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This Week in Highlands

Through Sun., Aug. 16

• At Highlands Playhouse, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, opening July 23 at 8 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

Thurs., July 30

• Just for You Relay for Life team is hosting a party bridge game 1-4:30 p.m. at the Rec Park for \$10 per person. Call Marge Meeter at 787-2174.

Fri., July 31

• Free Mountain Music Concerts at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 p.m. Mountaintop Bluegrass and Gospel. Rough Creek Cloggers of Waynesville.

Saturday, Aug. 1

• Make-A-Wish Festival at the Sapphire Valley Community Center walking track, beginning at 11 am.

Sunday, Aug. 2

• Up Up and Away Gala at Highlands Country Club at 6:30 p.m. Benefiting HC-CDC. \$150 per person. Call Carolyn Tanner at 526-0392.

• Much Ado About Nothing by the Highlands Playhouse, at Pine Street Park. Bring a picnic. 7 p.m. and it's free.

• Relay for Life auction of baubles and more at Scudder's at 4 p.m.

Monday, August 3

• At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Bistro, Bad Boys of Napa and Sonoma wine dinner at 6 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

• Movies About Music at PAC sponsored by HCCMF at 7 p.m. Free but donations appreciated.

Wed., Aug 5

• Summer Interlude at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Vance Reese, organ. Free.

• The Mayor has called for a special meeting for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Building to discuss the FEMA Flood Control Ordinance.

Thurs., Aug. 6

• Bingo at the Community Building to benefit The Highlands Playhouse, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

County, towns, at ED crossroads

At the combination Highlands, Franklin, Macon County meeting last week, officials agreed they have one big thing in common – the economic development and sustainability of Macon County.

James McCoy, the economic development consultant the county's EDC board has hired presented ED 101 to board members Thursday night.

Since economic development

is defined as the "creation of wealth in a community" every entity in the county should be invested in economic development as a goal, he said.

"What businesses outside Macon County want to know is: "Can they make their products, or offer their services cheaper and faster by relocating to Macon County."

To entice businesses, infrastructure including broadband

technology, schools, colleges, sewer, water, roads, transportation and hospitals are all necessary. Without those aspects, businesses won't want to come to the area, he said.

"Macon County has an enviable position compared to neighboring counties in North Carolina and Georgia, in that it has been governed by progressive boards who have prepared for the future," said

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World Changers come to Highlands



A group of eight students joined a World Changer workforce of hundreds July 20-24 repairing homes for those in need in Macon County and Highlands. See story on page 16.

Photo by Noel Atherton

Attendance growing at Highlands School

More out-of-district and out-of-state students have been accepted for attendance at Highlands School.

At the July 23 school board

meeting, 11 new out-of-area students were given permission to attend Highlands School – nine from Jackson County and two from Georgia.

Since Thursday's meeting, another five have requested permission to attend – three from Jackson County, one from Georgia and one

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Two cases of swine flu confirmed in county

CDC changing tracking procedure

Macon County's Health Director, Jim Bruckner, announced today that Macon County has its second laboratory confirmed case of the novel H1N1 Influenza virus. The male who contracted the virus has been treated. Additional information about the case is not being released to protect the patient's privacy.

"To our knowledge, the two laboratory confirmed cases of the novel H1N1 influenza virus are not related to each other," said Bruckner. "the public health center is following current Centers for Disease Control guidelines for novel H1N1 influenza testing and the Macon County Public Health Center continues to have routine communication with state and local health officials on the novel H1N1 influenza situation."

Bruckner reminds everyone

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

The Divine Right of Politicians

By Bernie Coulson

One of life's blessings is the regularity with which we see our son, daughter-in-law and our beautiful little granddaughter, Madeline. Watching this little princess (she is to me, so there) make such remarkable progress in her early education is an absolute joy.

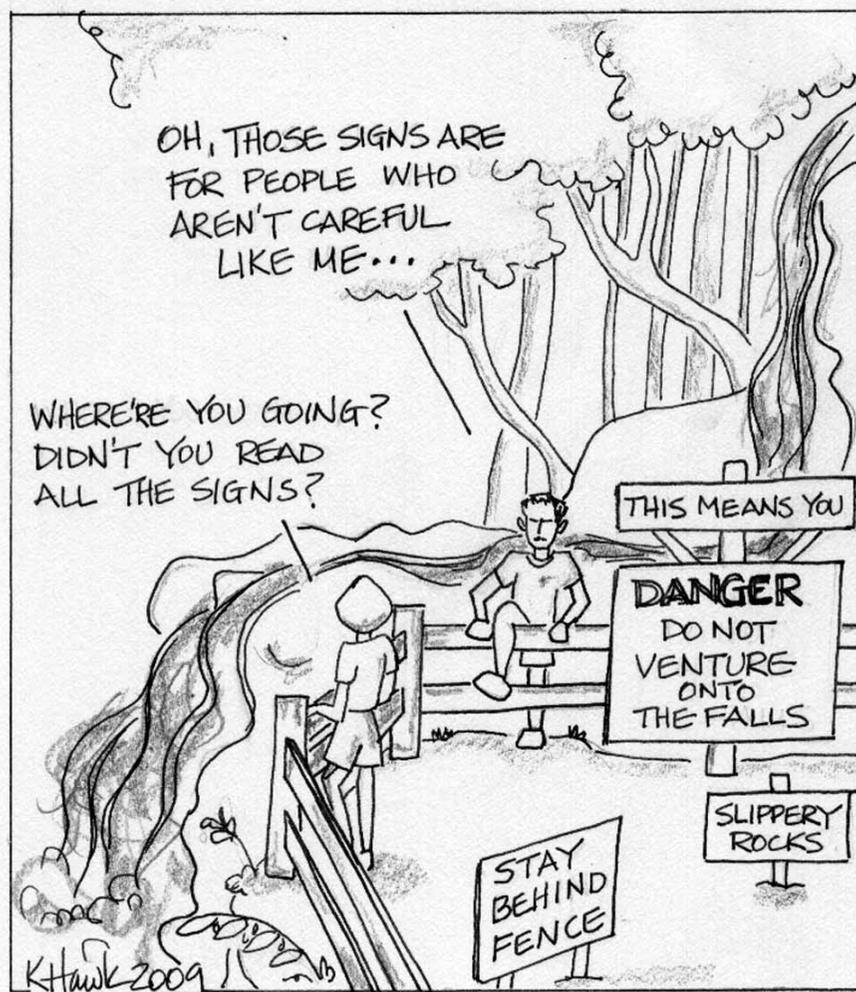
Our son and wonderful daughter-in-law are doing a great job with Madeline's education and already she is learning the concept of honesty and of the importance of telling the truth. Madeline is not quite four-years-old and although she does not understand all the nuances of truth and honesty, she has some foundations to build on.

The importance of truth gave me pause to consider; why do we teach our children to wear the mantle of honesty, when as adults we shrug off this mantle as necessary, or in the case of politicians never wore one in the first place. "Oh come on," I hear you say, "not all politicians are dishonest." Right.

Let's keep this simple and take the last 20 years for instance. Leaving aside the Democrat vs. Republican debate, we have been treated to politicians; taking bribes, having sex with interns, having sex with young men, committing adultery, evading Federal taxes, lying to the public, lying under oath to a Grand Jury and numerous examples of hypocrisy. Now, I'm not saying that I have led an unblemished life and that I have never 'misspoken,' but neither am I sitting in Congress or the Oval Office.

Consider the past three administrations and the beginning of this current one. All four presidents campaigned on wide ranging issues and made definitive promises of actions they would take when elected. Without exception they all cynically broke important campaign promises; promises that were designed to capture the vote of certain segments of the electorate. Am I surprised that they broke their promises? No, not really, I mean jokes abound about poli-

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



ticians and their broken promises, so no, I'm really not at all surprised. I mean honesty and integrity are not principles that spring to mind when discussing politics are they?

What does surprise me however is on the rare occasions that our elected officials do get caught doing something unethical, unlawful or immoral they do not take responsibility for their actions by being forthright and by doing the decent thing and resigning.

For example; had I deprived the IRS of say \$120,000 in Federal taxes, I would probably be paying them back double that amount and writing this little note during a 5-year sabbatical at Club Fed.

Even more surprising is the fact that

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• LETTERS •

Fred's view on Palin right on

Dear Editor,

Fred Wooldridge's column on Palin in the July 16 issue of this paper got me thinking. So consider this a mote from a conservative.

Palin has more common sense in her little finger than Polsi, Reed, Dood, Frank, Obama, Biden, McCain and my local Congressman Allen Boyd have combined. I saw Bartaroma interview Palin on CNBC about energy before the Republican National Convention and I knew she was going to ace her speech at the convention. People that say she doesn't have a brain are nit-wits in their own right.

Our country is being converted to socialism at a rapid pace and it's a shame we conservatives are out-numbered. I'm 74 and I have always put up my money and when I do I get to play the game. (WIN or LOSE) If I take a loss nobody ever bailed me out, so I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired. In the future everyone is going to be equally poor.

Jack G. Rich

Fred speaks to me

Dear Editor,

I have never written to you or Fred Wooldrige, but I just wanted to say how much I enjoy, and am in agreement with his columns in Highlands' Newspaper.

I like his philosophy and the perspectives on things that he writes about. It makes for very enjoyable reading. I especially liked and agree with his recent article in the July 16 issue on Palin. Keep up the good work!

Bill Summerhill
Otto

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. **NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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• OBITUARIES •

William Wayne Wilson

William Wayne Wilson passed from this life in amazing grace, dignity and love on Saturday, July 18, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. He was 93 years of age. He was born in Paris, Mississippi in 1915 to Marion Lafayette Wilson and Anna Kelley Wilson. Among those who remain to celebrate his life and hold his memory dear are his loving wife of 65 years, Hazel Elizabeth Wilson, of Atlanta, GA, daughters, Janet Ann Wilson of Scaly Mountain, NC, Karen Elaine Miglionico of Roswell, GA, granddaughter, Nichole Aleksandra Miglionico of Roswell, GA and many beloved family members and friends.

He served his country in World War II in the 99th Infantry Division of the Armed Services. He was among the first to land on Omaha Beach on D-Day and was on the front lines crossing Europe until the end of the war. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement for action in a critical period of the invasion of Western Europe.

He was an engineer and sales manager for Kyova Pipe Company and later Armco Steel Company. Upon his retirement he opened Lunch Encounter, a favorite Buckhead (Atlanta) restaurant he operated for over



William Wayne Wilson

15 years. He extended his culinary talents to print, following his life as a restaurateur. Drawing on his love of travel, food and inexhaustible curiosity he began a writing career. He and his wife traveled the world, exploring the history, cuisine and cultures of many countries. With this knowledge he began writing for weekly newspapers in Georgia, North Carolina and Florida, which he continued to the present.

No matter how far he traveled or the many places he wrote about, his heart was always touched by the waters of the mighty Mississippi River. He loved the rich, fertile land of his birth in the Mississippi Delta.

A "Celebration of Life" for William Wayne Wilson will take place on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 4 pm at Calvin Court, 479 East Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA.

It was his wish that donations be made to his granddaughter's adoption agency in lieu of flowers. Tax deductible donations may be made in memory of William Wayne Wilson to Frank Foundation/Kirov Orphanage in Russia, Attention Julie Hogan, 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Suite 230, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815.

Helen Hagan Bulluck

Helen Hagan Bulluck of Highlands, NC, died July 24, 2009. Helen was born 24 March, 1920 in Philadelphia, NY to Martin and Elizabeth Hagan. She is survived by a sister, Esther Pike of Sacramento, CA, and six children, Matt (Sims) Winston Salem, John (Sherry) Austin TX, Mary, Wilmington, David (Bunny) Greensboro, Charles, Sante Fe, NM, and Elizabeth (Henry) Salzarulo, Highlands, NC. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Alan, Will, Samantha, James, Matt, Carson, and McCullough Bulluck, Sarah Pelligrino and "Bull" Salzarulo.

Helen graduated from the Hepburn School of Nursing, Ogdensburg, NY in 1941. In Dec. of the same year, she enlisted in the Army Medical Corps. She was stationed in Cornwall, England, and then served a tour of duty after the war in Italy. She was honorably discharged in 1949 attaining the rank of Captain. She attended NYU before marrying M.H. Bulluck, of Wilmington, NC in 1951. In 1975 she became a Chemical Dependency Counselor working in Minnesota, Texas and Nevada. She received her Master's degree in Hospital Administration from Southwest Texas State University in 1989. She retired from the medical field in 2003.

There will be a memorial service in Highlands, NC on Saturday, August 1 at 11 a.m. at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation with a luncheon to follow. Interment will be at Oakdale Cemetery, Wilmington, NC, on Saturday, August 8.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Hospice of the Foothills Foundation, 298 Memorial Drive, Seneca, SC 29672, or www.oconeemed.org/hospice. Funds raised in Helen's memory will be used to support adolescent programs.

