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This Week in Highlands

- Thurs., June 18 – Sun., July 5**
- At Highlands Playhouse, The Taffetas, 8 p.m. & 2 p.m. on Sunday. Call 526-2695.
- Thursday, June 18**
- At Wolfgang's on Main, 5:30 in Bistro Tom Quigley, Acoustic Singer/Songwriter.
 - At Creative Concepts at Falls on Main, "Girls Night Out!" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Raffle and snacks. For information call 526-3939.
 - Taize services at 5:30 pm, at the Holy Family Lutheran Church.
- Saturday, June 20**
- Vacation Bible School with Shortoff Baptist Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Zachary Park at Buck Creek Field. Call Melanie Miller at 828-787-1788.
 - At Wolfgang's on Main 3:30—5:30 Complimentary Wine Tasting & Tom Quigley, Acoustic Singer/Songwriter.
 - At Drake's Diamond Gallery, Alwand Vahan Trunk Show with hors d'oeuvres and champagne cocktails. 526-5858
 - "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 – 10:30 pm. Call 526-2623.
 - Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring covered dish. Call Ann Wilson at 864-888-1111 for more information.
 - Highlands Greenway Construction at the Rec Park lower loop trail and on the steps Call Hillrie Quin at 526-2385.
 - At PAC, Cherokee and Folk Tales of Western North Carolina 7:30 pm. Call 526-9047.
- Monday, June 22**
- At Wolfgang's on Main, Wine Dinner featuring wines from King Estate from Oregon. 6 p.m. Call 526-3807.
- Mon.-Fri., June 22-26**
- Vacation Bible School at HUMC at 5:30-8 p.m. for grades 2 years through 5th grade. Call Allison Tate at 526-3376.
- Tuesday, June 23**
- Fressers Eatery presents: An Evening With Gabrielle Leonhard and The Gabrielle Collection of Wines at 6:30 p.m. Call 526-4188.
 - Immunization Clinic at the Macon County Public Health Center 2 pm – 6pm for rising 6th graders who are eligible to receive the Tdap vaccine. It's free.

Town's operations budget cut for FY10

With stimulus dollars in the millions the center of town conversation lately, the impression may be that the town is overspending, but in fact the 2009-'10 budget represents reductions in many areas, says Town Manager Jim Fatland.

"To get a feel for the budget, people should consider the cost of operations, not capital projects, most of which will be paid for with grant and no interest loans," he said.

Fatland has also removed the \$212,000 set aside for Bowery Road legal work from the General Fund and put it in savings because it doesn't represent actual operation costs, he said. "When and if we need to use that money, we will take it out of savings, allocate for the cost of legal services and make a budget amendment."

That simple line item move reduces the General Fund budget by \$212,000 and the Street Depart-

ment budget too, because it's always been listed there as well, he said.

In fact, for 2009-'10, the cost of Town of Highlands operations has decreased significantly.

Fatland has cut overtime by half in the Sanitation and Street departments and streamlined use of time in other town departments.

For instance in the Water Department instead of four employ-

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Funding and more discussed at TB meeting

Wednesday night's Town Board meeting was centered around committee reports, adopting resolutions, finalizing lease agreements, streamlining committee appointments, and allocating nonprofit funds.

The Board entered into one-year lease agreement with Macon Bank for the .19-acre parcel adjacent to Pine Street which includes the gazebo for \$442 per year – the amount the town assesses the bank in taxes.

"We can't grant free taxes, but we can pay them what they pay us," said Town Manager Jim Fatland.

In April 2009, the town took over the operations of the Community Building and put it under the supervision of the Rec Department which will be responsible for scheduling and cleaning the facility after events.

As such, Wednesday night, the

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Teenager falls 80-ft. from Glen Falls

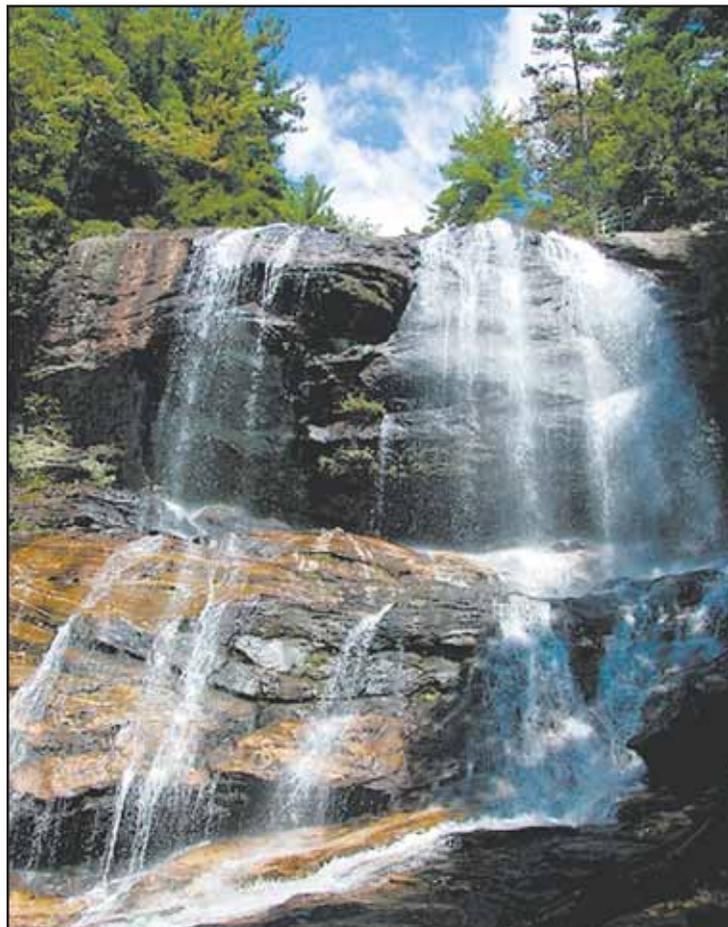


Photo by Jim Lewicki

Highlands Fire & Rescue responds to two rescue missions on same day

On a hot summer day, there's nothing so enticing as a cool, wet waterfall – especially if it's as accessible and inviting as Glen Falls off N.C. 106 here in Highlands. The rock ledges on top – wide and smooth with just a bit of water flowing over them – appear safe. But beware – death awaits most who venture out on the falls.

At 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, Highlands Fire & Rescue and Macon County EMS crews were called to Glen Falls where a visiting 16-year-old at the falls with his grandmother, fell 80 feet from the top tier of the three-tiered falls.

It only took rescue workers 10 minutes to get to him where he lay in a shallow pool of water far below the top, and luckily he was alive and conscious.

"I've pulled the dead from exactly where he was," said a Highlands rescue worker. "He is very lucky."

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Title of column inappropriate

Dear Editor,

I picked up your June 11th issue today and was stunned by the headline above Fred Wooldridge's "Laughing at Life." I am still aghast at the incendiary recklessness he used to begin his column.

Is there a connection between the storied ideas offered in this column and its title? Despite barely mentioning Democrats within his piece, Wooldridge made his not-so-subtle implication that the Democratic Party's majority is reason enough to own a Remington pump. After professing that one never recovers from having mortally used a firearm on another human being; he concludes his fearsome thoughts with specific direction for the purchase and storage of a shotgun.

Recent murders in a Kansas church and at the Holocaust Museum in D.C., to mention only two, have caused more than a few thoughtful people to wonder if seditious comments by several media spokespersons may be leading impressionable people to act violently on their irrational impulses. My concern is that we each use our best judgment when we speak publicly — especially during an anxious time of economic uncertainty, high international tension and extreme political rivalry.

I question not only Wooldridge's judgment, but specifically this newspaper's editor for having allowed such an inflammatory heading. "Laughing at Life" implies that one is about to enjoy a jocular or ironic viewpoint, not one that exploits people's worst natures. That headline is not amusing to me.

Survivors appreciate funding

Dear Editor,

We wanted to say thank you to everyone in Highlands, Sapphire, Franklin, and Cashiers for their generous and heart-warming support during the annual SOAR Golf Tournament, Auction and dinner, and the Special Operations Adventure Race and for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

For months, the members of the planning committees coordinated many details to make sure the events were successful while keeping the focus on raising money for the children of special operations who have lost a parent in a combat mission or training accident.

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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• LETTERS •

Because of everyone's hard work and dedication, we are proud to tell you that over the past seven years you have raised nearly \$400,000 for the college education of the 773 surviving children of fallen special operations personnel.

Without a doubt, the Towns of Highlands, Cashiers, Franklin, and Sapphire has much to be proud of, but I believe it deserves special mention that business owners and the people of this area are at the heart of America's great towns and an example of the American spirit. The willingness to support the efforts of these annual events will be long-remembered by the special operations community and the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

Steven L. McLeary
Major, USAF (Ret)

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ees working four hours a day Saturdays and Sundays, he's requesting two men per two-hour day on the weekends.

In the Street Department he has crews trimming one day a week off season and two days a week during the season instead of three times a week all year long.

"That has enabled us to cut overtime more than 50% in both the Street and Sanitation departments which is saving the town a lot of money without curtailing services," he said.

Some citizens question the police department's proposed budget for 2009-'10 saying it's inflated compared to the town of Franklin's police department, but Fatland doesn't agree.

"Comparing Highlands' law enforcement needs to Franklin's law enforcement needs is like comparing apples to oranges," he said. "Franklin doesn't have the situation we have here where the population blossoms for six months of the year. Those seasonal people who pay taxes deserve quality services from the municipality and we need to ensure that there is adequate law enforcement for people who pay taxes whether they represent the populace part of the year or all year," he said.

In fact, with all the changes due the Highlands Police Department – with the main change a change of venue -- the increases continue to be minimal in that department.

The FY2008 the actual Police Department budget was \$942,988 compared to the FY2009 Estimated Actual Budget of \$974,903.

The proposed budget for 2010 is \$1,381,895 compared to the amended 2009 budget of \$1,073,000 with major increases reflected in Capital Outlay/Equipment,

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About seven years ago, a visitor to the falls fell to his death while hiking with his girlfriend. A year later the girlfriend ventured out onto the falls and she, too, fell, this time injuring an ankle, but rescue workers met her hiking up the trail to the parking lot.

On Tuesday evening, rescue crews hiked to the bottom of the Glen Falls from Blue Valley Road at Overflow Creek. It took the 11 rescue workers who carried the boy out in a basket 40 minutes to hike out to the ambulance on Blue Valley Road.

From there he was transported to the MOMA helicopter waiting in a field in Clear Creek and airlifted to Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville. He is being treated for multiple abrasions, a possible broken foot, and a gash to the back of his head. He is listed in serious condition. Rescue workers said he complained about his head and his back.

When EMS crews got to the boy he said he had walked out to the middle of the top fall to get a photograph. The camera fell with him and appeared intact. "I told him to send us a picture if they come out," said an EMS member.

Two other visitors to the falls that day – an off-duty deputy from Florida and another man – saw the boy fall and together pulled him out of the water and kept him calm and stationary until help arrived. "They did the right thing," said rescue officials. "He was trying to sit up and move around and he need-

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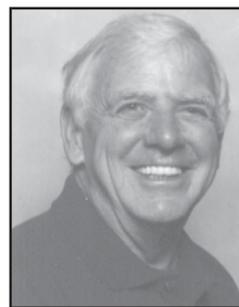


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I can be rappelling



Fred Wooldridge

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No, no, not repelling.... rappelling! Well, I guess I could be both, what the heck, some folks think I'm repelling. (Ha, who cares?) Last Friday the li'l missus and I headed to the Highlands Rec Park for our regular twice a week flogging of bridge, a geezer card game where the goal is to not talk, smile or look like you're having fun for a full three plus hours. Because I love the game, it's the not looking like I'm having fun part that's the most difficult for me. No, I take that back. Winning is the hardest followed closely by looking like I'm not having fun.

Anyway, sitting at a small table in the driveway to the center was Dave Lindsay, an old friend. It was SOAR race signup day and the entrance was bustling with workers, applicants and yes, bridge players. As usual Dave was in charge of the rappelling portion of the race. He was checking gear and squaring away contestants.

Dave, my assistant instructor when I was in the rappelling business, gave me a stern look as I pulled my car into the driveway. He jokingly ordered, "You can't stop here. Move on!" I shot back, "Where do I sign up to kill myself on a cliff?"

My short visit with Dave meant I would trash my concentration, what little I have, for the remainder of the day. Any bridge focus I may have had would be replaced by pleasant memories of my past life with Dave on Highlands' cliffs. Shame on you, Dave, I'm blaming you for my rotten score.

Just as bridge was starting, my mind flashed back to early 1989. Lieutenant Goddard had walked into my office and plopped into a chair. He stared at me before speaking. Then he blurted, "Major, tell me the rumor isn't true. You're going to give up this magnificent all-glass ocean view office and give up your career as Chief of Detectives with all the perks that come with it and go off to some God forsaken place in the back wood mountains of North Carolina and teach people to jump off cliffs. Tell me you've not gone mad and the rumor isn't true."

I smiled, "That's about it. You ever heard of a place called Highlands?" "Highlands, Schmilands," he shot back. "Have you lost your mind? You think

people are going to pay you money so you can push them off a cliff? Get real. I don't care how wonderful you think this Highlands place is; take stock at what and who you are. The chief loves you and you're at the top of your game. Why do such a stupid thing?"

One month later I laid my gun and badge on the Chief's desk and headed for Highlands. I called my business "Mountain Down Rappelling" and had permission

from the US Forest Service to use seven awesome rappel sites. With only 39 customers the entire first year, I began to wonder if Lieutenant Goddard was right.

As we started our second round of bridge, I remembered I met Dave in 1990 while organizing a day camp rappel for children. He informed me he was terrified of heights but would like to help and, maybe, overcome his fear.

Once Dave realized he was not afraid of height but was, like most folks, afraid of falling, teaching him was a snap. Little did I know then that he would become my sidekick for the next 13 years on Highlands' cliffs, teaching this awesome sport.

