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## This Week in Highlands

- Thursday, Oct. 1
- Taize service at Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m.
  - Rotary Bingo, 6:30-8:30 at the Community Building.
- Fri.-Sun., Oct. 2-4
- Revival services at the Scaly Mountain Church of God.
- Fri.-Sat., Oct. 2-3
- Annual Autumn Leaves festival to benefit The Bascom. Call 526-4949
  - At Vivace Louise AbromTrunk show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 3
- At the Hen House on Main Street, Fine Whines collection give-aways 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Satulah Club's White Elephant Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  - At Greenleaf Gallery, 12 noon - 5pm Artist Bev Rambo and Photographer Sally Ross.
  - Fall 2009 Gorge Road Cleanup at 8 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center. Call 526-5841.
- Sunday, Oct. 4
- Blessing of the Animals is at 4:30 p.m. at Nature Center Amphitheater.
- Tuesday, Oct. 6
- Bridge and trail dedication at the Highlands Rec Park at 10:30 a.m. All are invited.

## Town could get into Internet business

At the Mayor's 'State of the Town' address delivered at the Highlands Rotary Club Tuesday an item discussed at last week's worksession was greeted with enthusiasm.

There's a chance, if the numbers are right and if it's legal, the town could get into the Wi-Fi business basically competing with Northland Cable, Verizon and other Internet providers in the area.

According to the town's GIS Technician Matt Shuler, towns getting into the Internet business is legal and

considered a utility or service the municipality offers its citizens.

With tourists requesting free Wi-Fi and citizens anxious for a less-expensive alternative, the town is entertaining the idea.

Steve Van Tol and Chris Shupe of Double Radius showed the Town Board how town-wide and downtown Wi-Fi could be a reality in Highlands.

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## Candidates' weekly forum



**Gary Drake**



**Don Mullen**



**Amy Patterson**



**Hank Ross**



**David Wilkes**

There are three seats open on the Town Board - two commissioners and the mayor's seat. All three sitting representatives are running again for office and two citizens are vying for those seats.

Running for Mayor of Highlands is incumbent Don Mullen and David Wilkes. Running for commissioner are incumbents Amy Patterson and Hank Ross and Gary Drake.

Each week now through Oct. 29, the candidates will answer a question. The first question:

What is your background and why are you a good candidate for town office?

### Gary Drake

My past professional career covered a span of over thirty nine years with Atlanta based Delta Air Lines. The company offered many chances for personal growth as well as challenging projects, one of which required my writing budgets, management of them, and finally my approval. I'm happy to say that my team was able to stay within these multi-million dollar budgets every time. At any given time, under my management, twenty nine or more employees produced technical operations manuals for the implementation of new aircraft worldwide.

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## Storm, child support & more at county meeting

The eight-plus inches of rain that fell on Highlands last week accentuated the need for flood ordinances in the county and in Highlands, said officials.

At the Monday, Sept. 28 Macon County Commission meeting, Chairman Ronnie Beale asked Emergen-

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## Bennett resigns from BOE

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Macon County School Board representative for District I submitted her resignation.

Frieda Bennett campaigned for the at-large seat during the last election against John Shearl.

"It has become apparent that I cannot be an effective member of the board of education as it is now structured

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## U.S. and Iran link explained

In August, veteran journalist and award winning author of multiple books on the Middle East, spoke at the Center of Life Enrichment and gave an update on America's linkage to the current political situations in the Iran and Afghanistan.

This is the first of a multi-part series made possible by Time Capsule Video.

### Part 3

To recap: As Iranian political system has evolved it got complicated which caused squabbling, so another group was created called the Expediency Council. No one is quite sure what the Expediency Council does except that it acts as arbitrators between the Council of Guardians and parliament. This system isn't terribly efficient but it worked well under Kheomeini because he held such stature as a spiritual leader in religious terms and was such a symbol of Iranian nationalism he was able to keep the thing functioning. But when he died in 1989, cracks began to appear in the regime itself.

There were three issues then - the same we are talking about today.

There is the economic issue - do you want a free market or Islamic socialism which is just as bad as Russian socialism

The second issue is: Does the interest of the Iranian state exceed the interests of exporting the Islamic revolution beyond the borders of Iran? One group is saying it has to

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### No room for heavy-handed tactics

Dear Editor,

It makes me mad when I hear about heavy handed acts such as Old Edwards Inn pulled. Friends of Highlands sounds good, but only when it goes through the Chamber being fair to all.

Gary Warren  
Highlands

### Good work

Dear Editor,

I read your Forum and I applaud you for your investigative work and your position to stay unbiased.

Steve Chenoweth  
Past Chamber Bd. Mem.

### The things people try to get away with!

Dear Editor,

I just read your Forum in the Sept. 24 issue of Highlands' Newspaper and I was practically cheering by the end of it. It's nothing short of ludicrous what happens in that town sometimes, but that's how our whole country has evolved — greed, corruption and survival of the richest seems to reign over what made our country great; not to mention ignoring those who live by the Golden Rule....ha!

I am so proud that you wrote this article and that you "blew the whistle" on this group of ruthless, self-serving people. Touché for you exposing them!

From 1,500 miles away I never miss an online issue of your newspaper and I appreciate hearing all the good news in Highlands!

Mary Myers  
Louisville, Colorado

### Government health care won't work

Dear Editor,

HMMMM, government run health-care? Let's look at the track record of government run programs.

Medicare and Medicaid are fraught with waste and fraud as finally admitted to by President Obama. Fanny Mae and Freddie Mac brought down our entire financial system by allowing loans to unqualified home buyers while at the same time de-

stroying our residential existing properties and new constructions home markets. The "stimulus" package is gorged with pork spending and increases the national deficit to over a trillion dollar. Unemployment is now close to double digits. The US Postal Service is unable to sustain minimal services without continual increases in postal rates while free enterprise mail operations like UPS and Fed Ex thrive. Government run programs have continually demonstrated an unimpressive track record of poor management practices.

Will a government run health care system will be any different? The bills being proposed in Congress are loaded with mandated taxes on individuals and businesses, fines and fees (more taxes), will ration health services to specific groups such as senior citizens all at a colossal cost raising the deficit to unfathomable limits to be paid for by our children and grandchildren. These proposed bills also represent an unprecedented government power grab into the private lives of American citizens.

Health care reform and lower costs can be accomplished without overhauling our entire healthcare system and mandating a national health insurance. Permit tort reform to relieve doctors and hospitals of tremendous defensive medicine insurance premium costs. Allow private insurance companies to sell policies across state lines to provide all citizens with a vast array of affordable policy choices. Reduce the costs of hospital emergency rooms by instituting a public health clinic system for the truly in-

igent who would pay fees for service according to their income. Support primary care and prevention services. Encourage competition by removing the bureaucrats from the examining room - overregulation limits the number of health care providers we have and what they can do.

We do things differently in America. We allow the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of free people to find solutions and make them work. Healthcare should be no exception. Let's fill the void by getting government, lawyers, Congress and other self-serving groups out of the way and allow our country's free enterprise system to find and implement the solution. 85% of Americans have health insurance. Of the 15% uninsured many can afford to buy health insurance but choose not to do so. Are they to be forced to be insured by government? Shall we punish those who do to insure themselves because 15% of our population are uninsured?

It is the private enterprise system that has "lifted the boat" in this country. An example of this is the middle class in America which is the greatest on the face of the earth. It is not because the government made it so. It is individual freedom, private enterprise and capitalism that got us there and those are the American characteristics that will provide the healthcare reform we seek. Abraham Lincoln is credited with this quote "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong".

Carol Adams  
Glenville

### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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

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## • CHAMBER UPDATE •

• The Chamber is seeking volunteers and input from members and community concerning winter events in Highlands. All those interested should contact the Chamber.

• Matthew Eberz will be helping the Chamber with its website free of charge.

• Highland Mediaworks has just completed a new video for the Chamber free of charge. An example of their work can be seen at <http://www.tourhighlandscnc.com>

The Board of Directors webpage has been updated (see below)

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## • CORRECTION •

Last weeks reported Highlands School attendance stats wrong

In last week's issue in the front page story entitled "Schools, county seeing H1N1 flue" we reported that on any given day Highlands School sees 20% of the student population absent.

We got it mixed up.

On any given day Highlands School sees less than 5% of the student population absent or under 20 students.

