Flood ordinance now in affect

At Wednesday night's special meeting, the Town Board adopted its flood damage prevention ordinance 3 to 2 with Commissioners Buz Dotson and Larry Rogers voting no. There was one change over last week's version.

Town Planner Joe Cooley said both FEMA and engineers at McGill & Assoc. said it would be best to take out the section added last week exempting the town from enroaching into the floodway for public projects and utilities.

"Apparently the state and FEMA are no longer accepting such language. These types of activities are allowed, but they have to meet the criteria of the ordinance," said Cooley.

Meeting the criteria of the ordinance could mean going through the variance procedure or constructing utilities below ground in the floodway or high enough above the waterway to keep from impeding the heightened flow of water during flood conditions.

Commissioner Rogers said he felt it was typical of the government to say one thing and then turn around and say another. "It's like they are taking 'with' that change they are taking 'against.'"

Highlands: subject at BOE meeting

Among other things, Highlands School personnel and construction issues were finalized at a special called Macon County Board of Education meeting Tuesday night.

Three more out-of-district or out-of-state students were admitted to Highlands School - two from Jackson County and one from Georgia. Two will be entering kindergarten and one will be entering the ninth grade.

Now with 10-11 students from Jackson County in the ninth grade at Highlands School, there are 35 students in the class.

Board member Frieda Bennett asked if the ninth-grade is overloaded, but Principal Brian Jetter said ninth-grade was OK but was a bit concerned about the seventh- and eighth-grades which have the "potential" to be overloaded if any other students request admittance.

There are now 62 out-of-district or out-of-state students attending Highlands School in the fall. New teachers this year are Dave Guste, Miriam Raisch, and James Hussey.

‘Need’ in county surpasses funds

Like Highlands, the county’s Community Funding Pool disburses funds to nonprofits and like Highlands, the cap is at $50,000.

However, a funding request from CareNet Monday night, initiated discussion concerning raising the cap next year, and funding CareNet this year, even though the organization missed the Community Funding Pool application process for 2009-2010.

Monday night, Vanessa Bailey, executive administrator for CareNet, a county organization that disburses food, operates a soup kitchen and provides backpacks of “weekend” food for Macon County school children, said the need this year has bypassed 2008 figures by far.

“Due to the current economy and the need that exists in Macon County, we have already surpassed our goal of spending $22,000 on"
Dear Editor,

I really appreciate you letting your columnist Fred Wooldridge put my thoughts in the Aug. 6 issue of Highlands’ Newspaper.

Also, I, too, used to be a runner. In my prime I ran 8 1/2 miles three times each week. Pains and aches come with age. In desperation I came across a remedy similar to what you stated. Only gin, gin, all gin because it’s made from juniper berries. The berries have been used over centuries for various ailments. Also, Golden Raisins are best. Put one box of Golden Raisins in a glass jar (has to be glass) then add gin — moderate priced is sufficient — to cover the raisins. One or two inches above raisins. Let sit for nine days, aging is important. Then take 10 to 12 raisins each day. I can attest to the positive effects.

After a few months, I began to feel I was wasting my money, so I stopped the treatment. After three weeks pain started to reappear. Began again and continue on. Flavored vodka, is tasty, but does not contain the juniper Berry. God Bless, and your column was extremely humorous.

Joe Mathers, Jr.
Otto, NC

Single-payer; public option; it’s all good

Dear Editor,

After spending four summers now in the beautiful province of Prince Edward Island and enriching my life with a Canadian perspective, I am jealous. I am jealous of their healthcare system. I have witnessed myself the clinics and the hospital here. I have never known such freedom where I can visit a clinic and never pay for anything but my prescription. (For those who don’t know it’s quite a bit less than the U.S. prices.) I have never known going to the hospital after a tragic accident and recovering without a huge debt. What freedom.

My friends here cannot grasp the big hoopla about our health reform and our seemingly distorted view of a federally funded system. “What’s with the Americans?” they ask. It’s very hard for me to explain because it makes no sense. They can’t believe the fuss and are extremely miffed that an ad that has been running in the U.S. depicting a Canadian woman who claims she would have died if she had not gone to get treatment in the U.S. They are really mad at the ad. Every Canadian is free to seek help outside the country if they wish. Of course, they have to pay for it themselves. It’s a choice. It is freedom.

One of my Canadian friend’s son-in-law had a terrible tractor accident. He has been in the hospital for six months recovering and I’ve been with her to visit him. The hospital is top-notch and the caregivers are not there to make big bucks, they are there because they love the medical field. I asked one of the nurses, “What makes this system work for you?” She replied, “I love my job and helping people, period and when I am the patient I know my colleagues feel the same.” WOW! That’s quality care in a nutshell. She did say she could make more money in another province but didn’t want to move.

When my friend Velda’s son-in-law is released he won’t be perfect but he sure won’t lose his house and farm over it. Can you imagine a 6-month stay in the hospital without a huge bill like in the U.S.? That would send plenty of Americans into bankruptcy with or without insurance. My guess is the insurance companies wouldn’t even allow it. If some of you know better, then let me know, since I don’t have health insurance.

The truth is, everyone wins in a single payer system. The public option isn’t bad either and may be preferable to some. It gives you choices. Reform in our healthcare system is necessary and the time has come to decide what you want: health or hope that insurance will pay for it.

Lee Hodges
Highlands/PEI Canada

Don’t stop Fred

Dear Editor,

I enjoy reading Fred Wooldridge’s column in Highlands’ Newspaper. When I am in the Highlands, I purchased a house in Highlands with my mother-in-law about seven years ago. We come to town a few times over the summer but come more winter, spring, and fall. Thanks for telling it like it is. We need more standup folks in America.

David Brewer
Highlands

Tell our congressman ‘no’ to government healthcare

Dear Editor,

I’m sure most would agree this country needs both HealthCare and insurance reform but, before rushing through and enacting such legislation I suggest those of you

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voting on any plan read and understand the entire bill that is being proposed. Anything less on your part would be considered an injustice and a disservice to your constituents.

My family has many concerns about the proposed Healthcare plan H.R. 3200 that was approved by the House. I’ve listed below just a few of the many items that concern me and I have identified them by section and page numbers below:

- Although we have approximately 46 million uninsured more than 17 million make more than $50,000 per year and have elected to be self insured.
- We have approximately 12 million illegal immigrants; should we insure them? If I break a law I get punished not rewarded.
- Many of the uninsured already qualify for Government assistance. Therefore, we have approximately 16 million uninsured and assuming they can’t afford insurance due to financial, mental or medical hardships or they are unemployed and can’t find employment then we most certainly could help them. Also, let’s find a way to get individuals covered that have pre-existing conditions. Those that elect to remain self insured for whatever reason should not get any Government assistance.

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- The Congressional Budget Office, CBO, and Joint Committee of Taxation, JCT, government reports state that these proposed programs, if enacted, will create a $239 billion dollar federal deficit. We certainly can not afford more debt and why can’t the Government live within its means as that is what we, the citizens of...
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LAUGHING AT LIFE

Mayor Wooldridge

The little kind brings tears to your eyes, doesn’t it? No, not tears of joy but tears of laughter. Can you imagine me as Highlands’ mayor? For many Highlanders, it would be a nightmare and for others just a bad joke. Some think Highlands deserves a guy like me as their mayor and I don’t mean that in a kindly way. Onething for certain, Town Board meetings would sure be a lot more lively...and fun. And I think merchants would love me.

Years ago when Buck Trott (pronounced Trout) was runnin’ things, I had a dream I left Highlands for a trip overseas and when I returned I had been elected mayor. Yikes, I still remember the panic. The dream ended with me heading back overseas to hide. I’m not making this up!

I mention this because we’re going to have an election in November. Everyone who is running for office has already signed up and, rest easy Highlanders, I’m not on the list. I’m not even eligible.

But with a few minor rule changes, I could run for mayor. One of the minor changes would have to be that I would be allowed to run things from Dubai where I like to go during the winter. Hey, I write for this newspaper and never go to Oak Street so why not govern Highlands from Dubai?

I have sent my columns from there and invited everyone in their store to use their toilets. Of course, toilet paper would be banned except for church on Sunday. Merchants would be encouraged to dress like old-time mountain folk, be friendly and invite everyone in their store to use their toilets. Of course, toilet paper would be replaced with corn cobs. And how “bout a free unused corn cob pipe in every shopping bag? Remember, this is not Atlanta. We’re just trying to act like we are with libertarian leanings. I don’t just disapprove of Republican and Democratic rule. I dislike big government rule. I even disapprove of small government rule. Actually, I’m for practically no government rule. That’s why it would be easy for me to run things from North Palm Beach. I would be a do-nothing mayor. My campaign motto would be “Take your hands out of people’s pockets and leave them alone.”

At my first video cam board meeting, I would draw up a proclamation banning the word “study” from Town Board meetings forever. Right there, I’d save Highlands thousands of their hard earned tax money. Write this down. Politicians order studies because they’re over their head and don’t have a clue what they’re doing. When you hear the word “study,” think DUH!

