mary Ann Ray sent to 104 Lake Court, #130, Highlands, NC 28741. Deadline is July 10. Call Marci Henderson at 787-1724 or Mary Ann Ray at 526-8251.

- Movie time at the Cashiers Library at 7 p.m. "Phantom of the Opera" is the 2004 movie adaptation of Andrew Lloyd Webber's stage musical. The movies and the popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

Thurs.-Sat., July 17, 18, 19

- "The Best of Parallel Lives," at The Instant Theatre Company on Main Street. The comedy hit of the season returns with your favorites. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197

Friday-Saturday, July 18-19

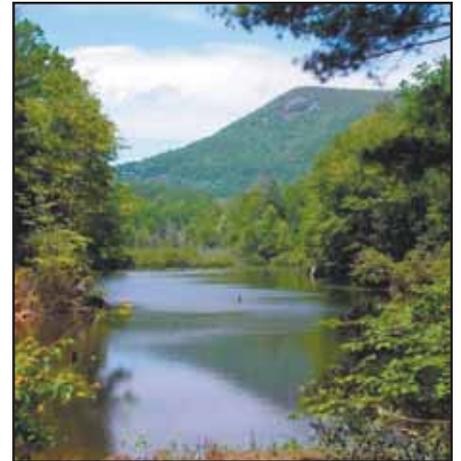
- The 5th annual Mountain Wildlife and Wilderness Days will be held on July 18 and 19 at the Sapphire Valley Resort in Sapphire, North Carolina. Local sponsors, the Sapphire Valley Resort and the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance make this event possible. More information can be obtained at www.SapphireValleyResort.com and click on special events.

- Summer Colors Fine Art Show at the Rec Park, sponsored by the Art League of Highlands. More than 50 local artists will show original works of art including

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• At the Hen House at Main and Fifth streets, Richie Watts of The Good Earth Pottery will be signing his pottery 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Come see the new "Highlands" pattern named in honor of The Hen House, the largest gallery of The Good Earth Pottery in the USA.

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• At Acorn's on Main Street, two trunk shows: a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show. Bijoux de Mer specializes in pearls and precious stones and a William Yeoward Crystal Trunk Show. The world's most glamorous crystal – supplier of crystal to his Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales.

Friday, July 18

• Mountain Music will abound in Highlands School old gym featuring, Appalachian Bluegrass and High Mountain Squares. Square dancing and clogging will entertain and involve audiences beginning at 6:45 P.M. Concerts will run between 7:30 and 9 every

Friday. These free concerts are sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. This year's Relay for Life Event will be held in Cashiers on Friday, August 22.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: Edoardo Catemario, guitarist and The Vega String Quartet; 7:30 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060.

• Ballroom Dance at the MC Community Building, on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30-9 pm with music by "Swingtime Band," for information call (828), 369-9155 or 586-6373.

Saturday, July 19–Thursday, Aug. 14

• "Portraits and Figures" exhibition will be held at The Bascom, center for the visual arts, from July 19 to Aug. 14. An opening reception will be held July 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. The art center is located inside the Hudson Library, on Main Street in Highlands, NC. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949, email info@thebascom.org or visit

www.thebascom.org.

Saturday-Sunday, July 19- 20

• The Summer Colors Fine Art Show at the Rec Park from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. Featuring more than 50 regional artists.

Saturday, July 19

• Highlands Playhouse Children's Theatre performance.

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Roberts & Plimpton will be signing "God's Invitation to More" from noon to 2 p.m. and M.L. Malcolm will sign "Silent Liew and Deadly Deceptions" from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6-mile moderate hike on the Standing Indian Horse Trail from Yellow Patch to the Appalachian Trail, returning to Betty Gap. Drive 40 miles round trip. Meet at the Westgate Plaza (across from Burger King) in Franklin at 10 a.m. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• Fisher Garden Tour atop Sagee Woods. Carpools leave from Pine Street Gazebo hourly 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds fund the Community School in Cange, Haiti. Rain or shine.