George E. Akins

George E. Akins, 87, of Bradenton, FL, died peacefully on July 25, 2009. He was born in North Royalton, Ohio on July 22, 1922. Upon graduation, he was employed by F. W. Woolworth as assistant manager until he joined the U.S. Naval Air Corps and became a Naval Pilot in 1944.

He met Leila Jean Whalen of Montrose, PA and they married in 1945. He returned to F. W. Woolworth as manager until he lost his eyesight and was in a VA hospital for 13 months. He regained limited sight and moved to Bradenton, FL to be in a warmer climate in 1947.

He is survived by his wife Leila of nearly 65 years, three daughters: Pamela Akins Taylor of Highlands, NC, Cynthia Hoopingarner, (Bruce) of Bradenton, and Bonnie Metcalf (Thomas) of Parrish, FL. He is also survived by Robert Akins Taylor, Cory Bridgeman, Joshua

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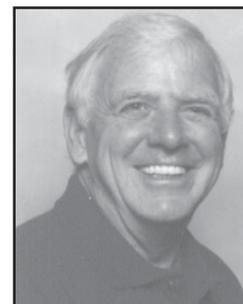
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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

Jumping off Glen Falls

In my lifetime, I've successfully jumped off Glen Falls over a hundred times. Not just the top falls where everyone likes to come to try to kill themselves, but the long, more dangerous one below the top falls. Just so you'll know, no one ever fell from either of those falls while I was there. It was not permitted.



Fred Wooldridge

In 1989 I received seven permits from the United States Forest Service to teach students to rappel from cliffs in and around the Highlands area. One of those seven permits was at Glen Falls. For 13 years, the li'l missus and I put hundreds and hundreds of students off the top of both falls with great success.

By the time our students got to the falls, they had received enough instruction and practice to negotiate the difficult descent safely. It was their fourth full day of training and they were well prepared for the challenge. Except for occasional bumped elbows and knees where students goofed up and didn't follow procedure, no one was ever hurt. My wife and I are very proud of that.

Oh, there were always the sweating palms and rapid heart rate as students inched their way toward the edge. They were about to get soaking wet and the cold water, even on the warmest day, added to the tension. Some students couldn't bring themselves to meet the challenge and sat all morning watching the others successfully descend both falls. We never pushed our students. We didn't have to. We knew what would happen. Each returning student would be grilled by the weenies that had refused to make the plunge. It was those students's excitement that finally convinced them to harness up and go. After making the descent, they were angry with themselves for wasting the whole morning. Rappelling Glen Falls is a dangerous but tremendous lifetime experience.

Whenever we conducted a class, we rigged the top with a safety line that ran the entire width of the falls. I spent the entire day standing at the edge of the falls attached to a safety line, making sure students were harnessed properly, and then talking them off the edge.

I would tell my class, "The top doesn't look dangerous so tourists feel comfortable

in climbing over the barrier and venturing out to the edge for a look. Standing in one-inch depth of moving water doesn't seem that risky except the rock is slippery. Once a person slips, there's nothing to grab onto and it's over in an instant. Therefore, every student will remain behind the barrier until it's their turn to rappel. Are there any questions?" I never got an argument.

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For lunch, everyone would climb the barrier and

inch their way to a safe dry area well above the falls where an upscale lunch was waiting for them. Rappel students have great respect for cliffs and waterfalls so no one would even think about walking out to the edge unless it was their time to go over. Other than lunch, every student remained behind the barrier until it was their turn to rappel.

Invariably, during the course of the day, tourists would start to climb the barrier and walk out on the falls. I was firm and spoke with authority. In a loud voice I would yell, "Do not climb over that barrier. Do not come out here and do not touch my equipment. You are not permitted out here." That usually worked but occasionally there was a bone-head who challenged me. As long as they didn't touch our equipment, there was little we could do about such ignorance.

Tourists don't climb the barrier at Glen Falls with the intention of falling and possibly killing themselves. They're on vacation and the top of the falls is mostly dry and looks safe to walk on. It's very inviting. If they only knew how little water it takes to wash them over the edge, they would stay put. What freaks me out the most is when parents let their small children climb the barrier.

When we first started teaching at Glen Falls, there were no barriers. It was spooky. Visitors just walked down the trail and right out onto the falls. After many accidents, the Forest Service finally put the current barrier up. The barrier helped because it was a nightmare keeping people away from the edge. For years, I begged the Forest Service to put warning signs on the barriers, announcing how many had fallen over. But, as we have learned from the Dry Falls project, the government moves at a snail's pace.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Humming birds are infrequent visitors on my deck, despite the fact that there are abundant flowering plants. I hadn't really noticed until one appeared while I was having coffee this morning. Humming birds vie for space at my neighbor's feeder, an inverted bottle of sugar water. I wonder if my neighbors are helping or hurting the little guys. Maybe the neighbor is contributing to humming bird obesity. I can't imagine a four-ounce humming bird managing to fly with its tiny wings I guess it doesn't matter much unless the recession gets even worse and folks start cutting back on sugar water.

But I think it matters for the same reason that wildlife officials caution us against feeding bears. Humming birds

aren't likely to become so emboldened by our generosity that they feed from garbage cans and break into cars for left over sugar cookies, but they may become overly dependent on us and find their ability to fend for themselves diminished, perhaps to the point that they starve without handouts.

Independence seems both natural and preferable. One might argue that my flowers produce a similar dependence. That may be true, but they are a lot prettier than even the most ornate feeder. I'm disappointed that there aren't dozens of humming birds fighting



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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flowers grew in the tea garden. If I did, I might plant them on my porch and find

over my begonias, petunias, impatiens, and geraniums.

One of the most magical afternoons in my life took place in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. I don't know if it still exists, but in 1967 there was a Japanese tea garden in the park. While I sat at a table sipping tea and munching disgusting seaweed snacks, the place came alive with humming birds. It was wonderful, and apparently memorable. I don't remember what kind of

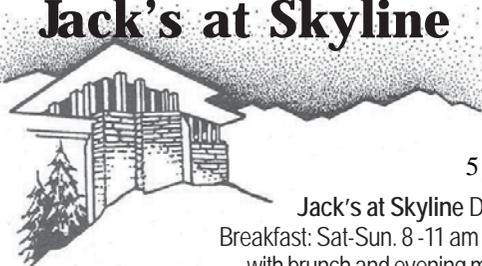
myself swatting humming birds on Sunday morning, but it's more likely I'd just plant more. I don't think it's possible to attract too many humming birds.

The other thing I noticed this morning was that there were no honey bees on our flowers. Bumble bees were hard at work and present in considerable numbers, but not a honey bee to be seen. I understand that the honey bee population in this country is under considerable pressure, with mites, parasites, pesticides, loss of habitat, and "colony collapse disorder" being the main culprits.

CCD is a poorly understood phenomenon. Adult workers simply, or perhaps not so simply, walk off the job and

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from Franklin. Those requests, and any others that may come in the meantime, will be addressed at the August meeting.

Several board members asked if the numbers were getting too high at Highlands School and they even discussed possibly requesting tuition from Jackson County stu-

dents, though such a policy has never been instituted. In fact, a few months ago, the board agreed to suspend tuition for Georgia students attending Macon County schools, particularly in Highlands.

At the June meeting, the board OK'd the return of 48 out-of-state, out-of-county and

out-of-district students to 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.

If teacher-student ratios get too high, more teachers would have to be hired during a time when teachers are being cut due to shortfalls in the state allocations to county schools.

Superintendent Dan Brigman acknowledged that quite a few more students will be attending Highlands School than in the past.

"But we have made it clear and our policy states that we cannot get into a capacity challenge because we allow out-of-district and out-of-state students to come in," he said. "As of today, we are OK at Highlands School, but we'll just have to see how it goes."

So far none of the classes at Highlands School are over capacity.

ABCs and AYPs

Pat Davis, testing and accountability director presented the "unofficial" ABC and AYP results for Macon County Schools.

Brigman said the results indicate the district has reason to celebrate and opportunities to do better.

Overall, Macon County made high growth in grades 3, 4, & 8 in mathematics; made growth in 5, 6, & 7 mathematics; made growth in 3, 4, & 8 reading; did not meet growth in 5, 6, & 7 in reading; met high growth in algebra I; made growth in civics; decreased the dropout rate; did not make growth in biology, English 1 & U.S. History; but overall, made high growth in the county.

In the AYP, annual year progress, category, Macon County didn't make Adequate Yearly Progress because it only met 37 out of 38 goals. Nor did it make sufficient growth in the Cohort Graduation Rate.

As for Highlands School, overall growth was made in the school.

Specifically, high growth was made in grades 3 and 4 in math; growth was made in 3, 5, & 6 in reading; high growth was made in biology and civics; and there was a decrease in the drop-out rate.

It did not meet growth in grades 5, 6, 7, & 8 in math; it didn't meet growth in grades 4, 7 & 8 in reading and it didn't meet growth in algebra 1 and U.S. History.

However, Highlands School did made Adequate Yearly Progress by meeting 13 of 13 guideposts.

Davis said these preliminary results are available on MCBOE website.

"The problem is, if our students test well, then the state jumps in and raises the standards as they did last year, so the following year test results may look bad when they really aren't," she said. Brigman also noted that in smaller schools, one student can have a significant impact on the numbers - which can be very misleading, such at Nantahala and Highlands.

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Amateur hour

This weekend I was at the Green Living Fair and met a woman named Ina Warren who called herself a self-taught naturalist. She had a display about monarch butterflies and was encouraging people to plant milkweed which is the only plant that monarch caterpillars will eat. Her passion for the monarch butterfly was contagious. I loved watching her attach a sticker to a butterfly's wing so it could be tracked on its journey to Mexico.

Today we often feel like we must defer to specialists, yet modern technology has made it possible for amateurs to contribute to science.

I have written about how you can help scientists who are studying migratory animals by reporting sightings ("Tracking Butterflies," September 2007). At Journey North (www.learner.org/jnorth) you can report sightings of whooping cranes, grey whales, hummingbirds, as well as monarch butterflies. The combined amateur sightings enable a portrait of something as complex as the migration of butterflies that would be impossible to create without so many observers — no scientist could gather this much information on her own.

Last week another amateur made an exciting discovery of a large impact on Jupiter.

Anthony Wesley, a computer programmer who lives in a small town outside the Australian capital of Canberra, spends about 20 hours a week observing and photographing Jupiter with his 14.5 inch-diameter reflecting telescope. About 1 a.m. (his time) on July 20 he discovered a large dark spot on Jupiter. He had photographed that exact area two days earlier so he knew this was something unusual.

Within an hour he had posted the information online and emailed scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. They had astronomers at the NASA infrared telescope facility on the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii turn their telescope on Jupiter and gathered evidence indicating an impact had caused the spot. The astronomers theorize it was formed when a small comet or other object crashed into Jupiter. The spot is about 5,000 miles in diameter, but the object that caused it is estimated to have been just a few hundred yards across.

Another team of astronomers used the newly refurbished Hubble Space Telescope to take a picture of the spot. The Hubble astronomers, who were still in



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the process of bringing the telescope back on line, interrupted their work to take a photo with the new Wide Field Camera 3 which was installed during the May space shuttle mission and is still not completely calibrated.

You can see the Hubble photo here: www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/hubble/main/jupiter-hubble.html

Mr. Wesley told journalists he has been an enthusiastic star-gazer since the age of 10 when he was given a small telescope. But over the past five years he has "been in Jupiter's thrall. It's one of my passions. It's such a dynamic planet; it's changing all the time. To take a photograph of this type, really it's a dream come true for me."

Mr. Wesley also commented that Jupiter was like a "vacuum cleaner," sucking up the debris in the solar system with its gravitational pull. I had never heard about this theory, so I was interested to read an article in the *New York Times* this last weekend, "Jupiter: Our Cosmic Protector?" by Dennis Overbye. "Part of what makes the Earth such a nice place to live, the story goes, is that Jupiter's overbearing gravity acts as a gravitational shield deflecting incoming space junk, mainly comets, away from the inner solar system where it could do for us what an asteroid apparently did for the dinosaurs 65 million years ago.

Indeed, astronomers look for similar configurations — a giant outer planet with room for smaller planets closer to the home star — in other planetary systems as an indication of their hospitableness to life."

Sounds reassuring, but other scientists disagree with this theory. The article quotes Brian Marsden of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, who has spent his career keeping track of comets in the solar system.

Mr. Marsden says that Jupiter is just as much a menace as a savior. He used as an example Comet Lexell, named after the Swedish astronomer Anders Lexell. In 1770 it passed only a million miles from the Earth, missing us "by a cosmic whisker." That comet had come streaking in from the outer solar system three years earlier and passed close to Jupiter, which diverted it into a new orbit straight toward Earth. The comet made two passes around the Sun and in 1779 again passed very close to Jupiter, which then threw it back out of the solar system.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Hey Al, care to step outside?