Next, I would write a proclamation declaring Highlands is not Atlanta but instead a small resort village where people come because of our high altitude, awesome shops, our high altitude, restful places to stay, our high altitude and awesome shops. I would declare, in that same proclamation, why people don’t come to Highlands, like for its beautiful, magnificent Town Hall, its modern police department and its dumb small parks.

Then I would rewrite the definition of the word “park” to mean a partially wooded area of five acres or more where people can gather with their families to play, relax and picnic without seeing concrete, pavers, asphalt, buildings or automobiles. The vacant lot at 5th and Pine Street will never again be called a “park” but is an excellent place to “park” your dog’s poop, thus the name Dog Poop Park.

“Park” would also mean a place where you put your car and not move it until you’re ready to go. I would dedicate Highlands a “mountain town” and encourage everyone who lives here to act like they live in a mountain town. Suits and ties would be banned except for church on Sunday.

I would dedicate a park to the merchants who lives here to act like they live in a mountain town. Suits and ties would be banned except for church on Sunday. Merchants would be encouraged to dress like old-time mountain folk, be friendly and invite everyone in their store to use their toilets. Of course, toilet paper would be replaced with corn cobs. And how “bout a free unused corn cob pipe in every shopping bag? Remember, this is not Atlanta. We’re just trying to act like we are
Rich folks

Last week I commented that I didn’t like most rich people, but I liked smart people unless they mentioned MENSA. I was guilty of stereotyping rich folks, which is just as unfair as stereotyping Blacks, Mexicans, women, or columnists, and motivated, at least in part, by jealousy and remorse.

Fact of the matter is that I’m not at all sure who is rich and who is not. It’s a safe assumption that a guy who lives in a three million dollar house, drives a Ferrari, and turns over their earthly possessions to him for safe keeping, ultimately concluding that it is the native tongue in the Republic of Affectation and a popular major at Yale and Princeton.

Matthew’s gospel says it’s easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven. Matt must have been “Fund Raiser General” in the early church. Jesus might have said it, but it seems more likely that early church leaders were shaking down the wealthy. Jim Jones, too, asked his followers to turn over their earthly possessions to him for safe keeping.

There is nothing wrong with being rich. There is not a more universally accepted standard for judging success in the world today. Quickly, Who is more successful, Bill Gates or Henry Salzarulo? The problem I have is people who believe their wealth indicates that they are superior to their neighbors! I’m not talking about the guy next door, who is probably equally rich, but to fellow humans who live at the bottom of the hill and lower on the food chain.

I admit that I’d probably feel differently if I’d invested in XYZ, Inc. (See Salzarulo, Highlands Newspaper, August 6, 2009) instead of Recycled Cooking Oil, Ltd. I might have been “Fund Raiser General” in the early church.

Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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We then will have a situation like in Canada and England. (Sec. 122, pg 29, lines 4-16). The current proposed plans discriminate against the senior citizens and is not fair. Most American senior citizens have paid for and are paying for their insurance and now when they need coverage many of the services could be limited or removed. My Mother had a hip replaced at the age of 86 and lived a very productive life until she was 96. Physicians, their patients and their families are the ones who should make the decision on health care and most of us don’t want some government agency telling us that we can’t have the kind of care we believe we are entitled to. (Sec. 1145 Pg. 272 and Sec. 1177 Pg. 354). What about such basic medical services such as cataract surgery, stents, dialysis, transplants and targeted chemotherapy? I’m concerned that under the proposed plans, that even if we have the money to obtain the needed treatment, the doctors and facilities would be restricted by the Government and/or the doctors and facilities would not be available for the care needed.

- The Bio-tech industry is a must if we...

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revolution and industrial revolution, you’re looking at 10,000 years, 400 years, 200 years. You’re seeing a further telescoping of this evolutionary time. What that means is that as we go through the new evolution, it’s gonna telescope to the point we should be able to see it manifest itself within our lifetime, within this generation.”

This same idea is in Peter Russell’s “The White Hole in Time” (renamed “Waking Up in Time”). I’m not a believer in “2012,” the idea that there will become kind of mass transformation or apocalyptic ending because of a cycle of the Mayan calendar. I think the whole idea of the Mayans foretelling events in our time laughable.

But I am a cautious believer in the possibility that we could be on the verge of a major transformation in human consciousness that could revolutionize everything. New ideas won’t take three generations to germinate, they will manifest in our own lifetimes. We could solve the massive problems that are before us instead of being consumed by them.

As the character in Waking Life concluded, “The new evolutionary paradigm will give us the human traits of truth, of loyalty, of justice, of freedom. These will be the manifestations of the new evolution. That is what we would hope to see from this. That would benice.”

- All of Katie Brugger’s columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com
This weekend is the 40th anniversary of Woodstock. The original event took place August 15-18, 1969. I was a little young to participate in the events of the 60s. Actually, I was angry at my parents for not having me 10 years earlier so I could have gone to Woodstock or marched in protests. I believed, as did many of those young people at Woodstock, that a new age was dawning. That's what I was really angry about — I wasn't going to be a part of bringing about the dawn.

To the surprise of many of us of the baby-boom generation, the early 1980s appeared as if nothing had come of the 60s after all. There was no new age, in fact with the election of Ronald Reagan six short years after the almost-impeachment of Richard Nixon it looked like we were going backwards. And the dismal 80s, all about greed and appearance, seemed the antithesis of the spirit of the 60s.

Some time ago I read a theory — I wish I could remember who wrote it so I could give him/her credit — that when a new idea appears, it takes three generations for that idea to really take hold. I'll use as an example the acceptance of mixed-race marriage in this country.

Fifty years ago the civil rights movement was fighting a difficult battle for racial equality in this country. At that time there were white people fighting alongside blacks who believed in the cause, but at the same time would never have allowed their daughter to date a black man.

A famous movie was made with Sidney Poitier in 1967, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." About just this point. Even though the parents in the film were liberal, they had been so steeped in the racist beliefs of their time they could not bring their new idea — tolerance — into the intimacy of their family life.

These people's children were raised with a mixed message — the racism of the larger culture was mingled with liberal tolerance learned from their parents. I was in this generation. My parents were liberal and inculcated the idea of racial equality in me, but I grew up in an all-white suburb and never knew any black people personally. My university (Northwestern) was fully integrated but there was still de facto segregation by choice of the students. In my dorm's dining room there were four tables where all the black residents ate and there was almost never a white student at one of those tables. I don't remember seeing any inter-racial dating while I was there.

Then another generation was born and the idea of tolerance was no longer new or dangerous and it had become much stronger than the old idea of prejudice. And now most of us don't think anything when we see a mixed-race couple.

As I have gotten older I have thought the old cliche, "what's the matter with the younger generation?" I've watched the yuppy excess of the 80s, then Generation X and Y it looked like these young people were interested only in themselves and how they could make a lot of money.

I know someone in his late 30s who was part of Generation X. He bravely told me that his generation — the 90s — was going to be the 60s turned right side up. As if they were going to do the 60s over again and get it right. I'm not sure but I think he was a wee bit optimistic.

But just lately I'm feeling differently. I have been encountering people in their 20s in the last year that have made me feel hopeful about the future. From the reading I have been doing I am mostly not optimistic about the future of the human race. It looks like we have pushed the environment too far for too long — and weren't about to let up any time soon. Global warming, collapse of industrial agriculture, collapse of the ocean fisheries, there's lots of reasons to be pessimistic.

But these young people I've met have given me reasons for optimism. They seem to be embodying that vision of Woodstock in an integrated mature way. They seem balanced and centered in age 22. They are calm. They are tolerant. Obviously this doesn't describe everyone who is 22, but I have met a lot of these people who appear to me to be evidencing a new consciousness.

I recently watched Richard Linklater's great film "A Waking Life" for the third or fourth time, a film brimming with ideas about what it is to be conscious and awake. The main character is constantly meeting people passionate about ideas. One of my favorite characters talks about how the pace of evolution is speeding up.

"If you look at the time scales that are involved here — three billion years for life, six million years for the hominid, 100,000 years for humankind as we know it — you're beginning to see the telescoping nature of the evolutionary paradigm. And then when you get to the agricultural revolution, when you get to the scientific revolution, when you get to the intellectual revolution, when you get to the technological revolution, when you get to the religious revolution, when you get to the environmental revolution, when you get to the global revolution, when you get to the peace revolution..."
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Slowly, the parking lot filled with cars and all these really old men, many with much younger looking wives, got out, claiming they were retired Miami Beach cops. It ain’t fair that men get old and women don’t. And how come everyone got old but me?

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An hour later, everyone’s fingers were caked with bar-b-q sauce and paper towels were being ripped from their rolls at the end of each table. Strawberry shortcake seemed to be the favorite dessert of the day. Everyone said they loved the food and the manager, Mike Warner, allowed us to sit and chat for as long as we desired.