As the li'l missus and I started our fifth round of bridge, I remembered how it was with Dave and me working together. We were a team and had developed a perfect system of teaching. We seldom spoke as we always knew what the other was thinking. Dave made my life of teaching this sport easier than I could have imagined. I eventually sold my business to him.

We were into our third disastrous hour of bridge when I recalled Lieutenant Goddard's words again. I thought to myself, *No, Lieutenant, it was worth it. I made good money teaching rappelling, but more, importantly, it kept me in great physical condition and at peace on Highlands' cliffs, surrounded by the beauty of these mountains. Take your homicides and all the other ugliness that goes with that job and shove it.*

The bridge game ended and, of course, we did poorly. When I got home I went to a downstairs bedroom to look at a rappelling device mounted on a plaque. The inscription under the "figure 8" read, "To an old friend, Thanks for letting me down." Oh, what wonderful memories I have of my life on the cliffs of Highlands.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The road to freedom can be bumpy

The Iranian presidential election is over. The announced result was a shock that should not have been a surprise at all. Iranian President Ahmadinejad was declared the winner in his country's election. The announcement was shocking because recent polls had found him trailing far behind his main rival, former Prime Minister, Mir Hossein Mousavi. What should have come as no surprise was that Ahmadinejad apparently used his considerable power to make a sham of the election.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Young Iranians, weary of economic hardship, isolation from much of the world, and endless confrontation with the West, believed that they had the votes to wrest power from Ahmadinejad and guide Iran in a new direction. Not so fast, "Bubba." We don't know with certainty that Ahmadinejad stole the election. Perhaps his opponents underestimated his support, finding themselves unable to believe that anyone could vote for this destructive madman. Maybe they were wrong. The majority of the "Green Movement", Mr. Mousavi's supporters are young. Most were born after the overthrow of the Shah and the take-over of the American Embassy in 1979. They never felt the ecstasy of reclaiming their country from our puppet. Ironically, distaste for the Shah's attempts to secularize and westernize the country fueled the Revolution. The "Green Movement" desires liberalization and loosening of the theocratic oppression of the country's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who declared the election results, "divine assessment."

There has been some degree of liberalization in recent years. Internet cafes and less restrictive dress for women are illegal, but tolerated. Conservative backlash to sustained protests of the election results may ironically result in loss of freedoms secular Iranians currently enjoy. Angry demonstrations have stretched into a second day. No one can predict how long they will continue, how violent they may become, or how ruthless the efforts to contain them may be.

Earlier generations of disenfranchised citizens have manned the barricades, from the French Revolution to Tiananmen Square. Outcomes have varied, dependent largely on the willingness of the army to murder fellow citizens. Demonstrations in Tehran have not yet become so large, so violent, or so sustained for commanders to order their troops to shoot the demonstrators. What has happened, and could not have happened in the past, is that the demonstrators have turned to text messaging and the Internet to organize demonstrations. When text messaging was interrupted, demonstrators turned to Facebook and Twitter. It seems bizarre enough that a nascent revolution might be fueled by cell phones and the Internet, but technology has reached the point that social networking sites have replaced jungle drums and smoke signals to warn of danger and call supporters to action.

We forget that we live in a global community, one in which ideas and ideals are passed around the planet with amazing speed. The Middle East is more than turbaned Islamic extremists carrying Kalashnikov assault rifles. It goes beyond the image of women clad in burkas.

Within the Muslim world, there are those dedicated to staunch adherence to orthodox Muslim teachings, but there are others. There are people of wealth, education, and sophistication who see denial of women's right as an affront, who view an attempt to reinstitute strict Islamic law as an anachronism, who see the oppressive governments of the Middle East as impediments to prosperity and to human rights. There are those who wish to spread their wings and soar in the bumpy skies of freedom. They may be denied today in Iran, a country whose constitution grants supreme authority to an Islamic cleric, but the tide of history is on the side of the reformers. With the unlikely aid of Twitter and Facebook, they may challenge the Iranian army and find them unwilling to kill their countrymen. It probably won't happen today, in this conflict, but I wouldn't bet against it tomorrow, or the day after.

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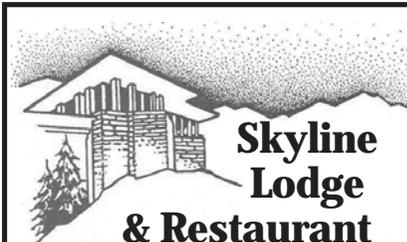
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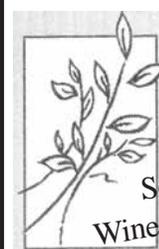


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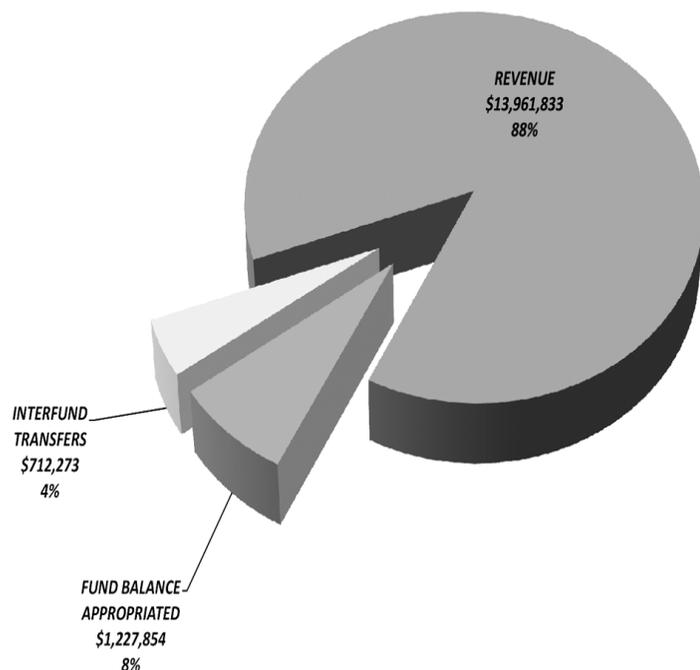
At the end of each fiscal year, budgets are amended to reflect actual costs rather than proposed costs.

Significant budget reductions in the town's budget in FY10 compared to FY09 are as follows:

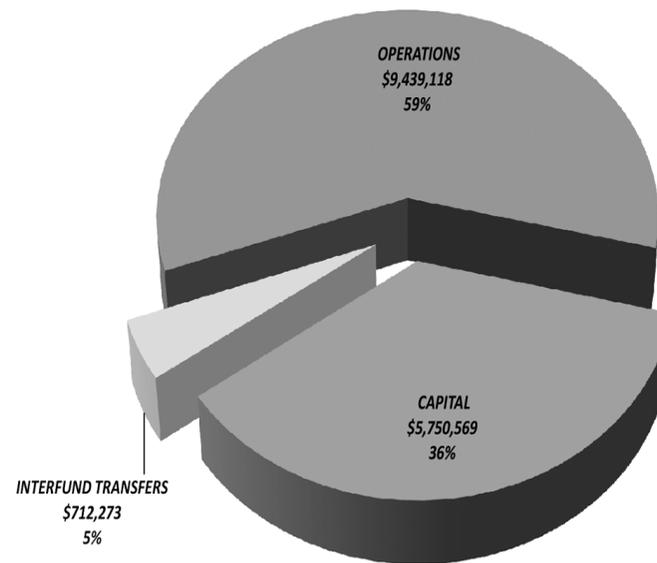
- Grants to non profits in FY09, \$62,000; in FY10, \$25,750,
- Greenway Projects in FY09, \$100,000; in FY10, \$73,000,
- Bowery Road funds in FY09, \$300,000 in FY10, \$0,
- Contribution to the new Town Hall in FY09, \$110,625; in FY 10 \$0,
- A greater than 50% reduction in overtime in the Street and Sanitation departments,
- No cost of living salary increase for Town Employees represents a 6% reduction FY09 to FY10, and there will be no new full time positions filled in FY10.

There will be a public hearing on the budget 7 p.m., Wednesday, June 24.

Town of Highlands Total Funds Available
\$15,901,960



Town of Highlands Expenditures
\$15,901,960



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Saturday, July 11 – 6 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Katherine Haas & Stephen Suomi
Menu: Tapas, Paella with Salad, Bollilos
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A Cajun Feast at Whiteside Mountain

Tuesday, July 21 – 7 PM - \$100/person
Hosts: Olivia & Robert Holt
Menu: Appetizers, Crawfish Etouffe with Rice and Accompaniments

“First Chamber Music Feast Revisited”

Saturday, July 25 – 6:30 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Sandy Cohn & Ruth Gershon
Menu: Special Selections Are Being Prepared
Location: Jeannie Olive Home

An Italian Evening with Friends

Sunday, August 2 – 7 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Minnie Bob & Michael Campbell
Menu: Mushroom Risotto, Osso Bucco, Italian Cheeses, Pannacotta

Mountain Fare

Thursday, August 13 – 6 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Jody & Wood Lovell
Menu: Trout Beurre Blanc paired with special Appetizers, Greens and Potatoes



Brunch with a View from Sweet Tater Top

Saturday, August 15 – 12:30 PM - \$100/person
Hosts: Nancy Rampell & David Blum
Menu: Mimosas, Bloody Marys, Frittatas, Breakfast Meats and Specialty Breads

Catch and Parchment

Sunday, August 23 – 6:30 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Brenda & Stewart Manning
Menu: Prepared & presented by Last Resort Grill – Athens, GA.
Served with appropriate wines

An Umbrian Feast on Satulah

Saturday, September 12 – 6:30 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Carter & Nancy Bruns
Menu: Antipasti, Homemade Pasta, Special Surprise Entree

Prosecco on the Patio

Sunday, September 13 – 12:30 PM - \$100/person
Hosts: Martyn Lucas & Christine Johnson Lucas
Menu: Traditional Brunch Fare with a Flair!

A Casual Fall Supper

Thursday, September 24 – 6:30 PM - \$100/person
Hosts: Ann Julian and Wright & Betsy Turner
Menu: Barbecue, all the Fixings and Baked Apples

Texas Bar B-Que

Thursday, October 8 – 6:30 PM - \$125/person
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board agreed to enter into a five-year lease agreement with Rotary for \$75 per event. The agreed to a one-year lease with Christ Anglican Church and decreased its monthly payment from \$750 a month to \$700 a month.

Commissioners agreed unanimously to a Town of Highlands Recreation and Parks Development Staff/Volunteer Code of Conduct and a separate Child Protection Policy for the Town of Recreation Department. Both policies outline acceptable behavior and activities as they pertain to the Rec Park and children who attend it.

With an opening on the Planning Board, the commission entered into a lengthy discussion as to who is eligible to serve on it and the Appearance Commission and the tendency for the same people to serve on town boards over the years.

To remedy that, the board asked Town Planner Joe Cooley to advertise the fact that there is an opening on the Planning Board. "We want new faces and new ideas," said the Mayor. If interested in serving call Town Hall at 526-2118. Ginger Slaughter's term is up.

Commissioners agreed to sign a resolution in support of the state's Small Town Main Street Program which is part of the Department of Commerce.

The Main Street Program is a four-point approach to a comprehensive revitalization process designed to improve all aspects of a downtown area. The state is looking to help 3-5 towns of 5,000 or less population basically for the cost of mileage and a one-time \$150 data collection fee.

Since USDA grants are available for purchasing police vehicles, the board agreed to authorize application to USDA to purchase nine police vehicles with \$92,000 of unspent funds in the police department FY09 budget, \$48,000 in USDA grant money and \$180,000 from the electric reserves.

Commissioner Dotson requested that the purchases be staggered so all the vehicles will not "come of age" at the same time. Fatland said no purchases will be made until the outcome of the USDA grant is known sometime in 2010.

Finally, the board discussed allocations to nonprofits. Years ago that fund was capped at \$50,000 and nonprofits requesting funds had to fill out an application and submit a detailed budget as to how requested funds would be spent.

This year the Finance Committee is suggesting allocating \$25,750 with the Historical Society getting \$4,000 of its requested \$5,000; HCCDC getting the \$10,000 it re-

quested; the Highlands Emergency Council getting the \$4,000 it requested; PAC getting the \$4,000 it requested, and the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation getting \$3,750 of the \$7,500 it requested.

Denied funding was The Bascom for \$10,000; The Instant Theatre for \$2,434; and the Highlands Playhouse for \$75,000.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the money is to be used for specific grants for specific things and those applying had to be clear as to how the money would be spent.

"The Playhouse offered no details, just a list of repairs and no specific budget," she said. "Frankly, I was surprised that they requested that amount knowing that our cap was \$50,000. They were basically asking for

all the money."

The Finance Committee felt The Bascom is holding its own and wasn't sure if The Instant Theatre was functioning and as such didn't think the taxpayers should give it money at this time.

The July 15 Town Board meeting will be held at the Rec Park, not the Community Building, at 7 p.m.

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With national trends toward smart spending and keeping it simple, home-cooked foods often appeal more than pricey takeout or restaurant fare.

The recipes included here feature the perennial comfort food staples, shepherd's pie, and potato soup.

The shepherd's pie and mashed potatoes put a little twist on tradition; the mashed potato topping on the pie is spiked with sour cream, horseradish and Worcestershire for an extra zing.

The potato soup offers a blend of potatoes, bacon, cheddar, green onions and broccoli florets.

Beefy Shepherd's Pie With Horseradish Mashed Potato Topping

Makes 6 servings

- 1 bag Ore-Ida Steam n' Mash®
Cut Russet Potatoes (24 ounces)
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 1/2 pounds beef stew meat
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
- 1 jar Heinz HomeStyle Beef Gravy
(12 oz)
- 1 cup lower sodium beef broth
- 1 packet brown gravy mix (1.6 oz)
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish
- 1 teaspoon Lea & Perrins
Worcestershire sauce

Preheat oven to 350° F. Lightly spray a shallow 9 x 13-inch baking dish with cooking spray; set aside.