I don't know if Al Gore is at home in the Nashville area or not, but I hope so. They are setting or tying low temperature records every day lately. It must cost a fortune to heat that monster of a house of his in this period of "climate change."

Or maybe he is spending time in NYC so he can be close to his buddies at the UN.

If so, he is enjoying the second coldest temperatures for June and July in history.

Almost makes one believe in climate change.

The Times of India reports the following: "The off-on relationship between 'Mean Girls' star Lindsay Lohan and DJ Samantha Ronson has hit another bump, with the latter dumping the actress' clothes out on the street. According to US gossip website X17, Ronson left a bag of Lohan's clothes outside the door of her rented Hollywood home after they had a blazing row about the DJ going out.

Soon after, neighbors heard raised voices, and saw Lohan coming out with a face like thunder to pick up her dumped belongings, and to tell the paparazzi to mind their own business." Girls, girls, can't we all just get along? It seems that our fixation of being interested in stupid people doing stupid things has been exported to India. There goes their neighborhood.

I had an amazing experience the other day. After seeing Obama on one TV network or another 24/7 for six months straight, I decided to take refuge and turned on the Major League Baseball All-Star game just in time to see him throw out the first ball. Gag. Having sworn off daytime television entirely, I thought I was safe watching the ESPYS, ESPN's award show devoted to the sporting world. Things were going along well until it came time to present the Arthur Ashe Award, there's you know who presenting the honor to Nelson Mandela. WHAT??

There was a tortured connection to sports but not enough to please me. In a fit of pique, I grabbed the TV and chucked it off my deck and watched it fall about 40 feet to what I assumed was its death. Not so fast. Somehow, the picture tube remained intact and the image of our president blabbed away into the night. Unbelievable!

The more he speaks, the more it sounds like what some of us warned about before the election. Contrary to his denials, the Anti-American ravings of Rev. Wright didn't bounce off him at all, and his charming, lovely, stylish wife was listening



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too. Both had backgrounds that prepared them to be sponges for his blasphemy and that of the teachings of Louis Farrakhan.

If I preached white supremacy loud enough and long enough, I'm sure I'd end up in prison. It sounds to me like Obama is fanning the flames of racial division with every move he makes or every word he speaks and affects the lives of hundreds of millions of Americans in doing so.

Some folks with stomachs stronger than mine have said, "Let him keep on talking and sooner or later he'll trip over his own tongue." Sure enough, while yacking on about health care on NATION-WIDE TV (who'd a thought?), he completely negated whatever he may have accomplished by sticking his mouth in where it didn't belong.

Just in case your news source missed this one, a buddy of Obama's, Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, came home from a European trip to Cambridge MA, discovered he lost his keys, so he and his driver tried to jimmy the front door of his house. A neighbor sees two guys trying to break into Gates' home and calls 911. Sgt. James Crowley and crew shows up and asks to see Gates' ID. Gates, who is black, starts a racial diatribe, condemning Crowley for racial profiling and gave him a ration of hostility. Crowley, investigating a break-in report, feels Gates, whose property the police are trying to protect, went over the line and arrested him.

Obama, seeing an opportunity to malign a white cop, on NATIONWIDE TV, says, "admittedly, I don't know the facts of the incident, but, being a lawyer, that won't stop me from commenting on the fact that those Cambridge cops acted stupidly in dealing with my friend, Skip Gates."

Shortly after his public venture into local matters, Obama learns that not only is lead cop, James Crowley, a seasoned instructor on negative aspect of racial profiling, while a campus police officer at Brandeis University in 1993, he gave Reggie Lewis, a black Boston Celtics star player, mouth-to-mouth, trying to save his life. Hardly the act of a black hater, as Gates would have us believe.

Armed with the knowledge that he had stuck his foot in it, Obama tries to blame the White House Press Corps that has suddenly smelled blood in the water and turned against the unmasked marvel, for ratcheting up the heat on the race issue.

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• HIS & HERS •

Parenting the parents

By Michelle Mead-Armor

It was the kind of phone call you dread receiving, in a month of receiving difficult phone calls.

"Maman has fallen, and is the Emergency Room at Augusta Medical Center (actually, it's been re-named Augusta Health). We'll know soon how bad it is, and what's going on," said my brother.

Shortly after, I spoke to Michelle, who works with the orthopedic specialist. Maman had fallen, and broken both her left elbow and left hip. Immediate surgery was needed, and would probably take place early that evening. The alternative to surgery? Eight months of bed rest – not an option. Over the next several hours, I phoned back and forth between the Emergency Room and Maman's room on the third floor. No Maman. Finally, in a panic, I phoned the orthopedic office, in tears. "I can't find my mother," I sobbed. "I keep phoning, and no one seems to know where she is!" The lady on the phone reassured me. "I think Dr. Pereles had finished his previous surgery, and your Mom is being prepped for surgery. I'll find out, and we'll get back to you right away." And they did. Yes, the reason Maman seemed to be in the Twilight Zone was because they were just about to operate. The elbow – the trickier of the two operations – would take about an hour. The hip would be about 45 minutes.

John and I thought we had a brief period of time to go into town, pick up the mail, and get lunch. We didn't want to be out of cell phone range, a huge issue when you live in this part of the country. In spite of all our best efforts, we missed two calls from the doctor and Michelle. My mother had come through the elbow operation just fine. They were about to start on the hip. We were back home in time to hear the hip operation was also a success. Relieved, we made plans to head up to Virginia the next day. Sue, our marvelous catsitter was called, and agreed to take care of the world's most beloved cats. John broke it to the cats. "Auntie Sue is going to come and visit," he told Orion and Weasel, who blinked inscrutable cat looks. I still love to travel, but, boy, do I ever hate to pack! Early the next morning, I got out my bags. Weasel, the smarter of the two cats, saw the dreaded suitcase, and promptly jumped in and makes a nest.

John and I have completely opposite strategies. I pack for global nuclear war.



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We're going to be gone five days? I pack for 10. What if I get invited to take tea with the Queen? I pack a fancy dress. What if I go scuba diving? I pack my bathing suit, swim cap, and goggles. John is completely different. We're going to be gone for 10 days? He'll pack for five. "What if you spill something on your shirts?" I chide him. It's been known to happen, after all. The result

is that my luggage has been known to give healthy young men hernias, and John's could be lifted by a 12-year-old.

We loaded up the car, kissed the cats, and took off, direction Waynesboro, VA. Never has the ride seemed so long. It seems even longer because the State of Virginia has closed half of its rest stops, in an effort to cut costs. Finally, we got to Exit 221, near Staunton, and head to Waynesboro. We take the hospital exit, and pull into Augusta Health. We arrive at the third floor, and head for Room 302. I sing out a bit of a tune in French, and am relieved to hear my mother sing the rest of the verse back to me. This is a good sign.

I expect to see my mother looking depressed and miserable, instead we find her bright and upbeat. Yes, she's in pain, but she's hanging in there. Fortunately, I was able to go through to admissions details on the phone the previous evening. Does Maman have high or low blood pressure? How is her hearing? Does she have a special diet? I supposed champagne and foie gras don't count. I remind myself to find out all these details about John, just in case. Of course, I already know about the peanut butter cracker and Pepsi diet, but realize that I don't know a lot about the person to whom I am actually married.

John takes off for Baltimore, having previously planned to visit with oldest daughter Dori and her family. That leaves me free to spend almost all my time at the hospital with Maman. We get into the routine that is hospital life, that ballet of nurses, aides, doctors, physical therapists, who introduce themselves, and then do their jobs. We look forward to the meal trays, although it's hard to get too excited about a liquid diet. "No! No more jello!" sighs Maman. No, it's not jello. It's vanilla pudding, and orange sherbet, melted to orange slush by the time she gets to it. She's a better woman than I am. After four days of a liquid diet, I'd hold one of the nursing staff at gunpoint, and demand to be taken to

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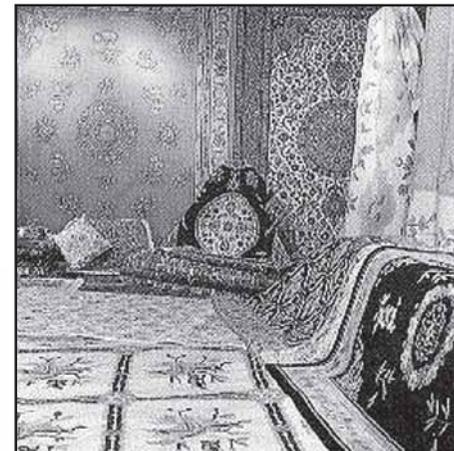
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we, the electorate, do not hold the feet of these corrupt officials to the proverbial fire. We do not demand accountability and as a consequence we get the politicians we deserve.

There is a gulf between the moral law that applies to the political élites and we, the people and it is growing ever wider because of our complacency and our increasing tolerance for lies. We are easily tempted to forgive perfidy from a particular politician because they are of our tribe; a Democrat or a Republican. But what does that say of us when we accept this dishonesty and overlook it because our tribe controls Congress or the White House? When we overlook these transgressions are we not merely adding to this gulf and contributing to the divine right of the politicians; that is elected officials not subject to the will of the people.

There was probably a time when elected officials were honest and those that were dishonest were held accountable for their actions. Perhaps some lengthy research is in order which might reveal a time and place where integrity and honesty were the norm in the political arena. 300 years ago Jean-Jacques Rousseau wrote, "Those who desire to treat politics and morals separately will never understand anything of either."

This leads me to believe that my search with have to start from the late 1600's and work backwards.

In the meantime, I'll stay abreast of the news and marvel at the hypocrisy of our perfidious Congressional bloodhounds as they snap at the ankles of Wall Street demanding transparency, while they themselves embrace the opacity of deceit and unaccountability.

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Bridgeman (Laura), Michael Bridgeman (Allison), Amanda Metcalf, Carrie Metcalf, Scott Hoopingarner (Missy) and Marc Hoopingarner (Brittany). Great grandchildren Clayton Bridgeman, Paris and Juliet Hoopingarner and Josie Hoopingarner also survive. He was pre-deceased by grandson Jason MacLean Taylor.

George was very active as an elder and member of the choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years as well as chairman of the finance committee. He was also a member of the Bay Chorale.

He enjoyed traveling with his family, especially a trip to his 65th class reunion and the WWII Memorial in 2004. In spite of his sight limitations, he was a talented photographer who was the heart of the family.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 30 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, FL at 11 a.m.

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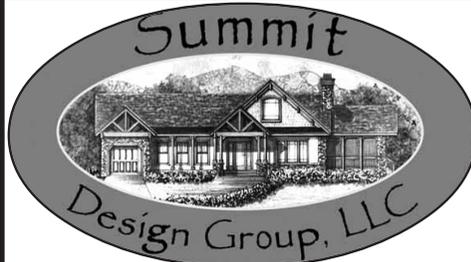
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that the novel H1N1 Influenza virus is still a mild to moderate illness and that everyone should do the same things that they do to protect themselves from the seasonal flu.

- 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.

So far, there have been 43,771 cases and 302 deaths associated with the swine flu.

In North Carolina 483 cases have been confirmed and there have been five deaths.

Recently the CDC stopped reporting confirmed and probable novel H1N1 flu cases. According to officials, only a small proportion of persons with respiratory illness are tested for novel H1N1, at this time, confirmed and probable case counts represent a significant underestimation of the true number of novel H1N1 flu cases in the U.S., so the true benefit of reporting these numbers to track the course of the epidemic is questionable. In addition, because of the extensive spread of novel H1N1 flu within the United States, it has become extremely resource-intensive for states to count individual cases.

Instead of reporting confirmed and probable novel H1N1 flu cases, CDC has transitioned to using its traditional flu surveillance systems to track the progress of both the novel H1N1 flu pandemic and seasonal influenza. These systems work to determine when and where flu activity is occurring, track flu-related illness, determine what flu viruses are circulating, detect changes in flu viruses and measure the impact of flu on hospitalizations

and deaths in the U.S.

The CDC's traditional flu surveillance systems entail several systems are in place to address CDC's flu surveillance needs. These include: Viral surveillance, which monitors the percentage of specimens tested for influenza that are positive for influenza; the types and subtypes of influenza viruses circulating; resistance to influenza antiviral medications, and the emergence of new strains; sentinel physician surveillance for influenza-like illness (ILI), which monitors the percentage of doctor visits for symptoms that could be the flu; hospitalization surveillance, which tracks numbers of hospitalizations with laboratory-confirmed flu infections among adults and children; summary of the geographic spread of flu, which tracks the number of states affected by flu and the degree to which they are affected; deaths from 122 cities that report the total number of deaths and the percentage of those that are coded as influenza or pneumonia; and the number of laboratory-confirmed deaths from influenza among children.

Routine seasonal surveillance does not count individual flu cases, except in the case of pediatric influenza deaths, but instead, monitors activity levels and trends and virus characteristics through this nationwide surveillance system.