After several group pictures, we hugged one last time, shook hands and said our goodbyes for another year, everyone grateful they had made it through some of the most dangerous times Miami Beach had ever experienced.
By Michelle Mead-Armor

My first introduction to Augusta Medical Center was not an auspicious one. I had come down from New York to see my parents for Christmas. My father, a lifelong and unapologetic smoker, had been diagnosed with cancer that was inoperable and terminal. When you have a father who is a big man - 6'3" and large of girth - you never expect to see him in a hospital gown and diapers – shrinking away more each day.

Augusta Medical Center has now become Augusta Health, but the more perky and upbeat name didn't do much for my morale, as John and I pulled into the parking lot. Expecting to see a sad and distressed old lady, we were pleasantly surprised to see my mother sitting up in bed, remarkably composed. My brother had phoned us the previous day to tell us Maman had fallen, and was taken by ambulance to Augusta Health. The diagnosis was a tough one - a broken hip and elbow - no easy matter for anyone, much less an 81-year-old.

My mother is the walking embodiment of the book, French Women Don't Get Fat. At just under 5 feet and just under 100 pounds, she's elegant and petite. Don't be fooled, either - there's a strong will and lots of character packed into that small frame. I keep offering to loan her some of my padding, having not inherited the skinny gene from my mother. I am, after all, only half French.

An earlier tumble in February had broken her arm. "Count your blessings," her friends had said. "You could have broken your hip." And now she had a double whammy (that's the medical term) - a hip and an elbow - and both on the same side.

Broken hips are an injury that haunts older people. My mother's mother, Mamie, had solemn predictions for her friends who sustained this injury. "Madame So-and-so has broken her hip," she would say, her voice filled with foreboding. "Her goose is cooked," she would add with a flourish. My grandmother had a flair for the dramatic. We used to describe her this way: If she goes to a wedding, she wants to be the bride. If she goes to a funeral, she wants to be the corpse.

Fortunately for my mother, the doctor who operated on her was already at the hospital, and performed her surgery not long after she arrived. Dr. Perelis (pronounced Peerless, and well-named) took care of the elbow first, and then the hip. Both he and his assistant, Michelle, phoned me after each one of the operations, giving me updates. They couldn't have been nicer. I knew that Maman was in good and skilled hands. I even smiled to think that with pins in her elbow and hip, she would now join my bionic knee and me in setting off security alarms in airports.

It isn't until you get into the whole routine of hospital life that you realize what a small village it is, and how many people it takes to make it run smoothly. Nurses and doctors you expect to see. But add to that lab techs, physical therapists, security guards, pharmacy personnel, cleaners, accountants, cafeteria workers, and grounds keepers – what a large amount of people it takes to make everything run smoothly!

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I have a new regard for the people who work daily with people who are sick and in pain, not a combination that always brings out the best in patients. The unfailing good humor and patience shown to my mother over a number of days has won my admiration and respect. I met so many fine people who understood my mother's needs and concerns, and who took such good care of her. I wish I could name all of those folks here, but I hope they know how grateful I am for their care.

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away from us," he said. "To be able to do what we may have to do, it's going to cost us more in engineer fees to prove that it would be OK.

Cooley said after going over the language in the Blowing Rock, NC flood damage prevention ordinance – upon which the exemption was based – it became evident that two paragraphs were contradicting each other – one saying it was OK for municipalities to be exempt while another said municipalities must adhere to the ordinance as outlined.

Another point of contention for Commissioners Rogers and Dotson was the freeboard – the two-foot elevation added to the base flood elevation on the map. Rogers said adding that provision means builders and homeowners will have to hire an engineer to take spot elevation measurements to determine exactly where the additional two-feet elevation falls on their lots. "Construction is down and the economy is bad enough. I think we should be doing all we can to help not hurt construction," he said.

Dotson said he didn't like the idea of imposing additional elevation requirements when FEMA said municipalities could have zero freeboard. FEMA, however, suggests adding the two-foot freeboard as a precautionary measure. Macon County's flood damage prevention ordinance also includes two-foot freeboard.

But both Dotson and Rogers said the choice of building higher should be left to the homeowner/builder. "The builder and homeowner should have a say in it, and I would rather we don't include the freeboard in the ordinance," said Rogers.

However, the only change to the proposed ordinance over last week's version was the elimination of the part exempting municipalities from encroachment rules in the floodway.

As per the new map, Highlands has three structures in the floodway – one on Laurel Street and two on Spruce Street – and 72 structures in the floodplain. There are numerous undeveloped lots whose development will now be affected by the ordinance.

As per the ordinance, the three structures in the floodway can be rebuilt or repaired if in the non-encroachment area or stream setback, provided there is no additional encroachment below the Regulatory Flood Protection Elevation and the repair, reconstruction or replacement meets all of the other requirements in the ordinance.

At last week's meeting, the town changed the setback area to 30 feet instead of 20 feet to match the watershed ordinance. Macon County's setback is 50 feet.

The ordinance affects all properties within the corporate limits of Highlands and within its ETJ areas in the county.

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food, which is what we spent in 2008. As of July 2009, we have spent $27,000,” said Bailey.

The organization raises money to purchase food through the MANNA Food Bank by operating a thrift store, applying for grants and getting donations from churches in Macon County.

“All the money we get and raise stays in Macon County and is used to serve those in need in Macon County,” she said.

Monday night Bailey requested $5,000 from Macon County to support CARENet for the remainder of the year.

“So far this year we have fed 5,000 families and disbursed 1,928 pounds of food compared to 8,788 pounds in 2008,” said representatives. “Our soup kitchen disbursement has almost doubled — serving 520 lunches so far this year compared to 194 in 2008.”

A new program which started this year, involves filling backpacks with food for families over the weekend which is given out at area schools on Fridays.

“Families have been identified by the school system through teachers, administrators and the school board, so we deliver backpacks of food to the schools every Friday which is designated for certain students so they and their families have food over the weekend,” she said.

During the 2008-2009 school year, 2,446 backpacks were given out.

The commission did not deny the request outright but requested CARENet to approach the Macon County Community Funding Pool to see if the funding pool would have given CARENet money if it had applied during the required timeframe.

If the funding pool representatives say CARENet would have likely received funding, then the commission is likely to find some money, said Chairman Ronnie Beale.

“We understand your need, and understand the good you do in the county,” he said.

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Smart people who mention membership in MENSA are equally pretentious, and just as certain of their superiority. It is no mystery that people are eager to reveal their intellect, but are unable to work their membership into a quick introduction. I don’t remember anyone extending his hand and saying, “I’m Jack Smith, MENSA ’06,” but in a few minutes old Jack has let me know that he is a member, and by extension, more than a shade brighter than I. Actually, “I” is correct, even if it does sound a little uppity. I don’t use the first name, nominative case pronoun to sound superior, but because I still remember the nun’s tapping my hand for saying “me,” and such was the dredged insult that I’m never quite sure that Sister Irma Loretta and such was the dread instilled that I’m neither of the liberal juggernaut, but you are part of a Astroturf conspiracy.

Well, what are you waiting for?

Prior to the election, the outcome started to appear obvious, many of us Conservative types were heard to say, “He can’t do that much irreversible damage in one term, can he? Well, I’ll be going in 2012.” Now that he’s had six plus months to operate, it appears that he’s trying his best to do just that. The same people who didn’t think he could now think he just might.

Their timetable is now, “We’ll have a chance in 2010 to reconstitute the Congress and hopefully we can break the hold the liberals have on our government.” That’s good, and we should be working toward that goal. But don’t be willing to give them a pass on the next 18 months. The real damage hasn’t been done yet. Cap and Trade still has to pass the Senate. Health Care reform hasn’t cleared either body.

Our Federal legislators have recently been criticized for only being concerned about their re-election at the expense of truly representing their constituents. I’m seeing evidence of some very strange politics lately. Town Hall meetings, which should be the most efficient way for elected officials to interface with the voters in their district, are turning into venting opportunities for those who fear the size and shape and potential of health care legislation.

We have seen news clips of town hall meetings where noisy crowds take the opportunity to let their representative know how they feel about the outrageous sacrifices we “legals” will be required to endure so that we can pay for the medical care of millions and millions of illegal aliens that are now abusing our emergency rooms. Small wonder they are enthusiastic in their opposition considering the details of potential legislation that have been circulated by people who have actually read what’s on the table.

Something is not adding up. The dissenters, who were described as knuckle dragging, uneducated rednecks when they attended recent TEA Parties are now being labeled as Brooks Brothers types and members of, not a grass roots movement, but rather part of a Astroturf conspiracy. Well, I, for one, outgrew my last Brooks Brother’s suit about 30 years ago. Furthermore, I’m not sure what that smirking bleep Pelosi means when she uses that term. I assume she’s saying that the mounting diatribe is orchestrated by spooky, nameless, very wealthy conservatives. These people (Pelosi, Boxer, etc.) are not but rather part of a Astroturf conspiracy.

