**New Main Street design proposed**

After a year of data collecting the Parking and Traffic Circulation Advisory Board and engineering firm of Wilbur and Smith have come up with way to ensure plenty of parking on Main Street while making it safe for both cars and people.

At the Wednesday, July 1 special meeting between the Town Board and the Planning Board, Terry Snow with Wilbur Smith presented a new vision for Main Street.

The new design came out of the data collected that determined that the traffic capacity at area intersections in the Central Business District (CBD) was acceptable, except that congestion does occur during certain peak times; that for safety’s sake, there was a need to minimize truck traffic along Main Street – particularly by 3rd and 5th streets – and there was a need to minimize vehicular and pedestrian conflicts.

As far as parking goes, data collected during July of 2008 shows there is plenty of parking in the CBD – in fact 283 vacant spaces – of the total 962 available spaces – between 1-2 p.m.

Snow said they divided the CBD into nine sections and sections 1-3 which include Main Street.

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Bryson wins HS soccer field contract

After years, the Highlands School Soccer field will finally be a reality, hopefully ready when school opens in the fall.

At the June 29 Macon County School Board meeting, the board announced that local contractor Mike Bryson of Bryson Enterprises won the contract with the lowest bid.

Both the Macon County Commission and the Board of Education were expecting bids as high as $900,000, but believed the economy worked in their favor when it came to bidding.

"I think there are contractors out there who want work and so they are putting in lower bids than usual," said BOE Chairman Jimmy Breedlove.

Bryson's bid of $235,824 includes $69,300 for the installation of field lighting including all electrical and mechanical items.

Other bids were submitted by Kevin Watson, Jeff Madden and Larry Rogers.

"I'm glad that a local contractor got the job," said Breedlove.

Preparing the field for a regulation size soccer field behind the elementary wing of Highlands School will entail blasting rock as well as installing an elaborated drainage system which will keep the field dry and playable no matter the weather.

Built on a swamp, the school campus is subject to ground water retention.

The board said they will request Bryson to begin at the end of the field where blasting is required so work on the new bathrooms in the elementary wing – which will be accessible from the field – will be completed by the time he gets to middle of the field.

The board also OK'd 48 out-of-state, out-of-county and out-of-district students to continue attending Highlands School.

"These students are in good standing, have maintained good grades, attendance and citizenship while at Highlands School and I recommend that they be allowed to continue their studies here," said Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter.

There are nine students from Georgia, 21 from Jackson County, 14 from Franklin, one from Otto, one in temporary placement and one on an affidavit B&C.

Child Nutrition reported that school breakfast and lunch prices won't increase for the 2009-2010 school year due to money saved by joining a state-wide food co-op that has enabled it to get better pricing on food supplies.

The board also adopted an interim budget to continue operation until the state budget is finalized and Macon County Schools knows exactly what the state will cut this year.

Finance Director Betty Waldrop announced her retirement effective July 1, 2009. - Kim Lewicki

It wasn't Obama

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Fred Woodbridge's column in the June 25 issue entitled, "The Czarminator." Most of us know it was Former President Bush who coined the word, and the usage just continued to stick.

For all his say's, and usually with a great deal of disdain for President Obama, the onething you should keep in mind; It was not Obama who sent men and women into a war that was unjustified and unwarranted, to die and be bemoaned for life. (Not counting the countless individualis in Iraq who have suffered, died also because of this treasonal war).

To send Americans to die as he did for false reasons should be punishable by imprisonment for life.

No matter what Obama does, nothing will be as wrong or as serious as the maiming and killing of people unnecessarily. Not to mention torture, wrongful imprisonment, etc.

There is a place in Hell for these actions.

Joseph Mathers, Jr.
Otto, N C

Thank you

The SOAR Auction Committee (held Thursday, June 11th) would like to thank the businesses of this area for supporting us for the 7th year.

The SOAR events concentrate on raising money for the children of Special Operations who have lost a parent on a mission or training accident.

The willingness of the businesses in Highlands, Cashiers, Sapphire and Franklin to support these efforts will be long remembered by the Special Operations community.

This year, thanks to the generosity of these businesses and individuals, the SOAR Auction was able to raise $24,000.00 for scholarships. THANK YOU: Abundant Health, Ann Jacob Gallery, Alyxandra's, Bags on Main, Bear Mountain Outfitters, Blue Valley Gallery, Bound's Cave Oriental Rugs, Brad Knops, Briar Patch Gift Shop, Bryant Art Glass, Buck's Coffee Shop, Burlingame Country Club, Cabin Casual's, Cashier's BP Gas & Pizza, Chandler Inn, Lucas Patton Design, Colonel Mustard's, Collette Clark, Cypress Restaurant, Cyrano's Dining, Colby's, Pizza, Highlands' Newspaper, etc.
Rawlins graduates from UNC Asheville

Former Highlands School Salutatorian Caitlin Rawlins, class of 2004, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Art Degree at the University of North Carolina Asheville. Rawlins was also honored as a nationally recognized University Research Scholar, with Distinction in Art, and with a Leadership in Art departmental award.

Caitlin also graduated with 87-year-old North Carolina musical great Doc Watson. Watson, a Western North Carolina native, is a legendary guitar player, songwriter, and singer of bluegrass, folk and country music. He was awarded an honorary degree by UNC Asheville Chancellor Anne Ponder, and then performed several songs to the delight of everyone in attendance.

McCall graduates for UNC-Chapel Hill

Kayla McCall, Highlands School Class of 2005, graduated May 9, 2009, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was recognized for her academic achievements and for being on the Dean’s List five of her eight semesters at UNC. She was also inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. Kayla received a Bachelor’s degree in Radiologic Sciences.

She is employed in the ascular Interventional Department at Duke University Medical Center in Durham.

Thompson graduates from UNC-Chapel Hill

McKenzie Thompson, Highlands School Class of 2005, graduated on May 20, 2009, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and was honored for her academic achievement from the Office of Student Academic Counseling and The College of Arts and Sciences. She holds Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communications with a minor in French.

She is currently employed with Duke Medicine, Office of Marketing and Creative Services in Durham, NC.

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The Cookie Monster

First things first. Go into your bedroom and turn on every light. Now take off all your clothes and stand in front of a full length mirror. Is that scary, or what? If you’re like 80% of America, you’re grossly fat. Repeat after me: fat, fat, fat.

I’m taking off the clothes here. None of that clever “skinny challenged” cliché bull to make you feel better. Let’s face it; you’re fat and no matter how much you suck it in, you’re disgusting. Ha, me too, except I just finished a health screening at our hospital and I’m no longer obese, just grossly overweight.

The amazing part of this whole fat phenomenon thingy is that America is the land of fad diets, a multi-million dollar business. So it’s little wonder that a kid, grandfather looking doctor would come up with the clever idea to eat cookies to lose weight. It’s called Dr. Siegel’s cookie diet and it really works…well, almost.

A few words of caution. You know the old saying: never take a laxative and a sleeping pill together before bed. Well, with the cookie diet, you never, never, ever take medium with your diet cookie. It causes the whole mess to turn to concrete in your tummy. Have you tried to pass concrete lately? Not fun.

Then not so clever person who actually tried this thought he would stay full for three days on one cookie. It worked, but now he has terminal hemorrhoids. The cookie resembles a small cow patty and tastes about the same. Hey, that sounds better than eating scary cookies and getting hairy feet. Could I make this up?

And do you remember Ayds candies? Eat candy and watch the pounds roll off. They were “to die for” because several people did. Now a prescription is necessary to get those tasty morsels. Death by candy is a great way to lose weight.

Another awesome diet is the “Master Cleanse” diet. You drink water, lemon or lime juice, maple syrup and cayenne pepper. Caution, this diet reportedly makes you evil, like wanting to eat human flesh. Better stay away from that one, especially if you have a burning desire to put ketchup on your neighbor’s arm. Was Hannibal Lecter on that diet?

Here’s a worthless diet I actually tried. It’s called the grapefruit diet. You eat grapefruit morning, noon, and night to lose weight. So, in the morning I had a half grapefruit with my four eggs, six pieces of bacon, toast and latte. For dinner, a half grapefruit went nicely with a 12 oz. Porterhouse steak. I didn’t lose weight, but I loved the grapefruit.

Then there was the case of Mrs. Tucker’s grandson who snuck into her kitchen during a visit and ate six diet cookies from her cookie jar. They got the kid to the hospital just before he exploded. What a mess that would’ve made.

After exhausting research, I have found only one diet that is guaranteed to work. It’s called the tapeworm diet. You simply swallow the worm whole and let it go to work. When you eat, it gobbles up all that fat can be released into your system. One word of caution. The worm won’t eat the diet cookie. That should tell you something.
The healthcare conundrum

No one is quite sure what sort of health care bill, if any, will emerge from the current debate. President Obama insists that health care legislation will be passed in this session, but as congressional response to his promise to close Guantanamo Bay has shown, a president, even a wildly popular president, doesn't get everything he wants. It is uncertain if any bill will pass, and even less predictable what form it might take. What is certain is that neither a single payer plan, a euphemism for socialized medicine, nor universal coverage, is in our immediate future. It is uncertain if any bill will pass, and even less predictable what form it might take. What is certain is that neither a single payer plan, a euphemism for socialized medicine, nor universal coverage, is in our immediate future. It is uncertain if any bill will pass, and even less predictable what form it might take. What is certain is that neither a single payer plan, a euphemism for socialized medicine, nor universal coverage, is in our immediate future. It is uncertain if any bill will pass, and even less predictable what form it might take. What is certain is that neither a single payer plan, a euphemism for socialized medicine, nor universal coverage, is in our immediate future. It is uncertain if any bill will pass, and even less predictable what form it might take. What is certain is that neither a single payer plan, a euphemism for socialized medicine, nor universal coverage, is in our immediate future. It is uncertain if any bill will pass, and even less predictable what form it might take. What is certain is that neither a single payer plan, a euphemism for socialized medicine, nor universal coverage, is in our immediate future.
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Austin’s waist. Men from the bank were able to pull Austin out of the hole to safety. He was battered and bruised pretty badly and after a brief visit at the local emergency room was airlifted by MOMA to Mission Hospital in Asheville.

