On-going
• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 830 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/nbs.
• 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!
• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FT.

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

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

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.

Tuesdays
• At the Nature Center, Family Nature Activity 3-4 p.m., ages 4 and up: $1 each.
• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

Wednesdays
• At the Nature Center, Nature Show & Tell/Storytime 2:30-3 p.m. Come for a nature lesson based around a children’s storybook using items from the Nature Center.
• At the MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.
• Men’s interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

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/nbs).

Fridays
• At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m. A guided walk through the Highlands Botanical Garden, featuring the native plants of the region.
• Friday & Saturday Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-11 p.m.
• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant, Hal Phillips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Raod. 526-2112.

Saturdays
• At the Nature Center, Featured Creature 11:30-noon.
• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9 p.m.
• Sundays Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Church of the Wildwood at 7 p.m. Call Kay Ward at 743-5000 for more information. Dress is casual.

Through Saturday, July 5
• A Silent Auction at Mountain Findings on Spruce Street featuring artwork from five local artists including Mary Spitzer, Ann Harbison, Jan Shields and Mary Kelly DeWees. Proceeds from all sales support local charity organizations.

Through July 6
• At Highlands Playhouse, “Always Patsy Cline.” For reservations, call 526-2695.

June 26-July 3
• At Summit One Gallery, New Works by Scott Upton.

Thursdays, June 26-July 31
• Summer Art Camp with The Bascom and The Highlands Art League at the Highlands Recreation Park. Call The Bascom at (828) 526-4849, ext. 4.
• Friday, June 27
  • Robert Ray in a “new Musical Revue,” “Route 66,” at 8 p.m. at PAC. For reservations call 526-9047.

Saturday, June 28
• Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on N.C. 106.
  • At Cynano’s a booksigning from 1-3 p.m., with David Bajo signing “The 351 Books of Irma Arcuri;” and from 3:30-5:30 Ben F. Small will autograph copies of “The Olive Horseshoe.”

Sunday, June 28
• Robert Ray in a “new Musical Revue,” “Route 66,” at 8 p.m. On stage at The Highlands Playhouse. Cindy Summers portrays Cline and happens to have the same mix of velvet and steel in her voice that made Patsy famous. The show is Tuesday-Sundays through July 6. For reservations, call the Playhouse box office at 526-2695.
Dear Editor,

I sat down last night to make yet another revision to my 2008 budget to account for the increase in property taxes levied by the County Commissioners. I have already had to revise it for the outrageous gas costs and the increase in propane fuel for heating and cooking. And, revisions for the increase in the cost of groceries.

Unfortunately, unlike the County, I cannot increase my income to offset these increases in expense. I have had to reduce or eliminate completely the charitable donations and support of any local restaurants and I'm still looking for more cuts. I feel that there are other Macon County property owners on fixed incomes that have had to do the same thing or will in the near future.

The newspapers have reported that two other commissions in western North Carolina have found a way to keep from raising taxes by cutting costs or delaying non-critical projects. But not our commission. The headlines in our local papers reported that the budget meeting was poorly attended. I submit that was not due to apathy but to futility.

The Macon County Commission has shown that they have no concern for the taxpayers but continue to just “pile it on” us. Maybe, they could take another look at the budget and find that there are still places to eliminate some expenses. Maybe we can hope.

Jim Hartje
Otto, NC

Salzarulo is wrong

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Dr. Salzarulo's column in the June 12 issue of Highlands' Newspaper entitled "Americans Must Wake Up." How does he respond to the fact that 31,000 scientist have refuted this myth of Global Warming?

By the way, his article was nicely written but wanted to try to make his point. For example, GM also made a lot of smaller cars than Hummers, while Toyota was making the Tundra!

Frank Mazziotta
Franklin

There is something
to Global Warming

Dear Editor,

I am responding to Frank Mazziotta letter concerning my column “Americans Must Wake Up,” in the June 12 issue of this newspaper.

If it is true that 31,000 scientists doubt the truth of global warming, all I can say is that I didn’t know that many scientists work for oil companies. Honestly, I hope you are right and that climate change is a cyclical event unrelated to human activity. Even if that is true, I believe that we must start respecting our planet and begin to protect it. The most logical first step is conservation, and the most reasonable, though unattainable approach is global population reduction. We will choke our planet with people and their waste, pollute her waters and foul her air, and in the end, it won’t be just the polar bears who are the losers. That’s the view from this non-scientist.

Henry H. Salzarulo, MD
Scaly Mountain

Global Warming is a myth

Dear Editor,

If man is solely responsible for global warming and the increased levels of CO2, then how do we explain away the scientific evidence that shows during previous geologic periods the CO2 levels were more than 16 times higher than they are today, that glaciers covered the northern parts of the United States 22,000 years ago and then retreated, that sea level reached its lowest point about 16,000 years ago, then rose to its current levels and that the temperatures were 5 degrees warmer 6000 years ago then they are today? And, of course all those occurred long before man appeared on this earth. Evidence shows that the current global warming cycle began in about 1680 and that the warming trend does not fit with the CO2 record; it fits with the sun-spot data. There is known scientific evidence that shows our climate changes are cyclic and soon this earth will enter a cooling off period, another ice-age, that will be brought on by the changes in the earth's orbit and tilt around the sun. Additionally, average global temperatures have been static and may actually be falling for nearly a decade. So don't throw away your cold weather gear and you can forget about man’s influence on global warming...it's all a myth. By the way, there are 31,000 OISM scientists who agree that global warming is a myth.

Paul S. Horvath
A retired geophysicist with a B.S. in Earth and Planetary Science from the University of Pittsburgh who lives in Highlands and Florida

Highlands lucky to have high calibre of performances

Dear Editor,

Many thanks to PAC for bringing the Lynn Looser jazz concert to Highlands. To have New York City top calibre artists here was such a treat.

Todd Firth on piano brought his own magic to Lynn's superb vocals, as did the other musicians.

Hopefully, there will be a return engagement for Lynn and her group and if there is, don't miss it.

Mary Louise McLaurin
Highlands
**Wedding**

**Columnists Mead-Armor wed**

Michelle and John Armor

Michelle Annette Mead and John Charles Armor were united in marriage Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, in Highlands, North Carolina. The ceremony was officiated by The Rev. Brian Sullivan and the reception was held at parson hall of the Incarnation, Jones Hall.

Matrons of Honor were Betty Chesna, Otto, N.C., and Button Parham, Highlands. Groomsmen were Ted Anderson, of Scaly Mountain, N.C., and Duncan Parham, of Highlands. Ushers were Friends from Incarnation.

The bride's gown was a sleeveless cream-colored crepe dress and matching long-sleeve jacket from Coldwater Creek. She is the daughter of F. Annette Mead and the late Albert W. Mead of Waynesboro, VA.

Michelle is a graduate of Waynesboro High School (1968), BA in French Literature from Goucher College (1973), Masters in International Affairs/Translation from New York University. She currently co-authors “His and Hers” column for the Highlands Newspaper in Highlands.

The groom is the son of the late George Mawell Armor, Jr. and the late Annie Linn Henley Armor, Baltimore, Maryland. John is a graduate of Gilman School (1960), Baltimore, Maryland, Yale University (1964), University of Maryland Law School (1970), Post graduate, American University.

Currently he is Counsel, The ACRU, Washington, DC, an author, attorney, and recently ran for the Republican nomination for US Congress, North Carolina 11th District.

The couple plans a honeymoon this August in Scotland and Ireland. The couple resides on Kettle Rock Mountain in Highlands.

**Milestones**

**Kerhoulas earns Masters of Divinity degree**

Jonathan Kerhoulas, son of Steve and Candi Kerhoulas, has recently graduated from Gordon Conwell Seminary, earning a Masters of Divinity Degree. Gordon-Conwell is located in Boston, Mass. He and his wife Danielle celebrated his academic achievement. Danielle is the daughter of George and Gabrielle Schmitt of Highlands. Jonathan is currently serving as an associate pastor at City Life, a PCA church located in the city of Boston.

Jonathan will be in the area, preaching at Christ Church of the Valley in Sapphire, on July 6. Services are at 10:30 a.m., and are located in the Community Building at the Sapphire Valley Resort (next to the ski slope). Everyone who is interested is most welcome!
Legend of the tooth snatchers

This happened way back in the dead of winter when I was busy wimping out in North Palm Beach where temperatures were expected to climb into the 80s before four o’clock, har, har, har. The li’l missus and I have this ritual where I get up early, check any Internet mail from our three chickens (children) and later walk into our bedroom to give her my report.

I always start with, “I have good news and bad news. Which do you want first? Before she could speak this particular morning, I blurted, “Actually, I only have bad news. I have a toothache.” I know you’re thinking this is not a biggy, but wait, it is a biggy. My dentist, Dr. Fred, was over 700 miles away. Still not a biggy, you’re thinking right? Please read on and believe.

There’s a skillion dentists practicing in South Florida, but there are no, I repeat, no. Dr. Fred. The li’l missus suggested I go to her dentist so I did. Let’s call him Dr. Money. The li’l missus likes Dr. Money ‘cause she doesn’t have one cavity in her head, subsequently, he doesn’t get his nose in our checkbook. Yes, I did look in her mouth before marrying her.

After Doctor Money looked in my mouth for less than five seconds, he said, “I see you have a lot of work done all over. This is what I can do. I will send you to a specialist to have all your wisdom teeth pulled, and then off to the periodontist for gum restructuring and under-the-gum cleaning, then to another specialist for root canal work. Finally, I will cap the tooth that’s hurting you and attach it to the tooth next to it. I will rebuild your whole quadrant.”

