Sheriff Dept. grants backed by Fed money

Federal stimulus money is being used in Highlands, for school system projects and now for the Macon County Sheriff’s Department.

At the August 10 Macon County Commission meeting, the board unanimously gave permission to the Sheriff’s Department to apply for two COPS Grants.

“Stimulus funds have expedited the grant approval process and we were notified this July that the 2009 proposal had been approved and we were eligible for $41,950 in Federal funds,” said Sheriff Robert Holland.

The funds won’t be available until the next Federal fiscal year which begins on Oct. 1, 2009 and the two resolutions are for two separate grants—one for a 25% local match and one for a 50% local match.

The COPS grant equipment consists of four mobile data terminals.

RBC Centura Bank robbed a gunpoint

Highlands, NC, has made the regional TV news several times over the last few months and it happened again Thursday after tellers at RBC Centura Bank were robbed at gunpoint.

Around 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, a man carrying a tote bag and a .410-gauge shotgun entered the lobby of RBC Centura Bank on U.S. 64 west, shot the gun into the ceiling and demanded cash.

Three bank teller witnesses say his identity was hidden head to toe.

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Abandoned home should be dealt with

Dear Editor,

August in Highlands is beautiful. All the flowers are blooming, the trees and shrubbery are green from summer rains. But there is one glaring blemish on this magnificent landscape. The run-down house on U.S. 64 east of town across from the Rolling Acres subdivision. It has appeared this way for several years. Is there any way we can have this demolished?

Maybe the county tax collector would give the owner a break on property taxes if the building was removed or perhaps the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department could hold a practice exercise and burn it for training purposes.

Whichever, I believe most residents and guests would agree that this is an eyesore that should be removed.

J.E. Woodward
Highlands

Hospital and staff are tops

Dear Editor,

With all the healthcare in the news I thought this note was appropriate. I have been visiting Highlands for over 20 years. This past week I had the first time occasion to visit the Emergency Room in Highlands. It was a most satisfying experience. They were timely, professional and most kind. To top it all Dr. B. prescribed medicine that made me well.

Thank you Highlands/Cashiers community for having such a fine facility. Your emergency room certainly does have qualified people that I came in contact with.

I do hope after our President and Congress gets through with their changes we still have the health care quality that we have now.

Margaret Finn
Sylacauga, AL

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there is nothing specific in Highlands’ code about subdivision signage but in other communities a time limit is attached to signs for subdivisions under development.

“Right now we are being asked to remove all our signs and we would like permission to work with the town on this,” said builder David Bocci. “Don’t ask us to pull the signs now when we’re trying to make something of this season.”

Developer Bill Nellis said “Call off the dogs. We’re dying here.” He said a previous administrator said they could put up subdivision signs as long as they were no more than 16 feet square.

Rick Joyner, with Country Club Properties, said the subdivision signs that list lots and amenities are advertising millions of dollars as invested by clients and they are needed.

“Give us some time until a decision is made or code written to specifically address this,” he said. “Typical real estate signs that are allowed aren’t sufficient concerning subdivisions.”

Commissioner Hank Ross made the motion to impose a moratorium on the removal of subdivision signs until the Planning Board drafts an ordinance.

“Signs are important to developers and developers need an ordinance to address this.”

Since they were given permission previously, it’s reasonable to allow them to have signs until we have a policy,” he said.

Commissioner Buzz Dotson agreed only requesting that an ordinance be in place by January 1.

The board voted unanimously to allow the existing signs to stay through the end of the year.

The second issue not on the agenda concerned dilapidated buildings that create an eyesore in town.

Commissioner Ross said he had received several complaints specifically about the yellow house on U.S. 64 east that has a broken front window and broken boards on the porch.

“This house has been this way for years and I don’t know if the Planning Board should approach it as an aesthetic issue or a safety issue but something has to be done,” he said. “We take pride in our town and care about its aesthetics and these are eyesores.”

He also referred to the old Northland Cable building that is now owned by O&I on N.C. 106. “I think it’s awful that both these buildings are seen as you enter the town.”

Cooley said there is no condemnation process in place for Highlands and there is no minimum building standard in the county. “Furthermore, the county would be responsible for condemnation because it is in an ETJ — which is where the yellow house is located — so the town has to be careful. “But there’s a possibility this could be handled as an aesthetic or safety issue.”

The town has asked the owner of the yellow house to let the fire department burn it down for a practice burn but the owner said he didn’t want to pay the $450 associated with the procedure.

Commissioner Larry Rogers suggested the town or neighbors absorb the cost, but no one thought anyone but the owner should pay.

In the end, the board voted unanimously to have the Planning Board consider an ordinance to deal with structures that are eyesores either from a safety or aesthetic vantage point.

“I’m not the expert on how they should approach this I’ll leave it to them,” said Commissioner Ross.

See next week’s issue for more Town Board stories including agreements with DOT, the county, and Macon Bank: using grant money for stormwater remediation on Pine Street, Kelsey-Hutchinson park design, the purchasing of police vehicles and much more.

We’re not permitted to provide quotes or information from the branches in the event of a robbery. Particularly since the investigation is ongoing,” said bank manager Sue Gorski deferring to Dorsey Landis, public relations specialist with RBC corporate.

“We are working with the proper local authorities and are in contact with the banking center manager responsible for that location,” said Landis. “It’s the bank’s policy not to comment on robbery situations, but to ask that you contact the authorities in your area if you need more information.”

Authorities are investigating but so far there are few leads in the case.

At first officials thought the Aug. 13 robbery may have been linked to a series of bank robberies going on in the Hendersonville, NC vicinity over the last two months. But video footage of those robberies show a man with easily identifiable tattooed forearms and a “brazen” attitude — attributes that don’t match the Highlands robber. Authorities also reported a bank in Myrtle Beach, SC, had been robbed by a man matching the description of the robber from the Hendersonville area around the same time.

“We’re hoping he has moved south,” they said.

The video tape of the robbery at RBC Centura was sent to Raleigh where it is undergoing enhancement techniques.

Chief Harrell asks anyone with any information leading to the apprehension of the robber to contact the department.
R. William (“Bill”) Metzger Sr.

R. William (“Bill”) Metzger Sr., of Cashiers, NC, died on August 13, 2009. Born in Willoughby, Ohio on April 2, 1930, he had a successful business career that included executive positions with Air Products, Eutectic, Disston Tools and The Triangle Corporation. With Triangle, he was President of Utica Tool Company in Orangeburg, SC for 15 years, living in Columbia. When giving the commencement address at Orangeburg-Calhoun Tech in 1976, he stated “if you deal intelligently through people … if you work with your fellow man and make the maximum contribution your abilities will allow, then you are an important part of the free enterprise system.”

After a brief retirement to Isle of Palms, South Carolina, he also served as President and CEO of Envirometrics, Inc. in Charleston, SC. At the time of his death he was once again in semi-retirement status “assisting” his wife and daughter in their antique business in Cashiers.

He is survived by his adoring wife of 59 years, Vivianne, and their five children: Cheryl Tibbetts and husband Bill of Cashiers; Jeffrey Metzger and wife Shelia of Boulder, Colorado; Michael Metzger and wife Kathy of Fair Oaks, California; David Metzger and wife Marraya of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and R. William Metzger Jr. and wife Jeannie of Columbia, SC. Those five children brought Bill much love and pride, as well as nine grandchildren; Ken and Rob Tibbetts, Stacy and Matt Metzger, Michael and Patrick Metzger, Kate Metzger, William and Christopher Metzger- and two great-grandchildren- Marshall and Henry Tibbetts.

His wife and his family were his pride and joy and he lived life to the fullest. He will be sorely missed by all. A private family service will be held at St. Jude’s Catholic Church in Cashiers, NC. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society (Cancer Research) or the National Parkinson Foundation, Inc.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences can be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Laura Kremser

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Kremser one of two Macon residents to participate in research exhibition at WCU

Two Macon County residents were among Western Carolina University students who were recognized for participation in research exhibitions during the 2008-09 school year.

Laura Renee Kremser of Highlands presented “Alzheimer’s Disease: Gender and Toy Preferences” at the Undergraduate Expo. A senior during the spring semester majoring in psychology, she is the daughter of Buddy and Sheri Kremser of Highlands. She received an associate degree at Southwestern Community College in 2007.