As Grady prepared to leave the hole, it’s presumed he pushed off the bottom with his foot which became wedged between some rocks. The hydraulic force and pressure made it impossible for him to free his foot alone.

According to witnesses, bystanders threw him a rope and after all efforts to pull him up out of the hole failed, someone called 9-1-1.

“We believe he was in the water 30 minutes by the time we were called,” said Jim Tate, Highlands Fire and Rescue Captain. Highlands and the Cullasaja Fire & Rescue team responded to the call about 11:55 a.m. Highlands was the lead team.

Tate said he and his team of about eight men used every ounce of strength and training they’ve received for Swift Water Rescue and the unsuccessful rescue has rocked the department.

For the first time in its 55-year existence, the department is meeting with a professional to be debriefed about the event. Many members on scene that day have sought counseling with their pastors and ministers.
Reflections from Turtle Pond

Last week it was announced that a flute had been discovered in a cave in southwestern Germany that is estimated to be 35 to 40 thousand years old. The instrument was made from the hollow wingbone of a griffon vulture. The bottom end of the flute is broken off; from the ordinary length of vulture wing bone it is estimated that maybe two or three inches are missing. What remains is eight and a half inches long, with five fingered holes pierced through the bone and two deep, V-shaped notches carved at the end in which the musician blew.

I read about this discovery in a New York Times article, “Flutes Offer Clues to Stone Age Music” (June 25), which went on to say: “A three-hole flute carved from mammoth ivory was uncovered a few years ago at another cave, as well as two flutes made from the wing bones of a mute swan. In the same cave, archaeologists also found beautiful carvings of animals. Friedrich Seeberger, a German specialist in ancient music, reproduced the ivory flute in wood. Experimenting with the replica, he found that the ancient flute produced a range of notes comparable in many ways to modern flutes. The tones are quite harmonic,” he said.” If you go to the article on the Times website you can hear music played on that replica!

You may have heard about the figurine of a very curvaceous female figure recently; the flute was found in the same cave. In the last few years many animal sculptures have been found from this same era, and the cave paintings are well-known. Evidently there was a tremendous flowering of culture during this time when modern humans were replacing the Neanderthals in Europe.

Two years ago I wrote a column entitled “The Human Family.” (July 2007) about the Genographic Project which has shown that about 50,000 years ago the entire population of our species had declined to 2,000. I wrote: “That’s two thousand total human beings on the planet. That’s the winter population of Highlands! Imagine Highlands being the repository of the human gene pool (kind of scary, isn’t it)... About 50,000 years ago something happened — perhaps some mutation which improved mental capacity — because waves of Homo sapiens began moving out of Africa and within a couple of thousand years they had reached as far as Australia.” A couple weeks ago I mentioned an interview I did with Dr. Costa of the Highlands Biological Station for Heart of the High Country. A section of the interview that did not make it on TV (but may appear later on in the season) concerned the fact that humans and chimpanzees share 98% or so of DNA. I asked, “What is it that distinguishes humans if our DNA is so identical?” Dr. Costa speculated that perhaps some critical point was reached in the development of our brains that allowed for the development of culture. Once that threshold was crossed we began to evolve in a brand new way, a creative non-physical evolution of the mind, and this evolution just snowballed.

It’s easy to imagine how music could help a group of humans survive. In all early human societies that I have ever heard of, the group regularly sang and danced together. This would bring them into harmony with each other, and as a result it would be much easier to work with one another, to cooperate.

The New York Times article ended by quoting the German archaeologists suggesting that music “could have contributed to the maintenance of larger social networks, and thereby perhaps have helped facilitate the demographic and territorial expansion of modern humans.”

The night I read about the flutes I watched a DVD of a drummer from Guinea, West Africa playing with a group of Americans in Asheville. One of the drums he played was what I later learned was called a krin drum, which is basically a log with slits cut down the sides and the ends plugged. The krin was played with sticks and you could imagine how very long ago this instrument was invented. I found a video about krin drums on YouTube. I learned the logs were tuned — the slats were cut so they would produce different tones on different parts of the log. Also, krins were used to send messages from tribe to tribe or to call people together.

I can practically hear that flute playing with a krin drum.

Music is deeply entwined in cultures all over the world. We use music in our...
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**A cause to remember**

With the people are celebrating an occasion that many, if not most of us, have forgotten the meaning of. The 4th of July, 1776, Congress signed the Declaration of self-rule, from which comes Independence Day. We enjoy the day with the consumption of vast quantities of hot dogs, beer, potato salad and anything else that’s within reach. It’s a day for family fun, frivolity and fireworks and this year it provides a much-needed break from work. If the weather cooperates, it can be a glorious day. It was a glorious day in 1776, when the rubber hit the road, and 56 brave souls put their lives on the line, declaring our freedom from Great Britain.

Following are the first few paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. As you read them, see if you don’t think there are curious truths meaningful to today.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations,
They do have a world class goalkeeper in Tim Howard, and have shown an ability to attack and score goals with the likes of Donovan and Jozy Altidore. The real question marks for the US are with its sometimes leaky defense, and an inability to handle high expectations. (more of which are surely coming after Sunday's performance). If the US can fill these holes on defense, they will have a chance to make some noise in 2010.

The other question that is a bit more mystifying has to do with why the US has been unable to break through on an international stage in soccer when the sport is so popular amongst the youth of the United States. While there is no doubt that professional soccer has not found much of a home here in the United States, for the youth of America soccer is one of the most popular sports in the 14 and under age group. Additionally, as America's population demographics continue to shift, more and more international influence will be found in this country, and perhaps more of an emphasis on teaching the game as well as attending and observing.

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Despite the positive hope for the future, one thing that will also help national soccer in this nation is the development of a national identity on the soccer pitch. It has often been said that football teams represent the personality of their nation-and there is some truth to this. The Brazilians certainly play with a certain amount of panache, whereas the Germans are precise and technical in their attack. However, because the United States has become such a melting pot of different cultures, it may be a bit more difficult to develop an identity that can truly represent America. After all, true Americans come from many different backgrounds and cultures, all with the dreams of success and happiness.

There was certainly a glimmer of hope towards that success last weekend in South Africa, and it may be that the continued dream of success is what will allow US soccer to forge out an identity and earn the respect of futbol powers worldwide.

Coach's Corner

Thoughts on soccer

coming off of what is one of the biggest weeks ever in US soccer (or futbol if you prefer) history, the US Men's Soccer team still must have a bitter taste in their mouth after allowing a 2-0 lead to slip away in the finals of the Confederations Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Perhaps the fact that the US simply led Brazil 2-0 was enough of a surprise to give fans of the Americans something to hang their hat on, but there is no doubt that the US players feel differently about allowing such a comeback.

Most agree that the turning point of the match came early in the second half, after the US had taken a 2 goal lead into the break on the strength of goals from Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan. Only a minute into the second half, Luis Fabiano blasted a goal past keeper Tim Howard, and from there it seemed as if the Brazilian monster awakened. Brazil spent the majority of the second half on the attack, and only a stellar effort in goal from Howard preserved the American's chances.

Unable to mount any type of counterattack offensively, the US defense ultimately withered under the pressure, as Fabiano scored again, this time off of a rebound, to equalize in the 74th minute. Soon afterwards Brazil finished off the US with a goal off of a corner, and the US was left to wonder what might have been.

Despite the disappointing loss, the US still managed to generate considerable excitement, after barely making it into the tournament stage (off of aggregate goals) the US shocked Spain (who had won 15 straight matches) 2-0 and then gave Brazil all that they could handle in the finals. There is a considerable amount of handwringing over some of the decisions of Head Coach Bob Bradley, but overall it is hard to argue with the success that the Americans had in the Confederations Cup. The real question is how much of this success will carry over into World Cup qualifying, and ultimately the World Cup itself. The US has had little trouble qualifying out of the CONCACAF region, so there is reason to assume that they will be ready for the World Cup.

Talent-wise, the US is still not on par with the likes of Spain and Brazil, but they do have a world class goalkeeper in Tim Howard, and have shown an ability to attack and score goals with the likes of Donovan and Jozy Altidore. The real question marks for the US are with its sometimes leaky defense, and an inability to handle high expectations. (more of which are surely coming after Sunday's performance). If the US can fill these holes on defense, they will have a chance to make some noise in 2010.

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Thoughts on soccer

coming off of what is one of the biggest weeks ever in US soccer (or futbol if you prefer) history, the US Men’s Soccer team still must have a bitter taste in their mouth after allowing a 2-0 lead to slip away in the finals of the Confederations Cup in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Perhaps the fact that the US simply led Brazil 2-0 was enough of a surprise to give fans of the Americans something to hang their hat on, but there is no doubt that the US players feel differently about allowing such a comeback.

Most agree that the turning point of the match came early in the second half, after the US had taken a 2 goal lead into the break on the strength of goals from Clint Dempsey and Landon Donovan. Only a minute into the second half, Luis Fabiano blasted a goal past keeper Tim Howard, and from there it seemed as if the Brazilian monster awakened. Brazil spent the majority of the second half on the attack, and only a stellar effort in goal from Howard preserved the American’s chances.

Unable to mount any type of counterattack offensively, the US defense ultimately withered under the pressure, as Fabiano scored again, this time off of a rebound, to equalize in the 74th minute. Soon afterwards Brazil finished off the US with a goal off of a corner, and the US was left to wonder what might have been.