Call me crazy, but why would a congressman give himself the opportunity to meet with his constituents, if he was not concerned with his re-election? If he was, he would vote in line with their interests. It would be a PR coup for a politician whose re-electability is in question. At the same time, Pelosi appeared on Matt Lattman’s “Take a Stand!” afternoon radio show out of Asheville and, while I did not hear it myself, receive emails from Shuler’s office that he will not vote for health care legislation if it contained a number of odious features that upset many of us.

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Flood hazard ordinance details

Last week the Highlands Board of Commissioners carefully reviewed the lengthy new proposed flood ordinance which was necessary for the town to have so people can get federal flood insurance. This ordinance was very similar to the Macon County ordinance with a few additions and had been approved by the Planning Board in July. On Aug 12, we will have the required public hearing on this new ordinance and the board will vote on it. If approved at this writing it has not been approved yet but I think it will be, the citizens of Highlands can get the much cheaper federal flood insurance. We have moved as fast as the law will allow to pass this ordinance for those people applying for new mortgages on their homes be allowed to obtain federal flood insurance.

One of the sections changed by the board required my vote as mayor for the first time in the last four years. I moderate the meeting and vote only to break ties. Only four commissioners were present last week because of sickness. On the vote about how much fine for violation of the ordinance would be, there was tied 2 to 2 and I voted to increase the fine if necessary. I also agreed with the vote for the buildings first level to be two feet above the required level because of my past experience of flooding in our former home in South Carolina after Hurricane Hugo. The first level of our home at that time was at the level required and not two feet above that and we had damaging water in the house. Every precaution should be made to prevent that expensive and damaging result.

We made several other changes in order to comply with other ordinances along with experiences we have had in the past.

Once again let me remind everyone of the Town Scholarship Golf Tournament which will be held on Monday, Aug. 17 at the Cullasaja Club for the benefit of Highlands School graduates. We need more golfers. If you want to have two great meals and a great day of golf at one of the finest golf courses in our area, then join us on that day. Or, if you do not play golf, we will gladly accept donations to this very worthy cause. We continue to increase the endowment for these scholarships every year and now are at about $800,000. This money is safely invested in interest-bearing accounts and has not suffered from the recession. So come and join us on Aug. 17 for a day of fun which benefits our students.

On last comment. For the past four years I have had this column in both local papers called “From My Perspective” in which I have printed basically what I say in my “Ask the Mayor” radio piece on Sunday mornings. This has been a non-political informational article. However, because this is an election year and I am up for re-election, The Highlander newspaper has said it will not print my column between now and the election in November. I understand their reluctance. However, these columns have been my way of keeping the town and others informed on what was going in town and in your government from my perspective as your mayor and I have tried to make them factual and non-political.

I will continue the column in the “Highlands Newspaper” and on WHLC in the same manner.

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denied $4,841 to improve the facility’s entrance.

The Highlands Historical Society was denied $1,200 to repair gutters and downspouts.

The International Friendship Center was denied $3,000 to fund English language classes.

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance was denied $1,500 to fund Green Living Fair expenses.

MAIN Foundation was denied $10,000 to fund a skateboard competition.

The Macon County Historical Society was denied $1,500 for tools and materials for an archival presentation and also denied $10,000 to fund a Civil War Letters book and video project.

Disbursements were broken down into two categories – Health and Human Services which got $34,000 and Education and Quality of Life which got $16,000.

Commissioner Bob Simpson said the county should consider increasing the $50,000 cap next year.

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of this world aside and place your hope and trust in something else. That something else is Jesus because he came and defeated the works of Satan and redeemed all who would hear and believe on him.

Fourth, how you show yourself to the world changes. True faith works by love. Galatians 5:6 “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor the uncircumcised has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

The world works through envy, hate, anger, and selfishness and show little or no self control. For those who come to Jesus Christ and have a heart changing experience, their lives change. They begin to put away the selfishness, the anger and hatred. They open their hearts to the needs of others. The focus of their lives goes from one that is always inward to one that is outward.

By these four things the case will be determined, do you believe in Jesus Christ. If you do and these things are building up in your life and heart you will begin to know the comfort that comes from the great gospel promise found in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

What happens when you believe on Jesus Christ? You become a new creation.
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One of the major aspects in getting my mother up on her feet and back to Summit Square was physical therapy. Not only did she need to regain strength and balance, she needed to rebuild her confidence in sitting, standing, and walking. My thanks goes out to all of the staff in PT at Augusta Health, but especially to the three muses—Courtney, Amy, and Christy. These ladies got my mother up and walking, in spite of Maman’s pain and fear. They were gentle, encouraging, and patient. Christy spoke French to my mother, and Amy learned several French words, including counting to 20 in that language to further encourage Maman’s efforts. By the time my mother left the hospital, she was using a walker to make it on her own speed to and from the physical therapy room, something I hadn’t thought possible.

Spending six hours daily in the hospital made for a long day, so my trips to the cafeteria were a welcome break. I met a dear lady who works there, Diane Coffey, who greeted me with a smile the first day. “How are you doing?” she enquired. I explained my Mom was in the hospital, and how worried I was about her. Diane explained that she’d lost her own mother about two years ago, and how deeply she still felt her loss. We were both in tears. The two of us connected the way perfect strangers can sometimes do, and for the rest of Maman’s stay, daily visits with Diane were a big part of my day.

Another person vital to my mother’s recovery was Kim, the lady who runs the beauty parlor. Feeling lousy is one thing, but knowing you look awful does terrible things to the morale. Kim kept my mother looking stylish, which went a long way toward making her feel better. My mother returned to Summit Square, not only with a chic hairstyle, but brightly painted toenails. Not what you’d expect from a hospital stay! Just in case people think it was all sweetness and light, there were the odd glitches here and there. Hospital food has a dreadful reputation, and I’m afraid I won’t contradict that notion. After days of a liquid diet, Maman was put on something called the moderate soft diet, which consisted of bland, unexciting mostly beige food, which arrived cold, whether or not that was the intention of the hospital. Salads and puddings I could understand. Cold mashed potatoes and cold gravy with a skin on it was something else. Of course, Maman and I made it even worse by spending most of our day watching the Food Channel, which got us both so hungry, we were miserable. I left the hospital every night ready to kill for a cheeseburger and fries.

After a long day at the hospital, I was physically and emotionally drained. Fortunately, I made a friend, Mr. Katz, the security guard on duty when I left. On the first day, I was in such sad shape; his smiling face and caring manner were just the tonic I needed. “I need a hug!” I had said, feeling drained. He complied. Every evening after that, I got my hug, and a lot of kind words before I went home to my mother’s empty apartment.

Finally, I was blessed with two special angels—angels with cars, not wings. Chris Edwards, a family friend, drove me and from the hospital every day, listening to my fears and complaints, my doubts and concerns. Her compassion and wisdom were limitless. Adeline Worley, mother of my high school classmate Susan, also came through for me, taking me on the day Chris couldn’t. The generosity of people can be such a comfort in times of need. I was very lucky to have so much help from such wonderful people.

Maman is now back in Assisted Living, happy to be back among the things she knows and so many friends. It’s been quite the adventure for both of us. One thing will remain a mystery, however. One day, the PA system blared out, “Dr. House to the ER, Dr. House to the ER.” A couple of us perked up, and looked at each other. We didn’t know if it was a joke or not, but if it was, we got it.

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id Baker, who will be teaching high school English and Hector Butron, who will be teaching Spanish. He is replacing Ashley Burnett who was terminated for failure to maintain his teaching license. He is replacing Ashley Burnett who is pursuing another career.

At the Monday night Macon County Board of Commissioners meeting and again at the Tuesday night school board meeting, two change orders and a new order were discussed and OK’d for Highlands.

Change order number one for $1,260 is to form and pour a concrete transformer pad with a cut-out for conduits. This work is outsourced to the general contractor for the soccer field job, which is Bryson Grading and Trucking, and involves the change out of town power behind the middle school building.

The town is making the changes to the electric system at no charge to the county. The power is used for the field lights and sprinkler system. The town is absorbing the cost of the slab and the conduits provided by the county.

The second change order is for the installation and setting of one of the four light poles around the soccer field. It is a solid rock under the area where one pole needs to be, so a larger spread-footing must be installed to support that pole.

The pole could not be relocated far enough from the others without having to deal with uneven lighting and glare.

The rock is 10 feet below the ground and the poles must be put 10-15 feet in the ground. It would cost more to move the rock than to install the spread-footing at the cost of $5,071.50.

The third issue is an additional cost of $3,000 to replace an old terra cotta sewer line from the new soccer bathrooms in the elementary wing to the sewer manhole at the street between the school and gym. The line is also the main line that feeds the school.

The old terra cotta line wasn’t replaced during the school’s 1985 renovation project and was discovered when contractors were digging for the restroom addition.

It won’t be able to withstand the weight of the trucks and equipment needed to build the soccer field and needs to be upgraded to a six-inch PVC sewer line with cleanouts. There is also a Maple tree growing on top of the line which could mean root problems later on.