Amber Michelle Baxley of Franklin presented “DC Comics” and “Comics Restaurant Design” at WCU’s annual Undergraduate Expo research exhibition. A senior during the spring semester majoring in interior design, Baxley is the daughter of Franklin residents Larry Baxley and Frances Deitz.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, HUMC was packed to the rafters with folks who gathered to celebrate its centennial anniversary on Main Street. The morning began with song and stories in the sanctuary followed by a worship service and a covered dish luncheon enjoyed inside the fellowship hall and out on the front lawn.

United Methodist Church celebrates 100 years on Main Street

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**Laughing at Life**

**Cellphobia**

S o I’m creeping along Main Street, Highlands, on a busy Saturday afternoon when I see the backup lights come on from a Hummer in a parking spot ahead of me. I’m not looking for a parking place as there are many available so I keep driving, knowing the driver will yield until I pass. Just as I’m only a few feet away, this bone-headed babe, probably from Otto, starts to slowly back up. Then I see it. She’s on her cell phone and her mouth is moving faster than a preacher’s lips on Sunday morning. We’re about to collide. This one-head is not even looking to see who might be behind her. Hey, when ya own a Hummer and a Blackberry, everybody better get outta the way, I had to take evasive action. Trying to reach for the gear shift to back up, I accidentally dropped my electric shaver. In my attempt to keep it from hitting the floor, I grabbed for it, knocking it into my full coffee cup in my other hand. Coffee went everywhere. The Hummer continued to close in. (A little “Shark” music, please.)

I slammed my little Honda into reverse but, as fate would have it, a driver behind me was only inches from my rear bumper and he was on his cell phone, oblivious to what was about to happen. Maybe he was talking to the babe in the Hummer, who knows. I had no choice. I would have to commit the mortal sin of Highlands and blow my horn.

Now the horn on a l’il Honda Fit is not the horn on a Mack truck. It went “neep, neep, neep” and the Hummer continued to back up. It’s panic time. I laid on the horn, “neeeeeeep” but now I see she is flailing her one other arm at the person on the cell phone. Can they see each other? I thought as her bumper kissed my bumper and everything came to a stop.

She slowly climbed from her perch and walked back to my car. She was on her cell phone, mouth moving a hundred miles an hour. I heard her say, “Well, I’m not making this up. When I retired from cop work, I announced, ‘I’m done,’ meaning I would never own a cell phone. The l’il missus has one but I don’t touch it. The other day I picked it up and said, ‘OK, I’ve entered the phone number. Now what do I do?’ I’m not making this up.

When I left from cop work, I announced, “I’m done,” meaning I would never own a cell phone or beeper again. I was sick of them. And the l’il missus has one self-imposed strict rule regarding her cell phone etiquette. She never answers or uses it in the presence of others. Amen, America, I suggest you do the same.
Seniors against ‘Obama Care’ have enjoyed government-backed health care since 1964

The perfect health care system doesn’t exist. In an ideal world everyone would get lots of exercise and eat a balanced diet. Motorists would always wear seat belts and adhere to posted limits. Motorcyclists would never leave their helmets at home and would avoid passing on treacherous mountain roads. Nobody would smoke. Kids would brush after every meal and lay the Game Boy aside in favor of running and jumping. Pregnant moms would smoke. Kids would be fully vaccinated against preventable illnesses while they remain in the womb. They would get appropriate checkups to catch preventable illnesses while they remain curable. Folks would get plenty of sleep and good nutrition. Americans are more interested in fast than nutritious food, more apt to take a tranquilizer than work out frustrations in the gym. Weshun responsibility and just want a quick fix, a pill or an operation done for them.

In an ideal system, unavoidable illness would be dealt with without errors or costly complications. Physicians would wash their hands between each patient visit and select drugs and devices based on evidence, rather than the ones touted by a salesman bearing doughnuts. State-of-the-art care would be available for all, without bankrupting either the individual or society. The goal is unattainable. We have to do the best we can with what we have. Nether England nor Canada has a perfect system, nor does United States.

No one should argue that the English system of socialized medicine is perfect. It has produced long waits for elective procedures. Hospitals are often understaffed and overcrowded. However, the system provides reasonably good care for everyone, inferior to that enjoyed by wealthy Americans, but far superior to that suffered by our less fortunate citizens. I wish I could believe that those aspects of the health care legislation that involve wellness and prevention would produce results. I don’t, and any projections that include reduction in long-term health care costs as a result of these initiatives are hogwash. Any money spent on initiatives will be largely wasted. I wish I could believe that this column would encourage even one reader to take responsibility for his own health. I can wish. I can hope. But I don’t believe.

The debate over health care reform is well underway, and the future looks bleak.

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raging throughout the country, or more correctly, people are raging throughout the country to prevent a debate on health care reform.

When Sara Palin referred to “death panels,” congressmen who had previously supported end-of-life discussions between the elderly and their doctors ran for the hills, or maybe tundra. Proposed legislation proposes that Medicare pay doctors to take the time to have a frank discussion with their patients about end-of-life care choices, if their patients wish to have such a conversation. That’s all. We are terrified of death. Here’s a bit of late-breaking news. Death is the future of each of us. Get used to it. Accept it. Get with your doctor and plan for it. In the unlikely event that the “death panel” provision is still present in the final bill, Medicare will pay him for his time.

Seniors have been whipped into a panic and have declared their opposition to “Obama Care.” The elderly, who have enjoyed the protection of Medicare since 1964, are demonstrating against a proposal which might provide some security to millions of uninsured and under-insured Americans. Seniors aren’t afraid of government intrusion. They have enjoyed government-funded care for nearly half a century. Their fear is that they might be forced to accept reduced benefits to help pay for coverage for others. Or, maybe they are afraid of death panels. It’s just unseemly for old people to be so selfish. It’s grotesque to see a Medicare recipient holding a poster declaring, “Seniors against Obama Care.”

The health care crisis is too important to be reduced to slogans and distortions, but unfortunately that’s all too often how we do things in America. We must decide what we need. We must decide how much of the nation’s treasure we can afford to devote to health care. Then we must make some very difficult decisions – decisions that will inevitably include rationing care.

In the past six weeks we’ve lost my brother and Lizzie’s Mom to vicious forms of cancer. In both cases, I argued against extraordinary care which might have prolonged their lives for a few weeks, but without corresponding improvement in the quality of their final days. Before the angry letters start flowing in, I wanted you to know.

In town happenings
Thursday, Aug. 20

• Opening night at the Highlands Playhouse featuring “Dial M for Murder.” Call 526-2695 for tickets.
• Opening night for Highlands-Cashiers Players’ “Accomplice.” Call 526-8084 for tickets.
• Also, Norman Mackenzie on the organ at First Presbyterian Church at 8 p.m. The concert is free.
Perhaps one of the most surprising aspects of the current health care reform debate is that the liberals/Democrats were not prepared to be attacked. After the experience Bill Clinton went through as president and the viciousness of recent presidential campaigns — Swift Boat Rescue attacks on John Kerry, for example — you’d think the Obama administration would have planned ahead. But instead they seemed to have had the naive belief that since Obama won the election with a large Democratic majority in both houses of Congress that meant they would be able to pass their agenda without opposition.

The Washington Post editorial page, which has become a haven for conservatives with only the rare liberal voice, published a fascinating op-ed in last Sunday’s paper: “In America, Crazy Is a Preexisting Condition: Birthers, Town Hall Hecklers and the Return of Right-Wing Rage,” by Rick Perlstein.

Whenever the Democrats are in power, it seems, the Republicans preach some variation on the theme of “the liberals will destroy the country.” In the 1930s when Franklin Roosevelt proposed Social Security, conservatives said the president was going to ruin the country with this socialism.

Mr. Pearlstein writes, “In the early 1950s, Republicans referred to the presidencies of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman as ‘20 years of treason’ and accused the men who led the fight against fascism of deliberately surrendering the free world to communism. And when the Republicans won the White House in 1954, Vice President Richard Nixon claimed that the new Republicans arriving in the White House ‘found in the files a blueprint for socializing America.’

“When John F. Kennedy became president, he proposed to anchor America’s nuclear defense in intercontinental ballistic missiles — instead of long-range bombers — and form closer ties with Eastern Bloc countries such as Yugoslavia; this was evidence to the right-wing that Kennedy was secretly disarming the United States. The federal government expanded mental health services in the Kennedy era, and one bill provided for a new facility in Alaska. One of the most widely listened-to right-wing radio programs in the country, hosted by a former FBI agent, had millions of Americans believing it was being built to intern political dissenters, just like in the Soviet Union.”

Our current “debate” about health care is greatly distorted by lies, distortions, misrepresentations, and manipulation of an uninformed populace. Most people have probably heard of the ignorant anti-reform protestor telling his congressman to “keep the government’s hands off my Medicare.”