Despite the disappointing loss, the US still managed to generate considerable excitement, after barely making it into the tournament stage (off of aggregate goals) the US shocked Spain (who had won 15 straight matches) 2-0 and then gave Brazil all that they could handle in the finals. There is a considerable amount of handwringing over some of the decisions of Head Coach Bob Bradley, but overall it is hard to argue with the success that the Americans had in the Confederations Cup. The real question is how much of this success will carry over into World Cup qualifying, and ultimately the World Cup itself. The US has had little trouble qualifying out of the CONCACAF region, so there is reason to assume that they will be ready for the World Cup.

Talent-wise, the US is still not on par with the likes of Spain and Brazil, but they do have a world class goalkeeper in Tim Howard, and have shown an ability to attack and score goals with the likes of Donovan and Jozy Altidore. The real question marks for the US are with its sometimes leaky defense, and an inability to handle high expectations. (more of which are surely coming after Sunday's performance). If the US can fill these holes on defense, they will have a chance to make some noise in 2010.

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I’m bringing a fantastic flag cake to this year’s party— it serves a lot of people and it’s easy to make. I’ll let you in on two little secrets that make this cake taste extra good: instant potato flakes keep the cake tender and moist, while mini chocolate chips give you little bursts of chocolate with every bite. The colorful fruit on top not only adds great flavor, but it turns this cake into a showstopper that has guests “oohing” and “ahhing” in delight!

**Independence Cake**
Makes 20 servings

1 cup water
1 cup instant mashed potato flakes
2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon baking powder
3/4 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
2 2/3 cups granulated sugar
1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
4 large eggs
3/4 cup milk
2 cups (12-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
1 container (8 ounces) frozen lite whipped topping, thawed
2 cups sliced strawberries
1/2 cup blueberries

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Grease 13 x 9-inch baking pan; line with wax paper. HEAT water to boiling in small saucepan; remove from heat. Stir in potato flakes until moistened. Cool to room temperature. Combine flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon and nutmeg in a medium bowl. BEAT sugar and butter until crumbly. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition; beat in potatoes. Gradually beat in flour mixture alternately with milk. Stir in morsels. Spoon into prepared baking pan. BAKE 45 to 55 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert onto wire rack; remove wax paper. Cool completely. Transfer to serving platter.

FROST sides and top of cake with whipped topping. Just prior to serving, arrange strawberry slices and blueberries on top of cake to represent the American flag.

Jenny Harper is Senior Culinary Specialist for the Nestlé Test Kitchens and VeryBestBaking.com. 

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rituals. In our religious rites. In weddings and funerals. We sing to soothe our babies. Nowadays technology has allowed each of us to build our own personal life soundtrack on our iPods.

Thinking about the flute made me remember when I traveled in Eastern Europe in 1979. I had gone to the Soviet Union with a group and we drove ourselves in VW vans. We left the Soviet Union in Moldova and while driving through Romania we saw a young couple hitchhiking — very unusual in Eastern Europe at the time — and of course picked them up. It turned out they were from East Germany, camping in the mountains of Romania for their vacation. No one on our bus spoke German and they didn’t speak English (we could always communicate somewhat with people in Eastern Europe in Russian).

But the man had a flute and he played it and it was as if we were talking. At that moment I learned that music is a universal language.

I told a friend about this memory and she replied, “Oh yeah, he was from Germany, and he was playing a flute…”

All of Katie Brugger’s columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com
check ups. The Surgeon General issued the first warning on the harmful effects of tobacco in 1964. According to the American Lung Association, tobacco use declined 40% between 1965 and 1990, but has remained virtually unchanged since 1990. An estimated 45 million Americans smoke today, and I find it incredibly naive to believe that the problem is inadequate education. Does the President’s plan assume that if the President asks us to be thin, we will cease to be fat? Can we really believe that federal legislation can provide the motivation for Americans to exercise when nearly forty years indoctrination on the benefits of wellness and self responsibility have not? The problem has not been the absence of a well delivered message, but of a receptive audience. The savings which Senator Tom Harkin and others postulate just won’t happen, and never will. The only way to reign in health care costs is to adopt socialized medicine. Make no mistake that today’s medicine is big business, but business unencumbered by normal market forces. No current proposal will alter that reality. Americans enjoy the right to select their own doctors, but the right to make decisions on their care is largely illusionary. There is no doubt that if we were to remove the profit in medicine, medical progress would be slowed dramatically, nor is there much doubt that bright ambitious youths would gravitate to other fields. Medical care would, of necessity, be rationed, decisions on extraordinary end of life care determined by protocol rather than the wishes of a patient and his family. We have the difficult choice between the unsustainable and the unacceptable.
By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

L et me make one thing clear from the start; I have nothing against bats. Quite the opposite; I like bats. Like most of the wild creatures which inhabit the land surrounding our house, they have a right to be there. We humans are the interlopers. We do our best to accommodate them by not having unrealistic expectations of what the yard of a country house should look like. We are not aiming for Versailles or Kew Gardens.

That said, there are beasts I do not like to see in the house. Snakes are not welcome, although three of them have gotten into the house. One even made it up to the second floor master bedroom. “Argh!” I screamed, yelling and pointing to the offending creature. “What? This little old thing?” said John, gently picking up the snake, and escorting it outside. “I thought you were cool with snakes,” he continued. “Not in our bedroom on the second floor!” I cried. Hey, call me picky, but I thought it was a shoelace until it started slithering across the floor.

Which brings me to the bats. My introduction to bats occurred the first night I spent at Kettlerock. We had just hunkered down to sleep, when a whooshing noise made my eyes spring open. I tried to adjust to the darkness, and in the shadows saw something flying back and forth between the rafters of the room. At first I thought it was just a large moth. To my dismay, I realized it was too big to be a moth. “Honey?” I whispered. “Uh” replied John. “Honey,” I ventured a bit more loudly. “Is that a bat?” “Uh” was the reply. “Honey” I began again, a bit more insistent this time. “Are you going to do anything about it?” “Un-uh” came the reply. “It can dam well get out the same way it got in.” And, in fact, it did.

This brings me to another set of strange creatures inhabiting our town these days – tourists. Don’t get me wrong. The majority of tourists in Highlands are charming, well-behaved folks who enjoy the beauty of our mountains and our laid-back lifestyle. They don’t come here looking for the nightlife of Las Vegas or Miami. It would be ungracious to begrudge their presence. They may make my wait in the grocery line longer, and make it almost impossible to park on Main Street these days, but where would we be without them? Many of the stores we are glad to have open in February can only afford to do so because of the money they make on tourists during the spring, summer and early fall.

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Nature trail and house dedicated

At a dedication ceremony on Thursday, June 25, the Cashiers Historical Society officially opened the newest addition to the Zachary-Tolbert House Museum, The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Nature Trail. The dedication was presented in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Land Trust and its commitment to history and preservation. The Land Trust Nature Trail features an interpretive brochure that guides visitors along the wooded paths, stopping along the way at marked “stations” of historical and natural significance. The Nature Trail is open seven days a week from sunrise until dusk and like the guided House Tours is a free community benefit provided by the Historical Society. Pictured from left are incoming HCLT President Thomas Bates, HCLT Executive Director Gary Wein, HCLT Board member John Warren, Cashiers Historical Society Chairman Darla McBurney, and outgoing HCLT President Mercedes Heller.

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protect ourselves from the seasonal flu. These precautions include:
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue. Throw the tissue away after use. If you do not have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your sleeve.
• Wash your hands with soap and water. If soap and water is not available, alcohol based hand sanitizer can be used.
• Individuals who develop respiratory symptoms with fever should not attend school, summer camps, work or other public gatherings for seven full days after the beginning of symptoms, or for 24 hours after the last symptom, whichever is longer.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are 179 confirmed cases of H1N1 influenza in the North Carolina, and one death associated with the virus. Most the NC cases reported were in Buncombe and Rutherford counties, and news media sources reporting cases in neighboring Haywood and Henderson counties in NC, and Rabun County in GA.

“The CDC says most people who have become ill with the new H1N1 influenza virus in the United States have recovered without requiring medical treatment. However, the CDC anticipates that there will be more cases, more hospitalizations and more deaths associated with this pandemic in the coming days and weeks. In addition, this virus could cause significant illness with associated hospitalizations and deaths in the fall and winter during the U.S. influenza season.

H1N1 influenza spreads in the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread, mainly through the coughs and sneezes of people who are sick with the virus, but it may also be spread by touching infected objects and then touching your nose or mouth. H1N1 influenza infection has been reported to cause a wide range of flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. In addition, many people also have reported nausea, vomiting and/or diarrhea.

The Macon County Public Health Center continues to have routine communication with state and local health officials on the novel H1N1 influenza situation. For more information on novel H1N1 influenza, visit www.maconnc.org.
Cashiers resident Robin Tindall-Taylor has been named the new executive director of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation.

Mrs. Tindall-Taylor, CFRE, who is currently director of the Foundation and Corporate Communications at Haywood Regional Medical Center in Clyde, NC, will assume her duties here July 13. She takes over the position formerly held by Russell M. Harris, CFRE, FAHP, who resigned in April.

“We are very fortunate to be able to bring someone of Robin’s experience and skills to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation,” said Earle Mauldin, chairman of the Foundation Board, who made the announcement Friday. “In addition to her proven abilities in the field of healthcare philanthropy, it’s an added benefit that she is already familiar with our area.”

Mrs. Tindall-Taylor, who has been with Haywood Regional since 1989, lived in Haywood County until marrying the manager of Cedar Creek Racquet Club and moving to Cashiers a little over two years ago.

“Since Walker and I were married on the crest of Chimney Top Mountain, I’ve been fortunate enough to live on the Highlands-Cashiers plateau. I love the people, as well as the myriad of outdoor activities available in an area of such remarkable natural beauty,” she said. “This chance to continue my career here is a dream come true.”

