Two die in plane crash

A twin-engine plane bound for Hazlehurst, GA, crashed in the woods off Clear Creek Road Tuesday, killing the two people on board.

Two men, father and son, died when their plane fell from the sky, spiraling downward, crashing upside down about 150-feet above an embankment in a wooded area in Clear Creek.

The son, age 49, was pilot and his father was the passenger.

Highlands Fire & Rescue worked

Fire & Rescue Open House Aug. 2

This annual event is fun for the entire family. The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. celebrates 55 years of service with an open house on Saturday, Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the station on Oak Street. Hotdogs and drinks will be served free, trucks and equipment will be on display and rides on the fire truck are also planned.

BOE holds 3-hour meeting

By Sally Hanson

The regular July meeting of the Macon County Board of Education was held Monday at East Franklin Elementary School so the community could see the ongoing construction and renovations taking place at the school.

During the record three-hour meeting, the board heard from citizens in favor of hiring Plrnmons as FHS basketball coach who took a lot of time, as well as a myriad of other topics.

Teachers and Principal of the Year

Brigman presented certificates for the 2008-2009 Macon County Schools Teachers of the Year. Recipients were Deborah Garvey of Cartoocogahe, Missy Mcconnell of Cemmes, Lora Netza of Cullasaja, Natalie Norman of East Franklin, Tammy Stiles of Franklin High, Tracy Hedden of Highlands School, Stella Pettit of Iota, Lee Berger of Macon Early College, Colette Lovell of Macon Middle, Natalie Grant of...

Jackson C. officials weigh in on ‘Big Ridge’

An article by St. Petersburg Times reporter Lucy Morgan that hit the streets Sunday, July 20, 2008 and the Internet shortly thereafter and also aired on Asheville's Channel 13 last week has folks from Asheville to Miami talking.

Morgan's story, "Florida man's mountain deals in N.C. area a mystery," suggests wrongdoing in the Cashiers area by developer Domenic Rabuffo.

She alleges that Rabuffo is "shepherding" a real estate development completely out of character for the area — huge luxury homes sandwiched on 1-acre tracts, in gated community Residences priced at more than $200 million.

State watershed built-upon regulations don't prohibit building large homes on 1-acre lots; built-upon restriction percentages often apply to smaller lots. County and municipal officials can make ordinances more strict than state ordinances, but not more lenient. The Highlands Planning Board began tackling...
Why people are against ‘Shortoff Woods’

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Dr. Salzarulo’s column in the July 24 issue about workforce housing.

I want to thank him so much for his insightful and accurate description of the REAL reason some people are opposed to Shortoff Woods, the proposed apartment complex.

We have, at least amongst ourselves, discussed these issues, and realize what the underlying message is, but until now, no one has been brave enough to put it in writing!

We appreciate his support and his recognition of the opposition’s prejudices.

MaryAnn Sloan
Chair, Affordable Housing Task Force

Angel Medical Center first-rate

Dear Editor,

We would like to take a moment to compliment the labor and delivery nurses, along with Dr. Adam Burrell of Angel Medical Center. Dr. Burrell delivered our daughter on June 27, 2008. Emily was born at 4:03 AM and joins three older brothers. Our sons were born in Knoxville, Tennessee, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Hickory, North Carolina.

Having Emily at Angel Medical Center far exceeded any expectations we have had at other hospitals. The OB/GYN care we have received for the past ten months has been top-notch! Dr. Burrell is by far the best OB/GYN doctor we have ever had the opportunity to know. He has a true gift and it is evident that he loves bringing new miracles into this world.

The labor and delivery nursing staff at Angel Medical Center was excellent! During our stay, they took exceptional care of us and the baby. Everyone always had a smile on their face. It felt very good to be in a place where it was so obvious that everyone loved their job and wanted to make the patients feel good. Even at 4:00 a.m., the nurses were very excited to assist us and take care of our new baby.

We feel very blessed to have spent time at Angel Medical Center. Macon County residents should feel very fortunate to have access to such a loving and talented hospital staff right here in our own community. Thank you to all of the special people at Angel Medical Center who delivered and cared for our daughter. May God bless you all!

Dan & Cindy Brigman

An affordable dream

Dear Editor,

Those of us fortunate and bright enough to have settled in Highlands, N.C. need to be thankful each and every day for the beauty, climate and people of this community. The wealthy members have a sense of community responsibility. How else could we have quality music, theater, and art plus a literacy program, an outstanding library, an international friendship center, a land trust, a biological station, a conservation program, a center for life enrichment and a list of charities which goes on and on. Our school is a source of pride. We have a fine hospital and health wellness programs at nominal cost. We have a civic center, a performing arts center, and soon a fine art center. Through generous contributions and individual gifts of time and talent we are creating a way of life that is enviable. Our churches thrive and work lovingly together.

We now have a new opportunity which shall be a further star in our crown of community achievements. Shortoff Woods when built will be a locally sponsored apartment complex. Using data available to us from the 2000 census and the NC Department of Commerce it is estimated there are between 750 and 1,500 households in the area that need and will be eligible for affordable housing. Today both husband and wife have to work to try to make ends meet. Shortoff Woods will be a multi-family development with one-half the rental properties subsidized by state and federal income tax credits. Developers must meet the same state and local building codes as any other residential development. The same safety standards apply. Approximately one-half (1/2) of the apartment units will be rented to the public at full market rates. The target work force are our teachers, child care workers, local police officers, town employees, health care professionals, retail business staff and other service providers.

Shortoff Woods will be structured like Orchard View in Franklin with 1% held by a non-profit and 99% by private business. The total cost of the project is estimated to be $6.5 million and additional $750,000 in cash required from local sources. The Orchard View Apartment development in Franklin is a successful model. This complex has been in business since 1994. The site is clean, attractive and well maintained. A 5-
... LETTERS continued from page 2

With the rise in the cost of living and especially the high fuel costs we need to be mindful more than ever of the needs of our fellow man. Further local businesses depend on a reliable supply of workers. With only 24 affordable units available the expected income range of the residents will be $22,000 - $26,500 annually. The residents will have been living in Jackson, Macon and Rabun counties. They must demonstrate a reliable income history and ability to pay the rent, make a security deposit and commit to a 1 year lease. In areas like Davidson, NC which has several affordable housing developments the subsidized rentals actually appreciated in value. Surrounding land and property values were often enhanced and the nature of the community's historical charm is preserved. The quality of life as well as the financial balance amongst residents is maintained. Davidson’s Bungalow Development won the Smart Growth Award for the entire county in 2004.

Dear Editor,

We live, work and sleep in Highlands year round and have done so for the past 22 years. We just love Highlands, can’t imagine living anywhere else, and there is not much about the community we would change. We have a lot of knowledge and interest in the community and try to stay informed. Here are a few more thoughts regarding the Shortoff Woods Project.

It’s rather interesting that Dr. Salzarulo, a columnist in this paper, suggested the likelihood that Highlands School will close due to declining enrollment in his July 24 column “The View From Here.”

Nothing could be further from the truth. The enrollment in the school has increased steadily. Two of our daughters graduated from high school here – both went away to college, one came back quickly and the other will be returning to live with her family later this summer.

Our daughters graduated from Highlands School in the 90s with classes of 21 students. Public records indicate that in the past 10 years, all graduating classes except one have been larger with an average graduating class size of 30 students – one even as high as 47 students. There is a current need in the school for double classes in several grades in the elementary school because of the increased number of students.

As a matter of fact, not speculation, the school has been here for generations and will continue to serve the families in our community for generations to come.

What a shame that Dr. Salzarulo found it necessary to quote a guest at Highlands Country Club who supposedly made derogatory and discriminatory statements when discussing building employee housing there. Even if it was said by someone there, putting it in print is a very hurtful thing to do, for the members at Highlands Country Club and for the Hispanic population.

Furthermore, this discussion has nothing to do with the Hispanic population. It has everything to do with the impact this project will have on town, hospital and school services. It has everything to do with water and sewer services; and the last time we checked, our faucets and water closets couldn’t tell the shade of our skin.

Here is another thought: Someone near and dear to the hospital mentioned to us that this six acre tract the hospital board is so dear to the hospital mentioned to us that couldn’t tell the shade of our skin.

Lastly, when we suggested to a member of the Task Force for Affordable Housing this past week, that giving town water and sewer to a “for profit” company outside town limits opens the door for more development in close proximity to Highlands, we were told that the town would annex the project. Now for those of you who thought “ETU” was a dirty word, brace yourselves for something even worse. Government grows, and once the annexation train leaves the station, it is hard to stop it.

Just some food for thought.

Judy and Louie Michaud
Highlands

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Ransom, sewers, signs and gas

Around three in the morning two Honduran men and a woman broke into a beautiful estate home on Miami Beach and ran straight to the occupant’s bedroom. They flipped on the lights, waking a young Panamanian couple. Then the three intruders opened fire, using Mac 10 automatic machine guns with silencers, spraying the bedroom with bullets but careful not to hit the occupants.

After shooting up the bedroom, expending 108 rounds of ammo in less than 10 seconds, they kidnapped the couple’s infant son and quickly disappeared into the night. Everything of value in that bedroom was destroyed, including magnificent pieces of artwork on the walls. The horrified couple tried to call the police but their alarm company had the line tied up. Subsequently, they called a taxi and dropped themselves off at a bed... again.

By the time I got there, detectives had determined there was an Ethiopian in the fuel supply because the Panamanian couple had been caught in several lies. Since this was not the first such incident for us, we knew it was all about drugs. Money was owed and the kid was ransom. We knew exactly what to do.

Not wanting to be a participant in a drug settlement, we parked a marked police unit in the estate driveway and disconnected all phone service to the home. (No cell phones) Then we told the couple if they ever wanted to see their son again they had to sit tight in their home for the next three or four days and communicate with no one. Then we waited.

The Honduran intruders tried to call the disconnected number, then they drove past the estate and saw the police car in the driveway. All this time, the kidnapped infant was screaming because it had colic, a dirty diaper and was hungry. The kid was driving them crazy. God bless colic. It cut our wait time by two days. The next day we got a call from a motel manager that an infant child had been abandoned in one of their rooms. Guess who? After the baby was returned, we never heard from anyone again. Case closed.

If I stood on my back deck and throw a big flat slick river rock as far as I could, it would land on ground where a town sewer pipe is buried. Believe me, it’s that close. I am more frustrated than a Honduran kidnapper because my septic tank is old and could poop out at any time. I cannot get sewer service even though I have $2500 burning a hole in my pocket. Soooo, in light of the mayor’s threat to raise our taxes if we want sewers, we have decided to move into Highlands’ new low cost housing project as soon as it’s finished and enjoy all the amenities the town plans to offer. I may even claim to beat illegal alien to get increased benefits and social security.

... Is Highlands a fun place or what? Where else could people get worked up over false Obama signs? In the big cities where I have lived, you could have erected a large sign with a filthy, four-letter word on it and no one would pay any attention. Anyways, the town informed the sign owners they were in violation, they converted the one big sign to many little signs. Don’t you just love it? Then the town told the owners the little signs were in violation.