The price includes repouring the sidewalks, but doesn’t include patching asphalts in the playground or parking places nor the repair of any utilities that aren’t seen at ground level.

The town has agreed to repair the asphalts at no cost to the county.

The next school board meeting is Monday, Aug. 24 at 6 p.m.

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are too continue to find remedies for major illness. That industry will be severely damaged or destroyed if the government-proposed plan is enacted.

As I understand the current Bill, the taxpayer will have to subsidize their union retirees’ and community organizer’s health plans. I consider that completely unfair and another case of discrimination as nobody subsidizes my insurance. (Sec. 164 Pg. 65)

Why will non-resident aliens get exempt from individual taxes while the rest of us have to pay taxes? (Sec. 596, Pg 170, line 1).

The above are just a few of many items that are of great concern to me and my family.

In my opinion the healthcare legislation should contain some of the following:

- A Healthcare Plan should not be a government plan but perhaps there could be Co-op’s along with other private sector plans.
- As far as Government control, it should only be involved to the extent that it assures whatever is implemented is not only deficit neutral but actually reverse the spending. We can not afford more deficit and / or more taxes.
- There should be provisions to eliminate frivolous lawsuits, waste, streamline the paperwork and red tape, and the current fraud that exists in Medicare and Medicaid. That would be a hugetax savings. Additionally, enacting legislation that would assure that the less than 20 million uninsured and uninsured have an opportunity to get insurance.
- Tort reform should be included although I realize that would be difficult to do since many of our legislators are and protect the trial lawyers instead of the people they represent.
- Small businesses should get tax benefits for proving healthcare not be taxed or penalized. We need to increase employment not reduce it and also support entrepreneurs.
- The physicians, patients and their families are the ones that need to make the medical, as well as life and death decisions, as opposed to some government agency. (Sec 123 Pg. 30)
- Additionally, elected official have allocated hundreds of millions of taxpayers’ hard earned dollars to such things as protecting turtles, of which about 80% of the funds will be spent outside of this country, seals and other wildlife, allocating millions of our dollars to build such ridiculous things as an underwater station for animals etc. The list goes on and on. Millions of our hard earned money is being spent on risque art and Bill HR 3247 Social behavior research that will probably be headed up by another Czar, $550 million dollars on Gulfstream jets for your use while Congress just criticized the automative industry for having their planes. All this reckless spending is taking place while we have so many people who’s lives have been devastated for numerous reasons yet they are left behind and forgotten because of politics and those with self interest.

What is this country coming to? Do you as my elected official have more concern over such things mentioned above than you do for those you represent?

Please do not vote for or support any Healthcare bill that is run by the Government.

Paul and Belva Horvath
Highlands

Swanson needs to sing another tune

Dear Editor,

With all due respect for Mr. Swanson’s opinion, every week I am struck with the triviality of his political outlook and the loss of his opportunity to better serve his readers.

In an era when our country is in such a bad situation who cares how often the president is on TV, or how frivolous Nancy Pelosi’s and Harry Reid’s comments are when millions of Americans have lost so much through no fault of their own.

Hang up the ideology for now … it’s country first. Forget the blame, blame, blame, and put out a hand to help all Americans get the word across to Washington that we expect better of them.

If you were to send some of your child-like, closed minded comments to Washington they would mean nothing. Use your time to write and urge people to be in touch with those in Congress weekly and please, let this administration have more than seven months to make things better. He may not be what we prefer but he is there, so be a true patriot (I know you love your country) and lend a hand instead of being so negative.

This terrible situation was not caused by someone who was on TV too much but by greedy men and their corporations and those who turned a blind eye for their own wallets. For the sake of so many Americans urge Washington to fix the problem … party does not matter at this point. My profession has been wiped off of the map so you can see! Don’t care who fixes it, just that they do it.

Use your column to push your readers to constantly be in touch with Congressional Members and then send a gross of your newspapers to the capitol weekly. Since our country’s beginning many service members have died for all of us.

At this point, I say they have died in vain and those responsible for our crisis should NEVER be allowed in another national cemetery or be able to participate in another veteran’s holiday.

Finally, if you want to quote someone how about Mr. Lincoln — “A House divided against itself cannot stand.”

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This week, I intend to humble myself completely by making predictions that will embarrass and humiliate me at a later date. Fortunately, I have my brother here as a special guest this week to provide appropriate reaction to my predictions. You may remember Christopher, he's written a similar column before... probably better than I did ... but anyway, on to the predictions.

1. Michael Vick will sign with the Oakland Raiders. Al Davis loves controversy and this would be the perfect move to get the Raiders back into the spotlight. (Christopher says) “I agree. Al Davis would make the dumbest stuff possible. Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders are like the Pirates of the NFL – they get some good pieces and begin to look brilliant, but then they get rid of them.” Thanks brother ... for agreeing with me and bashing the Pirates in one sentence.

2. After 376 carries last year, Falcons running back Michael Turner will miss time this year with an injury. The Falcons rode Turner and surprising rookie Matt Ryan to the playoffs last year, but Turner simply cannot carry that kind of workload this year and survive. Shaun Alexander is the real key here. He’ll probably tweak an ankle this year and miss a game or two, which in the NFC South could hurt them enough to keep them out of the playoffs.

3. 49ers coach Mike Singletary will do something crazy to motivate his team this year. After calling out TE Vernon Davis publicly last year and dropping his drawers in the locker room privately, Singletary made quite an impression on his first NFL head coaching stint. I’m thinking that he is going to bring the goods this year at some point... I hope I’m right. “One of my friends who graduated from ECU actually plays for the 49ers, so I get locker room updates from him at the season progresses,” says Christopher. Great... my kid brother has access to an NFL locker room. I wonder if Highlands’ Newspaper can get some credentials.... hmmm.

4. Wewill all miss John Madden’s special brand of announcing this year. It just won’t be the same without Coach Madden telling us games such as “When the guy catches the ball in the painted area like that, it’s a touchdown” or “You see that guy right there... BOOM... that’s football in the NFL.” You and your turducken will bemoan, John. Seriously, how much are we going to miss Madden inadvertently drawing multiple pictures of the male anatomy on the screen with the telestrator?

5. Which leads me right into my next prediction. Brett Favre will be back, likely going to the Vikings midway through the season if they are competing for a playoff spot. I’d put good money on that one... Brett Favre is like a terrible cold sore... you think he’s gone, but he just keeps lingering around.

6. Carolina fans are going to turn on gritty, gutty Jake Delhomme this season as he gunslings them right into mediocrity. Either that or his arm is going to fall off... one or the other. Considering that most Panther fans I know already hate the guy and are dying to get another one, this one is definitely obvious. The typical Panther fan response when they resigned Delhomme was “What the hell” which is never a good sign for your starting quarterback.

7. And finally... at some point this year, I will throw a remote control in honor of the Saints who will still make some boneheaded plays on their way to the SUPER BOWL. That’s right-the Saints are going to win the Super Bowl and Drew Brees will be the MVP of the league this season.

If that happens, then that means that all dreams will come true and I will win the lottery this year and the Tar Heels will win a football BCS championship. Ain’t happening. The Steelers are going to win it all. The Steeler s? Yeah, as long as their quarterback doesn’t have anymore “personal issues” during the season. I don’t see the Steelers going back-to-back, but then again, what do I know?
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Week Long**
- **YOGA** - all levels all week, schedule posted. Moonrise Yoga, 464 Carolina Way, 828.526.8880 www.highlandsyoga.com 827
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**Sundays**
- **Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church in the Wildwood** 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information call Kay Ward at 743-5009.
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- **Hal Phillips on piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road during the Champagne Brunch 12-2pm.**
- **Mon., Wed., & Thurs.**
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**New Yorker-touted artist Cat Chow to teach in Highlands**

Cat Chow, a critically acclaimed fiber artist who has been touted by The New Yorker as “a compelling young artist,” will teach three workshops for The Bascom next month. Chow draws on her training in fashion design when making mixed media pieces; her work incorporates zippers, measuring tapes, fish line, keys, wire and other unusual materials. The community is providing a rare opportunity to study with Chow. Sign up for one of her workshops: “The Repeated Object,” Sept. 8-9; “The Artist as Collector,” Sept. 10-11; and “Unconventional Adornment,” Sept. 12.

“**The Repeated Object**” (Sept. 8-9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) is a two-day workshop in which students will have the opportunity to create a sculpture that is inspired by the idea of repeated objects. The workshop will include a slide lecture of artists’ work, a demonstration of connecting techniques, sketching and the actual making of a finished piece. Cost is $300 for the general public and $275 for Bascom members.

“**The Artist as Collector**” (Sept. 10-11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.) gives students the opportunity to create a work inspired by collecting objects or images. Enjoy a slide lecture, class discussion, show-and-tell and the creation of a finished work. Cost is $300 for general public and $275 for Bascom members (includes some materials). Registration is open but classes fill up quickly.