I had the chance to interact one-on-one with a tea-bagger-style protestor this summer, and got to see firsthand how shallow her understanding of the issues was. I was filming events on the Fourth of July for the Heart of the High Country TV show and came across a woman and her children outside the Community Building.

The woman was sitting on the ground holding a sign which read, “The Government Has Made Us Into Puppets. Make a puppet, send it to your Congressman and tell them NO MORE.” She had materials for making puppets out of small paper bags, and her children gladly showed the ones they had made.

The thrust of her protest was that Congress was spending too much of our tax money and needed to be stopped. I asked her if she had protested like this last year and she looked at me with a completely blank look on her face. I explained, “A year ago the tax-cut and spend policies of President Bush and the Republican Congress were on track to achieve a doubling of the federal debt during Bush’s two terms — from $5 trillion to $10 trillion. Why were you not protesting then?”

She had no idea. She admitted that she really didn’t know much about the issues, she just felt like Congress was spending too much money. It sounded like all she was doing was repeating talking points she had heard on talk radio or television.

When I suggested that she study the issues a little more carefully before she did her next protest, she angrily denounced me for not being “objective.” The media, in her mind, should just allow people to spew whatever misinformation they want with no analysis of whether the statements are true and false. This is the new form of “objectivity,” the

He said—she said reporting with no independent checking of facts or grounding in reality.

The result: cable news shows that are nothing but shouting heads yelling at each other, with the winner being the person who yells the loudest. No wonder that is exactly what is happening at this month’s town-hall debates.

And it looks as if the Obama administration is caving — the word out of the weekend talk shows is that they are ready to jettison the public option. Typical liberal behavior — don’t fight back, surrender. Where are the legions of young people who were ecstatic about Obama’s victory? Health care reform was one of the biggest issues in last year’s campaign; people overwhelmingly said they wanted reform. Where are these people? Why aren’t they speaking up?

Have you called your representative and senators and told them how you feel?

• All of Katie Brugger’s columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com
School lunches they'll love

It's a dilemma parents all over the country face—how to come up with healthy lunches kids will actually eat.

The first step is to get the kids involved in planning. They are much more likely to eat foods they choose and help make themselves.

Tereese Allen, Organic Valley food editor, suggests establishing a theme for each day of the school week. “You’ll save thinking cap time if Monday is soup day, Tuesday is sandwich day, and so on,” she says. “Keep a file of recipes for each day’s theme, and on the weekend select one from each file for the week ahead.”

Try to include fiber-loaded fruits, vegetables, grains and nuts, calcium-rich dairy products and lean proteins. “Add in things like roasted nuts, yogurt cups, corn chips and salsa, veggies and dip, and pretzels and barbecue sauce,” says Allen. “And don’t forget ready-to-eat edibles, such as Organic Valley Stringless cheese sticks, or beef jerky and deli slices from Organic Prairie. Single-serve milks from Organic Valley are a good addition, too—since they’re shelf-stable you don’t have to worry about refrigeration.”

A daily theme, a homemade main dish and no-fuss sides: the result? Wholesome lunches and happy kids. For more healthy lunch ideas and recipes, visit www.organicvalley.coop.

Lunch Money

by Tereese Allen for Organic Valley

Instead of giving them cash to buy junk food, give them coins they can actually eat—that is, offer a balanced meal of round, coin-shaped edibles.

Cucumber slices
Green or yellow zucchini slices
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Broccoli stems, peeled and slice into rounds
Sliced radishes
Carrot coins
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Sliced dried bananas
Dried apricots

Fruit leather, cut into rounds
Sliced kiwi
Organic Valley Stringless, cut crosswise into rounds
Organic Valley deli sliced cheese
Oyster crackers
Small, round pretzels
Small, round corn tortilla chips
Garbanzo beans*

Let your child choose his or her favorites from the array of finger foods above. Pack the little piles of “coins” into a rectangular container to make a lunch-size treasure chest.

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Randy and Susan

by John Armor

What names just belong together. Mention one, and the other comes to mind automatically, Romeo and Juliet, Tom and Jerry, Currier and Ives. So it is with Randy and Susan, who came up this weekend to hike a part of the Bartram Trail and had dinner with us on Saturday.

Randy is E. Randolph Wootton, Jr., a classmate and friend of mine for six years at the Gilman School in Baltimore. Susan is Susan White Wootton, also a friend at the same time, who attended Notre Dame Preparatory School in Baltimore.

I graduated in a class of '66, as I recall. There were exactly two of my classmates who had dated the same girl for all their years since they first discovered girls. Both pairs married, had children, went into their professions. In one couple, Walter Leach tragically died young, 25 years ago. So, that left Randy and Susan as the one, lifelong pair.

Several of us in the class dated Susan on occasion. She was, and is, attractive, witty, with a fine sense of humor. But there was never any doubt that Randy was her guy. End of discussion. And the same was true for Randy. Susan was, since they began dating at about age 15 his lady. End of discussion.

Several of us tried to figure out why this was so. Well, there was the point that Randy was an early starter. He was a snappy dresser and a good dancer, at a time before most of us had no clue about either point. We learned, but Randy learned first.

Susan was, and is, a good dancer. She was also generous in her talents. There were more than a few of us from the class who were over the fear of ballroom dancing, and therefore more acceptable to our wives and girlfriends, because Susan taught us to dance, with great patience, half a century ago. That's one at a time, by the way. One wife, one girlfriend, at one time.

Now, I don't want to give a false impression. Randy and Susan have not had a life of sweetness and light, morning to night, year after year. I would no more talk about the crises they've faced over the years. Suffice to say, they have had their share of experiences which might have driven them apart. But none did. These two people are better than that, stronger than that.

Probably, all who read my columns know one couple I call Randy and Susan. You know a few who've been together since their teen years, and now are parents and grandparents living out the words of the poet, Robert Browning, "Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be."

This is an effort in which none of us can ever match the experiences of Randy and Susan in my case, or whoever is the lifetime couple in your memory. Most of us have lived our lives by fits and starts. I refer to myself as a serial monogamist, having been married a number of times. One can learn from such experiences, but one cannot make them go away.

As you can tell, I have the deepest respect for people who've taken on the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" and stayed together and grown stronger and better. Not perfect, mind you, but better. Randy and Susan did not do this for the purpose of serving as an example. But an example they are, and a shining one. The rest of us can still do the best we can, starting where we are now. That, too, is worth the effort.

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Mackey to speak on Iran and Afghanistan Aug. 27 at PAC

With the continuing interest in the events in Iran and the escalating American involvement in Afghanistan, Sandra Mackey has offered to repeat and update the Iran portion of her June lecture to CLE. She will also discuss American policy in Afghanistan and the linkage of U.S. interests in a region that includes Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Mackey is a veteran journalist and award-winning author of multiple books on the Middle East. The lecture with a question and answer period will be Aug. 27, from 10 am, until noon at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Chestnut Street. Please contact the Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) to make reservations (526-8811 or dehighlands@yahoo.com). The cost is $20 for members and $30 for non-members.

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While trolling through the Drudge Report, looking for items of interest, I hit trifecta. Not only can I dump on the administration and the UN, I can do it wrapped in the flag of climate change.

From the Detroit News, "Michigan just experienced its coldest July on record; global temperatures haven’t risen in more than a decade; Great Lakes water levels have resumed their 30-year cyclical rise (contrary to a decade of media scare stories that they were drying up due to global warming), and polls show that climate change doesn’t even make a list of Michigan voters’ top-10 concerns."

Yet in an interview with the Detroit news Monday, Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) made it clear that fighting the climate crisis is her top priority.

"Climate change is very real," she confessed as she embraced cap and trade’s massive tax increase on Michigan industry — at the same time claiming, against all the evidence, that it would not lead to an increase in manufacturing costs or energy prices. "Global warming creates volatility. I feel it when I’m flying. The storms are more volatile. We are paying the price in more hurricanes and tornadoes."

Don Swanson -- Debbie -- Debbie -- Debbie, ditch the broom and hop on an airplane. They have radars and everything and don’t fly through hurricanes and tornadoes. And she was just named to the Senate Energy Committee.

From The Hill, "The National Association of Manufacturers and the American Council for Capital Formation released a study Wednesday that found under a high-cost scenario the House global warming bill could reduce economic growth by 2.4 percent and cost 2 million jobs by 2030. Their figures will likely provide opponents of capping carbon more ammunition and could add to the angst."
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of senators from industrial states. One key finding is that the climate bill will hurt the manufacturing sector particularly hard (evidently Debbie hasn’t received the memo since she represents MICHIGAN, which used to be involved with manufacturing and hopes to again). “Industrial production begins to decline immediately in 2012, relative to the baseline,” the report notes.