Wait, it gets better. The big sign had been in place for weeks and the town never told them to take it down until someone complained. This is part of Highlands new “do nothing until you are forced to” policy. It’s working nicely. Currently, there seems to be some kind of standoff. Could this be a McCain conspiracy? And does anyone think that when people see that sign, they say, “Gee, now that I have seen that sign, I think I’ll vote for Obama?” DUH!

... In the old days, like three years ago, I used my vehicle’s transmission to slow my descent while driving down a steep grade. Burning a little extra fuel was better than burning up my brakes. Flash ahead to $4.10 gas and I now throw my straight shift transmission into neutral and fan the brakes down hills. I can roll to Franklin for about a buck. But don’t do it with an automatic transmission, cause bad things can happen, like the oil companies might shoot up your bedroom.

How does Fred deal with space cadets? Read his book, I’m Moving Back to Mars
A dream and the willingness to pursue it can change the world. More often, only a few lives are affected. We don’t know how many lives will be altered by “Kids4Peace.” I’m sure that my son’s life, those of 11 other western North Carolina kids, and another dozen from Israel and Palestine have been changed for the better. Whether these kids and others like them can change the world remains to be seen.

In 2001, an Atlanta man decided to bring a few kids from the Middle East to the United States for a summer reprieve from the violence that was raging in their homeland. This gentleman shuns publicity, so I won’t name him or the other participants of this year’s interfaith, international, and intercultural gathering. The idea to give a few kids a holiday from relentless violence evolved into a program to bring kids from there and here together for a week and a half of camp and study. Twelve kids traveled for twenty-four hours to reach us. They joined our kids at Camp Henry, an Episcopal camp near Waynesville to live together, learn something of the others’ culture and religion, build friendships, be kids, and have fun.

The group from the Holy Land included four Jews, four Muslims, and four Christians. Along with our kids, they spent their mornings learning about each other and their afternoons playing together. They traveled from Camp Henry to Highlands, where they stayed at “The Mountain” and attended a Sunday service at the Church of the Incarnation, and then on to Charlotte and Asheville to attend Muslim and Jewish worship services.

My Audi TT was parked in front of church, and as the kids passed it on their way to vans for the trip to Charlotte, it caught the attention of two of the boys. An adult, an attendant, unaware that the car was mine, cautioned the boys not to touch it. I laughed, held out the key, and asked a 12-year-old if he wanted to drive it. Instead, kids from all three areas, because neither knows, understands, nor respects the other. “Kids4Peace” is trying to change that. I think these kids see the folly of a perpetual cycle of attack and retaliation. The program now has chapters in Atlanta, North Carolina, Vermont, and Toronto. Still so few kids are involved. We can only hope that in days to come, these children will become leaders of their countries.

The inability of today’s adults to bridge the cultural gap was revealed in a very small way when the kids visited my church. The men in our parish prepare breakfast for the congregation every Sunday, and for $3.00, we offer bacon, eggs, sausage, grits, gravy, biscuits, french toast sticks, muffins, juice and coffee. It’s the best bargain in town. We decided to omit pork products while the kids were here, to respect the dietary customs of both our Jewish and Muslim guests. No self respecting North Carolinian believes that breakfast is complete without a little bacon, so we anticipated some grumbling. And we got it. Not a riot, but not meek acceptance either. One parishioner, demonstrating exactly why today’s adults will never solve the conflict, said, “I don’t know why we can’t have pork. They’re in our country. They should do as we do.”

I’m as much a fan of the good old American custom of a high calorie, high fat, heavy breakfast as anyone, but I was sure that none of us would be irreparably damaged by missing one pig meal. Ours is a tolerant, inclusive, and welcoming church, but we like our sausage, and we are mostly adults.

I told the guy that he was missing the point of “Kids4Peace,” which is about finding our common humanity, and respecting and accepting our differences. Or as Bull told me later, “It’s about having fun, Dad,” and after a moment he added, “and making friends.” They are our only hope, these kids, weary of war, baffled by our intolerance, and eager for peace.
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**Reflections from Turtle Pond**

Loops are better than straight lines

“How many times do they expect me to buy the White Album?” This question expressed a common frustration about the continuous improvement in audio-visual technology: the Beatles released the White Album as an LP, then we bought it on cassette or 8-track tape, then we bought the CD, then there was Super-Audio CD, and then…

But something new has happened: now you can buy the license to download the White Album to your hard drive, and the purchase gives you the right to listen to those songs, in whatever form you want, for the rest of your life. Instead of buying something—cassette, CD—you buy the listening rights.

A bonus: we don’t have to store all those tapes and disks in our houses anymore.

The same goes for movies: why have shelves full of VHS tapes or DVDs? You can drive to the video store, or better yet, order from Netflix and have one of their 100,000 titles delivered to your door. In effect we are renting the right to watch a film instead of purchasing our own copy.

Soon we will be buying licenses for movies, downloading them as we do songs, and have a lifetime’s license to watch that film whenever the fancy strikes us.

These examples, common experiences for many of us, are the vanguard of what Paul Hawken calls the “next industrial revolution.” This revolution is described in his book Natural Capitalism: “The first of natural capitalism’s four interlinked principles is radically increased resource productivity. The others are redesigning industry on biological models with closed loops and zero waste; shifting from the sale of goods (for example, light bulbs) to the provision of services (illumination); and reinvesting in the natural capital that is the basis of prosperity.”

In a previous column I discussed Ray Anderson and his carpet firm, Interface, which provides carpet tiles to offices. He was inspired by Hawken’s writings and has been implementing these principles in his carpet business, particularly the idea about closed loops and the provision of services instead of sale of goods.

Biological systems operate in loops, where one creature’s waste is another’s food—in nature there is no such thing as waste. Our current industrial system operates in a straight-line fashion: materials are extracted and used to manufacture products; products are sold to consumers; products are owned and used by consumers; when products wear out they are discarded by the consumer into landfills. This system results in lots of waste. Anderson and Hawken envision a new industrial system based on circular processes. The raw materials for any given product are continuously reused in a loop. A product is manufactured and leased to a consumer who uses it until it wears out, at which time the producer replaces it with a new product. The producer doesn’t discard anything, but recycles all the worn materials into new products, which are then placed in a consumer’s home to replace worn-out items.

In this new scheme, we don’t buy things anymore; we lease their use.

Anderson’s company has developed a program they call Evergreen Lease: a customer no longer buys carpet from Interface; they lease “carpet service.” Interface installs, maintains, and regularly replaces worn carpet tiles.

Anderson writes in his book Mid-Course Correction: “The customer pays by the month for color, texture, warmth, beauty, acoustics…—the services carpet delivers—and avoids the landfill liability altogether; that’s our problem, and we intend to convert that liability into an asset through closed loop recycling…The economic viability of the Evergreen Lease for us and its ultimate value to Earth depend on our closing the loop. That is, we must be able to recycle used carpet fiber into new carpet fiber.”

Have you ever tried to recycle a computer? No one wants to take them around here, and they are filled with all sorts of toxic materials. Some large computer manufacturers like Dell will take your old computer in exchange for a new one, but they just send them off to China or an African country and poor people strip the components for useable parts, incurring considerable risk to their health in the process.

Hawken is talking about a future where we will lease “computer service” from a company such as Dell and they will be completely responsible for ensuring the components from old computers are reused. What this will do is spur innovation in building computers (and everything else) so they can be easily and safely dismantled and recycled/reused.

Imagine leasing the service of refrigerating food? You would no longer need to buy the refrigerator.
Coach's Corner

Confessions of an unbiased (of course) sportswriter

Every so often it is necessary to purge the soul of all the impurities that it has contracted over the years. Catholics refer to this as confession...my college buddies would do it after a night of quality adult beverages (that's how I found out who broke the washing machine, why there were dirty dishes all over the counter, and who drank the last of my...root beer).

In any case, we all tend to feel better after the weight of our transgressions is lifted from our hearts. So, without further ado, here are a few things that I need to get off my chest.

As much as I try to...I just can't like referees. There are some good ones, but the majority are much too concerned with their own appearance or reputation to call a good game. I can only wish officials would show up, punch the clock and then go to the house like the majority of the people in the United States do.

Next, with the knowledge that officials could be fixing games, it only can feed the hatred that I have inside of me that tends to flare up when I see the zebra stripes. (Seriously, who decided to dress officials as zebras? That uniform doesn't exactly scream respect when you consider that the primary role of a zebra in nature is to be food for larger animals)

Did I mention that I hate the Yankees? I hate them so much that I cannot even refer to them by name without having a physical reaction. You don't know this, but I just developed a splitting headache at this very moment and time...cross my heart and hope to die.

I have a bit of a problem with male chauvinism. Even though I know deep down in my heart that Doris Burke is a better female announcer than Erin Andrews, and probably knows a whole lot more about the intricacies of sports than Erin Andrews does, I will always like watching Erin Andrews more. I am not sure whether or not this makes me a bad person (I know what my wife thinks), but I know that it makes me an honest person. Honesty is always the way to go, unless you are a politician.

Call me crazy, but I'm not exactly looking forward to the archery portion of the Olympics. I know that this will put me out with all of the archery fans that are roaming around out there, but I just can't seem to get as excited about archery as I can basketball, baseball or women's volleyball. Maybe Vince McMahon can find a way to make archery exciting--but I am not so sure that even the evil genius himself could find a way to spice up the old bow and arrows.

Despite my commitment to my beloved Pirates, I fail to see the strategy behind trading your best players every year for prospects. While teams like Oakland and Florida have been very successful doing this, apparently they are a lot better managed than Pittsburgh, because it has been 16 losing seasons and counting for the Bucs.

And finally, I think I have way too much of a man crush on Tim Tebow. Just last week I bought NCAA football for my Playstation and ran for 400 yards and threw for 8 touchdowns with Tebow, because he is almost as unstoppable in the game as he is in real life. (I also took control of Matthew Stafford and attended 8 keg parties...did I mention how realistic these games are now?) Just a little humor for the Dawg fans -- no hate mail please! Not only is the guy a terrific quarterback (who happens to be built like a linebacker with a cannon for an arm), he also is the type of person who is a good representative for college football.

I'm not making this up -- Tebow performed circumcisions on poor children in the Philippines as part of his missionary work this off-season — that's something that even Lee Corso could give a "YO" to.

Oh yeah, onemorething, you probably already discovered this, but I'm not really unbiased — sorry to disappoint everyone.

To get the full value of joy...you must have someone with whom to divide it

See Ryan's
How well do you know your presidents?
Crossword puzzle on page 39.