While at Haywood Regional, Mrs. Tindall-Taylor planned and directed a number of major capital campaigns, including drives to construct a 54,000 sq. ft. health and fitness center, a major expansion of the hospital’s emergency department, and a hospice care facility. She also established a named foundation scholarship fund that provides assistance to current and prospective nurses and allied health care employees. She has worked extensively with a number of well-known foundations, including scholarships, such as the Duke Endowment, the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, and the Janirve Foundation.

Prior to turning her talents predominantly toward fundraising, she spent much of her career in the marketing and communications field, most recently as head of corporate communications at Haywood Regional. A native of Minnesota, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of Minnesota.

In addition to achieving and maintaining her status as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), Mrs. Tindall-Taylor is a member of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, the American Hospital Association’s Society for Healthcare Strategy and Market Development, and the North Carolina Planned Giving Council.

Although she says she is sad in some ways to be leaving the Haywood medical community, she is excited to be joining such a “dynamic professional team at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.”

“Truly, we have a gem of a hospital here, both in quality and in scope of services. Being in the healthcare field, friends often share with me their personal health care experiences, and I am very pleased to hear what they say about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Whether it’s in regard to health screenings, sports injuries, life-threatening emergencies, or surgery, people say they are so glad to have this hospital here,” she said. “Patients here tell me the care they received here was as good as or better than anywhere they’ve ever been!”

“The long tradition of community support for the hospital also impressed her, she added. “The people of this unique area have built an amazing tradition of support for this community hospital, and I have great respect for that. That commitment from these communities, along with the hospital’s mission of providing quality care, is the essence of what creates a climate of great health care.”

While that tradition of support for the hospital certainly continues, Mrs. Tindall-Taylor said she realizes today’s economy presents challenges for all non-profit organizations. “Yet, these can also be quiet times for donors to experience a deeper meaning of charitable giving, and to see the positive impact of their generosity — not only for the benefit of the hospital, but more importantly, for the health of our community,” she said. “I am eager to invite everyone to partner with the Foundation to ensure that great health care is available close by for all of us.”
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cause we’re a small Southern town doesn’t mean we’re stupid, unsophisticated or uneducated. The population of Highlands contains some of the smartest, well-read and cosmopolitan folks I’ve ever met. Don’t talk down to us. We’ve heard about indoor plumbing. Most of us even have it.

I won’t get into the annual debate over slow drivers. Most of the tourists I have seen may seem slow to the locals, but they are actually obeying the speed limit, which many locals ignore. What I wish they would do, however, is what we do. If you have someone tailgating you, for heaven’s sake, pull over at the first chance you can get, and let them get by. Do you really want several tons of angry Bubba in a pickup truck running into your trunk if you have to brake to miss a squirrel?

Another pet peeve is the folks who cannot stop yelling into their cell phones, even when they are in eating establishments which quite clearly forbid cell phone use. It is an unwritten rule in Highlands that you do not ruin the peace and quiet of your fellow eaters by discussing your latest operation, the current state of your bank account, or each and every purchase recently made at Walmart (no kidding, the woman was right next to me).

Highlands is a lovely and exceptional town. It is a privilege to live here. We like people to enjoy themselves, but hope they realize that this isn’t just a vacation destination. Some of us call it home. Ask us the good places to eat. We’ll show you the best waterfalls on your map, too. There’s room for all of us. Y’all come back, now, hear?

About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband live on top of a mountain on the Continental divide near Highlands. They are members of the Highlands Writers Group. Michelle is a Floridian by birth, and a Highlander by choice.
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- 550835, HWY 106, HWY 106, 9/19/2006 0:00, WARTH HOLDINGS LLC, 2/26/2009 0:00, 0, $145,230, 0, WARTH DAVID W, $145,230

- 531848, 2161 N 4TH ST, U.S. 64 EAST, 4/27/2007 0:00, PEARMAN WESLEY B, 5/13/2009 0:00, 0, $109,000, $40,000, $69,000, LUPOLI JOHN R JR, $128,660

- 532277, 3309 HORSE COVE RD, HORSE COVE, 11/7/2006 0:00, MORRIS WILLIAM T, 3/6/2009 0:00, 0, $161,000, $93,440, PETRONE JAMES G, 6/5/2007 0:00, PETRON CREEK, 11/5/2007 0:00, BURRELL J S, $296,250

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- 600564, 36 BELLWOOD DR, OFF HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, GREEN JOACHIM WOLFGANG, 2/20/2009 0:00, 0, $51,510, 0, WARTH DAVID W, $51,510

- 500041, 339 PICKLESIMER RD, LOT 4, PICKLESIMER SUB, 11/3/2006 0:00, KING JEANNETTE HARRIS, 1/15/2009 0:00, 0, $812,150, FUSELIER GREGORY J, 3/13/2009 0:00, 0, $152,940, SEC II HFCC, 2/14/2006 0:00, FUSELIER GREGORY J, $965,090

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"I just can’t explain how horrible and terrible it is," said Tate.
Grady was alive when Highlands Fire & Rescue arrived.
The men strung ropes across the river and had three or four men in the water, but they couldn’t get close enough to him, said Tate.

"The way you’re supposed to free someone who is stuck like that is pull them back against the current," said Tate. "This time it just didn’t work, likely because his foot was caught."

About two years ago, the team was called to the exact same hole to rescue a young girl and that rescue was successful.

"The river wasn’t as high and the current wasn’t nearly as strong," said Tate. "Plus she was a lot smaller."

Fire and rescue personnel are a brave lot. They train hard and long until running into a burning house or jumping into a raging river is second nature. They, like most civilians, expect every mission to be a success and they usually are.

That’s why this one has marked them so deeply.

"I just don’t know what else we could have done under the circumstances without risking the lives of our guys more than we already were by having them in the river," said Tate. "The pressure of the water at that spot is like a pinch point. If we had tried to get in the hole with him – a hole which isn’t very wide to begin with – we would have been in the same position while fighting to keep from being swept downstream."

Grady’s death is being called a drowning, "but we don’t really know what caused his death," said Tate. "His head was above the water and he was alive when we got there and lived for another 15 minutes and then he was gone. The water was very chilly and he had been fighting the current in the hole for a long time."

"I said he and his men did everything they could. "We even broke a rope trying to pull him out."

USFS Nantahala District Ranger Mike Wilkens said there are 400 square miles of natural hazards in the district – cliffs, water features and more – and since it’s impossible to rope off and fence all areas it’s very important to be extremely cautious.

"Don’t get into water where the hydraulic action is a very strong force. Gentle areas where you might fish are usually OK, but not where water is tumbling and flowing at a rapid rate," he said.

Wilkens said the rivers in the Nantahala district are running high and fast due to heavy spring rains and a grade above a few percentages can be extremely dangerous when accompanied by the force of water moving through a narrow area.

When Mike Grady died, the mission changed to recovery. Department members went back to the firehouse and got the ladder truck. Back at the site, the ladder was extended across the river, a man was lowered down and the body retrieved in a way not suitable for a living subject.

Highlands Fire and Rescue cleared the scene at 3:24 p.m.

- Kim Lewicki
Register now for the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic is Mon., Aug. 17

Even if golf isn’t your thing, you can still make a donation to this life-changing cause by calling 526-2118

Tracy B. Hedden, Highlands School Class of 1993, is a graduate of Western Carolina University where she earned a B.S. in elementary education. She is an elementary teacher at Highlands School. “I was the recipient of one of the Town’s big scholarships. It has allowed me to be successful today. We are so fortunate to live in a town that believes in its young people. I considered this not only a financial gift, but also a gift of encouragement because I knew that my hometown believed in me to succeed! She is pictured with one of her 5th grade students, Zack Williams, who was reading a tribute he had written to her during teacher appreciation week.

Register now to play in this exciting and worthy event. You may drop off your $150 per player fee at the new Town Hall location at Highlands Creek Village or call 526-2118 to make your check payable to the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. The Fund was created in 1987 and now has an investment of over $700,000. Each year the interest earned is given to the Highlands School graduates to help them finance their education at colleges, universities, and trade schools. All graduates are eligible regardless of their grade point average and are eligible to reapply for each year that they are in school for additional funds.

I/We would like to make a donation and become a sponsor of this exciting event in the following manner:

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$150.00 per Golf Contestant

Guest Tickets at $50.00 per ticket for the Awards Party

Due to an overwhelming response to last year’s event, payment for golf must be made to guarantee your registration to play. The first 128 “PAID” contestants will participate in the event! Golf Contestant donations must be mailed or delivered to David Call or Connie Smith at: Callasaja Club, 1371 Callasaja Club Drive, Highlands, NC 28741 or you may drop your entry and check to the Town Hall. Please make your checks payable to Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund.

Diamond, Platinum, Gold, and Patron Sponsor Donations can be mailed or delivered to the Town of Highlands at: P.O. Box 460, Highlands, NC 28741 or to David Call or Connie Smith. For further details to become a sponsor or make a gracious donation of any kind you may contact David Call at 526-3531. Please make your checks payable to Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund.

Town Of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic
Monday, August 17, 2009
at the Callasaja Club of Highlands

All Donations are Tax Deductible

Golf Contestants may bring guests to the Awards Party by purchasing a ticket at the cost of $50.00.

Event Agenda
11:00am – Registration & Lunch Buffet in Clubhouse, Practice Range Open, Tee Gift Distribution, Complimentary Beverages on Course
12:30pm – Shotgun Start – Scramble
5:00pm – 7:00pm – Cocktails, Dinner Buffet and Awards Party
A high tech and sky high steeple painter stopped crowds Tuesday as a crane lifted him in a basket to the highest point where he began painting the Methodist Church steeple.

Over the last several months the church has been undergoing a face lift of sorts.

