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This Week

On-going Events

- Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. For any questions, call Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mon., Wed., Fri. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

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

Mondays & Wednesdays

- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free and includes a snack, homework help, arts/crafts, sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. 526-3556.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- Highlands Mountain Top 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

- Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and 5th.

Friday & Saturday

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

Friday-Sunday

- Evenings at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano. For information, call 526-2121.

Saturdays

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

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 25-28

- Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Highlands Civic Center. Call 526-2695 for information.

Thursday, Sept 25

- At CLE, Pencil Drawing. Please call 526-8811 to register.

- The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Highlands Community Building, speaker will be Environmental Law Attorney Billy Clarke.

Fri. & Sat., Sept. 26 & 27

- A trunk show at Bungalow Boutique on Main Street next to AnnaWear featuring the Vanderbilt Collection of fun, fashion jewelry from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 26

- Ecumenical "Kids' Night Out" 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church for grades nursery through 5th. \$5 per child. For more info, call Melanie Beavers at 526-4685.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Highlands Democratic Precinct Cat Fish Dinner at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road 5:30 p.m. until. \$10 a plate. Come meet the candidates and speakers from the campaign committees of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, Kay Hagan, Heath Shuler, John Snow, Philip Haire, and Bobby Koppers. All proceeds go to candidates' campaigns.

- "Jazz at PAC," with Pete McCann. Tickets are \$20. Call 526-9047.

- At ...on the Verandah, Beer, Brats and Mustards. Unique Pairings in time for Oktoberfest. 1-4 p.m. \$40 per person plus tax and gratuity. 828-526-2338.

- Pancake Breakfast with all the fixings at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on Buck Knob Road in Scaly from 7:30-10:30 a.m.

- Third Annual Scaly Mountain Turkey Shoot & Festival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Volunteer Fire Station property on Hale Ridge Road in Scaly Mountain. For details call 787-1860.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Mike Warriner will sign copies of "The Church in the Wilderness" from 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 29

- Elk excursion/camping trip to Cataloochee with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. Free to members, \$25 to non-members. Call Julie at 526-1111 for information.

- Fuel Assistance Sign-up at the Highlands Emergency Council at 71 Poplar Street. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proof of income required. No phone call sign-ups.

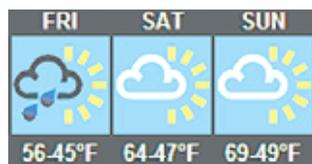
- The Art League of Highlands will feature artist Laura Winzeler at its meeting at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

Thursday, Oct. 2

- An Evening with Casablanca at Jack's at Skyline. Dinner, dancing, movie and prizes. \$50 per person. Call 526-2121 for reservations.

- Fuel Assistance Sign-up at the Highlands Emergency Council on Poplar St.. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proof of income required. No phone call sign-ups.

Weekend Weather:



Would-be thieves thwarted

On sale at Reeves Ace Hardware for \$12.99, everyone knew the red, 32-gallon plastic garbage can was a steal, but no one meant it literally.

So on Thursday, Sept. 18 around 10 a.m., when two men carrying a garbage can

light enough for an eight-year-old kid to carry approached the checkout counter, the cashier became suspicious.

"What's in the garbage can?" she asked before ringing it up.

"Just the lid," said one.

As she came around the counter to see for herself, the men let go of the can and headed for the front door. The call went out for "Help up front" and an attempt to steal \$1,700 of copper flashing and other miscellaneous

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Citizens and slow deliveries cause shortage

Like a self-fulfilling prophecy, it's happened. The southeast is officially experiencing fuel shortages at the pump. But according to officials, the shortage is consumer and media driven.

On Tuesday filling stations in Mountain Rest, S.C., were out of gas, as were stations in Mars Hill, N.C.

Stations in Cashiers were limiting purchases to \$25 and on Wednesday, E. Henderson canceled its Thursday soccer match in Highlands due to the gas shortage.

In Macon County it's more of the same.

"Several Macon County stations are out or have low quantities and some don't know when their deliveries will be made," said Macon County Emergency Services Director Warren Cabe. "Their estimates range from 'don't know, until as late as Saturday.'"

Macon County government has been advised to conserve fuel and Cabe's department is reviewing its emergency plan to ensure it has ad-

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Gigantic pumpkin grower



Nolan Billingsley, 4, of Scaly Mountain, was the Grand Champion Pumpkin winner at the Macon County Fair when his pumpkin weighed in at 98 pounds. Nolan is the son of David and Lisa Billingsley; the grandson of Lamar and Mary Lee Billingsley of Scaly Mountain and Marie Chastain of Dillard, GA, and the great-grandson of Mary Thompson of Highlands.

Planning Board denies one rezoning request, grants another

On Monday, the Planning Board re-heard two requests for rezoning but with a different outcome this time for one.

A year ago, both Billy Hawkins and Thomas Young requested that their properties be rezoned. Both were denied. After a year, applicants

can make their requests again.

Hawkins requested his 2.032 acres at 2496 Dillard Road be rezoned B-5 ETJ from its current R4. Young requested his .064 acres at 369 Franklin Road be rezoned B4 from R2.

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Gantenbein trial set for Nov.

The felony jury trial of Larry and Michael Gantenbein was scheduled to begin Monday, Sept. 15 in St. Tammany Parrish, LA with Judge Reginald T. Badeaux presiding.

Clerk of Court representatives said Larry Gantenbein appeared for trial but Michael Gantenbein didn't. According to the Clerk, prosecuting Attorney Julie Knight will be issuing a warrant for Michael's arrest for "failure to appear."

The case was continued until Nov. 17 with motions scheduled for Nov. 6. This is the 17th time the case has been continued.

Louisiana State Police arrested the father and son for possession of marijuana when their roll-on truck was pulled over for illegally changing lanes while en route to Alabama to deliver a car to a client on Jan. 6, 2007.

The two were arraigned Feb. 26, 2007. A pre-trial conference was conducted April 5, 2007 upon which 17 continuations have followed.

Larry Gantenbein was the Highlands Zoning Administrator and Planning Director at the time of his arrest and his son Michael operated Goodyear Tire and Auto in Highlands.

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

The Great Divide

Dear Editor,

There is a deep divide in America between the haves and those who have not. Jimmy Carter has referred to this as the growing global chasm between the rich and poor,

I recently became aware of a study done by a professor of political science at Princeton, "Unequal Democracy" by Larry M. Bartels. It is not news to anyone that Democrats and Republicans have followed different approaches to the economy for as long as there have been Democrats and Republicans.

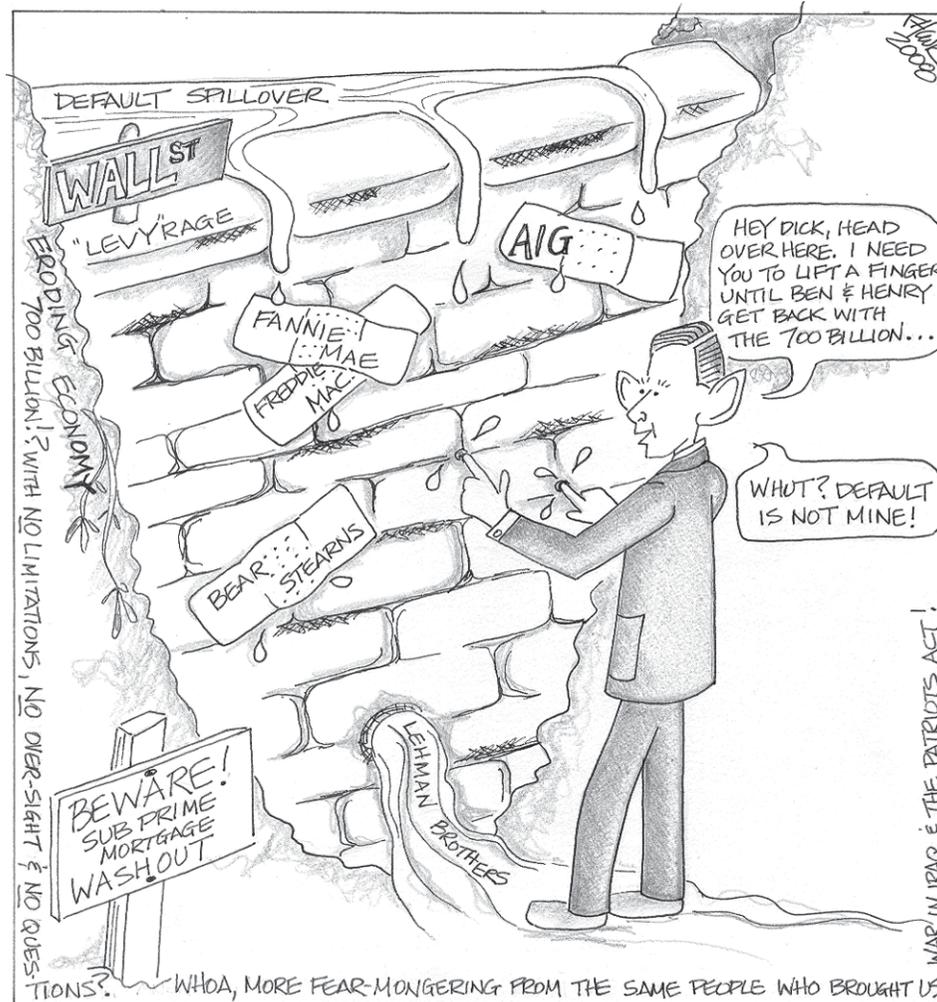
There are two important facts about the post-World War II era, covered in this new book. The first fact the author has called the Great Partisan Growth Divide. Simply put, the United States economy has grown faster, on average, under Democratic presidents than under Republicans. (Data for the whole period from 1948 to 2007 during which Republicans occupied the White House for 34 years and Democrats for 26, show average annual growth of real gross national product of 1.64 percent per capita under Republican presidents versus 2.78 percent under Democrats). The 1.14 point difference between Democratic administrations and Republican, if maintained for eight years, would yield 9.33 percent more income per person under Democrats which is a lot more than anyone can expect from a tax cut.

The second big historical fact can be called the Great Partisan Inequality Divide and is an important focus of Professor Bartel's book "Unequal Democracy."

It is well known that income inequality in the United States has been on the rise for about 30 years. The poor simply do not fare as well under Republican administrations. A study done by Alan S. Blinder based on the Bartels book shows a widening gap in income depending on the administration in power. For example, if one divides families at the 20th percentile they fared much worse under Republicans. If history is a guide, an Obama victory in November would lead to faster economic growth with less inequality under a democratic administration. Blinder is a professor of economics and public affairs at Princeton and former vice-chairman of the Federal Reserve. These studies are helpful to me in deciding whom to support.

Of course, one has to be alarmed as Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter are about the loss of income and opportunity for those less fortunate. We must all be aware of the need for universal health care, of

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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• LETTERS •

eliminating disease, of reducing hunger, of safeguarding human rights, of protecting the environment.. We have much unfinished work in our country and we cannot afford to let small partisan issues divide us and divert us from the real challenges. The Republicans may win the national election by raising shadow issues based on fear, rejection, hostility to change, and narrow-mindedness.

I am a Democrat who wishes real issues and approaches to be debated and American high ideals to return to the forefront. We are the wealthiest economy in the world and I am for sharing our wealth down to our roots.

Pat Boyd
Highlands

The truth about existing oil and gas leases

Dear Editor,

We hear many of our elected officials, including Senator Nelson of Florida, say the oil industry should be drilling the leases they currently have as opposed to making new leases available. Well, they need to inform their constituents that few if any of those existing leases have significant reserves. If we are to become more energy self-sufficient the oil and gas industry needs to have access to the leases where the large, significant reserves are: the eastern Gulf of Mexico, the east coast, offshore California and ANWR in Alaska and not just the leases that are 50 or more miles offshore. The near shore leases probably have most of the major reserves and could be developed much sooner than those more than 50 miles offshore.

Additionally, they don't tell the public that all shallow water leases have a 5 year term limit if not productive. I suggest the Federal Government share the revenues with the states that adjoin those leases. The revenues from offshore leases in 2007 was \$8.7 billion dollars (\$8,700,000,000.) and I would like to see some of those revenues go towards shoring up the failing social security-medicare system. Wouldn't that be a nice way to help bail out the system?

Paul S. Horvath
Highlands and Florida

Writer was right

Dear Editor,

I thoroughly agree with Mike Bagby who chastized my column "The Straight

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• OBITUARY •

George T. "Skip" Hopkins

George T. "Skip" Hopkins, of Highlands, NC, died on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at his mountain home after an extended battle with lung cancer. He was well loved and was surrounded by his family and friends. He will be sorely missed. Skip was a volunteer for The Highlands Art Walk, Highlands Chamber Activities, and The Highlands Dog Show (Paws In the Park). He was also a member of the Mirror Lake Association.

Survivors include his wife of 32 years, Evelyn Louise Hopkins; two sisters, Joan and John Hegeudus of St. Louis, MO and Sharon and Dale Adkison of Owensville, MO; one nephew, Kenneth and Jacqueline Adkison and family of Owensville, MO; four nieces, Elizabeth Becker and family of Chula Vista, CA, Jill Lenauer Overkamp, her husband Landon and family of Westmoreland, KS, Jennifer and Cory Steinman and family of Washington, MO, and Nancy and Rodger Carpenter and family, also of Washington, MO.

Memorial services were held on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at 2:30 p.m., at the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home Chapel in



Highlands. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

• ENGAGEMENT •

Smith and Villanuerger to wed



Joshua Smith of Highlands and Orlando, FL, a 1995 Highlands School graduate, and Andrea Villanuerger of Miami, will be married Sunday, October 12, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Winter Park, FL.

• CORRECTION •

In last week's issue, we reported that the Trash Company would charge \$15 a week or \$150 a year for curbside recycling. It's \$15 a month or \$150 a year. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

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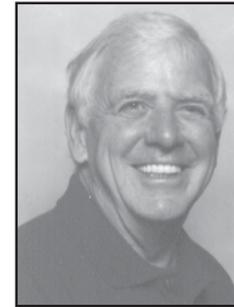
• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

**Wanna lose 10 ugly pounds?
Cut off your head**

While back, I informed readers about obese America. Do you remember my "Blubber Car" report and the body fat to combustible fuel machine? Now some Highlanders are wolfing down massive amounts of saturated fat and blaming me for their clogged arteries.

Here's a tip in case you're one of those people with a death wish. Try a caramel/coffee milkshake from your local fast-food chicken joint. Weighing in at 34 grams of unadulterated kick butt saturated fat, it's guaranteed to take years off your life. I just love them.

Anyway, this report will be an alternate plan to the "Blubber Car" report. I'm calling it the "Sniff this" diet.



Fred Wooldridge

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Way back when I was a dogface and forced to eat military food, I hated the smell of burnt oatmeal. Soldiers did the cooking in those days and burned the oatmeal each morning. The smell turned my stomach so badly I would lose my appetite. If I sniffed burnt oatmeal each morning, I could lose five pounds a week.

Flash ahead a half century and 50 pounds later and I find myself in Highlands painting all the shutters and window frames in our home, a never ending process. I also have stopped eating. I am not making this up. Well, maybe a little.

I used to start my morning with a hearty breakfast but lately I have been sipping two cups of coffee and then I paint. Suddenly I realize it's after two o'clock and I am still not hungry. The smell of the paint is ruining my appetite the same as burnt oatmeal.