Can an adult human being be so ignorant as to not see the devastating effect such legislation would have on the people she was elected to represent, or are there forces afoot that would encourage one to forget her duty and commit her state to economic suicide?

You will all be interested to learn that the UN sponsored a Global Environment Forum in Incheon, Korea the other day. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon bloviated for four pages of small type and I read it all, hoping to find something that might be of value to you. Stick with me, the point will be made soon.

Picking through his speech, Ban Ki-moon tells us, “The Songdo Convensia is one of the world’s most green convention centers. And it is located in one of the world’s most eco-friendly cities.”

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Since the departure of students last June, members of our profession, including our administrators from each school, have been working diligently to prepare for the new academic year. Teams comprised of teachers and administrators from each school devoted many hours towards curriculum planning with tremendous outcomes aimed to improve student learning and boost school improvement efforts. After receiving training on deconstructing the standard course of study, we had 26 middle and high school teachers and 31 teachers from the elementary level working collaboratively for three days.

There were several outcomes including the identification of essential standards to be taught in each grade and core subject area. In grades K-5, teachers identified the essential standards to support English/Language Arts (ELA). K-2 teachers also completed literacy assessment schedules and revised the K-2 literacy assessment card to match the K-2 assessment revisions. In grades 6-8, teachers completed the same for Mathematics and English. In grades 9-12, the same was done in Social Studies ( Civics and U.S. History), Science (Biology, Earth Science, and Physical Science), English 9, and Mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II).

In addition to identifying the essentials needed for students to be successful at each grade level, teachers developed student-friendly “I-can” statements to be displayed in all classrooms each day, directly connecting the activities to learning targets. Teachers also developed predictive assessments for all of the above mentioned subject areas. Predictive assessments will serve as our leading indicator to measure student learning from day one rather than waiting on the state mandated assessment to occur at the end of the semester or end of the year.

A tremendous “thank you” goes out to Mrs. Nancy Cantrell, Director of Secondary Education, Mrs. Carol Waldrop, Director of Federal Programs, Mrs. Paula Ledford, Director of Exceptional Children, our school principals, and each of our tremendous employees who have taken time out of their summer break to focus intense efforts on improving instructional processes and student learning throughout our district.

As we welcome a new academic year, capital improvements continue throughout the county including construction of a new soccer field, interior renovations, and other improvements at Highlands School. Completion of Mountain View Intermediate to accommodate all fifth and sixth grade students in the Franklin area is fast approaching as contractors paint interior walls, install communication and fire systems, and tile floors. Occupancy of the facility will occur next summer.

Staff and students at East Franklin Elementary School will begin the new academic year in celebration of a new building including three kindergarten classrooms, access to a regulation size gymnasium, and major interior renovations to existing spaces. At Cowee Elementary School, additional portable units have been relocated to the campus in preparation for the fifth grade transition to Mountain View Intermediate next summer and movement of students and staff from Iotla School to Cowee Elementary School. This temporary accommodation will allow construction of the new North Macon Elementary School to begin once funding is obtained by our county.

Once the new Iotla/ Cowee School is completed on the current Iotla site, the intent of our Board of Education and County Commissioners is to release the historic Cowee School to the Cowee Community for future community use. Our sincere appreciation goes out to the tax payers of Macon County and our County Commissioners for their ongoing support as we strive to improve the conditions of our schools throughout the district.

As superintendent of the Macon County School System, I look forward to the upcoming academic year and continued progress toward the established academic goals and facility improvements. This will clearly be a year of celebrating the past as we prepare for the future.

Best wishes to each student, staff member, administrator, parent/guardian and community member as we welcome a new academic year!
Highlands School honors its rich traditions and continually seeks ways to develop the individual talents of every student. Through the creation of a safe and orderly learning environment, our teachers are able to foster intellectual curiosity and personal growth in each of our students, and we are devoted to giving our students the opportunities by which they will gain the skills necessary to become significant contributors to our society.

Highlands School has undergone a lot of new construction this summer! The new bathrooms in our foyer will be completed prior to the start of school. These new bathrooms will be used by our elementary students until the elementary wing bathrooms are finished. The new entrance will also be completed by the start of school. Progress continues on our elementary wing bathrooms. These will be completed by the end of September and will be sealed off until then. Finally, construction on our new soccer field will continue throughout the fall and will be off limits to all students until completion.

We look forward to having these major facility upgrades completed and usable by our students, and we thank the Macon County Board of Education and the Macon County Commission for these improvements.

We encourage all parents to become active and supportive members of the Highlands School community by joining our PTO and by coming in to our school frequently.

Welcome Highlands School students and parents!

High School students can get their schedules, parking permits, locks and lockers from 1-3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 21 in the high school hallway.

Meet the Teacher Night will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 24. Middle School students can get their locks and lockers in the Middle School building at this time. The first day of school for students is Tuesday, Aug. 25.

Back-to-School night for parents is Tuesday, Sept. 22, on the following schedule:
- Elementary: 5-6 p.m.
- Middle School: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- High School: 6-7 p.m.

Together we can make our students’ years at Highlands School productive, fun, and memorable.

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day sitting in church. None of us are an island, none of us get through life on our own, we all have been helped, and we all have those who advise us in things that matter.

This week, I want you to remember that we do not live to ourselves, but we have those that help us. Take a moment this week to thank someone who has helped you. Because I am convinced that when we thank others, we find humility and when we find humility we tend to remember the relationships that matter in life. Thank a friend, thank a spouse, thank a boyfriend or girlfriend, and thank someone who has helped you this week.

Who knows... maybe we should thank God for the place we live, the health we have or the food we eat. Remember, we do nothing in life alone. There is a great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and those still around us who have made the way for you and me to be who we are.

Sometimes it is good to remember isn’t it?

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Thomas Scholarship continues to benefit nurses, hospital

Established nearly 15 years ago through the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation, a scholarship fund continues to help both aspiring and accomplished nurses realize their educational dreams while also helping the hospital.

Two nurses at the hospital, Ami Keener, RN, and Cindy Barloga Coley, RN, BSN, CPHM, are the latest to benefit from the foresight of Anne and George Thomas of Highlands and Gainesville, GA.

First created in 1995, the Anne Warren Thomas Nursing Scholarship provides financial assistance to students working on either an associate’s or bachelor’s degree in nursing and gives them the opportunity to begin their career at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. It also helps existing nurses continue and the expand the professional education.

For Highlands native Ami Keener, the scholarship offered her an opportunity to realize her dream of becoming a registered nurse. She recently completed her certification through the Southwestern Community College nursing program and is currently in the hospital’s preceptor program for new nurses.

“Working as a certified nursing assistant at the hospital made me want to go on and do more,” Judy Geoghagan, RN, (who has been a mainstay of the hospital’s nursing staff for many years) was a mentor for me and she really encouraged me to go further with my career,” says Ami. “I really appreciate that Mrs. Thomas established this scholarship. Completing my nursing degree would have been really difficult without it.”

For Cindy Coley, the scholarship afforded her an opportunity to expand the scope of her nursing skills by becoming certified in Professional in Healthcare Management. That discipline combines the principles of case management with utilization management and utilization review to optimize the clinical, financial and quality of life outcome for each patient.

“Since part of my duties include discharge planning and utilization review, this certification will help me make sure the patient receives an appropriate level of care in a cost effective manner,” says Coley.

In order to qualify for assistance from the Thomas Scholarship, an applicant must be at least in the final two years of an advance nursing degree or bachelor’s of science nursing program, and be willing to pursue their nursing career at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital or the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center upon completion of their certification. The length of that employment is determined by the total amount of financial assistance provided.

Scholarship assistance can be used to cover tuition, books, and other fees up to $2,000 per academic year.

To qualify, applicants must have a 2.5 GPA out of a possible 4.0, and be able to show they need financial assistance. They then go through an interview process that involves both the hospital’s Human Resources Department and the hospital’s director of nursing. The final selection is made by members of the Anne Warren Thomas Scholarship Committee, based on academic and clinical performance, demonstration of personal characteristics necessary for the field of nursing and financial need. Preference is given, when possible, to graduates of Highlands or Blue Ridge Schools.

If for some reason, the nursing program is not completed, or if the applicant fails to become professionally qualified as a registered nurse, or to meet the employment requirements of the hospital, they are then required to repay the amount of assistance they received, with interest.