He stopped to take a breath and I interrupted. “Doc, my four wisdom teeth are the only teeth left in my mouth with cavities. They are functioning perfectly and never bother me.”

He shot back, “Wisdom teeth can be troublesome, and therefore, they must be removed.”

“How much is this going to cost?” I asked.

“About thirty grand. Here’s the good news. I will introduce you to our “in house” loan officer who will help you with your loan application, put you on our program and set the many appointments you will need.”

Shocked, I pleaded with him, “Can’t you just stop my tooth from hurting until I get to my dentist in Highlands?”

“Mr. Wooldridge, I stopped practicing that kind of dentistry a long time ago. I can give you some numbing gel, but that’s about it.”

I am not making this up. Ask the li’l missus if you don’t believe me. As it turns out, there are no dentists in South Florida that just fix toothaches. They are all trained on “The Program” where they rework your whole mouth and make you look like a movie star. Their main goal is to transfer all the money in your bank account to their bank account.

Welcome to the 21st century where morticians are already embalming shriveled up 80-year-old ladies with knock your socks off bodacious implanted tatas. Now they’re embalming shriveled up geezers with movie star teeth, products of “The Program.”

I like Dr. Fred’s “chew ‘til you die” program. We Freds must stick together and think alike. His plan permits me to chew food until I croak even though I may not look like much lying on the embalming slab.

Months later, when I finally got into Dr. Fred’s chair, he looked at the bad tooth for less than five seconds. “I have good news and bad news. Unfortunately, your tooth is split in half all the way to the bottom of the root. It must be pulled. The good news is it’s not going to cost eight grand.”

So here I sit, typing my weekly column with one less tooth than when I arrived but my bank account is intact and I am chewing just fine. Over the years, Dr. Fred has had to pull three of my teeth but because my wisdom teeth are functioning well, I still have one more tooth than most folks who are on… “The Program.”

Fred Wooldridge

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Whatever it takes to get the vote

There is an unholy alliance between the religious right and the Republican Party, one which I’ve written about before. It’s pretty slick and works like this. The Republicans need a reliable supply of votes to stay in power. The fundamentalists have lots of votes and a number of pet projects, none of which, as far as I can tell, have much to do with the message of Jesus. To demonstrate that he deserves their votes, contributions, and support, a candidate must pass a series of tests. He must support school prayer and the death penalty, while opposing same sex marriage, abortion, and stem cell research. A return to the pre-1953 Pledge of Allegiance, the one without the “under God” phrase is viewed as an erosion of our position as a Christian state. Gosh, maybe God won’t smile on us and we’ll have trouble defeating a rag tag band of Godless Muslim radicals in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our coins bear the inscription, “In God we trust.” Better leave that alone if you want to keep the coalition intact. I may have missed it, but I don’t think Jesus would have said, “Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,” and wasn’t the subject a coin with the emperor’s image? I don’t think Jesus had much interest in money, or millionaire pastors of mega churches having breakfast at the White House and thrusting themselves into the political process. Imagine Jesus’ response if Caesar had said, “Hey, Jesus. You’re getting quite a little following. Let’s get together for lunch.”

Recently, a smaller, less monolithic band of fundamentalists has appeared. They question the emphasis on the divisive, splinter issues of their predecessors, and actually read and heed what Christ taught. One need not be a Christian, or wear his Christianity on his sleeve, to agree that Jesus preached a damned fine message. Their interest is social justice. They want to respect the dignity of man, feed the poor, and exercise wise stewardship over the planet. They’re interested in stuff like feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, and sheltering the homeless. They may be more concerned with our carbon footprint than with a lapel pin depicting the footprint of an eight-week-old fetus. Radicals among them might believe that if God didn’t want us to use stem cells to relieve the suffering of man, he wouldn’t have invented stem cells.

I am woefully unqualified to discuss the theological basis of the agenda of the Christian Right. I can hear you now, agreeing with me for the first time. Nonetheless, I believe that these issues were chosen to forge Christian believers into a powerful political force led by millionaire pastors. Is it too cynical to suggest that church leaders exploited their congregations in the pursuit of power?

Is it unreasonable to suggest that Republican strategists knew exactly what was expected of them and were willing to pay lip service to the agenda of the Christian Right to win its votes. If you take them at their word, they care more about the unborn than the new born, more about the powerful than the powerless, and less about feeding the poor than enriching agri-business. These new guys, though, may be onto something. They follow a Jesus that even I could get behind.
They take with them 60 years of experience

Three teachers at Highlands School, who between them have more than 60 years of teaching experience, retired with the class of 2008. Through reflections of the career, they offer insight into their past and into the future of the teaching profession as well as guidance to up and coming teachers.

Jane DeWolf
High School Math Teacher
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I started substituting at Highlands School in 1975. I started teaching 7th grade (all subjects) in 1976. I started teaching high school math in 1977. I stayed at Highlands School until 2008 with one semester at Union Academy in 2006.
I received my Masters of Education from Western Carolina University in 1978. I received my National Board Certification in 2002.
My advice to new or current teachers is to enjoy your time teaching. The years go by quickly.
The students, family, and community of Highlands School are still GREAT. I think they are more connected with the world because of today’s technology.
I don’t have any specific plans for retirement. I know that I want to substitute at Highlands School next fall.
Sarah Mayer
Middle School Teacher
I taught 2 years in Louisville, KY, 10 years on St. Thomas, USVI, and 25 years here.
Both my B.A. Ed. and M.Ed. I received from the University of Louisville.
My advice to new teachers: Cherish your relationships with the children you teach, their parents, and your colleagues, but remember to take good care of your family and yourself too. Focus on the joys of teaching and stay open and flexible. Always be grateful for the opportunity to teach in this very fine school in this really lovely community of Highlands and pray a lot!
I’ve seen lots of changes; the old pendulum has gone back and forth through my 37 years. For example, the emphasis has been on phonics, then whole language, and back to phonics, and then combinations of both. Discipline started out rough, relaxed, became assertive and now softer. But the greatest changes, I believe, are those in technology used in education and in society as a whole. Technology in the classroom has gone from the purple ink of spirit masters to computers and from the blackboard to the ACTIVboard, to name a couple.
As for students, they are basically the same, eager and curious to learn, and generally respectful as they receive respect. However, they certainly are much more technology savvy than I ever could hope to be.
Parents continue to be concerned about their children just as they have always been, but I think speedier communication technologies have helped bring more parent input and involvement than was ever possible before. Also I have found Highlands School parents very willing to come and give of their time and expertise.
My plans? I relish the flexibility of retirement, and that will allow more time with family, including our two grandchildren and with friends. Reading, hiking, working on our old farmhouse, and probably subbing at school will keep me pretty busy, too, but at least I won’t be tied down to a particular schedule. I can’t imagine ever being bored. I truly look forward to discovering God’s plan for the rest of my life.
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• See RETIRE page 7
Nature interpretive trail built by local volunteers

A new trail on U.S. Forest Service land has recently been completed by 27 local volunteers who have worked during the last two years on this project. This is a different type trail than the usual hiking trail since it is designed to teach children and adults about nature. The trail has a 40 foot waterfall on a silt and pollution-free creek, a serpentine cascade that drops more than 50 verticle feet, many specimen trees and plants, and an old farmsite where fruit trees still bear fruit. This is a 2 to 3 mile, easy hike that families will adore. The trail will be opened as soon as nature describing signs are erected. Volunteer trail builders shown above include; (back row) John Wulbern, Kate Parkerson, Linda Curtiss, Socum Howland, Button Parham, (front row) Linda Bryant, Jim Whitehurst and Walter Wingfield. Workers not shown include; Bill Rethorst, Edwin Poole Joe Pilkington, Jim Askew, Nancy Hart, Gay Kattel, Greta Decoursey, Vivian Brewer, Mike Houser, Rick Demetriou, John Akridge, Barry Carter, Gary Turley, Pat Catchins, Mike Levine, Diane Levine, Doug Landweir, Clark Weidman, and Luther Turner.

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What I would tell new teachers is not to take yourselves too seriously. Get to know each student individually and try to bring out his/her strengths. Sincere encouragement still works, but be sure you mean it when you compliment. Be firm and consistent, but be human too. Let them see your weaknesses as well as your strengths. Don't make “buddies” of them, and don't need them.

Yes, I do think students have changed over the years. I don't hear as many ma'ams and sirs. There is less of a desire to learn for the sheer joy of learning. But the kids are learning in a new way that is fascinating to me. They have so much to teach ME about cell phones and cameras and computers. And, of course, Highlands is the best of the best. There aren't many other places that I would care to teach these days. I hope and pray they will keep their small town hominess. I am so grateful that they opened their hearts to me! I will definitely never forget the wonderful kids and adults whom I met there.

My plans for the future are so far many and varied. I want to spend much more time with my five grandchildren; I have one who wants to learn to read RIGHT NOW. I hope to teach French to some homeschool classes, and they are already asking if we can do a play. I want to exercise as much as possible and hope to get back to my swimming. My husband and I are hoping that we'll be able to catch a flight to Paris from time to time. That will help keep me learning French. And maybe I'll take some language courses at Western, too.
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REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND

What President Bush has taken from me

I graduated from high school in 1976. I was thrilled that I was part of the "class of '76," graduating the same year as our country's bicentennial. I was proud to be an American, proud of our Constitution and Bill of Rights. I believed that we were the hope for the future of the world -- a shining beacon for the poor and oppressed around the globe. A place where we were all created equal, with liberty and justice for all. Maybe we weren't perfect, but we were working on it.