Sooooo, if you want to sign up for my "Sniff this" diet, submit your payment of \$100 (cash only) and get right to work losing those ugly pounds without having to cut off your head. Here's how it works. You come to my house and I provide the paint and brushes that guarantees to turn your stomach against food. As long as you paint my shutters and windows frames, you won't get hungry. Later, if you do get a hunger pang, feel free to return to paint more at no extra charge. Is this a great plan, or what?

Like most folks, when I began to age, I found it harder and harder to keep the pounds off. I never considered myself unhealthy or obese until I went for the free health screening test at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital last week.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Wooldridge, but according to our charts you are obese and are at high risk for stroke or heart failure. If you could lose a few pounds then you would only be borderline obese," the screening technician said, patting me on the back to comfort me. I was incensed. I ripped off my shirt to show her my torso. "Is this obese?" I demanded. She put her hand over her mouth. I think she was about to throw up.

Who makes up those weight/height charts anyway? According to those charts every player in the NFL should be dead or

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Would a switch save it?

I getting tired of being wrong. I declared Senator McCain's choice of Govern Palin folly, days before she began America's moose hunting darling. Then I observed that Senator Joe Biden hadn't made a ripple, just before his statement on taxes created a minor tsunami. In case you missed it, he said that it was the patriotic duty of Americans who made \$250,000 per year to pay taxes. The debate about who should pay for government has raged for as long as I can remember, and there are merits to both sides of the argument. It was the "patriotic duty" angle that got me.

I'll pay taxes as required by law, but obeying the law isn't patriotism, nor is supporting laws to impose a greater tax burden on the wealthy. Patriotism can't be coerced, but the payment of taxes certainly can be. Those who don't pay risk loss of everything, and jail time. So Joe, don't blow smoke by telling me that compliance with



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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the law is anything more than it is. I found it especially ironic that Biden would equate paying taxes with duty, after Biden's tax returns were returned that revealed that Joe recognizes no moral duty to help those less privileged than himself.

In a 10-year period, Senator and Mrs Biden contributed a total of about \$3,600 to charity. That is an aggregate, not the annual contribution. Biden ponyed up almost a thousand of that total last year, when he was

running for president. In another year, he contributed just over \$100. It bothers me that the Senator instructs Americans on the nuances of financial patriotism, yet is unwilling to contribute more than a pittance, thus claiming the title as "most miserly American." His frugality stands in sharp contrast to the generosity of McCain,

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at the brink of a stroke or heart failure. An NFL lineman is so huge I don't think his weight is even on the chart. Do those players know they're at the brink of death? Coaches should stop making them run gassers and the 40 in 4.8 seconds. On top of that they eat 12 eggs for breakfast. Do a cholesterol count on that.

Or could it be the charts were designed by some sniffling little bean pole pasty-faced wimp with sunless skin who is locked up in a dark cellar under the hospital. I'll bet the guy looks like Ichabod Crane and eats twig and berry sandwiches on five grain or whole wheat bread. Does this guy even know what a caramel/coffee milkshake looks like? Does he realize the stress he's creating for

me?

Sitting in a chair at the hospital, I let the li'l missus look at my dismal chart while dropping into a mild depression. Then I noticed a glaring mistake. I had checked the "light exercise" box. Is walking Many Road from pavement to pavement light exercise? I wondered. There are 30-year-olds who can't do that aerobic walk."

I snatched the paper from her hand and quickly redid my score. I was now borderline obese. I left the hospital and headed straight to Clayton for my caramel/coffee milkshake. Life is good.

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Bill Nellis, developer of Old Highlands Park on Harris Lake, wants help naming the public park area of the condominium complex.

The winner of the "Name the Park" contest will get dinner for four at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro courtesy of Nellis Communities.

Entries will be accepted through Tuesday, Sept. 30. Send entries to namethepark@awisp.net. The winner will be announced in the Oct. 2 edition of Highlands' Newspaper.

The public park is along Harris Lake. The park is complete except for the entry which has been delayed due to a sewer realignment project that should be completed within a year. People can enter the park from the corner of Smallwood Avenue and 5th Street.

The park contains two covered picnic tables, two benches, lots of grass and three boulders salvaged from the clearing of Bridal Veil Falls. This is a "walk-to" park with no area designated for parking but fishing is allowed. The lake itself is owned by the Potts family.

The "name" selection committee is Mayor Don Mullen, John Cleaveland, Ran Shaffner, Richard Betz, Bill Nellis and Kim Lewicki. Entries will be accepted through Sept. 30.

The latest entries are: Set a Spell Park, Dreamcatcher Park, Potts Greenway Park, The Park at Harris Lake, Lakeside Park, Lakes Shore Park, Whistler's Park, Comfort Cove Park and Roaming Rock Park.

Many more names have been submitted. Can you do better? Email ideas to namethepark@awisp.net.

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• VIDEO GUY •

Juno

The 2007 Comedy Drama, starring the brilliant Ellen Page (Hard Candy, Smart People) as Juno, Michael Cera (Superbad) as the not overly bright, but amiable boyfriend, J. K. Simmons (Spiderman) as the surprisingly calm father, Jennifer Garner (Kingdom, Catch and Release), Allison Janney (Hairspray) and Jason Bateman (The Kingdom, Hancock) as the possible adoptive parents. Directed by Jason Reitman (Thank You For Smoking). Very cool and

appropriate music by Mateo Messina (who also worked on Thank You For Smoking). Rated PG 13 for content and language.

The Storyline: Sixteen-year-old Juno MacGuff is a young girl with a lot on her mind. And a lot in her body as well. Finding herself unexpectedly pregnant, she decides to find a set of parents to adopt her child, and does the first thing that would come to anyone's mind, searches the personal ads in the local PennySaver. After a vetting process, she finds what she thinks is the perfect couple. A long (but not terribly long, there is a time factor involved) and somewhat convoluted relationship develops between Juno and the parents-to-be. In the process, she



Stuart Armor

begins to give a second look to the boyfriend, and wonders if he actually is the mental equivalent of construction material.

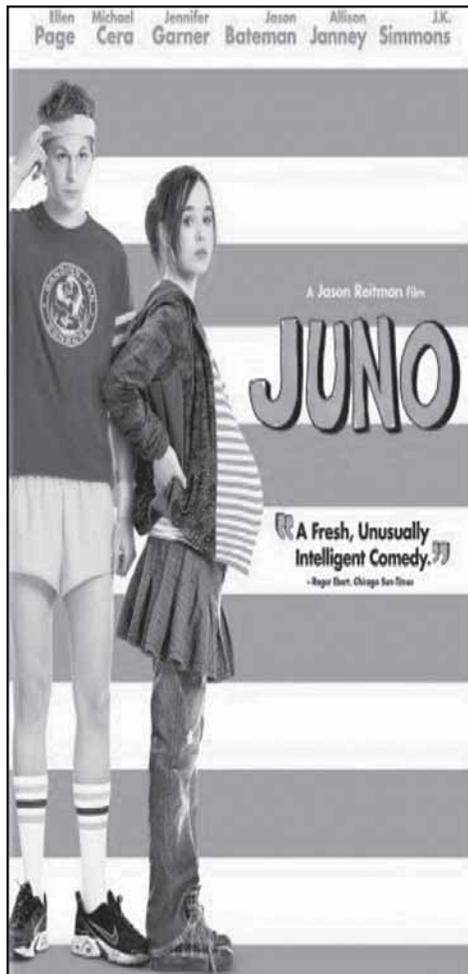
I was taken by surprise with this story, I wasn't expecting any more than a brainless teen sex comedy, but the story and the acting are superb. It is funny, poignant, ironic, and tear jerking, all in the appropriate amounts and places. And Ellen Page, hardly

older than the 16 year old she portrays, is a genius, her delivery (I mean the dialog),

timing, body language, all add up to a perfect performance, but the movie really is an ensemble piece, all of the actors do a great job, clever, dry, and not overly saccharine.

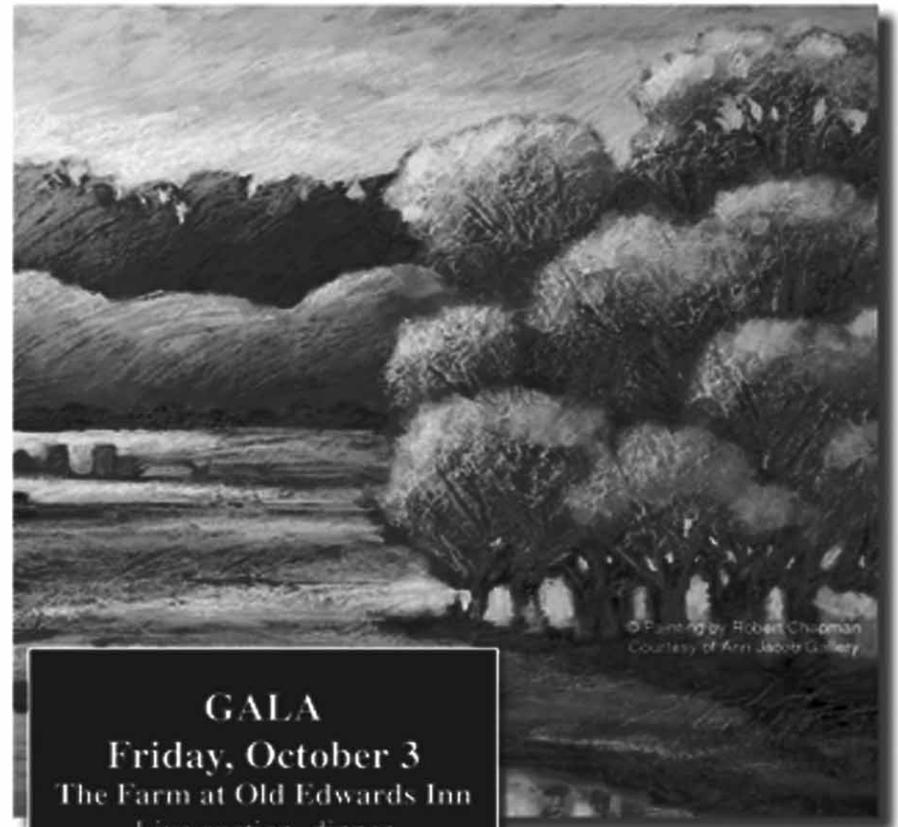
Not many movies like this one, but some of a similar tone or topic (which is not just teen pregnancy stories, but stories about getting what you weren't looking for, and finding it OK) is Lars and the Real Girl, Baby Momma, Everything is Illuminated, Queen Sized, and Marilyn Hotchkiss Ballroom Dancing and Charm School. These and about 5000 other titles are available for sale or rent at

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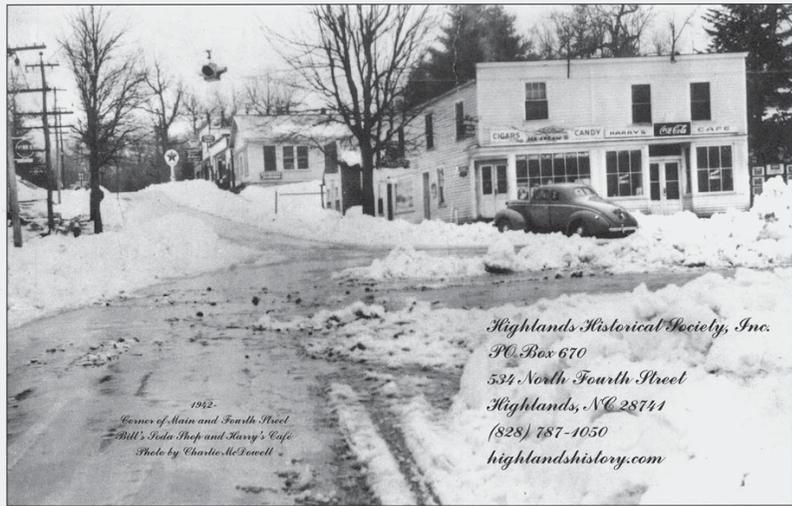


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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Crisis? What crisis? All is well

I have, among others, three earthly interests; sports, economics/finance and politics. Seldom do I see an opportunity to write about all three at once, however, while watching the Eagles-Cowboys game the other night, it struck me. Now, bear with me because, first, I don't know where I am going with this and, second, I don't know if it will mean anything when I get there, but I'm going to enjoy writing it.



Don Swanson
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Yeah, yeah, but those are the wealthiest Americans who are able to spend that kind of money on a football game. You know, the ones the Democrats are going to up the taxes on to pay for their redistribution of wealth program. OK, let's consider the approximately 4,000,000 folks who will attend college football games this weekend. Same scene, same expenses with a possibility of somewhat lower ticket prices,

The announcer said that this is the last season that the 'Boys will play in Texas Stadium and will move to their new stadium in Arlington next year. Hmm, I thought, didn't I hear that the Yankees were moving into new digs next year, also? Or was it the Mets? Oh, that's right – it's both of them.

Jerry Jones, the owner of the Cowboys, is betting a billion bucks that the franchise will sell out the new stadium for the next several decades as they have the old for the last several decades. The Yankees and the taxpayers are plunking down \$1.3 billion for the Yankees' new home and somehow the Mets are doing it for a meager \$600 million. Go figger.

It isn't only the huge metro areas like New York and Dallas that are doing the stadium update. The Washington Nationals recently moved into their new park and the Minnesota Twins will do the same soon. What's the point? Some astute business types are betting huge amounts of money that professional sports attendance will continue to grow for years to come.

This seems to be in direct contradiction to the news people, who are trying to convince us that there is little opportunity for employment in this country and

what there is is menial and at minimum wage. The consumer is tapped out and the future is bleak. And besides, these mega stadium projects were started years ago and their backers couldn't see what is going on NOW.

OK, let's examine what 's going on NOW. As I figure it, 1, 100,000 fans will spend an average of \$72.00 a ticket to watch NFL football this weekend. This is in addition to the cost of \$4.00 gas to get there and, in many cases, folks come a good distance to get to the park, eat on the road, and often stay overnight in motels and hotels. Lots of bucks available for that NOW.

on average. These are mostly just plain, hard working folks who will also be taxed by the Democrats to pay for their ROW program. But the fans seem to have the funds available NOW.

And we haven't even considered the 1,500,000 people who will pony up significant dollars for the joy of watching major league baseball this weekend.

Ticket costs, parking, exorbitant concession prices mean a big outlay for truly blue collar, down home folks who have the dough NOW to get a little enjoyment

out of life. Joe and Jill six-pack had better enjoy life now, because, if the Dems get bulletproof control of our government, they won't be exempt from higher taxes either.

Even though we would think the sky is falling, the unemployment rate at about 6% is just about the average for the past 50 years. The four and five percent rates we've enjoyed in the last several years are the exception, not the rule. Now I realize that there are those who are hurting. The US auto industry has pretty well destroyed itself by paying huge labor costs in the past. Hopefully, auto workers who enjoyed receiving that largesse saved some of it for the time it stopped flowing. It seems they have if Detroit Tiger attendance is any indication. Their average per game has gone from 17,100 in 2003 to 39,700 this year.