Sunday, July 20

• At First Presbyterian Church, Kirkin of the Tartans at 11 a.m. followed by a luncheon at First Baptist Church featuring Dr. Elizabeth Kiss, president of Agnes Scott University.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a two mile easy hike to Mud Creek Falls near Sky Valley, with a gentle climb to the falls and an old covered bridge at the trail head. Meet at the Smoky Mt. Visitor's Center in Otto, at 2 p.m. Drive 12 miles roundtrip or call leader for alternate meeting place if coming from Cashiers or Highlands. 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 or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: Edoardo Catemario, guitarist and The Vega String Quartet; 5 p.m. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center, call 526-9060.

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Bill L Booz III will be signing "Seasons and colors of the Appalachian Mountains" from 2-4 p.m. Ron Rash will be signing "The World Made Straight" and Diana S. Zimmerman will be signing *Kandide* and *The Secret Mists* from 1-3 p.m.

Tuesday, July 22

• At Highlands-Cashiers-Asheville Chiropractic's Cashiers office at Laurel Terrace, "Autoimmune Disease: Have you been told you have thyroid problems? BUT...is it Autoimmune?" The approach is different...We will also discuss autoimmune in general. Free. Call 828-743-9070 or 828-526-3709 to register.

Wednesday, July 23

• The Village Nature Series is a free summertime lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green at the Cashiers Library. "Understanding the Black Bear" with Bill Lea. 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.

• The free Interlude concerts presented by the

First Presbyterian Church held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Gerald Carper, Organist.

Thurs.-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10

• At Highlands Playhouse, "70th Anniversary Diamond Review." For further information or reservations please call 828-526-2695.

Thursday-Sunday, July 24-27

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Slane and Slane Jewelry Trunk Show. Distinctive finishes in both their sterling silver and 18 karat gold designs, Slane & Slane's Collections are appreciated both for their understated elegance as well as for their playful exuberance.

Thursday, July 24

• Movie time at the Cashiers Library at 7 p.m. "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is the 2006 movie adaptation of the Broadway musical by Stephen Sondheim. It is rated R for violence. The movies and the popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

Friday & Saturday, July 25-26

• "Foxfire," a play based on the living history of Rabun County. 7 p.m. at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706-212-2500.

Monday-Friday, July 21-25

• At Community Bible Church a "Wild Ride Thru the Bible," an interactive, fun way to learn the whole story of the Bible in just five days. It's 9 a.m.-noon and open to anyone, from rising 4th graders to adults. A \$12 fee will be charged to cover costs and a new New King James version of the bible. Registration is required, call our church office 828-526-4685. If you've ever wondered what the Bible is all about and how it all connects you will gain from Patty Cannon, our teacher's, "hands on" approach to guiding you through the big story of God's message to man. Please come and check it out!

Friday, July 25

• Mountain Music will abound in Highlands School old gym featuring, The Dendy Family and High Mountain Squares. Square dancing and clogging will entertain and involve audiences beginning at 6:45 P.M. Concerts will run between 7:30 and 9 every Friday. These free concerts are sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. This year's Relay for Life Event will be held in Cashiers on Friday, August 22.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: Richard Stoltzman, clarinet; Laura Gordy, piano; Cecylia Arzewski, violin; Yasuo Watanbe, piano; Miles Hoffman, viola; Christopher Rex, cello; 7:30 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060

Saturday, July 26

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Charles Martin will sign "Where the River Ends" from 1-3 p.m.