Whenever I heard about a third-world country torturing its citizens, read an account of a torture victim, or saw torture depicted in a movie, in the midst of the horror I would think, "thank God I live in a country which does not and will never torture anyone." President Bush has taken that pride away from me. Now when I hear or see anything about torture I cringe; because now my country -- that is, I -- am guilty of torture.

Numerous investigations are now showing that the abuses at Abu Ghraib were not the actions of "a few bad apples" but were instead Bush administration policy initiated at the highest level of the government. In the June 18 installment of a major McClatchy Newspapers series (www.mcclatchydc.com/detainees/story/38866) on the U.S. terrorist detention system, Tom Lasseter writes: "The framework under which detainees were imprisoned for years without charges at Guantanamo and in many cases abused in Afghanistan wasn't the product of American military policy or the fault of a few rogue soldiers. It was largely the work of five White House, Pentagon and Justice Department lawyers who, following the orders of President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, reinterpreted or tossed out the U.S. and international laws that govern the treatment of prisoners in wartime, according to former U.S. defense and Bush administration officials."

And just released this week is a Physicians for Human Rights report entitled "Broken Laws Broken Lives: Medical Evidence of Torture by the U.S." based on medical examinations of former detainees. In the preface the two-star general, Anthony Taguba, who led the Army investigation into the detainee abuse at Abu Ghraib has accused the

Bush administration of war crimes and is calling for accountability. Whenever I heard about people "disappearing" in Argentina (estimated number of los desaparecidos is 30,000) or Guatemala (number may be even more), or listened to Sting's song "They Dance Alone" I would think, "thank God I live in a country where this could never happen. We have a Bill of Rights and civil liberties and habeas corpus." President Bush has taken that pride away from me.

Now, even though the Bush administration has been rebuked three times by the Supreme Court in their attempt to deny habeas corpus to the prisoners in Guantanamo, I hear the awful word "rendition" ringing in my ears and know there are men locked away in CIA black holes, or rotting in Egyptian torture chambers at our behest, who may never see the light of day again. And these men are not necessarily guilty of anything or even terrorists in many cases (see McClatchy series). Whenever I used to hear about some banana republic where the dictator held himself above the law, I thought to myself, "Thank God I live in a country that is ruled by law, in which there is no one, up to and including the president, who is above the law." President Bush has taken that pride away from me. Now we have "presidential signing statements" where the president declares that, even though he is signing a bill into law, he is not bound to obey it.

At the end of last year Bush had issued 1,100 signing statements — almost twice as many as all previous presidents put together — often completely reversing the intended effect of legislation. For example, when Congress voted overwhelmingly to ban torture, Bush announced that this would "make it clear to the world that this government does not torture." Two weeks later, he added a signing statement to the bill that allowed him to ignore it.

Jonathan Turley, professor of law at George Washington University, said "The practice has two very serious effects. On one hand, by using signing statements to this extent, the president becomes a government unto himself. But it also gives lower-level officials cover for their own illegal behavior by creating a
A  ndy Warhol was famous – or infamous – for many things. One of them was his quip about everyone being famous for 15 minutes. This past week, it seemed that John and I are having our 15 minutes of fame.

Don’t let my years in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York fool you. At heart, I’m a girl from Waynesboro, VA, and when I got married, I wanted to have the wedding written up in the local paper, The News Virginian. After a few glitches, I finally got a phone call from a charming lady, Alicia Rimel, who interviewed me on the phone. I think she even got a quote or two from John. I’d told my mother there was a chance of getting something in the local paper, but didn’t want her to be disappointed. There is a tradition of good manners in France. You do not phone people before 9 a.m. or after 9 p.m. In my family, you have to be announcing a birth or a death to break this rule. So, you can imagine my amusement and surprise when I got a phone call from my mother at 8:10 a.m. She’d walked down her long driveway to pick up the local paper, as usual. When she got home, Maman opened the paper, and there, on the front page was darling daughter and her new husband. The article entitled Found: A knight of shining Armor, is on their website, dated Jun 17. Local papers have a way of putting you in your place, though.

In the printed version, the article after ours had the following headline: Man with Knife Robs Grocery.

I was on my own little cloud. John and I were happy; my mother was thrilled. In my old home town, Maman’s phone rang off the hook, as friends, former neighbors, bridge, French, wine, and book club members called in their congratulations.

I was particularly pleased for my mother. She’s about to go into Summit Square, the assisted living facility in the center of town, and has a serious case of the mopes. I can’t imagine what it’s like to give up your home, with its quiet streets and lovely garden, to go into an apartment. It’s a trade-off, really. Maman has had a few bouts of kneeling down and not being able to get up, and a few falls which have left her anxious. John and I told her she’d be welcome here, but all of her friends and activities are in Waynesboro. It’s a tough call. At Summit Square, she has a number of friends, and the convenience of security and meals.

Don’t let anyone fool you. Getting old is not for sissies. We had another project in the works, too. Susan Shapiro, the lady who wrote the book that inspired me to contact John, “Five Men Who Broke My Heart,” had told our story to a journalist from The New York Times, Devan Sipher.

Devan interviewed us for hours – separately, to make sure our stories matched. Needless to say, when you ask two people in a couple to describe a particular event, you get two different stories, with a few lines of convergence. Some events were painful to remember. Some events were painful to recount. John, in particular, isn’t often given to great bouts of introspection, and squirmed when Devan would ask him: “Well, how did that make you feel?” Feel – that wucky four letter word for guys.

Devan’s interviews went on, day after day. This detail, that detail. I started getting scared that his article was going to include dirty laundry that no one wants aired – and certainly not on the pages of The New York Times. Then the whole article was in jeopardy. They wanted legal documents from years ago, relating to proceedings between me and my ex-husband. I couldn’t find them, at home or on-line. People at The Times couldn’t find them either. I contacted my lawyer from 36 years ago, Alex Maribok, in Baltimore. He’s still as feisty and no nonsense as ever, but his old records, if he still had them, were going to difficult to access. I tried to be upbeat. Hey, I’d gotten the article in The News Virginian. That was great. Who was I to want anything more?

And then we got the phone call we’d been hoping for. Devan had tied up the last loose ends of the story, and The Times was going to run the article, after all. John ordered extra copies of the paper at a local gas station. All that remained was for us to wait. The column would be up on The New York Times website at midnight on Saturday. John wanted to wait and see the column in print. I went on-line, and found it already posted at 11:30 p.m. It’s very odd, but very exhilarating, to see your own life come out as a story, especially when it’s written by someone else. They bring out things you wouldn’t necessarily mention, and avoid things you’d be sure to include. That’s what makes it interesting.

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How did we get into the energy squeeze that has gasoline over $4? What can we do to minimize our dependence on oil supplied by our enemies? The Democrat talking heads repeat the mantra “we can’t drill our way out of this problem.” Why not? They say the oil companies have leases on 68 million acres that they’re not drilling on. Wouldn’t that lead one to believe that these are not potentially productive areas? That is the case.

The truth about ANWR. In 1995, President Clinton vetoed legislation to permit drilling there. It is estimated that one million barrels per day would be produced from ANWR today. The Democrat spokespersons say it would be too little to make any difference; yet Chuck Schumer, who knows everything about everything, recently said that if Saudi Arabia would increase their production by a million barrels a day, it would decrease the price of gasoline by $.50 a gallon. Take your pick.

I have heard it said by reliable sources that the area that would be involved in drilling would be comparable to that of a postage stamp on a football field. That would leave plenty of tundra for the caribou to do whatever they do. The greenies point to ex-Governor Bush’s opposition to drilling offshore Florida, yet Alaska’s current Governor Sarah Palin’s endorsement of ANWR drilling bears no weight.

Who better than native Alaskans and Eskimos would know and care about the threat by oil production? 75% of them heartily approve.

Now about offshore. This is a travesty. Much of the nation’s coastal waters are off-limits to new oil and gas drilling until 2012 under executive orders first issued by President Geo. H. W. Bush in 1991 and extended by President Clinton in 1998. In addition, Congress has taken action annually since 1981 to preclude drilling in coastal areas. There are immense proven reserves of oil and gas offshore.

What is the alleged reason for such opposition? Fear of spoiling the beaches? Well, if there ever was a test of that concern, hurricanes Katrina and Rita should put that red herring to rest. I have not heard of a single instance of oil spill during that traumatic experience and the gulf where they hit is full of production. Unsightly drilling towers? We’re talking about 50-200 miles offshore. Foreign powers, China and Cuba included, are currently drilling in the Gulf but we can’t. We are the only country with oceanic coastlines that prevents itself from exploration and production.

Oil shale is a different animal. While oil is found in tiny crevices in porous rock, oil shale is an integral part of the rock’s structure. Extracting it is a costly process and development was hindered by economics. With the escalating price of oil, it became feasible to pursue exploiting the huge deposits found in our western states. Unfortunately, Congress saw fit to insert a moratorium on oil shale in a spending bill last year.

What are the current arguments that are floated out there by the liberal environmentalists? “We can’t drill our way out of it.” Oh, really. It’s been that moronic attitude for the last 15 years that has put us in the position we’re in. Obama says he isn’t sorry that the price of gas has reached its current level, but he would have preferred that it hadn’t happened so soon.