Fry bacon in a large skillet over medium heat until browned, but not crispy. Remove bacon with slotted spoon to plate lined with paper towels. Drain all but 2 tablespoons of fat from pan. Add stew meat and brown on all sides. Add onions and sauté for 2 minutes more. Stir in vegetables, cooked bacon, gravy, broth and gravy mix. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer for 1 minute. Transfer to prepared baking dish and set aside.

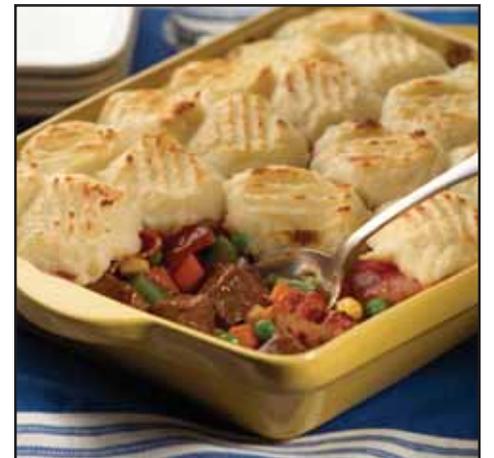
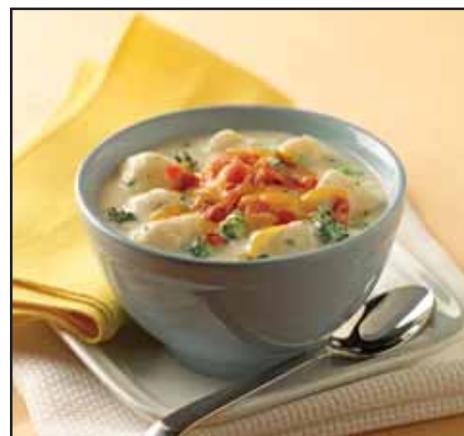
Prepare mashed potatoes according to package directions. Stir remaining ingredients into prepared mashed potatoes and distribute evenly over stew mixture. Bake in preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve hot.

Loaded Potato Soup

Makes 4 to 6 servings

- 1 bag Ore-Ida Steam n' Mash Garlic
Seasoned Potatoes (24 ounces)
- 2 cups broccoli florets, frozen
- 1 jar Classico Creamy Alfredo sauce
- 2 cups milk
- 1/4 pound bacon
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup green onions, chopped

Prepare potatoes in the microwave, as directed on package. While potatoes are cooking, cut bacon into small strips, chop green onions and shred cheddar cheese. Fry bacon in a saucepan over medium-high heat, set aside. Drain bacon grease, turn heat down to medium-low and pour Alfredo sauce into saucepan. Add milk and broccoli florets, and stir soup occasionally. Pour one cup of cooked potatoes into small bowl, mash. Blend mashed potatoes into soup. Pour 1 cup of cooked potatoes into individual serving bowls. Ladle soup over the potatoes. Top with cheese, bacon and green onions.



• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Perestroika for the West

Lately we've been hearing news stories that hint that the economy may be recovering; government reports aren't as bad as was expected, banks are ready to pay back bailout money, etc. After all the scary talk of last fall about the possibility of a depression, of course it's a relief to think maybe we're going to dodge the bullet. How could this not be good news?

The problem is that there are serious systemic problems in our financial system, and if this crisis blows over too fast we won't do the difficult work of restructuring. It seems to me that everyone in the financial world is chomping at the bit to get back to the way things were two years ago, to forget this meltdown ever happened and return to wheeling and dealing and hauling in the cash.

Some people will tell you that this is just part of what's called the "business cycle." If you look at the history of this country, panics and depressions are a regular feature of life. The reason the depression of the 1930s is called the "Great Depression" was to distinguish it from the "Long Depression" that lasted from 1873-1896.

In my lifetime, I have seen plenty of business slowdowns and banking crises. I came of age in the 1970s and my outlook on the future was deeply affected by the stagflation of that era — it was a very bleak time in my memory. We had the S&L crisis in the late 1980s, the '90s had the explosions of the hedge-fund Long Term Capital Management and the Asian financial crisis (which was brought about by western speculators), the 2000s have had the dotcom bubble and now the spectacular crisis of today that has multiple causes: subprime mortgages, exotic financial "instruments," and, most significantly, deregulation of the entire financial industry.

This list of major crises has happened in just 30 years. We are all indoctrinated with the belief that American-style capitalism is the best economic system that has ever been invented. When the Soviet Union fell in 1989 there were triumphalist books and articles declaring us the victor; my favorite for sheer hubris was "The End of History," by Francis Fukuyama. Capitalism was the perfect system that would endure forever; there would be no need for change, history had ended.

This period of time coincided with the rise of free-market economics that preached that all regulation was bad and the unfettered market would result in prosperity for all. It didn't work out that way, what we've seen instead is increasing income inequality.



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This market fundamentalism was preached to the world. It was called the "Washington Consensus," and, through the World Bank and the IMF, countries all over the world were forced to privatize businesses, open up trade, end subsidies, and institute austerity programs. This was supposed to result in prosperity for all, but it didn't work out

that way.

Mikhail Gorbachev wrote a fascinating article, "We Had Our Perestroika. It's High Time for Yours" published June 7, 2009 in the Washington Post. He begins by recounting the struggles he encountered trying to bring change to the Soviet Union in his position as the last general secretary of the Communist Party in the late 1980s. "At first, we labored under the illusion that re-vamping the existing system — changes within the 'socialist model' — would suffice. But the pushback from the Communist Party and the government bureaucracy was too strong. Toward the end of 1986, it became clear to me and my supporters that nothing less than the replacement of the system's building blocks was needed." Perestroika did not work out in the way Gorbachev envisioned it, "Nevertheless, when I am asked whether perestroika succeeded or was defeated, I reply: Perestroika won, because it brought the country to a point from which there could be no return to the past."

He goes on to recount the West's belief that we had the perfect economic model, and how we tried to impose it on the entire planet. "The model that emerged during the final decades of the 20th century has turned out to be unsustainable. It was based on a drive for super-profits and hyper-consumption for a few, on unrestrained exploitation of resources and on social and environmental irresponsibility. But if all the proposed solutions and action now come down to a mere rebranding of the old system, we are bound to see another, perhaps even greater upheaval down the road. The current model does not need adjusting; it needs replacing. I have no ready-made prescriptions. But I am convinced that a new model will emerge, one that will emphasize public needs and public goods, such as a cleaner environment, well-functioning infrastructure and public transportation, sound education and health systems and affordable housing. The time has come for 'creative construction,' for striking the right balance between the government and the market, for integrating social and environ-

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ed to stay still until we could stabilize him." The call for help came from a U.S.F.S. employee.

The lesson learned? Don't gamble with your life.

"Obey the trail markings and the signs that clearly say, 'Do Not Go Beyond This Point,'" said department members. "Be smart, be careful and don't try to take pictures out on the waterfall."

Though it doesn't look it, the rocks under the shallow water on top of the falls are extremely slippery.

That same evening, Highlands Fire & Rescue was called when three hikers — a 72-year-old man, a 45-year-old woman and a 12-year-old boy — hadn't returned from a hike that initiated at Cliffside Lake off U.S. 64 west.

Highlands Fire Department member John Shearl was on his way down the mountain on U.S. 64 west when he saw three people walking along the side of the road who matched the description put out on the radio.

He called the department in Highlands, so Chief James Manley got in his truck and headed that way.

He found the trio on the highway below Bust Your Butt Falls near a grassy area with picnic tables. They had gone into the river to cool off and were walking down the road.

He asked them if they were associated with the folks at Cliffside and they said yes.

"They had decided to walk to their hotel in Franklin and evidently hadn't told the people back at the lake," said Manley. "I asked them if they knew they were about 15 miles from their destination."

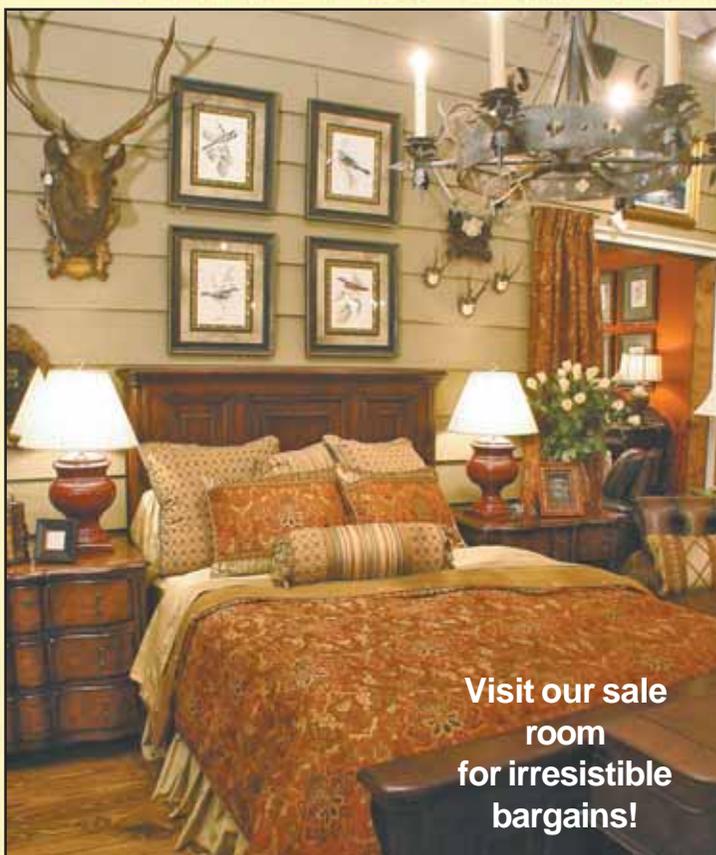
Manley gave the trio a ride back to Cliffside Lake where they were reunited with their families.

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Last week the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners met along with all the department heads and division superintendents in a work session to go over the entire town budget for the July '09 to July '10 year. Everyone had had input into the overall budget of the town and at this meeting had a chance to explain or defend their part of the budget. It was a great day for everyone who depends on this budget to come together as one group and learn and understand what was going on within the town amongst every department.

The bottom line of the budget for next year will not require taxes to be increased. We have maintained a tax neutral stance in that the town tax rate will remain at the same millage, 13.5 cents, that we had this past year.

During these difficult economic times it was the decision of the commissioners

along with the town manager to remain tax neutral and continue to maintain a fund balance of at least 30% of the yearly budget. The Town of Highlands is in very good financial condition and we intend to remain so without cutting the services each department gives to the citizens of our community. We will continue to make the necessary improvements in the town frugally and search for grant money to assist us in doing this.



Mayor Don Mullen

Final approval of this budget will be done at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners at the end of June. This past week the current Town Hall was emptied and prepared to undergo a necessary renovation to insure efficient operation for at least the next four or five years. We have abandoned any plans for a new Town Hall at this time. It is simply not appropriate for us to do that due to these troubling economic times. However,

in order to do this we have moved the town offices temporarily to the small shopping center on the Dillard Road where the Great Things furniture store was previously located. While Town Hall is being renovated and expanded for more efficient and convenient use, temporarily the town offices will be in that location for about three or four months. Utility bills and other business of the people of Highlands can be carried out there. We appreciate folks bearing with us as we improve the town facilities to better serve you.

The consultants for our parking and traffic study along with Town Board members on that committee will be prepared to present their recommendations to the town and the full board on July 1. The recommendations will not only preserve and

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• HIS & HERS •

Weekend at Eli's

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

"Boola boola?" I said, incredulously. "Boola boola?????" John looked up from his computer, and gave me a sheepish look. "Well, it was written by Cole Porter," he said, defensively. We're talking about the Yale fight song here, a topic which came up when we recently attended John's 45th college reunion at Yale.



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"I'm older than dirt," John had muttered. That said, we agreed that it was probably a good time to make the trip to New Haven to check out all of his old haunts. New Haven is now a delightful little town, quite charming, with lots of lovely old houses, interesting shops, and nice restaurants.

John had booked us on a 5:50am flight from Asheville to Charlotte, so we overnighted in Asheville. After the insult of paying \$15 to check my suitcase, it didn't even make the connection to New Haven, although in all fairness, it arrived on the next Philly to New Haven flight. A taxi driver delivered it to Pierson Dorm, where we were staying. "Bad suitcase," I said, shaking a finger at it. "Bad, bad suitcase."

There is a difference between staying in a dorm when you are 18, and when you are 58. For one thing, you're asking more of the mattress, if you get my drift. John and I were assigned to a cute little room on the ground floor of Pierson. The original room had had a working fireplace, a relic of bygone days. The Ladies room was just next door, and a great place to meet other wives who were also accompanying their husbands to the Reunion. The wife of the bagpiper apologized in advance for her husband's rehearsals next door.

When we checked into the Reunion desk, we were provided with our documents. Everything was marvelously well planned. Our first event was a tour and welcome cocktails at Kroon Hall, the new home of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Kroon Hall is an environmental masterpiece which showcases the absolute cutting edge of green building technology. From there, we were whisked off to a fabulous meal at the Union League Café, an elegant brasserie owned by Chef Jean-Pierre Vuillermet. Returning to the dorm, we headed to bed after a long day of travel and excitement.

The next morning, we enjoyed a breakfast buffet, and John joined fellow writers at the Authors' Table, where fellow classmates

displayed their books. From there, we went on to the Sterling Memorial Library for a guided tour by Ann Okerson, the Associate University Librarian. How different libraries are these days, and these differences are reflected in how students and faculty do their research. A particular treat was access to a balcony which gave a magnificent view from above, down into one of the li-

brary's research rooms. We gasped at how beautiful it was, while a group of young women studying below grinned up at us. "Hogwarts!" I gasped. "It looks just like Hogwarts," the fictional school of wizardry and magic from the Harry Potter series. You could imagine the Hogwarts dining room, with rows and rows of students, and above them, candles hovering in mid-air.