• Montana Skies in Concert Jennifer & Jonathan Adams create a new acoustic sound with the pairing of guitar and cello, ranging from Vivaldi and Bach to Rush and Pink Floyd to their own award winning compositions. At the ITC's Studio on Main at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6-mile moderate-to-strenuous hike, with a 300 foot elevation change, to Ellicott's Rock where three states' boundaries meet on the Chattooga River. Take a dip in the river if you wish. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 am; drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reserva-

'Dappled Grays' return for one-night



The Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street will host the Dappled Grays this Saturday evening, July 12, beginning at 8 p.m. The Dappled Grays have been named "Best Bluegrass Band in Atlanta" by Creative Loafing Magazine. The Dappled Grays include band co-founders mandolinist Michael Smith and guitarist Casey Cook, as well as bass player Keith Morris, banjo player Greg Earnest and vocalist/fiddler Leah Calvert. Morris has played with several symphony orchestras around Georgia, and Earnest instructs banjo playing with a series of DVDs. Smith, Morris and Calvert are primarily responsible for unique arrangements that result in a progressive bluegrass sound. Tickets to Saturday evenings concert are only \$10 each. Call 526-9047 to check on ticket availability or visit www.highlandsp Performing Arts Center.org.

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tions or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- Snake program at the Highlands Nature Center. 7-8 pm, all ages. An educational presentation on regional snakes featuring live animals. Learn species identification, snake natural histories, and some of the misconceptions about them. \$2 per person. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm for more information.

- Fisher Garden Tour atop Sagee Woods. Carpools leave from Pine Street Gazebo hourly 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds fund the Community School in Cange, Haiti. Rain or shine.

Sunday, July 27

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Richard Stoltzman, clarinet; Laura Gordy, piano; Cecylia Arzewski, violin; Yasuo Watanbe, piano; Miles Hoffman, viola; Christopher Rex, cello; 5 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060.

- The Up, Up, and Away Gala benefiting the Highlands Community Development Center is at the Highlands Country Club. It will feature the well-known group Class Act of Atalanta and life-size dolls created by Peggy Payne will transform the clubhouse. Proceeds from the dinner gala and silent auction will help support the development center. Tickets are \$150. If you can't attend the gala, donations will be accepted. For information or to make reservations, call Ann Mar-

tin at 526-0115.

- At Cullasaja Assembly of God Youth Picnic at 6:30 p.m. at 6201 Highlands Rd. Franklin. Cook out! Games! Music! Prizes! and more! Questions call Youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 or check out our web site www.cullasaja.org

Monday-Saturday, July 28-Aug. 9

- Summer Courses offered at the Highlands Biological Station. Spiders of the Southern Appalachians. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit <http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currentcourses.htm> or call 526-2602.

Thursday, July 31

- Movie time at the Cashiers Library at 7 p.m. "Once" is a modern day musical set in Dublin. This 2006 movie is rated R for language. It is rated R for violence. The movies and the popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

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.

Friday, Aug. 1

- Mountain Music will abound in Highlands School old gym featuring, Mountain Faith (The McMahan Family) and The Country Kickin Cloggers. Square dancing and clogging will entertain and involve audiences beginning at 6:45 P.M. Concerts will run between 7:30 and 9 every Friday. These free concerts are sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. This years Relay for Life Event will be held in Cashiers on Friday, August 22.

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Friday & Saturday, Aug. 1-2

- At Instant Theatre on Main Street, at 8 p.m., Clarence Darrow Here is the famous attorney reminiscing over his long and renowned career. Socko theatre...gutsy, exciting, inspiring, funny and beautiful. Tickets: \$20.

Saturday, Aug. 2

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

- Fisher Garden Tour atop Sagee Woods. Carpools leave from Pine Street Gazebo hourly 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds fund the Community School in Cange, Haiti. Rain or shine.

- At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Charles F. Price will sign "Nor the Battle to the Strong" from 1-3 p.m.

- Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. Open house celebrating 55 years of service from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hotdogs and drinks will be served free of charge. Trucks and equipment will be on display including the new rescue truck. Rides on the fire truck are also

planned.

- Green Living Fair at the Highlands Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with Tailgate Produce Market from 8-11 a.m. featuring locally grown fruits, vegetables, honey, eggs and more. Learn the easy way to live green. Adults \$5, Teens \$2, 12 and under free. Rain or shine.

