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It’s taken some time but after numerous work-sessions and meetings, a new tax rate for 2008-2009 has been set, and it’s less than previously suggested.

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Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell says the department is working both cases. Anyone who knows anything about either case is encouraged to call the police department.

Pooleys elected ‘Fans’ again

Kay & Edwin Poole received their Fans-of-the-Year plaque from Highlands School Athletic Director Butch Smart. This is the 3rd year (not consecutive) the Pooleys have been voted by the high school athletes, as their Fan of the Year. The Pooleys are both retired teachers, and give a lot of proctoring, Big Brother-Big Sister program, the Book Fair and other activities at school. They are sport fans and attend most home games and some away games of all sports.

Panther story a hoax

An Internet hoax concerning an oversized mountain lion allegedly hit by a car on U.S. 64 recently had citizens both concerned and excited.

Though officials at the USFS claim mountain lions, also known as cougars, panthers and pumas, left the area long ago, folks in Highlands and Cashiers maintain claims to the contrary.

When news of such an animal in the vicinity hit the web, it was forwarded to hundreds of people with many elated that what they’ve been saying for years was true.

But alas, it wasn’t.

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Conservation not mentioned

Dear Editor,

I wonder if Mr. Swanson recognizes that coal mining companies! He should be is leading candidate for Manager if the Town proceeds with the proposed new governance format. I am not proud to be supporting illegals and the rich companies that hire them.

W. Stell Huie
Highlands

Victims of illegal immigration

Dear Editor,

My two grandchildren ages 3 and 4, need the public's help and support. They are in Mexico with their parents — my daughter and her illegal husband.

If anyone can help with knowledge of the abuse, or legal advice and even prayer please take the children's picture to your church's and pray if nothing else.

The Callaway County judge grants me custody, an organization that helps with missing and exploited children cases. I am proud to be self-supporting. I am not proud to be supporting illegals and the rich companies that hire them.

I heard a beautiful sermon on doing the right thing when I was in Kentucky. The preacher was so passionate on doing the right thing! I knew what I needed to do; I turned my child in for abuse and welfare fraud. She knew she was guilty and ran to Mexico because she felt she would lose the children and go to jail for welfare fraud. Her husband threatened to cut my grandson's throat when they got to the border because he is not his.

Sherry Stearns
P.O. Box 494
Otto, NC 28763
Bryson wins again

Ryan Bryson, of Bryson Motorsports, celebrated in the Victory Lane, Saturday night, May 17 at the Toccoa Motor Speedway in Toccoa, GA. He qualified on all laps on pole and lead to make this his second win of the season. Thanks go to his sponsors, B&S Haulers, Highlands Construction, Sam's Grading, Steve's Grading and Bryson Grading & Trucking.

OBITUARIES

Everett G. Carnathan

Everett Geno Carnathan, 56 of Port Richey, FL, died May 23, 2008 at James A Haley VA Medical Center, Tampa. He was born in Miami, FL.

In 1969 he moved to Pine Creek in Cashiers and attended Glenville School. After serving in the Army in Vietnam, he returned to the mountains to attend Western Carolina University as a history major. Everett had numerous interests and professions from working on tug boats, painting and restoration, to landscaper and golf courses. For many years he was employed by Odom Landscaping and the Cullasaja Club.

In 2002 Everett moved to Port Richey, FL working as a senior grounds tech at Innisbrook, Palm Harbor. Everett lived many different lifestyles, loved the mountains, the water, plants, and animals.

Survivors include his companion of 12 years, Bobbie Ross; a brother Chris and wife Janie of Cashiers; two nephews William and Ely Carnathan and wife Laura; neice Ginny Bryson and husband Mitch and five grand nieces & nephews: Christian, Rachel, Marlee, Jade and Logan.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m. at Yellow Mt. Baptist Church on Yellow Mt. Road in Cashiers. All are encouraged to attend. His remains will be buried at the Norton Cemetery. Everett’s kindness, great stories and sense of humor will be dearly missed by his friends and family.

Jedediah Daniel Miller

Jedediah Daniel Miller, infant son, of Everette and Angela Schiffhauer Miller of Scaly Mountain, N.C. died Friday, June 6, 2008 at a Franklin Hospital.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Rea Miller of the home and a brother Corey Schiffhauer of the home, his maternal grandfather, James Schiffhauer of Rochester, NY; his paternal grandparents, Everette and Emma Miller of Scaly Mountain, N.C. and his paternal great-grandmother, Martha Kell of Otto, N.C.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, June 14 at 11 a.m. at Scaly Mountain Methodist Cemetery with Rev. Alfred Sizemore officiating.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

An online obituary is available by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Support Highlands Police Dept. through calendar

Law Enforcement Publications, a company that produces Law Enforcement calendars each year, is currently in Highlands soliciting ads for the 2009 calendar.

Any money left over after production comes back to the Highlands Police Department and will be used to fund the DARE program at Highlands School and the new Explorer program set to begin sometime this summer.

Police Chief Bill Harrell wants the community to know that the project is legitimate, that the company is out of Morristown, TN and anyone interested in supporting the calendar with an ad can call 423-587-5653.
The Breathables

She leaned over and whispered in her girlfriend’s ear, “See the guy to your right…ah, let’s see, in the third row from the front?”

Her friend whispered back, “You mean the guy wearing the hideous plaid jacket with the 40s’ haircut?”

“Yes, you spotted him. I am told he is available and has money. You just kinda have to overlook his dress code and bad breath. And…are you sitting down? He can drive at night!”

“Shut up! Does he use a walker?”

That conversation and similar ones like it take place in Highlands hundreds of times a year, especially after the season starts. Each spring, a small army of widows, divorcées and old maids descend on Highlands and mix with the cadre of year-round older single women in search of one thing. A live, breathing man! These men are called the breathables.

When a woman first finds herself without a mate for whatever reason, she looks in the mirror and boldly says, “Suck it up baby; you are mighty; you are woman; you can do this alone.” By that afternoon, when she can’t get the tuna can open, she returns to the mirror and says, “Maybe not.”

When these youth-challenged women first become single, they usually make a list of requirements needed for a man to be attractive to them. The list usually includes:
- Handsome, doesn’t live with his mother, has money. You just kinda have to overlook his dress code and bad breath. And…are you sitting down?
- He can drive at night!
- Must be hard of hearing so I can yell at him and he won’t hear.
- They found each other and are also clannish? They find each other and compare notes. Here are some of the ones they have been floating around:

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Then I discovered he was dating a man.”

After these women have been floating around the single circuit for five years or more, the list is revised yet again. Here’s the new list: Looks not important, job not important, playing cards not important, uses Viagra only to keep his blood thin to stay alive, drives at night at five miles per hour, walks with a cane but not a walker, wants to sleep in another bedroom because of his snoring and disgusting gas. Must be hard of hearing so I can yell at him and he won’t hear.

There are some success stories to report. I spoke with a man who actually married one of these women. Here’s what he said.

“She had everything I ever wanted. Every part of her body had been sewn, re-sewn and stretched to the limit. Liposuction fat sucked out of her legs and rear could fill a 55-gallon drum. She hated sex so I didn’t have to take performance drugs. She loved to drive at night and was perfect until she left me for a man with more money.”

If you’re a woman who has been on the single circuit for over 10 years, then I am betting your revised list is very small. The list might look like this. Must be conscious. Will marry me without a prenuptial agreement; Promises to live in New York while I live in Highlands.

Why do these older single women seem to go on forever without ever snagging a breathable? Because most of the breathables out there are dogs; a sorry lot to say the least. Is that too harsh? How about if I call them K9ers?

So I was sitting in the PAC the other night and overheard a woman behind me tell her girlfriend, “See the guy to your right…ah, let’s see, in the third row from the front?” Her friend whispered back, “You mean the guy slumped in his seat wearing the hideous plaid jacket and 40s’ haircut?”

“Yeah, he came in alone so why don’t you go talk to him?” Moments later the women returned to her seat and said, “I don’t think he’s breathing.”

So, ladies, you know the old saying, “If you’re in Highlands and are lonely, buy yourself a dog…the four-legged kind.”
American’s must wake up

When Japan announced the ambitious and laudable goal of reducing that nation’s greenhouse emissions between 60% and 80% by 2050, I found myself asking anew, “Where is the good old US of A?” Japan has joined the European Union in the realization that we must act now if permanent damage to the planet is to be minimized. While the earth heated, the United States fiddled.

The U.S. Senate is debating a climate change bill this week, legislation that is certain to be defeated. Maybe next year. The U.S. stands alone among the world’s leading nations in refusing to ratify the Kyoto Accord, an earlier effort to slow global warming. Where is the leadership that the world once expected from this great nation? Ours is a country that vanquished the British Empire, developed the idea of equality among all people, and crafted the US Constitution. We became the technological and moral leader of the world. We were universally respected and widely copied. When the world community needed leadership, in war, in peace, or in innovation, it looked to us.

The answer may lie partly in the influence that the energy and auto industries enjoy in Washington. It is not secret that both Executive and Legislative branches bow to their major contributors. It is not easy to believe that our leaders would put another term in office, or a few more corporate dollars above the fate of our planet. We have come to accept that it is true.

It is easy for them to hide behind the flimsy notion that we are experiencing a normal climate cycle, that man’s activity is not responsible, and that the subject needs only further study. They point to the economic cost of action. Does a sailor ponder the cost of a pump when his boat is sinking? Man is the steward of this planet. Our dominance over its other inhabitants has thrust this responsibility upon us, whether we like it or not. We cannot ignore our role. We must pay the price, and the price will be great.

As the presidential candidates, only Senator Obama had the courage to reject the notion of a gas tax holiday this summer. Both Senator McCain and Senator Clinton jumped on the gas guzzling bandwagon and called for temporary relief. Maybe there is hope in Senator Obama’s position. We don’t need lower gas costs. Lower prices encourage us to drive our big SUVs farther and pollute our planet more. We don’t need lower electric bills because cheap power lets us set our thermostats to 68 degrees year round. There is no incentive to wear a sweater in the winter or open a window in the summer. We must conserve and we must develop less polluting energy sources.

We express concern that the failure of China and India to join us in action puts us at a competitive disadvantage. Maybe so, but it’s hard to imagine us at a greater disadvantage than we are now. And let’s remember that we still produce 25% of the world’s greenhouse gases.