Back at Pierson for a bistro luncheon, we were treated to a meal provided by the Yale Sustainable Food Project. Established in 2003, the project manages an organic farm on campus, and supports research related to food and agriculture. Replete from this super meal, we trotted off to the Sterling Law Buildings to attend Dr. Sherwin Nuland's talk on "The Art of Aging," a topic more relevant than any of us liked to admit. The keynote speaker, Dr. Nuland is a best-selling author and Clinical Professor of Surgery and Gastroenterology at the Yale School of Medicine. His speech was followed by a panel discussion on Aging which included Rev. Jim Miner, Rabbi Jim Ponet, Dennis DeSilvery, Richard Daphine, and Beryl Bender Birch, author of *Boomer Yoga* (the name alone gave many of us a chuckle).

With our heads full of wisdom, we made our way to Battell Chapel for the Class Memorial Service, honoring classmates who had passed away since the last Reunion. John's dear childhood friend, Pierce J. Flanigan III died October 8, 2008, the day after we saw him at a Gilman School Reunion in Baltimore. We wanted to be at the Memorial Service to remember Pierce. The service was very long, and rightly so. It was appropriate to spend some time remembering those bright, clever young men who had entered Yale, so full of hope and promise, only to go their separate ways in later years. One of the saddest and most sobering moments of the service was the roll call of those Class of 1964 students who died before the last Reunion. We recognized the name of Peter Jon Wallace (the son of Mike Wallace, the famous newscast-

Public meeting to calm fears about parking scenario

Parking committee will be looking for participation and input from citizens

Over the past couple of years, town employees have been working with an outside consulting firm to fully understand Highlands' year-round traffic flow and how to best accommodate pedestrians and vehicles.

Though rumors circulating claim parking will be deleted from the main business district, committee members say parking may be re-configured, but not decreased.

To enlighten citizens and other town officials, members of the Parking and Circulation Study Committee — Terry Snow of Wilbur Smith Associates, Josh Ward, Highlands code enforcer, Police Chief Bill Harrell and Zoning and Planning Administrator Joe Cooley — are planning an afternoon/early evening, public presentation, open-house on July 1 to present ideas to the public.

"We will be there to explain what was considered," said Cooley. "About six or seven alternatives were looked at and the preferred alternative that the committee will be recommending to the Town Commissioners will be highlighted."

Cooley said written comments will be gathered at the presentation and subsequently presented to the Town Board and the Planning Board during a special meeting. The special meeting would be purely a presentation to those boards with no decision to be made or actions to be taken.

"The intent of this is to have a long-range plan to help guide the town plan while handling vehicle and pedestrian traffic for the safety and benefit of the residents, businesses, visitors and the town as a whole," he said.

When a definite date is set for the meeting announcements will be publicized so citizens will attend and participate, he said.

Last Thursday's SOAR event raises big bucks for survivors

After the golf tournament, the race and the silent and live auction held at the Highlands Community Center last week, the SOAR organization hopes to see about \$50,000 added to the fund. Proceeds fund the college education for survivor students of fallen soldiers.

This year's auction event commemorated "Eight Flags for Eight Tours" of Michael Koch who served eight tours in war zones as a Navy Seal in Iraq, Kosovo and Afghanistan. He had been awarded the Bronze Star, Joint Service Com-

mendation Medal and three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals.

He was 29. During his eighth tour was killed by small-arms fire in Iraq on Feb. 2, 2008. He is survived by his immediate family, his fiancée, Kathy Howell and stepson, Philip Ostrander. Kathy and Philip were guests of honor at this year's event and brought tears to attendees eyes Thursday night. Michael's son Philip is a recipient of a college scholarship awarded by the Warrior Foundation.



Above right, Nancy Horowitz who has spearheaded the event for seven years, speaks on behalf of the fallen soldiers and their survivors. Below left, patrons enjoy a feast catered by Cyprus International Restaurant. Adjacent, Howell and Ostrander thank the crowd for its support. Far right, patrons participate in the silent auction. Below left, Tom Baker of Cullowhee after Saturday's race. He has participated in all seven races. Chad Lucas decorated the center for Thursday's event.

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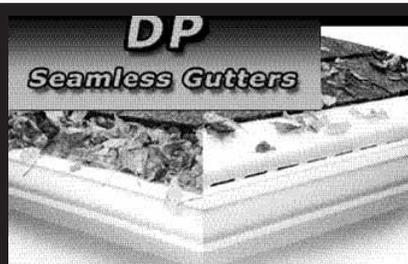
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Soon we will celebrate July 4th with hot dogs, potato salad and fireworks. If you spend the 4th at the Macon Rec Park, as thousands do, and ask a number of people what all the hoopla's about, a handful may know that it's Independence Day. Fewer will know who was independent of what.

“The will of the people is the only true foundation of any government, and to protect its free expression should be our first object.” Thomas Jefferson

Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

The legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2nd, 1776. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4th. John Adams had written to his wife Abigail, “It will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized by pomp and parade with shows, games sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other.”

There is a widely distributed piece titled *The Price They Paid*: “Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence? Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the Revolutionary Army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or from the hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor.”

Freedom isn't free.

Snopes, the alleged determinant of truth tries to pick apart the statement, however Snopes' objectivity has been questioned and I am inclined to believe it verbatim.

“Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.” Martin Luther King, Jr.

- 25,000 Americans died in the War of Independence. Freedom isn't free.
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- 407,316 Americans died in World War II. Freedom isn't free.

“The moment the slave resolves that he will no longer be a slave, his fetters fall; Freedom and slavery are mental states.” Mahatma Ghandi

The TEA Party method of demonstration has been widely pooh-pooed by the wild-eyed left as being a flash-in-the-pan, one-time phenomenon. Participants have been described as motivated only by prejudice, and that they don't have the slightest knowledge of the history of taxation. The elitist media with their ivy-league educations are soon to have another opportunity to twist the truth and miss-the-mark when Round 2 unfolds shortly.

The people sense their freedoms are being eroded and it took Obama's whirlwind power grab to shake them out of their apathy. There will be thousands of events around July 4th, stressing freedom, which will be underreported and misreported if not generally ignored. That's all right, the people that participate will be further informed and stimulated to continue the fight to preserve their freedoms.

The media might have a more difficult time ignoring the 09.12.09 National Taxpayer Protest, sponsored, not by Fox News, which been reported as behind the movement, but the FreedomWorks Foundation, in collaboration with many other national grass-roots organizations. The gathering will take the show on the road and meet on Capital Hill, where politicians will get to hear the voice of the people unfiltered by the less than objective media.

Switching subjects, and meaning no disrespect to the foregoing, an item hit the streets that I feel needs airing. Bill Maher, one of the sleaziest and disgusting left-wing so-called entertainers, ripped Barak Obama on his HBO program, accusing the president of being obsessed with appearing on TV and failing to come through on pre-election promises. “This is not what I voted for,” Maher said. “I don't want my president to be a TV star.”

Maher continued: “You're skinny and in a hurry and in love with a nice lady – but so is Lindsay Lohan. And just like Lindsay, we see your name in the paper a lot and we're kind of wondering when you are actually going to do something.” I can't believe I actually agree with that jerk on something.

• COACH'S CORNER •

Summer random thoughts

It's that time of year again...you know, where you avoid the Gorge Road to preserve both time and sanity. Welcome to the summer season here in lovely Highlands, NC. Here are some observations from the sporting world to kick off the summer.

The NBA Finals are history, and Kobe Bryant now has obtained "his" ring (one without the assistance of Shaquille O'Neal)-however, Kobe needs to be sending Christmas cards to Derek Fisher and Trevor Ariza, both of whom had a lot more to do with the NBA championship than Kobe did. Fisher singlehandedly stole game 4 in Orlando, and Ariza bottled up Hedo Turkoglu throughout the series. Speaking of Ariza, he is going to make a lot of money from somebody this offseason-let's hope he is smart enough to go to a contending team and not try and be the "man" for a low level team like Memphis or Milwaukee. People will look back at this series and see 4-1 Lakers and think that LA dominated, but that really wasn't the case. Orlando was a missed alley oop and a stupid defensive play away from going back to LA up 3-2 rather than watching LA close out at home. Don't get me wrong...the Lakers deserve huge props for taking advantage of Orlando's mistakes-but it is hard not to wonder what this series could have been had Courtney Lee not missed a bunny at the end of game 2.

One last thought on Kobe-lose the whole "look at how intense and focused I am underbite/grimace"...I know you need a signature "look" to try and cement your place in history, but that one looks like you are trying to hold in some gas...which is not a good look for a top 20 all-time player.

Phil Jackson...greatest ever. Just so you know, I hate typing that, but he's earned it. Has he had the best players? Absolutely! However, so did Red Auerbach. I've never been a huge Phil guy-but it's amazing what he has been able to accomplish throughout his career.

Congratulations to the Pittsburgh Penguins for a thrilling Stanley Cup Victory on hostile ice in Game 7 of one of the better Stanley Cup Finals that I have seen. Evgeni Malkin delivered in a big way for the Pens, and Marc-Andre Fleury was huge in goal during both games 6 and 7 to turn away a Detroit squad that looked dominant in Game 5. The Pens winning is a great thing for the city of Pittsburgh, and with both the Steelers and Penguins winning their respective championships, the Pirates can add to that list this summer by simply finishing over .500 for the year.



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A while back I wrote an article about Michael Vick and how I thought that society should give the man a second chance at life after spending his time in prison. Now I see that Dante Stallworth only received 30 days in jail for killing a human being, whereas Vick received almost 2 years for his cruelty to animals. Now I realize that there are a few differences in the respective cases other than the species of the victim, but I think that it says a lot about public opinion and the power of interest groups in this country that Vick was so vilified for his actions and Stallworth has managed to slip under the radar. It is sad enough that Stallworth reached a plea deal in a manslaughter case, but it is even more magnified due to the recent rulings in other cases involving NFL players.

In other news, USC basketball coach Tim Floyd resigned last week over allegations relating to OJ Mayo and improper benefits. Also, Memphis is being placed on probation and is in a mess over Derrick Rose and his illegal SAT scores. I have a feeling that as long as the 1 and done rule exists in college hoops then more and more of these types of situations are going to be happening. Floyd has always had a reputation for taking chances on certain players, and it is probably only a matter of time before new Kentucky coach John Calipari gets nailed again as well (he already has a vacated Final Four from UMass on his resume). Perhaps it is a good thing that Duke didn't get John Wall.

The NBA Draft is next weekend, and it should be a good one for fans of basketball in the state of North Carolina. Stephen Curry, Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and Gerald Henderson all look to be top 15 picks in this year's draft, and Wayne Ellington and Danny Green will also end up being drafted before all is said and done. Hansbrough in particular impressed a lot of people at the NBA combine, not because of his work ethic which everyone knows about) but because he measured at a legit 6'10 in shoes and his vertical was only 3 inches below that of Blake Griffin. I still think that Curry will ultimately end up being the best player out of this year's draft, but it would be hard for a team in need of some size to pass up on a winner the caliber of Hansbrough.

And finally, only three months until NFL football starts once again. Until then, I will enjoy the Pirates misery as they attempt to break the MLB record for consecutive losing seasons.

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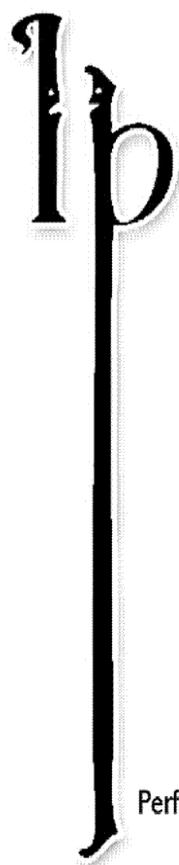


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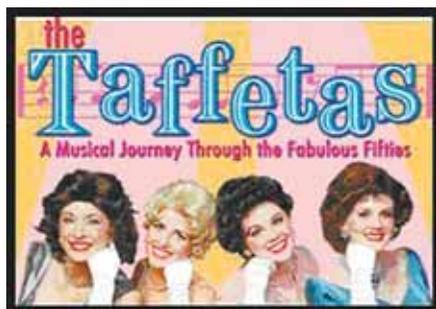
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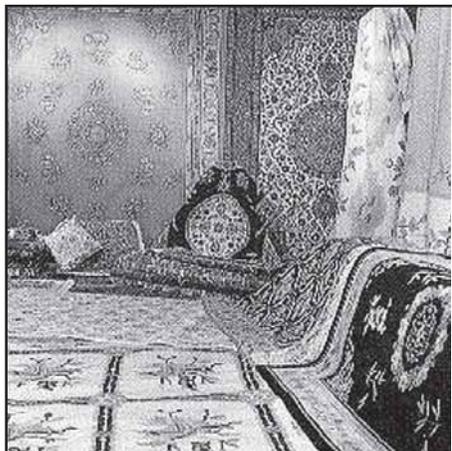
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mental factors and demilitarizing the economy."

I'm reading a book published in 1993, entitled "When Corporations Rule the World" by David Korten, that makes the same point Gorbachev did. Korten wrote that "the Soviet state was an example of an extremist ideology that excluded everything except the state. The West is now heading down a similar extremist ideological path; the difference is that we are being driven to dependence on detached and unaccountable corporations." Korten predicts that our system will fail for many of the same reasons the Soviet system failed, including the concentration of economic power in unaccountable centralized institutions (the state versus the transnational corporation) and the fact that both systems take a narrow view of human needs — leaving out connection to "the community of life that is essential to maintaining the moral fabric of society."

The July 2009 issue of *Harper's Magazine* has an interesting article entitled "Barack Hoover Obama," by Kevin Baker. I will never think of Herbert Hoover the same after reading this; he was an engineer and an orphan who became an entrepreneur and ended up a millionaire. Caught in

Beijing during the Boxer Rebellion he and his wife were the only Westerners who smuggled food to starving Chinese Christians in that city. He risked his life during World War I to feed starving people in Europe, including in Russia after the Bolshevik Revolution. Mr. Baker wrote, "It's unlikely that any other individual in human history saved so many people from death by starvation and want." I had always thought of Hoover as an uncaring villain who just couldn't be bothered to help poor people; obviously this is not true.