**Green Living Fair**

**Schedule of Events**

- **10:15 - 11 a.m.** - Self Sustainable Simple Living
- **11:15 - 12 Noon** - Organic Gardening
- **12:15 - 1 p.m.** - Backyard Composting
- **1:15 - 2 p.m.** - Easy Ways To Be Green
- **1:45 – 2:15 p.m.** - Handmade toy workshop
- **2:15 - 3 p.m.** - Alternative Energy
- **3:15 - 4 p.m.** - Green Home Marketing 101
- **3:15 - 4 p.m.** - Film - The Story of Stuff

**Schedule of Speakers**

- **10:15 - 11 a.m.** - More Sun Custom Woodworking, Inc.
- **11:15 - 12 Noon** - Organic Gardening
- **12:15 - 1 p.m.** - Living Off The Grid
- **1:15 - 2 p.m.** - Green Home Certification
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**Children’s Program Schedule**

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**New Highlanders’ Menu**

- **Monday - Thursday**, Seating from 6 pm to 6:45 pm.
- **Includes choice of soup or salad, entrée and a glass of wine.**
- **$20 per person plus tax.**

**... on the verandah presents:**

- **Saturday, Aug. 2, 11 am - 1 pm**
- **Children’s Cooking Class**
- **Future Chefs of America**

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**... on the verandah**

- **Top? No, it was Rocky I, and the “staircase of victory” were in Philadelphia, not Paris.**
- **But that’s not the Tour de France I came to talk about, either.**
- **We spent five days last week, driving up to Waynesboro, Virginia, with a U-Haul truck, and helping a lady who was born in Paris 58 years ago, move from her brick home with a lovely garden, into Summit Square, which is referred to as “retirement community.”**
- **Fernande Annette Mead is my mother-in-law, but her suggestion I call her Maman, just like her daughter does.**
- **Her father had invited two Americans who came into France in June, 1944, to come to dinner. It wasn’t intended that way, but in due course his two daughters married the two Americans. Maman’s parents had their daughters secretly tutored in English, since they knew how the war would end, and that French people who spoke English would be in short supply and high demand.**
- **I had a serious chat with Maman on the day she was leaving her home where she lived with her husband before he died, nine years ago. She said she was very sad to be leaving her home. But she’s becoming frail and many ordinary things are much harder for her to do for herself. So, she said, “This is not what I want. But this is what I must do.”**
- **Several of her friends, including the lady from across the street at her old home, now live at Summit Square. Sadly, they are all widow-ladies. Fortunately, they have friends, and activities, and transportation to wherever they need to go. And they have Luther, whom we met because of the lemon atop of the dresser came loose as we were moving it.**
- **Luther showed up within five minutes, with every tool known to man. Within five minutes the loose part was properly glued, and then screwed into place so it would hold forever. And with a cheerful smile and a tip of the hat (Luther doesn’t wear a hat, but it seemed like he was tipping one) he was gone. Everyone in one of us who were helping Maman move, immediately agreed that if Luther could be dined, he would be.**
- **In her old living room, Maman had a five-panel framework with photographs taken in 1888 and 1889 in Paris. They show the Tour Eiffel first as the foundation, then as four legs arching towards each other, then as a complete base, then climbing to the sky. In that series of photographs, the Tour Eiffel is not just an object and a symbol, it is an organic thing, growing out of the soil of Paris and into the greatest landmark in the world. It is a symbol of Maman’s family generations back in Paris, some going forward generations, still in Paris. And it will hang as a reminder, over her dining table at Summit Square. That’s the Tour de France which really matters.**
It's been a long, long road

Don Swanson
Feedback is encouraged. Email swansonson@dnr.net

The 1994 Congressional election and was signed by all but two of the Republican members of the House and all of the Party's non-incumbent Republican candidates.

Proponents say the contract was revolutionary in its commitment to offering specific legislation for a vote. The result of the election gave the Republicans a majority in the House for the first time in 40 years and they promptly named Gingrich Speaker.

Revolutionary campaigning is now being practiced by Dr. Carl Mumpower, running for the 11th District House Seat. Recently, Mumpower suspended his campaign, saying his Party has lost touch with Republican principles and until a majority of counties in the district pledged support to those principles, he'd shelve his campaign. It only took a week to achieve the desired majority so "campaign on."

The benefits of the move were two-fold. It filled a void of political discussion increasing his name recognition, and forced district Republican to re-examine the principles from which they had strayed. I think it was a brilliant move and increases Mumpower's electability.

Forest Service promotes Henry

North Carolina Forest Service Ranger Adam Henry has been assigned as a permannet employee for two years and has logged additional time on a temporary basis since 2003.

He was previously assigned to a post in the Morganton, N.C. area.

A native of Macon County, Henry is the son of Terry and Linda Henry of Highlands.
Cooking on the Plateau

Summer C — peaches, plums & nectarines

Warm weather is here, and so is the season’s delicious bounty of fresh summer stone fruit. Everyone knows that fruit is good for you, but did you know that peaches, plums and nectarines are good sources of vitamin C? This summer, bite into a fresh peach, plum or nectarine to get your Summer C.

Vitamin C is essential for healthy teeth and gums, aids in the absorption of iron and helps maintain connective tissue health, which is important for defending against infection. However, the good nutrition news doesn’t stop there. In addition to vitamin C, peaches, plums and nectarines also contain potassium and fiber (see chart below).

For a scrumptious appetizer or satisfying lunch that packs a good-for-you plum punch, try Tarragon Turkey Lettuce Cups with Plums and Toasted Almonds. It’s possible to add more nutrients to your favorite desserts, too. Nectarine Neufchatel Cheesecake is reduced fat, but full of flavor and rich in nectarine nutrients. Don’t forget that drinking your fruit counts, too.

This simple Peach Pie Smoothie is a tasty twist on a classic that is a wholesome treat any time of day.

Peach Pie Smoothie
Makes 2 servings
Prep time: 5 minutes
2 fresh California peaches, pitted and sliced
1 cup low-fat vanilla frozen yogurt
1/4 cup low-fat milk
2 teaspoons honey
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon
2 vanilla wafer cookies, crumbled

Puree all ingredients except cookies in a blender until smooth. Pour into 2 chilled glasses and top with cookie crumbles.

Tarragon Turkey Salad
Lettuce Cups with Plums and Toasted Almonds
Makes 4 servings
Prep time: 15 minutes
12 ounces extra thick, deli-sliced, low-sodium oven-roasted turkey breast, diced
2 fresh California plums, pitted and diced
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
1/4 cup minced red onion
1/4 cup light mayonnaise
2 tablespoons fat-free plain yogurt
1 tablespoon white wine vinegar
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh tarragon
1 tablespoon honey

Stir together all ingredients except almonds and lettuce in medium bowl. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve. Stir in almonds just before serving. Scoop into 4 butter lettuce leaves.

Nectarine Neufchatel Cheesecake
Makes 8 servings
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 35 minutes
Chill time: at least 3 hours
12 ounces Neufchatel cheese (1/3 less fat cream cheese), at room temperature
1/3 cup fat-free plain or Greek yogurt
1/3 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 egg white
1 egg
1 (6-ounce) ready-to-use natural graham cracker pie crust (with no trans fat)
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 fresh California nectarines, pitted and diced
2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh mint

Preheat oven to 325°F. Beat cream cheese, yogurt, sugar and extracts with electric mixer until smooth. Add egg whites and eggs, beat just until smooth. Pour into crust and bake for 35 minutes or until center is nearly set. Cool on rack, then refrigerate for 3 hours or until well chilled.

Whisk together honey and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Add nectarines and mint and toss gently. Just before serving, top each slice with nectarine mixture.

Recipes courtesy of Family Features
One starfish

I cannot imagine what it would be like not to be able to read a great book such as *To Kill a Mockingbird*, or recite a poem such as, *A Red, Red Rose*, and to fully understand their meaning.

To understand that Atticus Finch was not just a good lawyer and loving father in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, but that his character showed that knowledge, dignity, and quiet strength can be more powerful than any unruly mob and that his is the strength men should seek.

That the Poet Robert Burns was not saying in *A Red, Red Rose* that love was like a dying rose, but rather like the rose of spring, true love will return.

There are many worthy causes to which you can give your time and money, and in most of those projects you can see the end result — you can pet the adopted animal, or see a painting on the museum wall, and when people see it you can say, "Look what I have done."

In the case of literacy, there is joy of seeing the wonder on a child's face when he finally gets to read and understand a simple sentence, or the pride that an older person feels when he, after a lifetime of not reading, stands proudly and acknowledges to the world and more importantly to himself, that he can read. But as contributors, we don't always get to see the end result of our work in literacy, and our results certainly cannot be seen on a wall by a visitor who walks by. Our reward is the personal satisfaction in knowing that we have helped those precious few whom we may never meet, and who now have better lives because of what we have given.

Like the story of the starfish, I cannot help everyone, but I can help this one. There is a small group of dedicated tutors, The Literacy Council of Highlands, which strives to reach those most in need: to give them a chance to reach their potential, to understand the meaning of a simple newspaper article, or perhaps to fully appreciate the joy of our great literacy works. Some would say that, that's what we pay the schools to do, or sadly, that the impact is not grand enough for me to support. But my point of view is: one starfish is enough. I am proud to be a sponsor of literacy and I offer you that same opportunity.

Next week I will offer Another Point Of View.

Matthew G. Eberz
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Five educational programs offered to the community free

Your help is needed to break the cycle of illiteracy

For 17 years, The Literacy Council of Highlands has provided educational programs to aid residents in improving their quality of life. The offerings have grown into five programs, all offered at no charge to the community.

• The Computer Lab provides computers for student usage of all types. Each computer has three different educational software installed. The Lexia program is a phonics-based reading aid. It is designed for school aged students beginning with kindergarten and has five different levels of learning. My Reading Coach software is aimed toward adult literacy. In addition, the computers are equipped with the Rosetta Stone language learning software.

• The After School Tutoring program provides one-on-one tutoring to students of all ages. This instruction is provided in all school subjects including reading, elementary math, advanced math such as Algebra and Geometry, as well as Chemistry and Social Studies. Up to 25 volunteers are assigned to this subject, giving students the needed help that is not available to them elsewhere.

• The GED program is offered to students who wish to finish their high school education, assisting them in obtaining their General Equivalency Diploma. Through these GED classes, students are prepared for the five components of the GED test through individual tutoring small group classes and practice tests.

• The Adult Literacy program provides one-on-one tutoring for adult students who struggle with reading and writing. An astonishing 51% of the adult population in Macon County cannot read a newspaper or fill out a job application.

• The English as a Second Language program provides instruction in English language skills to the non-English speakers of our community. Group classes are offered in three levels: beginning, intermediate, and advanced. They provide the opportunity to practice conversational topics that are essential to everyday life.

It requires a lot of hard work, and money, to keep these programs going. The Literacy Council of Highlands receives no federal funds. The Council relies heavily on donations from community members to cover ninety-eight percent of the operating expenses.

Help the Literacy Council of Highlands in its goal by attending Loving Literacy - A Premiere Gala. Highlands Cashiers Players will present “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” on Wednesday, August 20th, at the Martin-Lipsombe Performing Arts Center. The opening reception with wine and hors d’oeuvres, catered by Let Holly Do The Cooking, will begin at 6:30 p.m. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. and after the play, coffee and dessert will be prepared by Ian Zahr of Blackberry Hill Bakery and Deli.

