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Thursday, June 12, 2008

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

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

Friday & Saturday
• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

Saturdays
• Live music at Cypress Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

Sundays
• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood at 7 p.m.

Through June
• At the Book Worm in the basement of The Peggy Crosby Center, most hard cover books are \$1. Open Wed-Sat 10 to 4.

Thursday, June 12
• "Making a Difference" Volunteer Party at 10 a.m. at The Bascom for current volunteers and anyone who would like to volunteer. Simply show up!

Wed-Sat., June 11-14
• At The Instant Theater, "The Return of Herbert Bracewell" at 8 p.m. Call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197.

Friday & Saturday, June 13-14
• PAC presents Lance Brown as Will Rogers at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 526-9047.

Thursday, June 12
• Join friends of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for "Birding with the Audubon Society" Call 526-1111.

• SOAR "Silent and Live Auction" at the Highlands Community Building at 5:30. Tickets are \$30 at the door. Featuring a Low Country Boil, live entertainment and more.

Saturday, June 14
• Special Operations Adventure Race at 5th & Main. Elite Race Start: 7 a.m., Sprint Race Start: 8 a.m.

Sunday-Wednesday, June 15-18
• First Baptist Church Summer Bible Conference.

Monday, June 16
• Highlands Playhouse costume party at 6:30 p.m. at "...on the Verandah" Restaurant. Call 526-2338.

• Special Operations Warrior Golf Tournament at Burlingame Country Club of Sapphire Lakes. Call, Bill Horwitz, 526-0224.

• Mirror Lake Association meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Park.

Tuesday, June 17
• Richard Betz Highlands Town Administrator. "How Highlands Works" all new material. Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.

• Take Charge of Your Health Series, How to Read Nutritional Labels - Hudson Library, Highlands at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18-21
• At The Instant Theater, "The Return of Herbert Bracewell" by Andrew Johns at 8 p.m. Call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197.

Wednesday, June 18
• At CLE, Dr. James Costa gives an overview of the many "Insects of Highlands." Call the CLE office at 526-8811.

County tax rate lower than proposed

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.

Back on May 12, County Manager Jack Horton suggested at 2.35 cent increase over the current 24.5 – not too bad considering a

\$20 million school capital facilities plan.

But by the June 9 public hearing, the rate had dropped lower – to 1.91 cents.

As urged by many citizens, the unreserved fund balance is being used to offset costs to keep the rate relatively low while maintaining

a 24%-25% fund balance.

The total budget for 2008-2009 is \$46,530,923.

At the last minute, \$556,837 in requests came in from various sources, causing commissioners to dip further into the fund balance and to transfer funds from the

• See TAX RATE page 16

Trees and plants vandalized

Highlands Police are following up leads concerning two cases of vandalism involving plants and trees that occurred over the weekend.

Monday morning Rec Park employees came to work to find the bark stripped off two dogwood trees outside the back entrance of the gym.

Saturday the bark was there – Monday it was gone.

Two dogwood trees had the bark meticulously peeled away leaving naked, vulnerable trunks from the ground to where crowning begins – resulting in a death sentence for the trees.

Evidently, there is no way to save a tree whose bark has been completely removed. If a small area is denuded, paint can sometimes save it. But when the complete trunk is stripped clean, there's no use.

Estimates to replace the trees is upwards of \$500 including two mature trees at least eight feet tall and the manhours involved.

Across town, owners of Cosper's Nursery returned to work Monday morning to find all the plants and flowers in their flower boxes stolen.

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.

Pooles 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 Pooles have been voted by the high school athletes, as their Fan of the Year. The Pooles are both retired teachers, and give a lot of volunteer hours to Highlands School including test 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. The plaque is usually given at the annual Athletic Banquet but the Pooles were out of the country at the time.

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 of 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.

"Look at what James Snipe hit with his car on U.S. 64 west of Cashiers in Jackson County. The panther was still alive but unable to move, so our neighbor called animal control and they came and put him down. A landowner had seen this one a week before dragging off a 320-lb. steer. Our neighbor is an amateur taxidermist and he's going to stuff him. This one

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Highlands tomatoes checked

There is a nationwide warning to consumers in effect about salmonellosis in tomatoes, but it's not likely the problem will reach Highlands.

Terry Watson of Bryson's Food Store said currently Bryson's tomatoes come from northern and western Florida – areas not affected by the breakout.

"Local tomatoes aren't ready yet, and our four produce vendors assure us that their product is clean," he said. "For anyone who is worried, though, Bryson's sells tomatoes on the vine as well as cherry and grape tomatoes which aren't affected."

The Food and Drug Administration believe the outbreak is linked to consumption of certain raw red plum, red Roma, and red round tomatoes, and products containing these raw, red tomatoes.

As of yet, FDA has not determined the source but North Carolina tomatoes haven't been associated with this outbreak.

The bacteria causing the illnesses are *Salmonella* serotype Saintpaul, an uncommon type of *Salmonella*.

• See TOMATOES page 16

Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
80.60°F	79.59°F	75.57°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Conservation not mentioned

Dear Editor,

Just read in the Forum in the June 5 issue of Highlands' Newspaper entitled, "The high price of energy." THREE entire columns and not mention of that dreaded word "conserve!" Did I miss it?

Oh, yeah! There's the reason! Read his biography: 33 years of working for oil companies!

Ben McInnes
Franklin, NC

Conservative POV disappoints

Dear Editor,

I was deeply disappointed in Don Swanson's "Welcome to Obamaramaville" in the June 5 issue of Highlands' Newspaper.

Now it wasn't the politics of the story that drew this response. It is, after all, The Conservative POV and when I open a can of Alpo I'm not surprised when dog food slides into my dog's bowl. What snagged my attention was this ghastly line, tossed off so casually, "Perhaps, if he (Barack Obama) escapes assassination long enough, he may enlighten us." In his defense, Mr. Swanson pleads that he's just parroting Hillary Clinton, a curious argument from someone who's spent the last year denigrating Senator Clinton and her ideas. And I learned at age six that this line of reasoning doesn't really work when I tried to argue that it was my friend Charlie Heiskill who came up with the idea that we should both jump off the garage.

I suppose this casual embrace of the idea of assassinating a public figure is simply the extension of a popular bumper sticker from the 90s - "Dr. Kevorkian for White House Physician." But there's really nothing amusing about a public figure being killed.