What Mr. Baker argues is that what Hoover lacked was the ability to challenge his era's basic assumptions about the economic system. The system was broken and needed completely new ground rules, but Hoover could not think outside of the box. That required FDR.

Baker's fear, and mine, is that Obama is another Hoover. He is compassionate and competent but not up to challenging the rules of the game.

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er), who died at the age of 19 in a hiking accident in Greece. The service ended with the plaintive sound of a piper, who played us out of the church. Many of us were moved to tears by the beautiful ceremony. As we left the chapel, I chided John for not keeping in closer contact with his former classmates. "Don't wait until it's too late! Call them, write them; don't wait until we're here in five years, regretting contacts that were never made."

We went back to Pierson for cocktails and the Class Dinner, even running into a very gracious Sen. Joe Lieberman and his wife - Joe worked at the *Yale Daily News* at the same time as John.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny, a welcome relief from Friday's continual downpours. We headed off to Sterling's auditorium again, this time to hear an interesting talk by Stephen Carter '79 JD, a Professor of Law at Yale. His topic, "Democracy's Choice: Books or Bumper Stickers" decried the modern tendency to reduce political ideas to sound bites and glib slogans, with people basing their political choices on the flimsiest knowledge of politicians, policy and issues

By this time, I was ready for something a bit lighter, so I dragged John to the Glee Club Singing Workshop, led by the very talented Mark Dollhopf '77, executive director of the Association of Yale Alumni and founder of the Yale Alumni Chorus. I was delighted to see that spouses and family of Yale grads were welcome, and took my place among the altos, as John joined the basses. We were handed a collection of songs especially prepared for us, and found out that later on that afternoon, we would be appearing in concert at Woolsey Hall at the "Celebration of Yale Singing" along with several other singing groups, among them several classes of Whiffenpoofs (the famous groups of 12 men picked during their senior year to perform a cappella music) and Whim 'N Rhythm (the ladies equivalent, now that Yale is coed).

Imagine my amusement when I looked at my music, and found out that we were, indeed, going to sing the famous "Boola boola." It was part of the football medley, a collection of songs in which Yale vows to reign triumphant over, you guessed it, Harvard. In fact, all of the Yale fight songs talk about trouncing, demolishing, destroying, humiliating, annihilating, and massacring Harvard. They even sing these songs when they are playing against teams that are not Harvard. What can I say? These people have issues.

The rehearsal went well, and we were soon trooping off to do our bit at the concert. Woolsey Hall was packed, and we sang our hearts out. We took out the Yale handkerchiefs we'd been given, and waved them back and forth for the closing number, "Bright College Years." I looked out into the audience, and saw one of John's classmates remove his glasses to brush away his tears. It was a glorious moment, now forever frozen in time.

Our final evening concluded with the "Nantucket Bucket Dinner," which involved lobsters, bibs, and implements of destruction. It was bittersweet, sharing that last meal with people who had now become friends. We exchanged hugs and business cards, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Time will tell if we become more than another couple on a Christmas card list.

I did enjoy the weekend - much more than I expected. I made friends, attended interesting lectures, saw some magnificent architecture. I got to perform with talented singers, and met an extraordinary conductor. Most of all, I got to experience a tiny bit of what had been John's past, and make it part of our present - and hopefully, our future.

Oh, yes. And I got to find out the real dope on "Boola boola," too. It wasn't written by Cole Porter; it was written in 1900 by Allan M. Hirsh, a 1901 Yale graduate. And "boola" doesn't mean anything in Ha-

waiian - that language doesn't contain the letter "b." The "boola" was just a nonsense word to rhyme with "hoola" (hula?). The song was written for the November 24, 1900, Yale-Harvard football game, and posted on a tree so that spectators could learn the words on their way to the game. Just for the record, Yale beat Harvard that day, 28-0. Boola boola.

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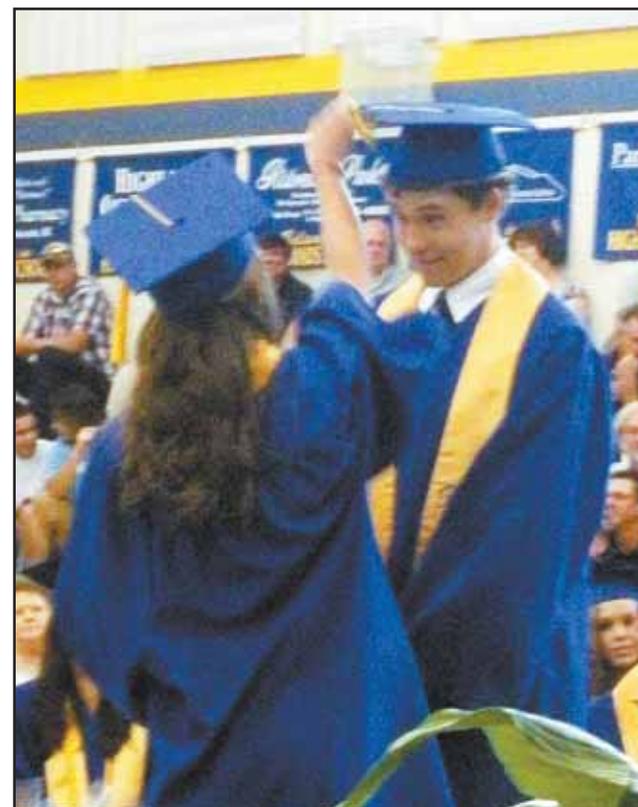
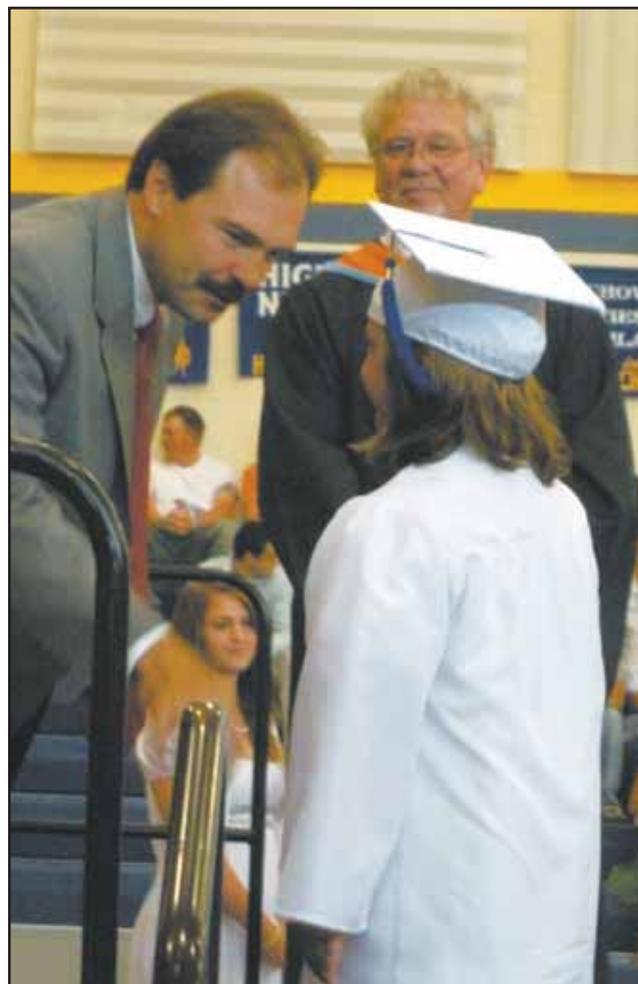
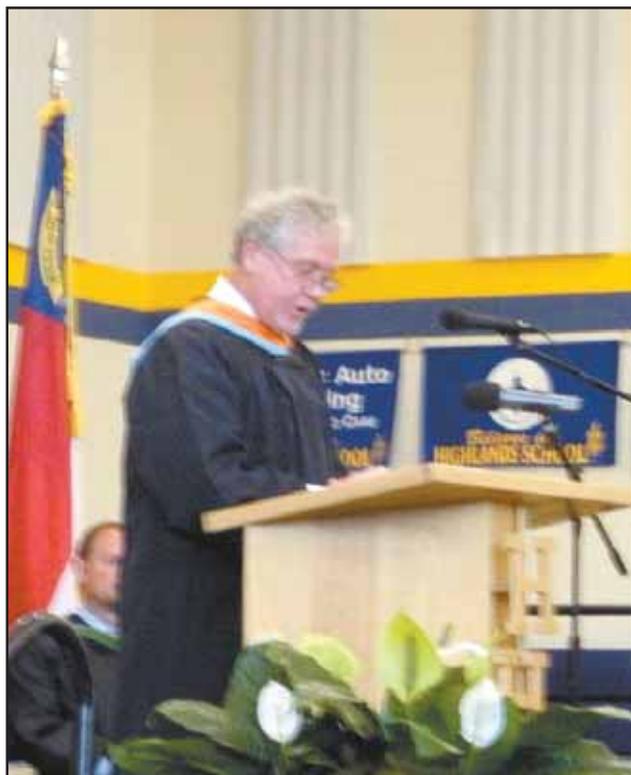
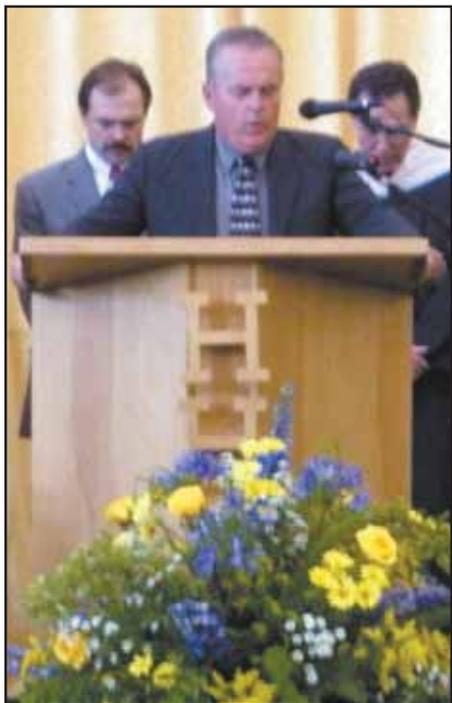
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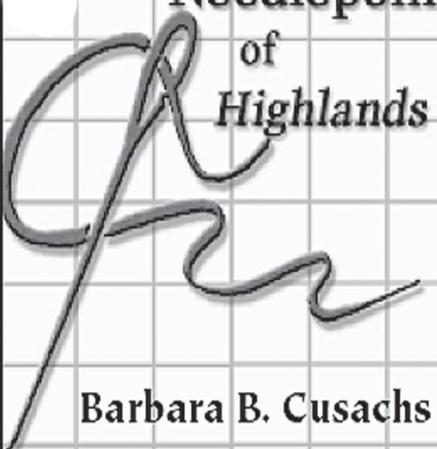
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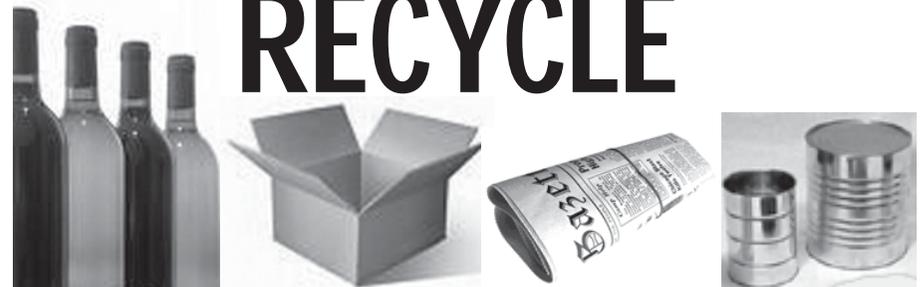
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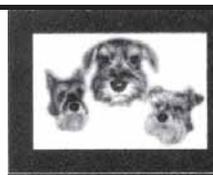
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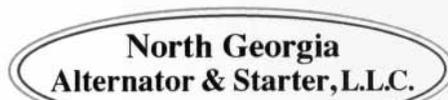
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- Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt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

- 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.

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

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

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.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

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

First Mondays

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays

- Closed AA meeting, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Tuesdays

- 5-week PAC Film Series at the center on Chestnut Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. Free. Donations appreciated. Upcoming movies: Hilary & Jackie, The Bennie Goodman Story, Fantasia, Unfaithfully Yours, Song of Norway. Sponsored by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

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

- Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6

Highlands Playhouse opens 72nd season with 'The Taffetas'



There's always excitement on opening night at the Highlands Playhouse, but the first opening night of the season is an affair not to miss! For the members of the Highlands Playhouse Company and for the members of the community it is the true beginning of the Summer Season on the mountaintop. And there is not a better show to start off our season than *The Taffetas*. Take a trip down memory lane with songs like "Sh-Boom" and "Mr. Sandman". Let the girls remind you of the simpler times when your television set was a 14 inch 'magic box' with rabbit ears!

The Taffetas opens June 18 at 8:00 PM with a reception immediately to follow. The opening night reception is sponsored and catered by New Mountain Events. Mingle with the cast and eat and drink complimentary appetizers and wine.

The show runs from June 18-July 5 (please note that there is no July 4 performance). Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8:00 PM with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$12 for children. For tickets and more information about our season, please call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695.

Helen Frankenthaler and the Color Field Painters opens at The Bascom June 18

The color field painters, spawned from the mid-20th century American Abstract Expressionists, were highly influenced by European modernism. Their work is characterized by large fields of flat color spread or stained onto canvas. These unbroken surfaces are a contrast to the gestural brush work of the abstract expressionists that came before them.

Helen Frankenthaler introduced the technique of applying greatly diluted oil paint directly onto raw canvas, allowing the paint to soak into to the canvas fibers. The result is a luminous watercolor effect on a large scale surface.