Sunday, Aug. 3

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile easy hike on the Skitty Creek Trail and around Cliffside Lake. Meet at the Bi-Lo shopping center in Franklin at 2 p.m. (Highlands/Cashiers hikers: call for alternate meeting place.) 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 or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: Charae Krueger, cello; William Preucil, violin; Valerie Whitcup, harp; Janet Clippard, bass; Kate Ransom, violin; Helen Callus, viola; 5 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060.

Monday, Aug. 4-Friday, Aug. 8

- A "Landscape Painting" workshop taught by James Sulkowski will be offered by The Bascom, a center for the visual arts, from Aug. 4-8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. The course is for beginners through advanced artists and costs \$375 (\$337.50 for Bascom members). Pre-registration is required. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or email drhodes@thebascom.org.

Wed.-Sat., Aug. 6-9

- At Instant Theatre on Main Street, at 8 p.m.,

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Plan now for Literacy Gala set for Aug. 20

The Literacy Council of Highlands is partnering with the Highlands Community Players for Loving Literacy: A Premier Gala. This event will be Wednesday, August 20th, at the Martin-Lipscombe Performing Arts Center.

It'll include an exclusive premiere showing of the hilarious and naughty play "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," food and wine before the curtain opens, drawing for gifts, and conclude with coffee and dessert while mingling with the actors. If you've ever wanted to attend a Red-Carpet Hollywood Premiere, well, this is about as close as you're going to get on the Highlands Plateau.

This is the major fundraising event for the Literacy Council of Highlands. It'll allow them to continue to provide services to the more 150 students they work with each year.

"We are a small charity with a big job! The community's financial support keeps our programs strong and effective as we continue our mission "To Enrich Lives through Literacy on the Highlands Plateau," said Executive Director Melody Mendez.

To learn more or to make reservations, call (828) 526-9938, extension 240.

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Clarence Darrow Here is the famous attorney reminiscing over his long and renowned career. Socko theatre...gutsy, exciting, inspiring, funny and beautiful. Tickets: \$20.

Wednesday, August 6

• The free Interlude concerts presented by the First Presbyterian Church held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Caroline Ulrich, Flute, Lillian Pearson, Piano.

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 8-10

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Earthborn Pottery Trunk Show. Handcrafted pottery from Leeds, Alabama that is dishwasher and microwave-safe.

Friday, August 8

• Mountain Music will abound in Highlands School old gym featuring, Heart of the South and The Country Kickin Cloggers. Square dancing and clogging will entertain and involve audiences beginning at 6:45 P.M. Concerts will run between 7:30 and 9 every Friday. These free concerts are sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. This year's Relay for Life Event will be held in Cashiers on Friday, August 22.

Saturday, August 9

• At Cyrano's Bookshop a book signing from 1-3 p.m. Charles F. Price "Nor the Battle to the Strong."

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6.5 mile strenuous hike on the Appalachian Trail, with an elevation change of 2,000 feet, starting from Highway 76 east of Clayton south to Addis Cap. This is a less hiked section of the trail and relatively remote. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 8 a.m. Drive 90 miles round trip with car shuttle. Highlands'

Cashiers hikers call leader for alternate meeting place. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear boots. Hikes are limited

to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Doug Deane at 864-718-9265 for reservations or more in-

formation. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please. Friday, Aug. 10

Eight historic homes, gardens featured in 10th annual 'Mountains in Bloom' garden festival

This week's Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival will showcase eight historic Highlands mountain gardens, as well as lectures, patron parties and the first Flower Show in Highlands since the 1940s. Tickets are still available for the festival, which runs through July 12. Proceeds benefit The Bascom, a nonprofit visual arts center.

Many of the houses on the garden tour, set for July 11 and 12, are open for tour for the first time ever.

The houses are as follows:

• **Harris-Dickson House and Garden** – This haven for hummingbirds, with its meditative pool and mountain vistas, is one of many highlights on the tour. Debi and Ian Dickson bought this charming summer home in 1999, and they have lovingly fashioned it in their own special style. The original home was built in 1881 and was owned for many years by Rebecca Harris, for whom Harris Lake was named.