Individual tickets are $125. Additional levels of sponsorships are First Edition (5 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $2,500); Pulitzer Prize (6 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $1,500), National Book Award (4 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $1,000), Best Seller (2 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $500), and Editor (unavailable to attend, but would like to contribute). Tickets can be purchased or donations made at www.highlandsliteracy.org or by calling The Literacy Council of Highlands at (828) 526-9938 at extension 240.

• Thank You •

Neighbors help with dog

Last Thursday our dog Brenna was accidentally hit by a car and then proceeded to run full speed away from our home on Smallwood Ave. As my husband and I walked up and down the streets looking for her we were surprised by a blessing. Neighbors we had never met began searching for our dog. They rode their scooters & bikes and walked all over.

We are happy to report that Brenna was found and returned safely; she had not been hurt, only scared. Thank you so much - to all those who helped, we were blessed by the kindness and effort.

Darlene & Isaac Melcher
Great condo at VZ Top. This 3 bedroom/3 full bath flat has been updated and features new stainless steel appliances, custom cabinetry and Corian countertops in the kitchen. The flat features three completely renovated bathrooms. The greatroom has a stacked stone fireplace and opens onto a wonderful covered deck with exceptional long mountain views of Blue Valley. Great buy, fully-furnished, just reduced to $312,500. Call Meadows Mountain Realty at 828-526-1717 to see.

Osteoporosis screening to be part of upcoming Healthy Living Fair

If you've not been already diagnosed with osteoporosis, but are wondering if you might be at risk, you'll have an opportunity to find out for free on Saturday, Aug 9., at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

That's when the hospital will once again hold its annual Healthy Living Fair, featuring physician lectures, cosmetic makeovers, fitness demonstrations, booths, and exhibits on subjects that can help keep you healthy and active for years to come.

The screening to assess risk for bone loss will be provided by the folks from the Haywood Regional Osteoporosis Outreach Program, which provides mobile bone density testing through the radiology department at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. While this preliminary ankle ultrasound test used to be provided throughout the spring, summer and fall at the hospital’s free community health screenings, this year's fair will be the only opportunity this year. The hospital stopped offering the tests as part of its screenings because so many people had already had the procedure in prior years.

“This is really a once in a lifetime test,” says Beth Worsham, program assistant with the Haywood Regional Osteoporosis Center. “If someone has had it done previously, it won’t help to have this particular procedure done again. It’s not sensitive enough, for example, to measure whether someone who is already on medication to treat osteoporosis is gaining or losing bone mass.”

Nevertheless, Worsham says its effective screening tool for both men and women who are over age 40 and who have never been tested. “We can’t look at your ankle and tell you if your hip is going to break, but it is an accurate predictor for about 80 percent of people as to whether they are at risk for osteoporosis.”

The screening, like all of the Healthy Living Fair is completely free. In addition to performing Sahara ankle scans, the Haywood folks will also have plenty of free information on osteoporosis treatment and prevention.

Come Aug. 9, virtually the entire first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the hospital campus will be devoted to dozens of booths, exhibits, demonstrations and the like. The fair gets under way at 8:30 a.m. and lasts until 1 p.m.

This year’s series of lectures will include a presentation by Duke Medical Center physician Alex Cho, MD, on the developing field of genomics, which uses studies of genes to predict an individual’s risk for certain diseases, such as prostate cancer or hypertension. He will be one of four physicians lecturing on topics from healthy comfort foods to improving your gastrointestinal health. A host of demonstrations will also be going throughout the morning, including healthy cooking demonstrations, strength and fitness classes, and a Tai Chi Chaun class.

Healthy breakfast items from purveyors such as Annie’s Bakery and juices will be available in the morning, with low-fat sandwiches from Subway, Sports Page and Highlands Hill Deli, along with entrees cooked up on site during healthy cooking demonstrations, will be available for lunch. Dozens of door and raffle prizes will also be given away.

A full schedule of events, including times, is available on the hospital’s website at www.hchospital.org.
Wanted: All Alpha Delta Pi's

Fran Matthews, Pam Howard and Nancy Anderson calling all sisters!

It's that time of the year... when the Alpha Delta Pi sorority has its annual luncheon set this year for Friday, Aug. 15 at the Highlands Country Club at 11:30 a.m. The cost is $35. Please come and bring an ADPi friend. For more information, call Pam Howard at 828-526-2877.
From left, Schools Superintendent Dan Brigman, BOE member Roberta Swank, MC Commissioner Jim Davis, BOE member Susie McCoy, MC County Manager Jack Horton, MC Commissioner Charlie Leatherman, architect Mike Watson, BOE member Tommy Baldwin, MC Commissioner Ronnie Beale, BOE member Tommy Cave, MC Commissioner Bob Simpson, and BOE member Donnie Edwards break ground at the new K-6 school site across from Macon Middle School, Monday, July 28. Photo by Sally Hanson

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Nantahala School, and Sandy Keener of South Macon.

Natalie Norman was recognized as the Teacher of the Year, and Nantahala principal Chris Baldwin was named Principal of the Year.

Mental Health Task Force

Paula Ledford informed the Board that the Mental Health Task Force was still working on developing recommendations targeted at the school-age population. Kathy McGaha said that board member Roberta Swank had been asked to be Board of Education liaison to the Mental Health Task Force.

FHS Basketball Coach

The board voted to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the change of the change of FHS Doug Plemmons from interim Head Boy’s Varsity Basketball Coach to Head Boy’s Varsity Basketball Coach. FHS Principal Gary Shields brought a group of colleagues and professionals in support of the recommendation to move Doug Plemmons’ from interim Head Boys’ Varsity Basketball Coach to Head Boys’ Varsity Basketball Coach.

Among his supporters were Bob Beaudet, WCU’s Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department Head, and Marvin Schade, WCU Health and Physical Education Instructor who oversees interns who student teach at FHS. FHS teacher Jay Brooks, retired teacher and administrator Larry McDonald, two former students of Plemmons’, South Macon Elementary Principal Gary Brown, former FHS Coach Fred Goldsmith, FHS Coach Bobby Kuppers, FHS Coach Mitch Myers, and parent Edward Washington all praised Plemmons’ work as coach and athletic director in the past and encouraged that the board keep him in the position.

After going into closed session later in the evening, the board ruled to retain Plemmons as interim coach at FHS and reopen the process in the spring to find the best person to fill the role. Board member Tommy Baldwin was the only member to oppose the motion.

Principal Search

Brigman suggested that the board begin to seek a principal for the new 5-6 middle school. He made reference to the groundbreaking for this school that took place just prior to the Board of Education meeting. “This is a turning point in addressing the overcrowding issues in the county,” he said. Brigman said that the new school could be completed and occupied in 18 months.

Rising Fuel Costs

Terry Bell discussed the difficulties the schools are facing with the rising costs of bus fuel. “The state has given us a $3.23/gallon appropriation for the school year,” Bell said. Based on current fuel prices, which at the time of the meeting he said were averaging $4.15/gallon for diesel fuel, Bell estimated that the county would run out of state transportation funds on the 135th school day. He said that drivers have been asked to take measures to conserve fuel, and that the schools could ask local government for assistance in paying for fuel.

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In addition, Bell suggested a moratorium on all field trips for the first semester of the school year, with the exception of athletic and vocational trips that had already been planned. “We could reassess the funds balance in the spring,” he said.

He also said student field trips to the Macon County Fair should be excluded from this moratorium. “There’s an expectation in the community for those schools to be there,” Bell said. A motion was passed to place a moratorium on all school activities requiring the use of activity buses, except for athletic trips and vocational trips and trips to the Fair for grades K-3. The issue will be revisited in the spring.

Drug Testing Results
Betty Waldrop presented the results of the 2007-2008 Drug Testing that is conducted randomly among 5% of the total athletes and coaches per season at the middle and high school levels across the county. At FHS, 23 athletes were tested, 22 tested negative, and 1 tested positive. At Macon Middle, 12 athletes were tested and all 12 tested negative. At Highlands School, all 7 athletes tested negative. There were no positive tests for any of the coaches who were tested; these included five at FHS, three at MMS and seven at Highlands.

Asbestos Audit
Bell also gave the board an update on the recent Department of Public Instruction asbestos audit. “The audit went just fine,” he said. Macon County removed or encapsulated all the existing asbestos in the school buildings in the 1980’s according to Bell. “We got a good, clean audit,” he said.

Old Cartoogechaye Bids
Attorney John Henning Jr. informed the board that the bidding process on the Old Cartoogechaye Elementary School property had ended in June, with the highest bid being $350,000. The property has been appraised at $1.5 million, and the board opted to reject the highest bid and pursue other bids, even if it will take a few years to sell the property.

Home Reading Survey
Pat Davis presented the results of the 2007-2008 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report, and Highlands School met all 10 out of 10 target goals for the year. The full report can be found on the Macon County Schools website.

Ribbon Cutting
East Franklin Elementary Principal Terry Bradley invited the public to a ribbon cutting and rededication of East Franklin Elementary on August 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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**A REVIEW**

With spit and polish, the cast of the Playhouse’s 70th Anniversary production “Salute to Broadway” brings back memories of productions past while infusing new and old selections with professionalism.

Some may argue, but many selections – songs from Gypsy, My Fair Lady, Annie, South Pacific, The Sound of Music and Oklahoma – sounded even better this time around.

Over the years, the demand for high-calibre productions in Highlands has grown and all three performing venues have had to pick up the pace – the Highlands Playhouse included.

The show opens slowly... but hold on because by the third selection the pace picks up momentum steamrolling to a finish that leaves you humming along.

The show was produced by musical director/pianist daMon Goff and Sam Dunaway, keyboard, who have been regulars at the Playhouse since Robert Ray came to town. On stage with the cast, daMon, Dunaway, Bob Home,electric bass, and Greg Perry, drums, are part of the show not just as accompanists.

Staging and choreography by Ricardo Aponte brought out the best in each performer – as did the many costumes - but there were certain pieces that just brought the house down.

During Act I the cast performs – sings and dances – through 30 songs, all highlights of past performances at the Playhouse. On opening night, Thursday, July 24, Amanda McRae stole the hearts of the audience with her fresh, enchanting rendition of “Tomorrow” from Annie. Also performing that role is Bailey Lica.

Act II features pieces familiar to all, just not from the Playhouse’s past itinerary.

In celebration of the Playhouse’s “diamond” theme this season, Amanda Kerridge blew the audience away as a Marilyn Monroe look-a-like in “Diamonds are a Girl’s Best Friend” which she began in the house and continued to deliver in front of the unsuspecting patron.

Sims Lamason, whose limbs have a mind of their own, was perfect for “All That Jazz,” and Camilla Zaepfel stood out with “Show Off.”

The male performers, Jevares Myrick and Jacob Wood were outstanding as well – demonstrating vocal range and dancing ability in every piece – sometimes silly, sometimes serious – changing character, accents and projection to fit the piece.

The show, sponsored by Carol and Curtis Mathews, continues through Aug. 10. Call the box office at 526-2695 to reserve your tickets. The opening night reception was catered by New Mountain Events from Franklin.