The planet will cook while we wait for the emerging nations to lead. We must lead. We must discard our “go it alone, cowboy mentality”; get over the idea that the rest of the world can’t tell America what to do, and join the enlightened nations of the world in this effort.

Japanese and European efforts will result in the development of technology that will reduce global warming and which will prove very profitable.

When we finally decide to act, we will find ourselves buying technology from abroad. The ultimate irony would be if we buy it at Walmart from China. In the fifties, Ford built the Edsel while Germany exported the Volkswagen. More recently, GM sold the Hummer while Toyota developed the Prius.

Today we are making excuses while the rest of the world’s leading nations are taking steps toward a safer tomorrow. Whether we like it or not we are going to change. There is no alternative. We can search the seas and drill in the Alaskan wilderness, but there is a finite amount of fossil fuel. We can denigrate the work of climate scientists, but that won’t slow climate change. We can take refuge in the belief that the major impact will not be felt in our lifetimes, but what of the lives of or children and their children? Are we really willing to permanently destroy the beauty that is planet Earth? Is this to be the legacy of our generation, of our country? Have we become so lazy and so selfish that we can’t be bothered to save the earth?

Let’s join the world community, before it’s too late. We’re too late to lead, but following, just this once, might be good medicine. We’ve still got a lot of Yankee ingenuity, a lot to offer.
How does a pacifist war against war?

After what happened a few weeks ago, I’m not sure if it's allowed to comment on someone else's column in this newspaper, but here goes anyway. I don’t think anyone who reads the columns in this paper would be surprised to hear that I regularly disagree with some of my fellow columnists.

Disagreeing in a civil fashion seems to be a dying art in this country (which I consider one of the greatest dangers to our democracy). John Armor is one of the columnists I regularly disagree with, but even so he and I had a very agreeable conversation last week at the Performing Arts Center about one of his recent columns.

But when I read his column in last week’s paper, “The War Against War,” I had to respond. John made it sound as if being a pacifist is a naive and rather soft-headed position. John wrote, “There is a discussion group in my church (Episcopalians) who read with favor the works of an Irish theologian who believes that Christianity’s purpose is the creation of a pacifist, secular government on Earth. This, however, is not a new concept. The same idea, that all war is “unChristian,” was present at the time of the American Revolution. The Quakers in Pennsylvania in 1776 were also pacifists.”

John quoted extensively from Thomas Paine’s attack on the Quakers to show that pacifism means allowing evil to persist — a king or a dictator or a Hitler or a Saddam — instead of using violence to be free from or to destroy that evil.

I immediately thought of the civil rights movement in the United States, and Mahatma Gandhi’s revolution in India. These nonviolent movements used civil disobedience, and both were successful in achieving the end of an evil system.

People tend to believe the argument that “war is good” when examples such as the Revolutionary War or World War II are used. But what about World War I, which John also mentioned?

We have all been brought up on the propaganda that the U.S. was neutral in that war until provocations by the Germans, among them the sinking of the Lusitania, forced our hand. This is complete hogwash. The United States was biased towards Great Britain and regularly provoked Germany.

At the time, the vast majority of the American people were opposed to the U.S. entering that war — Woodrow Wilson won the presidency based on the promise that he would keep America out. And the pacifists — those who thought we shouldn’t be fighting because it wasn’t our fight — were right. The First World War was a fight over empire between Germany and Great Britain, and I think this is a perfect example of a situation in which an honest, neutral broker could have made an enormous difference. Perhaps even prevented the next war from happening.

(If you’d like to read a history of WWI from an alternative point of view about U.S. involvement, read The Politics of War, by Walter Karp).

It is true that the human race has been “resolving” disputes through warfare for our entire history. War is diplomacy by other means, isn’t that how the phrase goes? The Invention of Peace (by Michael Howard, 327.1H) argues that the concept of “peace” as an alternative to war is a very recent innovation — until the Enlightenment, there was only war or the pause between wars.

But does that mean we are doomed to the horror of war forever? Now that we are capable of self-destruction through nuclear weapons, combined with the certainty that nuclear bomb technology will continue to spread around the world, greatly increasing the risk of nuclear war, isn’t it obvious that we need to figure out how to resolve our disputes peacefully?

Currently the states of Georgia, Florida, and Alabama are in dispute over the water rights to the Chattahoochee River. If Florida doesn’t feel like Georgia is taking its position seriously, perhaps the Florida National Guard should invade Georgia. Ludicrous, right? But why is it ludicrous? Because we understand that we are one country and are in this together and we Americans have to find ways of resolving our disputes through laws.

Is it naive to imagine that in the future the human race will realize that we are all one planet and we are in this together and we as Earthlings need to find ways of resolving our disputes without armed conflict?

Is it naive that Christians, followers of the Prince of Peace who counseled us to “turn the other cheek” and to “love our enemies,” would look forward to a day in which the people of this earth would grow in spiritual understanding to the point that they would turn from hurting...
Years ago, John and I were living on a houseboat in Baltimore harbor. It was called the Papa George, named after John’s beloved grandfather. Insane as we were, we decided to move in before it was completed. It was a blazing hot summer, and there we were, with no running water or electricity. During the day, the houseboat was swarming with workers, trying to make the houseboat livable.

Most of the workers were pleasant and kind, but one was a cranky old electrician who seemed particularly to dislike me. He avoided me whenever possible, barely acknowledging my presence. Imagine my surprise when he found me in the corner where I’d been hiding one day, and asked if I could help him with his work. His assistant was a no-show, and he needed someone to hold the flashlight, hand him over his tools, things like that. I’d enjoyed helping my Dad as a little girl, and I was puzzled to see him return with two brown paper bags. Not meeting my eyes, he thrust one of the bags, containing goodies, champagne and orange juice. We worked together all morning, handing him over his tools, things like that. Needed someone to hold the flashlight, because he mumbled gruffly, “Here, you done helped, too.”

We continued our job on a slightly lighter tone during the entire afternoon until his 5 p.m. quitting time. He gathered his tools, was making his way to the front door, and then turned around. “He gonna marry you, that fancy dan lawyer of yours?” I am pleased to report that on June 7th, 2008, that fancy dan lawyer of mine finally did marry me, and I married John’s groomsmen, Ted Anderson and Duncan Parham, were perfect – able that they felt great in. And everyone did. John’s groomsmen, Ted Anderson and Duncan Parham, were perfect – handsome and elegant. John’s daughters, Doni and Karen, were there with their families, and happy for their Dad and me. Suddenly, it was time. Eric held my arm as we went up the stairs. We listened as talented Robert Henry played “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring,” one of my favorite pieces of music. Then our soloist, Paul Meier, sang Cesar Franck’s, “Panis Angelicus,” which my late father had always loved. Virginia Parrott was there at the door to cue our entrance. Robert began the “Hompipe” from Handel’s “Water Music,” and as Fletcher Wolfe (Incarnation’s music director) had predicted, we swam up the aisle.

I don’t know what John thought of me, but all I could think of was how fantastic he looked, especially with that huge grin. On the way down the aisle, I snuck peaks at our guests, who beamed right back at me. It was like sailing on a river of happiness.
For many years the cost of housing in Highlands has been accelerating faster than almost any place in western North Carolina and, indeed, most places in the southern United States. The rapid increase in land values and rents on the Highlands plateau has made it difficult for working people in Highlands to live close to their places of employment, and our area has become increasingly a playground for the wealthiest of our society as development has expanded.

More and more of our workers have had to either move off the mountain or come to work from places some distance away. In addition to that, the cost of gasoline to travel daily has put burdens on families and resulted in many saying it is no longer feasible for them to work in Highlands. Teachers, hospital personnel, town employees and other permanent workers are feeling the pinch.

In 1967 a futurist said, “I shall live 30 miles from my office in one direction, and under a pine tree, my secretary will live 30 miles away from it too, in the other direction, under another pine tree. We shall both have our own car. We shall use up tires, wear out road surfaces and gears, consume oil and gasoline. All of which will necessitate a great deal of work... enough for all.” (Le Corbusier, The Radiant City, 1967) My friends, that future is now.

This is not a good situation in which a town or a city should be. To live in a community which does not enjoy as its inhabitants a broad spectrum of society will eventually result in the decline of that area, both physically and spiritually. To maintain the long term heritage and history of Highlands as a place which is friendly to all people we must seek to remedy this situation and make Highlands a great place to live for all people.

For that reason almost two years ago I appointed what has turned out to be a “blue ribbon” task force to look into that situation. The Workforce Affordable Housing Task Force led by chairman Mary Ann Sloan (who has had much experience in this field as director of Macon Program for Progress some years ago) has done an incredible job in a very short time.

First, they surveyed the work force in our area to see if, indeed, the people (teachers, nurses, town workers, and others) were interested. Although not all were interested, most were. Then, they visited other areas which had handled similar situations (Davidson, Franklin, Waynesville and blowing Rock). Each had their unique way of handling the situa-

Second, they asked Kristi Carter, a community development planner with the Division of Community Assistance of the NC Department of Commerce to give an extensive evaluation of housing in our area. Her detailed report is available to any who wish to look at it. This extensive report very definitely confirms the need of workforce housing in Highlands.

Ms. Carter has become an enthusiastic member of the committee.

Third, the task force began to search for appropriate property which met all the necessary criteria. This was not easy. And during this process they consulted with a firm which has many years experience building outstanding housing for the workforce (Crosland out of Charlotte). Similar places built in North Carolina were visited and I can assure everyone that the quality of the individual homes and apartments which have been built is outstanding. Any community would be proud to have them in their area. We are not building “projects” as some large cities must do.

The Highlands Cashiers Hospital has agreed to sell six acres of their property to us on Buck Creek Road to build a 48 unit apartment complex. This will consist of 24 units rented at subsidized rates depending on the Area Median Income of the applicants and 24 units rented at market rates. The funds for the land purchase will be raised from grants and individual contributions and will cost the town little or nothing. Once the $750,000 is funded for the land, there will be no further cost to us for this subsidized apartment complex, and it will be financed through grants and tax credits from the Housing Finance Authority.

Finally, the concept was presented to the Highlands Board of Commissioners and got their overwhelming support. A small grant may be requested from both the town and the county not for this year but possible in the next fiscal year. The cost to the town should be minimal.