The Bascom's own 96-inch-high untitled 1978 Frankenthaler painting will be the vibrant centerpiece for this bold exhibition, which also includes paintings by Hans Hoffman, Morris Louis, Robert Motherwell, Kenneth Noland and Jules Olitsky on loan from museums and private collectors. This will be a celebration of not only non-objective imagery and mid-20th c. modernism, but also pays homage to Frankenthaler herself, who recently celebrated her 80th year.

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

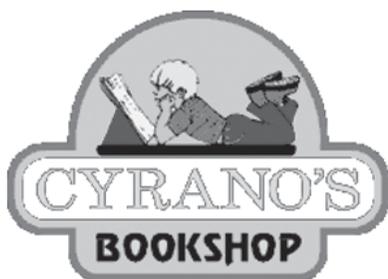
The *Frankenthaler* exhibition is made possible thanks to sponsorship by Frances Bunzl and family.

For more information about The Bascom and its exhibitions, studio classes and



The Bascom's own 96-inch-high untitled 1978 Frankenthaler painting, above, will create a vibrant centerpiece for *Helen Frankenthaler and the Color Field Painters*, at the visual art center June 18 to Aug. 15. The exhibition also includes paintings by Hans Hoffman, Morris Louis, Robert Motherwell, Kenneth Noland and Jules Olitsky on loan from museums and private collectors.

educational presentations, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.



Upcoming Book Signings
526-5488 • Main Street
e-mail: cyranos@nctv.com

June 24

1-3 p.m.

Mary Kay Andrews

The Fixer Upper

TBA

Cassandra King

(untitled - Set in Highlands)

July

Dorothea Benton Frank

Return to Sullivan's Island

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

p.m.

• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Wednesdays

• Highlands MountainTop 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.

Thursdays

• 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.

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

Saturdays

• 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.

Through Thursday, June 25

• Instruments of Appalachian Music exhibition at The Bascom in conjunction with the Collective Spirits wine festival. Public viewing for non-ticket holders will begin June 2. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Saturday, July 11

• The Three Potters: Bringle, Hewitt and Stumpf exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be June 13 from 5-7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Thursday, June 18 - Sunday, July 5

• At Highlands Playhouse, The Taffetas, Tuesdays through Sundays, 8 p.m. everyday except Sunday which is 2 p.m. For ticket prices or more information come by the box office at the Playhouse at 362 Oak Street or call 828-526-2695. Box office hours are Monday through Saturday 10am until 5 pm.

Thursday, June 18-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.

Thursday, June 18

• At Wolfgang's on Main, 5:30 in Bistro Tom Quigley, Acoustic Singer/Songwriter Tom Quigley will perform.

• A movie "Doubt" (2008) will be shown in the Cashiers Library meeting room at 3 p.m. It centers on a nun (Meryl Streep) who in 1964 confronts a priest after suspecting him of abusing a black student. The priest denies the charge. The dialog tackles the themes of religion, morality, and authority. The movie and the popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

• At Creative Concepts at Falls on Main, "Girls Night Out!" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Offering massages and facials with new green products. Also, 35% all products and 50% off all jewelry. Gold buyer also available. Raffle and snacks. For information call 526-3939.

• Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at the Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

• The Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library movie series for June will be shown at 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays in the Library Meeting Room. "Doubt" (2008) centers on a nun (Meryl Streep) who in 1964 confronts a priest after suspecting him of abusing a black student. The priest denies the charge. The dialog tackles the themes of religion, morality, and authority. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

• At CLE, Digital Darkroom with Photoshop Elements 6.0. 10:00-12:00 \$25. \$35.

• At CLE, The Dog Diaries Dr. Heide Coppotelli. 10:00-12:00 \$25/\$35 Highlands Community Building.

Fri. & Sat., June 19-20

• Coweeta Baptist Church Kountry Krafters Summer Craft Sale, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 780 Coweeta Church Road in Otto.

Friday, June 19

• At CLE Picasso: The Man and His Art Matthew C. McLendon, PhD 10:00-12:00 \$20/\$30 PAC.

• High Mountain Squares will dance at the Macon County Community Building on route 441 south from 7-9 p.m. Richard Smith from Gainesville, GA will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, or 706-782-0943.

Sat. & Sun., June 20-22

• Pottery workshop "Lids and How They Fit," by Cynthia Bringle, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced clay students. Cost is \$400/\$375 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Saturday, June 20

• Vacation Bible School with Shortoff Baptist Church, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Zachary Park at Buck Creek Field. Bring a swim suit, and towel for water activities. For more information call Melanie Miller at 828-787-1788.

• At Wolfgang's on Main 3:30-5:30 Complimentary Wine Tasting with Tom Quigley, Acoustic Singer/Songwriter.

• At Drake's Diamond Gallery, Alwand Vahan Trunk Show with hors d'oeuvres and champagne cocktails. 526-5858

• Art class "Botanical Sketching and Watercol-

ors," by Fayne Ansley, will be held at The Bascom from 2 to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$25/\$20 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 - 10:30 pm, ages 6 - adult. Bring a flashlight to learn about nocturnal animals through a variety of fun activities, games, and observations along the garden trails. \$2 per person, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm for more information.

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Mountains in Bloom Patrons Party to reflect Monet-inspired Giverny theme



Set for Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m., the Mountains in Bloom Patrons Party will be held at the private home of Paula and Barry Jones, owners of The Summer House, who have offered their exquisite Frog Pond Farm for the evening.

Benefactors of the Mountains in Bloom garden festival will have the opportunity to experience an elegant evening at Monet's Garden at Giverny - in Highlands.

Set for Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m., the "Giverny in Highlands Patrons Party" will be held at the private home of Paula and Barry Jones, owners of The Summer House, who have offered their exquisite Frog Pond Farm for the evening. Guests will wander about the formal gardens and visit the home as they celebrate the magic of Mountains in Bloom.

Cocktails overlooking the lake, with Jim Gibson and his strolling musicians, will transport guests to the French countryside. Fine wines and a dinner by Jerry Dilts and Associates, of Atlanta, will follow under a tent with the stars as backdrop.

"This gala is a perfect start to the Mountains in Bloom weekend for the benefit of The Bascom," said Gail Jones,

chair of the event. "Please become a benefactor and enjoy a fabulous party, all for a good cause."

A multi-day festival July 7-11, Mountains in Bloom features a garden tour of seven Highlands homes, a flower shop and photography competition, lectures, a home and garden shop and the Patrons Party, and all proceeds benefit The Bascom, a nonprofit visual arts center.

Tickets to the Giverny in Highlands Patrons Party start at \$225 and are on sale now. Prices for other Mountains in Bloom events vary and start at \$10.

For tickets or more information about Mountains in Bloom, visit <http://www.mountainsinbloom.com> or call (828) 526-4949.

Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn & Spa, WNC magazine, Franklin Ford/Moss Robertson Cadillac, The Highlander, The Laurel magazine and Lupoli Construction.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

'Walk in the Park' set for June 27-28



"A Walk in the Park" beginning at 4 p.m., the 10th annual "Walk in the Park" will be presented by the Highlands Historical Society at Memorial Park, the Town's cemetery, on June 26 and 27 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The walk circles through Memorial Park, stopping to learn the Town's history as illustrated by the personal histories of some of its most interesting former residents. The same program will be offered at the Performing Arts Center on Sunday, June 28 from 4-6 p.m. for anyone who would prefer to sit while learning about Highlands' history. This year the Walk will celebrate seven important contributors to Highlands. Tickets are on sale at Cyrano's Book Store or may be purchased at the event. Tickets are \$15.

Village Nature Series begins each Wednesday, June 24



First of season's Village Nature Series begins Wednesday, June 23. The lecture begins at 6:30 pm at the Jennings Barn in Lonesome Valley.

In the summer of 2007 Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, in collaboration with The Village Green, hosted the first Village Nature Series, an educational and entertaining program designed for the benefit of all members of our community. Since then, the evening lectures have grown in attendance and popularity and this year is proving to be no exception.

You won't want to miss the next lecture on Wednesday, June 24th: "100 Years of Land Conservation" featuring Ran Shaffner, author of "Heart of the Blue Ridge" as he

recounts the history of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust from 1883-2000. HCLT Board Member, Thomas Bates will complete the history and share their vision for the future of land conservation and artist Rosemary Stiefel, designer of the new HCLT logo, will share her inspiration for the design. All are welcome and there is no charge. The lecture begins at 6:30 pm at the Jennings Barn in Lonesome Valley. Light refreshments follow. For more information call HCLT at 526-1111.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 6.2 mile hike on the Chunky Gal Trail to Boteler Peak, with an elevation change of 1331 feet. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 34 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Call leader Bill Van Horn at 369-1983 for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring covered dish. Call Ann Wilson at 864-888-1111 for more information.

- Highlands Greenway Construction. We have a new approach to seeking volunteers for our trail construction activities that we hope will be more efficient and rewarding to you as a volunteer. For each trip we will specify the type of activity planned and the number of volunteers we need in each category. That way when you sign up it will be for a specific activity. Training will be provided as needed. The categories are: Trim with loppers and clear brush — 4 people; Digging treadway — 4 people; Building Rock steps — 4 people; Operating chainsaw — 1 person; Operating CanyCom tracked wheelbarrow — 1 person; Operating Yanmar mini-excavator — 1 person We will be working in the Rec Park on the lower loop trail and on the steps we started last month where the upper and lower sections of the new loop trail connect. If you are interested in participating please register with Hillrie Quin at 526-2385 or hmquin@verizon.net.

- At PAC, Cherokee and Folk Tales of Western North Carolina with Marilyn McMinn-McCredie and Lloyd Ameach 7:30 pm Ms. McCredie was born in Henderson County, North Carolina and grew up steeped in the traditions and folkways of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Arneach, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, was born and reared on the Reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Each of these storytellers presents stories in a style that is humorous, informative and extremely moving. Tickets \$15. Call 526-9047.

Sunday, June 21

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike on the Jack Rabbit Trail at Lake Chatuge (64 W) with 1/3 of the way uphill. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2:00 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Monday, June 22

- At CLE, The Nature of Human Nature Dr. James Costa, Ph.D. 10:00-12:00 \$35/\$45 Highlands Biological Station.

- At Wolfgang's on Main, Wine Dinner featuring wines from King Estate, a Pinot Noir producer and Gary Lynn from Oregon. 6 p.m. \$95 per person. King Estate, celebrates 18 years of Oregon winemaking in 2009 and is an European-style winery, where the winemaking process is also certified organic.

Mon.-Fri., June 22-26

- Vacation Bible School at HUMC at 5:30-8 p.m. for grades 2 years through 5th grade. Extreme adventures ready to trek to the E.D.G.E. -- Experiencing God Everywhere! To sign up call Allison Tate at 526-3376.

Tuesday, June 23--Tuesday, July 28

- The Bascom's Young Artist Program Summer Camp for beginning to advanced students ages 5 to 13. Projects include crafts, clay, painting, mixed media and more. The camp is held Tuesdays at The Bascom, in Highlands, and Thursdays at Highlands Recreation Park from 1 to 2 pm (ages 5 to 8) and 2 to 3 pm (ages 9 to 13). Cost is \$30 for a 6-class session or \$5 per class.

Tuesday, June 23

- A lecture on North Carolina pottery by Dr. Charles (Terry) Zug, a prolific author, collector and lecturer, will be 7 p.m. at The Bascom. Cost is \$15/\$10 Bascom members. To pre-register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

- "NatureWorks" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 23-26, 10 am - 2 pm daily. Learn about the workings of "mother nature" through interactive play and nature activities. Ages 8-11. \$40 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

- Fressers Eatery presents: An Evening With

'Nature by Night' at the Highlands Nature Center



Looking for a fun activity for the whole family? Want to learn more about nighttime creatures? Then bring your flashlight and come to the Highlands Nature Center for "Nature by Night" scheduled for the evening of Saturday, June 20.

Head Naturalist Patrick Brannon will lead visitors on a walk through the Botanical Garden. Along the way, participants will learn about different adaptations of nocturnal animals through a variety of fun games and activities. They will also search for creatures such as fireflies, snails, bats, owls, frogs and salamanders.

Participants should meet at the Nature Center at 9:00 p.m. Ages are 6 to adult. Cost for this event is \$2 per person, and advanced registration is requested due to limited space. To sign up, please call the Nature Center at 526-2623.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Gabrielle Leonhard and The Gabrielle Collection of Wines at 6:30 p.m. \$100 per person all inclusive with 10% going to Relay for Life. For Reservations please call 828-526-4188.

- Immunization Clinic at the Macon County Public Health Center on Tuesday from 2 pm – 6pm for rising 6th graders who are eligible to receive the Tdap vaccine. There will be no charge for the Tdap vaccine.

Wednesday, June 24

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet on Wednesday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library. The meeting begins at 7 PM and everyone is welcome. The June speaker is Alex Bell, owner of AB's Fly Fishing Guide Service in Sylva and co-author of the Western Carolina Fly Fishing Trail Map and Guide. The Trail has received national notoriety having recently been featured in a New York Times travel article. Attendees will receive a copy of the guide. Alex Bell is a former principal of Smoky Mountain High School and member of the Jackson County Greenway Commission studying public access for local rivers and streams. Following the presentation, a raffle will be held featuring an Orvis 4 weight rod and reel combo. Call 743-2078 for information.

Thursday-Saturday, June 25-27

- Summer Book Sale at the Cashiers Library. Looking to expand your personal library? Stock up

on books, DVDs, and CDs at bargain prices says Dianne Ray, book sale chairman for the Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library.

Thursday, June 25

- Highlands Innkeepers Tour with Souvenir Cookbook, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Begins at the Visitor Center. Visit 15 accommodations and get a free cookbook. For more information, call 526-2112.

- Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at the First Presbyterian Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

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Cherokee and Folktales of Western North Carolina, Sat. June 20 at PAC



Marilyn McMinn-McCredie



Lloyd Ameach

At the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street, Cherokee and Folk Tales of Western North Carolina with Marilyn McMinn-McCredie and Lloyd Ameach 7:30 pm Ms. McCredie was born in Henderson County, North Carolina and grew up steeped in the traditions and folkways of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Arneach, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, was born and reared on the Reservation in Cherokee, North Carolina. Each of these storytellers presents stories in a style that is humorous, informative and extremely moving. Tickets \$15. Call 526-9047.

Highlands Innkeepers Tour with Souvenir Cookbook set for June 25

The Inns and Lodges of Highlands are as diverse and colorful as the owners and managers themselves. From luxury spa to cozy, intimate B&B there is something for everyone to enjoy.

The date: Thursday, June 25

Time: 11a.m – 6 p.m.

Pick up packets with directions to all Inns at the Visitor Center on 3rd & Main

Souvenir: Cookbook with recipes from each of the Inns you visit

Questions: 526-2112

Each Inn will have a special culinary treat with souvenir recipe card. When you get your directions at the Visitor Center, you will be given a photo album to put the recipe cards into. The more Inns you visit, the more complete your recipe book will be.

Participating Inns are: 4 ½ Street Inn; Chandler Inn; Colonial Pines Inn B&B; Hampton Inn; Highlands Inn; Highlands House B&B; Highlands Suite Hotel; Inn at Half Mile Farm; Main Street Inn; Mitchell's Lodge & Cottages; Morningside B&B; Mountain High Lodge; The Old Edwards Inn & Spa; The Lodge at the Old Edwards Inn; & Skyline Lodge & Restaurant.

Come view, feast, and join in the fun. We welcome you into our Inns and can't wait to share our recipes too!

• BIZ NEWS •

'The Exquisite Equine' opens Sat. June 20 at Summit One Gallery

Saturday, June 20th opens *The Exquisite Equine* featuring five incredible and very

diverse artists: Betty Foy Botts creates spiritual, abstract, energy filled mixed media paintings on board. Brian Hibbard also paints on board much of the time using different techniques (including liquid asphalt) to achieve a contemporary representational image. Vivian Jenzio is known in our area for her canine mixed media paintings, but horses are also a love of hers. Her work is abstract representation, stylized and full of movement. Regional favorite, Mase Lucas captures the spirit and soul of her equines. Her acrylic on canvas paintings are as much about the synergy as it is the horse. You'll fall in love with Anita Lupoli's whimsical horses at first glance. She utilizes ceramics and fiber in her unique creations.

The Exquisite Equine is an exceptional

exhibition showcasing some of the regions best equine artists. The exhibition continues through July 22. The Artists Opening Reception will be held Saturday, June 20 from 5-7pm. All are welcome.

Saturday, July 11 brings back The Studio Courtyard Sale. Summit One's artists will bring work from their overflowing studios to the courtyard at "The Galleries." Come enjoy a day of perusing fine art from a wide variety of artists and free bar-b-que.

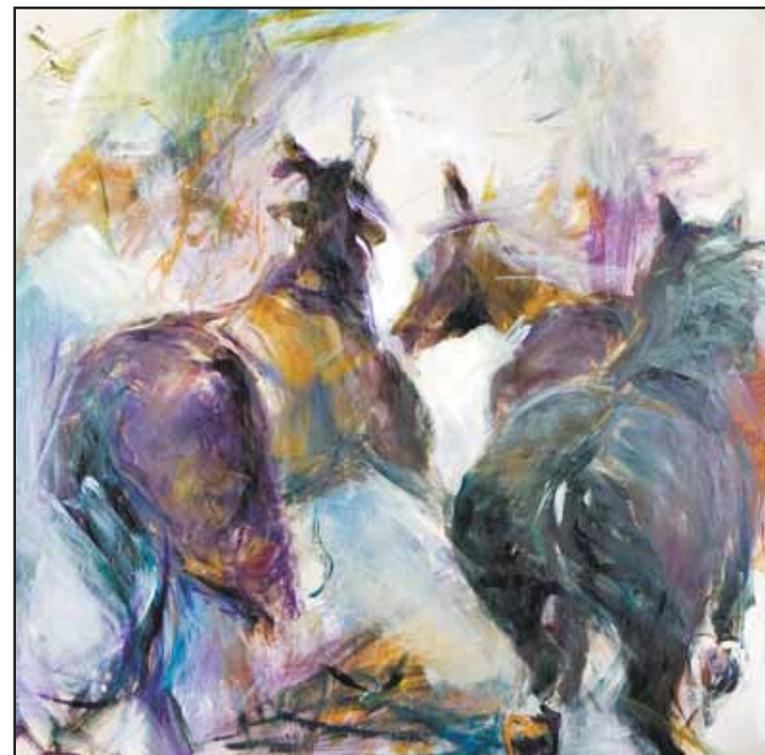
Summit One Gallery is located in "The Galleries," South Second Street, Highlands. Summit One has gone "GREEN." All exhibition notices will

be email this year.

Please emailed the gallery at summitonegallery@verizon.net to get on "the List". www.summitonegallery.com 828.526.2673



Anita Lupoli's whimsical horses are of ceramics and fiber.



Horses by Betty Botts

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Zahner Conservation Lecture Series Celebrates 100 Years of Conservation with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Thursday, June 18th



The top of Satulah, currently in conservation easement, has become a symbol of the important role that the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust plays in conservation efforts on the Highlands Plateau Southside Satulah Cliffs (photo by George Masa, Courtesy of the Highlands Historical Society, Inc.)

This Thursday the Series welcomes Ran Shaffner, Gary Wein, and Rosemary Stiefel from the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust (HCLT) as they reflect on "100 Years of Land Conservation" on the Highlands Plateau, telling the story of Land Trust's history of land conservation in honor of their centennial year. Ran Shaffner, author of the definitive volume on Highlands' history entitled *Heart of the Blue Ridge*, will share the history of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust from 1883-2000. Dr. Gary Wein, Executive Director of HCLT, will complete the history, bringing us to the present day and sharing their vision for the future of land conservation on the Highlands Plateau. Lastly, Rosemary Stiefel, local artist and designer of the HCLT logo, will share her inspiration for the design.

Mark your calendars also for the

following Thursday, June 25th, when the Series welcomes Doug Tallamy, author of *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens* and entomologist at the University of Delaware. Dr. Tallamy's award-winning book has inspired countless citizens to recognize the impact that gardening with native plants can have on sustaining the wildlife around us. Don't miss this important talk on what you can do to enhance the ecosystem in your backyard.

The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7pm at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. and is sponsored by the Highlands Biological Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with numerous supporting organizations and individuals. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

• A free book signing featuring photographer Reuben Cox will be 4-6:30 p.m. at The Bascom for Cox's book, "The Work of Joe Webb," showcasing log homes built in the 1920s and 30s by the renowned Highlands cabin builder. Books will be available for purchase. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

• The Cashiers writers group "Royal Scribblers" invites local writers to give a five minute reading of poetry, prose, essay or short story 3 p.m. at Buck's Coffee Cafe in Cashiers at the Crossroads. Ample parking back of cafe. Register by sending a note with contact information to: Cashiers Writers Group, P.O.B. 2145, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Fri. & Sat., June 27-28

• The Highlands Historical Society and the Highlands-Cashiers Players present the annual Walk in the Park beginning at 6 p.m. at Memorial Park, and on June 28 at 4 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Tickets are \$15 each for adults; students are admitted free. Charge tickets now online at www.highlandshistory.com.

Friday, June 26

• Dance & Silent Auction for the Relay for Life at the Highlands Conference Center. Dress is casual. \$5 per person and \$1 per son request. For more info, call Mike Murphy at 526-1841.

• At Wolfgang's on Main, 5:30 in Bistro Tom Quigley, Acoustic Singer/Songwriter

• FreedomFest in the Mountains — A Macon County FreedomWorks TEA Party Production, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Macon County Recreation Park Pavilion in Franklin, NC. Turn off 441 South at Kerr Drugs and follow the signs. The theme is our FREEDOM and the challenges to it. Learn about our Constitutional Rights and how they are being slowly taken away from us by recent and pending legislation and what YOU CAN DO about it! Among the list of entertainers and speakers, which includes prominent people who bring Local, State and National perspectives, is Jonathan Krohn, a 14-year-old Constitutional scholar who has been interviewed on Fox News and CNN, and spoke at this year's CPAC conference. For more information email: maconteaparty@dnet.net. Bring your family, friends, flags, neighbors and lawn chairs. Food vendors will be available.

Saturday June 27

• At PAC, 7:30 pm The Dappled Grays Atlanta's Bluegrass Band. The Dappled Grays were named Best Bluegrass Band in Atlanta by Creative Loafing Magazine and have been featured in Flatpicking Guitar Magazine. They've had several original songs played on MTV. They have also had the opportunity to share the stage with some of the biggest names in acoustic music, including the Del McCoury Band, Mountain Heart, Ronnie Bowman, Larry Cordle, and David Grier. The Dappled Grays are focused on creating an original, distinctive sound fueled by their exceptional songwriting and musical ability. Tickets \$10. Call 526-9047.

Sunday, June 28

• "A Walk in the Park" beginning at 4 p.m., the 10th annual "Walk in the Park" will be presented by the Highlands Historical Society at Memorial Park, the Town's cemetery, on June 26 and 27, 2008

from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The walk circles through Memorial Park, stopping to learn the Town's history as illustrated by the personal histories of some of its most interesting former residents. The same program will be offered at the Performing Arts Center on Sunday, June 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for anyone who would prefer to sit while learning about Highlands' history. This year the Walk will celebrate seven important contributors to Highlands. Tickets go on sale in June at Cyrano's Book Store or may be purchased at the event. Tickets are \$15.

• The Cashiers writers group "Royal Scribblers" invites local writers to give a five minute reading of poetry, prose, essay or short story 3 at Buck's Coffee Cafe in Cashiers at the Crossroads. Ample parking back of cafe. Register by sending a note with contact information to: Cashiers Writers Group, P.O.B. 2145, Cashiers, NC 28717

Thursday, July 2

• Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at the

Come one and ALL to:

Son Rock Kids Camp Vacation Bible School

Sponsored by
Shortoff Baptist Church

**Saturday, June 20
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Zachary Park
at Buck Creek field**

Please bring a swim suit and towel
for VBS water activities!

Questions? Call Melanie Miller at
828-787-1788

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Highlands United Methodist Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

- At PAC, Woodsloire and Wildwoods Wisdom Stories, Songs and Lore Celebrating the Natural World, at 7:30 p.m. Whether he's singing about catfish, pontificating on possums, extolling the virtues of dandelions, pondering the "nature" in human nature, telling wild snake tales or wailing out a jivey harmonica tune, storyteller, Doug Elliott, will take you on an unforgettable, multifaceted cultural tour of the Appalachian back country. He performs a lively concert of amazing tales, lively tunes, traditional lore, outrageous personal narratives, and fact stranger than fiction. and more than a few belly laughs. Tickets \$15. Call 526-9047.

- At The Bird Barn at Falls on Main, live raptors, including an American Bald Eagle will be on hand. Donations to the Balsam Mountain Preserve appreciated.

Friday, July 3

- Singer and songwriter Tom Quigley will perform at Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 4

- The Macon County Landfill and convenience centers will be closed on Independence Day.

- An open house for The Bascom's new six-acre, "green" architect-designed campus for the visual arts will be 12 to 4 p.m. at The Bascom. Explore the facilities, shop, try out the café and talk with volunteers and staff. The new building features historic buildings, a covered bridge, a nature trail, a 23,000 square foot main building for two-dimensional adult and children's art, a separate reconstructed Barn Studio for three-dimensional art, a café, a terrace for venue rentals, and much more. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

- Rocket Mania! As part of this year's 4th of July activities at Town Field, the Boy Scouts will be holding a Soda Bottle Rocket Launch! Kids and adults can build their 2-liter soda bottle rockets at a craft table and then the scout leaders will help launch them. Rocket building will be available at 10 am and launching will start around 11 am, after the field-day games are over. Please bring an empty 2-liter soda bottle. If you would like to donate empty 2-liter soda bottles prior to July 4th, please drop them off at the Highlands Visitors Center. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Murphy at 526-1841.

Monday, July 6

- Basket-making class "Beginner Cedar and Rush Basket" by Peggie Wilcox, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$150/\$125 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

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

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

Tuesday-Saturday, July 7-Aug. 1

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

Tuesday, July 7

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

**Highlands United
Methodist Church
Invites children to
Camp E. D. G. E.
Vacation Bible
School
June 22-26
5:30-8 p.m.
(Supper is at 5 p.m.)**

WANTED:

**Extreme adventurers ready to
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Experiencing and
Discovering God Everywhere!**

**Come join us this summer for a
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Camp E.D.G.E. offers
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through those who just finished
5th grade.**

**A nursery is available and
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students are invited to help.**

**Camp E.D.G.E. is held at
HUMC at 315 Main Street,
Mon.-Thurs. evenings,
June 22-25.**

**A family centered
celebration will take place on
Friday evening June 26 at
Zachary Field on Buck Creek
Road.**

**To register, call Allison Tate at
the church office
at 526-3376.**

• BIZ NEWS •

REALTOR® Janet Chester moves to Green Mountain Realty Group

Mary S. Abranyi, Owner of Green Mountain Realty Group, has announced that long time REALTOR Janet Chester, has moved her business to her office. Chester, who was previously affiliated with Blackrock Realty Group, made the transition to Green Mountain Realty Group in April.

"I'm eager to accelerate the growth of my business, and to continue delivering my clients the same level of personal service they've come to expect," said Chester. "The level of professionalism in this office is amazing, and the marketing systems are like those used in larger communities."

"I fully expect Janet to hit the ground running here, and I'm very pleased to be adding a veteran with her experience," said Abranyi. "I've seen how she handles clients, and the quality of professionalism she demonstrates in every phase of customer service."

Chester's office at Green Mountain Realty Group, located at 439 Laurel Street,



Janet Chester

just between Laurel Street and Spruce Street, can be reached by calling (828) 526-9523, or visiting www.GreenMtnRealtyGroup.com.