-- Kim Lewicki
UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW POLICY
$5 per week, per 20 words for class or event ads with a price tag.
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Email: highlandseditor@aol.com or call 828-526-0782

Week Long
• YOGA - all levels all week, schedule posted Moonrise Yoga 464 Carolina Way. 828-526-8890 www.highlandsyoga.com 7/16
  • Nantahala Tennis Club at the Rec Park, six days a week at 9 a.m. Public invited.
  • RBC Bank Highlands (225 Franklin Rd) is selling raffle tickets to win a Weber grill. Tickets are $5 and raffle is limited to 100 tickets only. Get ‘em while they last! Also selling American Cancer Society “Fight Like A Girl” shirts in their lobby at 225 Franklin Rd. Highlands. 100% of proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society.
  • Registration is now open for the 2009 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered. Call 828-526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/highlands.
  • At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-3FIT.

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 743-5099.
  • Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 8th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 601 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodworth at 828-399-7540 ext 203.
  • Hal Phillips on piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road during the Champagne Brunch 12-2 p.m.
  • Mon., Wed., & Thurs.
    • Yoga On The Mat. New location. The Episcopal Church of Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. M/W @ 7:30 a.m.; Thurs. @10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-492-2129 7/30
  • 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.
  • Tuesdays
    • 5-week PAC Film Series at the center on Chestnut Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. Free. Donations appreciated. Upcoming movies: Hilary & Jackie, The Benny Goodman Story, Fantasia, Unfaithfully Yours, Song of Norway. Sponsored by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.
    • Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.
    • Closed AA Women’s meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
  • Wednesdays
    • Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.
    • Men’s Intenational 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
        • Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A $5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.
    • Thursdays
      • Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).
      • Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on First Mondays.
      • Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).
      • The Zahnier Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. Subjects vary.
      • Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on

Final week of ‘The Taffetas’

It is your last chance to experience the wonder, wistfulness and excitement that is the Taffetas! Join the Highlands Playhouse as they close the first show of their 71st season. Word around town is that this production is one of the best shows to hit the Playhouse stage since Always Patsy Cline. “The girls are fabulous and just as cute as can be,” says one local theatergoer. The Taffetas will transport you to a different time and place. “Escaping with Kaye, Peggy, Donna, Cheryl and their band as they sing and dance their way through the fabulous fifties! What could be better than four singing beauties and a live three-piece band?”

The Taffetas will be sponsored by Lupoli Construction. The production runs through July 5. Performance times are Tuesday-Saturday at 8: PM and Sunday at 2 PM. For tickets and more information about our upcoming season, please call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Don’t miss our next production, Arsenic and Old Lace, opening July 9 at 8 p.m. with an Opening Night Reception catered by New Mountain Events. The production runs from July 9 – July 19. There will be a ‘Preview Night’ dress rehearsal of Arsenic and Old Lace on July 8 at 8:00 PM. The dress rehearsal is open to the public and any donation made at the door is greatly appreciated!

Registration for the Highlands Playhouse Children’s Theatre Camp will be closing soon. The camp is a two-week session, concluding with a free performance for family, friends and the community. Classes run from July 6-10 and July 13-17 with a performance on July 18 at 11 AM. The performance will be held at the Highlands Playhouse. Classes times are 9 AM-Noon for ages 6-10 and 1-4 PM for ages 11-14. The cost of the camp is $175. For a registration form and more information, contact the Highlands Playhouse Box Office.

Highlands Playhouse 2009 Showhouse July 17-19

The Highlands Playhouse 2009 Showhouse, a luxurious mountain retreat by Lupoli Construction and decorated by Tony Raffa of Raffa Design Associates, in the Mirror Lake community. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are $30 and will be available at the Highlands Playhouse Box Office soon. The ticket price includes a viewing of the home, transportation to and from the home from a central location in Highlands and light, poolside refreshments. No pets or strollers are allowed. To purchase tickets, call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location in downtown Highlands.

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- 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, 827 Wiley 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 Widenhouse 828-524-1355, Carole Light 828-226-6213
- 2nd & 4th Fridays
  - Community Drum Circle at the Highlands Rec Park, from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information call 421-0551.
- Fridays & Saturdays
  - At Fressers Eatery, Cy Timmons live from 6 p.m.
  - At Grays Fiddlesticks, boogie woogie piano from 7-9:30 p.m. at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.
  - At Grays Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.
- Saturdays
  - At Cypress 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.
- NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church,
  242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.
- Sundays & 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.h-cmusicfestival.org.
- Through Sunday, July 5
  - At Highlands Playhouse, The Taffetas, Tuesdays through Sundays, 8 p.m. everyday except Sunday which is 2 p.m. For ticket prices or more information come by the box office at the Playhouse at 362 Oak Street or call 828-526-2695. Box office hours are Monday through Saturday 10am until 5 pm.
- Through Saturday, July 11
  - The Three Potters: Bingle, Hewitt and Stuempfle exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be June 13 from 5-7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
- Through Saturday, Aug. 15
  - Helen Frankenthaler and the Color Field Painters exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
- Thurs. & Fri, July 2-3
  - At Ruka’s Table in Wright Square on Main Street, Artist Steve Penley will have a book signing and being showing and selling his original artwork. Thursday, from 5-8 p.m. and Friday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday, July 2
  - Taize services will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

The Highlands Bolivian Mission is having a bake sale and country breakfast on Saturday, July 4 from 8-11 a.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church on Main Street. The bake sale will feature freshly made raspberry and blueberry jams and blueberry and rhubarb pies and other wonderful fresh baked goods made by the mission volunteers. The country breakfast consists of choices between an egg casserole, biscuits, sausage, biscuits with sausage gravy and fruit. The proceeds will help the mission fund their foster home and other projects in Montero, Bolivia. The mission has been going to Bolivia since 1998 and they build houses for the poor, builds feeding centers for children and provides free medical and dental care through its several clinics with which it works. All people are welcome to come to the breakfast and pick up a journal from the last mission trip in February and March. In addition to groups from the Highlands and Cashiers area, the University of Mississippi, UNC-A and Johns Hopkins Medical School have also sent groups of students to help with the mission.

Bake Sale and Country Breakfast at HUMC Saturday
The second is a group of students from UNC-A and Highlands helping to build a feeding and education center for poor children in Montero, Bolivia.

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Rotary Annual July 4th BBQ
The 4th of July, barbeque and the Rotary Club of Highlands is a winning recipe. Barbeque is available at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ball park where children’s entertainment will begin at 10. Come inside, eat inside, or outside over looking the ball park or just drive through. Rotary’s outdoor stand near the building.

Barbeque pork and chicken slowly cooked over the grill will be available all day with hot dog platters from 11 am to 2 pm. Served with cole slaw, corn on the cob, chips and a canned drink, it’s a complete meal. Barbeque pork and chicken sandwich platters are $8 and hot dog platters are $6. Barbeque pork by the pound is $12 – think about barbeque served at your home Saturday night on the 4th. Thesesame items will also be available from Rotary’s tent at Bryson’s Parking lot – next to the Post Office and at the Highlands Ball Park.

‘Salute to America’ July 4 at 1st Pres.
At the First Presbyterian Church, The Martin Lipscombe Performing Arts Center Male Chorus presents “A Salute to America” a patriotic mini-concert at 8 p.m. Featuring Larry Black on trumpet and Angie Jenkins on organ. It’s free.
Telluride Mountain Film Festival coming to Cashiers July 10 & 11

Two unique evenings of dining, music, and documentary films.

Telluride Mountain Film Festivals' national tour comes to Western North Carolina for the first time Friday July 10th and Saturday, July 11. The two evenings will feature delicious food from local restaurants and live music under the stars at Cashiers Village Hillside Park, up the hill behind Tommy's.

The festival will open Friday July 10th with a special presentation of *The Village Heritage Award by Cashiers Historical Society. This will be followed by the flamenco/jazz/world music of Asheville-based Cabo Verde. Dinner will then be served, courtesy of Cyprus International Cuisine of Highlands. There will be a Q & A with director Matt Morris after the screening of his film *History Making Farming Author on the Move*. The evening features a selection of outdoor, adventure, human interest and environmental films from Telluride Mountain Film Festival.

Saturday, July 11, will be a casual evening enjoying the music of The Trainwrecks, voted Western North Carolina’s number one Alternative Country band by Mountain Xpress. Dinner will be followed by guest appearances by local musicians and DJs, with a live DJ to spin tunes into the night. The evening features a selection of outdoor, adventure, human interest and environmental films from Telluride Mountain Film Festival.

Dinner open at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. The owner and winemaker from West bend Vineyards in North Carolina will be on hand to discuss the variety of wines. The refreshing micro-brewed beers of Sapphire Mountain Brewing Company will also be offered.

Two drinks (wine, beer or soda) are included with ticket and more can be purchased.

The Telluride Film Festival films begin at dusk both nights (around 9 p.m.) and will conclude about 11 p.m. A different selection of films will be shown each night. You can purchase tickets on line at www.telluridefilmfestival.com and also see the line up and film clips. Sorry, no pets or outside food and drink are permitted. A limited number of $10 tickets, good for film viewing only, will be available at the door. Gates open at 8 p.m. for film only ticket holders. No food or drink is included in this ticket, but beverages can be purchased.

The event is hosted by Cashiers Village, located near where Highways 64 and 107 meet, home to Zeke & Earl’s hot dog stand and the legendary Tommy’s Coffee Shop. Cashiers Village has plans for a pedestrian-friendly residential and retail community at the Cashiers Crossroads, which will begin development in earnest as the economy rights itself. Their vision is to create a thriving and culturally enriching town center. This Film Festival is a step in that direction.

Home and garden shop is newest addition to Mountains in Bloom

Free admission, free demonstrations at two-day event

A Home & Garden Shop featuring free admission and free public demonstrations is the newest addition to the annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival, and organizers are certain the shop will quickly become a Highlands summer institution.