Everyone on the task force is excited and very positive about the potential of this project, and each one of us is open to answering any questions anyone has regarding the process. We all hope this will lead to other projects and eventually to individual homes for our working people. If there are questions, please call upon either me or the other members of the task force (Mary Ann Sloan, Pat Boyd, Lee Hodges, Christy Kelly, Dick Lawrence, Jill Montana, Bob Wright and Bill Nellis. Ginger Slaughter also did much of the early work for this task force.)
Irene Picklesimer James turns 103

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**Cooking on the Plateau**

**Grill a Great Steak for Dad**

Is the fastest way to your father’s heart through the aroma of a tender, juicy steak — grilled to perfection? Then forget the necktie and fire up the grill!

This Father’s Day, show dad who the real “grill master” is! Grilled Ribeye Steaks and Potatoes with Smoky Paprika Rub are ready in less than 30 minutes and perfect for the whole family to enjoy. A simple seasoning blend for both the steak and potatoes provides a zesty flavor surprise dad will love.

Smoked paprika, chili powder and cayenne provide just the right splash of heat to accent the bold beefy ribeye, plus a pleasant punch to the potato wedges. For an extra special touch, make a cooling dipping sauce for the potatoes with sour cream, green onion and additional paprika. Add a salad and rolls and call dad to the table. One bite tells him he’s special!

**Grilled Ribeye Steaks & Potatoes with smoky paprika rub**

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 to 30 minutes

Makes 4 servings

2 well-trimmed beef ribeye steaks
cut 1-inch thick (about 12 oz. each)
2 tbl. vegetable oil
½ tsp. salt
2 large russet potatoes, cut
lengthwise into 8 wedges each
salt
1 tbl. minced green onion
Sour Cream & Onion Sauce
2 tbl. smoked or Spanish paprika
1 ½ tsp. sugar
1 ½ tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. ground black pepper
½ tsp. ground red pepper

Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl; remove and reserve 2 tablespoons. Press remaining seasoning evenly onto beef steaks; set aside. Combine reserved seasoning, oil and salt in large bowl. Add potatoes; toss to coat. Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange potatoes around steaks. Grill steaks, uncovered, 1 1 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 14 to 17 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

Carve steaks into slices; season with salt, as desired. Sprinkle green onion over potatoes. Serve potatoes with Sour Cream and Onion Sauce for dipping, if desired.

Cook’s Tip: To prepare on gas grill, preheat grill according to manufacturer’s directions for medium heat. Place steaks and potatoes on grid as directed above. Grill steaks, uncovered, 11 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 14 to 17 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

**Sour Cream and Onion Sauce:**

Combine 1/2 cup dairy sour cream and 2 tablespoons minced green onion. Sprinkle with smoked or Spanish paprika, as desired.

Yield: 1/2 cup.
The government of unintended consequences

This time I mean it. No Obama bashing. It’s time to address the ethanol issue. Plenty of room for bashing there. Let’s start at the beginning, shall we? In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth—and the dinosaurs. Let’s not get theological about it for now. Just bear with me. In time, whatever the cause, the dinosaurs croaked and ended up several hundred thousand feet under.

God also created man, who created the wheel, which provided great opportunities.

If we could just move this thing without pushing it or pedaling it, we could get from here to there and take some stuff with us. Along came Al Gore who invented the internal combustion engine that turned the wheels and took people and stuff there much faster than walking and carrying. Soon, man created NASCAR, and it became very popular.

Fortunately, the dinosaurs roamed all over the earth and man discovered that their rotten old corpses turned into black gold that, when properly processed through the Al Gore refinery, powered the automobile that Al Gore invented, as well as trucks, airplanes (another Al Gore invention), tractors (you guessed it), and SUVs, that Al insists were invented by the anti-christ.

So man needed vast quantities of black gold (oil) to power all these inventions. Man drilled holes in the ground and if they lucked out, they hit a dinosaur cemetery and up came oil and plenty of it. Man drilled holes all over the earth and oil was found practically everywhere. If it was found in Nigeria, where the wheel had not yet been known, since they didn’t need it, they sold it to people that did, thus the Al Gore oil futures market was born.

The United States really got the drilling thing rolling, and soon we had wells hither and yon. The automobile became fashionable but couldn’t use up all the oil, so we went to war. That ought to do it. Unfortunately, all it did was to turn on foreigners to the uses of oil (it powered tanks, bombers, troop ships, etc.) Soon, oil was being used all over Europe and the need encouraged drilling, producing and refining over there.

The World started turning just a little bit differently in the early 1900’s when oil was discovered in then Persia, now Iraq. Just prior to the start of WWII, it was discovered in Saudi Arabia and other middle-east countries. There were shifts in the political landscape and the possession of oil became a valuable tool in diplomacy and national identity. Huge deposits were located and exploited by Aramco and other national entities.

The U.S. Interstate Highway System was introduced in the mid-50s and soon expanded U.S. automobile travel. City dwellers moved out to suburbs and rural folks moved into towns and outlying neighborhoods, all of which contributed to exploding gas consumption. The over-the-road trucking industry flourished adding to the movement of goods to what railroads traditionally hauled. Gas and diesel fuel was abundant and cheap which encouraged Detroit to produce muscle cars and large gas guzzling editions, coveted by the public.

Much of the rest of the world is going through the same growth experiences we did and people previously held to the land are now evolving into the middle-class by the millions, soon to be billions. The demand for oil escalates and the supply, for whatever reason, remains stagnant. Econ 101 tells us the price goes up, as indeed it has.

Sensing a problem on the horizon, Congress acted. The 2005 energy bill contained the first-ever requirement that renewable fuels be added into the gasoline supply. The 2007 energy bill increased the mandate substantially. The U.S. is now committed to using 9 billion gallons in 2008 rising to 36 billion by 2022. Tax incentives were offered to those producers to help meet these standards.

Since ethanol uses corn as a basis in the U.S., farmers converted most of their space to the growing of corn, decreasing the supply of other normal products. The extraordinary demand for corn tripled its price. The resulting lowered supply of other grains escalated their costs accordingly. Food prices ratcheted dramatically upwards.

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GARDENING ON THE PLATEAU

Gardening With Kids

By Charlie Nardozzi
National Gardening Association

Family photos often tell the tale of memorable life moments. One of my favorite family photos shows my 2-year-old daughter and me planting pumpkin seeds in the garden. Now she’s a teenager and not interested in gardening at the moment, but somehow I feel the “seed” has been planted for her to appreciate plants, flowers and growing food.

**Kids’ Gardening Benefits**

Something almost magical happens when children garden. For example, educators everywhere report that kids’ self-esteem, social skills and attitudes about the environment improve. Students who have trouble with academics find practical applications in the garden for what they learn in class.

Kids who garden also enjoy physical activity in the outdoors, and become more interested in eating the nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables they grow. Plus, gardening provides exercise in a fun way. The simple acts of digging a hole, raking soil, pulling giant weeds and hauling buckets of water work various muscle groups in the body. Researchers in England found that, with proper guidance, 30 minutes of gardening burned more calories than a 30-minute aerobics class.

**Make Gardening Fun**

But gardening isn’t an easy sell for most kids; they have so much competing for their attention already: television, computers, sports and a zillion planned activities. The key, especially at the early ages, is making gardening fun and approachable.

If you want your child to love gardening, the best thing you can do is show them how much you love it just by reveling in your own garden every day. Your garden doesn’t have to be a showplace—it may be a decorative little corner or a profusion of pots. Also, give them good gardening experiences. These will be great memories in years to come.

Here are some tips for gardening with children:

- **Start small** and let kids choose what to plant. Offer guidance and make sure there are some sure-success plants among their picks.
- **Relax your standards.** Crooked rows and a few weeds are fine.
- **Leave room for good old-fashioned digging.** Holes are a highly popular landscape feature. Look for worms. Add water, and frogs appear.
- **Let kids express themselves by coloring signs and decorating the garden in their own personal way.** Action figures in the garden are okay.
- **Do behind-the-scenes maintenance of kids’ gardens, keeping them edged and weeded.** Don’t expect kids to do all the watering and pest patrol.
- **Include a fun structure, perhaps a sunflower house or a bean tepee, to provide a seasonal hideout and playhouse.**

For more information about gardening with kids, go to www.kidsgardening.org.

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From Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music to Carnegie Hall!

By Katie Brugger

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival has been bringing beautiful music and world-class musicians to the Highlands plateau for twenty-seven years now. But there is another exciting but little-known feature of the Festival: a number of programs that had their genesis at the Festival have gone on to be performed with great success around the world!

Artistic Director William Ransom has put together imaginative combinations of music that have been repeated in venues such as Emory University in Atlanta, Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and Zankel Hall, and concert halls in Japan.

“The Poet and the Pianist,” featuring poet Dr. John Stone and pianist William Ransom, has been presented almost a dozen times since the Festival audiences first enjoyed this special mix of words and music in 2000. The program features original poetry and prose by Dr. Stone alternating with solo piano works of Chopin, Bach, Schumann, Debussy and others. That program was played in Carnegie Hall in 2001 by Dr. Stone and Mr. Ransom.

A more recent concert, “Jazz Meets Classics,” which features the classical Vega String Quartet and the Gary Motley Jazz Quartet, played Carnegie just last year. This popular concert includes an original work by Gary Motley, “Highlands Summit,” which combines both groups and was written especially for the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival in 2006. The unusual combination of star clarinetist Richard Stoltzman, marimba

“Jazz Meets Classics” performers, the classical Vega String Quartet and the Gary Motley Jazz Quartet, with HCCMF Artistic Director Will Ransom, relaxing after a rehearsal for their Carnegie Hall performance.

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Having recently relocated back to Highlands, I received the chance to think about the many things that I enjoyed during my youth, having grown up locally. This week, I'm calling an audible (see... still sports related!) and sharing some of the things that I am looking forward to returning to here in Highlands.

Roads: One of the best things about Highlands is the many unique roads that you have the opportunity to travel on here in the area. The other day I was behind a couple in D&J who asked which “road was the straight one out of town” and I just laughed because none of them are straight!

You have Hwy 28 to Walhalla, which should be renamed the Cauldron of Curves or something fancy like that because of the many S curves that you will experience on the way down to South Carolina. Hwy 106, which connects to the Atlanta Superhighway (441) and has some breathtaking overlooks. Horse Cove Road is full of rich history as well as a plethora of switchbacks. Hwy 64 to Cashiers also has some beautiful scenery, not to mention that it is relatively tame compared to the other roads in the area.

Finally, the Gorge Road completes the driving experience here in town (or crawling experience, depending on the license plate of the car that you get behind coming up the mountain) complete with the magnificent expanse of the Cullasaja Gorge.