When I've taught writing, I've tried to instill in my students a respect for the weight of their words and ideas. It doesn't matter whether they're writing a report on The Puerto Rican Soybean Embargo of 1911 or the copy on the back of a box of Fruity Pebbles, their words carry a unique power. It's the power to engage in an almost transcendent relationship with a reader.

I wonder if Mr. Swanson recognizes this truth about his work. He's been given remarkable power through his weekly column. If he threw in this

line without reflection, he's being incredibly disrespectful to his readers. If he truly believes that Senator Obama has an appointment with an assassin, perhaps he should redirect the focus of his column to diffuse whatever the conditions are that could lead to this. I cannot believe either side of the vast political divide would countenance the murder of one of our leaders.

I'll continue to read Mr. Swanson's column, just as I'll continue to read Matthew Eberz. It'll be a great day for America when both sides can see the love for this country that exists in both camps.

Luke Osteen
Highlands

Make Betz Manager

Dear Editor,

The Mayor and Town Commissioners of Highlands are to be congratulated for undertaking a governance study to determine the best form of government for the Town. I am sure that their final decision will be in the very best interests of our community. What has disturbed me and others is the seemingly premature decision to resign by Richard Betz. Mr. Betz has been for many years the "go to" man for Highlands. He has filled in at vacant positions while continuing the important administrative duties of his office as well. His many talents, his broad experience

and his dedication to Highlands are exemplary and will be sorely missed when he is gone. I urge the Town leaders to ask him to reconsider and withdraw his resignation. Mr. Betz's institutional knowledge alone is reason enough to keep him on the staff. He should be a leading candidate for Manager if the Town proceeds with the proposed new governance format.

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.

They were living in Murray, KY and he was making between \$20 and \$30 an hour while my daughter was collecting welfare. Both of them felt the government owes them as do quite a few of their friends. My daughter even told me if I had used the system we would not have been so broke. I was a single mom and did the best I could. I have a part-time Macon County job that pays \$6.80 an hour but we are only allowed 20 hours. I also work at as a cashier, and in the winter the hours have been few, but I am proud to be self supporting.

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please email letters by Monday at 5 p.m.

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I am not proud to be supporting illegals and the rich companies that hire them.

I am proud to live in NC where our state representative Heath Shuler has a bill to stop some of this and make the businesses responsible for their actions. We have starving people here in America, we are not caring for our elderly, and people need jobs.

What I am asking is that Americans to do the right thing. My grandchildren and others like them are in danger. All they are to their parents are meal tickets and the money received for them is not spent on 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.

On the advice of Human Services, I applied for custody in Calloway County, but I was turned down because the judge wanted a human services investigation. Knowing this, my daughter ran shortly to Mexico soon after a home visit.

I was told to retain a lawyer which I cannot do. I have been to legal aid which this case does not meet a critical need. Even civil liberates union has not gotten back with me. Have not there civil liberties been violated? What I am asking 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.

If the Callaway County judge grants me custody, an organization that helps with missing and exploited children cases will help them get out.

The Mexican government is willing to help but must have legal paper where the children last resided and that is where custody has to be granted from where the children last resided. The family court in Callaway County also has to be convinced the children are in danger. Already my daughter has filed a complaint with the Mexican government against her husband for abuse.

I am hoping to gain support from area people and to make the public aware of what is happening. Please if you have any suggestions contact me at distraughtgrandma@yahoo.com or you may write me at

Sherry Stearns
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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; niece 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, 2006 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.

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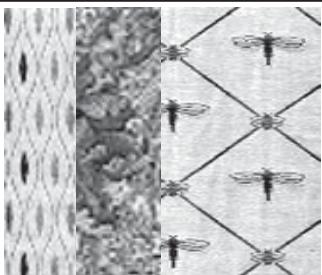
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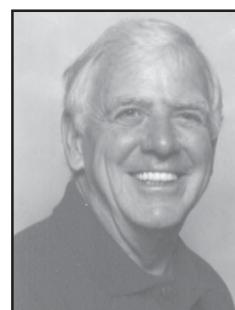
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Then I discovered he was dating a man."

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 K9's?

Soooo, 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."

• Why did Fred finally come out of his closet? Read his book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars*.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

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 and those who call her home 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 U.S. 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, but I 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. Dose 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 have 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.

Among 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 band wagon and called for temporary relief. Maybe there is hope in Senator Obama's position. We don't need



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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 deny 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 life times, but what of the lives of our 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.

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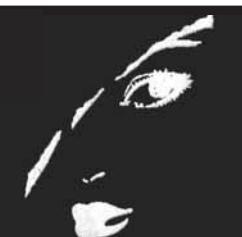
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How does a pacifist war against war?

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 naïve and rather soft-headed position. John wrote, "There is a discussion group in my church (Episcopalian) 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



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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

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• HIS & HERs •

The Best Day

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 blistering 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, so this was something I didn't mind doing. We worked together all morning, barely speaking, but getting our work done quietly and efficiently. The electrician took off at noon to purchase his lunch at his usual dockside greasy spoon, and I was puzzled to see him return with two brown paper bags. Not meeting my eyes, he thrust one of the bags, containing lunch and a soda, into my hands. My eyes must have held an unspoken question, 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 him right back.

After all of the fussing and fretting, all of the sleepless nights, all of the planning, it did come together, just as the lady from Cosper Flowers predicted.

Julie from #1 Nails had done a manicure and pedicure two days before the wedding. For the occasion, I skipped my usual clear polish, and chose my old New York standby, appropriated named "Sweetheart."

The morning of the wedding, my dear friends and neighbors, Ann Sullivan and Carolyn Tanner, whisked me off to Taylor Barnes to have my hair and make-



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up done. They'd brought a basket of wonderful baked goodies, champagne and orange juice. Shortly afterward, we were joined by another of the Kettle Rock Mountain ladies, Randolph Armstrong.

With cheerful efficiency, Caprita Barnes, the young woman who did my hair and makeup worked her magic. We had two little girls watching the proceedings, enthusiastic and enthralled. It was a lovely morning. I'm not a girly girl, but I loved the pampering. Ann drove me to the church with my wedding outfit and accessories. Father Brian Sullivan greeted us warmly. I wanted to see Jones Hall all decked out for the wedding reception, but John was already up there.

Maman arrived, looking radiant in her cranberry red dress and jacket. My brother Eric was wonderfully handsome and his wife Joyce cute and bubbly. We were joined by my cousin Dickie and his wife Pam, who'd driven from DC for the festivities.