In each case, exploration and production has been hampered, if not denied, by government action of one sort or another. Surely, politicians are not blind to the potential outcomes of their actions. While pandering to environmentalists, who seem to be the driving force behind the effort to derail fossil fuels, one has to wonder if the vote represented by environmentalists is worth feeling the wrath of the rest of us. They may not be very bright but usually they can count the votes.

What would be worth risking being voted out of office by disgruntled voters? The environmental movement is backed by various foundations that have vast war chests. They were founded and are funded by wealthy families that are active in the one world movement. They feel that the US should look more like Old Europe and one way to do that is to stifle our mobility. It would retard our growth and ultimately wreck our economy.

Money talks.

McCain says “drill, we’ll need it whenever it comes to market.” Obama says it won’t make any difference. He says we need to additionally tax the oil companies to fund other social programs. Other oil producing countries are lowering their tax to encourage exploration. Sounds like a plan to me.
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deliberate area of ambiguity about the meaning of the laws.”

I came of age during Watergate, and watched President Nixon, the paranoid enemies-list-builder and Democratic-headquarters-bugger brought down. I thought, “Thank God I live in a country in which, when someone bad gets into office and tries to do un-American things like spy on his fellow citizens, he is caught and thrown out of office. We’ll be even better now.” President Bush has taken that pride away from me.

Now domestic spying is made legal and the telecommunications companies who aided the spying are ensured of complete immunity from any lawsuits. And all this with the willing aid of the so-called opposition party, the Democrats, eminently including their presidential candidate who keeps promising “change” but doesn’t seem to be able to deliver.

I find I’m not alone in feeling this way about our country. Just last week I saw a Gallup poll on “confidence in public institutions” and the numbers were surprising (or maybe not). The headline for the poll was Confidence in Congress: Lowest Ever for Any U.S. Institution. Before conservatives start gloating, however, they should take a look at the rest of the poll results. The percentage of respondents who had a “great deal” or “quite a lot of confidence” in the presidency dropped from 52% in 2004 to 26% today. This isn’t “confidence in President Bush,” this is confidence in the institution of the Presidency itself. Congress dropped from 30% in 2004 (they are never well liked!) to 12% this year. The Supreme Court went from 46% to 32%.

What President Bush has left me with is shame. Shame for my country and shame for my fellow citizens; shame that we have allowed ourselves to be bullied through fear to surrender our civil rights, the very things that made our country great.

All of Katie Brugger’s columns are available on her website:
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There is a shortage of crude oil and the price of what's available is rising. In an attempt to lower prices, the President requested last month that the Saudis increase production. Seemed simple enough, the supply goes up and the price goes down; they refused.

In a more controversial alternative, there are oil reserves off the cost of Florida, California and in Alaska. But for the last 27 years we have kept the crude in the ground and not in our tanks. There is a movement to repeal those acts and to allow for the exploration of this badly needed commodity. There are those that now pushing hard for this elimination of the ban and those that are fighting equally hard to keep the ban in place.

The side for drilling talks of the immediate benefit to the price of gas and that this will bring prices down. There is a thought that the more announcement of the elimination of the ban will curtail, if not end, the price speculation.

On the environmental side, there is the argument that the drilling will spoil the seas off the coasts of Florida and California and as disturbing the last of the unspoiled territory in America, Alaska. What to do?

The facts of the debate are only as clear as the side of the aisle on which you stand. But regardless of where you stand we know that no matter how fast they start to drill it will take years for the oil to get to the consumer. We also know that no matter how careful the drillers are there will be some damage to the environment, perhaps not catastrophic but some nevertheless. There are estimates of 19 billion of barrels of crude untapped in United States controlled areas and that might lead to some measure of oil independence.

But is it the right thing to do? In the 1973, the oil embargo put us in gas lines and made us worry. We started to think, what if? What if the oil ran out? Where would we be? Then the embargo ended and so did our worry about the future. Now the price of oil is rising and so once again are our fears of a lack of fuel and the resulting rise in the price of goods. After the embargo there was a trend to make smaller more fuel efficient cars. There was even a law enacted to demand a certain level of miles per gallon for cars. After a few years, the fears waned, appetites for bigger cars heightened and SUVs were born. One problem though with SUVs was that they could not comply with the car mpg standards. So what did we do? We classified SUVs as trucks and the standard did not apply. We got big gas guzzling mega vehicles.

We consume too much fuel, and now that it is in short supply we want even more. Why? Because we can. We arrogantly drive a converted war vehicle, a Hummer H3, that gets all of 13 miles to the gallon, not because it does some needed work task, but because it's big, ostentatious, and it costs a lot of money. We drive it for status. We drive it because we can.

If we drill off shore and in Alaska will we get smarter? Will we use this time to move ahead and develop real alternative fuels? Will we conserve and go to smaller more economical cars? Or will we once again forget the lesson of short supply and overuse? When do we learn? If we don't change what will we do when we use it all and there is nothing left? What will be say to our children, to our grandchildren when the oil is gone, when food prices soar, and we can't afford to heat our homes? Do we answer them by saying; because we could? I believe in America, in technology, in our toughness as a people and the intelligence of our children. I believe in the future, a future where we don't pollute, a future in which, for most of us, the quality of life for us and our children is more important than a gas guzzling car. I believe we should not drill for more oil. I believe we should work harder to find a better way. Why? Because we can.

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Anxious and excited, we raced to the gas station on Sunday morning. Would they have held our papers as we hoped, or sold them to someone else? John walked back to the car, arms full of newspapers. We read them on the way to church. The papers got passed around over breakfast. Some folks had brought their own copies of The Times. It was all very heady stuff. Hopefully, we’ll be forgiven the sin of pride.

In Waynesboro, Maman went from store to store, looking to find the paper. I guess there isn’t much call for The New York Times in a small Virginia town. Finally, the local Amoco station coughed up its one and only copy of the paper. My mother sat down, and read the story of her daughter’s romance – boy meets girl, boy acts like a jerk and loses girl, boy has 36 years to contemplate his sins, boy gets girl again, boy decides he’s lucky to get a second chance, boy marries girl. There you have it in a nutshell.

So, here I am, on Monday morning, putting this all together for my noon deadline. I’ve gotten an e-mail from my brother in Denver who’s read the articles, and thinks it’s cool that baby sister is in the news. Two dear friends from New York have read it, too. One of them still works for my old German bank, and is sharing the article with my former colleagues on the Trading Floor. It’s all a hoot and a half.

I realize that all good things come to an end. Later on this afternoon, I have to get back to reality. The laundry needs to get done, gardening awaits me, and the dreaded litter boxes need taking care of, too. I need to unload the dishwasher. We have to drive into town, and pick up our mail. How fortunate we are to have the daily mundane things to remind us that life goes on after our fifteen minutes of fame. Still, I can’t help peeking at those newspaper articles. How neat was that? It’s back to business as usual, but secretly, I’m still hoping for Oprah.

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A night at the movies

After suffering through Rocky Balboa the other day and wondering who thought it would be a good idea for a 60 year old Sly Stallone to return to the boxing ring, it made me think about some of the really good sports movies that have been released in my lifetime. Obviously, my list is a little skewed, mainly because it only references back to around 1980ish-but hopefully that will not take away from the fun.

5. Rocky -- While this entire movie is very well done (and somewhat believable, unlike everything from Rocky 3 on) it had the unfortunate distinction of spawning 5 other Rocky movies. Best Scene -- The training sequence “getting stronger,” scene provides us not only with one of the most recognizable movie songs of all time (I still can’t hear that song without wanting to punch something or run some stairs), but also a tremendous image of our hero standing victorious at his own personal mountaintop. This was some heavy metaphorical work written into the movie by a guy who sounds like he has the articulation of a small vegetable. Funniest Scene -- The press conference with Apollo Creed has some great one liners, and Creed himself is hilarious throughout both I and II.

4. The Longest Yard -- Another classic that spawned a horrible remake a few years ago, the Longest Yard was outstanding because it featured villains in a heroic role. It is simply amazing that you find yourself cheering for a bunch of criminals at the end of the movie, which is a concept that does occur at times during sports. (look at guys like Josh Hamilton—we love redemption stories) The best part about this movie is how realistic the football scenes are (they were actually playing a real football game with a few scripted plays crucial to the movie) and how the movie’s title plays a premier role at the end of the movie. Best Scene -- When Burt Reynolds asks his teammate if hitting the Warden was worth being in prison—a moment of introspection from one of the best mustaches of all time. Funniest Scene -- “I think I broke his…neck.” Need I say more?

3. Rudy -- Possibly the greatest underdog movie of all time, I am transfixed every time this movie comes on. A terrific story made even better by the fact that it is basically true. Best Scene -- There are a couple in this one (no real funny scenes stand out). The first is when all of the seniors turn in their jerseys so that Rudy can dress in the last game against Georgia Tech. Definitely a scene that draws out the emotion, but it is also just an appetizer to the main course of tears which follows. When the stadium starts chanting “Rudy” and it cuts to his parents realizing what is going on and then Charles S. Dutton it is simply impossible not to get a bit misty eyed. (I just paused a bit to type after thinking about it--just a great scene)

2. Major League: I’ve always felt this movie is a bit underrated, mainly because it contains a lot of sophomoric humor and serious movie critics often overlook it. (Thankfully, I am not a serious movie critic.) The whole “group of misfits pull it together and succeed” concept had been done before, but I think that it was really perfected in this movie, mainly due to the terrific cast that included Wesley Snipes, Charlie Sheen, Dennis Haybert, Corbin Bemesen and the guy that made the whole movie...Bob Uecker. Best Scene -- The final run scored by the Indians is great because—as Lou Brown says—it’s a “helluva idea.” When Jake Taylor calls his shot you actually expect him to hit one out, get the girl and bask in a cheesy Hollywood ending. He still gets the girl, he still gets the cheesy ending, but he doesn’t hit a homer-instead using his veteran smarts to get the job done. Funniest Scene -- So many to choose from, but I will have to go with Bob Uecker’s (as Harry Doyle) commentary throughout the movie, which is really stellar. Uecker manages to capture the blatant homerism and commercial schilling of hometown radio announcers while still coming off as a true fan of the Indians and genuinely excited for their success.