CDC's flu surveillance is reported in a weekly publication called *FluView*. The Epidemiology and Prevention Branch in the Influenza Division at CDC collects, compiles and analyzes information on flu activity in the U.S. year-round to produce and publish *FluView* every Friday. Usually *FluView* is published from October through mid-May, but in response to the ongoing novel H1N1 flu spread, weekly publication of *FluView* is continuing over the summer months.

For more information on novel H1N1 influenza in Macon County, visit www.maconnc.org.

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Uh, your eminence, I believe it was you who threw the first spear that started the whole mess. Sensing he was on the losing end of this one, he left it in the hands of Robert Gibbs, who twisted and turned, trying to stem the damage. The poor guy never had a chance and took full advantage of the opportunity.

The problem is not about Gates or Crowley; their skirmish will soon be forgotten.

The problem lies with Obama who, first, feels that any issue, no matter how local, needs his wisdom to be made public on

the matter. Second, Obama exhibits a serious symptom of narcissism in his inability to admit he made a mistake. So the comment got out. Realize you screwed up and say so. Problem solved-game over. But no, it's not my fault, it's someone else's fault, anybody else's fault, but certainly not mine.

Keep talking, boy genius, even your faithful following is having second thoughts. You are about three months from imploding and the dream will be over. Maybe then I can return to watching TV news shows without the fear of your appearing.

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McCoy. "You have always had strong community leadership with the desire for business growth."

What every county must do to ensure sustainability, high living standards and quality of life is promote economic development, he said.

"This ultimately increases the tax base by creating jobs and creating wealth in the community without raising taxes, he said. "Basically, you have to know what you want to be when you grow up and go after it."

He said the past is clear in Macon County. In the 1950s the county was about agriculture and farming; in the 1950s-1970s, it was about infrastructure and manufacturing; from 1980-2000 it was about the second-home market and tourism.

"What do you want for 2010-2030?" he asked. "Cheap land is gone and in the fall of 2008 we found out that people can no longer afford two homes so all of that has fallen off."

He said unemployment in Macon County rose from 4.5% in 1990 to 10% in 2009 but many neighboring counties have had double-digit unemployment for years and years.

"Macon County is at an important cross-

roads in a new economy."

He said the county's workforce is aging and there aren't young people to fill the void anymore. "They're going off to school and not coming back," he said. "The availability of labor is one of the most important things a business considers when relocating."

He said the redevelopment of downtown areas will attract businesses and young people. "Young people like vibrant downtowns," he said. "To make economic development work, we need a young professional workforce with greater pay opportunities than currently available in the area."

McCoy said two draw backs in the county are its cost of living, particularly the cost of housing, and the pay-scale. He said nearby cities all pay more and have cheaper cost of living.

He also urged the group to invest in a diverse economy. "A strong economy isn't over-invested in one area," he said.

Mayor Don Mullen said that Highlands needs more diversity, too. "We love all our retail outfits and don't want to discourage them, but we need something else to draw and keep people here; we need to be progressive. And affordable housing in Highlands is a huge problem," he said.

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• At 10:40 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm

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July 26

• At 6:36 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Salt Rock Court. There was not transport.

July 27

• At 9:55 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Falls Drive West where a man was unconscious. He was transported to the hospital.

• At 1:52 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on Buck Creek Road. There were no injuries.

• At 5 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Civic Center where a man had fallen. He was transported to the hospital.

July 28

• At 3:39 p.m. the dept. responded to an alarm at OEI when a steam door opened and set off the alarm.

• At 2:34 p.m. the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Hickory Knut Gap. It was false,.

• At 10:46 p.m., the dept. responded to an call of an unconscious 3-year-old at a residence on Cole Mountain Circle. She was OK but transported to the hospital.

From the Dept:

Robbie Forrester, of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., asks citizens to trim back their driveways, and foliage around their 911 numbers and fire hydrants.

Also, don't miss the department's annual Open House, Saturday, Aug. 8 from 11-3. There will be free hot dog plates and rides on the fire truck.

The following are the Macon County Sheriff log entries from July 9:

July 22

• At 7:25 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm at a residence on Woodland Hills Drive. All was OK.

July 27

• At noon, deputies took a report concerning identity theft concerning a \$3,750 IRS tax return check.

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• HOSPITAL/HEALTH NEWS •

Dr. Debra Wagner to close practice

Internist Debra A. Wagner, MD, who has practiced in Highlands since April 2005 announced last week that she is phasing out her practice at the end of July, because of family considerations and the financial challenges of running a part-time practice.

Dr. Wagner, who devoted her practice entirely to women's health, initially practiced with her husband Mark at Wagner Medical Associates in the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the hospital campus. However, last October Dr. Mark Wagner closed his office practice in internal medicine to become a hospitalist at Oconee Memorial in Seneca, S.C. The couple and their three daughters moved to Keowee Key in South Carolina shortly thereafter.

Aside from family concerns, Dr. Wagner said she also worries that being available to patients only two days a week isn't really enough for a primary care physician who is not part of a group practice.

There are also financial challenges to being in practice part-time.

Dr. Wagner said she will stop seeing patients on July 30, but the office will continue to wrap up paperwork and follow-up contacts for several more weeks. She will also maintain her privileges as an associate member of the hospital's medical staff indefinitely. And she will stay on as medical director and advisor for the possible integrative medicine the hospital has been thinking about developing in conjunction with a major medical center in the eastern part of the state. There has also been some initial discussions with the hospital about possibly reopening her practice part time next fall in Cashiers, when the renovation of the Cashiers Medical Center is complete. That renovation will create additional office space for another primary care physician.

"We are very sorry to see Deb Wagner leave us," said hospital President and CEO Ken Shull. "She has been a very important and valued part of our medical community, and she has a very devoted group of patients. We know

they are disappointed. We are going to keep trying to find a way that she can resume her practice here at some point in the future."

Other than continuing to consult with the hospital, Dr. Wagner said she has no immediate plans, but she has been investigating the possibility of joining a practice in South Carolina. "Everything is still up in the air at this point," she added.

For the next 30 days, patients can obtain information on how they can get copies of their medical by calling 828 787-2430.

N.C. records first La Crosse case of 2009

State public health officials recently announced the season's first case of the mosquito-borne illness La Crosse viral encephalitis (LAC). The child, who is from Henderson County is recovering at home.

"These cases are an unfortunate reminder that we all need to take precautions to prevent mosquito bites," said Jim Bruckner, Macon County Health Director. "In addition to La Crosse, mosquitoes are carriers of eastern equine encephalitis, West Nile virus and other diseases. Thankfully, it is fairly easy for people to protect themselves by applying mosquito repellants and making their home or work environment less attractive to mosquitoes."

La Crosse symptoms occur from a few days to a couple of weeks after being bitten by an infected mosquito. These symptoms include fever, headache, nausea and vomiting. In more severe cases, convulsions, tremors and coma can occur. Children under 16 and the elderly are the most susceptible to the disease.

While other mosquito-borne

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"It was as if Jupiter aimed at us and missed," said Dr. Marsden, "the comet would never have come anywhere near the Earth if Jupiter hadn't thrown it at us in the first place."

The Hudson Library has a new book on our solar system that is written for general audiences entitled, "Where Did Pluto Go?" by Paul Sutherland (523.2 S). You may remember that the International Astronomical Union demoted Pluto a few years ago; it is no longer considered a planet. They have wrestled with its new

classification but have settled on "dwarf planet" and "plutoid." In the last twenty years astronomers have discovered thousands of these dwarf planets in the region of Pluto.

This is a beautifully done book, and one of the things I like most about it is that it gives a sense of how observers over the millennia have interpreted what they see in the night sky, with a refreshing dose of humility about what we know today: There is a regular section titled "What We Knew Then and What We

Think We Know Now."

Here's my favorite "what we knew then": "William Herschel, who discovered Uranus in 1781, was convinced that the Sun was inhabited by aliens who were protected from the searing heat by layers of clouds. As late as 1951 a German engineer, Godfried Buren, offered a cash prize to anyone who could prove that the Sun was not inhabited."

In the chapter on Jupiter, amateurs are credited with greatly assisting the understanding of the gaseous planet's na-

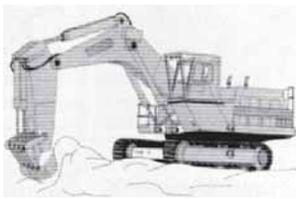
ture. "Coordinated observations of Jupiter by amateur astronomers began during the nineteenth century on both sides of the Atlantic. Because of Jupiter's rapid rotation, observers would quickly sketch what they saw. ... The observation work of amateurs greatly aided professional astronomers, because the blurring caused by Earth's atmosphere made photography difficult."

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com

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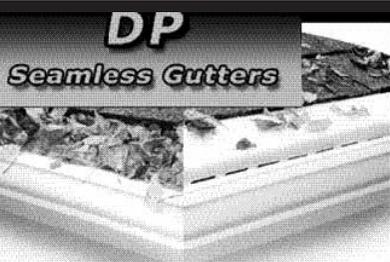
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Wendy's for a Baconator and fries. We chat, we watch TV. Unfortunately, much of the TV we watch is the Food Channel, which only makes us obsess about food even more.

On Sunday morning, I go to my old church, St. John's Episcopal, with Chris, a family friend. How odd to be back in the place where I sang in the choir for many of my teenage years, and where I took communion for the first time (in a mini-skirt, I am ashamed to add)! It was the mid-60s, and the TV show "Hootenanny" was all the rage. Our church choir sang the American Folk Mass, accompanied by guitars, banjos, and bongo drums. We were called "The Holy Hooters." I introduce myself to the current rector, The Rev. Kim Webster, and tell him I'm a returning chorister. I joke that I used to be a Holy Hooter. "Guess you couldn't call anyone that anymore," I teased. "Well, you'd have to dress differently!" he retorted. After the service and coffee hour, Chris drops me off at the hospital.

Maman has not had a good night. She's in pain, and rather fed up. I try to lift her spirits by finding the Tour de France on TV, so we can watch the last stage, the arrival in Paris and the finale on the Champs Elysées. The physical therapist, a cyclist himself, works his magic on Maman, and we all enjoy watching the bike race. Sylvia, a family friend, arrives for a visit. I get a

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abandon the hive. Nobody knows their destination or fate, but there has to be something seriously wrong with a honey bee who ignores every genetic impulse in his tiny body and takes flight from her colony. I suspect, without any evidence to support my belief, that human activity is in some way involved. My Republican friends believe the steep decline in honey bee population is a natural occurrence and has absolutely nothing to do with people. Liberal Democrats are likely to blame Sara Palin. That's the way it is today. Each side will stake out a position and be unmoved by accumulated evidence, until the bee population either spontaneously rebounds or until no bees remain to pollinate our crops.

Bees are important to agriculture. They provide the main, in some cases, only source of pollination for many crops. Professional pollinators travel around the country. For a fee, they set up hives in an almond orchard or watermelon patch. Their bees do the rest. In a few days, after their job is done, they move on to another crop or another area. Honey bees are an important cog in the nation's economy. Humming birds, on the other hand, just provide food for the soul. If they don't like what I'm serving, maybe I should change the menu.

phone call from Llyn, who invites me to join her family in going to see the newest Harry Potter film. What a nice break! After poison potions and death eaters, hospital life doesn't seem so bad.

So, here I am for the present. Growing up, I always assumed I'd be a wife and mother. I learned about conception and labor, breast feeding versus bottles, toilet training and first days of school, only to wind up childless. What I never learned about – or even thought about – was taking care of an aging parent. It's amazing how protective you can feel, and how powerless, too. After years of looking up to my parents, it's a sobering experience to be the one whom people count on and look to for ad-

vice. At first, I felt panic at being in such a position; now, it feels more natural and comfortable.

They invented an expression for my generation – the Sandwich Generation – sandwiched between taking care of our children and our aging parents at the same time. Up until recently, I was rather an Open Faced Sandwich, with only Maman to be concerned with, but in marrying John, I have a whole new set of people to worry about – stepchildren and their children. In the end, it's all about love, really, and having an unlimited amount of that to go around. I'm learning patience, too, a virtue that escaped me in younger years. Taking each day as it comes isn't a bad way to

live your life, either, and learning to be useful will always come in handy. I'll have to tell John about the Holy Hooters, though. Amen to that.

• 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. Michelle is currently staying in Virginia, and improving her bedside manner.

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World Changers come to Macon County and Highlands

By Noel Atherton

Last week more than 200 young people paid about \$250 each to sleep on the Macon Middle School gym floor!

High school and college students came together from all over the U.S., representing World Changers, a project of the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, whose goal is sharing God's love by helping to improve living conditions for those in need.

Every morning at 6 a.m. these inspiring volunteers got up, ate breakfast, and joined one of 23 crews working 18 different jobs around Macon County.

Here in Highlands, at the Flat Mountain job site, Crew Chief Bill Lowe from Highlands, who volunteered in Mississippi after Katrina, said that he especially enjoyed supervising this group because they worked really hard and never uttered a cross word.