The construction industry has taken quite a hit, coming after years of manic, profitable activity. Hopefully, they too, squirreled enough away to last out the lean years. Many of the Wall Street financial types will be idle for a while. Irresponsible governmental involvement created a bubble that allowed them to become wealthy beyond imagination. They couldn't have possibly spent all their spoils.

Meanwhile, the fans will continue to enjoy their sporting events. All is well.

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Shooting Governor" about Governor Sarah Palin, comparing her prior experience to that of Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt, before he was elected president. He is right, and I am wrong, because I used the wrong Roosevelt.

Governor Teddy Roosevelt, who was elected Vice President under William McKinley, was a two-year Governor prior to that. He had five children. He was an avid outdoorsman and hunter. And he became President less than a year later, due to the assassination of McKinley.

Teddy Roosevelt is the proper comparison, not FDR. Sorry about that. And Teddy came out OK. He IS on Mt. Rushmore, after all.

John Armor
Highlands

'Letter Jacket' insinuation wrong

Dear Editor,

The Highlands School Booster Club would like to respond to the letter written by Noel Atherton in last week's paper. There were a number of things that were not factual in her letter.

First, there were only two athletes last year that chose not to get a jacket and their reasons were not finances. The letterman jackets cost \$145 of which the Booster Club pays \$108. If the athletes elect to add their name, numbers or other emblems to their jackets, that increases the cost of their individual jacket. We feel that if the parents/students bear a part of the cost there is more personal pride taken in the jackets. There has never been a child that could not get a jacket because they could not afford one. The purpose of the Booster Club is to help where help is needed. To get a letterman jacket the student doesn't just sign up for one. There are stringent requirements set by the school that must be met in order to qualify for the jackets. Receiving these jackets is an honor.

Secondly, all the athletes are recognized for their accomplishments regardless of how large or small and this is done every year at the Athletic Banquet.

As to the athletes having a "superior attitude" this could not be farther from the truth. These jackets have given the athletes something to strive for, and have given them pride in themselves and their school.

Finally, the Booster Club is not putting "so much emphasis on the jackets." The jackets used to be a part of our athletic program, and, for whatever reason, getting award jackets stopped. It used to be there was no Booster Club to pick up part of the tab. The parents/students bore the whole cost of the jacket. The Booster Club has just reinstated something that should never have stopped in the first place. It wanted Highlands School athletes to have the same pride in their school as other competing

athletes have when wearing their jackets representing their schools.

Highlands School Booster Club

'Life Chain' to stand against abortion

Dear Editor:

"It was as the sound of the playgrounds faded, the despair set in. Very odd what

happens in a world without children's voices." This was a line from the recent film, *Children of Men* based on the P.D. James novel. For those that haven't seen the movie, it tells the story of a future where nearly 20 years have passed without a child being born. This fictional world is plunged further into darkness with each passing day, with no hope in sight. While the story is completely fictional, one wonders how many people live in a microcosm of similar torment. I am

speaking of those who have had an abortion.

I'm reminded of a story told by one of my favorite authors, Ravi Zacharias, when he tells of his wife, a nurse, who was on duty when a young woman who had just had an abortion was put in her wing of the hospital. The young woman seemed almost numb until one of the other nurses let it

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Leave town and you'll miss the fun

Last weekend my wife and I were away to one of our grandson's football games at the University of the South in Tennessee just beyond Chattanooga. Grandson Christopher is a starting linebacker for Washington and Lee and they were playing in Sewanee. It was a great game between two colleges who do not give athletic scholarships but still play an interesting brand of college football...the way college football should be done. We had promised him we would come to one of his ball games and this was the closest to us so we spent last weekend in western Tennessee. And, to our pleasure, W and L won the game and our grandson played a very good game as did all the boys on both teams.



Mayor Don Mullen

steel cans, cardboard and paper. Newspapers, magazines and other paper all will be included and separated by the company from this one container. This service is already being supplied by the Trash Co. in Cashiers, Glenville and other parts of Jackson Co. It is my hope that this opportunity will be utilized by many people in our area.

Recycling is quite important to the ecology of our area and the country as we attempt to recycle materials instead of filling up our landfills. Thanks go to the Public Works Committee and Robert E. Smith who headed the recycling subcommittee of the board for the work they did in making this possible.

This weekend the Antique Show returns to the Highlands Civic Center with exhibitors from many parts of the country. This show has always been a big hit in town in the past and we encourage all to come not only to see a great show but to support the Highlands Playhouse as they try to save these summer shows after over 70 years of great performances. Great antique collections can be seen at the Civic Center this weekend beginning on Friday. I encourage you all to attend to support our theater.

While fulfilling this family obligation this past weekend I had to miss a great event here in Highlands — the Highlands Motoring Festival which went on at the Pine Street Park. The show was a great success. We have been blessed over the past year with many great events at the new Park Street Park and they are just going to get better in the future. With the economy of the country at a low ebb now these events have been almost essential in bringing people to Highlands to not only see great shows but to visit our businesses, restaurants and sleeping establishments. These events have gone a long way in keeping the Highlands economy going this past year. Let us hope we are able to raise the funds to make the park even better as we look to a great future in our fair town. I understand the organizers of this automobile show are planning an even better event this coming year. We look forward to that.

Well it looks like the curbside recycling I have been encouraging over the past two years is finally going to come to pass beginning this January — and it is not going to cost the town or taxpayers anything. The Trash Company whose headquarters is in Cashiers has come before the Board of Commissioners with a proposal to offer the citizens of the Highlands plateau weekly recycling for just \$15 a month or \$150 a year.

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Hawkins said when he purchased his property, ETJ hadn't been instated and he had purchased it for commercial purposes. When the property became part of ETJ, it was zoned R4.

It is surrounded by R4 property except for the commercial entities of Peak Experience and Koenig Builders which were in existence prior to ETJ.

Planning Board Chairman Griffin Bell said one reason for ETJ was to protect the corridors into Highlands and to prevent commercial creep.

"If the guy isn't going to show up and tell us what he wants to do with it, I'm not inclined to change the zoning," he said.

Ricky Bryson said there's not a whole lot that can be done on that corner which isn't conducive to residential building. He also said if explaining what people want to do with a piece of property is a prerequisite to rezoning, then people should be told that ahead of time and it should become a rule. "They should know up front they're going to be denied if they don't come in with a plan," he said.

Pat Taylor said he might consider a commercial adaptation of the property if Hawkins came in with a conditional zoning plan. "But if we change the zoning to B5 in an existing R4 area without a reason, what's to stop people from coming back for changes and then we'll have another commercial

area."

The vote was 3 to 2 with the request denied. Pat Taylor, Thomas Craig and Griffin Bell voted against the request. Mike and Ricky Bryson voted for the request.

Thomas Young faired better.

His property, which sits below the Franklin Road and shares a driveway with the TLC Realty building, is zoned R2. He requested B4.

In a letter to the board he said his building mirrors the TLC building which is zoned B4. "If the property can't become B4 as is TLC Realty, then I demand TLC Realty be reverted back to R2 status."

He said The Bascom is in his back yard and the property isn't conducive to residential living anymore but it would be a good location for a professional office of some kind.

The property is adjacent to both B4 and GI (government/institution) on one side, R2 on the other side, which segues into B3 and B4 further down the road, and B4 and R1 across the street.

Bell said if the board made an exception to its rule, it needed a reason to do it.

Taylor said that the area represented a stable mixed-use area and Planning Director Joe Cooley said from a planning perspective, and due to the zoning of surrounding properties, it could make sense to rezone it.

Again the board voted 3 to 2 but this time for the rezoning. Pat Taylor and Mike and Ricky Bryson voted for the change, Craig and Bell voted against it.

Both recommendations will go to the Town Board which will set a public hearing and rule on the requests after the hearing.

- Kim Lewicki

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building materials was thwarted. The objects had been stashed in the can.

Joe Luke, owner of Reeves Hardware, called 9-1-1 and Highlands Police officers arrived in time to apprehend the two men who were outside the store.

"The men were smart enough not to initiate a chase," said Luke.

He said with the economy the way it is shoplifting is getting worse. "Especially with metal getting so expensive," he said. "Everyone in the store has been told to be on the lookout for suspicious dealings."

Arrested for misdemeanor larceny and the felony charge of attempting to obtain property under false pretenses was Gregory Dean Bailey, 46, of Franklin. The second man involved had been in their vehicle parked outside the store and only entered the store when asked to come help carry the can to the checkout counter.

Police Chief Bill Harrell said since the second man didn't have any knowledge of what was in the can or of the attempt to steal merchandise, he wasn't arrested.

Luke praised the Highlands Police Department for its quick response.

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- Kim Lewicki



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Yes, the 17th of September was the 221st birthday of the Constitution, and I choose to talk about it through the three great contributions that Benjamin Franklin made to that document. Plus, of course, his summary comment on the steps of Independence Hall when the delegates were leaving for the last time,

A woman approached Dr. Franklin and said, "What kind of government have you given us?" He replied, "A republic, if you can keep it."

Franklin's first contribution was the Patents and Trademarks Clause. He had traveled in Europe and been inducted into all the learned societies of Europe. Again and again, he heard instances where one person created a successful idea, product or book, only to have it stolen and repeated by others with no payment, not so much as a by-your-leave.

So, Franklin urged his friend, James Madison to propose this clause. On the recommendation of Franklin it was included in the Constitution with little debate necessary. It gives Congress the power, "To promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries...."

It can well be argued that all of the economic success of the United States, far outstripping all other nations ever in human history, in creativity and business development, is founded on this particular clause.

Franklin's other great contribution to the Constitution was his speech on the last day, urging all the delegates to set aside whatever misgivings they might have and sign the document. This one great speech is drawn from his long and able career in both government and private business. It deserves to be repeated in full:

"I confess that there are several parts of this constitution which I do not at present approve, but I am not sure I shall never approve them: For having lived long, I have

experienced many instances of being obliged by better information, or fuller consideration, to change opinions even on important subjects, which I once thought right, but found to be otherwise. It is therefore that the older I grow, the more apt I am to doubt my own judgment, and to pay more respect to the judgment of others.... But though many private persons think almost as highly of their own infallibility as of that of their sect, few express it so naturally as a certain French lady, who in a dispute with her sister, said "I don't know how it happens Sister, but I meet with no body but myself, that's always in the right — Il n'y a que moi qui a toujours raison.

"In these sentiments, Sir, I agree to this Constitution with all its faults, if they are such; because I think a general Government necessary for us, and there is no form of Government but what may be a blessing to the people if well administered, and believe farther that this is likely to be well administered for a course of years, and can only end in Despotism, as other forms have done before it, when the people shall become so corrupted as to need despotic Government, being incapable of any other. I doubt too whether any other Convention we can obtain, may be able to make a better Constitution."

Franklin made one other contribution to the success of that Convention. With difficulty he rose to his feet during the signing and said to George Washington, in the chair, "I've wondered, sir, these long months whether the sun on the back of your chair was a rising sun, or a setting sun. I know now, sir, it is a rising sun."

That chair, with its rising sun on its back, is still there in Independence Hall in Philadelphia, not far from where Franklin lies buried.

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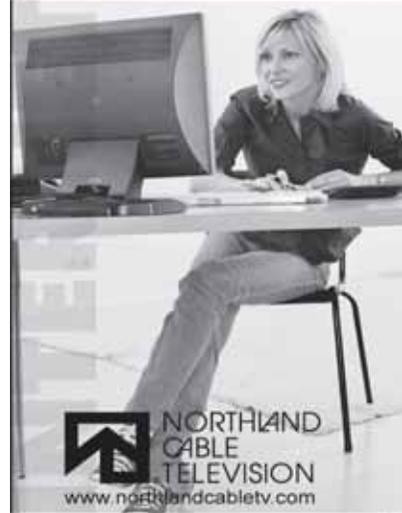
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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Wall Street in tatters

Time to pull out the checkbook. Every American is about to pay two thousand dollars to bail out Wall Street — and that includes babies in their mothers' arms. And what are we paying for? A handful of Wall Street insiders invented a pyramid scheme of subprime mortgages, credit default swaps and other exotic new financial instruments. They were aided and abetted by Congress, which deregulated the securities, banking and insurance industries and then cut taxes on the insiders' bonuses. Now the house of cards has come crashing down, but the insiders keep their bonuses and exit with multimillion-dollar golden parachutes and we taxpayers are left with the bill.

These same economic wizards tell us there is global depression on the horizon if something isn't done, and fast. We're supposed to write a blank check to the Bush administration, those geniuses who told us the Iraq war would cost only \$60 billion and the Iraqi oil revenue would pay for everything.

Have you seen the proposed legislation Bush has sent to Congress? This is perhaps the most telling passage from the brief text: "Decisions by the Secretary pursuant to the authority of this Act are non-reviewable and committed to agency discretion, and may not be reviewed by any court of law or any administrative agency."

Last week the Treasury Secretary and the head of the Federal Reserve met with Congressional leaders in secret and no one will tell us what was said. Does anyone still have the illusion that we are living in an open, free society? Does anyone believe that we are going to get anything but screwed by this?

Paul Krugman, the Princeton economist and *New York Times* columnist, wrote this week in "Cash for Trash:" "If the government is going to provide capital to financial firms, it should get what people who provide capital are entitled to — a share in ownership, so that all the gains if the rescue plan works don't go to the people who made the mess in the first place. That's what happened in the savings and loan crisis: the feds took over ownership of the bad banks, not just their bad assets. But Mr. Paulson insists that he wants a 'clean' plan. 'Clean,' in this context, means a taxpayer-financed bailout with no strings attached — no quid pro quo on the part of those being bailed out. Why is that a good thing?"

For some years now I have thought there was something terribly wrong with



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Wall Street and the stock market. I am no economist, but my understanding of the stock market is that it is a place for investment in companies; a way to provide capital for industry. These days the stock market seems a place completely divorced from reality where people make money from money, not from making things.

In an article in the *New York Times* this last weekend entitled "Bubblenomics" I found this quote: "Benjamin M. Friedman, author of 'The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth,' recalled that when he worked at Morgan Stanley in the early 1970s, the firm's annual reports were filled with photographs of factories and other tangible businesses. More recently, Wall Street's annual reports tend to highlight not the businesses that firms were advising so much as finance for the sake of finance, showing upward-sloping graphs and photographs of traders. 'I have the sense that in many of these firms,' Mr. Friedman said, 'the activity has become further and further divorced from actual economic activity.'"

Harold Meyerson also wrote on this theme in the *Washington Post*: "In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, bankers such as August Belmont and J.P. Morgan invested European capital in American railroads and steel... By the mid-20th century, the behemoths of American manufacturing reinvested their own resources to meet most of their capital needs, while New Deal-era and subsequent administrations (including that of Republican Dwight Eisenhower) invested heavily in the nation's infrastructure.

"Finance set the terms of corporate behavior over the past quarter-century, and not in ways that bolstered the economy. By its actions — elevating shareholder value over the interests of other corporate stakeholders, focusing on short-term investments rather than patient capital, pressuring corporations to offshore jobs and cut wages and benefits—Wall Street plainly preferred to fund production abroad and consumption at home. The internal investment strategy of 100 years ago was turned on its head. Where Morgan once funneled European capital into American production, for the past decade Morgan's successors have directed Asian capital into devices to enable Americans to take on more debt to buy Asian products."