Nancy from Cosper Flowers delivered and distributed the wedding flowers, including the most beautiful wedding bouquet ever. My matrons of honor, Betty Chesna and Button Parham, arrived, looking absolutely smashing. It was a joy to discover I'd gotten it right after all, having told our wedding party that the only theme was to wear something comfortable that they felt great in. And everyone did. John's groomsmen, Ted Anderson and Duncan Parham, were perfect – handsome and elegant. John's daughters, Dori 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 "Hornpipe" 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 peeks at our guests, who beamed right back at me. It was like sailing on a river of

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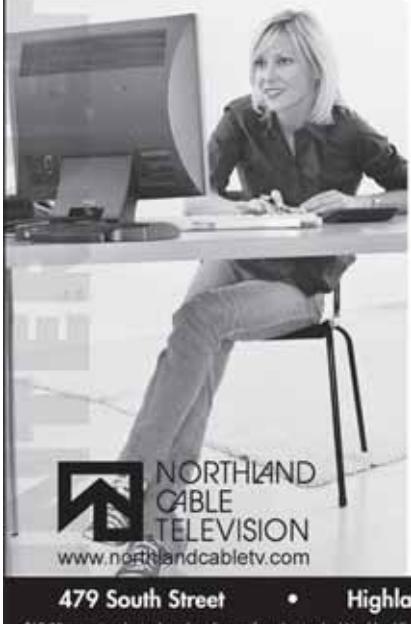
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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

On making housing affordable



Mayor Don Mullen

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, 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 who had handled similar situations (Davidson, Franklin, Waynesville and Blowing Rock). Each had their unique way of handling the situa-

tion.

Second, they asked Kristy 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

It's in her genes, but still, 103 is a big deal! Irene's aunt Albie McCall made history when she turned 103 and Irene has followed in her footsteps. She celebrated at her home with her extended family. Pictured are two of her grandchildren, twins Cindy James Reed and Jeff James.



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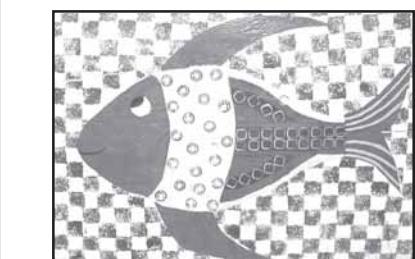
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Grilled Ribeye Steaks & Potatoes with smoky paprika rub

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2 tbl. vegetable oil	2 tbl. smoked or Spanish paprika
½ tsp. salt	1 ½ tsp. sugar
2 large russet potatoes, cut lengthwise into 8 wedges each	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, 11 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, covered, 9 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 13 to 15 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.



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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

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 swell 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.



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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.

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

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"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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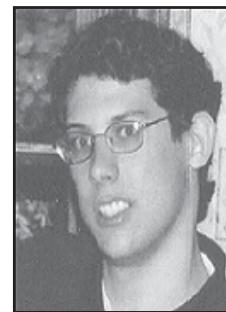
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Having recently relocated back to Highlands, I received the chance to think about the many things that I enjoyed during my youth, having grown up locally. This week, I'm calling an audible (see...still sports related!) and sharing some of the things 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 pick-up 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 their 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 naive 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



Carli Calloway, Sara Mayer, Emily Shuler, Ryan Vinson, Cara Hedden, and Tat Schmitt.
Photo by Becky Schilling

Butterflies

By Becky Schilling

Mountain Garden Club

On May 29, Sara Mayer and her Highlands School 6th grade students released more than 30 Painted Lady butterflies in the butterfly garden in front of the school.

"Goodbye! We'll miss you!" called one student as the butterflies flew up and out of the netted pavilion.

The students had raised the butterflies in their classroom.

The hands-on process started May 6, when the students pressed food into tiny cups where the larvae (caterpillars) could feed and grow.

After the larvae formed chrysalises (cocoons), the students gently moved them to the netted pavilion.

About 10 days later the adult butterflies started to hatch.

"Once they started, they all came out,

one after another!" said Mayer.

The students put watermelon chunks in the bottom of the pavilion to nourish the butterflies before their release.

The larvae were a gift for the 6th grade class from the Mountain Garden Club. "Raising butterflies from larvae helps students learn the butterfly life cycle," explained Wendi Diamond of the Mountain Garden Club.

"You did a great job!" Dr. Becky Schilling of the Mountain Garden Club told the students when they brought their butterflies to the garden.

As the students watched their prodigies fly skyward, Schilling asked, "Which comes first, the larvae or the chrysalises?"

"The larvae!" shouted 17 students in reply.



Tyler Munger with larvae he set up.

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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.
Photo by Paula Gordon

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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 haven't 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

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Economic Development Reserve.

The commission agreed to match the Town of Franklin's \$40,000 for the Main Street project; allocate \$20,000 for the Crawford Branch Study; \$74,600 for the Macon County Fair Assoc.; \$20,000 for the Historical Society; match the school system's \$300,000 for current expenses; \$16,000 for Macon Citizens Enterprise; \$50,464 for the Recreation Operating Budget; Vehicle Food and Lodging \$17,630; minus a transfer from debt service of \$381,857; and a transfer to the Capital Project Fund of \$400,000.

To generate the needed funds, \$134,600 will be transferred from the Economic Development Reserve; \$804,094 will be appropriated from the fund balance; and less \$381,857 from the tax rate reduction from 2.35 cents to 1.91 cents.

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.

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 seems a dream 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 was 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 the love and blessings, including bringing my mother up to join them in singing "Michelle."

Others spoke, too, including Ib, 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.

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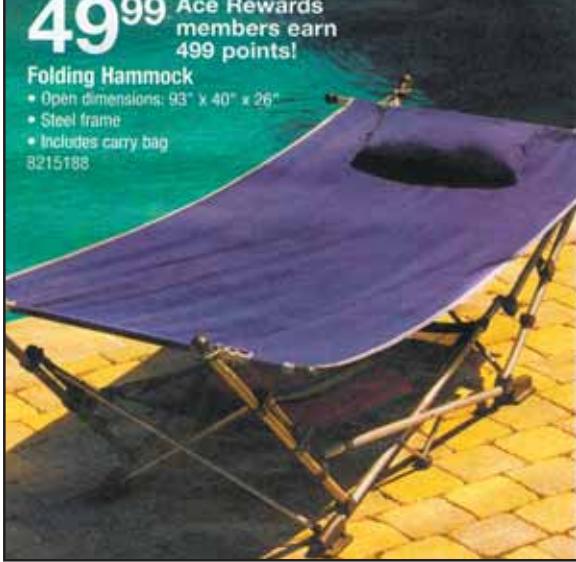
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Outdoor living spaces have become one of the most popular renovation and homebuilding projects in recent years. A record number of homeowners are transforming simple decks, patios and even bare grass lots into year-round rooms. In fact, a recent U.S. 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.