1. Hoosiers -- Simply the greatest sports movie of all time. Best Scene -- How about the whole movie? If I have to pick one though, I think that the scene where Gene Hackman measures the goals at Hinkle Fieldhouse and says “I think you’ll find these goals fit the exact specifications of our gym back in Hickory” that’s the epitome of what Hoosiers is all about. It doesn’t matter what kind of gym you play in or how

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It's been three years in the making and included hours of input from the community and even a Highlands School art class and now a Pine Street Park design has finally been devised.

At the June 25 Council meeting, Commissioner Hank Ross, who is also on the Pine Street Park Committee, presented the plan which the board unanimously approved.

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tags get tickets and the ones with Florida and Georgia tags don’t.”

John Cleveland said the town needed to be proactive and help the community get through some tough economic times by easing up on parking restrictions.

“I’ve talked to merchants who say last year wasn’t good and they say if this year isn’t better they’re doing up shop,” he said.

Several instances were cited where potential shoppers rushed out of stores to move their vehicle resulting in a lost sale.

Jerry Moore, owner of Kilwin’s said the board should make Highlands as friendly as possible as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Amy Patterson reminded the board that parking space turnover was one reason two-hour parking was initiated. “It wasn’t just put into place for visitors, it was put in place so residents could use their Main Street,” she said. “Before two-hour parking, we really had a parking problem on Main Street because employees and employers took up the spaces.”

Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross voted against the motion until a study could be done.

The parking ordinance was developed over the years and to just eliminate it particularly without speaking to the Police Chief especially since he’s being accused of not doing his job is wrong,” said Ross.

Commissioner DeWolf agreed. “Don’t change it until there is an enforceable policy,” he said.

Mayor Don Mullen said he thought the board should give eliminating two-hour parking a try.

In the end, the board voted to discontinue two-hour parking and to disallow employees and employers from parking anywhere on Main Street – curbside or center street – which represents a big change for them.

Except two employees of Realtors – presumably a broker-in-charge and one agent – will get parking passes for the use of two spaces.

“If they don’t have a pass in their car, then give them a ticket,” said Dotson.

Moore suggested the board may hear flack from other merchants who claim special treatment for Realtors.

In fact years ago, when the subject of employee and employer parking restrictions were first brought up, Town Attorney Bill Coward said parking restrictions across the board – to all merchants and all their employees was the constitutional way to handle the situation.

Dotson suggested the two-hour parking lift may be temporary based on the town’s pending parking study.
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Cooley said the previous system is hard for the town to track or enforce and it’s hard for shopping center owners to comply because they don’t know what they have and what they can do because their amount of parking has been based on what was originally there.

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Once hired and following his plan, William Wilder, who is the retired Human Resources Director of Charlotte, N.C., said he could have a small pool of potential Town Managers available for the first round of interviews within 120 days.

He said his approach to the search would be tailored specifically to Highlands and Highlands’ needs — taking into account its geographic location and other factors.

He would charge $12,000 to do the job. The board didn’t vote on hiring the Wilder firm but will likely discuss it at the July 2 meeting.

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A Human Trafficking Seminar was held June 12 at the First Methodist Church in Franklin. The town of Franklin declared the week of June 9-13 as Human Trafficking Awareness Week, and many professionals were in attendance from fields including public health, nursing, law enforcement and immigration.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines trafficking as “the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery; or a commercial sex act induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age.”

The seminar was entitled “Look Beneath the Surface: Identifying and Responding to Human Trafficking.” There were more than 100 people in attendance, and the program was co-chaired by Sylvia Kochler, JD, partner in Hunton and Williams, LLP, REACH of Macon County Board of Directors President and Board Member of the Zonta Club of Franklin, and Connie Grubermann, Zonta Club of Franklin Treasurer and Board Member of the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce.

FBI Agent John Price said trafficking is an illegal trade in persons which can include forced labor or sex, as well as violations of human rights. While trafficking victims are often moved between countries or states, cases have also been identified that require no movement of the victims.

The trafficking industry produces a $9.5 billion profit each year. Among its victims, 80% are women and 50% are minors. According to Price, between 14,500 and 17,500 people are brought into the U.S. each year by the trafficking industry. Roughly 23% of these end up in the southeastern United States.

Immigration attorney Jane Oakes of Pisgah Legal Services spoke about her role in trafficking cases. When a victim is discovered and released from his or her trafficking situation, the issue of immigration often arises because trafficking victims are likely to be from another country. Special visas have been approved by Congress to aid victims and help prosecute offenders.

Diane Kjervik gave a presentation about the role of healthcare providers. Kjervik is a professor and Chair of the Health Care Environments Division at the School of Nursing at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Kjervik said that many trafficking victims are attracted to the United States because there are few economic opportunities in their countries of origin. “They are lured to the land of opportunity,” she said. Many victims are between the ages of 13 and 18.

There are several health concerns associated with trafficking victims. These include sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, substance abuse, and rape. Mental health concerns can involve post-traumatic stress disorder as well as fear and insecurity. Social support is also important for these victims, as many of them lack the networks they need to overcome their experiences.

Kjervik said that many victims are identified in emergency rooms and public health departments. They can also come from domestic violence programs and homeless shelters, and child protection agencies.

Some of the warning signs to identify trafficking victims include people who live with their employers, who live and work in the same place, who have few personal possessions, and who show fear, anxiety and submissiveness. They may also be under heavy security and unable to speak privately.
To keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items at the combined annual retreat and May board meeting held June 2 at the Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands.

Nearly two dozen members of the hospital and foundation board attended the morning retreat session to hear presentations by the president of the North Carolina Hospital Association and the Western North Carolina Health Network. Bill Pully, who heads the state association of hospitals covered four main topics in his talk to the group.

Although North Carolina is already one of the leading states when it comes to efforts to improve hospital patient safety, Pully said the association’s goal is to make the state’s hospitals the safest in the country within the next two years. Through the association, state hospitals are already monitoring performance in four key areas and sharing that data. Those indicators include heart attack diagnosis and treatment, pneumonia care, surgical infection prevention, and management of congestive heart failure.

Pully also focused extensively on the challenges facing the state’s 104 hospitals in providing healthcare to the growing number of uninsured and underserved population in North Carolina. Hospitals across the state provided more than $1.5 million in charity care last year, not including the nearly $800 million in care provided to Medicare and Medicaid recipients for which they were not compensated. Some 2.6 million North Carolinians, or 34.6 percent, were without health insurance coverage at some point during 2006-2007 period. The amount of charity care provided has doubled in the last four years alone, he told the group. Nationally, it is estimated that the number of uninsured is actually greater than the populations in roughly half of the 50 states.

The state health care picture is complicated by socioeconomic factors, he said. High poverty levels and low educational levels are statistically tied to poor health. When it comes to the health of its citizens, North Carolina ranks 36th out of the 50 states. He said the state’s hospitals have embarked on several major cooperative efforts with the state and county health departments to address several high-priority issues, such as childhood obesity.

With increased financial pressures from charity care, bad debt, and declining reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, many hospitals are finding it difficult to balance the books. Pully said that hospitals who have a high percentage of Medicare or Medicaid patients, such as Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, all lost money in each of the last five years.

WNC Health Network Executive Director Gary Bowers gave the group a broad overview of the 16-hospital collaboration, pointing out that by combining purchasing power of all its members, the network saved Highlands-Cashiers Hospital $67,000 last year. He also talked about the success of the WNC Data Link program, which electronically links the medical records of all the member hospitals in the region. That enables hospitals to get near instant access to the medical records of any patient seen by any other area hospital, greatly improving the continuity of care for patients who must leave their local hospital for treatment at another facility, such as the Mission Health System. Funded by a $2.5 million federal grant, the systems uses secure broadband internet to link all of the various hospital computer systems.

During the retreat session, attendees also heard reports from hospital President and CEO Ken Shull and William Gaston, president of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation regarding the future plans of those organizations.

During the afternoo, hospital board members held their regular monthly business meeting for May.

The business meeting began with a brief presentation by the chairperson of the Work Force Housing Task Force, MaryAnn Sloan, who was accompanied by Dean Edwards of Crosland, a development company, and Kristy Carter, community development planner with the state’s department of commerce. For the past year the group has been studying the feasibility of developing a 48-unit apartment complex that would combine rent-subsidized apartments with market-rate apartments. One of the potential sites under consideration involves approximately six acres of unused land on the hospital campus. While the entrance to the tract is off Buck Creek Road (1 mi. from the intersection with US 64), the development itself would likely not be visible from the road. Water and sewer access are also potentially available.