One of my favorite political/economic authors, Kevin Phillips, has studied the

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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

Cross Country team wins nine medals



Highlands School cross country team competed in its first invitational at Western Carolina University on Saturday, Sept. 20.

Photos by Sabrina Hawkins



"I couldn't be more proud of the team," said Coach Daryl Philips. "It came out, gave it their all, and took nine medals home. The middle school boys finally have their own team, the middle school girls have a strong sense of unity, and the high school girls are entirely self-motivated. A coach couldn't ask for more. They're hard-working and it'll pay off for them. They all understand and live by my running philosophy: "Today I run what you won't, so tomorrow I can run what you can't."

Highschool girls on the team are: Ashley Dickey, Ana Damion, and Carmen Damion. Middle School boys are: Corbin Hawkins, Shawn McCall, Roy Pioquinto, Chase Flowers, and Parker Simms. Middle School girls on the team are: Kalyn Billingsley, Lindsay Wagner, Sydney Wagner, Becca Johnson, LeeAnn "Dusty" Raby, Nati Pioquinto. Next Wednesday the team runs against Franklin.

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Macon County Commission meeting news in review

Highlands School

At the Sept. 8 Macon County Commission meeting, the board voted unanimously to hire the Bonnets Company to make the roof repairs to Highlands School.

Bonnets Company was the low bidder coming in at \$132,729 to roof 42,000 sq. ft. which representatives said could be completed by Thanksgiving.

The work includes a new roof on the elementary and high school wings with patch caps on both eaves and over the cafeteria doors.

Officials determined the roof on the middle school building doesn't need repairing at this time.

The bathrooms off the main lobby will be renovated as soon as school ends in June. That job is expected to take 2-3 months to complete.

A covered walkway will also be erected out front and plans are underway for the soccer field, but drainage problems on the property are still being addressed.

Flood Ordinance

Since the adoption of the flood ordinance, the commission has denied three requests for variances to build either in the floodway or floodplain – twice from one person and once from another.

Though all requests were denied, it was not a unanimous vote each time.

As per the ordinance, fill dirt is not allowed in the floodway or floodplain nor are structures of any kind unless they are built on piers around which water can flow.

One case involved a residence being built on the Highlands Road along the Cullasaja River and the other involved the Old

Mill Campground RV park on the Little Tennessee River along N.C. 441 between Franklin and Georgia.

Both the Macon County Watershed Association and the county's planning department lobbied hard against the granting of variances on the grounds that the purpose of the ordinance was to prevent future disaster to property or people living along the county's waterways.

Twice the commission was unanimous in its denial concerning the Highlands Road project.

At the Sept. 18 continuation meeting, the vote was 3 to 2 concerning the Old Mill Campground. Commissioners Jim Davis and Bob Simpson voted for the variance on the grounds that the property was purchased and development began prior to adoption of the flood

ordinance.

Commissioners Ronnie Beale and Brian McClellan voted "no" to the request and Chairman Charlie Leatherman broke the tie with a "no" vote.

Animal Shelter

Monday, Sept. 29 at 6 p.m., the commission is meeting to discuss the Animal Control Ordinance and the shelter. The ordinance is almost complete but can't go into effect until there is a building.

The proposed site for the 3,500-4,000 sq. ft. building which is estimated to cost \$350,000 is on a 4.5-acre site owned by the county across the street from the land fill.

Getting water and sewer to the site previously suggested located below the land fill, would be too expensive but easier and less expensive at the alternate site. – **KL**

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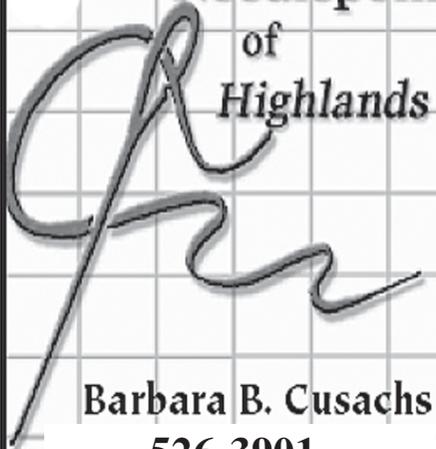
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• COACH'S CORNER •

I'm taking out the grade book

As a teacher, one of the more difficult things is to grade student examinations. There is always a bit of subjectivity to grading, and sometimes I think things would be a little bit easier if we simply graded students on a scale of either pass or fail. That being said, let's grade some of the performances from the weekend in sports.



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Pass — SEC Football
The SEC currently has four teams ranked in the top 10 and four legitimate national title contenders. Georgia looked terrific in their win over Arizona State, with the passing game finally coming together thanks to the combo of Matt Stafford and AJ Green. Florida trounced a floundering Tennessee team in Knoxville, and did so with Tim Tebow and the Gator offense looking rather pedestrian at times. LSU had a massive come from behind win at Auburn, and looks to have found a quarterback in Jarrett Lee. Alabama feasted on Hog this weekend in a very impressive win over Arkansas. Round two of the SEC schedule of doom begins this weekend when Georgia faces Alabama. One of those national championship contenders is going to take a loss, but it may not knock them out of the hunt considering how early it is in the season.

Fail — New England Patriots
It warmed my heart to see the supposed genius Bill Belichick on the sideline struggling to stop a simple read-option play by the Dolphins. The Patriots defense looked totally unprepared for the spread option wrinkle that the Dolphins

threw at them, and ended up on the receiving end of the type of beatdown that they laid on teams all last season. Kudos to Miami for running up the score a little bit here's hoping that every other NFL team does the same thing against the Patriots and Billy Boy.

Pass — US Ryder Cup Team
After a nine year drought the US Ryder Cup team finally captured a win against Europe at Valhalla this weekend. Leading the charge for the American's was youngster Anthony Kim and the country-fried Boo Weekley. The Americans came out strong on day 1 and let that momentum carry them to the victory despite a lackluster effort from Phil Mickelson and the absence of Tiger Woods.

Fail — NFL Referees
I gave Ed Hochuli a pass here last week for his mistake at the end of the Denver-San Diego game, but two more games this weekend were affected by shoddy officiating. In the Tampa Bay-Chicago game, the Bears had stopped the Bucs on third down in overtime and were looking to get the ball back when a personal foul penalty was called on Charles Tillman for unnecessary roughness. This was a pretty horrible call, mainly because the Bucs Jeremy Trueblood was punching a Bear defender after the play was over and Tillman was simply protecting his teammate. The call gave the Bucs new life and they proceeded to kick a game winning

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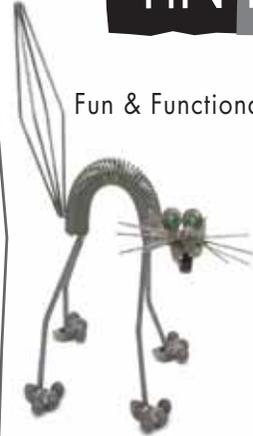
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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •



Senior Mikey Lica has scored at Madison County and Tallulah Falls.
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Soccer week in review

The Highlander varsity men's soccer team completed another successful week by going 2-0-1 in three contests since last Wednesday.

On Sept. 17 the Highlanders put on a dominating performance at home against the Murphy Bulldogs with an 8-0 victory. Highlands was led by senior Mikey Lica, who scored three goals. Logan Schmitt, Luke McClellan, Ezra Herz and Tucker Bates all added goals for Highlands.

On Sept. 18, the Highlanders made the long drive up to Marshall to face the Madison Patriots, a 2A school from the Western Highlands Conference. The Highlanders trailed by a goal at halftime, but were able to battle back for a 2-1 victory on goals by seniors Mikey Lica and Luke McClellan. Coach Chris Green was extremely pleased with the way that his seniors performed in a tough road environment. "We showed a lot of heart and mental strength at the end of a three game week," said Green.

On Monday the Highlanders faced off against Tallulah Falls in a home matchup. An early goal by Mikey Lica gave the Highlanders the lead, but they were not able to sustain it and were forced to settle for a 1-1 tie. Coach Green was again pleased with the effort, but still feels like the team has its best soccer ahead of them. The Highlanders played Blue Ridge in Cashiers on Wednesday, but results were not available at press time.

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FG. In the New Orleans-Denver game the Saints had the ball on the Denver 25 yard line with a third and 1 – Denver crowded the line and had linebacker Jamie Winborn lined up in the neutral zone by a good half yard – the Broncos got the stop with no penalty called, and Martin Gramatica went on to miss a 43 yard FG as the Broncos won another controversial game. (rumor has it Mike Shanahan has incriminating pictures of Roger Goodell)

Pass — Yankee Stadium farewell

Even a self-professed Yankee hater can swallow the pride and say goodbye to the House that Ruth Built. So many great moments have occurred in the Bronx over the years, it is hard not to respect what the Yankees have built throughout their history. I also thought it fitting that Derek Jeter gave a great farewell speech—there is no other player that represents the current Yankees better than him. I was also glad that the Yanks won in their final game at the Stadium – I found myself cheering for them for the first time ever – which speaks to the strength of history and tradition. From Gehrig, to Ruth to Reggie to Rivera, Yankee Stadium has been home to a powerful memory since the day it was built—and now, the Stadium itself becomes a memory....one that will be cherished in the hearts of fans for the rest of time.

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slip that the "fetus" was a boy. When this news hit the mother's ears, she became uncontrollable as the suffocating reality set in that there wouldn't be any birthday celebrations, or visits from Santa, or the bitter-sweet feelings on the first day of school. The reality that this "accident" wasn't a blob of flesh, or a tumor to be removed, but a person. A son. *Herson*. This act, intended to liberate, incarcerated her in a prison of regret.

As the chairman of the now Highlands-Cashiers Life Chain, it isn't only the taking of innocent lives that I seek to avoid, but the unnecessary suffering of women like the one above. It is with this writing that I extend the invitation to any and all who know the value of life in all its stages to join me Sunday October 5 in front of John Cleveland Realty across from Town Hall to pray for our nation and the culture of death that has found roots. From 2-3 p.m. *RAIN OR SHINE* we will be a voice for the voiceless, without saying a word, by standing on the sidewalk and holding our signs that state, "abortion hurts women," and "Jesus saves and forgives." The issue of abortion is one that crosses denominational, religious, and, yes, even political lines. It is literally an issue of life or death.

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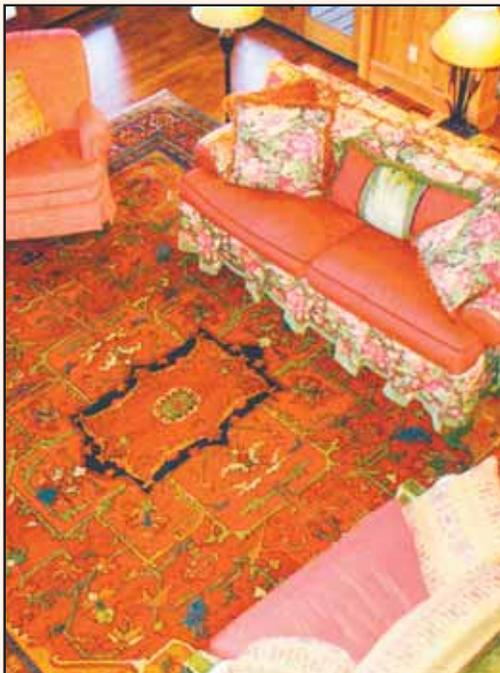
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I leave you with the much-stated but universally true quote by Edmund Burke, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." It is my hope that it moves you to action.

Waylon Chastain
Highlands

Make-up of county commission leads to its inability to be objective

Dear Editor,

Some strange things have happened in Macon County in the last year or so. About a year ago, school officials illegally used our money to promote bonds to fund new school construction. They scrambled and somehow escaped retribution, but their efforts failed and the referendum failed that would have financed \$42 million in new schools.

Upon defeat of the referendum, Commission Chairman Leatherman announced that the schools will be built anyway, explaining the referendum only pertained to a particular form of financing. Some people voted no because they wanted to retain community schools, or maybe others took issue with the school board's tactics, but most just didn't want the county to go further into debt. I'm certain that very few voters shared Leatherman's interpretation of the referendum.

So, in spite of the will of the people, the schools will be built. I think perhaps the county commission had a problem with objectivity. Leatherman teaches in the county school system. The wives of two other commissioners teach in the county school system. Since three of the five commissioners have direct ties to the school system, is it any wonder the people were ignored?

Voters have an opportunity to right this imbalance in the upcoming election by voting for candidates who have no direct link to the schools.

Don Swanson
Franklin

Can a working mother identify with Sarah Palin?

Dear Editor,

It's hard to imagine a working mother identifying with Sarah Palin.

I am now retired at the age of 88. I remember when my two daughters were growing up and I worked as a social worker. My work was important to me not just for the income, which we needed, but I found my work gratifying. I felt I was making a

contribution to people's lives. I became concerned, however, that I needed to balance my work life and my outside interest or I would not have the energy or time for my two daughters and my husband, the most important parts of my life.

Sarah Palin is the mother of five who managed to run a home, bake cupcakes for birthday parties, is a hunter and a hockey mom. She also is an ambitious and aggressive politician and had no compunction accepting the nomination for vice president of the United States.

There is a side to Sarah Palin that is not so benign. In her description of a hockey mom, Sarah Palin stated she was a pit bull with lipstick. That makes me very uneasy. Pit bulls can be vicious especially if that is how they are trained.

I see no place for a pit bull in the White House.

I find Sarah Palin, with all her charm, a curiosity. I have nothing in common with her as a mother.

Mildred R. Kagan
Scaly Mountain

Let the forest burn!

Dear Editor,

Where was Congress for the past five years as mortgage companies handed out loans to individuals and families who did

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economic behavior of various empires over the last 500 years. They all follow the same pattern: when they were rising powers they were economic powerhouses producing goods to sell to the world. Once they had reached the apex of power, they shifted away from manufacturing and trade towards finance. When the financial industry became a country's main business you knew it was on the way down.

To continue from "Bubblenomics:" "As late as 2004, financial services firms earned 28.3 percent of corporate America's total profits, according to Moody's Economy.com." Kevin Phillips wrote, in "Bubble and Bail," in the May 2008 *American Prospect*: "By 2006, financial services counted for over 20 percent of the economy, and manufacturing just 12 percent."

Wall Street is where you go to get rich quick. *New York Times* columnist Roger Cohen recently reported the depressing experience he had teaching a journalism course at Princeton a couple of years ago: "I was captivated by the bright, curious minds

in my class. But when I asked students what they wanted to do, the overwhelming answer was: 'Oh, I guess I'll end up in i-banking' Because, to quote notorious bank robber Willie Sutton, "that's where the money is." Cohen continues: "According to the *Harvard Crimson*, 39 percent of work-force-bound Harvard seniors this year are heading for consulting firms and financial sector companies (or were in June). That's down from 47 percent — almost half the job-bound class — in 2007."

Next week I'll do a little refresher course on federal debt levels across various presidencies and past bailouts and the effect these have had on our taxes. Here's a preview: Paul Krugman, in his 2003 book *The Great Unraveling* wrote, "You may not like the fact that 15% of your federal tax dollar goes to pay interest on a debt mainly run up in the 80s and early 90s."