"This group of high school kids had never seen each other before, but they came together to help people who really needed a job done by doing missionary

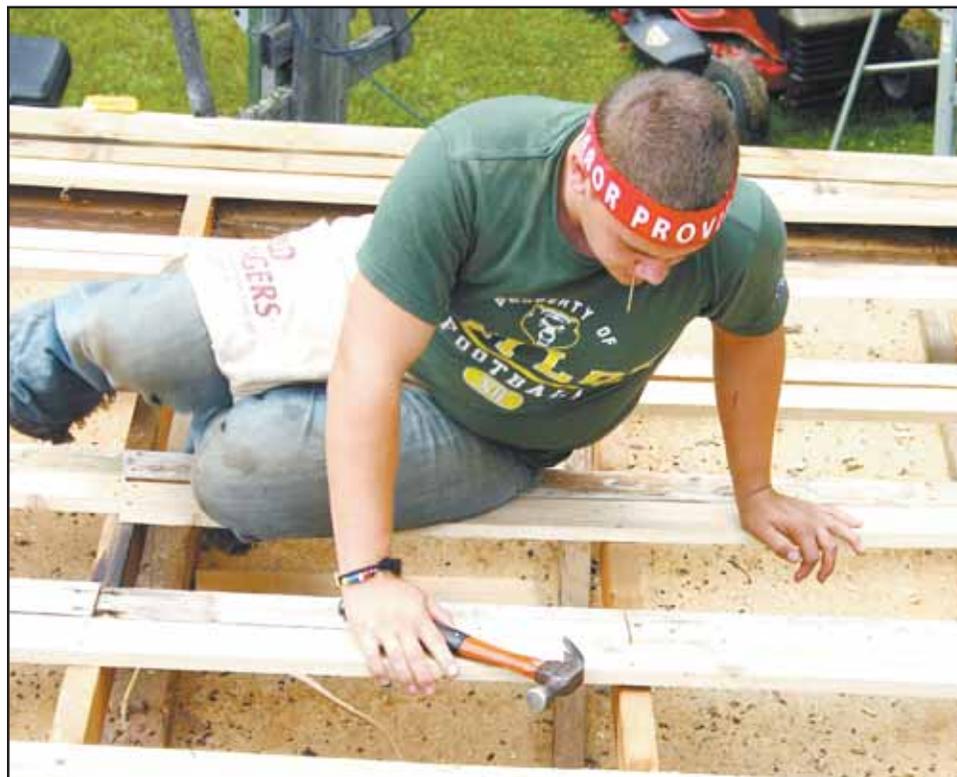
work for the Lord, Jesus Christ," said Lowe.

Ben Scott, who rode over 15 hours here by bus from Pasadena TX, is a second-time World Changer, who hopes to eventually become a Youth Minister. Ben especially appreciated the cool weather and scenery here and spent his one afternoon off tubing at Deep Creek near Bryson City.

Hannah Kirby and Alex Robinson, both from Tennessee, expressed much enthusiasm as first-time World Changers, especially enjoying coming together with people from across our nation to serve God.

World Changers makes it to Macon County every few years. In past years, groups worked on a home in Clear Creek on the Dillard Road.

This time, Ann Chastain, on Flat Mountain Road was the World Changers recipient. The eight students and two adult chaperones who hailed from Texas, Georgia, and Tennessee, worked July 20-24 re-roofing the main part of the house, re-tinning the back porch, cool-sealing the front porch and painting the porch rail.



Above, Alex Robinson works on the roof of the main house. First old, rotten shingles were removed and then a new roof installed. The group also re-tinned the back porch roof, cool-sealed the front porch roof and painted the porch hand rail.

Below from left, Ben Scott, from Pasadena, TX, and Hannah Kirby and Alex Robinson, both from Tennessee, enjoyed the work and the mission that is World Changers -- sharing God's love by helping to improve living conditions of those in need.

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The fund began in 1975 and has grown to \$785,000, with the interest disbursed to graduates of Highlands School both heading for trade schools, colleges and universities and enrolled at higher education institutions.

The new short-term goal of the fundraising committee is to be able to fund full tuition for at least one year for this year's rising freshman class at Highlands School.

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diseases like West Nile virus are found across the state, LAC is largely confined to western North Carolina and is the state's most common mosquito-borne disease. State officials recorded 10 LAC cases in 2007. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) records about 70 cases each year. The disease is rarely fatal, but a Transylvania County child died as a result of infection in 2001.

"We know that Lacrosse Encephalitis and West Nile Virus are both present in Macon County, so people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites," said Bruckner. "That means properly applying a mosquito repellent that contains DEET, picaridin, or oil of lemon eucalyptus (PMD) and mosquito-proofing your environment." Bruckner said residents can protect themselves from mosquito bites by following precautions outlined by the NC Division of Public Health. "These simple precautions have proven very effective at preventing mosquito bites and the diseases they transmit."

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It should be noted that Vitamin B, "ultrasonic" devices, citronella, and various plant-based applications are NOT effective means to prevent mosquito bites.

Hudson librarians create a puzzle

The Hudson Librarians have created a puzzle for you to solve! Assistant librarian Karen Hawk took a favorite phrase, "So Many Books, So Little Time," framed it with a few phrases in code, and hung it in place of The Bascom sign.

Karen said, "This is a little librarian joke. For months now patrons have come in and asked, 'When is The Bascom moving?' and we answer, 'That will be a dollar.' Now they come in and ask, 'Where is The Bascom?' We thought this would be fun to test and see how many people notice that the sign has been replaced."

The code is made up of a number of different phrases that all have to do with books. Stop by the library and see if you can solve the puzzle. The librarians will offer this clue: Harry Potter.



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• A REVIEW •

'Pump Boys & Dinettes' a fun romp

Cindy Summers, of "Patsy Cline" fame, wowed Playhouse audiences with her Cline rendition, and in "Pump Boys," now on stage at The Playhouse, she and co-star Courtney Scofield do it again.

As sisters Prudie and Rhett Cupp, they charm the audience as they belt out a bevy of tunes depicting life as the owners of a diner on Hwy 57 somewhere in North Carolina.

Across the street from their diner, are the Pump Boys – Jackson, LM, Eddie and Jim – who also belt out tunes depicting their lives working at a gas station, while playing acoustic and electric guitars and piano.

Together they sing about life, love, work and their relationships – mainly those between them and the Cupp sisters.

The show-stealer for this show is clearly Jack Bloeser. He plays LM, who at first notice, appears to be second fiddle to the others until he starts singing and tap dancing his way through the show. His personae is impish, endearing and funny. Plus, he can really sing.

The stage is split with the "gas station" on one side and the "dinettes" on the other – plenty of set to get the message across and the fast-paced production is timed perfectly – 1 1/2 hours start to finish, with a 15 minute intermission.

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The First Defenestration of Prague involved the killing of seven members of the city council by a crowd of radical Czech Hussites on July 30, 1419.

What is it with the folks in Prague? The air, the water, too much grog? There's an awful lot of consternation to cause some much defenestration. The followers of Huss sure put up a lot of fuss. Their exhibition of Schadenfreude I suppose is something they could not avoid.

Perhaps they wanted to inspect if out the window they could bounce a Czech

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Chamber music lineup for this weekend



Preucil, De Sena, Von Pechy Whitcup, Kreuger, Lee and the Vega String Quartet.

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival celebrates the breathtaking work of composers Felix Mendelssohn and Franz Joseph Haydn with performances of some of their most beautiful and challenging works. Both men are the centerpieces of the festival's season-long celebration of a pair of their 200th anniversaries – the birth of Mendelssohn and the death of Haydn.

On Friday, July 31, Mendelssohn's "Sonata in F Major" will be performed by violinist William Preucil and Ransom on piano at 6 p.m. in Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands. It'll also be performed at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1.

Preucil was appointed concertmaster of the Cleveland Orchestra in 1994. Prior to joining the Orchestra, he performed for seven seasons as the first violinist for the Cleveland Quartet, performing over 100 concerts annually throughout the world and recording the Beethoven quartet cycle and other works for Telarc. He's also served as concertmaster for the Atlanta Symphony, where he performed as soloist in 70 performances of 15 different concerti.

On the same bill, electronic musician Ferdinando De Sena and harpist Valerie von Pechy Whitcup will perform De Sena's "Directed Ambience for Harp and Electronics."

De Sena is an American composer who's worked at the University of Miami from 1992 to 2009, where he served as Director of the Electronic Music Studio, and taught composition, music technology and advanced analysis. He currently teaches composition and music technology at the New World School of the Arts in Miami.

Von Pechy Whitcup is beloved by HCCMF audiences for her many sparkling performances over the years.

After an intermission, Mendelssohn's "Trio in D Minor, Op. 49" will be performed

by cellist Charae Kreuger, Preucil on violin and Ransom on piano.

Kreuger serves as principal cellist of the Atlanta Opera Orchestra and the Atlanta Ballet Orchestra.

The season continues at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Highlands and 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 3, at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library.

Hayden's "String Quartet in Eb Major, Op. 9, #2" and Beethoven's "String Quartet in C# Minor, Op. 131" will be performed by The Vega String Quartet.

The Vega Quartet serves as Quartet in Residence at Emory University and is considered the cutting edge of the new generation of chamber music ensembles. They've been quartet-in-residence at the Van Cliburn Institute and on the artist roster of the Carnegie Hall's New York City Neighborhood Concert Series.

Following an intermission, violinists Kate Ransom and Preucil, will join violist Eun-Sun Lee, cellist Charae Kreuger and The Vega Quartet for Mendelssohn's "Octet for Strings in Eb Major, Op. 20."

An internationally-recognized chamber musician and recitalist who's been a favorite of Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival audiences for her passionate performances, Ransom is currently violinist with the Serafin String Quartet. She was a founder of the Alexander String Quartet and has charmed audiences in chamber music concert halls around the world.

Lee is associate professor of music and director of The Wofford Chamber Players at Wofford College.

HCCMF's Movies About Music series continues with the showing of "Song of Norway" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

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

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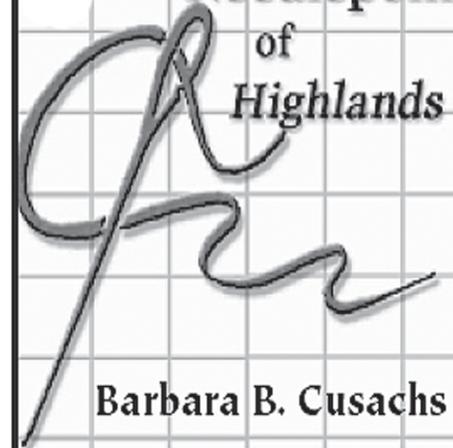
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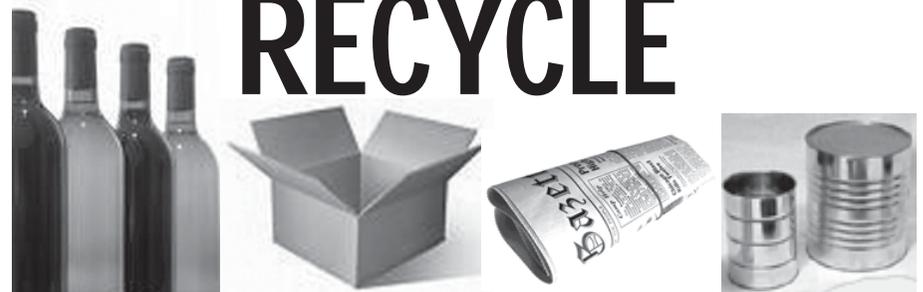
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Aug. 2 'Relay' auction at Scudder's to feature fantastic items

The glitter of diamond jewelry and white sands, in the form of beach vacations, are among the fabulous items sure to entice spirited bidding this Sunday at Scudder's, as Mountain Top Relay For Life hold a benefit auction to raise money for the fight against cancer.

Festivities will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Scudder's Galleries on Main Street. There is no admission charge.

Topping the list of high-ticket items on the auction block are diamond and gold jewelry from three area merchants and at least two vacation packages on the southern coast.

If you'd like to add some dazzle to your neck, wrist, or arm, there will be jewelry from Drake's Diamond Gallery, Kent's Ltd. and the Gold-N-Clipper. A yellow and white gold heart pendant designed by Wanda Drake of Drake's Diamond Galley and featuring 75 points of diamonds will be up for auction – retail value of \$3,000. There's also a diamond bracelet from Kent's, a matching necklace and earrings from Gold-N-Clipper, and a ladies jeweled purse from there as well.

However, if shimmering sands is more your forte, there are at least two opportunities to bid on vacation packages. There will

be a week in September at the Blue Mountain Beach Inn on the Gulf of Mexico, donated by Steve Gleaner, featuring a three-bedroom, three-bath condo located in the highest point on the Gulf shore. In addition to pool and other amenities, the resort features virtually private beaches and an uncrowded community setting. The retail value is approximately \$1,600.