Coming up next is “One Voice” with Cindy Summers who due to a demand for a repeat performance of “Always...Patsy Cline” will sing selections from Cline’s repertoire as well as pieces that Judy Garland and Karen Carpenter made famous. This show replaces “Inherit The Wind” which has been cancelled.


- Kim Lewicki.
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ers responded to the 911 call that came in from a resident on Cyprus Lane at 2:58 p.m., who reported seeing a plane fall from the sky. They drove to the proximity to set up the control center and by 3:30 p.m. had located the wreckage of the Piper PA-23 in the woods above the steep embankment.

Both men were dead on arrival. Macon Funeral Home was notified and at 4:47 p.m. the department got permission from the Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) and National Safety and Travel Board (NSTB) to remove the pilot’s body.

Highlands Fire & Rescue Chief James Manley said the crew was able to remove the pilot’s body from the wreckage but due to the position of the plane – upside down on its top – they couldn’t remove the passenger’s body quickly.

After using a block and tackle, the crew was able to roll the plane over and remove the passenger around 7 p.m., Tuesday.

The pilot was from Miramar, Fla., and is thought to have been a flying instructor, pilot and a mechanic.

The plane left from Louisville, KY and was scheduled to arrive at Hazlehurst, GA at 3:50 p.m. About 3:30 p.m. a storm blew through the Highlands area bringing thunder, lightning and rain. Authorities don’t know if the storm contributed to the crash or caused the pilot to veer off course.

“The wreckage is completely mangled,” said Chief Manley. “They had no chance of surviving. From all accounts the plane came straight down.”

The immediate debris area was about 25-feet in diameter, but pieces of the plane were found ½ mile away. Wednesday morning a piece was reported found on Yellow Mountain between Highlands and Cashiers.

Rescue workers located one engine in the vicinity of the wreckage but the second engine is still missing.

Wednesday morning, a resident on Old Orchard Road reported hearing an explosion Tuesday afternoon and seeing pieces of the plane flying everywhere as it spiraled downward.

The plane is registered to Arkansas-based Yan Venter Ministers according to FAA records.

Highlands Fire & Rescue Department had 23 people on scene. They were assisted by Macon County Emergency Services, Macon County Sheriff’s Department, and the Sadolah Fire & Rescue Department.

As of 6 p.m. Wednesday, departments were still on scene. They worked from 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 29 through the evening of Wednesday, July 30, securing the site, removing the bodies and locating parts of the plane.

FAA and the NTSB are both investigating the cause of the crash. Results were not known by press time.

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Students at CBC don’t eat ‘for Africa’

Nobody enjoys skipping a meal, but did you know that the average person in Africa only eats one meal a day? Yeah, that’s right: ONE MEAL A DAY!

Last week after hearing Jack’s story on stage at Bigstuf Camp, a youth group from Community Bible Church in Highlands, NC was presented with a challenge. Youth pastor, Ryan Sprague, challenged the students to consider fasting their evening meal and then donating their dinner money to the 410 Bridge to fund a project in Kenya. Ryan encouraged the students to think and pray about it and then he did a little investigative work on his own. He met with 410 Bridge staff who were at the camp and shared with them what his students were considering. He asked if there was a specific project their donation could fund and learned about a piece of land that needed to be purchased in order to drill a bore hole to bring clean water to a 410 Bridge community. The cost of the land was $1750.

When Ryan next met with his youth group, he shared this opportunity. It may seem like an easy decision to skip one meal, especially for such a worthy cause. But it was the student’s free night when they got to leave camp and eat out. It’s a night they really look forward to. Ryan said that some students never hesitated, some struggled, some were even mad but in the end, they all came together to make a sacrifice that would impact a community of people across the ocean. Every student gave their $20 and a few adult chaperons felt moved to write a check for the additional money needed to reach the $1750.00.

The story doesn’t end there. One of the students called a relative who managed a Publix grocery store in Panama City and told him what they were doing. The Publix store manager was so moved by the student’s gesture of compassion that he provided dinner for the whole group. Some students still committed to fasting but others had dinner if they chose to and in the process they broadcast a message of hope not just to Kenya but to all of the Publix staff who heard the story!

Because these students sacrificed one meal, the people of Karima are closer to having clean running water that is easily accessible and will help prevent disease. Way to go Community Bible Church Youth of Highlands, NC!

‘Clemson Colony’ featured on this year’s Historical Society Tour

Highlands Historical Society will once again host Highlands Annual Tour of Historic Homes on Saturday, Aug. 9. This year’s event will feature 6 cabins in the “Clemson Colony,” an early Highlands Community that consists of cabins originally belonging to professors of Clemson University.

The colony is located along the south shore of Mirror Lake on Cullasaja Drive. Three of the historic homes featured are excellent examples of Joe Webb design and construction.

A general admission ticket of $40 will include a tour of all 6 homes and refreshments. The tour will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9. Shuttles will leave from the Recreation Center with the last shuttle leaving at 2:45 p.m.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at Country Club Properties, The Highlander Newspaper, Cyrano’s Bookshop, Macon Bank or at the Recreation Center on the day of the tour.

Funds raised by this event will go to the support of the Historic Village, which is open each Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the summer. For more information visit the Historical Society’s website, www.highlandshistory.com.
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ning this very issue at Monday’s meeting.
Jackson County Planning Director Lin-
da Cable said it’s true that Rabuffo has bought property and is developing a subdivision but, so far, there is nothing illegal going on.

People are concerned about homes being built on mountainsides but Cable said there’s not much the county can do.

“He made application to develop the property prior to the passage of the Mountain and Hillside Development Ordinance—also known as the Slope Ordinance— that passed recently. Therefore, his subdivision has a vested right and is grandfathered in,” she said.

Even if he sells parcels within the subdi-
vision, buyers don’t have to adhere to the current slope ordinance, unless they want to fur-
ther subdivide their parcel “and then they would have to apply to see if they have to comply with the ordinances on the books because they are a part of a vested subdivision,” said Jackson County Planning department

Cable said this sort of sentiment concern-
ing Rabuffo’s project is common. “A lot of folks don’t like development. This happens a lot.”  
— Kim Lewicki

POLICE & FIRE

LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for July 10-19. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 10
• At 6:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.
• At 4:40 p.m., a diesel gas drive-off valued at $42.40 was reported at Farmers Market.
• At 5 p.m., injury to real property was reported when tires on a vehicle on Spruce Street were slashed. During the week, officers issued 3 warning tickets and responded to 1 alarm activation.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of July 23-29

July 23
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street when a 19 month old toddler fell and bumped his head. The victim was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. provided mutual aid to assist Cashiers Fire Dept. with a structure fire. The call was cancelled en route.

July 24
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Foreman Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

July 25
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Pheasant Run Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

July 26
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Apple Lake Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

July 27
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Horse Cove Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

July 28
• The dept. provided mutual aid to assist Cashiers Fire Dept. with a structure fire. The call was cancelled en route.
• The dept. responded to a call of a downed plane in the Clear Creek Community.
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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.

**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**
www.ccbighighlands.com • 526-4685
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
6:30 p.m. High School Group
Wednesday: Dinner 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. programs
for all students; 6:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study
Thursday: Women’s Bible Study 10 a.m.
EPIPHANY CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. 10:30 a.m.
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Rev. Mark Kayser, Interim Pastor
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men’s Bible Discussion &
Breakfast
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers

**HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Sixth Street
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor Paul Christie
526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group
Wed: Supper; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs:12:30 - Women’s Bible Study (nursery)

**HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ILCA**
Chaplain Margaret Howell
2152 Dillard Road - 526-7411
Sundays: Sundays School 9:30 a.m. Adult discussion
9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion - 10:30
HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.
LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WILLOW
Services at the Church in the Wildwood in
Horse Cove. Memorial Day through Labor Day
Call Kay Ward at 743-5009
Sundays at 7 p.m. Dress is casual. Old fash-
oned hymn-sing.

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Chair - 6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m.
MOUNTAIN SYMPHONY
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 828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

**OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC**
Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m.
Saturday Mass: 4 p.m.
(through last Saturday of October)

**SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH**
Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

**SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD**
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

**SHOREFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor Rev. Andy Close
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
828-369-3633
Lay Led Sunday School 10:15 a.m.
Sundays: Worship - 11 a.m.

**WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

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**SPiritually Speaking**

How about a hike?

My wife, Audie, and I have just recently moved to the Cashiers Highlands area and the obvious question was one of the first “invitations” that I received. This is of course, such a wonderful place to hike; simply full of beautiful mountain trails. This got me thinking about being on a path.

As a priest, I have been blessed to walk with others on a path; a path of spirituality, a distinctly Christian path. On such a path we look for a spirituality of life itself. As Christian pilgrims, or hikers, we strive to travel to “everyday Christianity”. We try to establish a spiritual pattern and pathway for our lives of prayer, thought and action.

“Everyday Christianity” means being spiritually active rather than passive. It also requires us, as we go on this journey, to be more than we have to be—becoming proactive in sharing our Lord’s message of peace, joy and love in our conversations, in our correspondence, in our worship and in our daily “give and take” with others. It means being conscious of being on this path with purpose.

Usually when we think about a path, we think externally; a way through the woods, the dunes or the hills. Yet, I believe, there is a path within each of us. Sometimes it is hard to see. It might be overgrown or dimly lit or barely familiar. But, the path is still there. In our prayers and study, we look down the path a little further, a little deeper, beyond ourselves.

As we travel down our particular spiritual path we are also aware that it is a shared path. As Christians, we know that we share the path with all who were, all who are and all who are to come; in other words, with the Body of Christ. On our Christian path, in our shared commonality, we also reach out. We reach out to help others onto the path for the first time or, perhaps, back onto the path once again. On our Christian path, we are humbly aware of the need to do things for others; to care for any for whom we might be a help. In doing so, we are blessed as well.

As Christians, we have been given a path. It is a spiritual path that was defined by Jesus Christ, delineated by the Holy Scriptures and illuminated by the Holy Spirit. We believe that our path is distinctly Christian (meaning “of Christ”). It is there, in the woods, for all to see and explore. This path of our souls is a journey of both love and obedience; conformity and harmony. We try to love as Christ loved us. We are obedient to the Word, for Christ. We are obedient to the Word for Christ. On our Christian path, we are aware that it is a shared path. We are aware that it is a shared path. As Christians, we know that we share the path with all who were, all who are and all who are to come; in other words, with the Body of Christ. On our Christian path, in our shared commonality, we also reach out. We reach out to help others onto the path for the first time or, perhaps, back onto the path once again. On our Christian path, we are humbly aware of the need to do things for others; to care for any for whom we might be a help. In doing so, we are blessed as well.

How about a hike?
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This isn’t about water and sewer

Dear Editor,

The debate over the water and sewer service commitment requested for the proposed Shortoff Woods Apartments is diverting our community from focusing on the real goal: the working families to be served. Our normally generous community has, in a matter of weeks, degraded into emotional arguments and letters to the editor over issues, be they real or imagined, that only mask the real questions in most people’s minds. It is a clever diversion, and one that hopes to hide individual fears and prejudices—perhaps the real reason some oppose the affordable housing idea.