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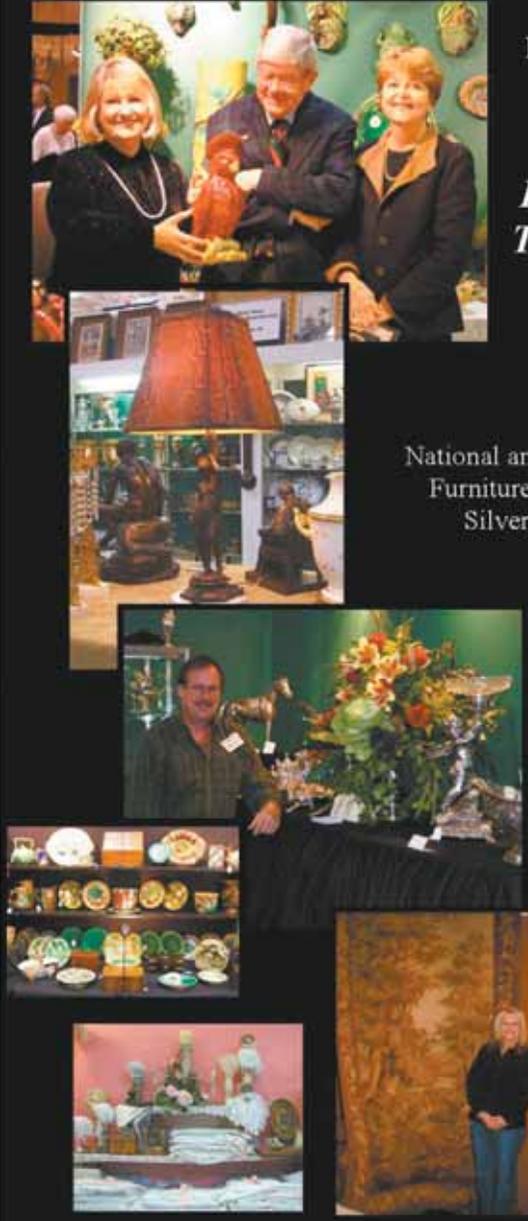
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Obama, and the Clintons.

Governor Palin has promised to look for her tax returns as soon as moose season is over. Senator Biden isn't really the cheapest American. Some wealthy people give nothing. I've seen millionaires drop a buck into the collection plate. And to be fair, I should add that the Biden's campaign claims that the Senator and his wife donate time to their favored causes and contribute to the support of their church. It is said that Senator Biden is the least wealthy member of the Senate and has the least to give. With an average of just over \$350 per year, he is surely the stingiest. A good friend of mine once said, "Leaders lead. They do not push." Art Linkletter said that he was happy to pay his taxes and was proud to be an American. The he added that he could be just as proud for half the money.

Senator Biden caused an even bigger wave when he stated that Hillary Clinton was every bit as qualified as he to serve as vice president of the United States, thus fueling an Internet theory that Biden would soon cite health reasons and leave the ticket in favor of Senator Clinton.

According to the rumor, the switch is to come before the October 2 vice presidential debate, not much time for the

Senator to develop a serious illness. By the time anyone knows for sure that Biden is not sick, the November election will be history and Biden will be back in his safe Senate seat.

As political rumors go, this one is interesting and reasonable. I have no idea if it is true, but it does make sense.

Sure, Obama would be criticized for being indecisive, and perhaps disloyal, but imagine the boost to the ticket if Senator Clinton were added. Obama, who has been unwilling to admit that he was wrong about the "Surge" might have trouble admitting that he blew the vice presidential call. At the moment the Obama candidacy seems stagnant, if not dead in the water. It could benefit from the same sort of infusion of enthusiasm that (it pains me to say this) Governor Palin contributed to the once seemingly moribund McCain candidacy.

It has been done before. In 1972, George McGovern dumped Tom Eagleton after it was revealed that Eagleton had suffered from, and been hospitalized for, depression. I guess Biden could claim that he is terminally chintzy, and in the process, do his patriotic duty.



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Those who signed up to compete in this year's "Star Night" at PAC were given a check for \$50 by sponsor Mary Adair Leslie. From left are singers Susie Best and Natalie Walker of Franklin; harpist Margaret McClellan of Franklin; storyteller Elizabeth Loosier of Albany, GA and Highlands; Ms. Leslie and guitarist/singer Matt McClellan of Highlands. Not pictured: Jessica Bryant of Cashiers.

Why PAC's 'Star Night 2008' was cancelled

The 2008 "Star Night" talent competition scheduled to take place Saturday night, September 20, 2008 at the Performing Arts Center was cancelled due to lack of participants.

Mary Adair Leslie, co-owner of Summit One Gallery, had planned to donate \$200 prizes to winners in three categories. After cancellation of the event she awarded \$50 checks to each of the people who were prepared to participate.

The Performing Arts Center had printed tickets, and Buddy Mix, last year's overall winner, had promised to come from Sapphire, NC to make a guest appearance. But only seven acts were registered, and two days prior to the date the event was scheduled, two of those acts dropped out, meaning the competition would have lasted only 25 to 30 minutes.

Elaine Whitehurst, president of the

Performing Arts Center, conferred with Ron and Mary Adair Leslie, owners of Summit One Gallery, who had agreed to provide a total of \$600 to winners in three categories: student, adult and overall. The decision was made to cancel the event, but the Leslies volunteered to award \$50 each to the people who still planned to participate.

Whitehurst and the Leslies expressed their deep disappointment in this turn of events, saying, "This area is blessed with an abundance of talented people, and we had hoped to provide a venue to demonstrate this. All the local media had been most generous in publicizing the event, so anyone interested should have known they were welcome to participate. Our greatest disappointment is for those who had prepared to go forward with their performances. We hope the \$50 checks help!"

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Hospital receives joint commission three-year reaccreditation

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has once again met the standards of the nation's leading organization that accredits hospitals and other healthcare providers.

The Joint Commission recently awarded full, three-year accreditation to the hospital, its nursing center, and Highlands-Cashiers Hospice, based on a comprehensive on-site survey conducted in June. Joint Commission accreditation is "the Gold Seal" for quality and safety within the health care industry.

What's more, the hospital also fared well during a follow-up validation survey by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). By federal law, CMS is required to perform its own survey of at least 5 percent of those hospitals that elect to undergo Joint Commission review to recheck that private organization's findings. Hospitals that wish to accept Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement must be periodically reviewed by either The Joint Commission or CMS. The CMS survey was conducted at the end of July.

"We made an 'A' if not an 'A'-plus," said Griffin Bell, Jr., who co-chairs the hospital's Patient Care Committee. "What the primary

inspector from Joint Commission essentially told us was that our hospital passed with flying colors. He was very complimentary of the hospital and the care it provides."

The Patient Care Committee (formerly the Performance Improvement Committee) is made up of board members like Bell and co-chair Dr. Jim Rothermel, hospital staff, active physicians, and members of administration. It monitors how the hospital performs against a number of key healthcare industry benchmarks to ensure that high-quality patient care is being provided.

"We are closely in touch with the entire process that monitors the care the hospital provides. The committee is a place for patients and family members to go if they have concerns regarding care or patient safety," explained Dr. Rothermel, a retired OB-GYN physician and former associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of South Florida School of Medicine.

Both of the visits by the two survey teams were unannounced, and while both groups of surveyors did find room for improvement, Vice President of Operations Frank Leslie said

all of the issues cited were minor – most involving the need for better documentation.

"They didn't find any issues related to patient care," said Leslie. "The Joint Commission sets very high standards and we met those standards."

Leslie said the hospital knew it would undergo a Joint Commission visit sometime this spring or summer, but that the hospital has not been simply focused on being ready for inspectors. "Our goal all along has been to be ready for our next patient, not the Joint Commission," he said. "We need to be providing the highest level of care possible to every patient that comes through our doors. If we are ready to do that, we will be ready for Joint Commission or whoever decides to

come inspect us."

The hospital has already begun implementing those minor recommendations made by the Joint Commission, Leslie said. The CMS survey also produced several recommendations, most involving documentation as well, but none were serious enough to require a formal response. Even so, Leslie said the hospital will respond.

Leslie and Bell both pointed out that surveyors had commented on the fact that it was rare for a small, Critical Access designated hospital to have so few deficiencies. "The surgeon who was part of the inspection team, called our hospital extraordinary. That about says it all," Bell concluded.

Hospital honors its volunteers



Highlands-Cashiers Hospital honored its many volunteers with a special reception earlier this month, hosted at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. Nearly 150 volunteers, spouses or guests, and hospital department managers turned out for the annual event to hear hospital Board Chairman Bud Smith and CEO Ken Shull praise volunteers for the thousands of hours of service given each year. Aside from saving the hospital money in staffing costs, Shull said volunteers also provide a crucial element in making the hospital a friendlier, more personal place for people to get the medical care they need. Some 170 area residents volunteer in some fashion at various hospital departments, at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, or through Highlands-Cashiers Hospice. Despite the large number of folks who give or their time to serve the hospital, its patients, and its residents, a number of volunteer opportunities are still available. Anyone who might wish to volunteer at the hospital can call Volunteer Coordinator Earlene Bennett at 526-1345.

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Rotary's 'Quickdraw' draws crowd



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The Quickdraw was an event where 14 artists had two hours to complete a painting while about 100 guests at the event wandered among them to talk and ask questions about color choice, technique or anything else that interested them.

Participating artists were, Bonnie Adams, Chris Bell, Kathie Blozan, Jim Chapman, Cheryl Combs, Kay Gorecki, Duncan Greenlee, Bob Martin, Diane McPhail, Mark Menendez, Karen Pait, Jack Stern, Sally Taylor, and Robert Tino.

Some artists came with canvases partially finished due to the time constraint, but some brave artists began with a blank canvas and completed wonderful pieces in the two-hour time period.

The following artists completed their paintings start to finish in two hours. Bonnie

Adams, Chris Bell, Kathie Blozan, Jim Chapman, Cheryl Combs, Bob Martin, Diane McPhail, Mark Menendez, and Jack Stern.

All of the finished paintings were then immediately auctioned off during a live auction, wet paint and all. The bidding on the artwork was exciting as Auctioneer Dennis Hall kept an energetic pace.

The first ever Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw was a great success and planning is already going on for next year. All proceeds raised will be used by the Mountaintop Rotary for local area Rotary projects.

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equate supplies for public safety.

"I would encourage people to conserve and don't fill up unless they have to or they will continue to strain the system," he said.

Due to widespread fuel shortage concerns, Cabe has cancelled the free car seat check set for Friday, Sept. 26. It will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Here in Highlands citizens drained the 4,000-gallon tank at Citgo Tuesday night and Wednesday morning motorists lined N.C. 106 waiting to top-off at The Farmers Market.

"This is completely consumer driven," said Andrea Metrick of The Farmers Market. "There is plenty of fuel in the ground because we got a full load Monday, but everyone is panicking and coming in to top-off their tanks."

She said the situation is compounded when people think the long lines validate the perception of a shortage when it's just a matter of clerks expediting scores of \$8-\$10 cash purchases.

Purchases have been limited to \$20 cash, with no credit cards accepted.

Police were called to The Farmers Market Wednesday to restore order when a showing match occurred between two customers

who panicked when they thought gas had run out.

Fuel is pumped from Texas to the southeast pipeline hub in Spartanburg, S.C., at about four miles an hour.

Station owners say the snag is at Spartanburg and may be due to a management problem at the distribution center. According to reports, there isn't a gas shortage in Louisiana or California, just in the southeast



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"I don't know about the pipeline issues," said Cabe. "Some stations are telling us their shipments have been delayed and combined with consumption at a higher level it has drained some stations. I think it is a combination of lowered supplies and consumer driven issues."

Metrick said if people would just keep their heads, not panic and not top-off the tanks, there would be plenty of gasoline to go around."

By mid-morning Wednesday the tanker had rolled into Citgo and refilled its tanks. More is expected at The Farmers Market, too.

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not have the means or were never likely to have the means to repay those loans? Where was the Treasury Department? Where was the White House? Where was the oversight for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac? It appears all of these branches of government, departments and quasi-governmental agencies were blind with greed. It is not to say the American people are also not to blame. What was the average family thinking when they purchased a home well in excess of what they could afford? One can only hope a lesson has been learned by all, but based on the current efforts to bail everyone out, there does not appear to be any learning curve in the works.

I have listened carefully for the past eight years as the current administration has stressed less government interference and regulation over the business community, all the while the financial industry was cheering them on. Now the financial industry has come running to the government and looking for a lot of interference because they blew it. What is the government to do? I say let the forest burn and allow new life to blossom from the charred remains of those former grand oaks of the financial industry. We should not use good water (money) to put out the fire blanketing the financial industry, because it will never be enough and the fires will simply return unless we allow the decay to burn away. The American people should be most concerned with how rapidly the financial industry wants to be rescued. If Congress is forced to write legislation in less than one week on how the Treasury Department can spend \$700 billion, the end result will not be good for the American people. Quick loans with little or no conditions is what got us into this mess in the first place.

Who will really benefit if we allow the government to purchase \$700 billion in bad debt? The beneficiaries of this welfare will be the investors who purchased these mortgage securities, to include 401 (k) plans, pension plans, hedge funds and individual investors. Yes, there will be some middle class families who suffer if these mortgage securities become worthless, but it is more likely the wealthiest investors will benefit the most. Since the U.S. government is already up to its neck in its own debt to the tune of 9 trillion dollars, it must borrow money to make this bailout work. Who do the American people want to be in debt to? How about the Chinese and Japanese since we already owe them a combined 1 trillion dollars. The conclusion, JUST SAY NO!

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

A time of change



Brian Sullivan
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

As someone once told me, "the only thing that never changes, is change." This statement is of course true, but it seems more like the glass is half empty, than half full. It also assumes that all change is good, which is not always the case.

As we begin to watch the season change in its entire splendor, I know for a fact, this is good change. I look so forward to this time of the year (as I type this message), I can almost smell the fire burning in the hearth and feel the hot cup of tea in my hand. I already have the fleece sitting by the door, and my boots ready to hike to church on Sundays (a favorite Fall prayer discipline).

I have heard that trees fully leafed during the summer, actually contain the color that they become in the Fall. The thing that keeps us from seeing their brilliant colors is chlorophyll. This chemical enables the tree to conduct the all important gas exchange which results in the oxygen we breathe. So there is a positive reason we only see green when look upon the mountains during the summer. However, it not until the tree is done working, and finally rests, that we experience its true colors.

Isn't this the truth about our lives? We spend most of our time creating the income we need to live. During this frenetic time our true colors can get lost. Like the trees when all we see of them is green, the only thing we commonly experience of one another is our utility: he's the real estate agent, she's the store owner, he runs the bed and breakfast, she's the architect, he's the plumber, etc. Like trees which are dependent on other living things for survival, we, too, are dependent on each other because of what we provide. However, this connectedness goes far beyond being an object.

My hope is that during this time of rest, we can see the true beauty God has created in us. Imagine seeing each other not as the good listener, the positive attitude, the philanthropist, the peacemaker, the comforter, the smiling face, etc. This kind of change would enable us all to experience each other the way God sees us - full of color, diversity, wonder, beauty and connectedness. Now THAT would be a change as spectacular as the one we are about to see on our maples, oaks, and poplars.