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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

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Avee Graham
Brice Jenkins
Beverly Nix
Kate Marie Parks
Michael Nix
Griselda Sanchez-Velasco
Kyle Lassiter

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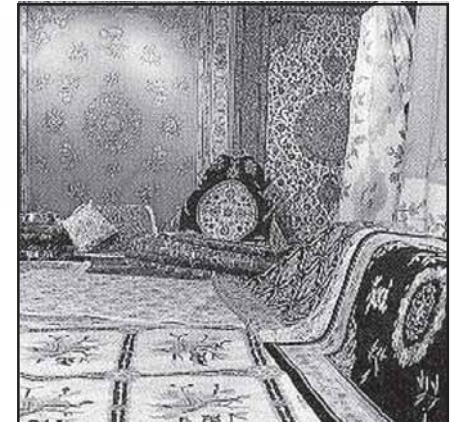
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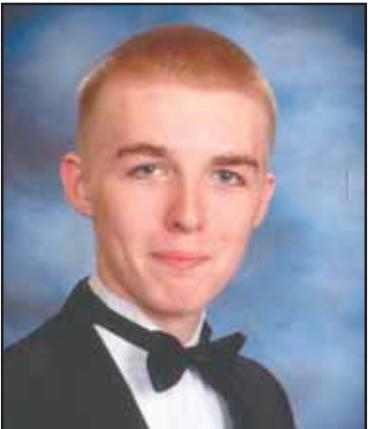


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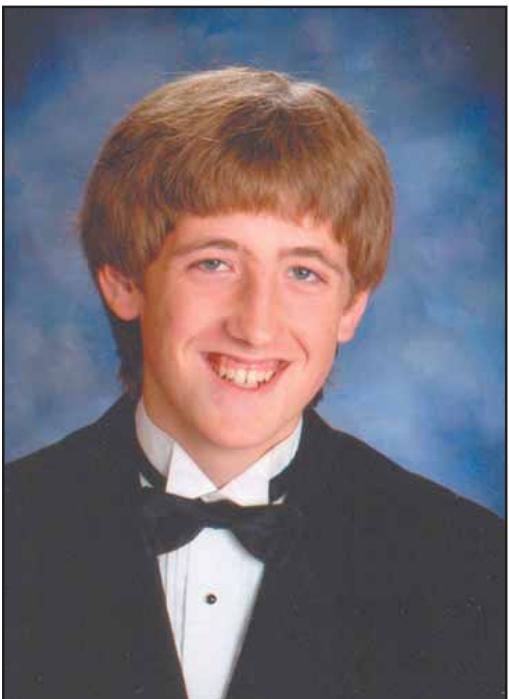
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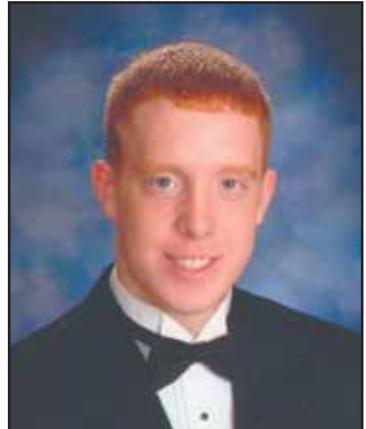
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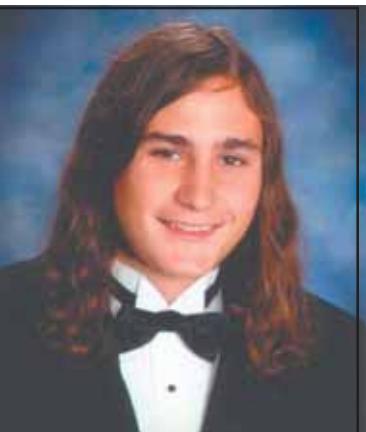
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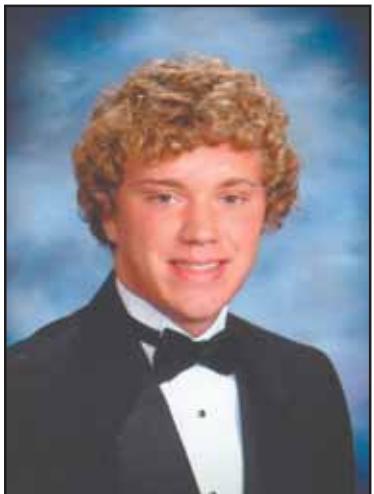
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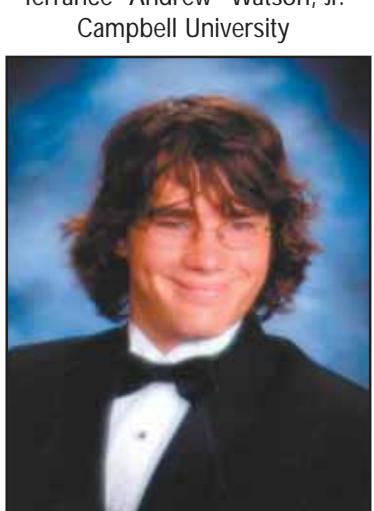