Recreation Park: Folks in Highlands are a bit spoiled by the tremendous facilities at the Highlands Civic Center and Recreation Park. I have really missed playing pickup basketball up there on Monday nights. Between the tile floor, the short court, the unforgettable clang of the double rims and the 2-3 zone—it is a completely unique experience in terms of pick up. Add in the friendly faces of people that have been playing up there for many years and it makes for a great way to spend a Monday night.

Food: Highlands has some terrific cuisine, and I have truly missed some of the places that I used to frequent in my youth. It is amazing that such a small town has such a wide variety of restaurants that vary both in style and price.

People: Friendly faces are the norm here in Highlands, not the exception. It has been tremendous to see the folks that I grew up with and the way that they have grown and changed with time. The names that have survived for generations here in Highlands remain, and it is something that helps to make this area special for folks of many different backgrounds.

One thing that is a bit overlooked is the great melting pot that Highlands has become. In the last week I have met folks from many different countries and backgrounds in addition to people from many different areas in the United States. It continues to amaze me that so many different types of people are able to make there way to this small little mountain town.

Serenity: The main reason that so many different types of people have been drawn to this area is the beauty of the mountains combined with the peace and calmness that can be found here. Growing up, you tend to get caught up in little things due to the exuberance of youth—but with age comes perspective and the realization that this is a special place in the hearts of many for a reason. It is my hope that my daughter will one day have the chance to realize how special Highlands is and always be able to think of it the way that many folks always will... home.

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heir brothers and sisters and instead learn how to love each and every one?

Is it naive to imagine that the human race might grow up and instead of acting like a race of toddlers who hit back when someone hurts us we become adults and figure out how to solve our problems?

Right now I would settle for this: that I might someday live in a country that isn’t the biggest arms merchant to the world. That doesn’t support tyrants just because they sell us oil or let us have military bases. That doesn’t refuse to sign international agreements to ban such horrible, civilian-maiming weapons as cluster bombs and land mines. That doesn’t refuse to ban torture. That doesn’t continue to maintain one of the largest stockpiles of nuclear and chemical weapons on the planet.

Call me naïve and soft-headed if you like, I am with those souls in the Episcopal Church who are envisioning a better future for all of us through pacifism.

All of Katie Brugger’s columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com
By Becky Schilling
Mountain Garden Club

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Harris and Garner ordained

On Saturday, June 7, two of Highlands United Methodist youth pastors -- one the current but soon-to-be-leaving Mike Harris and Ron Garner, the youth pastor during the Lindquist era -- were ordained at Lake Junalaska.

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The specific type and source of tomatoes are under investigation. “At this time, consumers should limit their tomato consumption to tomatoes that have not been implicated in the outbreak,” said FDA officials. “These include cherry tomatoes, grape tomatoes, sold with the vine still attached, and tomatoes grown at home.

Also, FDA said to only eat raw red plum, raw red Roma, or raw red round tomatoes if homegrown or grown and harvested from the following areas that have not been associated with the outbreak: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Nebraska, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Belgium, Canada, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Israel, Netherlands and Puerto Rico.

Consumers who are unsure of where the tomatoes are from that they have in their home should contact the store or place of purchase for that information.

August Produce representatives said the tomatoes they buy are inspected daily by officials in Atlanta and are clean.

Consumers should also be aware that raw tomatoes are often used in the preparation of fresh salsa, guacamole, and pico de gallo, are part of fillings for tortillas, and are used in other dishes.

Restaurants, grocery stores, and food service operators have been advised by the FDA not to offer for sale or service raw red plum, Roma, or red tomatoes and products made from these types of tomatoes unless they are from one of the areas listed above.

Since mid April, there have been 167 reported cases of salmonellosis nationwide caused by Salmonella Saintpaul, an uncommon form of Salmonella. At least 23 hospitalizations have been reported.

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At the public hearing a citizen questioned the commission’s fiduciary ethics citing county employees using county vehicles during working hours at area stores and restaurants.

Commission Chairman Charlie Leatherman told the man he was to speak to the issue of the budget and to produce evidence in support of his accusations. He then closed the public hearing.

Horton said each county vehicle is numbered and assigned to a specific employee for use at a specific time so it would be easy to depict any wrongdoing.

“All anyone ever has to do is call in the information and we will look into it. It’s that easy,” he said.

The commission is expected to pass the budget at the June 16 meeting.
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love. The service seemed to me now, except that at one point, Father Brian said something about forgiveness and harsh words, and I blurted out "and in French," creating great mirth in the congregation. The ceremony was intimate, moving, and sweet. It was a hot day, and the rings were so hard to get on! And then we got to the "kiss your bride" part. John swept me up in his arms, we hugged and kissed, and then hugged and kissed some more, and I thought to myself, we'd better cool it, or the champagne is going to get warm.

Perhaps you recall that our guardian angel is a gorgeous, talented New York lady named Susan Shapiro, whose book, "Five Men Who Broke My Heart," was the inspiration for me tracking down John three years ago.

We invited her to the wedding of course, but she couldn't make it, due to the three classes she's currently teaching, and an upcoming new book. She did tell her friend, Devan Sipher, from the Style section of "The New York Times," and they sent reporter, Constance Richards and photographer, Benjamin Porter, to cover the wedding. The article should be coming out on Sunday, two weeks from now. After the wedding, we lined up the family for photos, and we should have some great ones of all the festivities, since Cynthia Strain was there working her magic, too.

Finally, it was on to the reception. The photo taking in church meant that we hadn't done a receiving line, which is just as well. John and I walked around, greeting our guests. Debbie Grossman and her crew from Fresser's had outdone themselves. The food was fabulous, and people kept coming back for more. Each table was decorated with a fruit basket from Edible Arrangements, and I almost wish they hadn't been so pretty that some people were afraid to eat them. Pastry chef, Boni, outdid herself with her marvelous French strawberry cake, a Fraisier, which so heavenly it almost had to be served in church.

People got up and gave toasts. I gave one myself. John brought tears to people's eyes by calling me his "split-apart," the other half of his soul. Michael Cannon wowed us with his singing. John's poker buddies, whom we affectionately call "the coots," did a singing and dancing routine. Our neighbors from Kettle Rock Mountain were there in force to shower us with love and blessings, including bringing my mother up to join them in singing "Michelle."

Others spoke, too, including lb, our newfound Norwegian friend, and Lee Lyons who brought down the house with her poem. John's friends, the Woottens, who have known him since high school said a few words. John's oldest daughter, Dori, thanked her father for being such a colorful character, and me, for bringing color back into his life.

And then it was over. We picked up our bits and pieces, packed up the car, and headed home. It had been a perfect day, the best day ever. I married the love of my life, and what's better than that? I just wish I could find that electrician in Baltimore, and tell him that fancy dan lawyer married me after all.

About the Author: Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband (and don't I like saying that!), live on top of a mountain near Highlands. They are members of the Highlands Writers Group. Michelle is currently exercising her writing skills by doing thank you notes and paying bills.
Outdoor living spaces have become one of the most popular renovation and homebuilding projects in recent years. A record number of homeowners are transforming simple decks, patios and even bare grass lots into year-round rooms. In fact, a recent U.S. Census Bureau report revealed more than one-third of the $150 billion spent on home remodeling is dedicated to outdoor living areas.

Beyond the “must-have” essentials, including a cooking appliance, a dining and/or conversation area, and a hearth or other heating unit, outdoor living spaces are all about making the design feel like it is part of the home. Two of the most important elements are to make the space both guest-friendly and appropriate for all kinds of weather conditions, from blue skies to gloomy, rainy days. For the best sun protection, consider screened-in awnings, a garden umbrella over an outdoor table or natural shade from vines trained on a pergola. For cold weather comfort, the most popular homeowner request is for a fire pit, chiminea or portable propane heater to help extend the time spent outdoors.

The choices these days for seating are incredible, and limited only by budget and what you want to do. Select sofas, chaise lounges, benches and other furnishings in sturdy materials such as wood, cast iron, or even anodized aluminum, and in fade-resistant, easy-to-clean outdoor fabrics. Also, look for do-it-yourself furnishings with attachable casters, so you can easily move serving carts, tables and other items to different areas of the space.

Decorative details bring interiors to life, and the same is true of outdoor rooms. Customized sound systems, art works and sculptures, intricate fencing and more add personal touches. Overhead lighting as well as lanterns, pathway lighting and candles also set the mood.

The view is so important. A well-manicured lawn and beautiful landscaping are important to the overall look and feel. Add focal points, such as raised beds and trellises, a fountain, a shallow pond or even an arbor.
Highlands High School Annual Awards Ceremony Monday, June 4

Junior Marshals are those students with the highest GPA in the Junior Class. For 2008 it’s Andrew Billingsley, Matthew McClellan, Marisol Ruiz, Carolyn Hornsby, Casey Jenkins, Will Edwards, Luke McClellan

Photo by Carol Bowen

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
These students have been present everyday and have had no more than 1 tardy for the 2007-2008 school year.

Amy Fogle
Elizabeth Gordon
Ricky Reyes
Ladonna Rodriguez
Griselda Sanchez-Velasco

The following students have made all A’s during the first 5 six-weeks of school. They were recognized at the Academic Reception sponsored by the Rotary Club on May 27 and received a certificate and medal for their achievement. Please stand as I call your name.

Tucker Bates
Avee Graham
Brielle Jenkins
Beverly Nix
Kate Marie Parks
Michael Nix
Griselda Sanchez-Velasco
Kyle Lasiter

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Shelby Johnson
Carolyn Hornsby
Casey Jenkins
Lucy Ruiz
Jessica Dryman
Michael Grabe
Taylor Stinson

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Garner Webb

Jake Wesley Heffington
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in the new gym at Highlands School

The class of 2008 with mascots Samuel Schmitt and Daisy Talley
Festival of Feasts 2008

Every season the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival offers an opportunity to meet interesting people and enjoy wonderful food and drink in the setting of some of the area’s most beautiful and elegant private homes and restaurants. These annual FEASTS provide important and vital financial support to the Festival which allows us to bring world-class chamber music to the mountains each year. JOIN US at this season’s events by calling the HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL office at 828-526-9060 or visit our website at www.h-cmusicfestival.org to sign up.