The Task Force has been discussing the site with the board’s Program and Facilities Committee for the last several months. Following some questions and answers, committee chairman Julian Franklin presented a recommendation from that committee to give the group, or non-profit organization
Fathers have responsibilities

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In the Old Testament there was a man named Eli. He was the high priest of Israel before the time of the kings. He had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas. Both grew up to be priests but because Eli failed in his responsibility to teach them they were unworthy priests. They would take from the sacrifices what was not lawful for them to take. They seduced the women who would come and sit at the gate of the Tabernacle. Eli knew about all of these things. He knew what they were doing was wrong. He at times spoke to them about these sins but his sons would not listen to him. Eli, as the high priest, was responsible for the purity of the Tabernacle but he allowed the impurity of his sons to go on. He showed that he cared more for the fellowship of his sons than the fellowship of God. A father is to teach his children about authority and respect of others. He is not to be their friend and buddy but to be their teacher, their pedagogue.

God came to Eli through his young apprentice Samuel and warned him about his sons. He told him that if they were not brought under control Eli’s house would be cut off and his sons killed. Still he refused to intervene.

Because of Eli’s inaction his priesthood ended in awful tragedy. War came with the Philistines. The Israelites were losing. Eli’s sons decided to take the ark of the Lord into battle with them, thinking it would give them the strength to win. Eli sat and waited for news from the battle field. A runner came and told him the bad news, both his sons were dead and the ark had been captured. Eli fell over backward and broke his neck. His daughter-in-law as she died in childbirth spoke the words that best summed up the circumstances, “The glory has departed from Israel” (1 Samuel 4:21).

This story shows the laxness of an uncommitted father and the tragedy it can cause. Eli knew what was right and how he should have raised his sons. His position as high priest afforded him amble opportunity to do what was required of him. But he refused to take the stands necessary with his sons. He refused to intervene.

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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 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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I cannot think of a greater tragedy than a father who refuses to take his rightful place as the head of his home and guide to his children. It is a horrible mistake when a father does not teach his children God’s Word. It is a serious problem when he does not live his life as an example to show his children how to live theirs. It is tragic when he does not discipline them when they are wrong and show them how important respect of authority is in life. It is an unbelievable error when he does not daily uphold his children in prayer, claiming God’s covenant promises for them. It is a tragedy when he does not love their mother and treat her with the utmost respect.

The real father, the one who strives to do all of these things to the best of his ability is the man who has learned through study of God’s Word the discipline of the Lord. He understands that the Lord is the one he must follow, if he is to be a good father. He strives to honor God in all he does, for he knows what God has said, “Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained” (1 Samuel 2:30). If you are a father, do not be like Eli. Find yourself a church that teaches God’s Word and commit yourself to growing in your understanding of it. It will teach you how to be a good father and how to raise godly well mannered children that respect life and those in authority. It will help you learn how to love your wife and treat her with the respect she deserves. It will testify of you that you are a man who understands his responsibility as a father.

Annual tradition continues

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### POLICE & FIRE LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for June 19-24. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**June 19**
- At noon, officers arrested Danielle Puchacz for larceny.
- At 4 p.m., an assault was reported on N. 4th Street.
- At 4:42 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on N. 4th Street.
- At 8:30 p.m., a motorist was cited for NOL and speeding 53 mph in a 35 zone.

**June 20**
- At 8 p.m., a call for service was made from a residence on Split Rail Row.
- At 9:35 p.m., officers assisted another agency.

**June 22**
- At 3:15 a.m., officers responded to an accident on Big Bear Pen to assist EMS.
- At 8:59 a.m., officers responded to a call for service at Town Hall.
- At 9:50 a.m., officers took a report concerning damage to personal property.
- At 10:50 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Wyanoak concerning a nuisance dog.
- At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Cullasaja Drive.
- At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of injury to personal property.
- At 2 p.m., a citizen reported a stalkers.
- At 2:15 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at N. 2nd and Main streets.
- At 2:15 p.m., a motorist reported a hit and run accident.
- At 8:15 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.

During the week, officers issued 1 warning ticket and responded to 6 alarm activations.

**The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of June 10-18.**

**June 18**
- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.

**June 19**
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call and a domestic dispute at a residence on Shortoff Road. There was no transport.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.

**June 20**
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.

**June 21**
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.

**June 22**
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.

**June 23**
- • The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- • The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- • The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- • The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- • The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.

**June 24**
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.

**June 18**
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call and a domestic dispute at a residence on Shortoff Road. There was no transport.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rolling Woods Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Country Club Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Club House Trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to call of a wood pile on fire at a residence on Cole Mountain Road. There was no damage.

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**Mirror Lake Reflections**

We do thank our members, or neighbors, the work crews and our visitors for their consideration by not throwing trash out of car windows and for being careful of contents in truck beds. Your awareness certainly helps keep the Mirror Lake area clean and litter free.

Bulletin: Our summer outing will be held Saturday, July 12 at 4 p.m. at the pavilion at the Rec Park. Hotdogs and drinks will be provided and members are asked to bring lawn chairs and covered dish picnic fare with serving utensils.

If rain is a problem, the gathering will be held inside. Any questions, call Elaine at 526-9939.

Thorn Park will soon become a summer beauty. Thanks again to David Meshberger for taking the park as his project. We certainly do appreciate that the people who have been using the park have not littered. That’s great!

Speaking of Thorn Park, the ducks and geese gather there because this is the area where people feed them and enjoy watching them. On a sad note, during the past two weeks three of the waterfowl have been run over and killed when drivers failed to slow down. Please drive slowly through that area and be aware, attentive and respectful.

Plans of repaving the three state roads are in progress. Current projects are for repaving the three state roads. Please drive slowly through that area and be aware, attentive and respectful.

Hope everyone is having a great summer. — Elaine Johnson

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designated by the group, an option through 2009 to purchase the tract at the average appraised price of $750,000. The hospital would retain some design oversight in the project, but would not be a partner. Franklin said the committee had agreed that the location of tract is such that it is not likely ever to be needed by the hospital for future expansion. He said the project could benefit the hospital, as well as the community as a whole, by providing affordable employee housing in the area.

The Task Force will have to raise the initial funding to purchase the land; then the project would be self-funded through investors and tax credits. After further discussion, the board unanimously approved the recommendation.

CEO Ken Shull thanked those board members who journeyed to Asheville May 12 to hear Barry Bader, nationally-known expert on hospital governance who addressed an evening meeting hosted by the WNC Health Network.

Finance Committee Chairman Charlie Sheehan and hospital CFO Mike Daiken reported that the hospital reported a $340,000 loss in April. A large chunk of that was a $261,000 contractual adjustment from Medicare and Medicaid on charges for patients and residents at the Felicia Eckder Living Center. While that adjustment actually covered several months, it was all booked during April.

During the Governance Committee report, Chairman Don Mullen reminded board members that they will soon be receiving self-evaluation forms, as part of the board’s internal review process.

During the report of the Performance Improvement Committee, Vice President for Operations and Compliance Officer Frank Leslie gave an overview of how the hospital compiles the data that is used to track various performance indicators each quarter and why those indicators have been chosen.

In his administrator’s report, Shull told the board that new gastroenterologist Richard F. Carter, MD, FACP, continues to be popular with patients. Dr. Carter performed 59 endoscopic procedures during the month of May, a possible record. Shull said the hospital’s acute census is showing signs of growing again, though the number of swing beds patients is still down at the moment.

Shull also gave a brief PowerPoint presentation prepared by the hospital’s auditors (Dixon Hughes), on the nature of Critical Access Hospitals, how they are reimbursed and the requirements for attaining that status from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid. Many small rural hospitals have opted to become Critical Access Hospitals, because the reimbursement system is more favorable. Shull said that while becoming a Critical Access Hospital has benefited the hospital financially, it is not been a panacea for this or other most small hospitals.

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Local NC Trooper shot and killed
Highlands business sets up donation center in his name

Last week, NC State Trooper David Shawn Blanton was tragically shot and killed during a traffic stop in western North Carolina. Trooper Blanton lived in Sylva, NC and patrolled Cashiers routinely. He was only 24 years old. He was the first NC State Trooper from the Cherokee Nation.

After the shooting, Trooper Blanton was rushed to Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC where his wife and 2 1/2 week old baby Tye were already there as patients. Tye was born prematurely and is currently a patient in the intensive care unit at Mission.

Trooper Blanton gave a lot to the community. He volunteered at Smokey Mountain High School as an athletic coach. He also made Cashiers a safe place and a great place to live. When speaking with Trooper Blanton, one felt like a friend of his.

For the next 30 days, Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop will collect donations for the “Trooper Blanton Fund.” It will have a container at the front counter for donations. Anyone wishing to mail a check made payable to the “Trooper Blanton Fund” will be forwarded with any cash donations to the credit unions where the funds are being established.

This is just a small way we would like to show our appreciation for the service that Trooper Blanton gave to the mountain community in his short life and career.

Anyone wishing to make a donation please mail it to: Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop, P.O. Box 1002, Highlands, NC 28741. Make Checks Payable to: The Trooper Blanton Fund.

Two Bascom summer classes designed to enhance your creative spirit

Helen Newton will offer a lecture and class on “Medieval Illumination.” Illuminated letters are those decorative calligraphic forms, gilded in real gold, silver and brilliant pigment, found in early manuscripts and codices. Under Newton’s expert guidance, anyone from beginner to advanced can create his or her own magnificent gilded design for use in journals, mixed media and scrapbooks. The lecture is July 21 at 7 p.m. The class is July 22-24 at Chestnut Hill, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Peggy Wilcox, well-known fiber artist, offers her own specialized approach to basketmaking with “Heartsong Garden Basket," set for Friday, July 25, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wilcox uses only hand-dried and homegrown natural grasses and reeds in her basket creations.

“Fashion your own personal art piece out of native North Carolina plants and materials,” said Bascom Education Director Donna Rhodes. “It’s a piece-of-home keepsake for generations to come.”