If you want to sample life on the Sea Islands of the Georgia coast, a three-day stay at Crowe's Nest Cottage on famous Jekyll Island. That successful bidder can take advantage of that anytime between Labor Day and Jan. 1, based on availability.

If getting fit and staying closer to home is more up your alley, you can bid on a six-month membership donated by Mountain Fitness in Highlands. Or if sprucing up your abode is more your thing, there is a wide array of home, furnishings and objet d'arts to be taken home by lucky winners: Framed Paintings by Brent Baker and Frank Norton Jr., both donated by Ann Jacobs Gallery; a name-brand recliner from The Summer House; a framed Magnolia print donated by Jennifer Majors; a Hasslock plate with horsies donated by CK Swan & Harlee Gallery; a

bottle of Pierre Moncuit Champagne from Paoletti; Fabergé champagne flutes with red rims donated by Lindy's of Highlands; 2002 Bodegas Vinedos Alion Ribera del Duero wine, Azeabaijan Glassware from Highlands Estate Jewelry; a framed Hubert Shuptrine print, "Gathering Lace," donated by Mary Thompson; a framed *Cade's Cove* watercolor by Mary Kay Moore donated by Don and Betty Fisher; a Burgundy Nourmak rug, 3'10" x 5'10" donated by Bound's Cave of Cashiers, a hand-crafted Cucumber Wooden bowl by Glendon Boyd of Virginia, a nest of three pottery dishes/donated by Ryan & Company of Cashiers; a turned walnut bow from C.K. Swan; a Large purple crystal from Silver Eagle; and a Vicki Miller hand-crafted red pottery vase/ from Vivianne Metzger Antiques of Cashiers.

There are also several items of designer clothing, such as a Ralph Lauren pink silk blouse and a green fur and plaid winter hat donated by Rosenthal's, and a \$100 gift certificate donated by Joule's.

Organizers say auction items – both big and small – are still coming in. So don't miss out. Reservations for the afternoon of fun are not required.

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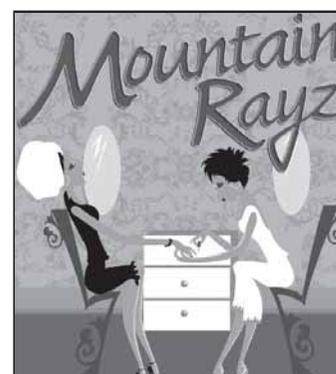
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 • Nantahala Tennis Club at the Rec Park, six days a week at 9 a.m. Public invited.
 • RBC Bank Highlands (225 Franklin Rd) is selling raffle tickets to win a Weber table portable gas grill. Tickets are \$5 and raffle is limited to 100 tickets only. Get them 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/hbs.

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

Sundays

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church in the Wildwood 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information call Kay Ward at 743-5009.

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info

call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203.

• Hal Phillips on piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road during the Champagne Brunch 12-2pm.

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. 828-482-2128 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

• 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.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

• Zumba Classes at the Rec Park. Aerobic/dance/toning. No dance experience necessary. One-hour classes. \$5/class. Tuesdays, 8-9, Thursdays 12:30-1:30. Call Mary K. Barbour at 828-342-2498. 7/30.

Wednesdays

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

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

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.

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Tues, August 4 10:00-2:30 PAC (bring a bag lunch)
 Professional Actor and Retired Professor of English at WCU, Dr. Terry Nienhuis has presented lively classes for CLE for many years. This interactive workshop will help participants understand the film experience... from silent films to computer-generated blockbusters. (\$35, \$45)



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JOHN MILTON

Wed, August 5 10:00 - 2:00 PAC (bring a bag lunch)

Milton tackles many difficult issues in one of his lesser known works, "Samson Agonistes". Presenter Mimi Fenton will lead the class through discussions of violence, blindness, marriage and sacrifice. (\$30/\$40)



EGYPT: Mirror of the Middle East

Thurs, August 6 10:00 - 12:00 PAC

Egypt is populous, militarily powerful, the cultural capital of the Arab world, yet has the worst maladies facing the Middle East. Dr. Akram Khater will explore the past and present paths and consider the future of this ancient land. (\$20/\$30)

HAMLET - A Shakespeare Workshop

Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27 1:00 - 3:00 PAC

Hamlet is famous, yet how much do you really know about him? This interactive workshop will be very entertaining. Actor and retired professor of English, Terry Nienhuis, will help you uncover new insights into this fascinating character. (\$75/\$85)

Call 526-8811 for more information

Internationally acclaimed sculptor to speak at The Bascom on Saturday

The Bascom will host a lecture with sculptor Patrick Dougherty, who has received international recognition for his monumental, site-specific sculptures that combine renewable, natural materials.

Dougherty will speak at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1. "Sculpture: Primitive Ways in an Accelerated World" will be a discussion of nature and the artist's giant sapling constructions. Dougherty has built more than 150 large-scale, site-specific works throughout the United States, Europe and Asia and will create a custom-made outdoor sculpture for The Bascom in June 2010.

Dougherty combines his carpentry skills with his love for nature in using tree saplings as construction materials.

"My affinity for trees as a material seems to come from a childhood spent wandering the forest around Southern Pines, NC -- a place with thick underbrush and many intersecting lines evident in the bare winter branches of trees," Dougherty said. "When I turned to sculpture as an adult, I was drawn to sticks as a plentiful and renewable resource. I realized that saplings have an inherent method of joining -- that is, sticks entangle easily. This snagging property is the key to working material into a variety of large forms."

In 1982 his first work, "MapleBody-Wrap," was included in the North Carolina Biennial Artists' Exhibition sponsored by the North Carolina Museum of Art. In the following year, he had his first one-person show, "Waiting It Out In Maple," at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem. His work quickly evolved from single pieces on conventional pedestals to monumental scale environments which required saplings by the



Patrick Dougherty, who has received international recognition for his monumental, site-specific sculptures that combine renewable, natural materials, will speak at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at The Bascom. All are welcome.

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Dougherty lives and works in Chapel Hill. He is the recipient of many awards including a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship.

The lecture is \$10 for the general public and free to Bascom members.

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

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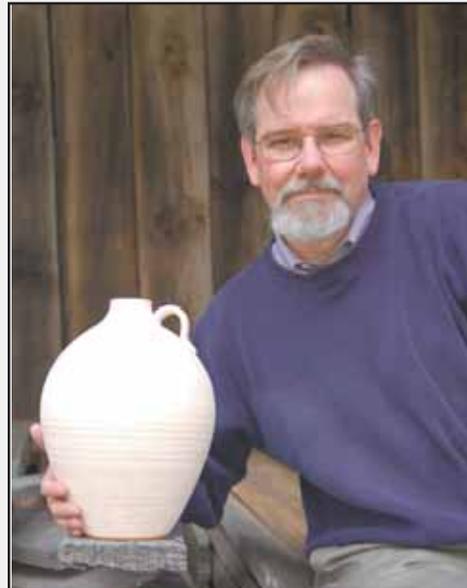
Register now for Taylor's ceramics courses at The Bascom

Beginner to advanced potters have the chance to learn from one of the region's most accomplished ceramic artists. At the end of August, The Bascom will be starting a series of community ceramics classes in its new Studio Barn.

Patrick Taylor, Ph.D., retired chair of the art department at Piedmont College in Georgia and former chair of the department of visual arts at Kennesaw State University, will teach several ceramics courses for every level of interest.

"Ceramics I: Introduction to Ceramics" will be offered Aug. 31 to Oct. 1 for beginning students. This class covers the basic techniques of working with clay. Participants will be introduced to hand building processes, glazing techniques and firing procedures. Some introductory work on the wheel will be presented. Two sessions will be offered: Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to noon; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m.

"Ceramics II," also Aug. 31 to Oct. 1, is for intermediate to advanced pottery students. The class is a focused introduction to working on the potter's wheel and the study of clay, glaze and firing procedures. Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to proficiently produce a basic cylinder on the potter's wheel; be able to create basic forms such as a vase, bottle, bowl, lidded container and platter; learn to mix glazes; learn glaze application techniques; and participate and assist in loading and



Patrick Taylor, pictured above, will teach a series of community ceramics classes in The Bascom's Studio Barn from Aug. 31 to Oct. 1. Registration is going on now.

firing kilns. Two sessions will be offered: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

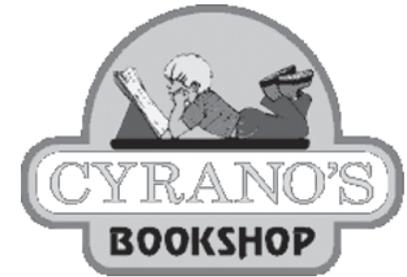
"Ceramics III and IV," also Aug. 31 to Oct. 1, is for advanced students and focuses on complex techniques for wheel, hand building and sculptural processes. Emphasis will be personal exploration, independent study and one-on-one instruction. Participants and

instructor will adjust and modify class and individual objectives for each session. Upon completion of the course, participants will refine and develop their ability to create ceramic forms such as swelling vase and bottle forms, bowls, lidded containers and platters; develop the ability to create handles and attachments to basic forms; develop the ability to produce multiples within sets; develop a personal design, decorating and glaze style; explore personal creativity through the creation of ceramic forms on the wheel and through hand building and sculptural techniques, as well as develop a working knowledge of firing kilns. Two sessions will be offered: Mondays and Wednesdays, 2 to 4 p.m.; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m.

Cost for each is \$375 for the general public and \$350 for Bascom members (basic materials and firing included).

Taylor owns and operates Taylor Pottery in Highlands, where he produces functional stoneware. Taylor and his studio are included in the Craft Trails Guidebook of Western North Carolina, published by Handmade in America. Taylor's work is in numerous private and corporate collections, including King and Spalding Law Firm of Atlanta. He also has served for more than six years as a magistrate for the 30th Judicial District of North Carolina.

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



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- The Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. Subjects vary.

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

- Summer Reading Program at the Hudson Library for kids. Every Thursday at 10 a.m. through July 30. More info: 526-3031

Every 2nd Thursday

- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Appalachian South support group will meet once a month through the summer on the third Thursday of each month. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Children's Home for Family Restoration, 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.
- Hal Phillips on piano from 7-9:30pm at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.

Fridays & Sundays

• See EVENTS page 26

Mortgage burning set for Aug. 2



Elaine Whitehurst with the News.

A facsimile of the mortgage on the Prince House will be burned at a celebration to be held at the Historic Village on Sunday, Aug. 2. Elaine Whitehurst, president of the Highlands Historical Society expressed appreciation to the News for their \$10,000 challenge grant to pay off the mortgage. The News' offer to match gifts up to \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar was the push we needed to get the job done. We hope everybody in Highlands will come help us celebrate at the Historic Village next to the Rec Park on Sunday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m."

Up, Up & Away Gala to benefit HCCDC



Morgan Brannon holds one of the handmade dolls that will be for sale at the gala.

The gala is Sunday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Highlands Country Club and features a cocktail buffet, a silent auction and music by Class Act dance band. Tickets are \$150 and all proceeds go to the child development center. Call Carolyn Tanner at 526-0292.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts every Friday at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays at PAC in Highlands through Aug. 9. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org.

Saturdays

• At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

• 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.

Saturdays & Mondays

• Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts at 5 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.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.

Through Sun., Aug. 16

• At Highlands Playhouse, *Pump Boys and Dinettes*, opening July 23 at 8 p.m. with an Opening Night Reception catered by New Mountain Events. Performances Tuesday-Sunday are at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Thurs., July 30

• Just for You Relay for Life team is hosting a party bridge game 1-4:30 p.m. at the Rec Park for \$10 per person. Call Marge Meeter at 787-2174 if you want to keep the same partner all afternoon or call Gladys Calloway at 526-4021 if you want to change partners after the first round. Fun, snacks, prizes and help for the American Cancer Society.

Fri., July 31

• Free Mountain Music Concerts at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 P.M. and concerts begin at 7:30. Sponsored by Just for You Relay for Life team. Mountaintop Bluegrass and Gospel. Rough Creek Cloggers of Waynesville.

• High Mountain Squares will dance at the Macon County Community Building on route 441 South from 6:30-9 p.m. Jim Crossman from Woodbine, GA will be the square dance caller. Mike McDonald will start calling Round Dancing, and Debbie McCain will call line dancing at 6:30. Both callers are from Clayton, GA. We do Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, 706-782-0943

Saturday, Aug. 1

• Nantahala Tennis Association Round Robin and Cookout Fundraiser, Monday 4 pm tennis, 6 pm cookout at the Highlands Recreation Park. Bring \$5, a covered dish and non alcoholic beverage.

• Descendants of Weimar and Margaret Rafferty Siler will meet for the 158th Siler Family Meeting on Saturday at the Macon Middle School, 1345 Wells Grove Rd., Franklin, NC. The covered dish lunch will begin at noon, with a business meeting following the meal. Hosts this year are the descendants of William Weimar and Anne Daniel Sloan. All family members and their guests are invited to attend. The first Siler Family Meeting was held in the Franklin area on January 1, 1853. This reunion is believed to be one of the oldest continuing family reunions in the United States.