Ami Keener & Cindy Barloga Coley with Anne Thomas

“This was a wonderful gift to future generations of area young people, as well as to the hospital,” observed Robin Tindall-Taylor, executive director of the hospital foundation. “It’s a lasting tribute to Mrs. Thomas and her interest in helping young people enter the nursing field. It’s a great win-win situation for everyone involved.”

Anne Thomas has a long association with Highlands, and with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Green Warren of Atlanta and Highlands. In addition to establishing the scholarship, the Thomases have played a major role not only in the construction of the new hospital back in the late 1980s, but also in the expansion of the hospital’s emergency department which opened 2002.

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Highlands community unites in support of Raby family at ‘Randy Raby’ benefit

With the help of the Highlands community the Softball Benefit for Randy Raby’s family achieved goals that were far better than anticipated. It was a wonderful experience to see the entire community come together to help a family during their time of loss and need.

Friday night we had 4 Women’s teams participate in the tournament. Hit N Run – (sponsored by Duncan Oil), BB’s Angels, Vivid Entertainment and Half N Half. The tournament was a one pitch tournament with the top two teams to exceed to the championship game. The Championship game narrowed down to Hit N Run and the BB’s Angels with Hit N Run taking the win.

We served pizza by the slice and nachos Friday night. Our thanks go out to Pizza Place for selling us the pizzas at cost, Duncan Oil for the donation of the nachos and cheese and to Farmers Market for donating all the soft drinks, water and giving us the Gatorade for cost.

Saturday we had 4 Men’s teams participate in the tournament. Sandlot Ninjas, Hit N Miss, Kryptonite and Pine Grove. The tournament was a round robin then seeded doubled elimination tournament. The Championship narrowed down to Sandlot Ninjas and Kryptonite with the Sandlot Ninjas taking the win.

We served pork plates, hamburgers and selling out of both by 7 pm. We began selling pizza slices again at 7:00pm on Saturday at the tournament. Our thanks go out to Pete Bryson for cooking all night, Brick Oven for selling us enough pizzas at cost, Carolina Smokehouse for selling us the pork, coleslaw, BBQ sauce and hamburgers for cost, Sam Schmitt – Kiln Dried Firewood for the wood to run the smoker with and again to Farmers Market for donating all the soft drinks, water and giving us the Gatorade for cost.

Both the Championship teams, Hit N Run and Sandlot Ninjas won T-Shirts that were designed by Ellenburg Custom T-Shirts and Designs.

We would like to thank Stephen Lucas, CPA for buying the Championship T-Shirts, Bryson’s Food Store for donating the plates, Mountain Fresh Grocery for donating the forks, Rhodes Superette for donating the cups. By getting all these donations we kept our cost for running the benefit to the minimum.

The raffle sales were extraordinary and so were the donations. The donations for the raffle were given by Nantahala Tire (1 Free Oil Service), Manley Auto (1 Free Oil Service), Cypress (Dinner for Two), Sports Page (Gift Cert), Reeves Hardware (2 Digital Key chains), Rukas Table (Gift Cert for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner), Subway (Gift Cards), Rib Shack (Gift Cert), Pescados (Gift Cert), Brick Oven (Gift Cert), Big D ($100.00 Gas Card), Scaly Mountain BP ($100.00 Gas Card), Creative Concepts (Hair Cut/Style), Head Innovations ($100 Gift Certificate), Mountain Rayz (Tanning Package and Pedicure), Kilwin’s Chocolates (Gift Cert) and finally Old Edwards Club at Highlands Cove (Golf Package for 4).

We would also like to thank all the volunteers that helped. Without them we could not have done it. Pete Bryson (cooking the pork), Cheryl Crawford (Scorekeeper), Brie Schmitt (Scorekeeper), Vickie Talley (Food Booth), Gina Billingsley (Food Booth/Scorekeeper), Sammy Leffler (Food Booth), Sherry Holt (Food Booth), Frank and Michelle Elliott (Food Booth), Selena Kempton (Food Booth), Amber Reese (Food Booth), Brooklyn Ellenburg (Food Booth), Jesse Finley (Food Booth/Cooking Hamburger), Brett Lamb (Umpire/Scorekeeper), Seth Schmitt (Scorekeeper), Nick McCall (Umpire), Dennis Perkins (Umpire), Ryan Gearhart (Umpire), Robert Taylor (Umpire), Josh Shirley (Umpire), Michael Bradley (Umpire) and Travis Ramey (Umpire).

Please forgive us if we have forgotten to list your name but we are very grateful for all who helped make this event happen. Without each and every one of you we could not have done it!
Recently, the Highlands United Methodist Church sponsored a 3-day etiquette course which afforded the children the opportunity to learn a wide variety of social skills that will provide a path to greater confidence in social situations. Subject matter included: proper introductions, telephone and table manners, writing thank you notes, polite conversation, being a gracious guest and many other areas. Children ages 6-12 and 13-18 attended. Graduates included: Bailey E. Baker, Emily Jordan Leonard, Sarah An Futral, Jessica Campbell, Matthew Campbell, Gracie Forrester, Blakely E. Moore, Anne-Marie Moore, Emily Gabbard, Kyle Gabbard, Daniel Long, David Long, Davis Moore, Amelia Carroll, Trenton Forrest Baker, and Evan Schmidt. Not pictured is Sydney Potter who also participated. HUMC Pastor Paul Christy and Instructor Carolyn Ann Holder are also pictured.

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Random thoughts as we start school
once again

One of the top events of the
weekend had to be an unknown
golfer Y.E. Yang (so unknown that I had
never even heard of him) stepping up
and defeating Tiger Woods in the PGA
Championship despite
trailing by two strokes
going into Sunday.

I have read where
some columnists questioned whether or
not Woods choked, but it shouldn’t really
matter, Yang was excellent on Sunday and
had the shot of the tournament with his
eagle chip on 14.

That shot demonstrated two things.
First, it showed how collected Yang was
despite the circus that usually follows
Woods and secondly, it showed what kind
of shot it was going to take to beat Woods
on the final day of a major.

One more note about that shot:
thank heaven Verne Lundquist was there
to make the call on the shot; he’s one of
the finest announcers out there and it
was good that he was a part of that
particular moment.

NFL preseason football started this
past week, and it was nice to see football
on television again, even if it is the
preseason and by the second quarter all
you see is backups.

One backup who will get plenty of
attention this week will be new
Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Mike
Vick. I’m sure the media circus that
follows him will be interesting and
entertaining, but I am more inclined to
watch how Vick performs on the field
after a two-year hiatus.

One thing is for sure though, if Vick
and starter Donovan McNabb can get
along, the Eagles will have a very
interesting Wildcat formation to play
with during the regular season.

The Nationals finally signed phenom
and #1 draft pick Stephen Strasburg to a
deal worth over $12 million and
demonstrating why super-agent Scott
Boras makes people sick. $12 million for
a guy who has never faced a major league
batter is outrageous and disturbing,
particularly with the way the economy
has been of late. However, figures like

from the history guy....

On the day
Aug. 13, 1975
Viking Program: NASA
launches Viking I
toward Mars

Today a high tech traveler
meant to space secrets
unraveler
took off from Earth,
its planet of birth
and headed off to the stars,
or at least as far as Mars.
First craft to leave the
neighborhood,
will we go back?
I think we should.
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FRIDAY, AUG. 21 — There will be a yard sale/customer appreciation event to raise money for Tom Top Mountain Relay For Life at RBC Bank 225 Franklin Rd Highland from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Many items for sale. Refreshments to be served. The public is invited. All proceeds to benefit The American Cancer Society. Questions should be directed to Sue Gorski at 828-526-0606.
SATURDAY, AUG. 22 — Scaly Mountain at 8106 Billard Rd. 9 to 4 Antiques, collectibles, furniture, local art, tools (shop & garden), lamps, ceiling fans, kayak, camper trailer, etc. 526-4587.
SATURDAY, AUG. 22 — Multi Family. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 174 Dolly Lane, Highlands. Mirror Lake Area.

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**Conference games are in BOLD**

**Coaches:** Chris Green and Hank Ross

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nals in one contract with a 50% local match of $16,000. The other contract consists of four dual-antenna radars and four in-car video systems with a 25% local match of $8,650.

All of the equipment will be installed in new patrol vehicles previously allocated in this year’s budget, said Holland.

The department has made use of COPS Grants once before in 2007. Holland said the board approved the application process in 2008, too, but in March of 2009, he learned that the 2008 grant proposal had been rejected at the Federal level, but this year the Federal Stimulus program changed things.