The Bascom will also present an exhibition of Chow’s work, “Cat Chow: Beyond Fiber Art,” Sept. 5-Oct. 10, with an opening reception from 5-7 p.m. Sept. 5. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

The Bascom’s new address is 323 Franklin Road, Highlands. For more information about classes and events or to sign up for a Cat Chow class, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Mon., Wed., Fri.:** Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. $10 per class or $50 a month.
- **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:**
  - Closed AA meeting, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
  - Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at The New Yorker.
  - Zumba Classes at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursdays at Cashiers Rec Park. Call Mary K. Barbour at 828-342-2498. 8/13.
- **Tuesdays:**
  - 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.
- **Wednesdays & Fridays:**
  - Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
  - Every 3rd Wednesday
- **Events:*
  - **Tuesdays & Thursdays:** Zumba Classes at the Rec Park, Aerobic/dance/toning. No dance experience necessary. One-hour. $5/class, Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30, Thursdays, 8-9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursdays at Cashiers Rec Park. Call Mary K. Barbour at 828-342-2498. 8/13.
  - **Wednesdays:** Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.
  - **Mary K. Barbour at 828-342-2498.**

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**Hequembourg to teach ‘Printmaking: Applied Woodcuts’ at The Bascom**

In keeping with the historic nature of The Bascom’s new six-acre center, the visual arts, The Bascom invites a Georgia artist whose work has been greatly affected by the history of the farm and his community. H. Aaron Hequembourg has become known for his innovative prints and will be sharing techniques and ideas during a five-day printmaking workshop.

Hequembourg, who lives with his wife and four children on a restored plantation, attended the University of Iowa on a four-year scholarship. There he studied under Mauricio Lazansky. He now creates art that mixes historic imagery with contemporary methods, including the process of his own invention: his engraved wooden paintings.

Hequembourg will teach “Printmaking: Applied Woodcuts” at The Bascom Sept. 1-5 for beginning to advanced students.

“This is a marvelous opportunity to apply complicated processes to various surfaces. The end product is a strong surface that is translucent revealing images that can be worked over with a variety of media. Hequembourg has used this process to apply repeated images to wood, canvas and primed metal, and he will show students how these relatively simple procedures can combine as a useful tool in completing a composition or creating a new and interesting surface.

The class is offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is $275 for the general public and $250 for Bascom members. Classes fill quickly. To register, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.
Native Plant Conference benefits the Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station

If you’ve never visited the Highlands Botanical Garden, you are missing out on one of the greatest treasures in Highlands. The Garden covers approximately 12 acres within the Town limits and is free and open to the public year-round. The Garden features over 400 species of labeled native plants in a variety of natural ecosystems from bog to hemlock to mixed forest communities. You will find visitors and residents of all ages exploring the Garden each summer, eating lunch by Lindewood Lake or strolling the Garden paths. The Garden is located at the Highlands Biological Station, and surrounds the Station’s popular Nature Center; it is supported in part through its Annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants.

Registration is now open for this year’s Conference, which will take place Thursdays and Fridays, September 10-11. The experience includes a field trip, lectures, a luncheon, and a native plant auction. Choose among field trips that visit spectacular local private gardens landscaped extensively with native plants, or pilgrimage to view 400-year-old hemlocks near Highlands, or hike the scenic Panthertown Valley or Whiteside Mountain with experienced botanists. If hiking is not your thing, several workshops will be offered on creating Monarch butterfly waystation gardens or growing rare southern Appalachian heirloom vegetable and fruit varieties.

This year’s featured speaker is Patrick McMillan, botanist from Clemson University, but probably best known as the “Plant Hunter” from SC-ETV’s series “Expeditions.” Other speakers will include John Turner, director of the private Southern Highlands Reserve on Toxaway Mountain, who will discuss the creation of the Reserve; Jim Veteto, an ethnobotanist who will demonstrate the great diversity of southern Appalachian vegetable and fruit cultivars; John Calabra, landscape architect at the NC Arboretum who will present strategies for water conservation; and Katherine Elliott, ecologist from Cowee Hydrologic Lab, who will highlight the many changes in recent centuries to the forests of the southern Mountains. These insightful and inspiring talks are followed by a fun and informative native plant auction and wine reception, with proceeds going to the Botanical Garden to support the collections, student interns, and public programs.

To obtain a registration form or to get more information visit www.wcu.edu/hbs or call the Highlands Biological Station at 828-526-2602.
Summit One’s artists created works that imply, depict or suggest an Empty Bowl. Sales from this exhibition will benefit the area Food Banks. In addition, collection boxes will be available for your donations of non-perishable food.

Saturday, Aug. 15
• The Nantahala Club Picnic will be held at the Tasseee Shelter on the Greenway in Franklin.
• Greenway field trip at 9 a.m. in the lower parking lot of the Rec Center off Foreman Road. Pick a volunteer category: Finishing roadway grade with fire rakes — 4 people; Building Rock steps — 4 people; Operating CanyCom tracked wheelbarrow — 1 person; Operating Yanmar mini-excavator — 1 person. We will be working in the Rec Park on the loop trail and on the steps near the lower parking lot on Foreman Road. Lunch is being provided for everyone by Mary Jo Askew and Heather Mangum. If you are interested in participating please register with Hillrie Quin at 526-2385 or hquin@verizon.net. We will meet at the lower parking lot behind the Rec Park on Foreman Rd. at 9:00 AM for a brief orientation session and then walk to the trail sections for construction. Participants will be furnished the necessary tools and safety equipment and lunch. Participants should bring water, rain gear, and a day pack to hold them. Wearing clothes that can get dirty is advised.
• Bark of Life event at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. as part of this year’s Relay for Life activities. Bark for Life, which will be a non-competitive, dog walk-a-thon to raise both awareness and funds for the fight against human and animal cancers, will last until noon. Anyone interested in bringing their dog and walking to fight cancer is invited to participate. You can register that morning on site. A $20 registration fee the morning of the event gets your dog a goody bag, a bandana, and a Relay purple blanket. Survivor dogs will also receive a purple ribbon for their bandana. Water stations and wading pools will be provided.

Sunday, Aug. 16
• The congregation at Highlands United Methodist Church will be celebrating 100 years of worship at their location at 315 Main Street. The day will begin at 10 a.m. with a time of song and story in the sanctuary, a worship service at 11 a.m., and afterward a covered dish lunch.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy to moderate 1.5 mile hike up the Albert Mountain trail, stopping at the fire tower for views of the Nantahala Mountains and another stop at the Appalachian Trail shelter. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 35 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coniell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors and children over 10 are welcome, but no pets please.
• Mirror Lake Improvement Association meets at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
• The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Classic at the Cullasaja Club. Call David Cull at 526-3531 to register. Shotgun start at noon.
• The Jackson County Republican Organization will hold an Orrville Coward Forum on healthcare at 7 p.m. at the group’s headquarters, 482 West Main Street in downtown Sylva. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Peterson, Medical Director of Crescent Preferred Provider Organization, Inc., a health care provider organization based in Asheville, NC. He has been instrumental in making Crescent PPO a successful alternative to other similar organizations who provide health care management services for businesses and other organizations in the Western North Carolina area. As major changes to the health care system in the US are about to be made, there are multiple questions to be asked and answered. For additional information call 828 586-3577 or Republican Headquarters @ 828 586-8965.

Tuesday, Aug. 18
• Free lecture at Mountain Chiropractic at Laurel Terrace in Cashiers at 6 p.m. Topic: Men Only Wed., Aug. 19
• Summer Interlude at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Smokey Mountain Brass Quintet. Free.
• CLE presents Scalia and Kennedy 2007 –

FOR THE “LOVE OF LITERACY”

Literacy Council of Highlands’ Gala Premiere of Highlands-Cashiers Players’ production of “Accomplice,” slated for August 19th at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

If you’ve ever wished that you could experience Red Carpet Treatment like Hollywood celebrities, plan to attend the Literacy Council of Highlands’ Gala Premiere of Highlands-Cashiers Players’ production of “Accomplice,” slated for August 19th at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

The Gala has everything you’d find in a Hollywood premiere: a marvelous show that’s heavy on the thrills and laughs, marvelously indulgent hors’oeuvres, prizes that aren’t available to the general public, paparazzi vying for the perfect shot, music, and laughter. There’s one critical difference, though — you’re not strolling the Red Carpet.

The fun starts at 6:30 p.m. with champagne, wine, and heavy hors’oeuvres provided by …on the Verandah and the terrace in Cashiers at 6 p.m. Topic: Men Only Wed., Aug. 19

Box Office opens for ‘Accomplice’

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

It’s getting close. The Highlands-Cashiers Players’ production of *Accomplice* will open Thursday, Aug. 20, at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. The Box Office, 526-8084, will be open for season subscribers Thursday and Friday, Aug. 13 and 14, and will start sales of general tickets on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Rupert Holmes’ comedy murder mystery thriller is both suspenseful and humorous. The twists and turns of the plot will keep the audience guessing until the final curtain. BUT, particulars of the storyline cannot be revealed or the fun and surprises would be spoilt. You are allowed to know, however, that *Accomplice* received the Mystery Writers of America’s coveted Edgar Award (the Oscar of mystery plays) for best play.