• Make-A-Wish Festival at the Sapphire Valley Community Center walking track, beginning at 11 am. Featuring a "Concours de Elegance" Car Show, featuring three classes of pre-1971 automobiles, all-day music by popular local bands, children's activities (including a Ducky Derby for prizes), a huge silent auction and "general store" (which

includes several vacation packages), raffles throughout the day, and food and drink available on site. For more information or to enter the show, call K.B. Pearce at 743-9191 or (404) 308-0359.

Sunday, Aug. 2

• Up Up and Away Gala at Highlands Country Club at 6:30 p.m. Benefiting Highlands Community Child Development Center. \$150 per person. Featuring music by Class Act, Dress is Mountain Chic, Cocktail Buffett and Silent Auction. Call Carolyn Tanner at 526-0392 for more information.

Sundays, Aug. 2 & 9

• Much Ado About Nothing by the Highlands Playhouse, at Pine Street Park. Bring a picnic. 7 p.m. and it's free.

Monday, August 3

• At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Bistro, Bad Boys of Napa and Sonoma wine dinner. Andy Wilcox of Lambert Bridge Winery & Steve Reynolds of Reynolds Family Winery. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

• Take Charge of Your Health Lecture Series at 6 p.m. at Chiropractic office in Cashiers. Topic: Women Only. Call 828-743-9070 or 828-526-3709.

• Movies About Music at PAC sponsored by HCC-MF at 7 p.m. Free but donations appreciated.

Wed., Aug 5

• Summer Interlude at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Vance Reese, organ. Free.

• The Mayor has called for a special meeting for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Community Building to discuss the FEMA Flood Control Ordinance.

Highlands Playhouse 2009 Golf Tournament

The Highlands Playhouse 2009 Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 10 at the newly renovated Old Edwards Club at Highlands Cove. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost to play is \$150, to sponsor a hole is \$200, and to play/sponsor a hole is \$300. The tournament price includes greens fees and cart, hors d'oeuvres, auction, dinner and prizes. Special events include 'Hole in One' (closest to the pin) and a putting contest. You may purchase dinner for a guest at \$30 each. Mulligans will be available at \$5 each before the tournament. For a registration form, please visit the Highlands Playhouse Box Office on 362 Oak Street in downtown Highlands. Help keep live, professional theatre alive in Highlands!



The 12th Annual Cashiers Designer Showhouse in Cashiers beginning Aug. 22

The 12th Annual Cashiers Designer Showhouse, the "ONLY" showhouse in the mountain area this year, begins Saturday, Aug., 22 and continues through Sunday, Sept. 6. This year's event will be at the historic Hanks House, 1903 Highway 107 South, just south of the Cashiers crossroads. The hours are Monday through Saturday, 10am-4pm and Sunday 1-4pm.

This year's Showhouse benefits the Cashiers Historical Society, Inc. The grant recipient is the Cashiers Valley Community Council.

The focus and timely theme for this year's event is "Green - Leaving a Legacy." Each of the over thirty interior designers in this year's show will feature an elegant design and an eco-friendly tip to help each visitor learn how to protect the environment and improve the interiors of their homes while proving economical



at the same time.

New to the event in 2009 will be the Cashiers Merchants' Green Market, which will feature environmentally friendly products for sale by local businesses.

The exclusive (by ticket only) eco-chic Patron Party is Friday, Aug. 21.

Learn how easy it is to become earth-friendly

and a "greenovator" when you attend this year's seminars. Anne Quatrano, Owner/Chef of Bacchanalia, Atlanta, will discuss "Farm Fresh Foods: From Garden to Table" while Laura Turner Seydel and Jillian Pritchard Cooke will talk about "Always in Style: Everyday Green Living" and "WELLNESS IN YOUR WALLS™". The topical seminars are sure to prove beneficial to all who are concerned about our environment and want to find ways to help.

General Admission is \$25. For more information, call 828-743-7710.

Thursday, Aug. 6 Bingo to benefit The Playhouse



The Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands Playhouse will partner to offer an evening of Bingo to benefit the Playhouse. As Highlands Playhouse enters its 71st year, it is calling on all its friends to celebrate its history and provide for its future.

Playhouse Bingo will be on Thursday, August 6th from 6:30 - 8:30 at the Highlands Community Building - next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being a surprise money game. Play as many cards as you like and don't be afraid to laugh and have a great time.

In addition to Playhouse Bingo cash prizes some games will also have a distinctive art glass piece from Bryant Art Glass to

accompany the cash prize - cold cash on a unique art plate! If you've been to the Playhouse in the last 30 years you've heard Henry Johnson introduce the evening's performance - well, Henry will be at Playhouse Bingo to call a few games.

Half of all Bingo money goes to Bingo players as prizes and the remaining half plus all donations go to Highlands Playhouse.

Playhouse Bingo is a family-style event that offers fun, a lot of humor, free refreshments served by Highlands Boy Scouts and the chance to win Bingo money.

The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed by North Carolina to operate Bingo games.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Thurs., Aug. 6

• Bingo at the Community Building to benefit The Highlands Playhouse, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Fri., Aug. 7

• Free Mountain Music Concerts at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 P.M. and concerts begin at 7:30. Sponsored by Just for You Relay for Life team. Appalachian Bluegrass. Country Cloggin' Kids and Mountain Sound of Cashiers.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 8-9

• Cashiers Quilters Guild Quilt Show August 8th-9th, 10-4 P.M. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center (3 mi. east of Cashiers off Hwy 64) Numerous quilts, Quilts of Valor display, boutique, vendors, quilt raffle. Arts and Crafts Show in same area. Everyone welcome!

Saturday, Aug. 8

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Charles Martin signing his latest book from 3-5 p.m.

• THE BIG DIG, an apologetics simulcast confer-

ence, will be held at Community Bible Church on Saturday, 9:30am-4:30pm. This conference will answer many teens' questions before the school year starts. \$10 suggested donation, includes lunch. There will be about a 2-hour break after the conference and then a worship rally. 828-526-4685 or ryan@cbchighlands.com

• Great Smokies Home School Conference at the Franklin Covenant Church. \$10 per family. Pre-register by July 31. For more information call Anna Henderson at 828-507-4896.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike on the Chattooga River Trail from Whiteside Cove Road to the Iron Bridge, past river and waterfall views, big trees, rock formations, and maybe wildflowers. Some scrambling over rocks required. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 20 miles round trip with a shuttle at the Iron Bridge pre-arranged. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Call leaders Mike and Sue

Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Sun., Aug. 9

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have its annual picnic at the Village Green in Cashiers at 5 pm. Please bring \$5 for hamburgers and a covered dish. We will provide drinks and utensils. Call Mary Lou Waas at 743-3256 reservations or email Janice Shure at jshure@bellsouth.net.

• Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Final Gala Concert and Dinner Party at PAC at 5 p.m. featuring The Eroica Trio playing trios of Cassado Lalo and Bernstein's West side Story Suite. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.hcmusicfestival.org.

• At First Presbyterian Church, Kirkin' O' The Tartan at the 11 a.m. worship service.

Monday, Aug. 10

• The Highlands Playhouse 2009 Golf Tournament will be held at the newly renovated Old Edwards Club at Highlands Cove. There will be a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost to play is \$150, to sponsor a hole is \$200, and to play/sponsor a hole is \$300. The tournament price includes greens fees and cart, hors d'oeuvres, auction, dinner and prizes. For a registration form, visit the Highlands Playhouse Box Office on 362 Oak Street

Wed., Aug. 12

• Summer Interlude at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m. Leah Mcrath, soprano. Free.

Thursday, Aug. 13

• The Highlands Nature Center will offer another in its series of free day hikes on Thursday with a moderately

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Shakespeare's work returns to Highlands for a third year

Danielle Bailey Miller and Jeremy Miller in "Much Ado About Nothing," in Highlands at Pine Street Park on Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. Also featured: locals Michelle Hott and Stuart Armor.



The Highlands Playhouse delivers a stellar retelling of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*. Jeremy Miller, resident Technical Director and performer of the Playhouse puts on his director's beret and navigates the company through the Bard's fun, but sometimes-difficult language. "Shakespeare's words can be so enchanting, yet bewildering. A lot of time, research, and preparation goes into every Shakespeare in the Park production so that we, the players, can clearly convey the meaning of each word and tell his story as imaginatively as possible", says performer and Assistant General Manager Danielle Bailey Miller, "Not to brag, but my husband has done an incredible job pulling his concept together, while staying true to the story and providing the company with excellent direction."

Jeremy Miller's concept centers around the theme of the story, which is love. "I searched for something to symbolize love and discovered the giving nature of

water. During our process I allowed the actors to apply this symbol to their characters, props, and relationships." *Much Ado* is only a fraction of the work Miller does at the Playhouse, "It has been a challenge to juggle this project with all of my other responsibilities, however I have found it to be a rewarding artistic endeavor."

Much Ado About Nothing follows the love quarrel of the witty Beatrice and clever Benedick, as well as the high jinks of the rest of the townspeople in Messina, Italy. Join the Highlands Playhouse Company for an evening of hilarity, mischief and love.

Production dates are July 25 at 12:00 Noon on the Village Green in Cashiers, July 26, August 2, and August 9 at 7:00 PM in Pine Street Park in Highlands. As always, admission is FREE and pic-nic's are encouraged. Bring blankets, chairs, and a friend and enjoy some of the finer things in life with the company of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

'Pump Boys' on stage at The Playhouse



The Highlands Playhouse 71st season is providing one hit after another. *Pump Boys and Dinettes* heats up its second week. The show's country rock twang and irresistible southern charm combined with the cast's undeniable talent and skill creates a night of electrifying theatre that you don't want to miss! Acting, singing, and dancing are only a fraction of what you can expect. *Pump Boys and Dinettes* delivers a heart-warming story, touching songs, and a fun, high-energy performance.

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

The performers aren't the only a sight to see on stage. Dillon Nelson, a rising set designer and returning artist, creates a vibrant, split-stage set that features tin soft

drink advertisements, a table-top jukebox, hubcaps and an extraordinary hand-made lit sign that directs you to the gas station and the Double Cupp Diner.

Nostalgia and contemporary artistic insight mingle and radiate throughout Nelson's design. His realistic concept, yet whimsical use of color creates a believable world for the performers to play. Nelson's set design highlights each musical number and adds to each performer's character. Don't miss your chance to see artistry at its finest!

Pump Boys and Dinettes, sponsored by Old Edwards Inn and Spa, runs through Aug. 16. Show times are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for children. You may visit the Box Office at 362 Oak Street or you may call 828-526-2695 and order by phone.

Also, don't miss our Shakespeare in the Park production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, running Aug. 2 and Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. in Pine Street Park in Highlands. Admission is free; bring blankets, chairs and a picnic!

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Our contribution to God's intervention



Rev. Dean Cesa
Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church

Last Sunday and the next four Sundays, Roman Catholics, and many other Christian denominations are hearing the sixth chapter of the Gospel of Saint John. The first part of this chapter is the multiplication of loaves: five thousand people fed by five barley loaves and two fish with twelve baskets of leftovers! It is little wonder that at the end of the story the crowd wanted to carry off Jesus and make him king. No more worries about food. Think of it! Jesus just makes as much, no, more than we need. Jesus will do it all. There is no need for us to do anything.

Well it's not that easy. At the end of the story, Jesus runs from this opportunity to be their king. He cannot allow this to happen because they have misunderstood what has happened. It just doesn't work that way.

The first thing is that Jesus as Son of God does not make out of nothing as he had done in the creation stories in Genesis. In the story from the Gospel of Saint John, Andrew has found a little boy who has a five loaves and two fish. He laments "what good are these for so many?" Yet, this is the beginning of the miracle, and really the beginning of the intervention of God – our participation, our contribution.

Next, Jesus takes the contribution, however meager it may seem to be, and from it, five thousand people are fed. He begins his teaching about the bread of life, which he is, with this action. Certainly he grabs their attention. He will tell them so much more about this bread. But for now, they should see that the contribution of one young boy was the beginning of an expression of God's super abundant intervention.

We find this action re-presented in our worship. After we hear God's word and reflect on it, bread and wine are brought forward – probably only worth a few dollars. But offered to God, seeking his blessing, by the power of God, they become what we could never make them – the priceless Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Our faith in the words of Jesus enables us to believe what he says is true, is real. This is my Body. This is my Blood.

We too may lament as Andrew did when we look at what we can offer – how meager it seems. A short prayer for a sick person. A kind gesture to a stranger. We can look at our world and it can seem like these have no impact. The problems seem too large for us to handle. And they are – by ourselves. But with faith in Jesus, the prayer, the kind action, the contribution no matter how small are multiplied. God wants us to take part in his loving action, his intervention in our world. When we make them offerings to God, is there any limit to what he will do with them?