We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

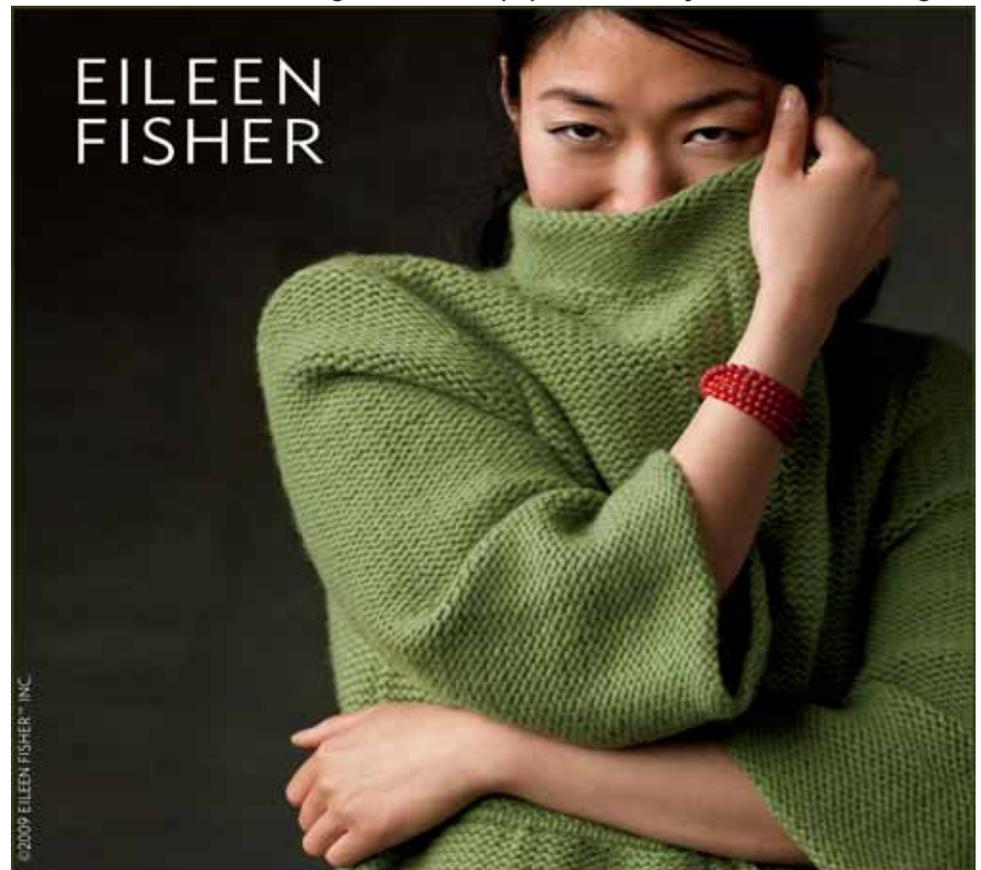
# • MILESTONES •

## Baty family grows giant turnip



Mary Baty, her husband Roy and their grandson Joseph grew this six-pound turnip in their garden on Buttermild Lane here in Highlands. She said it won't be good eating but it was sure worth a picture. The folks at Dustys weighed it for her.

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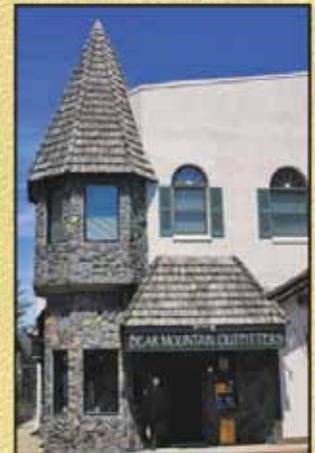


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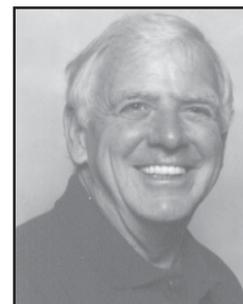
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

## Acorns are falling on my head

**I**t took me a while to get a handle on how our new government operates but now I think I have it. Getting with the program, I'm opening a government supported warehouse on Main Street and taking applications for the position of czar of ho's. (I can use the "ho" word now that we have a black president.)



**Fred Wooldridge**

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Just for the record, the li'l missus and I support any organization dedicated to helping the poor, the sick and the hungry. As Catholics, we support one of the largest charities on the planet, the ABCD, not to be confused with the dreaded ACLU or the dastardly ACBL...or worse, the unthinkable and corruptible HOFO.

The Catholic sponsored ABCD, now known as the Catholic Charity Drive (CCD) reaches out worldwide to help people in need over the entire globe. Volunteers are motivated by love and do the work of the Lord. (Can I still use the "L" word?) I hate to bring this up, but from a racial point of view, the CCD involves thousands of volunteer workers, most of them white, helping millions of people in need, most of them black. I know that sounds terribly racist, but I can't help it. It's the truth.

One of the better things the CCD does, along with a myriad of other worthy projects, is save thousands of babies each year from the slaughter houses known as abortion clinics. The last time I checked, the CCD was not, I repeat, not supporting warehouses and advising citizens on how to cheat on their income tax. Unlike the government funded ACORN, the CCD does not have a roster of abortion clinics where women can go to kill their babies. Before this is over, I predict white people will be accused of racism because ACORN is mostly run by blacks.

Have you just about had enough of this insanity? Whorehouses and tax cheating, all funded by the United States of America? No, you say, you want more? Well standby, America, because more is on the way. Congress is in a panic over the fallout from this. How did the public ever find out? DUH, a couple of young Americans, probably mean spirited right wing terrorists, walked into an ACORN office with video and sound. From that, it's mushroomed into a nationwide

scandal. Ta Da! And there's more on the way.

Come on, Mister President, just because you lawyered ACORN doesn't mean you have to fund and support corruption with taxpayer's dollars. I don't want this government to fail. My country and my existence as a retiree depend on your success but you dummies seem to be out of control. Are you deliberately trying to sink America...and me? Or are you just lost?

If you're a person who despised the Republican Party and their corrupt organization as much as I did, then you must be steaming with anger at government sponsored warehouses and cheating on taxes. With three and half years to go, what will America look like by 2012? It's getting scary.

The Democratic Congress makes ole George Bush and his crooks look like pantywaists when it comes to corruption and spending taxpayer's money. Are we done for? Has the winter of democracy begun?

We are witnessing the tip of the iceberg. More scandal is on the way from several other areas, the biggest being the very citizenship of our president. That issue just won't go away. Apparently, the investigators on that are not beating a dead horse as I used to believe. The jury is still out.

Maybe I should just stick a washrag between my teeth and go with the flow as so many Americans have. Hey, if we don't look, it's not there, right?. Are you sitting down. I have friends who have never even heard of ACORN. Double DUH.

Oh well, I guess if Highlands can grab some of the government's recently printed giveaway money, let's go for it. Slip a few hundred grand into my back pocket when I'm not looking and I'll open a government funded warehouse right on Main Street. I'll call it "The Poking Fun Playhouse." I'll try not to open it near a church but, what the heck, if that's the only spot....

I'll need a czar to run things so if you're a person who hasn't paid income taxes for the last six years; you keep your money in your freezer and are a member of the Communist Party, call me.

Oh, before I forget, HOFO stands for "Help Ole Fred Out." Donations accepted in cash. Stick it in my freezer when I'm not home.

# • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

## Stay healthy. Reduce dependence on medical care

**D**on't expect single-payer health care any time soon. Socialized medicine in the United States will come only after the failure of more modest health care reform. As long as medicine is a business and the profit motive prevails, the goals of cost containment and universal coverage can't be achieved.

That is not to say that we will all be happy with socialized medicine. Single-payer medicine will be very much like the school cafeteria. Everyone complains about its short comings, but nearly everyone eats there. The school cafeteria provides a nutritionally balanced diet, if not a gourmet experience. That's how medicine will be in the future. A private option

must be preserved for those who recoil at the thought of "meat and three." Those who can afford boutique medicine should not be denied the right to purchase. Universal coverage should not suggest or mandate equal coverage for everyone, any more than private schools should be eliminated in the name of equal education for everyone. We must mandate minimal coverage, not equal coverage.

America under socialized medicine would be much different than America today. The good thing is that everyone would be entitled



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to care. Proponents hope preventive medicine and wellness initiatives will reduce the incidence of chronic, costly, but preventable, diseases such as heart disease, hypertension, stroke, diabetes, and lung cancer.