The money will be used to equip cars with in-car cameras so what is seen and heard by deputies on scene at night can be seen and heard both on-site by other officers and later for verification.

“This equipment is for my deputies’ safety and so as an administrator I can check for accuracy if anyone files a complaint against the department,” said Holland.

This funding means 16 out of 24 Sheriff Department vehicles will be equipped “and those are the vehicles we take out at night,” said Holland.

The county will be reimbursed with the grant money once the equipment is purchased.

Because the Sheriff’s Department didn’t get the grants in 2008, Holland said he didn’t include the funds in the 2009-2010 budget, so money to fund the item will have to come out of the county’s fund balance.

Commissioner Bob Simpson suggested Holland include it next year, but Commissioner Ronnie Beale said even if Holland had included it, it’s likely it would have been cut due to the slashing the board made across the board to this year’s budget.

Holland said the Sheriff’s Department has been ranked #4 out of 495 NC Law Enforcement Agencies by the Governor’s Highway Safety Program and has been selected as the Agency of the Year by M.A.D.D.

In 2008, the department made 128 DWI arrests and in the first eight months of 2009 it has made 71 DWI arrests.
With the continuing interest in the events in Iran and the escalating American involvement in Afghanistan, Sandra Mackey has offered to repeat and update the Iran portion of her June lecture to CLE. She will also discuss American policy in Afghanistan and the linkage of U.S. interests in a region that includes Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Mackey is a veteran journalist and award-winning author of multiple books on the Middle East. The lecture with a question and answer period will be Aug. 27, from 10 am. until noon at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Chestnut Street. Please contact the Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) to make reservations (526-8811 or clehighlands@yahoo.com). The cost is $20 for members and $30 for non-members.

Mackenzie to perform, tonight, Thursday, Aug. 20 at First Presbyterian

Tonight, Thursday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church presents internationally known organist and choral director Norman MacKenzie in a recital on the pipe organ at the church. The concert is free and open to the public. Handicap entrances are located on Church and Fifth streets. A reception will follow.
HCP's 'Accomplice' opens tonight, Thursday, Aug. 20 at PAC

David Spivey, Mary Adair Leslie

A thriller! Where blood is paint and blades retract and no death is final till the final curtain. The clever, award-winning mystery by Rupert Holmes, produced by the Highlands-Cashiers Players, opens Thursday, August 20, and continues through Sunday, August 30, at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

The play begins in England in a cottage converted from an old mill where Janet and Derek Taylor plan to entertain their friends driving down from London. From there the plot takes off with twists and turns, surprises and laughs. Beyond this description, no more can be revealed without spoiling the plot and fun. Audiences will be asked to keep the plot a secret after they've seen the play.

The play was directed by Virginia Talbot and Tanji Armor, and sponsored by Cyrano's Bookshop. It runs Thursday through Sunday, August 20-23, and Thursday through Sunday, August 27-30. Evening performances start at 7:30 p.m. Sunday matinees are 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.

Festival of Feasts continue with HC Chamber Music

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival's just-completed 2009 season was remarkable in its scope - with a staggering 21 concerts stuffed into a few weeks, world class artists offering precise, deeply felt performances; al fresco picnics and informal sessions at Buck's Coffee Shop, even a mini film festival.

Attracting groups like The Eroica Trio or the Biava Quartet is a full-time proposition and the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival relies on ticket sales, fundraising dinners at Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro and Lakeside Restaurant, and benefits like that staged by John Collette Fine Art. But those just aren't enough to maintain the entire enterprise.

That's why the festival relies on the Feasts of the Festival. They're an opportunity to meet interesting people and enjoy wonderful food and drink at some of the area's most beautiful private homes.

“Catch and Parchment” is hosted by Brenda and Stewart Manning at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 30th. The menu will be prepared and presented by Last Resort Grill of Athens, Georgia, paired with appropriate wines from the Manning collection. Cost is $125 per person.

“Inumbrian Feast on Satulah” will be staged at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, September 12th, by Carter and Nancy Bruns. Antipasti, homemade pasta and a special surprise entrée are on the menu. Cost is $125.

Christine Johnson Lucas and Martyn Lucas will host “Prosecco on the Patio” at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, September 13th. The menu offers Traditional Brunch Fare with a Flair. Cost is $100 per person.

Ann Julian and Wright and Betsy Turner are offering “A Casual Fall Supper” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, September 24th. The menu promises Barbecue with All the Fixings and Baked Apples. Cost is $100 per person.

“Texas Barbecue” complete with brisket, ribs, and fun sides will be served up by Peter and Valerie Whitcup at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 8th. Cost is $125.

For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060.

Ruby Cinema

Hwy. 441, Franklin, NC
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Aug. 21-27

INGLORIOUS BASTERDS rated R
Mon-Fri: 4, 7, 9:45
Sat-Sun: 4, 7, 9:45

DISTRICT 9 rated R
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G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA rated PG-13
Mon-Fri: 4:15, 7:05, 9:15
Sat-Sun: 2:05, 4:15, 7:05, 9:15
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Thursdays**
- The Zahnier Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. Subjects vary.
- Annual meeting on the second Thursday of each month at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.
- Summer Reading Program at the Hudson Library for kids. Every Thursday at 10 a.m. through July 30. More info: 526-3031

**Every 2nd Thursday**
- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Appalachian South support group will meet once a month through the summer on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Children’s Home for Family Restoration, 828 Willey Brown Rd. in Franklin. NAMI is a grassroots organization providing support, advocacy and education for individuals with mental illness and their families. Membership is not required to attend meetings. For more information contact: Ann Nandrea 828 369-7385, Mary Ann Plenderse 828 524-1355, Carole Light 828 226-6213.

**2nd & 4th Fridays**
- Community Drum Circle at the Highlands Rec Park, from 6:30-7 p.m. For more information call 421-0551.

**Fridays & Saturdays**
- At Fressers Eatery, Cy Timmons live from 6 p.m.
- Hal Phillips on piano from 7-9:30 pm at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.
- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.
- Fridays & Sundays
  - Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts every Friday at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays at PAC in Highlands throughout Aug. 9.
  - For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.hcmusicfestival.org.

**Every Third Saturday**
- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

**Every Fourth Saturday**
- Friends of Panthertown work days, are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

**Saturdays**
- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.
- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. $19 per person.
- N.A. open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.

**Saturdays & Mondays**
- Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts at 5 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.hcmusicfestival.org.

**Through Aug. 30**
- “Dial M for Murder” at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sundays 2 p.m. Call 828-526-2895 for tickets.
- Thurs-Sun., Aug. 20-23
  - HCP’s “Accomplice” a comedy, mystery, thriller by Rupert Holmes. Evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Call 526-8041 for tickets.
- 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 Rant Wicks 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, Hampton and Mountain precincts at 6:45 p.m. 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 call the precinct organizers Ralph Slaughter at 828 743-6491 or Jim Nichols at 828 508-8048. Information is also available at Republican Headquarters, 828 586-9895 and on the website www.jacksoncountygop.com.
- The popular Thursday Library Movie Matinee this week is “Last Chance Harvey” which will be shown at 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. The series is hosted by the Friends of the Albert Carlton – Cashiers Community Library. The movie is “Last Chance Harvey,” is a January 2009 release featuring Dustin Hoffman and Emma Thompson. This romantic film finds divorced Harvey, who has a terrible time at his daughter’s wedding in London, meeting an English woman who gives a romantic lift to his life, a last chance. The movie and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.
- Friday, Aug. 21
  - The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night, August 21st, at the Macon County Community Building on route 441 South from 7:00 to 9:00.

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**Tickets on sale now for Autumn Leaves auction festivities**

**Guests have some fun at last year’s autumn fundraiser for The Bascom. Tickets are on sale now for the two-night Autumn Leaves auction festivities.**

For tickets, visit http://www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves or call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.

Tickets are on sale now for The Bascom’s annual auction-themed fundraiser, Autumn Leaves, featuring two nights of fun with two very different feels.

Friday, Oct. 2, at 6 p.m. is the Auction Gala at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn. An elegant affair, the gala includes fine dining, spirits and live and silent auctions. Auction items range from a weekend at a Seagrove Beach home to a Greek Islands cruise and much more. Tickets are $225 each.

Saturday, Oct. 3, from 5-8 p.m. is the community Autumn Leaves Party, featuring a live bluegrass band, food and spirits, art demonstrations, silent auction, marketplace sale and more. Tickets are $35 each.

Friday-Saturday Combination Tickets are $250, and benefactor options are also available.

Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn & Spa (presenting), ZWJ Investments (gold), and Franklin Ford/Moss Robertson Cadillac, Highlands’ Newspaper, InMed and The Laurel.

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**Manes & Tails Rotary Bingo**

The Rotary Club of Highlands and Carpe Diem Farms will partner to offer an evening of Bingo to benefit children’s programs at Carpe Diem. Programs include Gar’s Kids, the Apprentice Program among others in which children learn life lessons, communication skills, teamwork and compassion through interaction with horses.

Manes & Tails Bingo will be on Thursday, September 3rd from 6:30 – 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building next to the ball park at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is $1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 bearing a surprise money game. Play as many cards as you like and don’t be afraid to laugh and have a good time.

Using horses as a learning, teaching and communication medium, Carpe Diem has made a special place for children and, also adults, in Highlands - Manes & Tail’s Bingo says it all.

Half of all Bingo money goes to Bingo players as prizes and the remaining half plus all donations go to Carpe Diem Farms.

Manes & Tails Bingo is a family-style event that offers fun, a lot of humor, free refreshments served by Highlands Boy Scouts and the chance to win Bingo money. The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed by North Carolina to operate Bingo games.
UPCOMING EVENTS

PM. Stan Russell from Greenville SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, 706-782-0943, or www.highmountainsquares.org.

Aug. 22-Sept. 6
• The 12th Annual Cashiers Designer Showhouse, 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.
• Saturday, Aug. 22
  • At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Tom Moore Craig signing "Up Country Goes to War" from 1-3 p.m.
  • The "Royal Scribblers" will present a reading at the Pavilion in Cashiers, next to the Village Playhouse 71st season is "Dial M for Murder." Shannon Webber and Jeremy Miller in "Dial M for Murder." This image by Will Henry Stevens (1881-1946), Untitled, pastel on paper, will be part of the "Southern Landscapes" exhibition opening Aug. 22.
  • Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Mountain Community Center on Buck Knob Road, 7:30-10:30 a.m., Blueberry pancakes with all the fixings. $5 for adults, $2.50 for children. Sponsored by the Scaly Mountain Women's Club. Proceeds fund local scholarships.
  • The Royal Scribblers will present a reading at the Pavilion in Cashiers, next to the Village Playhouse from 3-4 p.m.
  • Sunday, Aug. 23
  • Opening Night Reception on Aug. 22.
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• Saturday, Aug. 22
  • Unveiling of portrait of Edith Joel, whose husband founded Bel Canto, 5:15 p.m. at The Bascom. Portrait is by artist Julian Davis.
  • 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 feet. 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 369-1983 for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.
  • Friends of Panthertown work days changed from the last Thursday of the month to the 4th Saturday of every month. The next work day is 10am at the Cold Mountain trailhead. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (x 258) or email friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com.
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• Sunday, Aug. 23
  • At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Tom Moore Craig signing "Up Country Goes to War" from 1-3 p.m.
  • The "Royal Scribblers" will present a reading at the Pavilion in Cashiers, next to the Village Playhouse 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.

Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bascom's new address is 323 Franklin Road, Highlands.

Exhibition sponsors include Cathy and Bob Fisher, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust; Old Edwards Club Members: Sydney Gaines Lanier, Penny and Ed Mawyer, Pam and Chuck Watson, Angela and Art Williams, Patsy and Bill Wolff.

For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

Southern Landscapes by Lamar Dodd and Will Henry Stevens' opens Saturday at The Bascom

Exhibition honors Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust' 100th year of local land conservation

This image by Will Henry Stevens (1881-1946), Untitled, pastel on paper will be part of the “Southern Landscapes” exhibition opening Aug. 22.

Evocative paintings in oil, pastel and watercolor will be showcased in The Bascom’s next exhibition, “Southern Landscapes by Lamar Dodd and Will Henry Stevens.”

The exhibition, co-curated by Carol Carr and Dr. William Eiland, opens this Saturday, Aug. 22, with a free public opening reception from 5-7 p.m. The exhibition continues through Oct. 17.

With this exhibition, The Bascom honors the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust’s 100th year of local land conservation. The show not only honors the accomplishments of two of the South’s greatest art teachers and painters, but also pays homage to land preservation. Dodd (1909-1996) was head of the University of Georgia’s art department. Stevens (1881-1946) taught at the H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College in New Orleans, La., part of Tulane University. The Bascom’s covered bridge is named in honor of Stevens (reconstructed with help from donors Dorothy and Jimmy Coleman and Dian and Tom Winingler).

“Dodd and Stevens’ work exemplifies an affinity for nature as embodied in landscape,” said Kaye Goracke, Bascom artistic director. “Dodd and Stevens were famous university teachers and still have a tremendous following among artists, art students and art collectors. The landscape theme is in tribute not only to these tremendously talented artists, but also to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust as they celebrate their centennial. The Trust’s mission of preserving natural areas, scenic beauty and green spaces echoes the visions of Stevens and Dodd.”

Eiland and Carr will present remarks at 6 p.m. during the exhibition opening reception on Aug. 22.

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Any way you look at it, it takes a village

Pastor Paul Christy
Highlands United Methodist Church

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his past Sunday, Aug. 16, we had a great day of celebration as a church on Main Street as United Methodists. We have been on the same spot for 100 years. Now we have some singing, some reading, and some remembering and it was a great day. But as I sit in worship yesterday morning I started thinking about all those that had gone before us to make sure we even had a church to worship, serve and be in, on Main Street in Highlands. (Now hang on with me for a minute because I have a point to all this)

You see, it is amazing at how many times in my life I have taken credit for an accomplishment and have thought that I did it all myself. None of us accomplish anything by ourselves do we? I mean we all have those around us who encourage, inspire and help us in life.

I was thinking about that during our celebration, yesterday because we are not a community of faith because we are smart, or because we are good, we are a community of faith because there has been a great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us who paved the way. And to bring this down to even a more concrete level, we are not a community called Highlands because we are so good, or we are so smart, but many people have helped pave the way to make this a great community.

I remember as a youth, many years ago now, I had a science project due in my 10th grade year of high school. Oh, I worked on it and I thought I had done such a great job. When I presented it to the class, the teacher, Mrs. Wilkes said; “Paul, you sure did do a fine job.” and I said “thank you,” but then she said, “did you do this on your own, or did you have some help?” Now I thought she was accusing me of cheating and I said; “Yes, I did this whole project on my own!”

Mrs. Wilkes must have seen I was a little upset that she was accusing me, and she said, “Now, Paul, I don’t think that you cheated, but did you research the project?” “Yes, m’am,” I said. Then she said, “Paul, I want you to understand that you had a lot of help, be you talked to your parents about the project and got their input. You read from the encyclopedia, (this was before the Internet) and you read articles. You see all those people helped you in your project.”

She wanted me to understand that even though I may have thought I did it all myself, there were many people that helped me.

I hadn’t thought about that story until this past Sun.
The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from Aug. 8. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 8
• At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of criminal damage to property on Spring and Third streets where two vehicles, structures and street signs had been spray-painted with obscenities. A spray can cap was found on Church Street behind the Methodist Church.

Aug. 10
• At noon, officers took a report concerning the larceny of numerous hand and power tools from a residence on Dillard Road.
• At 2:04 p.m., officers responded to a call about loud music from a residence at Trillium Court. Occupants were told to quiet down.
• At 9:10 p.m., officers assisted someone locked out of the Methodist Church.

Aug. 13
• At 10:06 a.m., officers responded to a bank robbery at the RBC Centura Bank on U.S. 64 west and Oak Street. (See story on page 1)
• At 3 p.m., officers took a report concerning the larceny of numerous jewelry items from a residence on Sequoyah Point.
• At 9:15 a.m., Javier Rodriguez, 22, of Franklin, NC, was arrested in the vicinity of the Verandah Restaurant for speeding, driving without a license, and without a registration card.
• At 2:50 p.m., officers took a report concerning the larceny of landscaping tools and materials valued at $550 from a residence on Foreman Road.
• At 10:15 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a residence on Split Rail Road. The occupants were told to quiet down.

Aug. 17
• At 3 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 west and 3rd Street. There were no injuries.
• At 5:45 p.m., officers were called to Highlands School concerning a loud explosion. Rocks were being blasted for the soccer field.
• At 6 p.m., Paige Michelle Carpenter, 22, of Franklin, NC, was arrested for driving without insurance, an expired registration and a revoked license on Main Street.
• At 7 p.m., officers on patrol found an unsecure door at a business on S. 4th Street. It was secured.
• At 9:10 p.m., officers assisted someone locked out of the Methodist Church. The occupants were told to quiet down.