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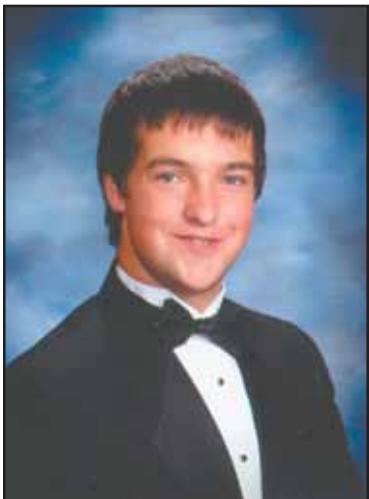
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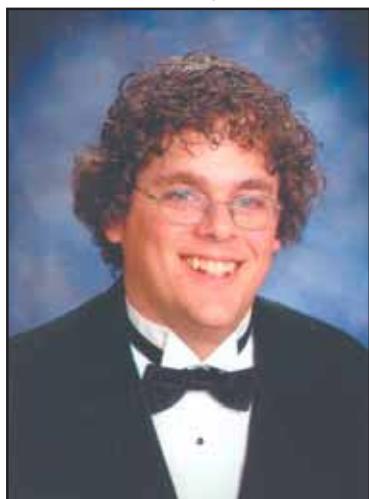
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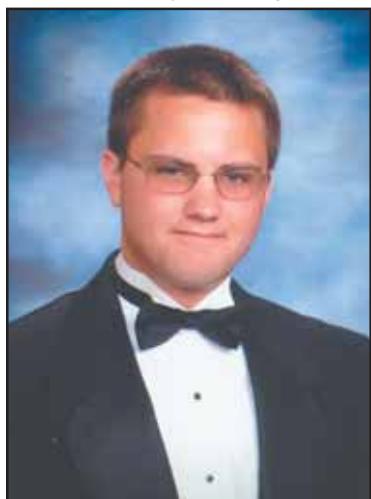
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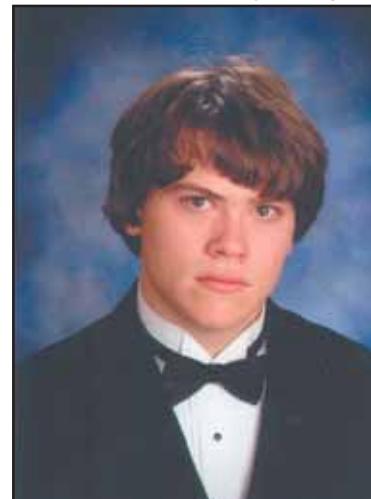
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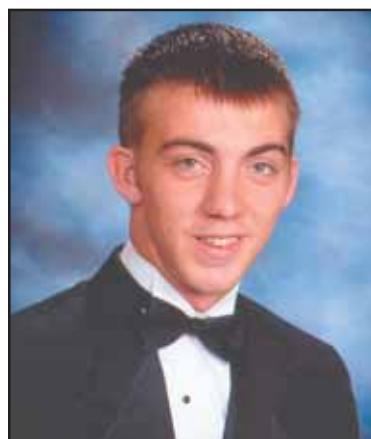
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Hosts: Ian & Debi Dickson

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Thurs. 8/14 – 6:30pm - \$125/person
Hosts: Jack Sapolsky & Richard Bordeaux

Low Country Supper in the High Country
Sat. 8/16 – 6:30PM - \$125/person
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Hosts: Paul & Glenna Maney

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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
PreAlgebra: 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: Shelbi 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

United States History Honors: Luke McClellan

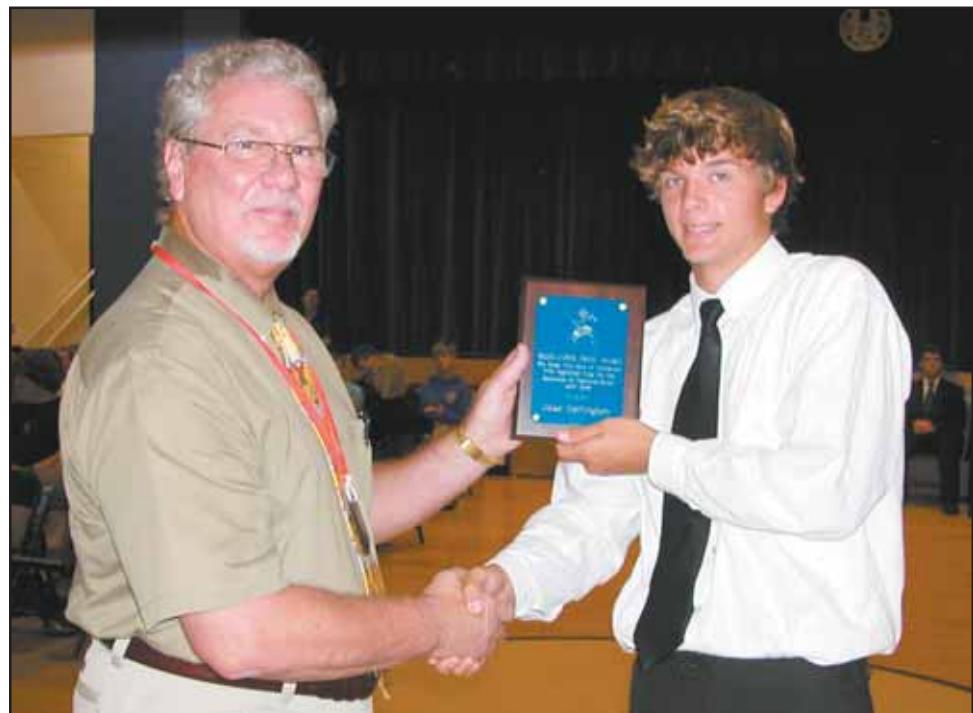
AP US History: Kate Parks

Current Affairs: Taylor Stinson

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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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: Shelbi Chastain, Will Mathiowdis

Principles of Business: Carolyn Hornsby, Taylor Stinson

e-Commerce I: Kyle Lassiter

FAMILY & 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 Heden

Construction II: Aaron Burton

Fundamentals of Technology: Matt McClellan

Drafting I: Russell Graham, Nicole Struble

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

French Departmental: Jessica Dryman, Taylor Stinson

Spanish Departmental: Jake Heffington
Family and Consumer Science: Martha Damian

Business: J. T. Schandolph

OTHER AWARDS

Woodman of the World for excellence in American History: Michael Grabe

Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Certificate of Appreciation

Michael Grabe, Marlee McCall

The certificate reads, "Macon County Schools gratefully acknowledges your contribution to and support of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council during the 2007-2008 school year."

The following awards are nominated and voted on by the Highlands School Faculty and Staff.

HIGHLANDER SERVICE AWARD

Is awarded to the community individual, club or organization that has consistently been supportive of Highlands School throughout the years. This year this prestigious award goes to Betty Fisher

HIGHLANDER PRIDE AWARD

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:

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

"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 overwhelm this community. I am reminded of Paul's writing in Romans, "We know that all things work together for good 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 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.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.
at First Baptist Church

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Wednesdays: Dinner 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. programs
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Thursdays: Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.