I've said before that I'm afraid such rosy assessments are "pie in the sky." I do believe that improved prenatal and neonatal care might reduce our level of infant mortality to less embarrassing levels, reduce deaths in the first year of life so that they more closely reach those of other western democra-

cies. Of course, mothers must share the responsibility. They must refrain from alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, at least while the baby is in the womb, and hopefully beyond.

One wonders if medicine will attract the same caliber of applicant to professions in health care, once the profit motive is eliminated. No one knows. Different people will enter the professions. Whether better or worse remains to be seen. Certainly, they will be less financially motivated. They'll probably be less bright. Money does have a way of attracting the best and the brightest. It may not matter much. Under evidence based,

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## • REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

### Intolerance

Last week I picked up a recent issue of "Wired" magazine at the Hudson Library magazine exchange in the lobby. I always read the Letters section, even when I haven't read previous issues of a magazine.

At the end of the Letter section in this issue was a message from the editors: "We received a lot of comments regarding 'Fathers of Invention,' our piece about Islam's scientific achievements (issue 17.06). But the occasional intelligent response was overshadowed by a trove of anti-Muslim racist drivel. Trust us — by not publishing them here, we're sparing you."

I couldn't stop thinking about these words. What is wrong with this country? We seem to be getting more intolerant, ruder, less respectful, more ignorant.

I looked up the "Wired" article online (it's easy to find) and it was completely benign. It begins this way, "In the Middle Ages, while Europeans were busy warring, plundering, and burning heretics at the stake, Muslim scholars were inventing the most advanced devices of the day. They refined the scientific method, developed effective cardiac drugs, and built celestial observatories — yet over time their contributions were largely forgotten." The brief article describes replicas of scientific instruments invented by these Muslim scientists on display at the Islamic Science and Technology History Museum in Istanbul.

The most disturbing fact is that this article is merely describing the truth. In the Medieval era European intellectual life was hobbled by the Catholic Church, and it was in the Islamic world that scientific advances occurred (west of India and China that is). Yet the prejudice of so many Americans against Muslims after 9/11, combined with a frightening ignorance of history, is producing an ugliness of public discourse that is profoundly dangerous to our democracy.

Islam had a golden period from about 700 to 1300 C.E., when Muslim culture flowered in many areas: science, mathematics, poetry, architecture, technology, and philosophy.

The era's greatest geographers, cartographers (mapmakers) and navigators were from the world of Islam. For instance, Muhammad al-Idrisi was an Arab geographer who lived in Sicily in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century at the court of the King Roger II. Al-Idrisi drew a map called the Tabula Rogeriana, which was the most accurate



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world map for the next three hundred years.

Algebra was developed by the Arabs. A well-known poet, Omar Khayyam (1048–1122) was also a great philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician. One of his famous books is *Treatise on the Demonstration of Problems of Algebra*.

The Hudson Library has a beautiful new book on libraries (*The Library: an Illustrated History*, by Stuart A. P. Murray; 027.009M), and in it I found some interesting quotes from

Alexis de Tocqueville. De Tocqueville traveled through the U.S. in 1831, I learned, "on an assignment from his government to study the America prison system." The book we know as *Democracy in America*, published in 1835, is made up of excerpts from his travel journal.

I was struck by this passage: "He noted that pioneers living on the frontier of ten originally came from 'civilized' regions and had a high degree of book learning. Although it appeared upon meeting a frontiersman that 'everything about him is primitive and wild,' de Tocqueville observed, 'He wears the dress and speaks the language of cities; he is acquainted with the past, curious about the future, and ready for argument about the present; he is, in short, a highly civilized being, who consents for a time to inhabit the backwoods, and who penetrates into the wilds of the New World with the bible, an axe, and some newspapers.'"

In a typical backwoods cabin, de Tocqueville often found on one wall the map of the United States, near which were, 'upon a shelf formed of a roughly hewn plank, a few volumes of books — a bible, the six first books of Milton, and two of Shakespeare's plays...' Newspapers, wrote de Tocqueville, were to be found in virtually every hamlet and town he passed through."

Sadly for our country many Americans no longer seem to have as much respect for learning.

In the last year since President Obama's election we have heard a lot about our country being "post-racial." We are supposedly a nation that celebrates diversity. We're the melting-pot-nation right?

The Pew Research Center has found that Americans like to talk about diversity but when it comes to their personal lives they aren't interested — they want to live

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• COACH'S CORNER •

**Tebow's been human all along**

Just one week after Lane Kiffin referred to Florida quarterback as "not human" (the actual quote was along the lines of "we were waiting for him to get tired, but he never did...the guy is not human.") sports personalities all across the nation were pointing to Saturday's game with Kentucky as proof of Tebow's mortality.



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spotlight and accolades has been almost flawless. It is this aspect of Tebow's personality that separates him in the sense that this is a kid who spends his free time with charity work (without an agent booking it for him), comes back to school for the love of the game and most of all, a kid who talks the talk about his Christian faith but then

walks the walk as well.

Thirdly, and probably most importantly, it is human nature to seek out the flaws in an individual. We want to see the mighty fall, because it makes us feel better about the evils of our own personalities. It is my hope that Tebow's injury does not expose what I fear has been Tebow's flaw all along...his willingness to put his own health and safety on the line for his school and for his team.

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As some of you may know, Tebow suffered a concussion after a hit from Kentucky's Taylor Wyndham. The actual concussion likely occurred not on Wyndham's hit (which was vicious, but clean) but because the back of Tebow's head struck Florida tackle Marcus Gilbert's knee on his way to the ground. Tebow walked off the field, but was shown vomiting profusely on the sideline on his way to the hospital. Before delving into anything else, it is worth mentioning the class of the Kentucky fans as they cheered Tebow walking off the field under his own power. (UK coach Rich Brooks called Urban Meyer personally to check on Tebow, which was another classy gesture)

The college football news cycle of overexposure means all Tebow all the time as of late (only Favre has received more coverage), and it certainly makes sense that people would grow tired of the exploits of the Florida quarterback. No matter how special the kid is or what kind of stats he puts up, people (especially rival fans, but people in general) are going to get tired of being bombarded with his every move.

Tebow is certainly a talent, and will go down in the annals of history as a legendary football player, but he's not the first player to suffer a concussion and will certainly not be the last. The fact that he was injured in a violent game should not be surprising, particularly with the number of times that Tebow runs per game. Media types have been saying for years now that Tebow cannot withstand the punishment that he takes, and now they are taking their chance at saying "I told you so."

The reasons that this level of media coverage is disturbing are threefold.

Obviously, the fact that Tebow is still a college kid makes insight into his mortality tenuous.

Secondly, while Tebow's physical prowess has been chronicled, his mental makeup and his ability to deal with the

in communities of people like themselves. The Center's recent study "Americans Say They Like Diverse Communities — Election, Census Trends Suggest Otherwise," concludes that "American communities have grown more racially, politically, and economically homogeneous in recent decades, according to the analyses of 2008 election returns and U.S. census data...When the subject is community diversity, Americans talk one way but behave another."

We're becoming a nation that only wants to hear one point of view. We watch TV programs and visit internet sites that confirm our beliefs. We don't want to be challenged or have to consider whether there might be flaws in our thinking.

The more we listen to people who think like us the more we are convinced that our side is right and the other wrong; as a consequence there is even less of a need to listen to what the other side might have to say. Repeat until we are all fragmented and polarized.

If we don't figure out how to change this dynamic, we are headed for dark times as a nation.

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Mayor Don Mullen

Once again, let me reiterate. Every winter for the past four years I have supported winter activities in Highlands. Many times alone. I attended the meeting of the winter committee seeking approval of the Chamber of Commerce for their Winter Fest activities and fully supported openly at that meeting their effort, as both the Chamber board and the committee will verify. Winter activities will be extremely important to the businesses of Highlands and I will do everything I can to help with this process. If there was any perception I did not then or subsequently, it is wrong.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Highlands had its second all day retreat of the year last week at the Bascom, and there was good open discussion and presentations of many issues important to the town. One of the issues was regarding restructuring and renovating the current Town Hall. Our original plan was simply to renovate the town hall temporarily as we continued to plan for an entirely new facility on the present site. However, the expense of a completely new town hall at over five million dollars under present economic conditions was not feasible. So the board has decided to put more into our renovation of the current town hall in order to make it a place which will be convenient for the town and its citizens for the next twenty or thirty years.