A task force of your Highlands neighbors has been studying the feasibility of providing affordable workforce housing on the plateau for 19 months, and its work is not even close to being finished. If everything goes according to schedule, it will still be nearly 3 years (2011) before apartments are ready for occupancy.

The task force has assembled independent professional reports, demographic statistics, local surveys, and applicable local experience to evaluate the need for affordable housing and alternative sites and approaches. A practical, do-able project has been defined. Our friends and neighbors who oppose the proposal have reached their conclusions in only a few weeks and without the benefit of either the task force’s database or significant dialogue. Misinformation is the current, predominant information on the streets. Many of the opposition do not want to talk with us. Their minds are made up.

When I was asked to join the task force this year I did so out of loyalty to friends with whom I would serve. I thought that affordable housing on the Highlands plateau was a pipedream, and perhaps I could be a voice of reason that might show the others the goal could not be achieved—at least here. In the six months I have been a member of the task force, I have been completely turned around by the group’s methodical approach and the data. I now believe the Shortoff Woods approach is not only feasible, but very practical. I believe that Shortoff Woods will be a significant asset to the Highlands community and businesses, if allowed to become reality.

My friends, there is no one on either side of the current debate that will bring a slum to our plateau. We all live here together. This is our backyard, too. We have disagreements on what is best for our community. We need to discuss them rationally. It is beneath our generous community to allow assumptions, emotional fears, bias, and prejudices that we’d rather not discuss in public divide us or keep us from reaching out to help those families that work in our community but are not able to live closer to their work—if they would like to—because they can not afford housing near their jobs.

First we need to clear the air. Affordable housing is NOT low-income or welfare housing. Unless you have visited Orchard View Apartments behind K-Mart in Franklin, you have NOT seen the results of the Shortoff Woods approach. Twenty-four of the families that might live at Shortoff Woods, if we give them the opportunity, will be year-round working families making between $22,000 and $27,000 annually. The other 24 families will have incomes above this range and will pay full market rents. All will be required to have good employment histories, good credit records, legal rights to live in this country, and clean criminal backgrounds.

Apartment occupancy will be strictly controlled. The task force has compiled five years of Macon County 911 call data proving that a similar affordable housing apartment complex in Franklin has no significant crime, drugs, or public disturbance record. Five years of NC DOT traffic count data and realistic projections show that extra traffic congestion near US 441 and Buck Creek Road potentially caused by Shortoff Woods residents will be modest (2% - 10%), at most.

The task force has powerful data from reliable sources that we would like to have the opportunity to share with every interested and concerned citizen. Unfortunately, the first step, water and sewer services, has erupted into a debate without the opportunity to share the facts first.

But, what about the primary goal of this effort? What about those honest, hard-working families that will benefit from our help? Do we abandon them now even though affordable housing has been identified as a major issue in Highlands since the early 1990’s?

The Town Board’s potential commitment to allow Shortoff Woods to connect to the town’s water and sewer services is only the first step. There are many other, more difficult hurdles in this lengthy process before Shortoff Woods can become a reality. In the meantime, we have at least a year to sit together and to examine every issue, every concern. That is the task force’s personal commitment to the entire community.

Our Highlands community raises millions of dollars every year for charitable causes, fine arts, literacy, and the performing arts. This proposal for future water and sewer services will cost the town and our community nothing. The task force is asking for approval to connect at the developer’s expense and to use pay for these services when Shortoff Woods opens in 2013. Claims that the town is being asked to give the project free, or reduced rates for, water and sewer are false.

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Please don’t abandon the working families that travel up and down the mountain every day of the week to staff our businesses, build our houses, care for and teach our children, and provide those many services that define the quality of life we all enjoy here in our community. These families are vital to our economic success and retirement enjoyment. Shouldn’t we extend a helping hand to them by creating a few more affordable places to live?

Bob Wright
Highlands

Mayor out of touch with community

Dear Editor,

In his recent “From My Perspective” column in Highlands’ Newspaper, we were absolutely astounded at the dictatorial and arrogant attitude expressed by Mayor Don Mullen regarding the sewer and water connection for the Shortoff Woods project. “This is going to happen,” he wrote. Over confident we’d say.

It is our understanding that approval of any town issue must be approved by a majority of the Board of Commissioners. In other words, the Mayor does not have a vote in this issue, just a very biased opinion.

In our opinion, there is a direct conflict of interest with regard to the mayor serving on the Hospital Board (from whom the property is being purchased for the project), and he is a member of the Task Force Committee, which is the committee proposing the low income affordable housing project, and he is the mayor who is supposed to represent all the citizens of Highlands.

Mayor Mullen stated in his column that three-fourths of the town of Highlands residents support this project. We don’t know how he arrived at this figure…he didn’t ask anyone we’ve have spoken to.

However, the mayor is correct…it will pass unless we express opposition NOW! It is extremely important for the people of Highlands to express their opinion about this issue to the Board of Commissioners.

Please talk to your neighbors, call your Town Board members, and plan to attend the meeting when this decision will be made.

Wednesday night, August 6 at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center, the town board will decide the fate of this project by either approving or denying water and sewer. Nothing would make us happier than to see a huge turnout at the board meeting on August 6 in opposition to this project.

Mark this date on your calendar… Wednesday, August 6, CIVIC CENTER. See you there!

Steve & Michelle Muraco
Highlands

Why I’m voting no to ‘Shortoff Woods’

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concerns and or thoughts regarding the proposed Shortoff Woods housing.

The Highlands town board must always make decisions based on what is in the best interest for the community as a whole.

I feel that affordable housing in Highlands is about 10-20 years too late. Highlands Country Club, Highlands Falls...

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Stiefel's botanical book a 'labor of love'

Highlands artist Rosemary Clark Stiefel has spent the last two years of her life in a love affair – with a book. It's a very special book, one that consumed her fully and involved hours of research and conversation, not to mention the painting itself.

But at the end of it all, now that the book is complete and she's flipping over the pages in the back of The Bascom, she is calling it a labor of love. Cased in an Italian leather-bound exterior, it is a 50-page, one-of-a-kind collection of 20 original watercolor botanicals and 30 illuminated text pages all hand-painted by Stiefel herself, many chosen after talks with her late Robert Zahner and his wife, Glenda. And a done lucky person will get to call it his or her own.

Stiefel has donated the book to The Bascom for a raffle fundraiser. Raffle tickets are $500 each. Only 400 tickets will be sold. All proceeds will benefit The Bascom's Capital Campaign.

"My gift to The Bascom is truly a labor of love, combining my college studies of botanicals and 30 illuminated text pages all hand-painted by Rosemary Clark Stiefel herself. Raffle tickets are $500 each, and each ticket holder receives a giclee gift. Proceeds benefit The Bascom."

Photo by Donna Rhodes

Playhouse big benefactor of Scudder's auction Wednesday, July 23

Fred Knox of Atlanta and Highlands was the high bidder on the Remington bronze entitled "The Rattlesnake." On Wednesday night, more than $2,000 from the combine auction items was raised for Highlands Playhouse.

The history of the Highlands Writers' Group

More than 10 years ago a small group of writers met at Hudson Library to discuss methods of assisting one another in accomplishing their writing goals. The meeting resulted in forming the Highlands Writers Group, which meets at the library every Thursday afternoon from 1-4 p.m.

Recently, Writers Group members Anne Doggett, Nancy Reeder, Neil Martin, and Lee Lyons participated in a storytelling evening at The Bascom gallery. It was so successful that the Writers Group and The Bascom, anticipating the availability of the new Oak Street campus, are planning a Highlands Storytelling Festival for May 23, 2009, as a feature of the area’s Memorial Day weekend.

On the weekend of August 9-10, the Writers Group is sponsoring, along with Cyrano’s, Main Street and Shakespeare & Co. in Highlands Village Square, an appearance by noted writing teacher and author James Nolan of New Orleans, who is signing his new book of short stories, Perpetual Care, at Cyrano’s on Saturday from 3-5:00 p.m. On Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Shakespeare & Co., Nolan is presenting a reading and book talk: "Lying to Tell the Truth; Creating Fiction from Real Life." A reception will follow and the public is invited.

Steve Wooldridge is columnist for Highlands Business News; and the group has been invited to read from their work at the Performing Arts Center, Shakespeare & Co., and the Instant Theater. Last summer, writer J. Jay Joannides began a writers group at Chestnut Hill.

In addition to a monthly ticket, every ticket purchaser will receive a gift of a giclee reproduction, suitable for framing, of a Stiefel watercolor botanical: Pitch Pine, Solomon’s Seal, Jewel Weed or Turk’s Cap Lily. Four different images will be available, so people can get all four images for $2,000 and have four different chances of winning.

"My gift to The Bascom is truly a labor of love, combining my college studies of biology and my artistic response to the fragile beauty that surrounds us in these mountains," Stiefel said. "In the fast-paced electronic world we now live in, I wanted to focus on the act of one person making something with her own hands that would give meaning and pleasure to another person. This would thus carry on not only the tradition of the Medieval Illuminists of Europe, but also that of our Southern Appalachian artisans and craftsmen heritage, which The Bascom will so nourish."

Stiefel said she often felt like a latter-day Gregory the Great inspired by the Holy Spirit while she crafted this book, as she painted in solitude listening to Gregorian chants. Every day, her wakeup call was a mourning dove at sunrise. Her early childhood lessons of painting camellias from her maternal grandmother’s garden, teamed with the domestic art learned from her paternal grandmother, played heavily into the book as well.

As her work wrapped to a close, she drew inspiration from the legacy of The Bascom’s founders, Watson Barratt and his wife, Louise Bascom Barratt, art of the region by artists of the region.

Today, as she learns of each new raffle ticket purchaser, Stiefel feels sorrow and joy – sorrow that her “book baby” has grown wings and has left its nest, beyond hope and phenomenon of painting. And joy that she will share in her beautiful creation.

"Now another image from my childhood – and one I still am able to experience at that same North Florida ancestral farm – is that of the Blue Heron taking flight over the swamp at sunset," she said. "The book is launched; it’s time to share!"

To purchase a raffle ticket, stop by The Bascom to pick up an order form, visit www.thebascom.org/book-raffle to download an order form, or call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 8#.

To view the framed giclees, go to The Bascom, Summit One Gallery or The Summer House.

The winner of the raffle will hold a life interest in the book, meaning they would own the book for life, with the book passing to their spouse at their death and then back to The Bascom at the spouse’s death. Numbering priority will be assigned based on the number of tickets ordered and the timing of subscription.
There's Lots To See At Highlands Cove.

At Highlands Cove, we offer an exceptional variety of homesites: Densely wooded with oaks, hemlocks, laurel and rhododendrons. Panoramic views of the Blue Ridge. Or a site overlooking our golf course. We're a 430-acre, master-planned community soaring to 4,700 feet above sea level. The average lot size is 4/5 of an acre. The residential area is gated. Our amenities include a clubhouse, a fine restaurant, 18 holes of golf, tennis and a fitness center. And most importantly, choice lots in such splendid mountain surroundings with a Highlands address are more and more difficult to find. Come see for yourself. There's lots to see.