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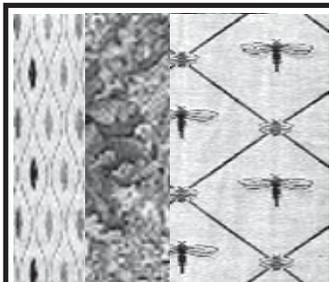
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• **BUSINESS NEWS** •

**"Canine View of Sport and Field" Exhibit
by Vivian Jendzio at Summit One Gallery**

"Canine View of Sport and Field" opens on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Summit One Gallery.

Artist Vivian Jendzio is known throughout the southeast for her sporting canine paintings.

Her paintings reflect movement and the energies of life and force. They are of drive and nature's powers. The artwork expresses energy waves and forces that emerge and flow in life.

Painting and drawing are automatically entwined with each other, they are intuitive through feeling and sensitivity of the subject matter.

She depicts canines because of their innate desire and intensity to run, move and explore. Painting on paper is essential to the immediacy and spontaneity of which her artwork derives.

The image changes as the layers are built up particularly in the collages. The brushstrokes are large and direct. Many drawings and studies are completed prior to the gestural pieces.

After intense anatomical drawing, studies of light on form, the pieces are ready to begin. The layers consist of various mediums from acrylic, enamel, watercolor, ink, pastel, charcoal and pencil. The work becomes very intense.

Jendzio's award winning work has been exhibited throughout the US. She holds degrees in Fine Art and in Physical Education which translates into a kinetic expression in her art work. Combining the use of paint and drawing she creates vibrant tensions while underlying images and motion shows through.

"Canine View of Sport and Field" opens with an artist's reception on Saturday, Oct. 4, 5-7pm and continues through Nov. 12. Summit One Gallery, located in "The Galleries," South 2nd St. Call 526-2673.



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• **MIRROR LAKE** •

An update on the paving situation: Work is now planned to begin Monday, Sept. 29. The delay is due to damage done to the North Carolina east coast areas during Hurricane Hannah. Highway crews were conscripted to take care of emergency situations there and will return to their scheduled work shortly.

At our September meeting, the following slate of officers was elected for the 2008-09 term: President, Allen (Buck) Trott, Vice President, Jack Philpot, Secretary, Elaine Johnson, and Treasurer, Lambert Chandler.

To keep our area neat, our association has a Litter Pick-up each month on the Saturday morning following our Monday meeting. We meet at Thorn Park at 9 a.m. and would welcome your help for about an hour.

The birds will soon be gathering to make their plans for the winter, so the thought this month is "Birds of a feather flock together...and aim for your car."

Hope to see you at our next meeting, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

- Elaine Johnson

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going Events

- Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are needed, including books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, and small pocket books, which fit neatly in the BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Phone cards, lounge pants, grey or black t-shirts, and cards of encouragement are also in great demand. Consumables such as insect repellent, lotions, and other hygiene products must come new, in original packaging. Monetary donations to fund the flat rate APO shipping at \$10.95 per box should be left at the front desk of Chestnut Hill. The drop point for all items will be under the flagpole at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse on Clubhouse Trail. For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

- Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203, www.cullasajaag.org.

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

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

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

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

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

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

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff 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.

- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free and will include a snacks, homework help, arts/crafts, sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. Parents will be required to register their child(ren) upon their second day of attendance and children will be required to sign in daily. For more information please call 828.526.3556.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

- Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

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.

Tuesdays

- 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

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

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

Thursdays

- Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

Friday & Saturday

- Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

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Attorney Billy Clarke to speak at UCWA meeting



The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association will hold its Annual Meeting on Sept. 25 at the Highlands Community Building. The meeting will begin at 5:30 and refreshments will be served afterward. A brief UCWA business meeting will precede the speaker.

Clarke's presentation will address sedimentation, erosion and stormwater issues related to enforcement in the public and private sector.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge for admission.

Pancake Breakfast Sept. 27 at Scaly Schoolhouse



Mel Bellwood, aka "Mr. Coffee," fills a pot with his special brew for Nell Oliver who will keep cups full at the monthly Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast set for Sept. 27. A full home-cooked meal will be served at the Historic Scaly School House, corner of NC Highway 106 and Buck Knob Road from 7:30-10:30 a.m. For information call 828-787-1860.

Big city jazz ensemble to entertain at PAC Saturday night



Pete McCann, a New York-based guitarist and recording artist, will join Paul and Nathan Scott, along with vocalist Caroline Jones Weidner and blues harpist, Joe Mauldin. Tickets to "Jazz at PAC" Saturday, Sept. 27 are still available at \$20 each. Call 526-9047.

Paul Scott, composer, educator and professional jazz pianist with 30 years experience in nine different states, has served as the artistic coordinator for "Jazz at the PAC" since its inception in 2002. He will return to the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street with four other virtuoso jazz performers this Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

Paul Scott is credited with over 200 compositions and arrangements for jazz ensemble, orchestra, vocal and mixed ensembles – everything from major classical and jazz works to TV and radio jingles. When he takes a seat at the Steinway at PAC it will be his seventh appearance as artistic coordinator for "Jazz at the PAC."

Scott is now music director for Rabun Gap – Nacoochee School in Rabun County. In 2005 Scott mentored Kyle

Wiggins-Rowan, jazz vocalist, when she was selected as one of three national finalists in the Donna Reed Competition. His nephew, Nathan Scott, will be the youngest of the musicians appearing at this year's "Jazz at the PAC" performance. A graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts, Nathan will be making his fourth appearance at PAC. He is currently working on a Master's degree in Bass Performance at the NCSA while serving as a member of the Winston-Salem Symphony.

Pete McCann, a New York-based guitarist and recording artist, will join Paul and Nathan Scott, along with vocalist Caroline Jones Weidner and blues harpist, Joe Mauldin.

Tickets to "Jazz at PAC" are still available at \$20.00 each. Call 526-9047 to charge tickets, or visit www.highlandsperformingartscenter.org.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Montana Skies returns for one night Oct. 3



Don't miss this dynamic duo perform at the Instant Theater on Friday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m. Call 828-342-9197 to reserve your tickets.

Friday-Sunday

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

Saturdays

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

Through September

• Hudson Library hosts a display of needlework featuring two years of work of the Sapphire Valley Chapter of the American Needlepoint Guild

Through Oct. 1

• At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. "Two Realities" paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morseberger.

Through Nov. 12

• The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the sculpture to be added to the Permanent Collection at the Green.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 25-28

• Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Highlands Civic Center. Preview Party, Thursday, Sept. 25. Call 828-526-2695 for information.

Thursday, Sept 25

• At CLE, Pencil Drawing. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• "The Odd Couple" (1960) shows Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau at their comedic best. They are the odd couple who share an apartment, but have very different ideas about housekeeping and life styles. The movies are shown in the Cashiers Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

• The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Highlands Community Building. Featured speaker will be Environmental Law Attorney Billy Clarke who successfully represented Whiteside Estates and RiverWalk. The meeting is open to the public and free.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 26 & 27

• A trunk show at Bungalow Boutique on Main Street next to AnnaWear featuring the Vanderbilt Collecton of fun, fashion jewelry from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26

• Ballroom dancing at the MC Community

Building, on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30-9 p.m. with music by "Swingtime Band", for information call (828), 369-9155 or 586-6373.

Saturday, Sept. 27

• Highlands Democratic Precinct Cat Fish Dinner at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road 5:30 p.m. until. \$10 a plate. Come meet the candidates and speakers from the campaign committees of Barack Obama and Joe Biden, Kay Hagan, Heath Shuler, John Snow, Philip Haire, and Bobby Koppers. All proceeds go directly to candidates' campaigns.

• "Jazz at PAC," with Pete McCann. Tickets are \$20. Call 526-9047 or visit www.highlandsp Performingartscenter.org for credit card purchases. For more information, visit www.jazzatthepac.com.

• At ...on the Verandah, Beer, Brats and Mustards. Unique Pairings in time for Oktoberfest. 1-4 p.m. \$40 per person plus tax and gratuity. 828-526-2338.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to Ellicott's Rock, the point where three states' boundaries meet on the Chattooga River. The elevation change is 300 feet, descending into and out of the river corridor. If the day is warm enough, some may wish to take a dip in the river. Meet

at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10:00 am. Drive 20 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles at 743-1079 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• Pancake Breakfast with all the fixings at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on Buck Knob Road in Scaly from 7:30-10:30 a.m. All proceeds benefit local programs and scholarships. For more information, call 828-787-1860.

• Third Annual Scaly Mountain Turkey Shoot & Festival 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Volunteer Fire Station property on Hale Ridge Road in Scaly Mountain. For details call 787-1860.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Mike Warriner will sign copies of "The Church in the Wilderness" from 1-3 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 28

• At Coweeta Baptist Church a Homecoming at 10:30 a.m. There will be music and a special message from Pastor E. Davis Hooper. A Pot Luck dinner will follow the service. There is no evening service.

Monday, Sept. 29

• Join the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust on an

Welcome to the Fourth Annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show

Dear Friends,

In 2005, a vision became reality when the first Highlands Playhouse Antique Show was brought to Highlands. With your support the show has grown and improved each year. We welcome each of you to this year's Fourth Annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show. This spectacular event brings the finest antique dealers from all over the United States, France and England to Highlands.

This event would not be possible without the generosity of our sponsors and advertisers who are listed in this program. Let them know their efforts have been noticed and please support them by visiting the wonderful local merchants, eat in their fabulous restaurants, and enjoy the finest accommodations to be found anywhere.

We have just completed a fantastic season at the Highlands Playhouse this year while celebrating our 70th Anniversary. With your support of this Antique Show, as one of our major fundraisers, the Highlands Playhouse will continue to bring quality professional live theatre to Highlands for many years to come.

Thank you so much for coming and enjoy the show.

Sincerely,

Dwight E. Bryant and Joanna M. Baumrucker
Co-Chairpersons
Highlands Playhouse Antique Show



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Letter from the Mayor

Dear Guests of Highlands,

On behalf of the Town of Highlands, I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you attending the 2008 Fourth Annual Antique Show sponsored by the Highlands Playhouse.

We are extremely happy to welcome the show back to Highlands this year and hope you enjoy this wonderful event.

The Highlands Playhouse is a wonderful treasure to the Town of Highlands. This year they are celebrating 70 years of bringing professional live theatre to the area. We join in thanking them for their vision in creating this special event for the community and hope they have a successful show.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Mullen
Mayor of Highlands

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Artist Winzeler to speak at Art League meeting Monday



Laura Winzeler of Brevard, N.C., will be the featured speaker at the Art League of Highlands meeting Monday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. The public is invited.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Elk Excursion/camping trip to Cataloochee. It's free to members, or a \$25 donation. Call Julie at 526-1111 for information.

- Fuel Assistance Sign-up at the Highlands Emergency Council at 71 Poplar Street. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proof of income required. No phone call sign-up.

- The Art League of Highlands will feature artist Laura Winzeler at its meeting at 5 p.m. The public is invited.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Kirtan Concert at Moonrise Yoga Center, 464 Carolina Way, Tickets \$7. All are welcome, 526-8880

Thursday, Oct. 2

- An Evening with Casablanca at Jack's at Skyline. Dinner, dancing, movie and prizes. \$50 per person. Call 526-2121 for reservations.

- Fuel Assistance Sign-up at the Highlands Emergency Council at 71 Poplar Street. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Proof of income required. No phone call sign-up.

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a SHC Jewelry Sara Hall Clemmer Designs. Using pearls, semi-precious and precious stones.

- The Bascom's Autumn Auction at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn and the Autumn Leaves Party at The Bascom. Tickets are \$225 for both events or \$35 for just the "Leaves" party. For tickets call 526-4949.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 3-5

- "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy by Neil Si-

mon. Call 866-526-8008.

Friday, Oct. 3

- Montana Skies in Concert at 8 p.m. at the Instant Theater's Studio on Main, Call the ITC Box Office for reservations. 828-342-9197

Saturday, Oct. 4

- Charity Fair for the whole family at the Highlands Rec Park, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be BBQ plates for sale, a silent auction, a bake sale and a Free Yard Sale. To donate items for the silent auction, the bake sale or yard sale either call Jennifer Schmitt at 526-5244 or take the items to the Rec Park that morning. All proceeds will go to help needy Highlands School students and leftover items will be taken to F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Abuse in the Home) in Clayton.

- At the Instant Theater, stand-up Comedy with Al Ernst and Dr. Babylon with music by Rocco and Brian Two shows: 5:30 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile hike to Sam Knob off the Blue Ridge Parkway at Black Balsam Mountain. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 134 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman at 524-5298 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce

and Visitor Center is currently seeking volunteers for the Fall Gorge Road Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please sign up by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 828-526-5841.

- At The Bascom, needlefelting with Teresa Bouchonnet. For more information or to register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

- Bats program at the Highlands Nature Center, 3:30 - 5 pm. Come for an informative presentation featuring live bats! Learn about bat anatomy and behavior, and dispel common misconceptions about them. All ages, \$2 per person.

- Third Annual Scaly Mountain Turkey Shoot & Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Volunteer Fire Station property on Hale Ridge Road in Scaly Mountain. For details call 787-1860.

- At Summit One Gallery, "Canine View of Sport and Field" artist's reception 5-7 p.m. The exhibit continues through Nov. 12. Summit One Gallery, located in "The Galleries", South Second Street, Highlands NC 828.526.2673 summitonegallery@verizon.net www.summitonegallery.com

Sunday, Oct. 5

- Highlands-Cashiers Life Chain to stand against

abortion on N. 4th Street across from Town Hall from 2-3 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy one-mile hike in Black Rock Mtn. State Park in Georgia, visiting viewpoints at the Visitors' Center and Tennessee Rock, and hiking a short new trail around Taylor Lake. Meet at the Smoky Mt. Visitor Center on 441 South, near Otto, at 2 p.m.; or call leader for alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Drive 30 miles round trip. This hike is suitable for children ages 10 and up. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

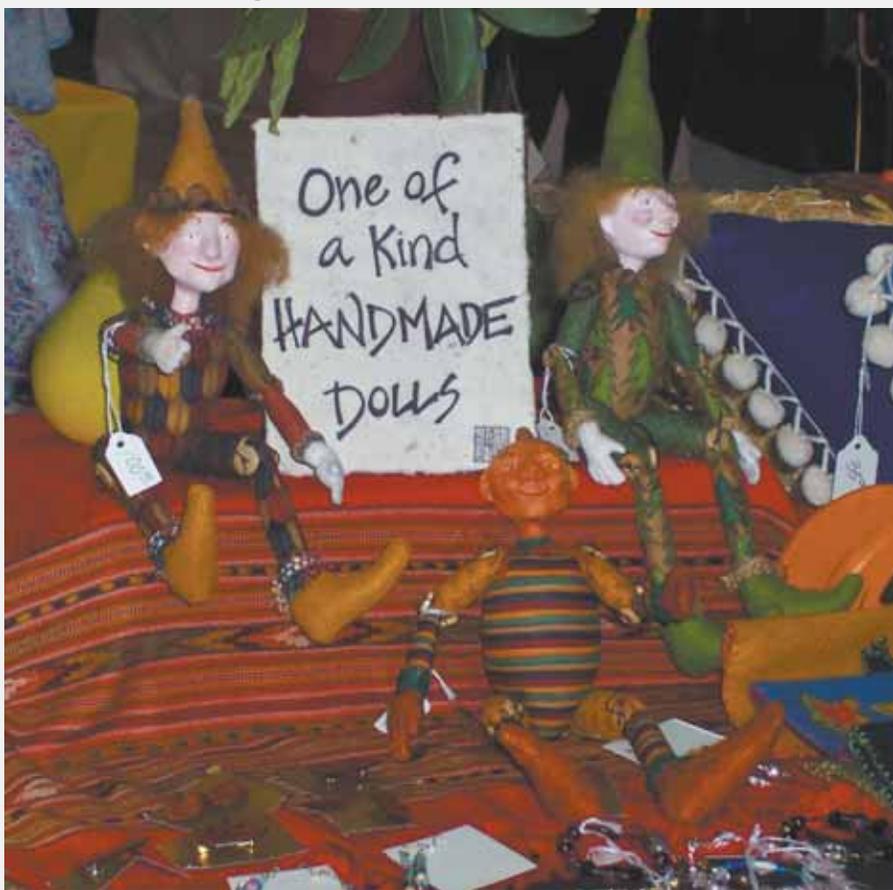
- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Marjorie O'neal Eubank will sign copies of "Roger" frp, 1-3 p.m.