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Country Feast with the Trimmings
Sat. 8/9 – 6:30PM - $100/person
Hosts: Claude & Ann Sullivan

Una Cena Grande Sudamericana
Thurs. 8/14 – 6:30pm - $125/person
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Sat. 8/16 – 6:30PM - $125/person
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Thurs. 8/21 - 6:30 PM - $125/person
Hosts: Barry & Paula Jones

Mountain Fresh at Apple Lake
Thurs. 8/28 – 7PM - $125/person
Hosts: Mose & Teri Bond
Glenn Murer & J.T. Fields

Brunch with a View at Sweet Tater Top
Sun. 9/14 – 12:30PM - $75/person
Hosts: Nancy Rampell & David Blum

“Calle Ocho”
Thurs. 9/18 – 6:30 PM - $125/person
Hosts: Peter & Valerie Whiteup

Mardi Gras
Sat. 9/20 – 6:30PM - $100/person
Hosts: Paul & Glennna Maney

Autumn Eve at Lakeside
Sun. 9/21 – 6:30PM - $125/person
Hosts: Sandy Cohn & Ruth Gershon

Cajun at Lakeside
Sun. 9/28 – 7PM - $125/person
Hosts: Earle Mauldin & Debbie Davidoff

Cocktail Party Buffet
Sun. 10/12 – 5:30PM - $100/person
Host: Ann Abrams

Shrimp and Antiques
Mon. 10/27 – 6:30PM - $125/person
Host: Dwight Bryant

Rustic Italian
Sat. 11/1 – 7:00 PM - $125/person
Hosts: Rick & Cindy Trevathan

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Jake Heffington
Kyle Lassiter
Katie Pierce
Greg Porter
Taylor Stinson
Sally Wheeler

CLASSROOM ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

SCIENCE
Chemistry: Carolyn Hornsby, Casey Jenkins
Earth Environmental Science: First semester: Tucker Bates, Marlee McCall
Physical Science: Alex Hedden
Biology: Brice Jenkins

The next two awards had monetary value, given by Dr. Peter Sarjeant who became an instructor at Southwestern Community College after a successful career in the business world. He faithfully exhibited his love of students as he taught them the value of a solid background in science. Dr. Sarjeant continues to fund these two awards for outstanding students in physics and chemistry.

William Gilbert Prize in Physics: Kyle Lassiter
Linus Pauling Prize in Chemistry: Carolyn Hornsby, Casey Jenkins

MATHEMATICS
Technical Math I: Sarah Hedden
Technical Math II: Lacy Tucker
Integrated Math I: Cody Houser
Integrated Math II: Katie Nix
Geometry: Tucker Bates, Avee Graham
Pre-Algebra: Yunuen Rivera
Algebra I: Marlee McCall
Algebra II: Brice Jenkins
Advanced Functions and Modeling (1st Semester): Taylor Stinson
Advanced Functions and Modeling (2nd Semester): Carolyn Hornsby
Precalculus: Casey Jenkins
Calculus I: Will Edwards, Thomas Forrester

ENGLISH
English I Honors: Avee Graham
English I College Prep: Cody Houser
English II: Shelti Chastain
English II Honors: Katie Durham
English III: Lucy Ruiz
English III Honors: Carolyn Hornsby
English IV Honors: Jake Heffington
English IV College Prep: Ashlee Higgs
Advanced Placement Literature and Composition: Kyle Lassiter

SOCIAL STUDIES
World History: Avee Graham, Samuel Wheeler
World History Honors: Amy Fogle
Civics: Sarah Hedden, Katie Pierce
Civics Honors: Shelby Johnson
United States History College Prep: Alex Hedden

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

* See AWARDS page 23
Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter presented Jake Heffington with “The Highlander Pride Award.” It is awarded to a senior that has gone far beyond what was “expected” and completed what was “asked” and “even more.” This award recognizes examples of Highlands’ School Best. Part of the award reads as follows: “For those who give of themselves with Highlander Pride for the betterment of Highlands School.”

Photo by Kim Lewicki

French IV: Jessica Dryman, Casey Jenkins
Spanish I: Tucker Bates
Spanish II: Kyle Lassiter
Spanish III: Jake Heffington

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
Bigger, Faster, Stronger: Bailey Buck

BUSINESS
Computer Applications I: Ana Damian
Computer Applications II: Shelby Chastain, Will Mathiowdis
Principles of Business: Carolyn Hornsby, Taylor Stinson

Family and Consumer Science
Foods I: Katie Durham
Foods II: Katie Nix
Apparel Development I: Devon Potter
Apparel Development II: Leticia Reyes

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION
Construction I (1st Semester): Andrew Billingsley, Avee Graham
Construction I (2nd Semester): Alex Hedden
Construction II: Aaron Burton
Fundamentals of Technology: Matt McClellan
Drafting I: Russell Graham, Nicole Strubel
Drafting II: Caden Brown

ART
Art I: Avee Graham, Sarah Power
Art II: Carolyn Hornsby
Art III & IV (one class): Kasey Chambers

DEPARTMENTAL ACADEMIC AWARDS
Math Departmental: Kyle Lassiter
Art Departmental: Jane Hudakorn

In-Town Pine Brook Condo on 5th Street
Hard to find lower street level unit in a nice quiet complex. Washer & dryer, new stove & dishwasher, new vertical blinds. Corner location with very nice solar covered patio, Living-room with gas fireplace, 2 Bedrooms, with 2 Full baths and large heated Florida room, small pets allowed. Corner end unit #8 - Excellent Condition - Reserved Parking next to unit. $210,000.

CONTACT ANY OF THE REALTORS ON THIS NEWSPAPER’S BACK PAGE MAP

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“What we can learn in a year’s time”

Pastor Mike Harris
Highlands United Methodist Church

It seems like just yesterday we were scrambling to get our POD loaded and our house packed to move to this quaint village called Highlands. I was excited to be moving to this slice of heaven to begin a new ministry. My job was to grow the youth and children’s ministry and to reach out to the community in Jesus name.

Wow! I learned that we humans plan is not always what happens in life. My plan was to come and stay for years helping the ministry and outreach of Jesus Christ to be evident in our community. I am reminded of Paul’s writing in Romans, “We know that all things work together for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” That it is not our purpose but the purpose of the One who calls us. This year has been anything but what is to be expected.

Although my ministry was to youth and children, it was so much more. I had the opportunity to reach out to people of all ages. I learned when we put limits on ministry, God knocks down those barriers and expands our territory. I have been overwhelmed with how people of all kinds taught me and how I have been able to teach them just by being open to the will of God.

I have learned that my ministry is so much greater than teaching children and youth what it means to be Christian. My call is to live out and help others to live out the great commission. “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Although my time here has been limited to this one year, this is just the beginning of what is to come. I thank each person who has been a great influence in my life. I thank those who have taught me what to do and not to do to be a good pastor. I have learned humility is more important than pride. I have learned that people know when you care about them more than yourself. I have learned money is not everything.

Outsiders think Highlands is full of rich people who can do anything they want because they have money. I have learned Highlands is full of people who laugh, who cry, who hurt and are hurt. I have learned people are people. Rich or poor or somewhere in between, people need to be loved and accepted and treasured for who God made them.

The most important thing I have learned is that when you look through the eyes of God you too will see that what God has created is so very good! Then on the seventh day God rested. As my family and I pack and get ready for our new beginning in Charlotte as the senior Pastor of Kilgo UMC, I pray you too will enjoy the beauty of Highlands, the beauty of God’s Creation and the beauty of each other. God created each of us unique and gifted. I pray you will tear down the barriers of status, income, race, politics, theology, and whatever else divides you and embrace each other as part of God’s creation that is so very Good! I thank you for this year together and pray for each of you.
These Surgeons Fit Hand-In Glove With Our Medical Team.

Our surgeons understand the importance of teamwork. They not only work hand-in-hand with each other, they work closely with primary care physicians and other specialists to provide the most effective treatment for their patients. In addition to the spirit of teamwork and collaboration that general surgeons F. Augustus Dozier, MD, FACS, and William J. Noell, Jr., MD, FACS, bring to the medical staff at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, their experience and professional skills also fit hand-in-glove with the level of care our communities expect and deserve.

Dr. Dozier brings almost 30 years of experience as a general surgeon to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Prior to joining our staff, he was president of Surgical Specialists of Greater Atlanta. While in Atlanta, he was on staff at several Atlanta hospitals, including Atlanta Medical Center where he held the position of Chief of General Surgery. A former Commander in the US Naval Reserve, Dr. Dozier is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Widely known throughout western North Carolina, Dr. Noell also brings extensive surgical experience to our communities. A graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, Dr. Noell completed his surgical internships and residency training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He practiced at Harris Regional Hospital (later West Care Health System) for 18 years, including serving six years as chief of surgery, before relocating his practice to Highlands in 2008. Dr. Noell is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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Highlands Rotary recognizes high achievers

Last week, students who were on the all A honor roll or the A-B honor roll 4th-12 grade all year, were recognized by Highlands Rotary and received certificates and a celebration at PAC.

Photo by Stephanie McCall

From small town to mid-town ... Manhattan, that is

Sarah E. Clark
Contributor

“I came to New York City in 2006 and I just knew I had to live here,” said Deana Cosper whose dream came true when she officially moved to New York on Jan 8, 2008.

Deana grew up in Highlands where many will remember her parents, the owners of Cosper Flowers, the little flower shop next to the Highlands Post Office. Deana and her family moved to Florida in 2002 and she finished high school there before attending the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

When Deana graduated with a degree in Music Marketing and Mass Communication, she managed to land an internship in the city of her dreams, New York. She worked in publicity for Big Hassle Media, before landing a paying job at the Orchard.

The Orchard is a large music distribution company that distributes music to many online music sources including iTunes. Deana’s job includes getting the artists and their work known.

Even after living in the city for almost six months Deana is still enamored with New York and often mentions how much she loves living there. Even when asked what her least favorite parts of the city are, she shrugs off the questions, “Oh just little things.”

She says she loves the hustle and bustle of the city and the “New York mentality.” Even though she has never lived in a big city before and sometimes still feels like a tourist she says once you get used to it, “it’s not that bad.” She especially loves that fact that in the city you can find whatever you want.

She hasn’t lived there long but she already has a list of her favorite things to do and places to go in New York City. Included in this list is Central Park, Tavern on the Green, and walking the Brooklyn Bridge back to Manhattan from the Brooklyn side. Her funniest experience is getting caught in the New York Giants Super Bowl Victory Parade. She says, “I was two and half hours late to work, standing looking across the street at my building with my coffee in one hand and my lunch in the other.”