Here is what some of the critics had to say about *Accomplice* when it opened on Broadway in 1990:

**Accomplice** has some of the freshest and most brilliant dialogue I’ve ever heard in any play. I think Mr. Holmes may be a genius.”

Rex Reed, New York Observer

“The wittiest and most accomplished foiler since Deathtrap — darnably clever.” Dan Sullivan, LA Times

“A thriller that both charms and mystifies, a breathtaking, wonderful entertaining ride through an ever-shifting series of planes. A coup de theatre!” Marianne Evett, Cleveland Plains Dispatch.

The Players’ five-member cast includes some of their most experienced actors and veteran actor of the Atlanta area. The handsome set, a cottage converted from an old English mill, was designed by Kathy Evans and built by Worth Construction and CPC volunteers. Virginia Talbot is the director.

*Accomplice* runs Thursday through Sunday, August 20-23, and Thursday through Sunday, August 27-30. Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 with special rates for groups of 10 or more. Call 526-8084 for reservations.

*Accomplice* is rated PG 13 and contains adult situations. The show is sponsored in part by Cyrano’s Bookshop.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

2008: A Swing and a Legacy from 10-12 at Highlands Community Building. Dr. Malcolm Abel leads us to a better understanding of Chief Justice Robert’s Court through an in-depth analysis of the role of these two men and their impact on the definition of what constitutes a landmark case. Call 526-8811 for more information.

- The International Friendship Center, with funding given last year from the Cullasaja Women's Outreach (CWO) to establish a support group for women and children victims of domestic violence, will host a self-defense course offered by the Continuing Education Program at Western Carolina University. The free course will be held on Wednesday at the Highlands Rec Park from 6-8pm. It is open to all women. The 2-hour class will teach easy-to-remember techniques that may save lives. Topics will include: violence awareness & survival, unarmed self-defense skills, and weapons for self defense. The course instructor, David Bradley, has over 20 years of experience instructing physical training and survival skills to a wide variety of people from different occupations and backgrounds. If you are interested in signing up for this Free class, please call the International Friendship Center at 828-526-9939 ext. 290. Space is limited. All women are welcome and Spanish interpretation will be provided. The Cullasaja Womens’ Outreach organization is to be recognized and thanked for the generous donation that makes this and many other worthwhile community programs possible.

**Thursday, Aug. 20**
- An organ recital at First Presbyterian Church featuring Norman Mackenzie, internationally known organist and choral director, at 8 p.m. Mackenzie will perform on the 16 foot Walkin pipe organ at the church. The recital is free and open to all.
- The Jackson County Republican Organization will hold a joint precinct meeting for the Cashiers, Hamburg and Mountain precincts at 6:45 PM, on Thursday, August 20 at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. These precincts include Cashiers, Sapphire, Norton and Glenville communities. The meeting serves to introduce attendees to precinct organization and to begin planning for upcoming elections. Also voter registration forms will be available. Republicans and unaffiliated voters are invited to attend. For additional information contact precinct organizers Ralph Slaughter at 828-743-6492 or Jim Nichols at 828-508-8048. Information is also available at Republican Headquarters, 828-586-9895 and on the website www.jacksoncogop.com.

**Saturday, Aug. 22**
- At Cyrano’s Bookshop, author Tom Moore Craig signing “Up Country Goes to War” from 1-3 p.m.
- At Summit One Gallery on Second Street, “The Empty Bowl.” 10-5 Saturday, Aug. 15 and 1-4 Sunday, Aug. 16 works by artists that imply, depict or suggest an Empty Bowl will be on display. Sales from this exhibition will benefit the area Food Banks. In addition, collection boxes will be available for your donations of non-perishable food. Shown is Burnished by Tom Bluemlein, Oil on Canvas, 16x20 canvas.

- The 12THAnnual Cashiers Designer Show- House, the “ONLY” showhouse in the mountain area this year at the historic Hanks House, 1903 Highway 107 South, just south of the Cashiers crossroads. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 10am-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm. General Admission is $25. For more information, call 828-743-7710.

**Sunday, Aug. 23**
- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 5 mile hike on the Appalachian Trail from Deep Gap to Standing Indian Mountain, with an elevation change of 1,100. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 9 a.m. Drive 35 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Bill Van Horn at 389-1983 for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

**Saturday, Aug. 26**
- The “Royal Scribblers” will present a reading at the Pavilion in Cashiers, next to the Village Playground from 3-4 p.m. To register to present a five minute reading, send a note with contact information to Cashiers Writers Group, P.O.B. 2145, Cashiers, NC 28717.

**Tues. & Wed., Aug 25-26**
- CLE presents Two-Day Art Workshop: Gyo-taku-The Art of the Fish Print (day 1) and Letting Nature Flow-Nature Painting (day 2) from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Civic Center. Nationally known artist Heather Forner will guide artists through processes of capturing the gracefulness and beauty of nature in this two day workshop. Call 526-8811 for more information.

**Wed., Aug. 26**
- See EVENTS page 30

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Empty Bowl exhibit to benefit area food banks this weekend

Come on down to Highway 57 where the gas is cheap and the food is hot! The Pump Boys and the Dinettes deliver service with a smile and a song. The show has been met with overwhelming praise, “This is our first time to the Highlands area and to the Playhouse. This show makes me want to come back again and again”, says one local theatre-goer. Don’t let this show pass you by!

Set somewhere between Frog Level and Smyrna, North Carolina, along the route of Highway 57, we find the Pump Boys, selling fuel, working on cars and driving the women crazy! Across the street we meet the Dinettes, Prudie and Rhetta Cupp, who own the Double Cupp Diner and who always have a warm smile and a hot pie to serve up! The guys and gals sing about life, love, work and relationships. It is a remarkable tribute to life by the roadside.

‘Pump Boys’ continues at The Playhouse

The show opens Aug. 20, runs through August 16. Show times are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are $30 for adults and $12 for children. You may visit the Box Office at 362 Oak Street in downtown Highlands or you may call 828-526-2695 and order by phone.

Don’t forget about the final show of the season! Dial M for M urder, sponsored by Lupoli Construction, is a suspenseful whodunit that will chill you and thrill you to the end.

The show opens Aug. 20 and runs through Aug. 30. Show times are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults and $12 for children. There will be an opening night reception catered by New Mountain Events immediately following the performance. Please note, there will be a Preview Night Performance of Dial M for Murder on Wed., Aug. 19 at 8 p.m. It is by donation only. For tickets or more information, contact the Highlands Playhouse Box Office.
What happens when you believe in Jesus Christ?

Rev. Sam Forrester
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

There are sermons on top of sermons preached about believing in Jesus as your Lord and Savior. In these sermons you are called to come to Jesus and be saved. You are told that salvation will open heaven’s gate, grant you forgiveness of sins and ultimately bring you to peace, all wonderful things, but what is it going to do for you as you live the rest of your life on this earth?

There are four things the gospel says about how you will get along with the rest of your earthly life after salvation, but they seem to get lost in the explanation far too often. It would do all good to stop and review those things, to keep them ever fresh in your heart.

First, when you believe, the Scripture promises that Jesus Christ, as you learn about him and all he has done for you, will become precious to you. I Peter 2:7 “Now to you who believe, this stone (Jesus) is precious.”

You cannot accept Jesus Christ when you place no value on him or what he offers. If you believe he died on Calvary’s cross in your place and that you have received pardon from God through his sacrifice, then the better you understand this, the more value his sacrifice has in your heart.

One of the problems so many face is they walk an isle and tell the preacher they believe but they never give any value to Jesus and his works in their lives. They go out of the church and value everything in this world more than they value Jesus. The Scripture says those who truly believe place an infinite value on the one who saved them.

Second, there is something that begins to happen in the heart of everyone who truly believes in Jesus. When true faith has taken up residence in the heart, the heart will begin to be purified. Peter in speaking to the Council in Jerusalem about the Gentiles accepting Christ says in Acts 15:9, “He (God) made no distinction between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith.”

Third, when you come to believe on Jesus there is a change in where you place your hope and trust. To believe on Jesus is to begin to be weaned from this world. I John 5:4 “Everyborn born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”

This world in which we live, our lives are under the reign of Satan. He has the right to rule from Adam in the garden, he is the prince of this world. Therefore, this world is a place of pain, suffering and death. Only through Jesus Christ can you find the strength and courage to put away the things and people that are a hindrance to your walk with him.

See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 14
The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from July 28. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 28
• At 1 p.m., officers assisted a resident on Horse Cove Road who was locked out of her house.