Sat.-Wed., Oct. 6-10

- At The Bascom, figurative oil painting with M. Kathryn Massey. For more information or to register,

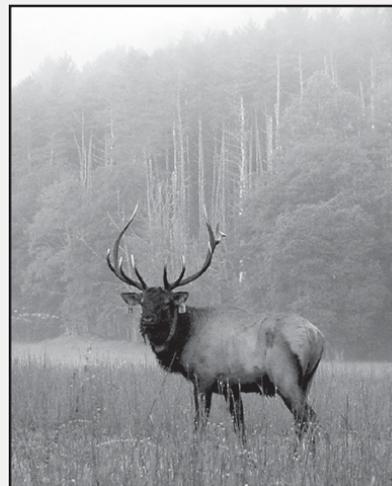
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Annual Highlands Craft Show Oct. 11

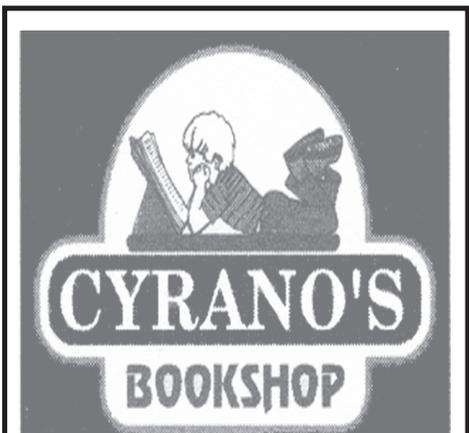


The annual Highlands' Women's Club Craft Show, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center, will feature hand-crafted items, baked goods, jewelry, textiles, stained glass, pottery, wood bowls, photography, artwork and scores of other items. Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch available by Fressers Eatery.

Visit the elk at Cataloochee on Monday, Sept. 29



Join the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Elk excursion/camping trip to Cataloochee on Monday, Sept. 29. Fall is best to view the elk because this time of year, known as "the rut," is their breeding season and this year is said to be a monumental year for viewing these creatures as they had been expected to reach a population of 100. During rutting season, the bulls compete for dominance to attract cows. This is the right time to witness the elk mating ritual of "bugling," a beautiful haunting sound that for many, is a sure sign of autumn. The trip is free to members or a \$25 donation for non-members. Call Julie at 526-1111 for information.



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"Roger"

Oct. 10-11

Time: TBA

Philippa Gregory

The Other Queen

Oct. 11

2 to 4 pm

Kevin Adams

North Carolina: Now and Then

Oct. 19

4 to 6 pm

Ron Nash

Serena

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Thursday, Oct. 9

• Macon County Commissioner candidate forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters at 12:15 at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin. In the November 4 election, Robert (Bobby) Koppers (Democrat) and James (Jimmy) Goodman (Republican) will compete for the County Commission District III seat. Incumbent James Davis is unopposed for the District II seat. Also participating in the forum will be candidates for the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, Calvin Conley and Dennis Desmond. The public is invited to come and meet the candidates and hear them speak on the key issues in the positions they seek. Lunch will be available at noon, by reservation. Call 524-8369. The program will begin at 12:15.

Saturday, Oct. 11

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Kevin Adams will sign copies of "North Carolina: Now and Then" from 2-4 p.m. • At the Instant Theater, Love Letters, by A.R. Gurney, 8 P.M. This performance piece, costarring Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox, is being held as a benefit for The Instant Theatre Company. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

• Annual Highlands Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch catered by Fressers Eatery.

• Macon County on Saturday Area veterinarians will vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months of age, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5

(cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. Dr. Patterson will vaccinate at the Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 pm and at the Scaly Mtn. Post Office from 3-4 pm. Call 349-2081 for a recorded schedule of other sites.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate six-mile hike in Panthertown Valley, including Black Mountain, Warden's Falls, Granny Burrell's Falls, Homeplace, and Saltrock Gap. Fall leaves should be colorful, but due to the recent drought, waterfalls will have a light flow. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30, or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:50. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader: Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Sat, Mon, & Wed., Oct. 13, 15, 17

• Porcelain painting with Margie Shambaugh. For more information or to register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

• A Mountain Top Charity Classic Golf Tournament at Mountain Top Golf & Lake Club between Highlands and Cashiers. Registration is at 10 a.m. \$500 per player. Shotgun start. Lunch will be provided during play. Only 120 players. Entry deadline is Sept. 29. Dinner bash is 5:30-10 p.m. and \$150 per person. RSVP Member Services at 743-4707. All proceeds will benefit The Crossnore School in Crossnore, NC, R.E.A.C.H. in Franklin and Discovery Land Company Foundation.

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 16-19

• An old favorite, the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns," is the Highlands Cashiers Players fall play this season at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Tickets for "A Thousand Clowns" go on sale for the public beginning Saturday, Oct. 11. Box office hours at PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Call 828-526-8084 for reservation.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show. Bijoux de Mer specializes in pearls and precious stones and a Laruen Lachance Botanical Pressings Trunk Show Transforming a five hundred year old tradition of pressing plants into an arrestingly beautiful contemporary art form.

Fri-Sat., Oct. 17-18

• At the Instant Theater, The Second Lady at 8 P.M. A powerful one-woman show about a fictional political wife. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Stars Madeleine Davis Directed by David Milford. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

Saturday, Oct. 18

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous six-mile hike on the Chattooga River Trail from the Whiteside Cove Chapel to the Iron Bridge, with river views, giant rock formations, big trees, and waterfalls along the way. Some scrambling over rocks is required. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10:00 a.m. Drive 26 miles round trip, with a car shuttle provided. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Sunday, Oct. 19

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Ron Nash will sign copies of "Serena" from 4-6 p.m.

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 24-25

• At the Instant Theater, The Second Lady at 8 P.M. A powerful one-woman show about a fictional political wife. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Stars Madeleine Davis Directed by David Milford. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

Fri-Sun., Oct. 24-26

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Friday, Oct. 31

• At the Instant Theater at 8 P.M. Hurricane Creek

Auction items now on display at The Bascom



Live and silent auction items for The Bascom's Autumn Auction, like this original oil painting, "Sunlight Through the Mist," by Julyan Davis, are on display at the art center, inside the Hudson Library, from now through Sept. 30. The public is encouraged to come to The Bascom, view the items and get excited about the Oct. 3-4 benefit. The Bascom is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Autumn Auction Gala (live auction, seated dinner, jazz pianist) will be Oct. 3 at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn. The more casual Autumn Leaves Party (silent auction, barbecue, Cashiers Music Company) will be Oct. 4 at The Bascom. Those not planning to attend either event are invited to submit an absentee bid either at The Bascom Sept. 25-30 or online at www.thebascom.org/gala. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-4949.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

in a Halloween Costume Dance. At the ITC's Studio on Main. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197

Friday, Nov. 7

• Krupp Brothers Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 13-16

• Grab your calendar and block the dates! Highlands Second Annual Culinary Weekend is set to take place. Join us as Highlands' area restaurants, accommodations and merchants partner to present a variety of uniquely designed classes, tastings, dinners, and events. Call Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center at 866-526-5841 or 828-526-5841

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a MarieBelle Chocolates Trunk Show. MarieBelle offers fine gourmet

chocolates for the true connoisseur.

Friday, Nov. 14

• Wine Luncheon at Wolfgang's Bistro. Domaine Serene, Flavor Spectrum Luncheon. Call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgang.net.

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. Boutique Winery Gala, "Battle of the Sexes" Women Winemakers vs. Male Winemakers "Battle of the Sexes" Gala Cocktail Party. Six wonderful wineries will be represented at Wolfgang's with pairing of food both at the wine tables and passed throughout the night. Call Wolfgang's at 526-3807.

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 15-16

• The annual all children's play "Cinderella" 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706- 212-2500.

HCP's next play stars father and son

An old favorite, the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns," is the Highlands Cashiers Players fall play this season, running Oct. 16-26 at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

For some time, HCP's Ronnie Spilton has wanted to direct this play as she has had in mind two "perfect" actors for the two featured roles. So, these two actors, Jim Gordon and his 12-year-old son Ash, have been cast as Murray Burns and his nephew Nick Burns.

The role of Murray was first played on Broadway and in the movie by the highly-regarded actor, Jason Robards Jr. With Jim Gordon in the role of Murray, director Spilton feels she has an equally talented actor for the Players' production. And Jim's son Ash is no slouch either.

With his father so involved in area theater, Ash has literally been a "back stage baby." He has accompanied his father to numerous rehearsals of the many plays in which Jim has appeared and performed himself in HCP's production of *I Remember Mama* and Highlands School's *Get Bill Shakespeare Off the Stage*, produced by HCP at the Performing Arts Center. He appears with his father on stage for the first time in *A Thousand Clowns*.

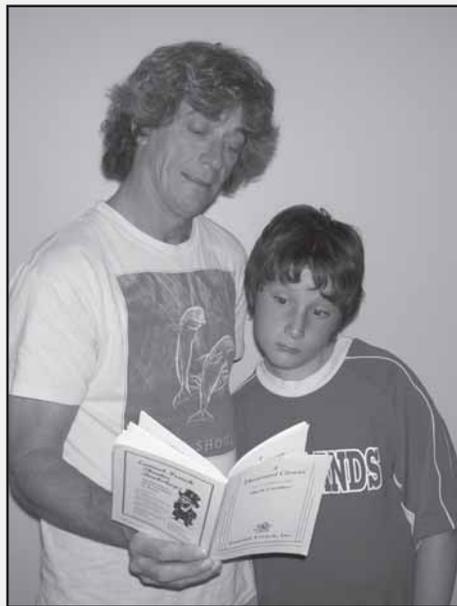
Owner of Gordon Enterprises, Jim Gordon has lived in the Cashiers area for

25 years. As an actor, Jim has appeared in 22 HCP plays, most recently as Marcus Ly-

cus (owner of the House of Courtesans) in HCP's production of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. Jim has also performed with the Highlands Playhouse, Hayesville Theater, and Carolina Murder Mysteries Dinner Theater. As an HCP director, his credits include *Barefoot in the Park*, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Second Time Around*, and *Crimes of the Heart*. He has also directed productions for Summit Charter School of Cashiers and Highlands School.

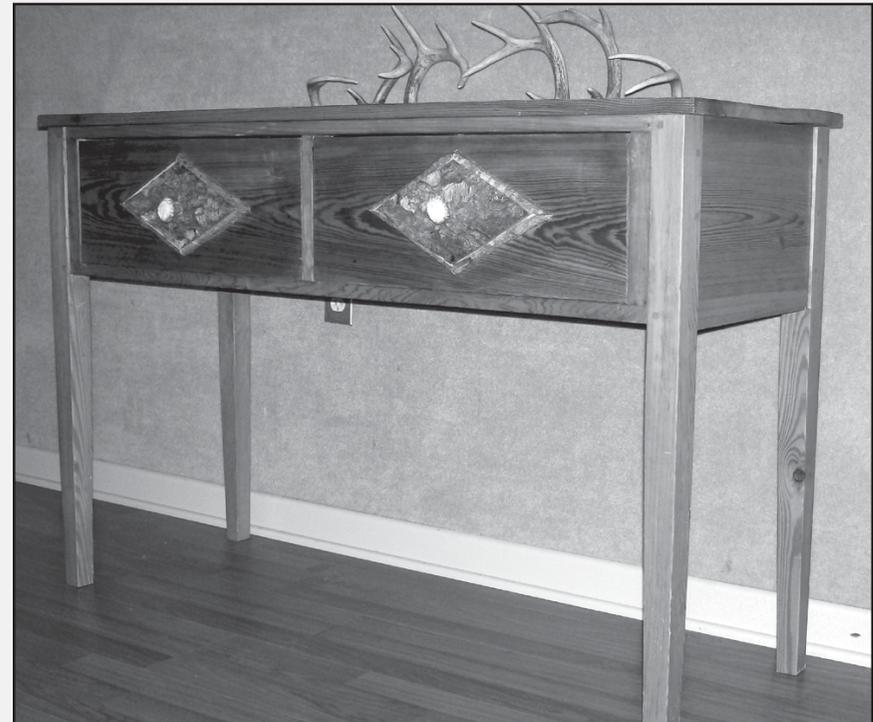
Son Ash Gordon is a seventh grader at Highlands School. He enjoys athletics, plays soccer and basketball. The Gordon family includes Ash's older brother Byron, now a student in Highlands School, who is also a developing actor, having performed in several school plays when he was attending Summit Charter School in Cashiers.

The Gordon duo joins several other actors, Rick Siegel, Marsha Shmalo, Bob Tietze, and Harry Baer, who will bring this charming comedy/drama to life. Tickets for "A Thousand Clowns" go on sale for the public beginning Saturday, Oct. 11. Box office hours at PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Call 828-526-8084 for reservation.



Gordon and his son Ash Gordon.

Fun in store for community at Oct. 4 autumn leaves party Benefit for The Bascom features silent auction, barbecue, Cashiers Music Company



This handcrafted heart pine and white tail antler piece, donated by C K Swan, is one of the many items up for bid at The Bascom's Autumn Auction.

Get ready for the Oct. 4 Autumn Leaves Party, a community celebration designed to raise money for The Bascom.

Free childcare, a large silent auction, barbecue, music by Cashiers Music Company and more are all in store for party guests.

The \$35 ticket price is intentionally low to help attract all people to the art center – young and older, local and seasonal.

"This is a true party for the people, designed to introduce The Bascom to folks who might not know about our art center, as well as raise needed funds for the exhibitions and studio classes we offer," said Donna Woods, The Bascom's director of events. "It's guaranteed to be lot of fun, so please come."

Andrea Chalker is providing free childcare for The Bascom's benefit from 5:30 p.m. until 30 minutes after the event ends. The service is for children ages preschool and up. Advance childcare reservations must be made with your ticket purchase.

"I want to support The Bascom and believe the experience is important for parents and young families," Chalker said about why she is donating free childcare.

Popular area band Cashiers Music Company will provide great tunes for the party. Their music reflects the area's mountain heritage but also includes other influences, such as jazz, ragtime and Irish. Instruments include guitar, mandolin, banjo, saxophone, accordion and stand-up bass. Musicians include John Warren, Jim Yoder, Joe Fowler and Bill Coward.