• **Cook-Nickerson Garden** – Between native stone columns, a gated drive lined with lush rhododendron leads visitors to the picturesque Nickerson home. The home was built in 1883 by Melinda Cook of Volusia County, Fla., and is directly across from the Highlands Nature Center. Margaretta Ravenel purchased the property in 1890. Dr. and Mrs. John Nickerson have lived here for the last 14 years, and they and their two adorable Cairn terriers are in charge now. Madolyn Nickerson claims that she is not a gardener, but with Madolyn's help, Mother Nature has woven her magic in this summer garden.

• **Bascom-Franklin Garden** – Twenty-eight-year-old Henry Bascom arrived in Highlands in 1881 to live out his last few years in the town's healthful climate. He soon built a house on Main Street near the corner of Sixth Street. Today, Joyce and Earnest Franklin enjoy his first "town" house, as have several families in between. Although the house has been enlarged with several additions, the original structure can be easily identified. The Franklin garden is not just one garden, but many gardens, with welcoming paths leading from one lovely space to the next.

• **Hutchinson-Farnsworth-Bryant**



The Harris-Dickson House and Garden, a haven for hummingbirds with its meditative pool and mountain vistas, is one of many highlights on the Mountains in Bloom garden tour. Photo by Donna Rhodes

Garden – Concealed behind a lush thicket of rhododendron, a floral feast for the senses lies hidden within four magnificent acres in the center of Highlands. Winding, shaded paths and laurel archways lead guests to an 1880s house and a host of surprises. The Bryant home was the first house built on this four-acre tract between 5th Street and 6th Street. C. C. Hutchinson, one of the founders of Highlands, began construction in 1878. Linda and Allan Bryant have owned the home for six years, and they have created the ultimate mountain hideaway.

• **Baldwin-Coker-Freeman/Hanslip House and Garden** – Designed and built in 1925 by J.J. Baldwin, the Freeman/Hanslip cabin sits above Lindenwood Lake. A local carpenter named Joe Webb was on the work crew, and one could say this was the prototype for the "Joe Webb cabin." There have been a number of owners of the cabin, but it is most closely and historically associated with Dr. William Chambers Coker, a founder and second director of what is today the Highlands Biological Station. The present owners refer to their home as the "Coker Cottage." Sit and enjoy the artistry of early log house builder Joe Webb, enhanced by the natural flora of the mountains.

• **Harke-Freeman House and Garden** – Snugly nestled on a knoll overlooking Lindenwood Lake, Sandra and Richard Freeman's charming 1920s cottage and garden are fine examples of an early Highlands summer retreat. The downstairs bedroom window looks out over a luxuriant border garden of mountain flora, containing everything one could hope to see in a highland garden. En-

hancing the tranquil setting is "the point," a park-like expanse of lawn, rhododendron and laurel along the curve of the lake.

• **Lyons-Hines-Massey Garden** – This house has been enlarged over the years and sided with shingles, but remains in form essentially as it was built. The gardens have recently been enlarged and occupy three levels, with terraced steps between. To the left of the house is the "dell walk" along the creek and the spring that feeds it. The original springhouse sits at the bottom of the dell, a reminder of natural refrigeration methods used by

our ancestors. Each walk has interesting plantings of native material backed by rhododendron and laurel. The Masseys have indeed created a classic "Old Highlands" feel.

• **Sloan-Heery-Bruns Garden** – Cheeononda, Cherokee for "rolling hills," was built by New Orleans cotton broker Henry Sloan. Before beginning construction of the residence in 1901, Sloan moved onto the property to oversee the planting of the garden, and this wonderful setting has been shared with the Highlands community for most of the last century. Striking vistas, grassy terraces, flowering perennial gardens and a wonderfully attractive kitchen garden describe one of Highlands' oldest mountain gardens. Using an Italian theme, Sloan orchestrated a garden of earthly delights. Today, Nancy and Carter Bruns and their two children enjoy the year-round beauty of this incredible setting. They are working diligently to restore the gardens for use in the twenty-first century.