July 29
• Officers on patrol identified a person on Mirror Lake Road who wasn’t supposed to be out of the state of Florida. Florida authorities were notified.
• At 10:40 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and Oak. There were no injuries.
• At 4 p.m., Mark William Lendon, 40, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI when he failed to stop at a stop sign on the Walhalla Road. Officers also found an “open container” of alcohol in his vehicle.
• At 10:40 a.m., the dept. responded to an accident at Main and Oak streets. There were no injuries.
• At 5:30 p.m., officers received a call concerning a possible purse snatching at Bryson’s Food Store. A woman claimed someone pushed her down while at the register, took her purse and ran out of the store. Officers later learned that the purse had been lost the week before and that the woman had dementia.
• At 5:28 p.m., officers responded to a call about a barking dog at a residence on Hickory Hills Road. The owners were told to keep the dog quiet.
• At 10:08 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Choctaw Lane to assist EMS with a patient.

Aug. 1
• At little after midnight officers were called to a residence on Holt Knob Road concerning a loud party.
• At 1:30 a.m., officers received a call for service from residents who were caught in the rain without a car. They were escorted home.
• At little after midnight officers were called to a residence on Bonnie Lane to assist another agency.
• At 1:35 p.m., officers were called to Highlands School because the doors were left open, but they were open to disperse chemical orders due to the remodeling.
• At 11:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Bonnie Lane to assist another agency.

Aug. 2
• At 1:30 p.m., officers received a call for service from residents who were caught in the rain without a car. They were escorted home.
• At 2:30 p.m., officers were called to Highlands School because the doors were left open, but they were open to disperse chemical orders due to the remodeling.

Aug. 3
• At little after midnight, officers were called to a residence on Bonnie Lane to assist another agency.
• At 1:35 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Hicks Road concerning a verbal dispute between two people. No charges were filed.
• At 1:38 p.m., officers were called to Arnold Road to assist another agency in determining if there had been a break in. The residence was secure.

Aug. 4
• At 11:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence concerning a possible break-in but all was OK.
• At 7:30 p.m., officers received a call from a resident on Satulah Ridge Road who said she had received a call from someone posing to be a law enforcement agent claiming her son was in jail. She called her son and learned he was safe at home. Officers said it was a possible phone scam.

Aug. 5
• At 7:22 a.m., officers were called to the SECU ATM in Highlands Plaza that had been vandalized when someone tried to break into it.

Aug. 6
• At 11:30 a.m., William Mathew Wallin, 52, of Highlands, was arrested for causing an accident and bodily harm to a 4-year-old boy who was airlifted to Mission Memorial following a head-on collision at U.S. 64 east and Sherwood Forest on May 27, 2009.
• At 8:45 p.m., Brian D. McClellan, 52, of Highlands was arrested for DWI at Main and U.S. 64 when he was stopped for speeding and swerving his vehicle. He was released from jail on a secured bond. His court hearing is set for Sept. 23.

Aug. 8
• At 4 p.m., Mark William Lendon, 40, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI on N.C. 28. His vehicle has been seized because he was caught driving under the influence during his 10-day revocation period. He was arrested for DWI on July 30.

During the week, police officers responded to 6 alarms and issued 53 citations.

Officers on duty during the week issued 19 Class-3 misdemeanors.

For full details, see LOGS page 30

**Hex-a-Ku©**
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, 3x2 cells in the puzzle layout have the same different letters. (This is similar to 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 row, column or cell.

**Mystery Word:**
Slows down

**Across**
1. Showed the way (3)
2. Utter (3)

**Down**
3. Meadow (3)
4. Young man (3)
5. You (medieval) (2)

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**PseudoCube©**
by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

**#DZ3A Level of Difficulty - Hard**

**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 equaling 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 #BZ3A in July 30 issue**

**Solution to Aug. 6 Hex-a-Ku**
**Relay ‘Bark of Life’ event at Rec Park, this Saturday, Aug. 15**

*Area dogs will be howling for joy for a morning out at the Highlands Rec. Park this Saturday, as Mountain Top Relay For Life hosts its first ever Bark For Life. The event is part of the 2009 Relay For Life which raises money for the American Cancer Society’s fight against cancer. The main Relay will take place Aug. 28, but area dogs will have their day on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. Bark For Life, which will be a non-competitive, dog walk-a-thon to raise both awareness and funds for the fight against human and animal cancers, will last until noon. Anyone interested in bringing their dog and walking to fight cancer is invited to participate. You can register that morning on site. A $20 registration fee entitles your dog to receive a goody bag, a bandana, and a Relay purple blanket. Survivor dogs will also receive a purple ribbon for their bandana. Water stations and watering pools will be provided.

In addition to the walk itself, the event will offer a variety of fun activities. Highlands Police Officer John Cherry and his K9 dog, Ruby, will be giving drug search demonstrations. And so will search and rescue dog trainer Lee Bryson, from South Carolina. The will also be fun contests for the dogs with the best costume, the best trick for treat, owner look-a-like, most pampered pet, best fetch, longest and shortest tail, and youngest and oldest dog.

Artist Laura John will be on hand demonstrating her craft, as will pet photographer Michael Davoff. And if you don’t have a dog to walk during the event the Cashiers Highlands Humane Society Service will be on site with adoptable dogs.

The festivities begin with a short survivors walk around a ring at Highlands Rec. Park, led by cancer survivors – either human or canine.

Dozens of area restaurants and businesses in and around Highlands have gotten behind the event by donating more than 30 items that will be part of a series of raffle drawings and a silent auction that will begin on through out the morning.

**Cashiers Designers Showhouse goes ‘green’**

The 2009 Cashiers Designer Showhouse is going “GREEN.” You won’t want to miss this opportunity “to get out of the box” and see how our more than 20 talented designers display through their individual interior designs ways to: a) protect the environment; b) provide a healthy home and c) be economically wise.

Starting Saturday, August 22nd through Sunday, September 6th (with an opening night Patron Party - Friday, August 21st), the house Nancy Hanks House at 1903 Highway 107 South will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm. Admission at the door is $25. On the grounds and in the walls of this circa 1840 house you will see this year’s themes: “Green – Leaving a Legacy” come alive through:

A) innovative, creative and thoughtfully designed rooms around green guidelines
B) a “green lesson” shared by each designer to increase the visitor’s awareness
C) an historic house in a natural setting complete with organic garden
D) our renowned featured designer, Jillian Pritchard Cooke, nationally and internationally known for her trendsetting designs to incorporate green design wherever possible.

**Commissioner McClellan arrested**

On Thursday, Aug. 6, at 6:45 p.m., Brian D. McClellan, 52, of Highlands was arrested for DWI at Main and U.S. 64 when he was stopped for speeding and swerving his vehicle.

McClellan is a Macon County Commissioner representing District I. He was elected Nov. 2006.

He represents the commission on the Child and Family Council, Criminal Justice Partnership, Highlands TDC, Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee, Solid Waste Advisory Board, and Watershed Review Board.

In a written statement McClellan said: “I made a bad mistake for which I am truly sorry. I apologize to my wife, my family, the Macon County Board of Commissioners and the people of Macon County for my poor judgment. I ask all of them for forgiveness. I will continue to work hard to earn the trust and support of all those who have placed faith in me.”

Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale, said the issue is a legal one and doesn’t involve the commission.

According to state statute, a commissioner is not subject to removal from the board unless he is convicted of a felony which would disqualify him from voting process.

McClellan was released from jail on a secured bond. His court hearing is set for Sept. 23.
Volunteers from Mountain Findings, the community “Resale Shop“ for furniture and household items has worked throughout the past year to raise funds to assist the many non-profit agencies in our area. Pictured below are representatives of Mountain Findings as they present checks to three of the agencies which received funds in 2009.

Right, Tom and Rose Hill of Mountain Findings in Highlands presented the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic with a check for $4,000 on Monday. Said Dr. Tom Smith of the Clinic, “We can use this money to provide roughly $20,000 worth of free dental care to those in need.” The check brings the total given away to charity by Mountain Findings, a thrift store that operates on solely volunteer labor and donations, to $70,000 for the year.

Below, Trisha Roelke, Secretary of Mountain Findings, presented a check for $1,000 recently to Cassie Welsh, Executive Director of the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society. Ms. Roelke said Mountain Findings Members chose the shelter as one of their beneficiaries for charitable donations this year because so many of their members are animal lovers and because the shelter continues to provide such excellent care to all the animals.

August Rotary Bingo winner

The Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands Playhouse partnered to sponsor “Playhouse Bingo” with all proceeds going to Highlands Playhouse. Angie Thiemann, a visitor from Florida, won $150 in the final Super Bingo game. She is shown here with Rotary President Paul Schmitt and Highlands Playhouse Board member Dwight Bryant. Mr. Bryant donated a custom designed plate to the final winner.

CCP named ‘The Best’

Country Club Properties has been selected for the 2009 Best of Highlands Award in the Real Estate Agents category by the US Commerce Association. Each year, the US Commerce Association (USCA) identifies companies that it believes have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. CCP represents a local company that enhances the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.