The town has been putting away funds for the past three years for use in a new town hall and have about \$350,000 already saved for this purpose. The complete renovation will cost about \$460,000 so that with just a little more from our reserve fund we can have a new facility for a reasonable amount of money. The board approved the plans created by the Summit Architectural firm and this process is now taking place. We plan to be in a newly done town hall, outside and in, which maintains its current character, within the next four or five months.

A problem talked about a lot in Highlands over the past few years has been the inadequacy of current internet coverage and the inefficient and expensive services which we now have from a number of sources. Recently there has also been discussion regarding Wi-Fi

for the downtown area. As we considered this, we began to consider the entire area of the Town of Highlands and some surrounding area supplied with an internet service as a town utility which supplies wireless internet service to every household in the area.

Thus, we invited consultants to look at this possibility. "Double Radius," a firm which specializes in this,

is a leader over the entire country with a base here in North Carolina, gave an incredibly good presentation at the retreat regarding the possibilities of a very efficient well run wireless internet system for the entire town and beyond. We were so impressed with the possibilities that we have asked them to make a cost proposal to us. The end result would be a system which, after initial setup, would cost each household less than \$25 a month to maintain. We will have to look at the overall cost before making this decision but the thought of having our own state of the art wireless internet system is indeed intriguing. We welcome input from the community on this idea and welcome you all to look at the proposal.

There was also a good bit of discussion with the Town Attorney, Bill Coward, regarding the Scholarship Fund which the town runs every year.

As you all know, this was set up by a special State statute by the legislature in 1975 and since 1988 has given over \$850,000 in scholarships to Highlands School graduates. The endowment now is about \$780,000. The interest rates over the past two years have been so low that not as much scholarship money was available for the kids.

Our discussion centered around how to continue the program and get as much bang for the buck as we have had in the past. There are two committees making recommendations to the board regarding this. One raises the funds through a golf tournament in August every year along with other donations. The other committee disburses the funds yearly. We will be re-appointing the fund raising committee soon and look for citizen input on this subject. It is a great and unique project which we want to keep viable.

## • HEALTH MATTERS •

### Yes, our beloved dogs can get the flu, too!

By Angela Wiggins Munoz

Yes, the canine influenza virus is a very contagious respiratory disease caused by Type A influenza, but is not a human influenza virus. In fact, the canine influenza virus originates from the equine (horse) influenza virus, and now spreads between dogs. The canine influenza virus is termed the H3N8 virus.

Equine influenza has been in existence for 40 years but it was not until 2004 that a respiratory illness in dogs was reported and after investigation this illness was proven to be caused by the equine influenza virus. Scientists believe that the virus jumps from horses to dogs. Initially the greyhounds were reported first to exhibit the symptoms from this virus. In 2005, Scientists termed this virus a "new pathogen in the dog population in the United States".

The common symptoms of the (H3N8) canine influenza virus are fever, cough, and runny nose.

The mortality rate associated with this virus is low and some infected dogs can be asymptomatic while others may exhibit the above symptoms. Dogs seriously infected with the H3N8 virus may also experience pneumonia. The CDC indicates that although this disease is relatively new that about 80% of dogs will have some mild form of this disease.

Canine influenza can spread between infected and uninfected dogs, by contaminated objects, and by direct contact from respiratory secretions from infected dogs. Therefore, if you own a dog who exhibits the signs of fever, cough, and runny nose, you should make sure that your hands, clothing, equipment, etc be cleaned and disinfected using an alcohol based product. As responsible pet owners we should also restrict our dogs participation in activities and/or facilities where other dogs are present.

Your veterinarian can diagnose your canine by test using either respiratory secretions or blood samples. They may also prescribe medication and/or fluids to make your pet comfortable and hydrated. Recently, a canine influenza virus vaccine was granted for use in the United States. Consult with your Vet for more information.

Although the H3N8 virus spreads from dog to dog there has not been any reported cases of humans being infected with this canine virus. Influenza viruses do constantly change so it is possible that this virus could infect the human population; however, the CDC closely monitors

the H3N8 virus as well as all other influenza including all other animal influenza viruses.

Remember, if you think your dog exhibits signs of the canine influenza virus, please schedule an appointment with your local veterinarian for the appropriate course of action.

• Angela Wiggins Munoz  
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computer driven, health care, the practitioner will be expected to follow a logical regimen of diagnosis and treatment. There will be a lot less independence, and I suspect, a lower fewer mistakes.

There is real concern about serving the medical needs of all Americans, while the pool of applicants declines. We will see fewer foreign doctors and nurses, many of whom are attracted more by money than by our legendary freedoms, flock to our shores.

The answer, I suspect, is that we will rely on less extensively trained, less intelligent doctors and trust the computers to get it right. Based on the number of errors I witness in the current system, I don't think it's a bad bet.

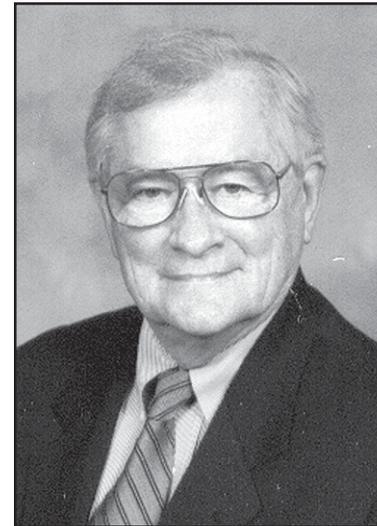
There is no doubt that the speed of medical advances will be slowed. Elimination of the profit motive would dramatically slow the development of new drugs and new devices. Perhaps the government will be able to encourage development with grants and other incentives. By partnering with industry they did a good job of developing the hardware and software to reach the moon. But if "Medicare for everybody" purchases generic drugs and generic devices, there will be little incentive to develop newer ones.

I cannot envision socialized medicine without rationing. The system simply can't afford the excesses of today's American medicine. That means that aggressive care will be unavailable to the oldest and sickest among us. It will mean that drugs that are "good enough" will be substituted for those that are ideal. Rationing is just an essential component of cost containment.

If there is a lesson in this appraisal, it is the importance of individual responsibility. Coronary bypass won't be available for everyone, so it's a good time to start

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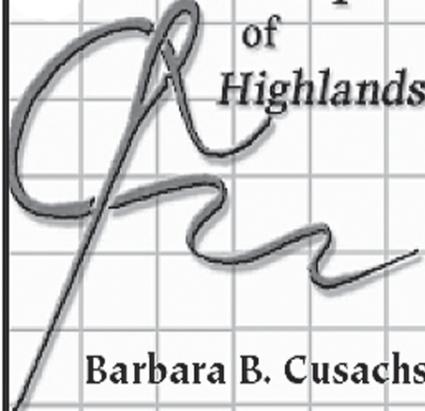
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#### Breakfast

Spoon scrambled eggs or egg whites onto a warmed whole wheat flour tortilla. Add diced, cooked potato, crumbled bacon, cheese and picante sauce. Fold the tortilla around the filling and you've got a fast and exciting way

to start the day.

#### Lunch

Adding picante sauce to perk up a lunch salad is a flavorful, low-fat alternative to creamy dressings. To make a quick dressing, mix a 1/2 cup of picante sauce with a 1/4 cup of your favorite vinaigrette and top your salad greens.

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- 1/2 cup water
- 1 cup whole kernel corn
- 3/4 cup uncooked regular long-grain white rice
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- Paprika
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1. Stir picante sauce, water, corn and rice in an 11 x 8-inch shallow baking dish. Top with the chicken. Sprinkle the chicken with the paprika. Cover the dish.

2. Bake at 375° F for 45 minutes or until chicken is cooked through and rice is tender. Sprinkle with cheese.

#### Picante Skillet Chicken

Prep Time: 5 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts (4 to 6)
- 1 jar (16 ounces) Pace Picante sauce
- 6 cups hot, cooked regular long-grain white rice

1. Heat oil in 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Add chicken and cook for 10 minutes or until well browned on both sides.

2. Add picante sauce to skillet. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and cook for 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through.

3. Serve with rice.



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protect the interests of Iran and another group is saying the interests of Iran are second to the interests of Islam.

The third issue is the control of the culture. Are you going to have a culture with both the Persian and Islamic content or are you going to have this rigid social system in which anything not related to Islam is shut out?