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The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School

10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

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

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

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

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

Wednesday: 6:30 PM. Choir Practice

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

10:30 A.M. Daughters of the King

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

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Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6

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

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Breakfast

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers

Choir - 7

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

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5 p.m. Youth Group

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

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore

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Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

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

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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



F. Augustus "Gus" Dozier
MD, FACS



William J. "Billy" Noell, Jr.
MD, FACS

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

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

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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 month 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 road 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.



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• A REVIEW •



David Milford and Madeleine Davis as Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bracewell in one of their many intimate moments.
Photo by Gil Stose

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 click 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

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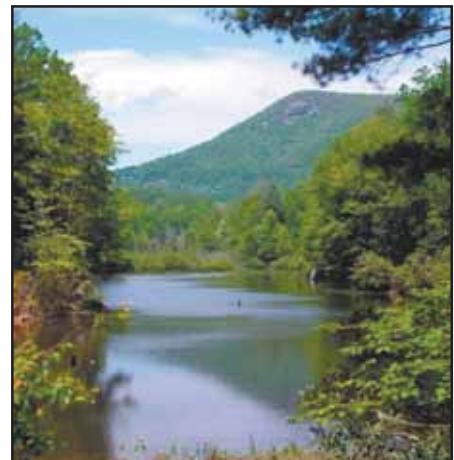


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POLICE & FIRE LOGS

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

June 4

• At 8 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Cobb Road. There were no injuries.

June 5

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle 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 6

• 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.

June 7

• A little past midnight a motorist on N. 4th Street was cited for driving with an expired registration.

June 8

• At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of "loud music" at a home on Big Bearpen Road.

June 9

• At 12:45 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Satulah and Old Walhalla roads.

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and N.C. 106.

June 10

• 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 \$60 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.

June 5

• 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 transported to the hospital.

• The dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on Cobb Road. They directed traffic.

June 5

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Sassafrass Court. The alarm was activated 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 Richard 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 hospital.

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 accident on Flat Mountain Road. There were no injuries.

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Falcon Ridge Road. It was cancelled.

• The dept. responded to a call of "a strange odor" at a residence on Mirrormont 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 hospital.

• The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64. There were no injuries.

June 10

• The dept. responded to an alarm. It was cancelled.

... CARNEGIE continued from page 13

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 fiddlers 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 Eroica Trio, said that the reason her group returns to the HCCMF regularly is because "Will Ransom creates an interesting form of programming which really appeals 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 touched 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 Eroica 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!

... HOAX from page 1

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."



Jason Ellico, the DPS officer, with Arizona lion.

... CONSERVATIVE POV continued from page 11

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?

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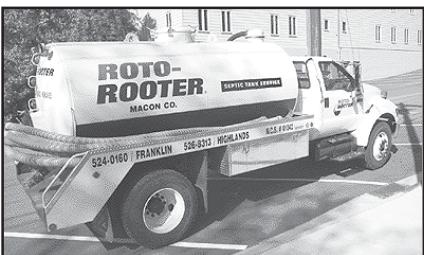
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Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles names top producers for May

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 showroom.

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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 \$1,095,000. mls #65441



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Mirror Lake area. 3 bed, 2 baths with many recent upgrades, plus a family room and office. Open and bright living area with a native stone gas log fireplace, wood floors and knotty pine wall accents, 3 large decks and a single car garage. Fantastic one-half acre lot is loaded with native Mountain Laurel and flame azaleas. Spectacular sunset view. \$475,000 with furnishings negotiable.



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 #65395



DESIREABLE BOWERY ROAD. 1.7+/- acres with some winter view. 3 bed, three baths in the main dwelling with a guest suite above the 2 car garage. Wonderful wood paneling, wood floors and a huge stone fireplace. Custom kitchen features concrete countertops, custom cabinetry and high end appliances. The landscaping and curb appeal is exceptional! Offered at \$1,495,000. mls #65489



Cullasaja Club 10th tee, Post & beam construction with massive beams and a soaring, vaulted ceiling in the great room. Stone fireplaces 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. \$950,000. mls #65523



Located on a babbling 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 laundry room off master. Downstairs has large family room and 2 guest bedrooms with baths, laundry facilities and a kitchenette. Outdoor decking and covered porch overlook the creek. Generator, Furnishings are negotiable. Offered at \$695,000. mls #65508



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 vistas. Offered at \$2,199,000.00 and shown by appointment. mls #65566



Beautiful 3 bed, 2 1/2 bath cottage completed in mid-2007 situated on nearly 2 acres in a private serene setting. Property borders US Forestry and a small pond. This home boasts extras such as full dimension interior logs, poplar bark, antler fixtures, stainless steel GE appliances, volume ceilings, laurel handrails and more. The basement is partially finished with an unfinished room that can easily be finished out as additional living space. Lots to love here! Priced at \$795,000. MLS# 65563



HFCC Golf View Condo- Newly updated 3 bedroom 3 bathrooms Chestnut Cove Condo in Highlands Falls Country Club. Just minutes from town, this one is perfect in every way. This unit has been upgraded with hardwood floors throughout, slate flooring in the kitchen, granite counters, custom built-ins flank a wood burning fireplace, enclosed side porch for additional indoor living space and more. Don't miss this one! Priced at \$579,000. MLS# 65140

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

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

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

• The Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for "Always Patsy Cline," Thurs.-Sun., June 19-July 6; "On Golden Pond," Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20; "70th Anniversary Diamond Review," Thurs.-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10; and "Inherit the Wind" Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 14-31. Please call 828-526-2695 or write or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.

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

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

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

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

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

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fish-

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 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays

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

• At the Nature Center, Animal Feeding Time 11 a.m.-noon, all ages welcome: Come and observe what each of the Nature Center's animals eat and learn how they feed.

Tuesdays

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

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

• Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays

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

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

'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 screen, 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.

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

Every Third Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

Thursdays

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

Fridays

• At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages: A guided walk through the Highlands Botanical Garden, featuring the native plants of the region.

Friday & Saturday

• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

Saturdays

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

• Live music at Cypress Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

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

Sundays

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

Through June

• At the Book Worm in the basement of The Peggy Crosby Center, most hard cover books are \$1. The Book Worm is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday, June 12

• "Making a Difference" Volunteer Party at 10 a.m. at The Bascom for current volunteers and anyone who would like to volunteer. No reservations are necessary. Simply show up to The Bascom (inside the Hudson Library) on June 12. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 3#.