Health lectures at Hudson library

The Hudson Library is hosting the popular free lecture series, “Take Charge of Your Health,” presented by Dr. Jim Johnson and Dr. Sue Aery of Cashiers-Highlands Chiropractic and Acupuncture.

These lectures on practical health topics have been very popular in Cashiers, and now Highlanders will have a chance to hear these interesting presentations. Some of the topics that will be covered are “Eating Out, Making the Right Choices,” “Loving What Is: A Positive Approach to Health,” and “Is Cholesterol Bad? Good Fats, Bad Fats.”

The next Highlands lecture will be Tuesday, June 17 on “How to Read Nutritional Labels.” All lectures begin at 6 p.m., end at 7 p.m. and are free to the public.

Dr. Jim Johnson is a Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician and Clinical Nutritionist. He has been in private practice for over 30 years. Dr. Sue Aery is a former tennis professional and platform tennis national champion, whose athletic experience and knowledge led her to a career in chiropractic care.

If you’d like more information, visit: www.mountainairwellness.com or call the Hudson Library at 526-3031.

One of the most exciting aspects of the upcoming renovation of the Hudson Library is the expansion into The Bascom gallery space, allowing for regular lectures, author talks, and seminars. Please come by to hear a lecture and celebrate the beginning of a new era in the Hudson Library’s long history.
ITC’s ‘The Return of Herbert Bracewell’

I really don’t like watching dress rehearsals but I should have known what I witnessed Tuesday night would be a polished affair, dress rehearsal or not.

With the experience and expertise of the ITC crew behind them and the talent of its two stars, a stellar production was just about guaranteed.

“The Return of Herbert Bracewell” opened Wednesday, June 11 at The Instant Theatre Company’s Studio on Main – the start of a two-week run Wednesdays through Saturdays.

This nostalgic comedy, takes place at the turn-of-the-twentieth century, starring David Milford and Madeleine Davis – Highlands’ dynamic duo.

The two just tick playing off each other effortlessly and naturally as the “actors” drop away leaving only the character they are portraying.

Milford and Davis immediately draw you into their fantasy whether it’s as scientists in ITC’s recent The Ice Breaker or as aging actors in love with themselves, the theater and each other in The Return of Herbert Bracewell. This is the goal of every actor; but it’s just not a goal always achieved.

In the two-character play, Milford plays Herbert Bracewell – an aged actor who is devising his comeback. Davis plays his wife Florence who is 30 years younger and self-absorbed.

Bracewell plans a one-man review of all the parts he’s played on the stage – the only venue available to actors at the turn of the century— but in the end agrees to allow Florence into his fantasy because she, too, needs a comeback. Though ITC is a “black box theatre” in The Ice Breaker and now Herbert Bracewell, the intimate setting houses an intricate, colorful set, the perfect background for Milford and Davis.

This time it’s an attic loft in New York City full of souvenirs of Bracewell’s life on stage.

What’s amazing is watching Milford as Bracewell and then as every single character Bracewell has ever enacted as he decides which parts to re-enact. He’s a study in civilized, acceptable schizophrenia and he pulls you in every time. His expressions, motions, cadences are perfectly timed and polished.

Bracewell is alone on stage most of the first act but is joined by Florence for the second. Here the camaraderie that is Milford and Davis shines. They don’t act with each other, they react to each other; not talking at each other, but speaking with each other as if the audience isn’t even there.

Whenever Milford and Davis take the stage together, it’s a production worth seeing. Polished, professional, yet natural, endearing, entertaining, whimsical and just plain great.

The return of Herbert Bracewell plays June 12-14 and the 18-21. Don’t miss it.

All performances are at 8 p.m. For reservations call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. Tickets are $20 with reservations and $25 at the door. The ITC’s Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands. This production is sponsored by Jolie’s of Highlands. — KL
POLICE & FIRE LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept.
log entries for June 4-10. Only the names of
persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdeme-
or, or public officials have been used.

June 4
• At 8 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehic-
ule accident on Cobb Road. There were no inju-
ries.
• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehic-
ule accident at Main and S. 4th streets.
• At 7:30 p.m., a gas drive-off for $14 was
reported from the Stop and Shop in U.S. 64 east.
June 5
• At 3:30 p.m., Chelsea Nicole Lawler, 16, of
Lake Glenville, N.C., was arrested on four counts
of larceny at Mountainique Boutique on Main Street.
• A little past midnight a motorist on N. 4th
Street was cited for driving with an expired regis-
tration.
• At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a call
of “loud music” at a home on Big Bearpen Road.
June 6
• At 12:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-
vehicle accident at Satulah and Old Wahalla roads.
• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehic-
ule accident at U.S. 64 and N.C. 106.
June 7
• At 8 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and
Webbmont was cited for driving without a license.
• At 10:28 a.m., a wooden sign valued at $50
was reported stolen from RiverWalk.
During the week, officers issued 5 warning
tickets and responded to two alarm activations.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue
Dept. log entries for the week of June 4-10.
June 4
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
with a medical call at a residence on Joe Pye Trail.
The victim was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
with a medical call at a residence on Carolina Way
where someone had fallen. The victim was trans-
ported to the hospital.
• The dept. responded to a one-vehicle acci-
dent on Cobb Road. They directed traffic.
June 5
• The dept. responded to an alarm at a resi-
dence on Sassafrass Court. The alarm was acti-
vated by a low battery on a smoke detector.
June 6
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
transport a patient from Dr. Patti Wheeler and Ri-
chard Olson’s office on Hick’s Road to the hospital.
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
at a residence on Morehead Circle where a person
had fallen. The victim was transported to the hospi-
tal.
June 7
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek
Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. responded to an alarm on Church
Street but it was cancelled.
June 8
• The dept. responded to a one-vehicle acci-
dent on Flat Mountain Road. There were no inju-
ries.
• The dept. responded to an alarm at a resi-
dence on Falcon Ridge Road. It was cancelled.
• The dept. responded to a call of “a strange
odor” at a residence on Mimiromont Drive. It was
cancelled.
June 9
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
with a medical call at Lakeside Restaurant where a
person had collapsed. He was taken to the hospi-
tal.
• The dept. responded to an accident on U.S.
64. There were no injuries.
• The dept. responded to an one-vehicle acci-
dent on Cobb Road. They directed traffic.
June 10
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS
with a medical call at a residence on Joe Pye Trail.
The victim was transported to the hospital.

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player Mika Yoshida and the Vega String
Quartet reunited in Japan for the “Island
Magic” Festival in 2005 after first meeting
in Highlands. The Festival’s spin-off of “The
Three Tenors,” the “Three Concertmasters,”
with first-chair cellists from the Cleveland,
Atlanta and Los Angeles Symphony
Orchestras has been featured at the Amelia
Island Chamber Music Festival as well as at
Carnegie Hall in 2002.
Sara Sant’Ambrogio, cellist with the
world-renowned Erica Trio, said that the
reason her group returns to the HCCMF
regularly is because “Will Ransom creates
an interesting form of programming which
really appeal to us. We like to create a meal
with our programs. If you’re going to sit
down to a meal you’re not going to start
with beef tartare then have filet mignon and
for dessert have beef tips! We like a really
balanced, rich and full meal so that every
part of your soul and your heart and your
ears are filled and satisfied. Will does that
with his programs, and that makes it very
interesting for us. And it’s always fun.”
HCCMF continues to be on the
cutting edge of exciting, imaginative and
 interesting programming and this summer
there will be two unique programs
presented for the first time ever: The Erica
Trio in “A Night at the Opera — Without
the Singers!” and “Beethoven and
Bluegrass” featuring Grammy Award
winner Chris Thile (founder of Nickel
Creek) and his new bluegrass band Punch
Brothers with the classical Blair String
Quartet from Nashville.
Make sure to catch the first-ever
performances of these wonderful programs
this summer—they will most likely be
repeated in major venues around the world,
and you can say you heard them first!
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weighed 260 lbs., while most male panthers weigh 80-150 lbs. We had no idea they still roamed around here!” read the email.

However, after investigating the names, places and government entities involved in the affair and being unable to substantiate anything, doubts began to surface.

James Snipes of the Norton area, was not listed in any phone book, nor did 4-1-1 have a listing. Neither the N.C. Wildlife Commission in Macon or Jackson counties knew anything of the incident, nor did Jackson County Animal Control.

Then, information from Snopes.com (rumor has it) surfaced.

According to Snopes.com photographs of the 260-lb cat circulating on the web are real and the event really did happen, just not in the 20 or so states now claiming it as their incident.

This information was updated June 11.

“The large mountain lion shown in the photographs on the web was hit by a Ford F350 truck on Highway 64 in northern Arizona (about halfway between Williams and Valle) in November or December 2007. The couple driving the truck pulled over and found the lion under a tree, still alive but beyond rehabilitation so they called 9-1-1 and ultimately an officer from the state’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) was sent to put the big cat down.

“Although the large mountain lion was not weighed at the scene, it took three men to lift the animal, whose weight was estimated by those present at about 200-220 pounds. Adult male mountain lions typically weigh in the range of 80 to 150 pounds. The animal’s paw was about eight inches across, and the lion measured over seven feet from head to tail.

“Jason Ellico, the DPS officer who responded to the call, also happens to be a taxidermist and offered to skin the lion. It is he who is shown posing with the lion in the pictures.

“As typically happens with Internet-circulated photos of killed or captured animals, the accompanying text was altered multiple times to place the mountain lion in a variety of locales, including other parts of Arizona, Kentucky, Arkansas, North Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Texas, Michigan, and Kansas and others.”

The USFS still says panthers have left the area, but many a local begs to differ.

According to Wikipedia, “the animal may be recolonizing parts of its former eastern territory.”

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Scientists say producing ethanol takes more energy than it produces. Scientists also say the net environmental damage from ethanol usage far exceeds that of fossil fuels. Don’t drill for oil we know is there. Pander to those who are more concerned about imaginary danger to animals in the wilderness than humankind. Who knows why no drilling offshore?

The unwinding of ethanol mandates is underway after the damage is done. Next, cap-and-trade legislation. Yeah, that’ll work.