To register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.
Members to register by July 10

The Cashiers-Highlands and Franklin P.E.O. Sisterhood Luncheon will be held on Thursday, July 17 at the Cullasaja Country Club. All P.E.O. members in Cashiers, Highlands and Franklin and surrounding communities are cordially invited. Registration and social time begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon. The cost is $26 which includes a selection of wines. Reservations may be made by sending a check made payable to Mary Ann Ray and sent to 104 Lake Court, #30, Highlands, NC, 28741. If a vegetarian meal is needed, please send a notewith your reservation. Also indicate your chapter designation and email address with your check. Reservation deadline is Thursday, July 10. For more information call Marci Henderson at 828-787-1724 or Mary Ann Ray at 828-526-8251.

Three upcoming Bolivian Mission fundraisers

The Highlands Bolivian Mission is having three events to raise funds needed for the various mission projects.

There will be a bake sale on Saturday, July 5 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church. There will be a country style breakfast with a la carte prices. Sausage, biscuits, French toast and fruit will be offered.

The second event will be a unique opportunity to taste Bolivian wines at the wine tasting party held at …on the Veranda on Thursday, July 31, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This will be a blind tasting featuring not only wines from Bolivia, but local wines from Georgia and North Carolina and wines from California and Europe.

Since no Bolivian wines are imported to the US this event will give the enophile an opportunity to taste wines from Bolivia without having to go there. The cost of the wine tasting will be $100.

The last of the fundraisers for this year will be the annual auction held this year at Highlands Falls Country Club. As in previous years, this event will feature art and fashions brought to Highlands by volunteers and this year will also include vacation weeks donated by friends of the mission.

Dinner will be included in the price of admission for $125 and a special price of $200 per person is offered for the two events. Questions about the mission and the fundraisers can be directed to 526-3605 and reservations for either or both of the events can be made through the Methodist Church at 526-3376 or 526-3605.

The mission had another successful trip this year. Beginning in February, a group of 16 faculty and students from UNC-A came and did a lead-poisoning project that is continuing throughout the year in Bolivia.

They also worked in the faster home and constructed a classroom at a feeding/learning center. Next came two groups from Johns Hopkins Medical School and another from the University of Mississippi.

They worked at three hospitals and three clinics and did screening clinics in various areas for diabetes and hypertension. Finally a group from Highlands came and finished the classroom and began work at a church. Medical equipment was distributed to five hospitals and clinics were held at the jail and in the countryside.

The mission also plans to expand to the district of Beni that has been ravaged by floods the last two years. This rural agricultural area will suffer for years due to the record back to back floods that devastated the farmlands making it impossible to plant crops.

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On-going
The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 900 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.
Oak Street Cafe 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 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 828-526-2895 or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.
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Yoga at 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. at First Baptist Church.
Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 526-4340.
Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday & Saturday.

Route 66 opens tonight at PAC
Get ready to “Jump, Jive and Wail” with Robert Ray and Shawn Megorden when they hit PAC stage tonight in their “Road Trip” musical salute to some of the greatest and most popular singers of modern times. Backed by the Tony Winston Quintet this fast-paced revue covers almost every popular musical genre: Big Band, Blues, Swing, Pop and Country. Showtimes are 8 p.m. on June 26, 27 and 28, with a 5 p.m Saturday matinee and a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. For reservations call 526-9047.

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Although the demands of our current hectic lifestyles make it easier to think of the world as a place of “get it” and “do it,” it is also more important than ever to be able to pause and appreciate the world around us. It is time for us to move from a “get it” mentality to an “appreciate it” mentality, and to get down to nature and learn how the plants we see every day make their living in the world.

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 Jeannette Fisher at 828-526-1LPT.
The Circle of Life support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodward room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

Mondays & Wednesdays
Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. $10 per class. Call 526-5852.
First Mondays
Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays
Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. $3 per person.
At the Nature Center, Animal Feeding Time 11 a.m.-noon, all ages welcome: Come and observe what each of the Nature Center’s animals eat and learn how they feed.

Tuesdays
At the Nature Center, Family Nature Activity 3-4 p.m., ages 4 and up: Activities vary, but may include critter searches, discovery walks, or nature games $1 per person.
Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.
Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

Wednesdays
At the Nature Center, Nature Show & Tell/Storytime 2:30-3 p.m., all ages: Come for a nature lesson based around a children’s storybook using items from the Nature Center.
Highlands MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.
Men’s interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays
The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nan Nance at 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

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

Fridays
At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages: A guided walk through the Highlands Botanical Garden, featuring the native plants of the region.
Friday & Saturday
Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-11 p.m.
At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturday
At the Nature Center, Featured Creature 11:30-noon, all ages: come and learn more about one of the Nature Center’s live animals up close.
Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

WEEKLY: The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 900 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

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Three Authors at Cyrano’s this weekend

Looking for can’t-put-down summertime reading? The three authors greeting customers and signing books at Cyrano’s Bookshop this weekend provide it in spades, with a new mystery, a thriller and a Western that range from modern-day Spain to Texas. On Saturday afternoon, June 28, from 1-3 p.m., novelist David Bajo signs “The 351 Books of Irma Arcuri,” and from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ben F. Small will autograph copies of “The Olive Horseshoe.” On Sunday afternoon, June 29, from 2-4 p.m., John Hart signs “Ride For Justice.”

When the title character of “The 351 Books of Irma Arcuri,” disappears, she leaves behind an open-ended “solved” note on the bed pillow in a small hotel in Seville. She also provides clues to her ultimate fate in the library of 351 hardbound volumes bequeathed to her by her twice-divorced, perennially number-crunching Masyrky. She’s a passionate woman, the novel’s libidinous and “the grand author of her own life.” When she rebinds “Don Quixote,” or leaves her ancestral home in Virginia and start life anew on the Bar T ranch in the Lone Star State. Then the War Between the States draws first Tom Calvert and then Jack’s friend Jamie Blanchard to the battlefield, and readers follow their exploits and adventures. But following Appomattox, Jack, too, finds violence, and a murderous gang of renegades. Eventually, Jack’s “Ride for Justice” takes him to the town of Lookout, Texas, where he must confront both the killers and his own racial prejudice. In its review of this gripping tale of the frontier, the Aiken Standard newspaper said: “As in all good Western novels, the climactic struggle is one between good and evil to the death, but, hold on to your hat, this is not your grandfather’s good guy guns down bad guy ending. Hart’s “Ride for Justice” is smooth, entertaining reading... well done.”

Fans of Zane Grey, Louis L’Amour, and Larry McMurtry should add John Harte’s to their list of favorites. Mr. Harte, formerly a judge, is an attorney in Aiken, S.C. Currently, he is working on his second novel, “The Colonel’s Legacy,” which takes place in the American South after World War 2. Mr. Harte will autograph his book from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Cyrano’s Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@ncvtv.com.

• Upcoming Events •

Saturday, June 28
• Pancake Breakfast Cost at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on N.C. 106. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children, for details call chair- man Jan DeJong at 526-0370.
• At Cyrano’s a booksigning from 1-3 p.m., with David Bajo signing “The 351 Books of Irma Arcuri” and from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Ben F. Small will autograph copies of “The Olive Horseshoe.”
• PAC presents Mr. Robert Ray in a “new Mu- sic to The Beatles - this show promises “favor- ites” for all ages! For Reservations call 526-2695.

• See EVENTS page 30
Historic Highlands on stage for ‘Mountains in Bloom’ Garden Festival

Get Ready for “Mountains in Bloom 2008,” a trip back in time to the Highlands of yesteryear. This year’s four-day nature-themed festival will feature the very best that Highlands has to offer. The July 8-12 festival will showcase eight fabulous, historic, in-town mountain gardens. The festival also features lectures, patron parties and the first Flower Show since 1948. Proceeds benefit The Bascom, a nonprofit visual arts center.

The belief of the ball at this year’s Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival is certain to be the lineup of festivities for the two-night Patron Party at Playmore. The dinner-dance gala will be held on Thursday, July 10, and Friday, July 11, to Zoe the hundreds of patrons whose above-board donations are making the 10th annual garden festival possible. Patrons choose which one of the two nights they would like to attend.

This year’s Patron Parties will be “exceptionally divine,” said Virginia Parrott, chair of the Patron Party Committee. Not only will they be held at Playmore, a 158-acre estate and mansion with truly spectacular mountain vistas, but they will also feature a sumptuous dinner catered by renowned caterer Lee Epting and silent auction boasting scores of items.

“We’re especially excited about this year’s silent auction,” Parrott said. “We have such a variety of unique items, from a replica of the 1896 Episcopal Church of the Incarnation to a painting by ex-football star Joe Portilla.”

Upcoming wine dinners at Wolfgang’s on Main

June 30th

Domaine Serene Winery with Michelle Farkas, East Coast Sales Manager

Our Annual Domaine Serene Dinner never fails to amaze those that attend. The wines are always impeccable and the food pairings divine.

Michelle Farkas, East Coast Sales Manager with Domaine Serene will be with us once again, to make us laugh and toast to a great dinner together. Domaine Serene makes ultra-premium, high quality Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Syrah and Viognier. For those that don’t know Domaine Serene, it is a winery from Oregon that produces some of the best Pinot Noirs of our country. These wines have gone head to head in blind tastings against fine burgundies of France and won hands down. A dinner that should not be missed.