Everything that is going on today was set up in 1989 and it was confirmed in 1997 when Khatami became president.

In 1989 you had a split between the hardliners who were led by Kheomeini, who was chosen by the assembly of experts to be the spiritual leader. He wasn't supposed to be the spiritual leader because he didn't have the credentials demanded in Shiite Islam. In Shiite Islam, there is a precise clerical hierarchical where you earn your way up.

Kheomeini was not an Ayatollah at first – he was just a political appointee to hold the place until they found someone more legitimate. The person who was supposed to be the spiritual leader was Ali Montazeri, who had a falling out with Kheomeini so Kheomeini had chopped him out and this is how Kheomeini came in. He's never had the authority or legitimacy as a revered cleric and that's coming home to roost right now. But the hardliners led by Kheomeini, became the core defenders of the Islamic state as conceived by Kheomeini — Islamic socialism and strict social controls and so forth.

The reformers on the other hand were led by the president Hashemi Rafsanjani, who wanted a free market economy and engagement with the outside world.

In the mid '90s the way you knew which group was on top that day was go down to the money changer. If the exchange were fixed the hardliners were on top. If rates were floating, then the reformers were on top and it went like that day by day.

In 1997 it appeared that the reformers were going to take the reins and take Iran forward. This was another point when our two countries were really engaging.

But Khatami, who served two terms, wasn't strong enough to deliver a reformed movement and he really failed in the end to make much of an economic or cultural reformed impact.

Reform-minded Iranians who supported the whole system, stayed home and didn't participate in the 2005 election. So you had the election of this clown named Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as president of Iran.

Well Ahmadinejad who is going back to this social context of the Iranian Revolution is a son of a blacksmith. He claims to be an engineer, but he was educated in the Iranian education system that came after the revolution that provided spots for those who had the right Islamic and political credentials and got the places in the universities and the really qualified people did not. This is a big problem still today. They ruined the higher education system.

His support came from the deeply religious urban and rural poor. When you look

at him – The Scent of Servitude, by the way is the name of his party – he is appealing to the disposed of society. He is their representative.

Ali Khamenei, didn't like him but he really disliked the reformers much more. So Ahmadinejad's power from 2005-2009 depended on Ali Ali Khamenei, as spiritual leader because it was he who controlled the army, the security services, the Revolutionary Guard, and he had veto power over everything the president did.

The army of Iran was broken by revolution and not trusted because everyone was fearful they were loyal to Shah. So an organization was developed and it was the shock troops of the revolution. They came out of lower classes and patrolled the streets, intimidated to maintain social order — they are not pleasant people.

The besiege came along in the Iranian-Iraq war and they were the young people who went into the fields and walked across to find the mines, to martyr themselves for the revolution and everything they were and hoped for depended on the Islamic Republic staying exactly as it was without reformation.

The revolutionary guards and the upper levels of the government had other interests.

In the early part of the revolution, they were able to get control of state resources and businesses and they had become wealthy through foundations — supposedly charitable organizations — but they are really just pumping the proceeds into the coffers of these upper level revolutionary guards. It was very corrupt.

Between 2005-2009, Ahmadinejad, with support of Khamenei, began to pour tons of money into the Revolutionary Guards. He was also pouring money into the lower classes. In the process, he was wrecking the economy. In fact, there are parallels on how you keep your power and how you use a foreign enemy to get more power – and there are similarities between Ahmadinejad and Hugo Chavez in Venezuela. They're populous and pointed fingers to "outside conspirators" and delivered resources to the poorest of the poor.

But Ahmadinejad did something else, which has important ramifications as far as foreign policy goes in that he put the interest of exporting the Islamic Revolution above the interest of the Iranian nation. That switched that whole policy that began in 1989 at the death of Kheomeini until his election.

Ahmadinejad was so appalling to so many Iranians because he personified everything the reformers in the regime stood against. Plus, they just detested his persona as a humble man in rumpled clothes, and every time he went out of the country or to the UN he would just make an absolute fool of himself and they just couldn't stand him.

So, when the 2009 election rolled around the dominate issue was Ahmadinejad himself – his persona his foreign policy his economic policy, his economic mismanagement and the corruption of the transfer of state resources to his supporters.

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I was instrumental in the formation of a volunteer fire department, in which I worked as a volunteer firefighter, and also an EMT squad in Fayette County, Ga. I received certification from the state of Georgia as an EMT and worked alongside the state and local police and fire departments. During this time I implemented fundraisers for the purchase of three fire trucks, an ambulance, and the buildings that housed them. I believe that I have a good understanding of the day to day operations and budgets thereof.

I served, as an equity member, on the Board of Directors as President of the Planta-

tion Equity Group, Inc in Villa Rica, Ga. This privately owned company consisted of member's clubhouse, golf course, and lake. Duties included staffing, purchasing, and promoting the property to potential members.

I am presently serving on the Macon County Board of Adjustment and also the Highlands Tourism Development Commission.

Lastly, I co-own two businesses and also live in Highlands and I am very aware of the necessity to keep a good balance between the two. As co-owner of Highlands Appraisal Company, LLC, I serve as a North Carolina

certified residential appraiser and have current knowledge of the home and land values in our area. As co-owner of Drake's Diamond Gallery, LLC, I have a pulse on the day to day workings of retail businesses in Highlands. As your Commissioner I plan to promote the town of Highlands as a wonderful place to visit and enjoy the natural beauty of our plateau and also the ability to browse and purchase in shops unique only to Highlands.

**Mayor Don Mullen**

I have spent most of my life in leadership positions and have had the continuing experiences to perform at a high level in many different areas. After 10 years of medical training in cardiac surgeon, I was a physician and surgeon in the active practice of medicine for twenty years, was a professor of surgery in two medical schools and Chief of Staff of the largest heart hospital in the Midwest in Milwaukee.

After retirement from cardiac surgery I attended Princeton Theological Seminary for three years where I was the President of the Senior Class. In my medical work as a medical missionary abroad I worked in three different war zones (Iraq, Rwanda, and Sudan) under harsh conditions as I led teams in

bringing health care to communities in need. I led teams of medical students into China and Papua New Guinea teaching them the needs of people in the isolated developing countries of the world. I also led a heart surgery team in India for several months while also teaching medical students there.

As a native western North Carolinian, having finished high school just sixty miles from here, my wife and I returned to this area 10 years ago in retirement. I was on the founding boards which organized the Community Care Clinic and the Highlands Community Child Development Center and was the first Chairman of the Board of the HC-CDC. I have been on the Board of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital and for four years was Vice-Chairman of that board.

I have worked hard for my church as Parish Associate and assumed pastoral duties between pastors. I was a leader in the campaign to bring great improvements to First Presbyterian Church over the past ten years, having preached at least once monthly and taught many classes.

Over the past four years I have been Mayor of Highlands. Our Town Board has

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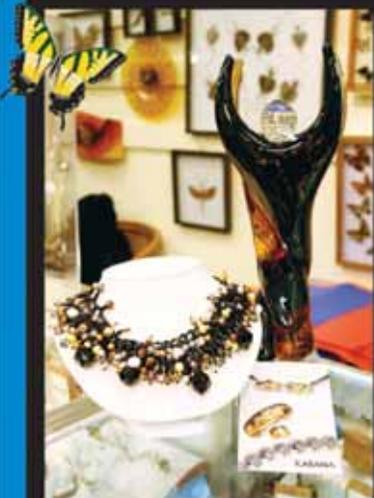
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had many challenges during this period of time but we have been able to greatly improve the infrastructure of the town of Highlands while maintaining a firm financial position even during a deep recession without significantly raising taxes. The ideas of this board have been innovative as we continue to look to future growth while maintaining the traditional heritage of our community. I think I can continue to lead Highlands into the future as we look for economic strength and development of a community where people can continue to enjoy living.

My wife of 52 years and I have raised five very successful children who have given us 16 grandchildren. That, in itself, takes time and leadership abilities.

### Commissioner Amy Patterson

I have been a seasonal resident of Highlands since I was 6 years old (48 years), became a permanent resident when I went to college and became a full time resident when I finished my formal education and started my business here 25 years ago. I have a BS in Zoology from Duke University, a building trades degree from Haywood Community College and my DVM from Ohio State. I knew early that Highlands would always be where I called home.