Father’s Day Headquarters
June 15

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Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles names top producers for May

The following CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of May. In Cashiers, Top Sales Agent was Elizabeth Matej, broker associate and Top Listing Agent was Cathy Carren, broker owner. Elizabeth Matej also received the Silver Producer award for her production in 2007 as well as the Top Listing by Units and Top Sales by Volume, Units & Production awards for her office last year. Cathy Carren was awarded the Bronze Producer award for her production last year and was the Top Listing by Volume agent for her office. Sherman Pope was also awarded the Silver Producer award for his production last year as well as the Top Sales by Units & Production award for his office.

CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles is located in eight offices in Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties. It is ranked 52nd in the nation among CENTURY 21® companies.

...on the Verandah celebrates expansion

On The Verandah celebrated the opening of their new addition to the restaurant. They now offer a full service bar, open at 3 pm daily. Pictured for the Ribbon Cutting are Left to Right: Cynthia Dendy, Marta Figel, Mayor Don Mullen, Owner Marlene Alvarez, Owner Andrew Figel, friend Mary Ernst, Al Bolt, and Bob Kieltyka.

Lakeside Restaurant hosts ‘Spring Fling’

Lakeside Restaurant on Harris Lake recently hosted the Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling gathering. The annual event was sponsored by The Laurel Magazine and was attended by more than 100 Chamber Members and guests. Attendees are shown above celebrating the start of another summer season. Singer Cy Timmons entertains in the garden.

Scudder's Gallery opens with a bang

On Wednesday, June 4, the Scudder’s Gallery Gala welcomed all back for the summer season. New this year is a renovated jewelry show-room.
This home is perched on two lots with great privacy. Easy access from two separate roads and give plenty of parking for family or entertaining. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths plus a separate master suite. Huge covered porch with fireplace make a great outdoor living room. Exceptional location near Highlands Country Club off of Cobb road. Offered at $1,495,000. mls #65489

Walking distance to town. Legend has it that the beams in the living room are originally from the old Mill house on Mill Creek. Wood burning fireplace in the living room and a gas log fireplace in the master bedroom that opens to a lovely patio. The second floor has two more bedrooms, one with access to the second floor porch and an adjoining office or studio. The kitchen opens to another patio with a grill and table for outdoor dining. The backyard is accessed by a walkway conveniently located near the detached garage. Being offered furnished with some exclusions for $549,000.00. mls #65569

DESIREABLE BOWERY ROAD.  1.7+/- acres with some winter view.  3 bed, three baths in the main level with multiple possibilities. The main floor living area features a massive great room, custom “Cooks” kitchen with large island and top of the line appliances. Huge 20 x 20 bedroom with massive bath suite that features walk in showers, marble floors and tile. 2 private guest suites plus an office and large exercise/camera room. 2 car garage with additional driveway for plenty of parking. A nicely landscaped 72 +/- acre lot with 2 fountains, irrigation system and flat gravy yard to enjoy. $1,550,000. mls #65565

Cullasaja Club 10th tee. Post slab beam construction with massive beams and a soaring, vaulted ceiling in the great room. Stone fireplace in great room and on the spacious screened porch. Huge master bedroom with 2 closets, master bath with separate tub, tiled shower and unique African granite vanity tops. Guest bedroom and bath on main level with a loft bedroom and bath that closes off for privacy. $475,000. mls #65563

This charming mountain home is ready for instant enjoyment with a great view, waterfall and hot tub. Over two acres of land with nice stream, plenty of room for a large family or group for entertaining, just bring your toothbrush, home is completely furnished. Offered at $3,199,000. mls #65441

Cowee Ridge with a spectacular Mtn View. 4 bed 3 1/2 baths, plus a 2 car garage and full finished lower level with multiple possibilities. The main floor living area features a massive great room, custom “Cooks” kitchen, and master suite. Spacious rooms loaded with wood, native stone, and walls of glass make for a wonderful open-plan that has great flow. Large covered porch to take in the expansive views. Offered at $2,190,000.00 and shown by appointment. mls #65566

WALK TO TOWN LOCATION. Quality construction features custom stained pine floors, 2 gas fireplaces. Vaulted ceilings, smart wiring. Custom “cooks” kitchen with large island and top of the line appliances. Huge 20 x 20 bedroom with massive bath suite that features walk in showers, marble floors and tile. 2 private guest suites plus an office and large exercise/camera room. 2 car garage with additional driveway for plenty of parking. A nicely landscaped 72+/- acre lot with 2 fountains, irrigation system and flat gravy yard to enjoy. $1,550,000. mls #65565

Designed with a natural setting in mind, this well thought-out home is situated on 3.73 acres. 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths in the main floor living area features a massive great room, custom “Cooks” kitchen, and master suite. Spacious rooms loaded with wood, native stone, and walls of glass make for a wonderful open-plan that has great flow. Large covered porch to take in the expansive views. Offered at $2,190,000.00 and shown by appointment. mls #65566

Very cozy, charming cottage nestled in the woods. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Beautiful wood floors, walls and ceilings. Large-deck with some view. Covered carport. Greatroom with beautiful stone fireplace. Large walk-in closet, basement and fenced in area for pets. Offered at $349,000. mls #65595

Located on a bubbling brook with waterfalls adjoining National Forest. 3 bed 3 1/2 bath home with vaulted ceilings, fireplace, wood floors, open and airy spaces, and a well designed kitchen. Master suite on the main floor with plenty of views, open bedroom floor plan and additional driveway for plenty of parking. Over two acres of land with nice stream, plenty of room for a large family or group for entertaining, just bring your toothbrush, home is completely furnished. Offered at $3,199,000. mls #65441

Creekside Club 9th hole. Post slab beam construction with massive beams and a soaring, vaulted ceiling in the great room. Stone fireplace in great room and on the spacious screened porch. Huge master bedroom with 2 closets, master bath with separate tub, tiled shower and unique African granite vanity tops. Guest bedroom and bath on main level with a loft bedroom and bath that closes off for privacy. $475,000. mls #65563

牦牛生态具有巨大的生态价值，包括保护自然资源、维持生物多样性、促进水土保持等。通过牦牛繁殖，可以增加牧民的收入，改善当地的经济状况。同时，牦牛也可以被用于文化旅游，吸引游客前来观赏和体验。
UPCOMING EVENTS

**Middle of Nowhere’ exhibition this month at The Bascom**

As digital technology advances, the line between what is real and imagined blurs. The Bascom’s “Middle of Nowhere” exhibition will sweep you over that threshold into a world of fantasy landscape, flora and fauna that looks like everywhere but, in fact, is nowhere. Four digital artists weave their magic on screens, canvas, paper and with music. Artists include Steven Johannessen from Cashiers, Stanley Bowman from New York, Tony Schuneal from Missouri and Jeff Murphy from North Carolina. A free public opening is scheduled for Saturday, June 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibition runs thereafter through July 12. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.

**Highlands Playhouse 2008 Season**

**“Always...Patsy Cline”**
June 19 ~ July 6
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er at 828-526-1FIT.

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

**First Mondays**

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the hospital.

**Mondays**

• 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.

**Wednesdays**

• At the Nature Center, Nature Show & Tell/Storytime 2:30-3 p.m., all ages: Come for a nature lesson based around a children’s storybook using items from the Nature Center.

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

**Wednesdays**

• At The Nature Center, Featured Creature at 6:30 p.m. The exhibition runs thereafter through July 12. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.
Saturday, June 14
• Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition Opening Celebration. 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. Join us “At the Crossroads” for the Opening Celebration June 14 from noon-4 p.m. The music for the event will be singer/songwriter Ashley Chambliss with Chris Rossier & River Guerguerian. Catering will be provided by Hovan Gourmet, specializing in Mediterranean Cuisine for over 30 years. The exhibition will continue through Nov 12.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike the unofficial Batrarn Trail in South Carolina, from the state line at Hwy. 28 to Hwy. 107, including parts of the Chattooga River Trail and the SC Foothills Trail. The hike, rated moderate, is 6.9 miles in length with a number of ups and downs along the way. Drive 60 miles round trip. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9 a.m. Hikers coming from Franklin or Cashiers, call the leader for carpool and driving information. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader Doug Deane, 864-718-9265.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy hike in the Nantahala Gorge. Located at Hwy. 28 and the Nantahala River, this hike is 6 miles in length with a number of ups and downs along the way. Drive 25 miles round trip. Meet at the Highlands Biological Station at 2 p.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Highlands and Cashiers hikers meet across from the Nature Center in Highlands at 2:45 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Key Conell, 369-6820, for reservations.

Monday-Saturday, June 16-20
• Summer Workshop at the Highlands Biological Station: Teacher Education Workshop in Mountain Biodiversity Studies. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currentcourses.htm or call the Highlands Biological Station at (828) 526-2602.
• Summer Courses offered at the Highlands Biological Station: Biodiversity and Conservation of Birds. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currentcourses.htm or call the Highlands Biological Station at (828) 526-2602.

Monday, June 16
• Highlands Playhouse is hosting a costume party at 6:30 p.m. at “...on the Verandah” Restaurant. Come as your favorite character and enjoy hors d’oeuvres, wine, and wonderful entertainment. There will be a cash bar offered. Please make your reservations with Marlene at 828-526-2338. Space is limited to 100 at $85 per person and you don’t want to miss out on this function. What better way to have fun and also support your Highlands Playhouse.
• Special Operations Warrior Golf Tournament at Burlingame Country Club of Sapphire Lakes. Registration is at 11 a.m. Shotgun Start is at noon. Individual Player, $100, Teams of 4, Format: Captions Choice. Bag Lunch, Tee Bags, and Dinner Prizes: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place. Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Door Prizes. For more information call, Bill Horwitz, 526-0224. All proceeds will benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, a 501(c)3 non profit organization.
• Mirror Lake Association meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Park.
• The June meeting of the Jackson County Republican Organization is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, June 16th at the Republican Headquarters located at 482 West Main St. in downtown Sylva. Organization members, registered Republicans and all interested residents are invited to attend. The agenda includes planning general election strategies, campaign organization and distribution of candidate signage and bumper stickers including those for local candidates and John McCain. Monthly meetings of the Jackson County Republican Organization are held on the third Monday of every month. For additional information call Republican Headquarters at 828 586.9895.

Tuesday, June 17
• Richard Betz Highlands Town Administrator. “How Highlands Works” all new material. Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.
• Upcoming lectures for the Take Charge of Your Health Series sponsored by Cashiers-Highlands Chiropractic and Acupuncture. How to Read Nutritional Labels - Hudson Library, Highlands at 6 p.m.