We're located six miles east of Highlands on Highway 64. Homesites are priced from $295,000. Single-family homes begin in the low 900,000s. Condominium homes are available from $595,000. For information, visit the sales office adjacent to the entry gate. Call 828-526-8128 or toll free 1-866-220-2209. Or visit our web site: www.highlands Cove.com.
• UPCOMING EVENTS •

‘Clarence Darrow for the Defense’ at ITC

The legendary attorney Clarence Darrow is brought to life by David Milford at The Instant Theatre Company’s Studio on Main. Written by David W. Rintels, based on Irving Stone’s Clarence Darrow for the Defense, this acclaimed one-man show opens Aug. 1. Here is one of the most courageous defenders of justice in American history reminiscing over his long and renowned career with salty humor, courtroom gusto and human relish. He touches on many of his best known trials including the “Monkey” trial and the sensational Leopold-Loeb case. This champion of dissenters and underdogs, who accepted unpopular cases and defended unpopular causes, was also a writer and lecturer and he conjures up many famous people of his life and times. Clarence Darrow was also famous for his ready wit, “History repeats itself, and that’s one of the things that’s wrong with history.” “The pursuit of truth shall set you free; even if you never catch up with it.” “The trouble with law is lawyers.” CBS TV reviewed the play, calling it, “Gutsy, exciting, inspiring, funny, beautiful.”

For reservations call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. Clarence Darrow plays Aug. 1-2, and Aug. 8-9 at 8 p.m. The ITC’s Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands.

On-going

• Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call 450 Main Street. Call to purchase a raffle ticket. Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for $2,000 and have four difference chances of winning.

• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 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. Park your car, have a meal, then walk across the street to the Playhouse production!

• The Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for “70th Anniversary Diamond Review,” Thurs-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10; and “One Voice” Thurs-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10. Seventy tickets are available for $200, and people can buy all four images for $2,000 and have four different chances of winning.

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• Yoga at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. $5 per class.

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

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

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fel-

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Mondays & Wednesdays

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• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held each 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.

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• 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.

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The fifth week of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will feature Highlands’ own Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup, virtuoso harpist. Ms. Whitcup will be playing one of the most popular pieces for harp, Fantasie for Violin and Harp, by Camille Saint-Saens, with one of the world’s greatest violinists, William Preucil, concertmaster of the famed Cleveland Orchestra, on Sunday, Aug. 3 in Highlands and Monday, Aug. 4 in Cashiers (both at 5 p.m.).

Also on the program is “Sonata for Harp and Cello,” by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, which Ms. Whitcup will play with cellist Charae Krueger. Ms. Whitcup says of this piece, “This is new to me and that is really fun! It was commissioned, like many other modern pieces for harp, by a harpist named Pearl Chertok. Without her, there would be much fewer modern compositions for harp.”

Mr. Castelnuovo-Tedesco was the preeminent film composer in Hollywood in the 1940s and 50s, and many famous film composers, such as John Williams, studied with him. Ms. Whitcup continued, “Mr. Castelnuovo-Tedesco asked Ms. Chertok what she wanted, and she replied, ‘A piece for cello and harp just like Ravel’s Introduction and Allegro’ (a perennial harpist favorite). I think Mr. Castelnuovo-Tedesco thumbed his nose at Ms. Chertok in his piece,” Valerie laughed, “because there is a passage in the second movement straight out of Ravel, which he marked to be played pompously.”

Ms. Whitcup said, “What I love about this piece is its beauty in a time of dissonance. So many modern compositions are oddities for the sake of oddity, but this music is melodic and gorgeous. The harp has the same range as a piano but the color of the sound is warmer, and when the warmth of the harp is combined with the warmth of the cello it is marvelous.”

The Sunday and Monday concerts will also feature a tribute to Festival Founder Lucas Drew, the Dean of American double bassists, with Dvorak’s delightful Bass Quintet (with bassist Janet Clippard). A plaque honoring Dr. Drew will be presented.

Friday, Aug. 1 (7:30 p.m. in Highlands) and Saturday (5 p.m. in Cashiers) will feature music by Dvorak, five pieces from Prokofiev’s “Romeo and Juliet,” as well as Beethoven’s beloved “Archduke” Piano Trio, played by William Preucil, Kate Ransom (founding member of the Alexander String Quartet), Charae Krueger, Helen Callus (President of the American Viola Society), and Festival Artistic Director pianist William Ransom.

For tickets and more information about the Festival’s concerts, call 828-526-9060; online at h-cmusicfestival.org.
port, 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).
- Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday
- At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages: A guided walk through the Nature Center’s live animals up close.
- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.
- Children’s classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is $5 per student.

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

**Through Nov. 12**
- The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the Wiildwood at 7 p.m. Call Kay Ward at 743-5009 for more information. Dress is casual.

**Friday & Saturday**
- Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.
- At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at 8:30 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.
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**For more information**
Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355.
Help Wanted

HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB — full or part-time golf cart staff needed. Call Allen at 526-2189.

HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB — Accepting applications Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for servers and busers. $9-10 per hour. Call 526-4118.


PART-TIME CLEANERS NEEDED TO CLEAN BANKS — in Highlands area. Call Linda at 828-691-6353.

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MAKE-A-WISH IN MOTION

This year's Make-A-Wish Festival will be on Saturday, August 2. The festival will be held at the Sapphire Valley Field and Track area. The festivities will run from 11am-5pm with a special concert to be held at the ski slope at 7pm.

The event is to raise money to grant the wishes of kids in Macon, Jackson, and Transylvania Counties. There are 10 kids in these areas. It costs an average of $6,000 per child to grant their wishes. Organizers are hoping for strong support from all areas to make this year's festival a success.

The festival will include many activities for all, including families with small children. There will be a Castle Bouncer and a Water Slide at this year's event. There will also be face painting, balloons, stuffed animals and more! Rose Lynn Katz, a renowned storyteller who has performed in numerous theaters and other facilities, will be on hand to share some exciting tales for kids of all ages.

The antique autos at this year's festival are traveling great distances to be a part of the event. These car owners are doing what it takes to help kids in our area. You won't want to miss one of these classics.

This year's music line-up through the day includes performers from across the Carolina's. Todd Green will be here with his guitar and a lovely violinist. Sultry will be performing their classical and jazz style guitars. Brett Harris is a Pop singer from the Raleigh area who has recently been receiving some great reviews. Then Alisa Turner will be singing some of her new songs, performing with her piano and fabulous voice.

The events and children's activities are free. However, there will be food items, drinks, and wine, and items in the General Store for purchase. All of these items have been generously donated by area merchants so the purchase of any of these items goes directly to Make-A-Wish. The general store items include a wide variety of items. However, there are many beautiful art pieces that will be available. It has almost been called an art show in itself. There will also be many silent auction items where you will want to put in your bid.

There is also an ATV raffle. Once again, this item was generously donated by a local individual. They will be representing the ATV to the winner during a break during the evening concert. The evening concert will conclude the day's activities. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door that evening. All money from Ticket purchases go to MAW. The Headliners for this event are Velvet Truckstop who has developed quite a following in the Asheville area.

SOUS CHEF — Experience required. Full time position available. Team player. Call 787-2200.

AUTO DETAILER NEEDED. EXPERIENCE PREFERRED. Must be neat in appearance and have good driving record. Call Johnny at 743-5813.

IRONER — in private home. One day a week. 5 hours. Sheets, shirts. Call 828-787-2031.

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


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

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH is accepting resumes for an Office Assistant. Computer skills, people skills and creative abilities are required. 828-526-4685 or office@cbchighlands.com

Respiratory Therapist: at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Part time and PRN positions available. Responsibilities include taking call and being able to respond within 20 minutes. Must be able to intubate a patient. Current registration or certification in North Carolina, along with a current BLS and/or ACLS required. Experience with rehabilitation and disease prevention preferred. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

SCRUB TECH at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full
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Healthy Living Fair
Saturday Aug. 9

8:30 A.M. Until 1:00 P.M.

Scheduled Lectures & Talks

9:00 AM  Healthy Comfort Foods  Debra A. Wagner, MD
10:00 AM  Avoiding Common GI Issues  Richard Carter, MD
11:00 AM  Genomic Medicine  Alex Cho, MD, of Duke
12 Noon  Advance Your Lifestyle  Robert T. Buchanan, MD

Displays & Exhibits By

Dr. Hal Alpert of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Center for Sleep Studies, The Medi-Spa & Center for Plastic Surgery, Highlands Whole Life Market, Highlands Dermatology, Wagner Medical Associates, HealthTracks & Healthy PathWeighs, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Nantahala Hiking Club, Highlands Roadrunners Club, Smoking Cessation, Medication Cards, Guiltless Gourmet, Juice Plus, Pilates & Yoga.

Demonstrations

8:30 AM  Wake-up Smoothies  Chef Larry Murray
9:45 AM  Lactic Facial Peel  Center for Plastic Surgery
9:45 AM  Soothing Smoothies  Chef Larry Murray
10:30 AM  Hot Stone Massage  Robin Walker, LMBT
11:00 AM  Improving Your Golf Swing  Kelly Childs, CCSV Pro
11:30 AM  Making Healthy Pizzas  The Pizza Place
12:15 PM  Tai Chi Chan  Barbara Helm
12:30 PM  Healthy Grilling  Margaret Downs-West, RD

On-going Demonstrations & Screenings

Free make-overs by The Medi-Spa at the Center for Plastic Surgery, osteoporosis screening and information from the Haywood Regional Osteoporosis Prevention Program, 10-minute massages by Healing Touch, body composition evaluation by HealthTracks.

Dozens of fabulous doorprizes & giveaways. Plus healthy breakfast, lunch, & snacks!

All completely Free!

Level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, on the hospital campus

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Located between Highlands & Cashiers on US 64
‘Be Green Fair’ set for Aug. 1 & 2 at Rec Park

As the cost of home energy, oil, gas and food continues to rise, it’s easy to see why the “Green” movement is sweeping the nation. This movement has quickly made its way from “hippie” trend to “mainstream” reality and offers many opportunities to make changes that will fit into any lifestyle.

To provide area residents and visitors an opportunity to become more familiar with the concepts of green living, the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (J-MCA) is hosting a Green Living Fair at the Highlands Civic Center (aka Highlands Rec. Park), rain or shine. The event begins Friday night, August 1 at 6:30 pm with a spaghetti dinner and a highly anticipated program led by guest speaker Ned Ryan Doyle, all for a cost of only $5.

Ned Ryan Doyle has been active in sustainable energy and environmental issues for over 30 years, providing presentations and workshops nationwide on topics ranging from composting and green building to solar and wind power systems. Ned has worked his hand on energy efficient housing, bio-fuels, renewable energy and other essentials for sustainable living. His programs provide options for a sustainable future, making environmental conservation and economic stability “two sides of the same coin.”