I believe I am a good commissioner because my only agenda - my only bias - is Highlands. I have no personal agenda and am not part of any group that has specific interests. I have a feel for the past, an understanding of the present and a vision for the future.

### Commissioner Hank Ross

I have been resident in Highlands for 15 years and I have been visiting Highlands at our family home for 25 years. Previously, I lived in Atlanta for much of my life. Cathy McIntyre-Ross, a teacher at the Highlands School is my wife of 23 years. I am the owner the local business, Ross Landscape Architecture, a land design firm. My past occupations include positions as a land use planner, regulations manager, and recreation designer. I am a licensed landscape architect in the State of North Carolina.

My community volunteer activities include the Rotary Club of Highlands (Treasurer 1996-1998), Highlands Chamber of Commerce (2000-2001 President), Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association (Founding Board Member), Lake Sequoyah Improvement Association (President 1997-1998), Leadership Highlands and the Red Cross Disaster Shelter.

I served on the Highlands Planning Board (2001 - 2003) and the Appearance Commission (1998 - 2003). Currently, I serve on the Macon County Economic Development Commission (EDC), and the Macon County Tourism Development Commission (TDC). I have been a commissioner on the Highlands Town Board from 2001 to present.

I believe that my previous experience as a town commissioner will be a valuable resource for Highlands during the next four years. Currently, I am serving on the standing committees: public works and land use. I also readily serve on the town's re-organization, architectural and parking review com-

mittees.

Along with my experience on the town board, my design and construction backgrounds have given me the skills to do much of the commissioner's tasks. Also, my architectural education gives me insight into town infrastructure, planning, and protection of our natural resources.

We should have policies that enhances our business and second home growth and continues to make our town a great place to live, work and visit. I am a hard worker on the board and I will continue work my hardest to find solutions for all of the challenges in the next four years.

### David Wilkes

My wife, Carol and I moved to Highlands in 1983 where we've operated an outdoor retail business for the past 26 years. Our two sons, Christopher and Jonathan grew up in Highlands and graduated from Highlands School. Chris graduated from NC State, and Jonathan from UNC Chapel Hill.

I grew up in Guntersville, Alabama, a small town similar to Highlands, in that it is a summer tourist and second home resort on Guntersville Lake in the hills of north Alabama. After attending Montevallo College and the University of Alabama where Carol and I met, I went to work for H.D. Lee Co., a manufacturer of jeans and work wear. After five years we moved to Sparta, Illinois and joined Carol's parents in a family owned retail furniture business where I learned the risks, rewards, and joys of the retail business.

In 1983, after visiting numerous times with a college friend, we moved to Highlands and purchased the Happy Hiker, later to become Highland Hiker. During our 26 years in Highlands, I've had the opportunity to serve as a board member of Highlands Chamber of Commerce, board member of Hudson Library, President of Highlands Merchants Association, President of Trillium Homeowners Association, board member and Chairman of the Highlands ABC Board, and board member of the Highlands Cashiers Land Trust.

Owning a retail business for 26 years requires management, marketing, salesmanship, accounting and financial skills. I have been responsible for payroll, maintaining employee group health insurance, IRA program, accounts payable, financing long term and short term debt requirements, and all facets of operations of three stores in Highlands and Cashiers. The single most important skill any successful retailer develops is the ability to listen. Only by listening does one determine what a customer needs. Only by listening does one determine what a community needs. I've listened to local residents, second home residents, and tourists on a daily basis for 26 years and I understand that most people want Highlands to retain the unique character that has made it what it is today. The challenge is to keep pace with controlled growth without losing the charm and character of Highlands. I have the skills and experience. I now ask the voters for the opportunity.



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## • HIS & HERS •

### Julius and Julius (Caesar and Genachowski)

by John Armor

Two days ago we were sitting on the dock in Como, having a gellato, waiting for our ship to come in. Not actually a ship, just a small commuter boat that connects the small communities on the shores of Lake Como in northern Italy.

It is a breathtakingly beautiful place. I can see why VIPs come to a small hotel, built by a mediaeval Cardinal as his residence, just up the Lake. No wonder that George Clooney has a villa here, that is reached only by helicopter, or so the gossip says.

And, this area's history reaches deep into the mists of time. The streets of the town were laid out about 2,500 years ago,



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when Julius Caesar conquered the city from its previous conqueror. I came to talk about the sweep of time and history, and how Gellato in Italy is a divine concoction, compared to what bears that label in the US, and how going on vacation is good for the soul.

But the other Julius intervened. That's Julius Genachowski, Chairman of the Federal

Communications Commission. The BBC had a report last night that "the FCC was going to demand internet neutrality." So, I looked that up on the Net this morning to find out that Genachowski was the author of this idea.

Let's take it a step at a time. According to the First Amendment, "Congress shall make no law concerning freedom of speech." The FCC is a creature of Congress, so the First Amendment covers it, too.

According to Thomas Jefferson, a fairly able commentator on matters of constitutional theory, the government had no authority to determine that a particular speech inappropriate or "false." Instead, under that Amendment there would be a "free market" in which "truth would combat falsehood" and if the people were "educated," truth would prevail.

Under our new Julius, however, the government must control the content of speech on the Internet to keep it "neutral." There is not, there cannot be, any provision for "New York Times neutrality," or "ABCCBSNBCNN neutrality." The Internet is the main source of criticism of the current administration. It sounds like the new Julius is like the old one, a dictator who has crossed the Rubicon and intends to enforce his will on the populace.

Of course, the Internet is not "a broadcaster." Neither is cable TV, but the FCC bootstrapped its jurisdiction there by looking at the effect of cable decisions on broadcast TV. It is, apparently, looking for a similar bootstrap in that a small fraction of the Net consists of carrying TV programs. The Net is the ultimate narrowcaster. Messages go from one individual to another, only reaching millions of users if tens of thousands of users decide that that message deserves to be shared.

Bottom line: the FCC is about to issue a new set of rules for the Internet which will

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cy Services Director Warren Cabe to report on how last week's weather affected the county.

"Last week's rain event was very serious and came almost five years to date to Macon County's worst weather-related disaster caused by Hurricanes Ivan and Frances," said Cabe. "What happened last week could have been a lot worse but we did have minimal flooding which equaled minimal damage."

Over the course of the week 14 homes were damaged, three businesses were damaged, 51 homes were affected indirectly by flooding, six homes were damaged by trees, eight roads were temporarily closed and Macon County rescue departments conducted two rescues.

"All in all we did well; we communicated better throughout the county than in the past and we have conducted follow-ups better than in the past," he said.

After the rains stopped and flooding abated, the Emergency Services Department got together with various other departments in the county including environmental health, code enforcement and erosion control, to discuss how the rain events accentuated potential problems.

"For instance, the environmental health department wanted to know if any wells had flooded and if so, did the property owners understand the proper procedures to follow," said Cabe. "About 200 people were affected overall."

He said compared to Ivan and Frances, last week's rain event was minimal but to the people who were affected the event was major not minimal.

"As EMS crews we can get callous especially if we compare one event to another if we've been through a really bad situation, so we have to remind ourselves that it's all serious because to those property owners affected, it's serious," he said.

Cabe and Beale said weather events like last week's rains are the reason why flood ordinances are important and have been adopted in the county.

"People need to be reminded and educated about the dangers of flooding and reminded that the lives of homeowners and EMS crews are put at risk during times like that," said Beale.

Commissioners said that Arthur Drake Road — a private road the state, town of Franklin and county — doesn't have the jurisdiction to improve, showed how serious a flooding problem can be.

The road serves 39 homes, about 200 people and because it sits below the river, it often floods. Last week, the only way EMS crews could get to a victim was by boat and via a dirt road on four-wheelers that connected to Arthur Drake Road.

Since property owners won't give rights-of-way, the state won't take it over to improve it, nor will the county.

However, Monday night commissioner agreed that something has to be done so real tragedy is avoided next time. The issue will

be discussed further at an upcoming commission meeting.

**Child Support**

Also discussed were changes initiated by the state during its final budget hearing, turning over Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Program to the counties.

As of July 1, 2010, Macon County through its DSS Department will be responsible for the enforcement aspects of the program.

Macon County DSS Director Jane Kimsey said the CSE program was established in Congress in 1975 to ensure both parents are responsible for the support of their children to the best of their ability.

The CSE program provides CSE services to the custodians of minor children regardless of income level. CSE agents help locate non-custodial parents, establish paternity of the children and petition the court to order child support payments.