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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. Erbeling, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's 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

Christian Science Church
Third and Spring Streets, Highlands
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.; Sunday School - 11 a.m.
Wednesday Testimony Meeting - 11 a.m.
3rd Wednesday of the Month

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 Jim Murphy: Office – 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
Highlands Community Center
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.
at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.
CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 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 Young Mom's Bible Study
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 P.M. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. 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 – 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30
& 9:45.

Mondays: 8 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 – 526-9741

Sundays: Sunday 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 WILDWOOD
Kay Ward - 743-5009
Sundays: 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day
Old Fashioned Hymn-Sing

MACEDONIA 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.
MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin
828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAIN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
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.
SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777
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
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

• **POLICE, FIRE, SHERIFF** •

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

- July 19**
 - At 8:30 p.m., officers responded to a call concerning a harassing phone call received at a residence on Sagee Drive.
 - July 21**
 - At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at NC 28 and S. 3rd. Street.
 - July 24**
 - A little past midnight, officers assisted another agency at a house on Mack Wilson Road concerning an aggressive resident.
 - July 25**
 - A little past midnight, officers assisted another agency at a residence Choctaw lane.
 - At 10:19 p.m., to assist another agency, officers transported a patient at the hospital to his home on Holt Road.
 - At 1:41 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at the Highlands Falls Country Club employee housing.
 - At 2:04 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at the Highlands Falls Country Club employee housing.
 - At 4:50 p.m., officers received a report concerning the larceny of an XM Radio from a car parked at the Highlands Civic Center. The case is under investigation.
 - July 26**
 - At 3 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Horse Cove Road and S. 6th Street.
 - At 8:33 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang up from Helen's Barn.
 - A little past midnight, officers responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence on the Dillard Road.
- During the week, police officers responded to 5 alarms and issued 45 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from July 22:

- July 22**
 - At 9:58 a.m., the dept. checked on smoke reported on Sherwood Forest Road. It was from a controlled burn.
 - At 7:56 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a home on Split Rail road. It was cancelled by the alarm company.
- July 23**
 - At 8:08 a.m., the dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west where a driver slid into a rock. There were no injuries.
 - At 9:26 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Choctaw Ridge Trail. There was no transport.
 - At 3:36 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Skylake Drive where a 92-year-old man had fallen. There was no transport.
 - At 6:46 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence at Hickory Knutt Gap. It was cancelled by the alarm company.
 - At 6:28 p.m., the dept. assisted in a search for a woman staying at a local hotel, whose father said she hadn't returned to the hotel. She was found walking in town.
- July 24**
 - A little past midnight, the dept. responded to an accident on Mack Wilson Road. The victim was transported to the hospital and airlifted to Asheville.
 - At 9:30 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Road. There was no transport.
 - Twice, at 2 p.m. and 7:08 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Hickory Knut Gap. The call was cancelled by the alarm company.
 - At 7:39 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Ruka's Table Restaurant where a woman was unconscious. She was transported to the hospital.

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• **FUN & GAMES** •

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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.

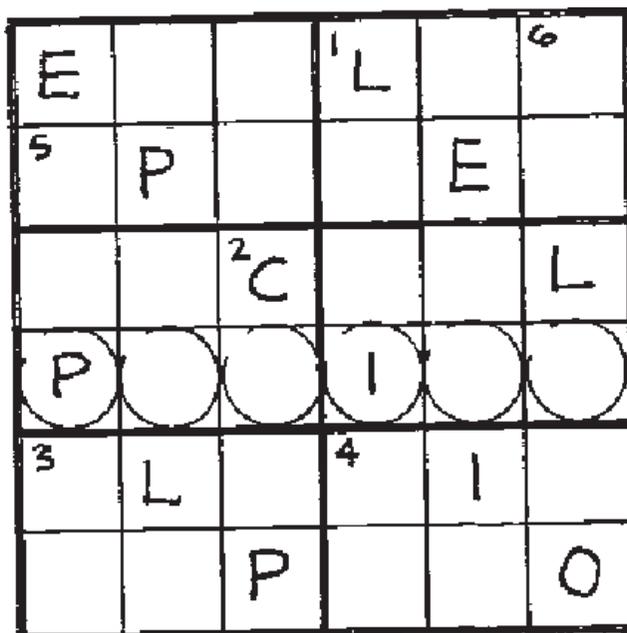
Mystery Word:
Gendarmes

Across

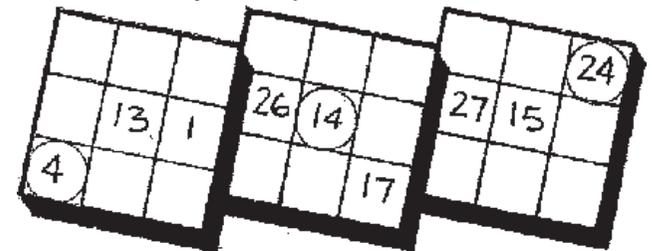
1. Cut off (3)
2. Police (slang) (3)
3. Excited approval (Spanish) (3)
4. Photo (slang) (3)

Down

5. Mouth part (3)
4. Heap (4)



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#AZ3A Level of Difficulty - Easy

THE SETUP:

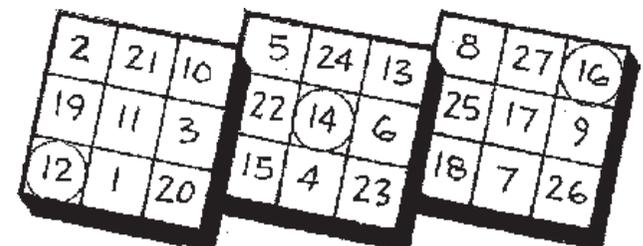
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

THE CHALLENGE:

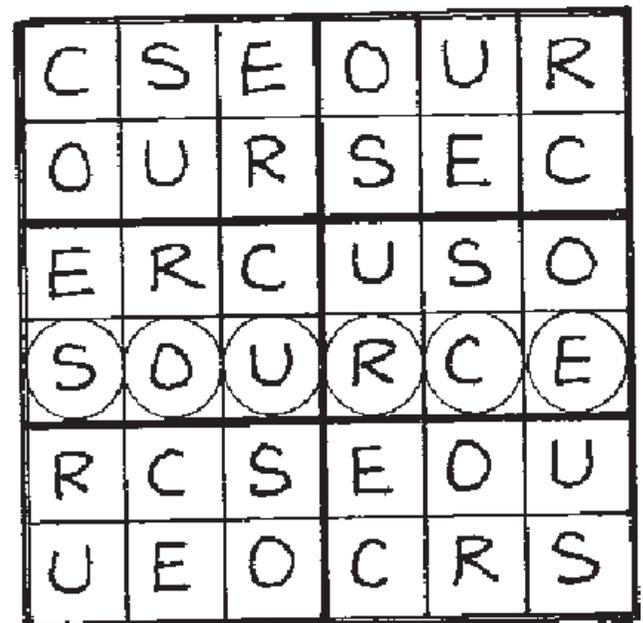
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #DZ2A in July 23 issue



Solution to July 23 Hex-a-Ku



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

strenuous ramble down to "The Narrows" on the upper reaches of the Wild and Scenic Chattooga River. The hike will be about 4.5 miles round trip. Older children (over 10) are welcome. Please no dogs. The hike will be led by veteran area hiker, Joe Gatins. Bring a snack, water, and wear appropriate clothing and footwear (boots recommended), and river shoes or sandals for those who wish to

get wet in the river. Leave from Highlands Nature Center, 9:30 a.m. There will be about 8 miles driving each way. Call 828-526-2602 for more information.

Saturday, Aug. 15

• The Nantahala Club Picnic will be held at the Tasse Shelter on the Greenway in Franklin.

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Norman Askins will talk on Classical Architecture for today's house at CLE



Noted architect, Norman D. Askins will give a presentation on using classical architectural style in today's house. This talk, sponsored by CLE, will be held at the Performing Arts Center on Monday, Aug. 3 from 2-4.

The style of classical architecture probably started around the time formal writing was created. It has been used since the time of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome and greatly influenced the early building in this country; for example governmental buildings and early Williamsburg. This type of simple yet elegant architecture is used in today's house much differently than in the 17th and 18th century and provides a sense of harmony often lacking in other styles. Norman Askins is a master of scale and creates a home that is both beautiful and comfortable for today's living. The class will enjoy his innovative ability and charming wit in the interpretation of classicism for today.

Since 1977, Norman Askins has enjoyed his architectural practice in Atlanta, specializing in historic preservation, restoration, and residential design. Known for the exacting quality and authenticity of his details, Askins is a notable leader in today's classical architectural movement in the South. During his tenure as architectural historian with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Askins was selected to redesign much of the interior of the Executive Office Wing of the White House. He is well known in the Highlands/Cashiers area and has designed and renovated many of the lovely homes we see here.

Please call Sandy at the CLE office at 526-8811 to register. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Egypt mirror of the Middle East – a lecture at CLE

Dr. Akram Khater, Associate Professor of History at North Carolina State University, will present a lecture for the Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, August 6 from 10AM until noon. The title of his lecture is "Egypt: Mirror of the Middle East."

This is not your tour guide's Egypt. While the magic and mystique of the Sphinx, the pyramids of Luxor, Cleopatra and the Nile, "our man in Cairo," remain as exotic background, the focus of Dr. Khater's lecture is on the position of Egypt and the potential role it will play in the Middle East in the near present.

According to Dr. Khater, Egypt is the most populous and has the most powerful military force of all the Arab nations. It boasts many cultural accomplishments in producing more films, books, television shows and music than any other country in the Middle East and considers itself a cultural capital of the Arab world. On the negative side it is a country beset by poverty, crumbling infrastructures, outdated authoritarian politics, a failing educational system and religious fundamentalism. Egypt is where the past and present paths of the Middle East collide and merge. Dr. Khater will explore the various trends and the future of Egypt and the Middle East so that we might better understand the currents of history as they are made.

This is the third year Dr. Khater has been invited to return to Highlands to give a class for CLE. His lecture on Egypt will be his fourth lecture. He is a dynamic speaker and has the knack of making his subject matter come alive, making him a person in popular demand.

In addition to his teaching schedule at the University, Dr. Khater is the Director of the Middle East Studies program and the Director of International Programs. Dr. Khater is a native of Lebanon. He came to the United States and earned a BS in electronics engineering at California State Polytechnic University. From there, he went to the University of California—Santa Cruz and received his MA in History and then on to the University of California—Berkeley where he received his Ph.D. in History in 1993. He taught at Ball State in Indiana before he came to North Carolina State.

Dr. Khater's books include *Inventing Home: Emigration, Gender and the Making of a Lebanese Middle Class, 1861-1921* published in 2001 and *A History of the Middle East: A Sourcebook for the History of the Middle East and North* published in 2003. He won the Outstanding Junior Faculty Award in 2000 and in 2003 he was inducted into North Carolina States' Academy of Outstanding Faculty Engaged in Extension. His affiliations include the Middle East Studies Association, the Association for Middle East Women's Studies, the Triangle Islamic Studies Group, and the Mediterranean Studies Group.

Tickets for this event may be purchased from the CLE office or purchased at the door. The cost for members is \$20.00 and for non-members, \$30.00. Attendance will be limited to 120 people. For more information call the CLE office at 526-8811. COME LEARN WITH US.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Saturday at Greenleaf Gallery



Rose Greenleaf, of Greenleaf Gallery in Wright Square with signature artist, Robert Tino.

Saturday at Drake's Diamond Gallery



Wanda Drake with jeweler at Mia Katrin Trunk Show.

Saturday at Summit One Gallery



Mary Adair Leslie with artists Pat Calderone and Fran Gatins.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Hospital Foundation to be recipient of auction proceeds

Robin Tindall-Taylor, executive director of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation and Frank Scudder, Jr. pictured with "The Fisherman" A statue that has been donated by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Mitchell to be put up at auction August 1 at 8 pm at Scudders Galleries on Main St. Highlands. Proceeds from the auctioning of this piece will go to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation.



• UPCOMING EVENTS •



Shown: Ronnie Spilton, Virginia Talbot (director of Accomplice), Mary Adair Leslie, and Jim Gordon discussing props. "Accomplice" will be on stage at PAC Aug. 20-30. Subscriber reservations can be made on Aug 13-14; general tickets will be on sale starting Aug.15. Call 828-526-8084.



Vance Reese, organist, will perform at the Aug. 5 Interlude at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. The performance is free.

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A detailed street map of the town of Highlands, North Carolina. The map shows a grid of streets including Main St., Church St., Spring St., and others. Numerous businesses are marked with numbered icons and callouts, such as Madison's restaurant, Bryson's Foods, and Wolfgang's. There are also images of local landmarks like the Bascom Visual Arts Center and the Highlands Bird Sanctuary. A central callout box reads: "Checkout All The Art Galleries In This Weeks Edition of Highlands' Newspaper". Another callout at the bottom says: "Country Club Properties 3 in town locations LAND - LOTS - HOMES Call: 828-526-2520".

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