Wednesday-Saturday, June 18-21
At The Instant Theater, “The Return of Herbert Bracewell” by Andrew Johns at 8 p.m. This delightful, nostalgic tale which takes place on a New Year’s Eve during the first decade of the 20th century, costs the exciting, new acting team of David Milford and Madeleine Davis, and is directed by Ralph Stevens. For reservations please call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. Advance reservations are $20. At the door tickets are $25.

Wednesday, June 18
At CLE, Dr. James Costa gives an overview of the many “Insects of Highlands.” Cost is $20 each for CLE members, $30 each for non-members. To become a CLE member and register for courses and events call the CLE office at 526-8811.

Thursday, June 19
At CLE, Award-winning author Sandra Mackey will present “What you always wanted to know about the Middle East.” Cost is $20 each for CLE members, $30 each for non-members. To become a CLE member and register for courses and events call the CLE office at 526-8811.

Audubon Field Trip: The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a birding field trip to various birding hotspots around Highlands. Meet at the public parking area next to the Highlands Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. Call leader Brock Hutchins at 787-1387 for additional information.

Thursday, June 19
Summer art camp begins for children ages 5 to 13. The Bascom is teaming up with The Highlands Art League and the Highlands Recreation Park to present the camp. The day rate for Bascom students is $5. There will be no additional charge for students enrolled in Rec Camp. Dates are Thursdays, June 19, 26, July 17, 24, and 31. Hours are 1 to 4:15 p.m. for 5–8-year-olds and 2 to 4:15 p.m. for 9- to 13-year-olds. For more information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.

Friday, June 20
At CLE, Author Ron Rash will explore “The Role of Place in Fiction Reading.” Cost is $20 each for CLE members, $30 each for non-members. To become a CLE member and register for courses and events call the CLE office at 526-8811.

Saturday, June 21
The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 4.5-mile hike from Sloan Bridge to Upper Whitewater Falls. This hike offers great views from the ridge above Whitewater Falls. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 14 miles round trip. Bring a water bottle, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; Reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

Friday-Saturday, June 26-27
Vacation Bible School at Colvea Baptist Church, 6-9 p.m. Call 369-7058. Vacation Bible School at Clear Creek Baptist Church, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24
Owl Pellets 3-4 p.m., ages 6 and up: Dissect a pellet to discover skulls and bones of an owl’s prey.

Upcoming lectures for the Take Charge of Your Health Series sponsored by Cashiers-Highlands Chiropractic and Acupuncture. Introduction to the Immune System - Laurel Terrace, Cashiers, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25
The Village Nature Series is a free summer-time lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green. “History, Fun & Safety of the Appalachian Trail” with Morgan Sommerville. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments follow. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted. Call HCLT for info: 526-1111.

Owl Prowl 8 p.m. until; all ages: In association with the Audubon Society and Carolina Raptor Center, observe live owls in captivity and stay for a night hike to look and listen for owls in the wild. (Bring flashlight).

Dr. Randolph Shaffner, “The Early Highlanders and the Cherokee” in association with the Smoky Mountain Historical Society. Cost is $20 each for CLE members and for non-members.

The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday at the Albert Carlton library in Cashiers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features Scott Cunningham, head guide for “On the Fly.” Service located in Marion, N.C. A second generation guide, Scott specializes in Smallmouth bass fly fishing and brings 14 years of experience. He will discuss where to fish, how to fish and appropriate flies for smallmouth. Following the speaker, a raffle will be held featuring a day’s fishing for two on private local trout water. Everyone is invited to this meeting! Guide Cunningham will also discuss wade trips, float trips and overnight backcountry trips. Call 743-2078 for additional information.

Thursday, June 26

PAC is proud to present Mr. Robert Ray in a “new Musical Revue, ” “Route 66,” at 8 p.m. Ray along with international recording artist, Shawn Megorden and The Tony Winston Quintet will begin this musical calvacade with songs from the “Rat Pack” era and ease on down the road with some Billy Joel, Elton John and Garth Brooks. From Sinatra to The Beatles - this show promises “favorites” for all ages. For Reservations call 526-9047.

Sunday, June 29
PAC is proud to present Mr. Robert Ray in a “new Musical Revue, “ “Route 66,” at 3 p.m. Ray along with international recording artist, Shawn Megorden and The Tony Winston Quintet will begin this musical calvacade with songs from the “Rat Pack” era and ease on down the road with some Billy Joel, Elton John and Garth Brooks. From Sinatra to The Beatles - this show promises “favorites” for all ages. For Reservations call 526-9047.

June 27-29
“Fonzie!” a play based on the living history of Will Rogers and has accumulated a wealth of Rogers’ material that he will incorporate into the shows at PAC. Tickets are $15 and may be purchased by phone at 526-9047, or online at www.highlandsperformingartscenter.org.
Thriller writer Don Brown at Cyranos June 14

Did you like Tom Clancy's "The Hunt for Red October?" Do you devour anything by Clive Cussler? Then you will want to meet Don Brown, a retired naval officer turned author who, this Saturday, June 14, will sign copies of his new submarine-adventure novel, "Black Sea Affair," at Cyranos Bookshop from 1-3 p.m.

While Mr. Brown's earlier novels featuring JAG officer Zack Brew have been very popular at Cyranos, in his latest work the author heads in a slightly different direction. Brown says that readers told him their favorite parts of the first three books of the Navy Justice Series ("Treason," "Hostage" and "Defiance") were those featuring action and adventure, so "Black Sea Affair" is more non-stop daring-do, while still retaining good courtroom drama—though in this case that courtroom is in the Kremlin.

The plot centers on U.S. sub commander Pete Miranda and his crew, sent to get the weapons-grade material onto a rogue freighter, through the Bosporus and into the Mediterranean Sea. When—despite its ingenious arrival into the Black Sea (via the hollowed-out hull of another vessel)—Miranda's sub is found by the Russians, the world hovers on the brink of nuclear war. The U.S. sends Zack Brewer to Moscow to defend the American sailors, stop the Chechens and end the threat of Armageddon.

A Tar Heel, Brown is a former Navy JAG officer who rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. In an interview Brown said he hoped that "Black Sea Affair" would appeal to women and not just men, and that the personal stories of his characters were more important to him than high-tech military minutiae.

Cyranos Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@nctvm.com; to learn more about our store please visit www.cyranosbooks.com
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PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY – The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation is looking for a part-time receptionist (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 am-1 pm). If you are interested, please submit resumes to PO Box 729 Highlands, NC 28741.

RN NEEDED for upscale retirement community. Overseer health care needs 26 assisted living residents, including supervising CNAs and med techs. Good public relations and customer service skills needed. Apply in person at chestnut hill, 64 Clubhouse Trail, Highlands, NC. Or email your resume to admin@chestnuthillllc.com. Drug screening and background check. EOE. 4/17

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH is accepting resumes for an Office Assistant. Computer skills, people skills and creative abilities are required. 828-526-4686 or office@cbchighlands.com. The International Friendship Center of Highlands, NC is seeking part time administrative assistant starting May 1, 2008. Applicant must have both written and oral Spanish knowledge, must be motivated and work well with others. Basic computer skills are necessary. Additional training will be given once applicant begins. For more information please call Jill at 828-526-9330 x 290.

Experienced ER Nurse needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full time and PRN positions available. ACLS certification required. PALS and TNCC certifications are desired. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

COOK AND DIETARY AIDE at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Various shifts and days available. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Salary depends on experience. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Mandy Talley at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

EARN WHILE YOU LEARN! Are you interested in a new career? Become a Certified Nursing Assistant at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. C.N.A. classes will start on Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Students will be paid while in class Mondays through Fridays for 6 hours a day. Upon graduation and successful completion of the exam, students will become a Certified Nursing Assistant and will receive a substantial increase in pay. Excellent benefit package after 30 days. Pre-employment substance screening. If interested in joining a dynamic healthcare team, call Robin Houston at 828-526-1317, or apply online through our website at www.hchospital.org.

PLANT OPERATIONS MANAGER is need at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. There will be an overall responsibility for the physical and equipment maintenance operation for all facilities owned and operated by HCH. Four years experience in hospital maintenance with a working knowledge of methods and techniques used in mechanical, electrical, and building maintenance. A minimum of two years in hospital safety management with a working knowledge of current JCAHO standards. C-Well Certification is preferred. Effective leadership and management skills are important. Full-Time, Monday through Friday position. Must be able to take call. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

RNS at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. Full, Part-time and PRN positions available for 12 hour day and night shifts. Excellent wage scale, with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

DIRECTOR OF NURSING is needed in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. Experienced nurse leader for a 24-bed Critical Access Hospital, responsible for managing a budget, quality of patient care, customer satisfaction, and the oversight of management for the Acute Care Unit (Med/Surg), ER, OR, PACU and GI Lab, Hospice, and Cardio-Pulmonary. Must be able to provide leadership for managers and staff, and conduct recruitment and retention activities. Masters degree with a background in nursing leadership required. This position reports directly to the CEO/President of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, working closely with the QA Nurse Manager and the VP of Operations. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

CNA or CNA II at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. Full-time, positions for night shifts. Our wage scale is $11.00 to $14.40 per hour, and you also receive shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of employment. PRN positions are also available with Hospice.

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BOOK CASES — Two book cases, oak veneer, measure 48 in wide x 84” tall with eight adjustable shelves. Picture available. Move forces sale. Price: $150 each or both for $275. Can be delivered or local pick up (Need two to three men to move). Call 828.787.1002 or 219.765.5879 - ask for Jim

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MISC. ITEMS — Various proof coin sets, old 78 LP, Old Walt Disney movies (never opened); Gentleman’s Chairs, $400 set. Rocking Chair, Lincoln Type, upholstered. $175. Sold separately or as a set.

French Horn — Recently overhauled Conn 6-D double, excellent condition. $1,500. 828-526-2905

GREEN PRINT VELOUR SWIVEL ROCKER, new, $250; blue stripe club chair w/attached ottoman. $150. Call Sandy at 369-6263 or 6-D double, excellent condition $1,500. 828-526-3288.

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THE CHALLENGE:
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and needed to complete a line, column or 3 x 3 cell.

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

Mystery Word
“Copulate”

Across
1. Dine (3)
2. Why? (3)
3. Seventh musical note (2)
4. Three member group (4)
5. Feline creature (3)

Down
6. Small bird (3)
7. Decay (3)
8. Negative (3)
9. Top card (3)
10. Moved swiftly (3)

Solution to June 5 puzzle