Once a court order has been established, incoming child support payments are received by the state centralized collections operation in Raleigh, which manages the

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Another thing that bothered the Iranians, was Iran's status as an International piranha. Both because of their unwillingness to deal on the nuclear issue and also due to the rhetoric against Israel which has traditionally been off the scope of the Iranian interest. Iran's interests are in the Persian Gulf not the Israeli-Arab dispute.

So some of the revolution's original leaders, came out publicly against Ahmadinejad's re-election. Some clerics even agreed saying this is not the Iranian Republic as envisioned, it's a corrupt regime driving Iran into the ground. But the election machinery was in the hands of the hardliners. The Council of Guardians has to vet the candidates for president — they decide who can run. But having said that, once you have a slate of candidates, the elections were recognized by the Iranian people to be pretty open and fair. But what happened was Khamenei and hardliners were getting so worried about the dissatisfaction with Ahmadinejad that if they could

stage a landslide election for him, no one could challenge him. We all saw the result. People went into the streets.

So why was the reaction so strong?

Identity, social justice and nationalism were the original reasons for the revolution.

The reformers want to affirm Iran's identity as containing Persian and Islamic heritage which carries a lot of real life meaning for the Iranians. The Persians were known as Internationalists. They were highly respected for their culture, so people who want to regain this Persian identity are the people who want to engage again in the world and become part of the International community. That means a lot.

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You wonder why I'm skeptical?

Because this august body, on whom the survival of world depends, on the same day the master spoke, they allowed Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, the world-class nutcake, to babble on for an hour and a half, slightly exceeding the 15 minutes he was allotted to speak. If that isn't proof that they have nothing whatsoever to do, I don't know what is.

I couldn't believe that Fox News stuck with the entire diatribe. Qaddafi's voice, and that of the translator, was a vexation to my spirit, so I muted the thing. From time to time, I'd glance up to see if he was through, and he is so ugly I finally had to turn the channel in deference to my nervous system. And my digestive system.

I know I'm not very kind to BO, but I sure have to give him credit for energy. Good grief, the man is ubiquitous. He isn't really everywhere at once, it just seems that way. That quality is reserved for the president, who really is. The UN one day, the G20 the next, there is no stopping the man. The problem is, with all the speaking engagements he makes, he can't possibly write his own material. Who writes this stuff? As we are finding out, with the exception of a few of us, nobody knew diddly about him before he was elected. We still don't know for sure what he's about because he seems to have fluid thoughts about almost everything. I expect the circles under Rahm Emanuel's eyes are getting deeper with each speech. That's a comforting thought.

In my digging into Emanuel's current wrongdoings, I came across a number of blogs claiming he's 4' 11" tall. I can't substantiate that fact, but he does look like a little squirt (in stature only). What I could substantiate is that he graduated from the Evanston School of Ballet. Who wudda thunk it? I have also heard that he trained with the Israeli Mossad, but cannot find that to be conclusive. Enough of him.

As I write this, various healthcare reform bills are under construction, under scrutiny and under debate. Acrimony reigns. On another front, it was learned that Iran has a previously secret second



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uranium enrichment plant. The "powers that be" are standing back and awaiting response to their "sharp statements deploring the huge developments." Oh yeah, they've got Ahmadinejad shaking in his sandals.

While the UN was waving their many resolutions in his face for the last few years, he was building and operating a new plant. Their "sharp statements" are going to do it all right. The only sharp statement I'm interested in is the one Benjamin Netanyahu makes on the subject. I'm guessing the Jews are the only ones with guts enough to stop this madman.

Crowds of protestors are throwing rocks at the cops in Pittsburgh and the cops are firing back with tear gas and rubber bullets. They are protesting the G20 meeting. The wifey asks, "what exactly are they protesting, anyway?" You know, I haven't heard boo on that subject and frankly, I don't care. If they have to protest something, why don't these folks jump on the bus and go down to the Mexican border and protest the drug runners zipping back and forth? Oh, what am I thinking? Where would they get their "inspiration" if the drug traffic ceased?

Meanwhile, law enforcement at all levels is dealing with several bomb threats that are popping up all over the place. At last count, there were four separate investigations going on simultaneously.

**THIS JUST IN** – From the New York Post. "After struggling to turn Khadafy's (they spell it differently than Wikipedia) insane ramblings at the UN into English for 75 minutes, the Lybyan dictator's personal interpreter got lost in translation. 'I just can't take it anymore,' Khadafy's interpreter shouted into the live microphone – in Arabic. At that point, the UN's Arabic section chief took over and translated the final 20 minutes of the speech. "His interpreter just collapsed – this is the first time I have seen this in 25 years,' another UN Arabic interpreter told The Post. And I thought I took it hard.

Meanwhile, the Wall Street Journal reports, "A tiny car company backed by former Vice President Al Gore has just gotten a \$529 million U. S. government loan to help build a hybrid sports car in Finland that will sell for about \$89,000."

How nice for them. I'm sure the folks in Michigan are thrilled.

And finally, from my favorite news source, the LA Times, the ever-reliable

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As of Sept. 15, 2009, Macon County has approximately 1,000 CSE cases with two assigned state Child Support Agents located at the Macon County Department of Social Services.

As per the General Assembly's 2009 Budget Appropriations Act and effective July 1, 2010, each Child Support Enforcement offices being administered by the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Social Services will be administered by county government.

Luckily, the federal government will reimburse Macon County 66% of its expenses associated with the program which is expected to cost about \$300,000.

After much research and computation, Kimsey and her staff determined that it would cost the county about \$25,000 less to incor-

porate the new program in the DSS department rather than entering into a privatized contract.

For privatization to be cost effective upwards of 5,000 cases are necessary — Macon County has 1,000 and can handle another 500 cases before it would have to hire another person in the CSE department.

Though child support payments are collected in Raleigh all the monies are sent back to the county for disbursement.

The board voted unanimously to designate DSS to be the county's official Child Support Enforcement agency.

### Housing Weatherization

Rick Norton, with the housing rehabilitation program announced that thanks to the Federal Stimulus package, the county is poised to receive \$427,000 — \$213,500 now and \$213,500, 15 months from now — for weatherization projects in the county.

The money can be used to make weatherization-type repairs using duct work, weath-

er-stripping, foam, caulk, and windows but only if they're broken.

After an energy audit is conducted, crews will determine the best way to alleviate air leaks, or heat loss or gain. A preliminary cap of about \$1,250 per house including materials and labor has been established which means about 90 homes can be made weather-tight in the 30-month period of the program.

Norton said though it is great to get the stimulus money, the county's regular weatherizing program was cut in half.

He estimates 52 homes will be repaired over the next year with the rest to follow. Funds will be reimbursed to the county as they are spent — usually within 30 days.

### CareNet

Though the CareNet missed the deadline to apply for Community Funding Pool funds, last month commissioners instructed CareNet representatives to return to the board once commissioners learned if CareNet could be given funds by the pool.

Monday night, Beale reported that though CareNet is considered a worthwhile organization, the Community Funding Pool didn't think it would be fair to give it funds when other organizations which applied had been denied.

"We have had an overwhelming demand for food and assistance," said Vanessa Bailey, Executive Administrator of CareNet.

In August of 2008, CareNet dispersed 10,000 pounds of food. In August of 2009, it dispersed 18,000 pounds of food — up 59 families from last year.

"All of 2008 we spent \$22,000 and through August 2009 we've already spent \$27,000," she said.

Commissioner Beale said the demand is unprecedented in Macon County. "These people at CareNet are on the front lines of helping the people in Macon County."

He and Commissioner Bob Simpson suggested either giving the group the \$5,000

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restrict freedom of speech in the freest medium for speech that has yet been devised. The mainstream media ought to feel a chill wind blowing from D.C. They ought to be up in arms. But they aren't.

A dog that has been whipped often enough will tuck its tail between its legs, lower its head, and accept the next whipping as just the way things are. The whipped pups of the MSM are either too tied, too defeated, or simply too corrupt on the subject of freedom of speech, to object.

How sad. Julius Genachowski is, based on his actions, unfit to hold any position at the FCC, including emptying the wastebaskets. He should certainly not be holding any position with policy implications for the First Amendment. But, we cannot hold just the Obama Administration to task for nominating this abomination as Chair of the FCC. We must blame the Senate of the US which confirmed him, and every Senator who voted for him, for not pursuing the writings and speeches by our Julius that showed his dictatorial tendencies.