Thurs.-Sat., June 12-14

• 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, costars 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

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

are \$20. At the door tickets are \$25
Friday & Saturday, June 13-14
 • The Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street will present Lance Brown in performance tomorrow night and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Brown, who at various times has performed as a singer, a guitarist and a storyteller, combines all his talents for this week's performances. Brought up in Texas and New Mexico, he grew up hearing about the wit and wisdom 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.

Thursday, June 12

- Join friends of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for "Birding with the Audubon Society" This moderate hike includes a trail lunch by the waterfalls. Contact HCLT by June 11 to sign up & for info: 526.1111, Julie.hitrust@earthlink.net.

- The growing international problem of human trafficking will be the focus of a community education forum at the Franklin First United Methodist Church 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is sponsored by the Zonta Club of Franklin, REACH of Macon County and the 30th Judicial District Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. The forum is open to the public at no cost.

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

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Autographed Masters Pin Flag to be auctioned at SOAR event

Phil Mickelson has autographed and donated a Masters Pin Flag to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. This unique flag will be auctioned off at the SOAR Dinner, Raffle, and Auction starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 12 at the Highlands Community Center. SOAR of Western North Carolina, Inc. is our local support for the foundation which provides the surviving children of fallen Special Operators the college education their parent would have wanted for them,



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 Rosser & River Guergerian. 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 Bartram 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 people. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

times of worship, and well as Bible Studies and Testimonies. Alan Stewart, will be the keynote speaker at the evening worship services

Sunday, June 15

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Highlands Nature Center and Biological Station trails. Meet at the BiLo Center 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 Kay Coriell, 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.

Monday-Saturday, June 16-28

- 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,

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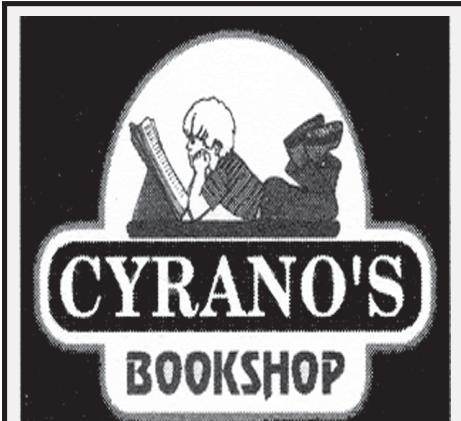
- Mirror Lake Association meeting 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Park.

- 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.

• See EVENTS page 34



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Upcoming Book Signings

June 14

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Don Brown

Black Sea Affair

June 19

3-5 pm

Sandra Mackey

Mirror of the Arab World

June 28

1-3 pm

David Bajo

The 351 Books of Irma Acuri

July 26

1-3 pm

Charles Martin

author of
Chasing Fireflies, When Crickets Cry, May

August 9

1-3 pm

Charles F. Price

Nor the Battle to the Strong

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• 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, costars 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.

Thurs.-Sun., June 19-July 6

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Always Patsy Cline." For reservations, call 828-526-2695.

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 1:45 p.m. for 5- to 8-year-olds and 2 to 2:45 p.m. for 9- to 13-year-olds. For more information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

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 water, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; Reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

• Annual Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park at 10 a.m.

• Shortoff Baptist Church Vacation Bible School at the Buck Creek Field from (:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 787-1788 for more information.

Sunday-Thursday, June 22-26

• Vacation Bible School at Coweta Baptist Church. 6-9 p.m. Call 369-7508.
• 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 Somerville. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments follow. There is

Storyteller Rogers depicted at PAC Saturday

The Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street will present Lance Brown in performance tomorrow night and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Brown, who at various times has performed as a singer, a guitarist and a storyteller, combines all his talents for this week's performances. Brought up in Texas and New Mexico, he grew up hearing about the wit and wisdom 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.

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." Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.

• 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" Guide Service located in Marion, N.C. A second generation guide, Scott specializes in Small-mouth 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 trophy 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

• Alice Schleusner Oriental Rug Retailers of America "The ABC's of Oriental Rugs." Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.

• 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 calvadade 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.

Friday-Sunday, June 27-29

• "Foxfire" a play based on the living history of Rabun County. 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706-212-2500.

Friday, June 27

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Megorden and The Tony Winston Quintet will begin this musical calvadade 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.

Saturday, June 28

• PAC is proud to present Mr. Robert Ray in a "new Musical Revue," "Route 66," at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Ray along with international recording artist, Shawn Megorden and The Tony Winston Quintet will begin this musical calvadade 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 calvadade 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

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3.5 mile hike (with one short climb) on the Kimsey Creek Trail from the Back Country Parking Area. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Monday-Saturday, June 30-July 12

• Summer Courses offered at the Highlands Biological Station. Microbial Ecology. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit <http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currrentcourses.htm> or call the Highlands Biological Station at (828) 526-2602.

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The Highlands Biological Station will offer a week-long workshop in July with Nancy Lowe of the Atlanta Botanical Garden and Atlanta College of Art Continuing Education. Participants will learn to render nature's details with accuracy, a valuable skill for people interested in natural history at every level. Participants in this workshop will spend a week at the Highlands Biological Station studying the rich biodiversity of the southern Appalachians and learning the conventions of illustrating plants, fungi, insects and other invertebrates, and some vertebrates. Working in the field as well as the lab, participants will explore techniques in graphite pencil, carbon dust, color pencil and watercolor. Special problems will include changes of scale, including drawing from a microscope; complex geometries such as spirals and branching patterns; and challenging surface textures such as iridescence, translucence, velvet, gloss, and waxy bloom. Trips to sites in the southern Appalachians and piedmont will emphasize field recognition, whereas lab work will involve examination of live and preserved specimens, drawing technical features, and the use of taxonomic keys. Participants will also build a personal herbarium of reference specimens. Prerequisites: No previous drawing experience required; materials provided.

Cost: \$350 (housing included). For more information, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs or call 828-526-2602
Mon.-Fri., July 7-18

Highlands Playhouse Children's Theatre taught by instructors with extensive experience in theatre education 9 a.m. to noon for ages 6-10, and 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-16. Please contact the Highlands Playhouse for the cost of the two week session.

Monday, July 7

• HIARPT Lecture at the Church of the Incarnation with Dr. John Dominic Crossan at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 8

• HIARPT Follow-up discussion with Dr. Crossan 10-11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Incarnation.

Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20

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

Thurs.-Sat, July 10, 11, 12

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

Thriller writer Don Brown at Cyrano's 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 Cyrano's Bookshop from 1-3 p.m.

While Mr. Brown's earlier novels featuring JAG officer Zack Brew have been very popular at Cyrano's, 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 on a dangerous secret mission into the Black Sea to foil an act of maritime terrorism, in this case a group of Chechen rebels trying to smuggle stolen plutonium out

of Russia. The would-be terrorists hope to get the weapons-grade material onto a rogue freighter, through the Bosphorus 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.

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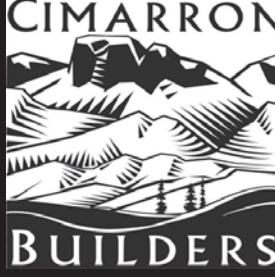
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VACATION RENTAL

NEWLY DECORATED AND UPDATED 1 BED/1BATH river view with access to small fishing dock. Weekly \$500, monthly, 1,700. Call 828-524-4311 or 877-682-8855. 7/19

SUMMER RENTAL — CABIN WITH LONG RANGE VIEW, 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 3 Living Areas, Immaculate, \$2,800/month for 3 months. Also available for shorter periods. See www.vrbo.com/181808. (305) 458-0033.

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

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MOTOR COACH SITE – DOWNTOWN HIGHLANDS. Hidden Creek Homeowner's Association invites you to have your own coach site and coach house in downtown Highlands. Owners only, no rentals. Only five sites. Gated, private, heavily landscaped. Shops, dinning, and golf second to none. View the property and pics at your leisure and privacy at www.jtimms.com/HIDDENCREEK or call 828-526-5333

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2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, PLUS OFFICE. In Town. \$249,000. Lease to own option for qualified. \$1,100 per month. Call 707-354-3011.

RV LOT FOR SALE – Lot 1 The Coach Club. Class A Resort. Downtown Highlands. 200 sq. ft. cedar coach house, landscaped, outdoor kitchen, gas fire pit, overlooking stream. Live the Highlands life. See Terryhallhomes.com click on RV lot. Call 828-787-1014 or 352-258-4187. 6/26

WALK TO TOWN — .75 acre off Hicks Rd in

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LAND FOR SALE – By owners. Unrestricted, 64+ acres. Close to Highlands. 360-degree view. Level pastures. 2 bed house and highway frontage. Call 828-526-2879. 5/29.

HOUSE FOR SALE IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath in adorable, quiet neighborhood 2 miles from ocean and Palm Beach Island and 5 miles from downtown. \$450,000. Call 561-379-9151. 7/31

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(Boos) Two drawers. Price: \$500. Picture available. Can be delivered or local pick up. Call 828.787.1002 or 219.765.5879 - ask for Jim

BEAUTIFUL CHERRY DESK — Shenandoah Valley Furniture (a Flexsteel Company) Cherry Desk. L shaped. Full desk with enclosed cabinets above, L wing for computer, also drawers for storage. Dimensions: Single pedestal Desk on L: 69.9 in wide x 26 in. deep x 30 in high. Single pedestal return on L: 50.3 in. wide x 22.3 in D x 30 in high Hutch: 65.9 in w x 15.9 in deep x 46 in H (and it sits on the pedestal desk). Nine months old. Picture available. Move forces sale. Price: \$675. 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

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

LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES — Variety shrubs, trees, rail road ties, stone and mulch varieties, pine straw and soil additives. Call 828-526-2251.

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STUFF FOR FREE — 5-section sofa, (2 reclining ends), blue. Nice condition; 8-piece white metal deck furniture, glass top and cushions; two-leaf

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GREEN PRINT VELOUR SWIVEL ROCKER, new, \$250; blue stripe club chair w/ottoman, like new, \$175; large pine armoire, like new, \$200;. Simms X-large waders w/attached boots, bought at Highland Hiker, used 3 times, \$250. Call Beatrice or Dennis at 743-5600.

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JEEP RIMS — 17-inch aluminum factory rims off 2005 Jeep Liberty 4x4. Brand new! Complete

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LEGALS

NOTICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC 2ND PRIMARY ELECTION MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

A Democratic 2nd Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 in Macon County, North Carolina to vote on Commissioner of Labor. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Absentee ballots are allowed. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made in writing and received in the Board of Elections office by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 17, 2008

The Board of Elections will meet on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 8:30a.m. and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications.

One-stop voting will be held in the Board of Elections office beginning Thursday, June 12, 2008 and ending Saturday, June 21, 2008. One-stop voting hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will also be open on Saturday, June 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Canvass Day will be held at 11:00 in the Boardroom of the Board of Elections Office, located on the First (1st) floor of the Macon County Courthouse.

For additional information contact the Macon County Board of Elections at: 828-349-2034 or www.maconncc.org/elections.

Sara R. Waldrop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections

• FUN & GAMES •

N-Cryptoku[©]

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

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

**Mystery Word
"Copulate"**

Across

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

Down

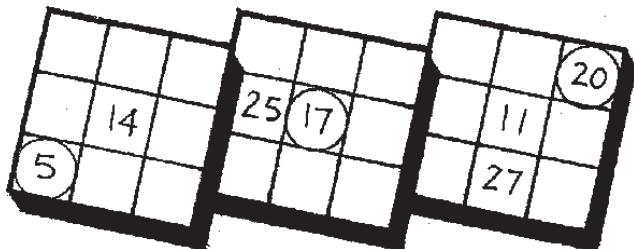
6. Small bird (3)
7. Decay (3)
8. Negative (3)
9. Top card (3)
10. Moved swiftly (3)

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Solution to June 5 puzzle

R	A	E	M	S	C	D	O	T
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PseudoCube[©]



#DN3E – Level of Difficulty – Moderate

THE SETUP:

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

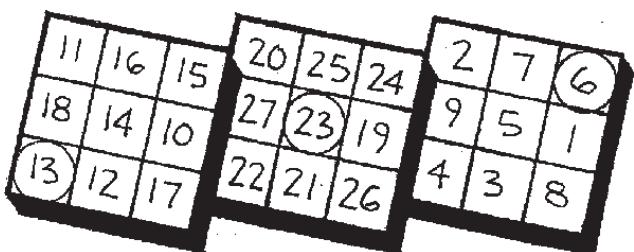
THE CHALLENGE:

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

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Feedback encouraged!

Solution to #BN2E in June 5 issue



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