Held at the Highlands Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11, the Home & Garden Shop features the best in live plant material and unusual and distinctive items for the garden, porch, patio and home. The best perennials, forms and native plants, as well as exotics such as orchids, succulents and carnivorous plants, will be for sale.

Nearly 20 vendors will have their wares on display, including Oakleaf Flower and Garden, Highlands Kaylae Collections, Atlanta, Ga.; Fern Ridge Farms, Canton, Ga.; and more.

Free lectures and demonstrations will be held on the stage both days:

- July 10, 10:30 a.m., “Cooking with Herbs,” Pat Buchanan
- July 10, 3:30 p.m., “Creative Centerpieces,” Laurie Lowe
- July 11, 10:30 a.m., “Working with Orchids,” Janet Avery
- July 11, 1:30 p.m., “Working with Succulents,” Mary Guy Gunn

Proceeds will benefit the American Bald Eagle Project, D’Estes Antiques, The Summer House, and Acorns with designer Kirk Moore of Oakleaf Flower and Garden.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Mountain Artisans ‘Summertime’ Art & Crafts Show July 4-5 at WCU’s Ramsey Center**
  
  Regina Coffee, an artist who reproduces historic buildings in clay, has been working all spring on the Zachery-Tolbert House in Cashiers. The miniature masterpiece will be unveiled at the Mountain Artisans ‘Summertime’ Art & Crafts Show July 4-5. Located inside and outside the (WCU) Ramsey Center in Cullowhee.

  More than 100 heritage and contemporary artisans will be exhibiting at the event.

  Customers highly anticipate the wide selection of clay art, pottery, wood craft, folk and fine art and hard to find pine needle baskets, corn shuk dolls, and pine cone birds.

  The glass artist will dazzle you with panels, mobiles, and sun catchers.

  Prize winning gourd art, master jewelers and unique birdhouses will be there.

  The doll makers will be working in corn shucks, fabric and collectables.

  The whole family will enjoy the demonstrations of vanishing arts like blacksmithing, woodwrighting, and native flutes.

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  Purchase a quilt or rustic furniture piece and meet the artist who made it.

  The Lucas family will be playing the old tunes on the instruments they make. They will show how easy you can play, too.

  David Little, The Shoal Creek Carver, is our featured artist. He will be using an adz and carving dough bowls right before your eyes.

  The mountains best chair caner, David Ammons, will have a project he will be working on.

  If you ever wanted to play the Georga Pluck Stick, Ronnie Miller will show you how.

  The soup mix folks from Mississippi are coming back too.

  Hours are 10-5 each day. Admission is $3.00 for adults. Children under 12 free.

  Free, convenient parking.

  For show information go to www.mountainartisans.net or 828-526-3405 djhunter@dnet.net or Doris Hunter, show director.

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**Outdoor exhibition of Architectural Ceramics at The Bascom starting July 7**

Clay works by three highly respected North Carolina ceramists will be on display at The Bascom’s first outdoor exhibition beginning July 7.

Architectural Ceramics, July 7-Aug. 1, will be curated by landscape architect Marcia S. Weber. Weber has selected large-scale vessels by North Carolina artists Chad Brown, Daniel Johnston and Matt Jones. The works will be exhibited on The Bascom’s new campus in conjunction with Mountains in Bloom garden festival, July 7-11.

Gail and Paul Jones are sponsors of the exhibition. A donation from Horst and Margaret Winkler made the Nature and Sculpture Trail possible. Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact The Bascom at (828) 526-4949 or www.thebascom.org.

Work by Seagrove potter Chad Brown will be included in an outdoor exhibition at The Bascom, Architectural Ceramics, July 7 to Aug. 1.

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**Mountain Artisans 16th Annual 4th of July Weekend Art & Craft Show at the Blue Ridge School on Hwy. 107, in Cashiers**

Saturday and Sunday 4th of July Weekend Art & Craft Show at the Blue Ridge School on Hwy. 107, in Cashiers - July 4th and 5th. The show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Besides pottery, there will be Ironwork done by a blacksmith, woodcarvings, woodturnings, furniture, quilts, art glass, jewelry, goats milk soap, hand-carved acrylic sculptures, handmade musical instruments, photography, floral art, hand knitted purses, shawls, scarves, belts and much, much more. The show is free to attend and has plenty of free parking, so come out and join us for a fun day with arts, crafts and exhibitor demonstrations. For more information, call 828-526-3818.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sun.–Mon., July 5–6
• Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival opens the season with The Erica Trio performing Haydn’s Piano Sonata in A-B Major and Mendelssohn’s Sonata in D Major at PAC. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.hcmusicfestival.org.

Mon.-Fri., July 6 - 10
• The Macon County Soccer Club (http://www.maconsoccer.net) is currently accepting registrations for the Fall soccer season. Parents are encouraged to print out the registration form online and bring it with them to the registration. Children age 4 and up are welcome and will be placed on teams according to age. The registration fee is $60 for players and a $5 discount is available for siblings. The registration fee covers uniform (jersey, shorts and socks), state registration and referee fees. All new players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate. The deadline for registration for the Fall season is July 20th. Registrations received after July 20 will incur a $10 late fee and players will be placed on a wait list. Every effort will be made to place late registrants on a team. However, we cannot guarantee placement on a team before the first game. Register during British Soccer Camp from 9am - 12pm at the Industrial Park soccer fields.

Monday, July 6
• Basket-making class “Beginner Cedar and Rush Basket” by Peggie Wilcox, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is $125/$125 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1-mile woodland hike at a private home, identifying local trees. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 15 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets.

• Please join Mountain Air Chiropractic for a free lecture 6 pm at their Cashiers office Topic: pH Balance & Eating Well. For more information call us at 828-743-9070 or 828-526-3709.

• A lecture on the medicinal properties of plants, “Flower Remedies: Take Two Roses and Call Me in the Morning,” by Margie Shambaugh, will be 5:30 p.m. at The Bascom as part of the Mountains in Bloom garden festival. Cost is $10. To pre-register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

Tuesday-Saturday, July 7-11
• Annual Mountains in Bloom garden festival to benefit the Bascom visual arts center. Activities include elaborate garden tours, a flower show, a Giverny-themed Patrons Party, a home and garden shop, and lectures by Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill, Chip Callaway and Margie Shambaugh. For tickets, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

Tuesday, July 7
• The annual public meeting of the Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library at 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

• Architectural Ceramics, an outdoor exhibition, at The Bascom. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Wednesday, July 8
• Folkmoot coming to PAC

**‘Musical Interlude’ begins Wednesday, July 8 at First Presbyterian**

On Wednesday, July 8 the first “Musical Interlude” concert of the 2009 season opens at First Presbyterian Church with Lea Kibler, flute, Valerie von Peachy Whitsup, harp and Brad Curtioff, piano. The concerts are free and last approximately 45 minutes. They will alternate each week from here on out between the First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

The 2009 Folkmoot Festival will take place on July 16 – 26 in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. Folkmoot is one of only three international folk festivals in the United States, where over 300 dancers and musicians from countries throughout the world travel to Waynesville, North Carolina for a two-week show. Traditional performances from nearly a dozen countries will take place throughout nine counties during the eleven-day festival. Held for 25 consecutive years, Folkmoot is North Carolina’s Official International Festival and has been designated “One of the Top Twenty Events in the Southeast” by the Southeast Tourism Society. Folkmoot USA attracts 100,000 visitors to Western North Carolina and pumps more than $4 million into the local economy each year. Tickets for all and the PAC performance are available online at www.FolkmootUSA.org or call the ticket office at 877-FO-LKUSA. PAC tickets are $15 for adults and $7.50 for children, available at the door.

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Charming 2 bed, 2 bath, post and beam cottage in excellent condition. Wood floors, wood stove, loft, deck and fenced yard. $399,000.

“Call Pam Taylor to view these or other listed properties in Highlands or Cashiers.”

Big Kick-off for Green Living Fair July 24

JMCA’s Green Living Fair opens on Friday, July 24 with a wine reception and program featuring photographer Bill Lea and writer Janisse Ray at the Episcopal Church in Highlands. Doors open at 7 p.m. and wine, hors d’oeuvres and other refreshments will be served throughout the evening. Renowned nature photographer, Bill Lea, will present a slide show of his images from the Great Smoky Mountains at 7:30 p.m. after which our featured speaker Janisse Ray will speak about living more sustainably and developing an appreciation for our dependence upon nature.

Janisse Ray, who calls herself a “pilgrim on a journey toward a sustainable life,” is an environmental activist and the author of Ecology of a Cracker Childhood. This award-winning book examines the vanishing cracker culture and longleaf pine forests in South Georgia. Other books are Wild Card Quilt and Pinhook: Finding Wholeness in a Fragmented Land.

Of the longleaf pine forest Ray writes, “What thrills me most is how the pinetrees... I lie in thick wiregrass covered with sun, and listen. The music cannot be heard anywhere else on the earth. In the choirs of the original groves, the music must have resounded for hundreds of miles... and stirred the red-cockaded woodpeckers nesting in the hearts of the pines, where I also nest. Now the music falters, a great tongue chopped in pieces.”

Photographing the wonders of wildlife and nature has long been a passion for Bill Lea of Franklin. Residing in this area for 25 years has afforded him limitless opportunities to observe and record the beauty of the region. Over 5000 of Bill’s images have appeared in books, calendars and other publications, including several books of his photography.

Tickets for this event are just $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Seating is limited. To order call JMCA at 828-526-9938 ext. 320 or visit JMCA.org. Information on the Green Living Fair, Saturday event, July 25th can also be found on the website
HELP WANTED

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR AT PAC – Responsibilities include maintaining daily office hours, scheduling events, managing contracts and rentals, maintain Quick Boks and all relevant reports, support PAC functions and Board. Mail resume to: PO Box 296, Highlands, NC, 28741 or drop it off at PAC on Chestnut Street.