Garden tour tickets feature a complimentary ticket to the Highlands Flower Show and lunch. Cost is \$80. The garden tours and flower show are July 11 and 12; choose a morning tour (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) or an afternoon tour (1 to 4 p.m.).

Tickets are available at www.thebascom.org, by calling 526-4949, or on the day of the garden tour at the Highlands Civic Center.

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• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Final Gala and Dinner Party: Concert at Highlands Performing Arts Center "Beethoven and Bluegrass" Chris Thile/Punch Brothers/Blair String Quartet, 5 PM ; A celebratory reception and dinner at Highlands Country Club follows the concert. 526-9060

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 14-31

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Inherit the Wind." For further information or reservations please call 828-526-2695 or P O Box 896 in Highlands.

Sunday, Aug. 17

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 1.5 mile easy hike to Big Laurel Falls in the Standing Indian area. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2:00 p.m. Drive 40 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.

Wednesday, August 20

• The free Interlude concerts presented by the First Presbyterian Church held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Stell Huie, Baritone, Angie Jenkins, Piano

Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 21-23

• At Instant Theatre at 8 p.m., "Second Lady." A remarkable award winning play about a fictional political wife who has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Tickets: \$20.

Thursday, August 21

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

Friday-Sunday, Aug. 22-24

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

Saturday, Aug. 23

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4 mile moderate hike to the Devil's Courthouse on Whiteside Mountain, with an elevation change of 700 feet. Meet at Whiteside Mountain Parking lot off Hwy. 64 between Highlands and Cashiers at 9:30 am. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations or more

information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Chester Campbell will sign "The Marathon Murders" from 1-3 p.m.

Monday, August 25

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. Oakville Ranch Vineyards, "Traveling Wine Diva," Paula KornellPart

Famous bird illustrator to teach class on July 14



The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society presents John Sill, nationally known wildlife illustrator, July 14 at the Highlands Civic Center. The program will begin at 7:30 when John will teach how to draw a bird. Bring a pencil and drawing paper for an entertaining evening.

of the fun of this dinner is Paula herself and her positively wonderful personality that reminds you how wine dinners can be very enjoyable and not pretentious. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David have fun with this dinner as well, because they know her wines so well. To make reservations, please call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgang.net.

• The Town Scholarship Golf Tournament at Cullasaja Club

Wednesday, August 27

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

Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 28-30

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Thursday-Tuesday, Aug. 28-Sept. 2

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

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.

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.

Thursday, Sept. 4

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Susan

Art camp fun at The Bascom



Ava Ramseur, at left, and Hunter Collins, at right, work on some fun and creative projects during summer art camp in Highlands. Children ages 5 to 13 are working on drawing and painting, printmaking, wood-sculpting and a clay project. The Bascom is teaming up with The Highlands Art League and the Highlands Recreation Park to present the camp. The day rate for Bascom students is \$5. There is no additional charge for students enrolled in Rec Camp. Remaining art camp dates are Thursdays, July 17, 24, and 31. Hours are 1 to 1:45 p.m. for 5- to 8-year-olds and 2 to 2:45 p.m. for 9- to 13-year-olds. For more information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

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CHESTNUT HILL is seeking a RN and CNA in 26-bed assisted living. Benefits. Pre-employment drug screening and background check. EOE. Apply in person at 64 Clubhouse Trail, Highlands, NC 28741 or call for an appointment at 828-526-5251.

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HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB is now hiring

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FRESSERS EATERY - Hiring experienced wait staff and line cook. Apply in person at 151 Helen's Barn.

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PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY - The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation is looking for a part-time receptionist (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am-1 pm). If you are interested, please submit resumes to PO Box 729 Highlands, NC 28741.