Doyle’s level of expertise speaks for itself: Coordinator of the 8th Annual Southern Energy & Environment Expo (www.seeexpo.com), the largest event in the South with 8,000 participants in 2007; host of Thursday morning’s “The News from Back Home” and the Sunday morning “Our Southern Composers” public affairs program exploring issues of energy, environment and economics and featuring free downloads of programs exploring current regional utility and energy issues, both on WNCW 88.7 FM Spindale, NC, (www.wncw.org); co-host of the “Green Radio Bistro”, (www.sustainablenow.us); and author of numerous articles in national publications.

Saturday August 2, begins with a produce tailgate market held in the parking lot of the Civic Center from 8 – 11 am. It will offer a variety of locally-grown produce, honey, eggs, homemade breads, cut flowers and more.

The Green Living Fair will begin from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday, the Civic Center gymnasium will be host to 30+ vendors and conservation groups providing information and goods for easy ways to live green, home products, health, beauty, body care, gardening, farming, conservation, composting, recycling, green home design, building & remodeling, indoor air quality, renewable energy, solar power, living off the grid, “green” automobiles and legislative incentives. Food will be available as well.

The venue also offers a separate area for discussion sessions which will be held throughout the day. There will be an area designated for children that will include storytimes, a hands-on workshop and other projects sure to educate and entertain. A schedule of discussion sessions and children’s programs can be found at the J-MCA website. Additionally, J-MCA will be collecting the following recycled items: old cell phones (with battery), old rechargeable batteries and printer cartridges.

The charge for the event is $5 for adults, $3 for teens, and is free for children.

- Dancing and clogging will entertain and involve audience 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: Choral recital, soloist: William Preucil; violin; Valerie Whitcup, harp; Janet Clippard, bass; Kate Ransom, violon; Helen Callus, viola; 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9000.

- Green Living Fair at the Rec Park begins at 6:30 pm with a spaghetti dinner and a program lead by guest speaker Ned Ryan Doyle, coordinator of the 8th Annual Southern Energy & Environment Expo, who will speak about the movement. It’s free.

Friday & Saturday, Aug. 1-2

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

- Saturday, Aug. 2

  - At the Verandah a Children’s Cooking Class “Future Chefs of America” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for ages 8-13. $20 per person plus tax. Call 526-2338 for reservations.

  - 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. Car pools 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, Dr. Randolph Shafter will sign “HIGHLANDS” from 1-3 p.m.

  - Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. Open house celebrating 55 years of service from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Hotdogs and drinks 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.

- The Playhouse’s “Shakespeare in the Park” series with actors performing “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at 1 p.m. at Pine Street Park. Bring blankets, chairs, picnic baskets, and enjoy live outdoor theatre.
Shaffner to sign new book at Cyrano’s on Saturday

The new book, Highlands is now available at Cyrano’s Bookshop and online. Written by the area’s own scholar and historian, Dr. Randolph Preston Shaffner, the book is a visual journey through Highlands’ area history. He is also a leading lecturer on historical topics at the Highlands Center for Lifelong Learning. Dr. Shaffner says, “My fascination with the town and its people has evolved from 30 years of living in Highlands and recording its history.”

Featuring more than 200 vintage images which are chronologically organized and reveal the area’s development, Highlands is perfect for the long-time resident or visitor yearning to learn more about local history. Residents are sure to dog-ear their copies as they read and re-live the formative years in Highlands, dating back to the 1800s. Highlands is framed by a first and last chapter that look long before and long after the town’s founding for a complete perspective on the area’s evolution. Photo captions derived from family scrapbooks, albums, memoirs, diaries, documents, deeds, newspaper articles, local histories, and personal letters demand a nostalgic yet historically accurate review of the area’s past.

The photographs in Highlands reveal the amazing and colorful variety of personalities, characters, and professions that populated the Highlands plateau from long before the town’s founding until well into its early existence, including tradesmen, builders, laborers, craftsmen, aristocrats, professionals, scientists, authors, photographers, and multi-media artists from all across the nation. Highlands also boasts never before published photos, including some from the archives of the Smithsonian Institution and several historical societies, museums, and university libraries in the Eastern United States.

Highlands will be available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at (888)-313-2665 or www.arcadiapublishing.com.

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• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, “Healthy Living Fair” 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring lectures by physicians, fitness demonstrations, cosmetic makeovers, and health information exhibits which include not only hospital programs but also other providers and purveyors from around the area. However, this year’s fair will feature a lecture by Alex Cho, MD of the Duke Institute for Genome Sciences and Policy in Durham, NC. Genomics, which is one of the hottest subjects in modern medicine today, uses studies of genes to predict an individual’s risk for certain diseases, such as prostate cancer or hypertension. It’s also being used to study why some tumors or diseases respond to treatment and other do not. It’s Free.

Sunday, Aug. 10
• At Shakespeare & Co., a booksigning by James Nolan from 2-4 p.m., signing “Lying to Tell the Truth: Creating Fiction from Real Life.”

• 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 Quintet, 5 p.m.; A celebratory reception and dinner at Highlands Country Club follows the concert. 526-9060

Monday, Aug. 11
• Canning Peach Jam will be offered on Monday from 1-4 p.m. The class will cost $5 and pre-registration is required. You will learn to make peach jam and take a jar home. Register by calling 349-2046 before August 5. Sherrie Peeler, Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences will teaching the classes.

• HIARPT: The Highlands Institute for Religious Thought presents a lecture by Bishop John S. Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired. “Mark: The Basic Gospel - Born in the Synagogue.” at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of The Incarnation.

• Beginning Food Preservation 101 – Encore will be offered for a second time, Monday from 9-11 a.m. The class will cost $5 and pre-registration is required. Register by calling 349-2046 before August 5.

Tuesday, Aug. 12
• Canning Green Beans will be offered on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to noon. The class will cost $5 and pre-registration is required. Please pre-register by calling 349-2046 before August 5. Sherrie Peeler, Extension Agent, Family and Consumer Sciences will teach the classes.

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Wednesday, Aug. 13
• Evening at Lakeside restaurant to benefit The Bascom. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 14-31
• At Highlands Playhouse, “One Voice,” featuring selections from Patsy Cline, Judy Garland and Karen Carpenter. For further information or reservations please call 828-526-2695 or P.O. Box 896 in Highlands.

Friday, August 15
• Award-winning storyteller Regina Ress will be at the Hudson Library for an evening storytelling session at 6 p.m. This will be a family event, suitable for children and their parents. Scheduled program is “The Emperor’s New Clothes and Other Tales.”

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 1.5 mile easy hike to Big Laurel Falls in the Standing Indian National Forest.

Aug. 7 Zahner Lecture to feature Nabhan

Gary Paul Nabhan, Ph.D., writer, lecturer and world-renowned conservation scientist will speak about his latest book, “Renewing America’s Food Traditions.” The book is a beautifully illustrated and dramatic call to recognize, celebrate, and conserve the great diversity of foods that gives North America its distinctive culinary identity that reflects our multicultural heritage. Gary Nabhan will offer up rich natural and cultural histories and folk traditions associated with the rarest food plants and animals in North America. In doing so, he reminds us that what we choose to eat can either conserve or deplete the cornucopia of our continent.

While offering a eulogy to a once common game food that has gone extinct, the passenger pigeon, Nabhan doesn’t dwell on tragic losses. Instead, he highlights the success stories of food recovery, habitat restoration, and market revitalization that chefs, farmers, ranchers, fishermen, and foresters have recently achieved. Through such “food parables” Gary Nabhan and his colleagues build a persuasive argument for eater-based conservation.

Gary Nabhan is the outgoing Director of the Center for Sustainable Environments at Northern Arizona University, where he catalyzed the Canyon Country Food regional food initiative on the Colorado Plateau.

After gaining degrees in agriculture and arid lands resources from the University of Arizona, Dr. Nabhan co-founded Native Seeds/SEARCH and became a leading voice for conserving and revitalizing native agriculture in the Americas.

Over three decades, he has worked with more than a dozen indigenous communities on cross-cultural initiatives to revive indigenous foods to prevent diabetes, to restore ancient agricultural landscapes and to honor traditional knowledge.

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

HCP announces cast for its first musical

There are also five proteins (ordinary Roman citizens), played by Jim Schulte, Diane Rosazza, Donna Cochran, Maurice Sweet, and Tony Long, who assume various roles as citizens, soldiers, and slaves. Roman soldiers, who accompany Captain Miles Glorious, are portrayed by Colin Long, Eric Nesmith, and Nathan Smith.

And anyone who is anyone in this comedy of ancient Rome sings and dances in the famous opening number “Comedy Tonight: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.”

Beginning Tuesday, Aug. 26

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

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COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL, OR A 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, 526-5556.

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IN TOWN UNFURNISHED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT with deck, washer/dryer and garage. New carpet and paint yearly. $700 per month plus utilities. Call 526-5451.

WINE DINNER AT WOLFGANG’S BISTRO. Oakville Ranch Vineyards, “Traveling Wine Diva,” Paula Kornell. Part of the fun of this dinner is Paula herself and her positively wonderful personality that reminds you how wine dinners can be very enjoyable and not pretentious. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David have fun with this dinner as well, because they know her wines so well. To make reservations, please call Wolfgang’s at 828-526-3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgangswines.com.

The Town Scholarship Golf Tournament at Cullasaja Club.

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• At Cyrano’s Book Shop on Main Street, Chesters Players, will run Aug. 21-30 at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

• 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 fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Tickets: $20.

Beginning Friday, Aug. 22

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• At The Bascom, art classes with Cherry Cratty and Nathan Smith. Piano Thurs.-Sat., Aug. 22-24

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Beginning Monday, Aug. 25

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**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!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.
Feedback encouraged!

**Solution to #DZ1E in July 24 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 short 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**
“Carpenter’s Bench” (9)

**Across**
1. Decay (3)
2. Reference slip (2)
3. Large N.Am. mammal (4)
4. Steal (3)
5. Very damp (3)
6. Valuable mineral (3)
7. Confederate (abbr.) (3)
8. Exist (2)
9. -- and behold (2)
10. Knockout (abbr) (2)

**Down**
6. Valuable mineral (3)
7. Confederate (abbr.) (3)
8. Exist (2)
9. -- and behold (2)
10. Knockout (abbr) (2)

- **RYAN POTTS’ PRESIDENTIAL CROSSWORD PUZZLE -**

**Across**
2 – Chester Arthur had a fancy pair of these on his face.
4 – It’s the wood that Andrew Jackson was nicknamed for
7 – This “handsome” prez had a child die whilst in office
8 – This president did not allow alcohol in the White House
9 – This cat was assassinated by a disgruntled postal worker
12 – More presidents are from this state than any other
13 – Thomas Jefferson used to answer the White House door in this
15 – Our current president
16 – Reagan was famous for his portrayal of this football player

**Down**
1 – Richard Nixon went by this clever nickname
3 – Infamous for the Teapot Dome scandal
5 – This president was our tallest
6 – The name Millard says it all
8 – This was once US Grant’s first name
10 – Once played football at Michigan
11 – Ironically, colonists wanted to make him king
14 – Died on July 4, along with Jefferson
17 – Came up with the interstate system