AT HIGHLANDS ABC STORE, FULL TIME CLERKSTOCK – 40 hours a week. Come by and put in an application 372 Oak Street. Call 526-5470. 6/25

TRADING STORE HAS AN IMMEDIATE OPENING for a Bookkeeping/clerk and sale rep. qualification, verbal/written comm skills, extremely organized. Legal background is helpful. Interested candidate should contact at apply@xaviertradingstore.com 7/8

FULL OR PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES at high end clothing store. Retail sales experience necessary. Call 828-482-2118.

LICENSED COSMETOLOGIST NEEDED – Inquire by phone 828-526-3939.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – responsible for overall administration, outreach, and program oversight, including strategic planning, budget preparation, development, and management of staff, tutors, and students. Ability to work under moderate stress and follow through on tasks. Bachelor’s degree or 2 years college and one year experience in Human Services or comparable nonprofit setting required. Background in education and accounting preferred. Available to work occasional evenings and weekends as needed. Drop-off or fax resume at The Literacy Council of Highlands, 348 S. 5th Street, Highlands, NC. Attention: Melody Mendez, Executive Director, Fax 828-526-0086. St. 5/21

MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY in Highlands is hiring for a full time grill/deli position in our new open kitchen. Must have previous experience. Email jobs@MGro.com or call 828-526-2400

HIRING FOR TWO NEW RESTAURANTS – Back of the house and front of the house needed. Call 526-3380 or 342-5174.

CLINICAL COORDINATOR needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full Time, night position available. Current NC RN license, along with BLS and ACLS certifications required. Outstanding opportunity for a sound clinician who adores mentoring others. ER/Critical Care experience is a must. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 60 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

Dietary Aide needed in the Dietary Services department at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. PRN position available. Must have dietary experience. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

UNIT CLERK/C.N.A. II needed in the Acute Care Unit. Excellent wage scale, with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

RN needed in the Emergency Room at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full Time position available. ER experience required. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 60 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

RNs at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Fi-delia Eckerd Living Center. Full, part-time and PRN positions available for 12 hour day and night shifts. Excellent wage scale, with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

YARD SALE

THURS., SAT., JUNE 25-27 – 9-2. In the basement of Highlands Pharmacy. Enter from neighborhood, mature rhodo and laurel, wood floors, fire pit and wood burning stove. Offered By Hannah and Ethan. Call 828-526-5684 scn1don@aol.com 7/2

SATURDAY, JUNE 27 – 10-4. Household items, clothes, crafts and supplies and more! 174 Dolly Lane. Take Hicks Road to Mirrormont to Bonnie to Dolly.

WANTED


HARDWORKING COUPLE LOOKING FOR LANDSCAPING AND YARDWORK AND HOUSECLEANING WORK – Call Juan Diaz at 828-200-1038 or 828-526-1025.

LOST/FOUND PETS


LOST – A MALE BLACK Cat, Keesa, lost in vicinity of Mt. Lori and N. Cobb. Wearing a hot pink rubber flea collar. Please call Tanya at 828-301-3690, 526-1706 or cell: 828-301-3696.

“STELLA” GIANT BLACK SCHNAUZER – 40 pounds of male in Highlands Public Park lost. Call 770-301-1706.

RESIDENTIAL FOR SALE

DESPERATE! MUST SELL! 5 bedroom 3 1/2 baths in town limits. 410 sq. ft. 1+ acres w/view 2 stone fire places. Discounted 30% $650,000. 828-526-5684 scnl1don@aol.com 7/2

BRAND NEW LOG HOME 2/2 $275,000. Owner Financing Available. Call 200-9361. 6/18

QUAIN SUMMER COTTAGE walking distance to Mirror Lake. 2BR/1BA, quiet neighborhood, mature rhodo and laurel, wood floors, fire pit and wood burning stove. Offered By Green Mountain Realty Group, Call now for more info: 1-800-526-1648 ext. 1018

OPEN HOUSE LEASE/SALE Sat & Sun, June 27-28 1-5pm, 3 bd 2 1/2 bth; hot tub; directions 828-526-2759. (st. 6/11)

2001 MANUFACTURED HOME – 2 Bed, 1 Bath, on 2 lots – 2.09 unrestricted acres. Private, great long range view. Private well with 25 G.P.M. $65,000. (843) 239-3236

INCREDIBLE VALUE – 3 bed, 2 bath remodeled home. Huge master suite, 2 big decks, storage building, pond, elevation approximately 3500ft, located in Scaly Mountain. $139,500 MLS# 67308. Call Ann at Case Realty 828-526-2475.

RESIDENTIAL FOR RENT

SIX-MONTH OR YEARLY APT. RENTAL –
Large, in town, 2 bed/2BA, furnished, AC, W/D. No pets and No smoking. Call 828-526-5451 or 828-526-2729. (st. 5/2)

HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN CLUB – 2 bed, 2 bath, tastefully furnished. Great quiet hideaway. Monthly Rental. 828-508-0664. 7/23


APARTMENT FOR RENT – 1 bed, 1 bath, living area, kitchen and utility room. $600 per month. $300 security deposit. Rent includes utilities (electric, water heat). 1 year lease. Prefer non-smoker. No pets. Unfurnished. good for 1-2 people. 838-526-9494.

GREAT 2 BEDROOM/1BATH APARTMENT – Main Street, Highlands includes 9-foot ceilings, central heat & air, balcony, large laundry room with washer/dryer. $900 per month plus utilities. Lease and references required. Contact John Dotson - 526-5587. st. 5/21

TWO-BEDROOM, 1 BATH HOME, Close to Hospital. Please Call for more Info. 526-9348.

APARTMENT FOR RENT IN LAUREL FALLS – Close to hospital and downtown. $475 a month plus utilities. Call 828-787-2423. Available June 15. (st. 5/7)

APARTMENT FOR RENT – partly furnished, 1BR/1ba, 6 mi. from Highlands NO dogs, NO smoking, $425mo includes power/water, negotiable rent 828-787-1515.

OPEN HOUSE

The Perfect Mountain Getaway
OPEN HOUSE
July 3 and 5, 1 to 5 pm
3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths; private 1.35 ac; lot; high; upgraded wood floors, granite kitchen, cathedral ceilings; stone fireplace; immaculate. Directions 828 526 2759 marbaqo@hughes.net

YEAR-ROUND RENTAL HOUSE AVAILABLE ABOUT A MILE FROM MAIN STREET. One bedroom, one and a half baths, furnished or unfurnished. Includes washer and dryer, hardwood floors, vaulted wood ceilings, nice sunny deck with mountain and pond views. No smoking or pets. Rate negotiable but first, last and security deposit required. (828) 421-7922. (St. 5/7)

HOUSE FOR RENT ON MIRROR LAKE – 3 bed/3 ba, with wid, central h/a, deck, $1,100 per month plus utilities. Security deposit required, yearly lease, no smoking, 828-526-4073.

IN-TOWN HIGHLANDS, MIRROR LAKE


TWO- STORY APARTMENT FOR RENT — (3) bedrooms/Cashiers Hospital. Recent Renovation. Fully Furnished, 2 bedrooms/2 baths. This extra-large closet kitchen with dishwash- er and new JennAire cook stove, dining area, liv- ing room, native stone fireplace, washer/dryer, cab- le and telephone connection. $875 monthly. In- cludes water, sewer, electricity, heat. Single family. References required. No pets. No smoking, Call Jim at 1-770-789-2489

APARTMENT FOR RENT – 1 bed, 1 bath. living area, kitchen and utility room. $650/ month. $300 security deposit. First and last month rent. Rent includes utilities, (electric, water, heat, local phone) One year lease. Prefer non-smoker. No pets. Unfurnished. Good for 1-2 people. Call 526-9494.


1 BED, 1 BATH and small room with bunk beds on Lake Sequoyah. Furnished, two boats. $800 a month including utilities except phone. No pets, no smoking. Call Tony at 828-332-7830.

SAPPHIRE NC – 2 Story 3Bed/3 Bath, Yr round views, 2 decks, remodeled, Furnished, 2 car garage. Available yearly or seasonal. 561-626-9556

FURNISHED 3BD2BA HOUSE IN MIRR- OR LAKE area available for 6-12 month lease $1200+ utilities. Call 770-977-5692.

3BR, 2BA COTTAGE NEAR MIRROR LAKE – In town. $1,250 per month. Very clean. 770-977-5692.


COTTAGE FOR RENT – 1BR, 1BA in town @ Chestnut Cottages. Private, screen porch, Heat/ AC, FP, extra sleeping loft, furnished or unfurnished. 6 month lease - $750 (includes utilities) leave message @ 526-1975

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT

OFFICE/RETAIL/SPA RENTAL SPACE - 1,080 sq. ft. divided into four rooms along with full bath.Conveniently located on Spring Street. $750/ mo. with the first month free. Call 352-245-3901. (st. 7/18)

RENTAL SPACE IN WRIGHT SQUARE – Half a building or two floors of one building. Call Harold Brammer. 828-526-5673. st. 4/16

2,300 SQ. FT. OF OFFICE/RETAIL AVAILABLE for lease or rent to own. Excellent visibility! Location is 2271 Dillard Road. Asking $1,250 per month. 526-8953.