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MAINTENANCE MECHANIC - needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full-time position available for day shift. Knowledge and skills in physical plant maintenance: carpentry, electrical, HVAC, and plumbing. Computer experience preferred. Must be able to be on call one week per month, assist with community health screening set up and winter snow/ice removal. Supervisor skills needed. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a

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week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

FOUNDATION ASSISTANT/DATA ENTRY CLERK needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full time position available. Responsibilities include basic clerical duties. Experience working in a multi-person office with knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Work experience in business and/or fundraising field preferred. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full-time position. At least two years experience in institutional/food service environment with knowledge of therapeutic diets, food safety and sanitation guidelines needed. Experience with purchasing and inventory preferred. Must be a self-starter with strong organizational and managerial skills. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of employment. Pre-employment substance screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

EXPERIENCED ER NURSE needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full time and PRN positions available. ACLS certification required. PALS and TNCC certifications are desired. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after

30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

CNA or CNA II at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full-time positions available for ER, Acute Care and Hospice. Self starter with experience preferred. Our wage scale is \$11 to \$14.40 per hour, and you also receive shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of employment. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Human Resources, 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

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DIRECTOR OF NURSING is needed in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. Experienced nurse leader for a 24-bed Critical Access Hospital, responsible for managing a budget, quality of patient care, customer satisfaction, and the oversight of management for the Acute Care Unit (Med/Surg), ER, OR, PACU and GI Lab, Hospice, and Cardio-Pulmonary. Must be able to provide leadership for managers and staff, and conduct recruitment and retention 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.

CNA or CNA II at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. Full-time, positions for night shifts. Our wage scale is \$11.00 to \$14.40 per hour, and you also receive shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of employment. PRN positions are also available with Hospice. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Human Resources, 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

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

RESIDENTIAL FOR RENT

COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL, OR COMBINED USE, zoned B-4. Retail or office. Three-bedroom older home, pine paneling, hardwood floors near new Bascom Gallery. \$1350/month includes some utilities. Details, 526-5558.

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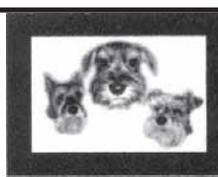
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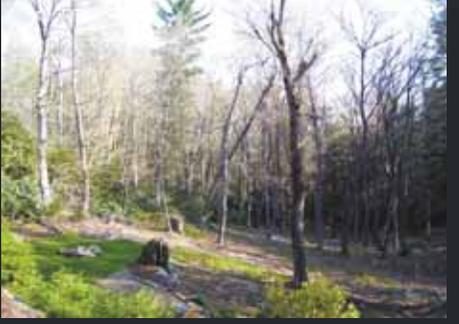


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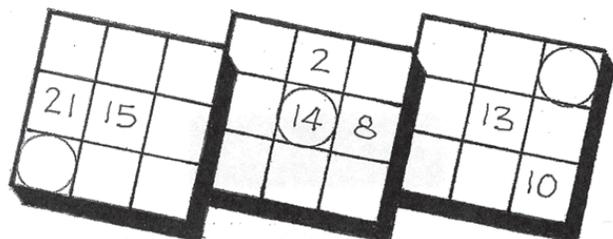
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PseudoCube[©]



#AN3F - Level of Difficulty - Hard

THE SETUP:

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

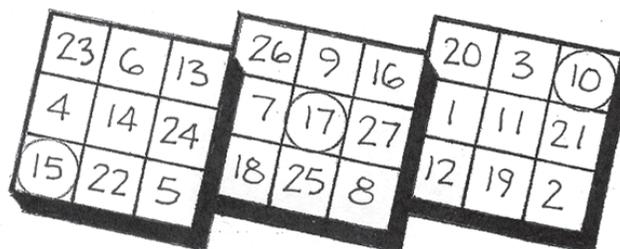
THE CHALLENGE:

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

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Feedback encouraged!

Solution to #DN4E in July 3 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!

Mystery Word "Under aged person (9)"

Across

1. Not false (4)
2. Electronic corporation (4)
3. Not me (3)
4. Decay (3)
5. Obtained (3)

Down

6. Cozy (4)
7. --/off (2)
8. Plaything (3)
9. Conjunction (2)
10. 3rd person pl. (obj.) (2)

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Solution to July 3 puzzle

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