July 14th

“Bad Boys of Napa” Andy Wilcox, National Sales Manager of Lambert Bridge Winery, and Steve Reynolds, Owner and Winemaker of Reynolds’ Family Winery are known as the “Bad Boys of Napa” when they get together. Let’s just say that the night will begin with a shot of Patron Tequila and go from there. Lambert Bridge is known for their artisanal Bordeaux blends and Reynolds’ Family produces Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Cabernet and a Red wine blend. These two men have been friends for years, and their wines complement one another just like their wild friendship. We will be pouring a few wines from each winery to compliment a wonderful menu created by Chef Wolfgang and Chef David. Join us for a wild night, that will be anything but mundane.

August 25th


Our favorite traveling wine diva, Paula Kornell, General Manager of Oakville Ranch Vineyards is joining us for the fourth year and we are thrilled to have her back. Oakville Ranch Vineyards is a winery that is located 1,400 feet above the Silverado Trail that is on the East side of the Napa Valley. Eighty acres of vines are planted to Chardonnay and Bordeaux varieties. Part of the fun of this dinner is Paula herself and her positively wonderful personality that reminds you how wine dinners can be bery enjoyable and not pretentious. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David have fun with this dinner as well, because they know her wines so well. The food will be delicious as ever!

Evening at Lakeside Restaurant to benefit Carpe Diem Farm

Throughout the summer months Lakeside Restaurant on Smallwood Ave. in Highlands, NC is demonstrating its commitment to this community’s nonprofit organizations by donating 15% of gross receipt totals on appointed nights. Carpe Diem Farm is the recipient of the “Evening at Lakeside” benefit Tuesday, July 2. Carpe Diem Farm is a non-profit organization, five miles north on Buck Creek Road, specializing in environmental stewardship and equine programming for children and adults. Everyone is invited and encouraged to call Lakeside and make a reservation for the benefit.

Please be sure, when making your reservation, to identify yourself as a friend of the farm. Reservations can be made by calling 828-526-9419.
A conversation with the artist at Summit One in July

The other day I had a surprise visit from Scott Upton, my feature artist for July. Delivering new works, he had been painting endlessly for months. Not just for the July exhibition, but because he was inspired to create, to get to canvas layers and layers of paint and glazes atop metal leaf that give his work the depth and glow that I love.

Scott has been with Summit One Gallery for several years now and I have gotten to know a little about him. Like his love of animals, he has donated artwork to our Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society Auction. Rescued pets keep him company in his studio, pugs under his work tables, cats in the desk chair. He also loves the area, a native of North Carolina he spends much of his time at his home here and supports The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy.

I wanted to know more about his work, this body of work. How did he get from a son to travel on, my reason to put paint to canvas. Listening to Scott talk, I found painting after painting had its story or reason to be painted. Jonquils in the Field, a sea of yellows, I wonder if that was the field I passed near Scaly Mountain? After Five has to be touched as well as seen. Ribs of texture as if in the evening light when shadows are long and the light goes warm. Exclusive to Summit One are Scott’s Wild Life Portraits. Scott studied portraiture art early in his career and introduces his abstract backgrounds to portraits of local wild life. His wild life studies seem to come into focus out of the background of color as a deer would at the edge of a field or a black bear out of the shadows of the forest.

Here is one bit of our conversation.

“Dapple Light is very much the same thing for me. It is broken light and about pushing through, darkness in the foreground, now, but there is light, hope. Not just a painting of a pathway with the sunlight on the forest floor at my feet but of the feeling of peace it gives knowing that there is an opening ahead, a view, that reason to travel on, my reason to put paint to canvas.

In the past, Scott would point out detailed areas in his work or a color or how he loves the way colors work together. I wanted to get him talking about as many of these pieces as I could, to share with clients at the gallery. As he began to talk to me he did have stories and reasons for each painting to have been painted, just as I knew there had to be. I asked him about a painting that stood tall in the gallery.

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I leave the gallery today to go out and see with open eyes, to see Highlands as Scott does, with the eyes of an artist. Scott Upton’s Exhibition, “New Works” Opens Saturday, June 28 with an Artist Reception from 5-7 pm and continues through July 23.

Summit One Gallery is located in “The Galleries,” South Second Street, Highlands and is open all year. 828.526.2673, summitonegallery@verizon.net, www.summitonegallery.com.
Great Performances at Incarnation features ‘Love Walzes’

Sunday, July 6 at 5 p.m.

Jeff Hall, Laurel Mullinax, Molly McKim, Daniel Burns, Emmyl Allison and Paul Meier.

Soloists and the choir of Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will inaugurate the summer season of Great Performances with a presentation of the 'Waltzes of Love' by Brahms entitled 'Liebeswalzer' (Love Walzes). This beautiful work is reminiscent of old Vienna with short solos and choral numbers that one can dance to.

This work, which was considered a classic among the world’s great choral groups, is seldom heard today and is a rare treat for those who attend.

This performance under the direction of Grammy Award Winner Fletcher Wolfe will take place at Incarnation Church on Sunday afternoon, July 6 at 5 o’clock.

Everyone is invited to attend this free performance.

The soloists and choir will be accompanied by international prize-winning pianist Robert Henry. Susan Cleman, renowned pianist and composer, will join Mr. Henry for the four-hand piano accompaniment.

Mrs. Cleman, recently arrived to this area, joins the group of world-class musicians in bringing superb music to the Highlands area. She recently accepted the position as organist at the Highlands United Methodist Church. Her acclaim is both national and international in scope as she joins Robert Henry, of the nation’s most highly acclaimed concert pianists.

Conductor Wolfe is known both ehre and abroad as the founder and director for 45 years of the world famous Atlanta Boy Choir.

Highlands and Cashiers are popular locations for summer residents and retirees not only because of the stunning beauty of the area, but also because of the rich cultural bounty. Performances of music and theater and educational lectures of every variety stimulate and entertain audiences almost every evening during the season.

And things get even more interesting when groups join up, as happens every July when the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival and the Center for Life Enrichment present a class exploring in depth some aspect of the chamber music repertoire and experience.

Past classes have featured some extraordinary teachers including Miles Hoffman in “Chamber Music: An Insider’s View”; Don Salieris in “Chamber Music: Spiritual Experience or Entertainment?” and in 2007, Dr. Dwight Andrews in “Jazz as Chamber Music.”

Many of last year’s participants are eagerly awaiting the 2008 class, “Beethoven’s Influence on Chamber Music.”

Dr. Richard Prior, Director of Orchestras and Chamber Music at Emory University, will present “Beethoven’s Influence on Chamber Music” on Friday July 11 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The class will focus on the tremendous influence that Beethoven’s music had on virtually all subsequent composers’ chamber music compositions. Beethoven’s works for two instruments in particular will be discussed, showing how Beethoven transformed the duo sonata from a rather one-sides genre showing how Beethoven transformed the duo sonata from a rather one-sided genre where one instrument was the solo and the other merely an accompaniment, into a virtuosic interplay in which both instruments had full equality.

Demonstrations by Grammy Award winning cellist Sara Sant’Ambrogio of the famed Eroica Trio and pianist William Ransom will complement the lecture, and it will be followed by performances of the complete works for cello and piano of Beethoven (in two separate concerts) over the weekend at the Festival.

For tickets and more information about the class, contact CLE at 828-526-8811 or the Festival at 828-526-9060.

Explore Beethoven’s Influence on Chamber Music

Gary Motley (on piano) and Dr. Dwight Andrews (on flute) illustrate a point during the 2007 Center for Life Enrichment class “Jazz as Chamber Music”
The perfect beginning to a special Saturday in the mountains is to start your day with a hearty homemade breakfast prepared by the Scaly Mountain Women’s Club. From 7:30-10:30 a.m. the fourth Saturday of the month from May through October guests are invited to gather at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on the corner of NC Highway 106 and Bucknuck Road in downtown Scaly Mountain. A full meal of homemade pancakes, local patty sausage, juice and bottomless cups of coffee are prepared by members of the club. Guests can enjoy the ambience of the newly renovated historic 102-year old Scaly School House. Youngsters will have fun exploring Middlecreek which runs through the property as well as playing in the tree house. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children, for details call chairman Jan Delong at 526-0370.

Fri.-Sat., July 11-12
• Bascom-Louise Gallery’s annual “Mountains in Bloom” Garden Festival and will feature a two-day exhibit of some of the prettiest plants, flowers and trees grown by area residents and visitors. For more information, call Donna Woods, Bascom-Louise Gallery’s events director, at (828) 526-0207.
• Workshop Designed for Landowners in Western North Carolina. If you are a landowner interested in learning more about managing your land in western North Carolina, you are invited to attend the “Discovering Your Land: Basic Land Management Skills” workshop at the Cradle of Forestry in America on Monday, July 14, from 9-5, and Saturday, July 12, from 9-noon. Participants will have hands-on opportunities to learn general skills and information useful in managing their land. Introductory information on a wide variety of land management topics will be discussed. The cost is $50 per person session, with spouse or other family member at $25. Registration includes lunch, snacks and workshop-related materials. Reserve your spot for the whole course by registering early! Registration for this workshop will be accepted through July 3. Call 828-884-5713 ext. 26.

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

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

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com

Feedback encouraged!

**Solution to #AN2F in June 19 issue**

**N-Cryptoku©**

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

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

**Mystery Word**

“Person whose actions belie beliefs”

**Across**
1. Ancient days (4)
2. Decay (3)
3. Ceremony (4)
4. Tenth month (abbr) (3)
5. Small Bed (3)
6. Second musical note (2)
7. Tear (as in cloth) (4)
8. Surprise! (2)
9. 3,1416 (2)
10. As of now (3)

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