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RV SITES IN-TOWN ON CHESTNUT STREET. Daily, Weekly, or Monthly. Please call for rates: (828)526-1975, or come by 49 Chestnut and leave message @ 526-1975

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ADORABLE COTTAGE FOR 2 – Four blocks from town at 539 Chestnut Street, next to PAC. $80 per night. Call 828-526-9375. 7/20

RESTORED FARMHOUSE ON SHORTOFF ROAD – 2 bedrooms, 2 baths in a country setting. Well furnished with a large screened porch. See details and pictures at www.homeaway.com #23644. $800 per week. (912) 354-6917. 7/20

HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB – Sorry, golf and club privileges not available. $2,495 a week. Call 912-230-7202. 7/30

THE LODGE ON MIRROR LAKE – Fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly, monthly, No min. Call 828-342-2302.

ITEMS FOR SALE

BROYHILL TRUNDLE TWIN BEDS – Great Condition. $600. Call 828-200-1367. 7/2

NORDIC TRACK SUMMIT 4500 TREADMILL – Excellent Condition. Has incline and preset workouts $400. 526-9107. 7/2

BAKER SCAFFOLD with casters and safety rail - $250. 526-2671

RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT – Proofing Cabinet, $500; Alto Sham, $500; Chargrill, $500; Steam Jacket Kettle $1,500. Also, Sanded oak Flooring, $150. Call Randy at 526-9012. 7/2

TAPPAN SLIDE-IN 30” DOUBLE OVEN electric range - hardly used, new in 2001, excellent condition. $250. 828-787-2130 or 706-864-3868.


ENCLOSED TRAILER 10x6 FT Good Condition. $1,250. Call (828) 526-8079 6/18

EPIPHONE 6 STRING ACOUSTIC GUITAR with hard case-great condition $250 828.482.2222

OAK PORCH SWING WITH STAND. $50. 369-5863.

ETHAN ALLEN KING SIZE BEDROOM SET – Very good Condition. $450. Call 787-1831 6/25

THOMASVILLE MAHOGANY COFFEE TABLE AND END TABLE. – Good Condition. Both for $400. Call 787-1831. 6/25

THOMASVILLE CHINA CABINET IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. – Lighted interior Glass shelves. Beveled Glass Doors. Must see. $750. Call 787-1831. 6/25

BEAUTIFUL SOLD CHERRY DESK ATH BIRCH TRIM ACCENT. – Only 1-year-old. Excellent Condition. $3,000. Call 787-1831. 6/25


APPLIANCES: white Whirlpool electric stove, like new, $200, white Frigidaire dishwasher $100 very good condition. 349-6402

AIR CONDITIONING UNITS: Whirlpool 20,500 BTU $150, Whirlpool 13,000 BTU $75, call for more details 349-6402

4×6″ OAK TIMBERS Lengths 12′-30′ $10 per foot. Delivery available. Call Joey at 828-734-0101


WOODBURNING FIREPLACE INSERT – Strong and sturdy, 30 inches wide, 29 inches deep and 67 inches high. $175. Call 526-5749.

HOME EXTERIOR CLEANING - bombing, mowing, yard cleanup, window washing, Pressure washing, deck repair, small repairs. 828-526-9325

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WHEAT STRAW MILK CAN; 1920, $300. 828-787-1831

WROUGHT IRON COFFEE TABLE – New, $150. 828-342-2302 6/17

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- **1999 MERCEDES 560 SL.**

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- **HEADYMAN SPECIAL – Repairs and Remodeling, Electrical and Plumbing, Carpentry and more. Low prices. For free estimate call 828-342-7864.**

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- **LANDSCAPE CLEANUP – leaves, gutters and more. Call Juan at 200-9249 or 526-8525.**

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We all need hope

Pastor Paul Christy
Highlands United Methodist Church

As we celebrate our independence this week with the 4th of July, I hope we remember that we are all still dependent on the one who created us all.

Happy July 4th and as you watch the fireworks and eat the hot dogs and hamburgers, just us all remember, we have an opportunity each and every day to offer hope to someone. Whom do you know that needs hope? Will do something about it!

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting - 7 p.m.
BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY
Sky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Embree, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999
Pastors residence: 706-746-5770
Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627
CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH
Father jm Murphy Office - 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield in Highlands
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men’s Bible study at 8 a.m.
(first Baptist Church
Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.
CLEAN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Prayer 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.
COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685
Pastor Gary Hewins
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30am Sunday School for all ages; 10:45am Worship; 6pm High School Group
Tuesdays: 10am Women’s Bible Study; 2nd, 4th, & 5th Tuesdays Youth Group
Wed.; 5pm Dinner; 6pm AWANA, Youth Activities

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION
The Rev. Brian Sullivan - Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M. Monday: 4 p.m. Women’s Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men’s Cursillo Group 4:30 PM. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 PM. Choir Practice
Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King
Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.
FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN
Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6 p.m. (nursery provided)
Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.
Wed. dinner 5 p.m. followed by children’s Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. Small groups available throughout the week;
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School - 9:30 a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir 7:15
Wednesdays: Dinner 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.;
Prayer 6:15 p.m., Choir 7:30 p.m.
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Sun.: Worship 11 a.m.; Sun. School - 9:30 & 9:45; Mondays: 8:30 a.m. - Men’s Bible Discussion & Breakfast
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers
Wednesdays - Choir - 7
HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Sixth Street
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7
HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Paul Christy
526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.; 5 p.m. Youth Group
Wed: Supper; 6:7-15 - children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 – Adult choir
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs:12:30 - Women’s Bible Study (nursery)
HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA
Chaplain Margaret Howell
2152 Dillard Road - 526-9471
Sundays: School and Adult discussion group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion – 10:30
HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.
LITTLE CHURCH IN THE WILDSbrids
Kay Ward - 743-5009
Sundays: 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day
Old Fashioned Hymn-Sing
MACEDONIA 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Matt Shuler, (828) 526-8425
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Choir – 6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.
MOUNT SYNAGOGUE
St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin
828-369-9270 or 828-293-6197
OUR LADY OF THE MOUNT CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m.
SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Clifford Wills
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesday; Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.
SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Szemore
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.
SHORTER BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11
Wednesday: Prayer & Bible Study - 7
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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second Sunday of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.
WHITESIDE PRESbyterian CHURCH
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 25. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 25
- At 12:05 p.m., officers responded to suspicious activity by a person. Upon arrival officers found two males. One attempted to hide and was found with two Xanaxes on him.
- At 12:05 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang up at a residence on Bowery Road.
  - At 11:05 p.m., Elaine Young, 63, of Tiger, GA, was arrested for passing worthless checks. Her bond was set at $500.
- At 1:05 a.m., officers were called to Helen's Barn parking lot about a loud radio coming from a car which was keeping area residents awake. They were called twice to the location that night.

June 26
- At 1:32 a.m., officers were called to the Rain Water subdivision at V2-Top concerning a suspicious person. Everything was OK.
- At 11:40 p.m., officers assisted other agencies who responded to a fire alarm set off by a malfunctioning water heater.
- A little past midnight, officers were called to a residence in the Rib Shack parking lot concerning a drunken disturbance. The man causing the problem was escorted to his home in Horse Cove where officers left him. Later, he entered a home in the area whose basement door was unlocked. He was met at gunpoint by the owner who called the Sheriff's Dept. He was arrested. Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell is encouraging all residents to keep their doors locked at night.

June 27
- At 7:15 p.m., officers got a call from a woman who had emptied her change purse into a Shriner's bucket on Main Street earlier that day and later remembered that her two diamond rings, valued at $1,000 each, were in the change purse.
- At 1:21 a.m., officers responded to a dog complaint on Main Street.

June 28
- At 7:40 p.m., officers were called to a residence/business at Spring and Third streets concerning an attempted suicide.
- At 4 p.m., officers were called about a tree across the Dillard Road.

June 29
- At 5:35 p.m., officers responded to a gas-drive off from the Stop and Shop valued at $49.87.

June 30
- At 10:10 a.m., officers were called to the Rec Park where a 72-year-old man had been rescued from the pool.
- At little after midnight, officers on patrol found an open door at an area business.
  - During the week, officers responded to 4 alarms and issued 25 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 23:

June 23
- The dept. responded to a call of smoke in the area of Arnold Road. The fire was out when the dept. got to it. The smoke was caused from the burning of construction debris.

June 25
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Drive which was set off by a faulty water heater.
  - The dept. responded to an alarm at the Fitness Center on Church Street set off by a sprinkler system, but the call was cancelled by the alarm company.

June 26
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call from a Life Line person. The call was cancelled by the Life Line company.

June 28
- The dept. responded to an alarm at residence on Upper Brushy Face which was set off by a faulty water heater.

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:
Outer layer of tires

Across
1. Security Company (3)
2. Melancholy (3)
3. Fry outer layer (4)
4. Theodore (abbr.) (3)
5. Devour (3)
6. To grade (4)

Down
1. Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.
2. The dept. responded to a call of smoke in the area of Arnold Road. The fire was out when the dept. got to it. The smoke was caused from the burning of construction debris.
3. The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Drive which was set off by a malfunctioning water heater.
4. Elaine Young, 63, of Tiger, GA, was arrested for passing worthless checks. Her bond was set at $500.
5. Officers were called to Helen's Barn parking lot about a loud radio coming from a car which was keeping area residents awake. They were called twice to the location that night.
6. Officers were called to the Rain Water subdivision at V2-Top concerning a suspicious person. Everything was OK.
7. Officers assisted other agencies who responded to a fire alarm set off by a malfunctioning water heater.
8. A woman emptied her change purse into a Shriner's bucket on Main Street earlier that day and later remembered that her two diamond rings, valued at $1,000 each, were in the change purse.
9. Officers responded to a dog complaint on Main Street.
10. Officers were called to a residence/business at Spring and Third streets concerning an attempted suicide.
11. Officers were called about a tree across the Dillard Road.
12. Officers were called to a gas-drive off from the Stop and Shop valued at $49.87.
13. Officers were called to the Rec Park where a 72-year-old man had been rescued from the pool.
14. Officers on patrol found an open door at an area business.
15. Officers responded to 4 alarms and issued 25 citations.

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

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

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