Barbecue by the soon-to-be-opened Highlands Smokehouse rounds out the fun, plus a more than 50-item silent auction including items such as an autographed DVD by Elton John, dining certificates from Concentrics restaurants in Atlanta, pottery, jewelry, private visits from Santa, The Bascom's new Pavilion Picnic for eight, pottery lessons for eight at the new Crane Barn with Pat Taylor, an adorable puppy, front row seats at the Fox Theatre for "Ain't Misbehavin'" and many more.

Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn and Spa, ZWJ Investment Counsel, The Laurel magazine, Nellis Communities and Mountain Party Tents & Events.

For tickets to the \$35 Autumn Leaves Party or its sister event, the \$225 Autumn Auction Gala on Oct. 3, call (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org/gala to purchase tickets online.

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Highlands first 'Motoring Festival' a success



Photo by Kim Lewicki

Last Saturday's first Highlands Motoring Festival was a wonderful event and far surpassed the expectations of its organizers and the Hudson Library, this year's non-profit beneficiary who will receive about \$3,000 when only \$500 was expected!

Participants and spectators were treated to more than 100 pre-1978 cars which included Jim and Jody Pollan's "Best of Show" 1952 Torquoise Chevrolet Bel Air 2-door hardtop which was featured in the movie "Driving Miss Daisy" before it was renovated in 2006 after being purchased at auction for only \$85. It was the seventh Best of Show award for Jim and Jody's car.

Among the entries were two world land speed record holders in their class. If you thought you heard thunder on Saturday that was Highlands' Ralph Thomas' 1969 Stone, Woods & Cook drag Corvette powered by a blown Hemi Chrysler engine.

Even if cars are not high on your list of

interests there was sure to be a vehicle in and around Pine Street to bring fond memories and a smile to everyone in attendance.

If you were unable to attend the event you can live the experience by viewing Northland Cable's Channel 14 – Heart of the High Country this week.

The Highlands Motoring Festival Organizing Committee wishes to thank everyone who contributed their time and energy to this event and a special thank you to the participants and spectators and residents of Highlands without whom the Highlands Motoring Festival would not have been possible.

Hope to see you at next year's event. Go to www.highlandsmotoringfestival.com for 2009 event information and to view a list of the top 25 cars including a photo of Best of Show 2008.

Highlands Motoring Festival
Organizing Committee

POLICE, FIRE & DEPT. LOG ENTRIES

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Sept. 18-23. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Sept. 18

• At 8:40 a.m., a motorist on N.C. 28 was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 zone.

• At 10:03 a.m., Gregory Dean Bailey, 46, of Franklin, was arrested for misdemeanor or attempted larceny and the felony charge of obtaining property under false pretenses when he tried to steal \$1,708 in building materials from Reeves Ace Hardware. He was released from jail on a \$5,000 secured bond.

• At 10:05 a.m., a Bowery Road resident reported missing a gold necklace valued at \$10,000.

Sept. 20

• At 10:15 a.m., a motorist on U.S. 64 at Webbmont was cited for unlawfully passing another vehicle.

• At 7:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on N. 4th Street concerning a domestic disturbance.

Sept. 23

• At 9:50 p.m., a motorist at Oak and Third streets was cited for failing to stop at

a stop sign.

• During the week, officers issued 3 warning tickets and responded to 4 alarm activation.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Sept. 19-23

Sept. 19

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

Sept. 20

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. The victim wasn't taken to the hospital.

Sept. 22

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital when a water line broke in a room.

Sept. 23

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Eckerd Living Center. No problem was found.

The Macon County Sheriff Dept. didn't have any log entries for the week of Sept. 18-25.



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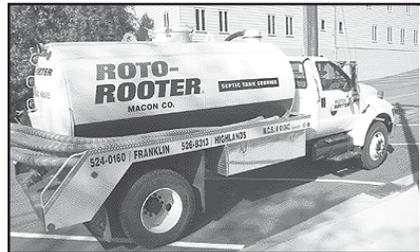
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Mountain Findings works on its 2nd million

Mountain Findings volunteers recently celebrated its 39th year in existence and the beginning of the \$2 million in donations to local organizations. Each year volunteers determine how funds will be distributed. They examine how the organization benefits the community, how funds have been utilized or will be utilized, and any upcoming specific needs identified by the organization. This summer \$60,000 was donated to 21 organizations.

Organizations receiving donations included: Cashiers Free Dental Clinic, Community Care Clinic, Emergency Council, Friends for Life, HCCDC Scholarship Fund, Highlands Cemetery Fund, Highlands Community Players, Highlands Early Start, Highlands Endowment Scholarship Fund, Highlands Head Start, Highlands Historical Society, Highlands Nature Center, Highlands Performing Arts Center, Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society, Highlands Playhouse, Hudson Library, Lewis Rathborn Wellness

Center, Macon County Human Society, Satolah Fire Department, Scaly/Sky Valley Fire Department, and The Instant Theatre Company.

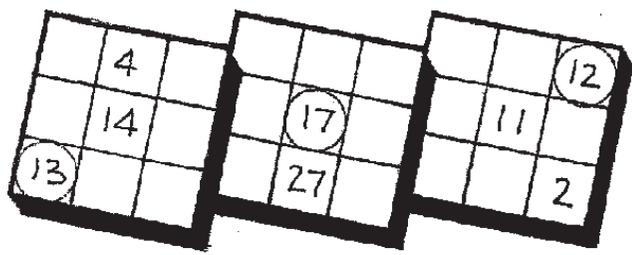
Two very special volunteers were also recognized for their extraordinary commitment to Mountain Findings with honorary plaques. Gladys McDowell was honored for her 38 years as a volunteer and the 36 years she served as the tireless and dedicated Treasurer of Mountain Findings.

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Donations of household items are the mainstay of Mountain Findings and the organization depends on the community's generosity. Pick-up of larger items is available. The first \$1 million donated plus the \$60,000 this year is due to the support of its donors and shoppers.

FUN & GAMES

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#DZ4E Level of Difficulty Moderate

THE SETUP:

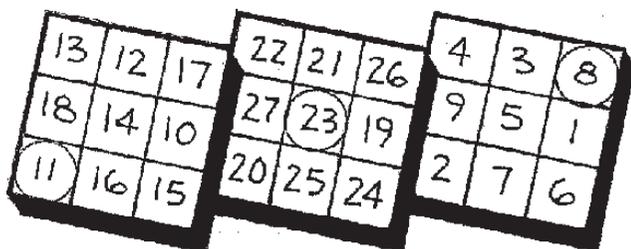
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

THE CHALLENGE:

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

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #BZ3E in Sept. 18 issue



Sudo-Grams[©] 2008

by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, various cells (six, eight or nine) in the puzzle layout have the same different letters (this is like Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers).

How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. 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 blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or cell.

Mystery Word

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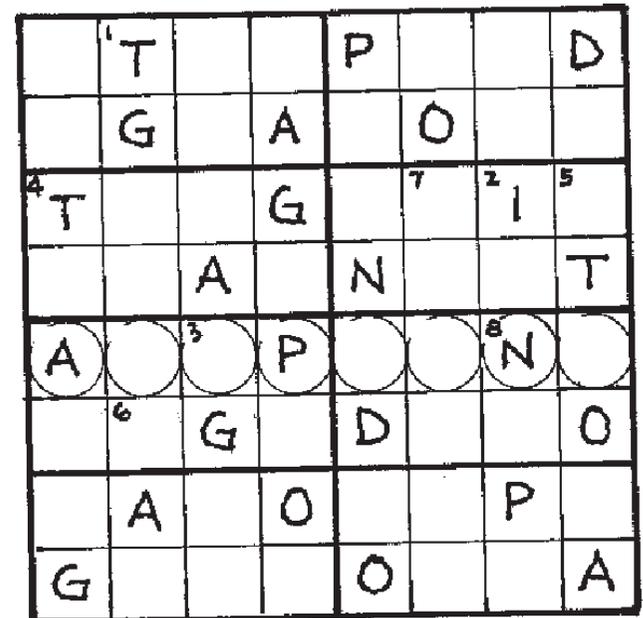
Making one's own (8)

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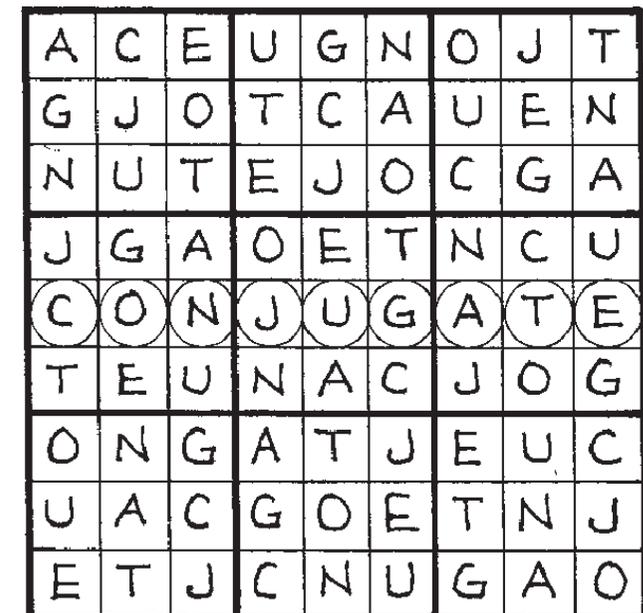
1. Plated metal (3)
2. Immerse (3)
3. Choose (3)
4. Two thousand pounds (3)

Down

5. Charged atom (3)
6. Short sleep (3)
7. Minute biting insect (3)
8. Sharp discomfort (4)



Solution to Sept. 18 N-Cryptoku



RYAN POTTS' CROSSWORD PUZZLE

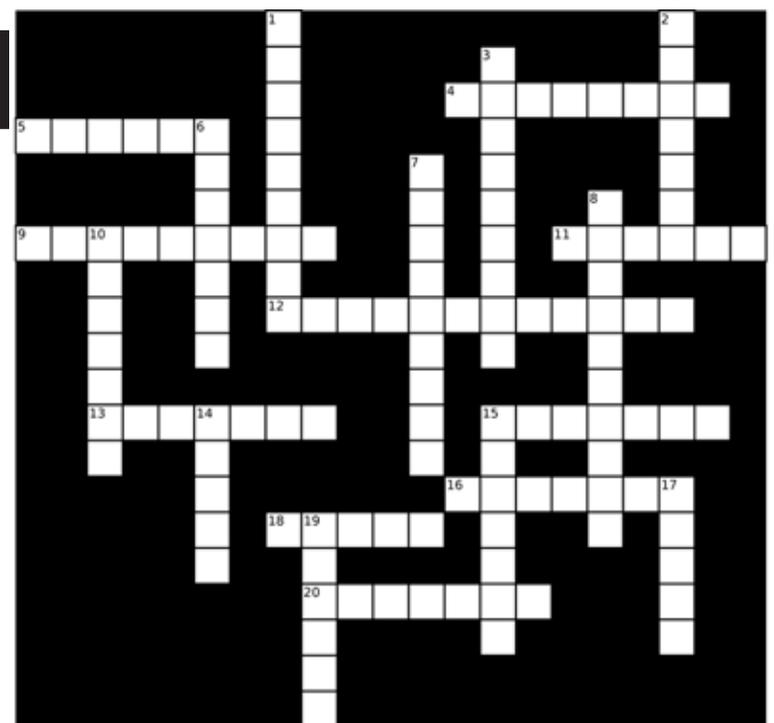
For fans of the long-time hit show, here is a crossword dedicated to the best of Saturday Night Live

ACROSS

4. Gilda Radner's doppelganger of Barbara Walters
5. Eddie Murphy's James Brown felt that this was "too hot."
9. Makes lifesaving inventions out of household materials, with a host of other issues.
11. Worst Chippendale ever.
12. Burt Reynolds changed his name to this on Celebrity Jeopardy.
13. These guys are always asking 'What is love?'
15. Joe Piscapo did a great impression of this man who sang with Stevie Wonder.
16. United Way: spend time with your kids so Peyton ___ doesn't.
18. The church lady was always able to tie everything to this evil doer.
20. Infamous driving cat.

DOWN

1. Sang Wookin' pa nub.
2. Bruce Dickinson had a fevah and the only prescription was more _____.
3. Beware of getting a candy gram from this creature.
6. Little chocolate donuts powered this Olympic hero.
7. Lives in a Van down by the river.
8. The days of troublesome scaling, cutting are over thanks to this little wonder.
10. This rogue torments Alex Trebek on Celebrity Jeopardy.
14. NPR does a feature on Pete Schewddy's famous ____.
15. This guy was good enough, smart enough, and doggone it, people like him.
17. Party on Wayne, party on ____.
19. This was the punchline to Jon Lovitz as the "Master Thesbian."



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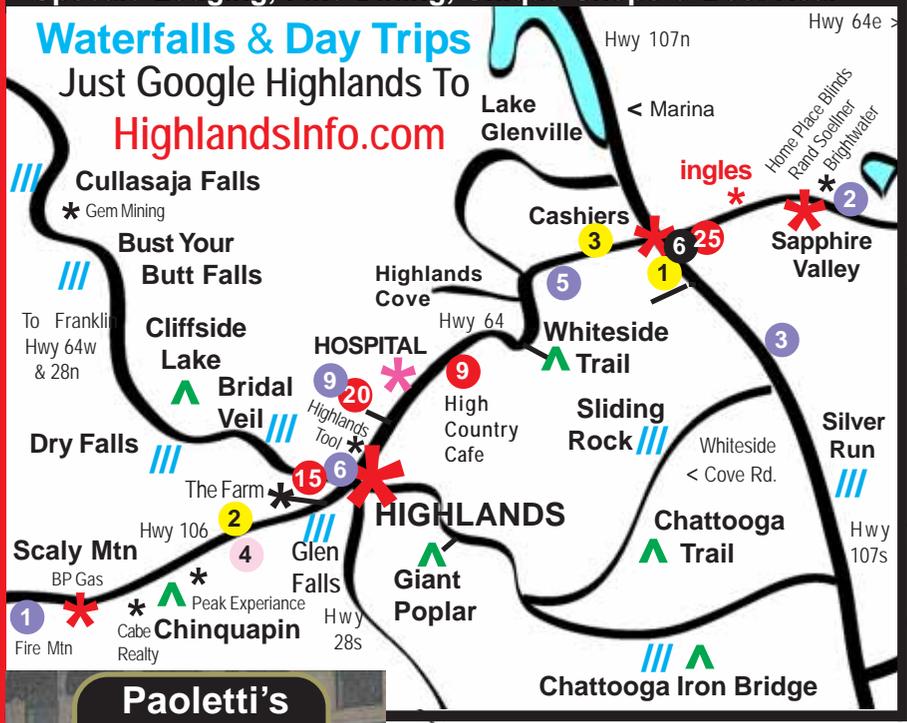
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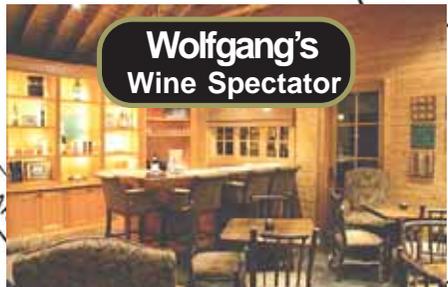
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