Greenway 'Trail Worker of the Year' named



Dr. Ran Shaffner was named the Trail Worker of the year by the Highlands Plateau Greenway at their annual meeting on June 13. President Hillrie Quin is pictured with Dr Shaffner presenting the award. Ran participated in over 20 work trips during the past year and has become an expert in setting stone steps.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Christ Anglican Church calls the Rev. Jim Murphy as its new Rector



Father Jim Murphy, daughter Charisa and wife Sharon

The parishioners of Christ Anglican Church are feeling very blessed, The Reverend James T. Murphy has answered the call to be their new rector. Father "Jim" Murphy, his wife Sharon and their daughter Charisa will be moving to the area from New Bern, NC where Father Murphy served as Rector of Emmanuel Church since 2005.

After receiving his Master of Divinity Degree in 1995 from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN, Jim and Sharon accepted the call to serve as Senior Pastor of the Church of the Nativity in Sarasota, FL. In 2004 Father Murphy was asked by AMiA (Anglican Mission in America) to plant an Anglican Church in Sarasota, FL. Beginning with only a dozen people Father Murphy helped them to expand their boundaries through prayer, worship, study and fellowship and over the course of the first year and a half they grew in size and spirit. We know that with Father Murphy's leadership Christ Anglican Church serving the communities of Highlands and Cashiers will continue to grow and thrive.

When you see Father "Jim" on the streets of Highlands, Cashiers, Lake Toxaway or walking the halls of the hospital, checking in on the folks at Chestnut Hill, the Wednesday Men's Bible Study group or just dropping in at Reeves Hardware to pick up some home fix-it items, please extend a hand of welcome.

Father Murphy is a Biblical scholar and his sermons are beautifully moving. His first service as the new rector will be this Sunday, June 21st. He will celebrate the Eucharist at 11 a.m. and lead the weekly adult bible education class at 10 a.m. God has blessed Jim with the ability to synthesize seemingly disparate parts of Scripture and weave them into an engaging, understandable and believable lesson through preaching and teaching. Please join us for Worship Service and fellowship each Sunday.

• 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. Erbelding, 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

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 on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield in Highlands
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m. 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 Moms 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 PM. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 PM. Choir Practice
Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King
• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN
Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m. (nursery provided)
Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.
Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by childrens 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 - 10:55 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
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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

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Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second Sunday of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11

Heed warnings at area falls



USFS officials, as well as Highlands Fire & Rescue and Macon County EMS workers, encourage visitors to "look but don't touch" when it comes to water falls in the area. Tuesday, death was avoided, but not all victims of falls are that lucky.

• POLICE & FIRE •

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from June 8. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 8

- Officers were called to a residence on Hickory Street concerning a Domestic Violence Order violation where the resident's husband had sent five letters in violation of the order.

June 10

- Officers were called to a residence on Gibson Road concerning suspicious noises coming from people in the garage. Police couldn't locate anyone in the garage.

- Officers on foot patrol found an open door at Highlands School.

- Officers are investigating the larceny of a metal wine rack with Yellow Tale wine in it valued at \$150 from Wild Thyme Gourmet on Carolina Way.

June 11

- Officers were called the Highlands Community Building to arbitrate two men who were disturbing the peace in the parking lot.

- Twice officers were called to a residence on Big Bear Pen Road concerning a bear on the property. Both times the bear couldn't be found.

- During the week the officers issued 4 citations and responded to 4 alarms.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 11:

June 11

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Bowery Road where a 68-yr-old man had collapsed while walking.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at the Highlands-Cashiers hospital. It was false.

June 12

- The dept. responded to an accident on Buck Creek Road. There were no injuries. It assisted with traffic.

June 15

- The dept. responded to a first-responder call on N.C. 106 but it was in the Scaly district so was cancelled.

June 16

- The dept. was called to a search and rescue by a Camp Host at Cliffside Lake who reported that three hikers had not returned to camp. They were found. (See story on page 1.)

- The dept. was called to rescue a teenage boy who fell from Glen Falls. He was rescued and airlifted to Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville for treatment. (See story on page 1.)

Note:

The Fire & Rescue Department asks that returning residents trim back their driveways and make sure their 911 address is visible.

• FUN & GAMES •

Hex-a-Ku[©] 2009 by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, 3x2 cells in the puzzle layout have the same different letters. (This is similar to Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers.)

How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a row, column or cell.

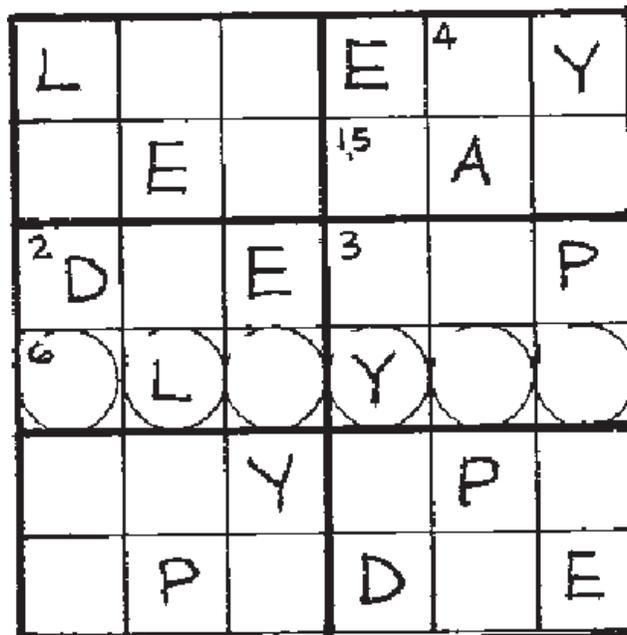
Mystery Word:
Frolicked

Across

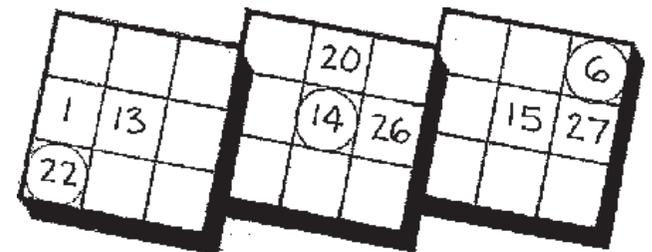
1. Friend (3)
2. Coloration (3)
3. Swiss Mountain (sing.)(3)

Down

4. Hill and ____ (4)
5. Compensate (3)
6. Legume (3)



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#AZ1A Level of Difficulty - Easy

THE SETUP:

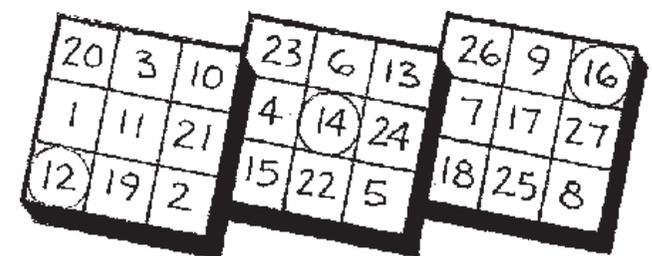
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

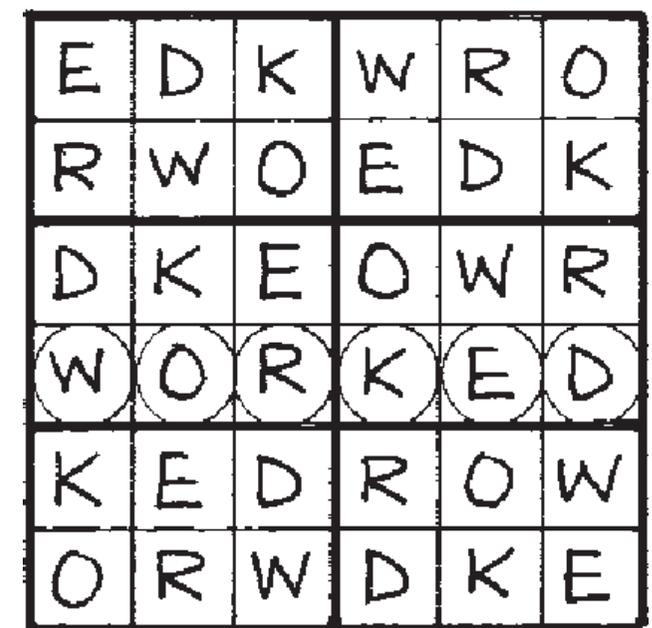
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #DN4A in June 11 issue



Solution to June 11 Hex-a-Ku



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HUGH VIEWS! This two bedroom/bath home, w/ loft, finished basement on 1.2+/- acres at approximately 4,000 feet elevation is only two miles from the public boat ramp on Lake Glenville. REDUCED TO \$345,000. mls #62270



VIEW AND STREAM! 3 bedroom/bath home. The lower level can be converted into a separate living area/workshop, and a 2 car garage. Great garden spot w/established perennial, raspberry patch and grapevine. REDUCED TO \$300,000. mls #63754



Charming house nestled on 2.15 acres in native rhododendrons with very good views. The main house has a large great room, dining room, kitchen, 2 large bedroom suites and a screened porch and deck. Lots of windows and light. Guest house has kitchen and bath and large deck with views and hot tub. Very private. New Roof and Gutters. Alarm. Flood Stoper installed. New well. Offered at \$499,000. mls #68107



Mountaintop Estate Home 133 is a newly constructed home built for the most discriminating buyer. A rustic 4 bedroom 4+2 bath estate home that enjoys a spectacular panoramic view across Holes 6 and 7, a pond and mountain ridge beyond, in Mountaintop Golf and Lake Club. Designed by William T. Baker and hand-crafted by Barber Custom Homes, this 5,091+/- square foot home is designed for multi-generational enjoyment. Featuring an expansive master suite on the first floor and three bedrooms on the lower walk out level, the home is elegantly appointed with large eat in kitchen and generous living areas. There of 2,071+/- square feet of porches, 594+/- square feet of decks. Selected features include, Habersham custom cabinets, Viking/Wolf/Sub-Zero appliances, heavy cedar shake roof, cypress decking. Priced at \$2,995,000 and accepting offers. Membership to Mountaintop Golf and Lake Club is by invitation only.



This 4 bedroom, 4 bath lakefront home in Lake Glenville boasts unrivaled views of the lake and mountain range beyond. This is truly a spectacular property with a double lot sitting on a point with southeastern view. Tons of outdoor entertainment space including, decks, porches, and a separate outdoor party pavilion with fireplace. The inside has cathedral ceilings, 2 fireplaces, large walk-ins, game room with wet bar. Reduced 1.2 million from last season. Owner says it is time to sell! Listed at 2,595,000 and soliciting offers. MLS 67948



Newly constructed 3 bedroom, 3 bath Villa at Lake Glenville. Nice views of Lake Glenville and the surrounding mountain range. Nice finishes throughout and an open plan design makes this a great lake getaway. Priced competitively at \$669,000. A boat slip can be purchased for an additional \$85,000. MLS 67949



Immaculate and charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with a separate one bedroom one bath guest cottage with carport. Offered at \$497,000. mls #68141



Check out this great home on desirable Foreman Road, walk to town and built by present Owner. Quality finishes throughout from the six bedroom and five and one half baths to the two great fireplaces and lots of built ins and large pond to fish in. Great kitchen and family room, 2 car garage. Offered at \$1,800,000. mls #68133



In town cutie on Cullasaja Drive. 3 bedrooms and 2 baths with wood floors, spacious floor plan with a lovely yard in the front and back! Great kitchen for entertaining which opens to the dining room. Mud/laundry room offers access to the back porch and backyard. The perfect spot for grilling and relaxing. New on the market and priced to sell at \$485,000 MLS#68127



Great year round or vacation home with a beautiful yard! Wonderful floorplan with soaring ceiling in the livingroom, open kitchen and breakfast nook, separate dining room, foyer, master bedroom on the main level with a very spacious master bath, two additional bedroom upstairs with a shared bath, great covered front porch, in very desirable Shortoff area! First time on the market! MLS#68124 is priced at \$550,000



Queen Mountain Treasure! Charming family home w/awesome Satulah & Blue Valley views. Perfect for entertaining w/formal dining room, fireside family room, solarium & game room. Enjoy incredible sunsets from spacious covered deck. Features custom built cabinetry, hardwoods, vaulted ceilings, full-house generator & over-sized 2-car garage. Beautifully landscaped double lot borders Nantahala Forest. Offered at \$975,000. mls #67985



Views - views - views! Wonderful long-range views of southern Blue Valley and western mountains. This stellar home in Highlands Country Club features 3 bedrooms, 4 baths, office and beautiful landscaping. A carriage house offers additional space for visitors. Club membership available subject to fees and approval. This spectacular home is one of a kind. Offered at \$1,995,000. mls #68118



Cullasaja Club Falcon Ridge Road 3/BR 3.5/BA Open Airy Great Room Plan Large Screened in Porch Excellent Condition. Offered at \$895,000 mls #67855



Magnificent Views from every window in this beautiful home on 2.97 acres off Flat Mountain Road. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, lots of wood and charm. 2 bedrooms 2 baths on the main level, 2 bedrooms 1 bath on upper level and 1 bath on terrace level. Stone fireplaces in great room and master. Offered furnished at \$1,200,000. mls #67950

• BIZ NEWS •

Paoletti's now offers full-service bar



There's a new look and feel at Paoletti's Restaurante on Main Street. New decor, lighting and an elegant bar offering light bites beginning at 4 p.m. each day.

A familiar face returns to 'Images' for the season



School is out in Venice, FL and Melissa is back in Highlands with her 8-year-old son Grigsby,

Melissa Smith has been part of the James Griffith Salon team based in Venice FL for 20 years. Most of her time is spent in the Boca Grande location, on of three salons.

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Melissa is also a pen & ink and portrait artist. Much of her summer is devoted to working on commissions and spending time with her son.

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