Aug. 18
• At 10:52 p.m., officers responded to a verbal dispute at a residence on Wilson Road. No charges were filed.

Aug. 19
• At 8:29 p.m., officers responded to a medical call at a residence on Clubhouse Trail. The patient was transported to the hospital.

The following are the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries from Aug. 13:

• At 7:45 a.m., deputies were called to a residence on Mack Wilson Road. No charges were filed.
• At 9:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Dillard Road. The patient was transported to the hospital.
• At 5:36 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident involving a motorcycle and a car on Hickory Knut Gap Road. There were no injuries.
• At 8:25 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Mack Wilson Road. The patient was transported to the hospital.
• At 10:27 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Clubhouse Trail. The patient was transported to the hospital.
• At 5:20 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at OEI on Main Street. It was set off by air condensation by the air-conditioner.
• At 12:51 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Clubhouse Trail. The patient was transported to the hospital.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug. 17:

• At 9:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Clubhouse Trail. The patient was transported to the hospital.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug. 18:

• At 7:45 a.m., deputies were called to a residence on Mack Wilson Road. No charges were filed.

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:
Popular letter puzzle

Across
1. Coloration (3)

Down
2. Hewing Tool (3)

Solution to #DZ3A in Aug. 13 issue

Solution to Aug. 13 Hex-a-Ku

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.)

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.
17th Bel Canto set for Sept. 13

Just in time for the Bel Canto’s 17th annual recital, The Bascom is unveiling Ulyan Davis’ portrait of Bel Canto founder and visionary Richard Joel and his late wife, Edith.

Filling the house at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center each year, Bel Canto has grown into a much anticipated opera event, offering a unique, intimate performance by top opera performers from across the country. For years, Joel personally solicited artists, orchestrated the venue and promoted the recital tirelessly year after year. Joel has since stepped down in his role as chairman of the board for Bel Canto, but still serves actively in an advisory capacity as chairman emeritus.

As part of his love for the arts, Joel ensured that a portion of the ticket sales would be donated to both the music program for the students of Highlands School and the permanent collection of what was, at the time, the Bascom-Louise Gallery. When this tradition began, the gallery was simply a one-room exhibition housed in the Hudson Library. Since 1993, funds raised through Bel Canto have benefited the art gallery, enabling it to establish a permanent collection. The non-profit gallery has also grown over the years, recently opening its new campus on the Franklin Road and establishing itself under a shortened nomenclature, The Bascom.

The Bascom’s new Balcony Gallery has been named for Richard and Edith Joel in honor of his Bel Canto leadership and in gratitude for his help in making possible The Bascom’s collection. For this service, Joel’s love of music here in the mountains will long be honored.

The unveiling of the portrait will be held Saturday, Aug. 22 beginning at 5:15 p.m. As an extra treat, many of the items from the permanent collection will be on display for viewing.

The unveiling is part of the opening reception for the Southern Landscapes by Lamar Dodd and Bill Henry Stevens exhibition. The portrait viewing is timed well, coming just weeks before the Bel Canto performance is set to take stage.

This year’s Bel Canto is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13, at 4 p.m. with a dinner at Highlands Country Club to follow. Tickets are selling out quickly. To ensure your seat, contact (828) 526-1947.

Designers go “green” at showhouse

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 design ways to: a) protect the environment, b) provide a healthy home and c) be economically wise.

Starting Saturday, Aug. 22 through Sunday, Sept. 6 (with an opening night Patron Party – Friday, Aug. 21), the house Nancy Hanks House at 1903 Highway 107 South will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission at the door is $25. On the grounds and in the walls of this circa 1840 house, you will see this year’s theme “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
e) Cashiers Merchant Green Market where local merchants will be selling such eco-friendly products as custom rag rugs, recycled milk jugs, citrus based cleaning products and much more.
C) an 18 hole putting contest in this natural environment and beautiful setting.
D) a special presentation by Anne Quadrano (owner of the famed restaurant, Bacchanilla, in Atlanta) who will provide lunch from her own recipes and created from produce from her own garden.
E) an 18 hole putting contest in this natural environment and beautiful setting.

The money raised from the 2009 Cashiers Designers Showhouse will be used by the Cashiers Historical Society and the Cashiers Community Center to preserve and protect the beauty, green spaces and character of Cashiers.

Won’t you join us to enjoy the beauty of interior design trends, our endeavor to make you more environmentally aware and eco-friendly and to leave “Green – Leaving a Legacy.”?!!

Cullasaja Club Challenge aims to bring digital mammography to Highlands

Nearly 170 members of Cullasaja Club of Highlands attended an auction gala, Wednesday, Aug. 19, culminating a week of fun activities that raised more than $80,000 for the fight against breast cancer.

And the prime focus of this year’s event was to kick off a campaign to bring digital mammography to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

“We know we can’t underwrite the entire cost of this life-saving technology, but we can make a good down payment on it,” said Emily Adkins, one of the members of the organizing committee of the Cullasaja Challenge. “Now we want to challenge other groups and other clubs around Highlands and Cashiers to follow our lead to get behind the effort to bring this important tool in the fight against breast cancer to the hospital.”

Approximately $388,000 is needed to purchase digital mammography equipment to replace the hospital’s existing conventional mammography unit. While the equipment purchased in 1999 is still providing good quality images and is fully accredited, digital mammography will provide even higher level of diagnostic care for women who are under the age of 50 or who have dense breast tissue.

For nearly 10 years, the Ladies Golf Association held a series of events to aid the fight against breast cancer, benefitting the Rally for a Cure and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. But when Emily Adkins, Leslie Ezerski, Judith Bobo, Margi Elchman and Rita Hinson got together last fall to plan their annual 2009 summer breast cancer fundraiser, a new idea sprung to life.

“Essentially, the idea centered on making a local difference in the prevention of breast cancer,” said Emily. “We recognized that fighting the battle against cancer in our own backyard is more important than ever.”

Breast cancer is the number one cause of death in women age 45 to 55, and the number two cause of death in women overall. Early detection of breast cancer provides the best chance for survival. In fact, when breast cancer is found and treated early, the five-year survival rate is nearly 100%. Today, digital mammography provides the latest improvements in testing for breast cancer.

This year’s event featured an impressive series of creative and successful “challenges,” including a bridge challenge, a tennis challenge, a golf Challenge featuring teams composed of the club staff, and a trivia challenge — all capped off by the gala featuring a Twilight golf tournament, a wine raffle and silent and live auctions. While all the events drew great participation, competition in the trivia challenge was reported as most fierce.

Heading the Auction Committee was Rita Hinson, who led the way by gathering over 60 items from Highlands and Cashiers merchants.

“This is only the beginning,” said Emily Adkins. “On behalf of the entire Cullasaja Club of Highlands membership, we want to challenge the other private clubs on the plateau, as well as other community organizations, to match our efforts. In so doing, we will all win. Together we can make a difference right here in our communities.”

“Hopefully, Cullasaja Club’s enthusiasm will be contagious,” said Joanne Taylor, Foundation Executive Director. For more information, please call 526-1432.
Brown honored for Greenway service

Caden Brown, a recent graduate of the Highlands School, received a rain jacket from the Highlands Plateau Greenway Board of Directors in appreciation for his service to the greenway this summer. Our thanks to Jane DeWolf for the embroidered logo.

The Community Foundation of WNC elects new board members

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina is pleased to announce the following new board members who have each been elected to serve a three-year term.

These individuals are carefully selected for a variety of strengths and experience in order to guide the growth and direction of the Foundation.

They are: James A. Buckner of Black Mountain is a community volunteer and retired president of the Black Mountain Chamber of Commerce. Buckner is also the past chair of the Black Mountain Community Endowment Fund, a CFWNC affiliate fund. Jennie Eblen of Asheville is vice president and co-owner of Eblen Short Stop Stores and an active community volunteer. T. Wood Lovell of Highlands is the president and owner of Sotheby’s International Realty in Highlands and the chair of the Highlands Community Foundation, another CFWNC affiliate fund. Laurence Weiss of Asheville is the chief financial officer of Forest Commercial Bank and an active community volunteer.

Mountain Findings gives to 23 groups

Mountain Findings volunteer Jean Zulch gives a check to Cashiers-Humane Society volunteer Cassie Welch. In total 23 organizations received $70,000.

Zulch presents a check to Todd Ortiz and dog Luna of the Macon County Humane Society.

Zulch gives check to Friends for Life volunteer standing in for Director Shelley Marcie.
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