American freedom, if it is lost, will be lost by degrees. Abraham Lincoln made that point. So did Thomas Jefferson. And George Washington. If there are defenders of the First Amendment in the house, please stand up now. If there are none, will the last journalist to leave the Internet please turn out the lights.

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it requested or giving its equivalent in food, if the county could find an inexpensive source, perhaps by piggybacking on the Macon County School system's Child Nutrition program.

However, at the request of Commissioner Jim Davis, who was not at the meeting, Commissioner Brian McClellan asked that the decision be tabled until the next meeting October 12 at 6 p.m., when both Commissioners Davis and Bobby Koppers were present. Only three commissioners were in attendance Monday night.

**Cancer in Macon County**

Macon County Health Department representative Jennifer Hollifield and Bonnie Pace from Angel Medical Center were also on hand to update the board on the "Ladies Night Out" program.

Health officials are banking on the "ladies" of the houses in Macon County to get the word out about cancer prevention by attending monthly education programs the fourth Tuesday of each month at Angel Hospital at 6:30 p.m.

"We're going to make this educational and fun," they said. "And each month will have a different focus," they said.

October's meeting will focus on breast and cervical cancer; November will focus on influenza prevention and December will focus on healthy holiday eating.

Through grant funding, the group hopes

the educational programs will segue into screenings. They said there is a program set up for the poor and uninsured but there is a big slice of society called "the working poor" which makes too much money to qualify for those programs and who don't have insurance.

"It's through donations and grant funds we hope to be able to service them," they said.

A typical mammogram costs \$200 including the screening and the reading by a doctor. So far, Ladies Night Out has received \$1,800 in donations from citizens and organizations in Macon County toward mammogram screenings.

They said statistics show that this year 265 people in Macon County will be told they have cancer, 41 of those will have breast cancer and seven of those will die from the disease.

"Breast cancer is the most curable and detectable cancer with our new digital mammography machine," said Pace. "We want those seven women to live and we want this program to give them the tools they need to be healthy people."

If interested in donating to the program, contact Jennifer Hollifield at the MC Health Department.

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preserving your arteries. Insulin pumps and pancreatic transplants won't be provided for everyone with diabetes. Perhaps only those with Type I, or childhood onset diabetes will be afforded aggressive treatment. That means it's time to lose weight and eat a healthier diet to prevent the onset of Type II diabetes.

Americans pride themselves on their independence. We want our guns to combat shenanigans on the part of the gov-

ernment. Many of us oppose legislation requiring the use of motorcycle helmets or seat belts. I'm not the first to tell you that with freedom comes responsibility. We'd best not rely on socialized medicine to cure all the ills of our population. Instead, each of us should take steps to reduce our dependence on medical care, be it private or government.

  
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and functions," wrote Bennett in a statement. "Therefore, I have notified Chairman Jim Breedlove that I will resign my position at the conclusion of the October 26 school board meeting when my commitments to extra meetings will end."

"I will always be appreciative of the opportunity I was given to continue to serve children after 34 years of teaching. After much thought and effort, I realize that no matter how strong the commitment or difficult the decision, it is sometimes necessary to move forward when compromise is not an option."

Superintendent Dan Brigman said he was notified of Bennett's resignation both by email and by a written statement delivered to his office on Wednesday.

"In the event a member resigns from the Board of Education, the board must select someone to fill the vacancy created by such resignation.

"Once a resignation is received, the full board, with the support of legal counsel, will discuss potential candidates to be considered to fill the vacancy until the next general election," said Brigman.

from the history guy....

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newsmaker, current VP Joe Biden, was making a campaign visit (fundraiser) for three freshman Democratic House candidates in Virginia when he did what he does. "These guys are smart," Biden asserted. "Some of the guys Chuck Robb and I have campaigned for are turkeys. Not all Democrats are created equal, while most Republicans are." WHAT?? Who knows what he's talking about? Who cares?

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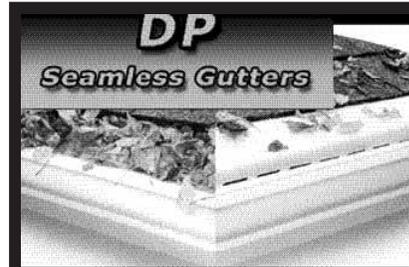
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# Planning Board takes crack at hefty agenda Monday night

The main thing to come out of this week's Planning Board meeting concerned the Temporary Planned Development Sign Ordinance.

Last month, several Realtors asked the Town Board to consider a special sign ordinance for subdivisions under development to help them market them.

Before deciding, the Town Board sent the ordinance request to the Planning Board. The planning staff researched how other municipalities handle special signage requests – namely, Chapel Hill, Asheville and Charlotte in North Carolina as well as Roswell, GA and Winter Park, FL. The Planning Board accepted the draft proposed by staff and agreed to send it back to the Town Board for approval.

In the ordinance a Temporary Planned Development Sign is a sign that pertains to the development of a new subdivision, planned multi-family development, planned shopping center, industrial, office or business park, or similar land parcel where an active building and development program is underway.

Only one sign per street front of the development is allowed and there has to be a minimum of 80 feet of street frontage to be

applicable.

The sign can't be more than 24 square feet; signs 10 feet from the edge of the pavement can have one face; signs greater than 10 feet from the edge of the pavement can have up to two faces; the maximum height is 10 feet; signs must be kept in good structural and aesthetic condition with chipped or faded paint, broken material, missing letters or general rundown condition, not acceptable.

A cap of five years was put on the amount of time a temporary development sign can be up or for Single-Family and Multi-Family residential subdivisions, Temporary Planned Development Signs must be removed within 30 days after 90 percent of the certificates of occupancy have been granted.

For other planned developments, the signs must be removed within 30 days after issuance of certificates of occupancy for 60 percent of the units are issued.

Specifically, the board suggested to allow Woodcrest one, single-sided sign 15 sq. ft., allow Satulah and Old Highlands Park one single-sided sign, 20 sq. ft., to allow Town Place, two, single-sided signs 16 sq. ft., for a total of 32 sq. ft., to allow RiverWalk, one, single-sided sign 24 sq. ft., to allow Gates of

Highlands one single-sided and one double-sided sign, 15 sq. ft. and 32 sq. ft. respectively, for a total of 79 sq. ft., and Tug Wa Ridge, one, single-sided sign, 24 sq. ft.

A temporary sign permit must be

obtained from the town's zoning administrator and the application must be reviewed by the town's appearance commission before the permit is issued.

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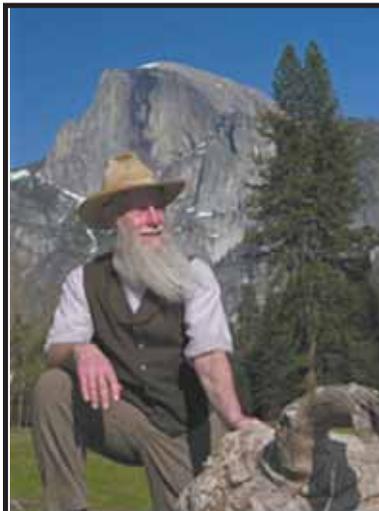


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Double Radius focuses on WISPs, municipalities, service providers, telecommunication companies and utility companies.

Under their plan, they say Double Radius could deliver wireless to every resident at 1-5 MB of bandwidth; including 2,600 residents plus businesses in the coverage area and can overcome the current limited options available in the Highlands area.

They suggest delivering free public Internet via Wi-Fi to the downtown area at 1 MB bandwidth with no requirements for concurrent users.

Before any of this can take place, a site survey is required of the coverage area which will entail running a spectrum analyzer to collect RF noise, setup radios to test preliminary design, test it by using JPERF and two laptops, calculate the results, and build a final project plan and estimate for the Town Board.

They are suggesting configuring a canopy system with point-to-point and point-to-master point utilizing clusters, modules and antenna.

They are suggesting erecting towers, as well as attaching small mechanisms and reflector dishes on buildings throughout town to create redundancy within the network.

Placement of towers is suggested at Dog Mountain, Brushy Face, Satulah, and Big Bear Pen.

“Multiple point-to-point links will be used to connect each tower along with Town Hall,” they said.

Commissioners asked if the system would be affected by weather – inclement and wind — but they said minimally.

Rain, snow, hail can create problems

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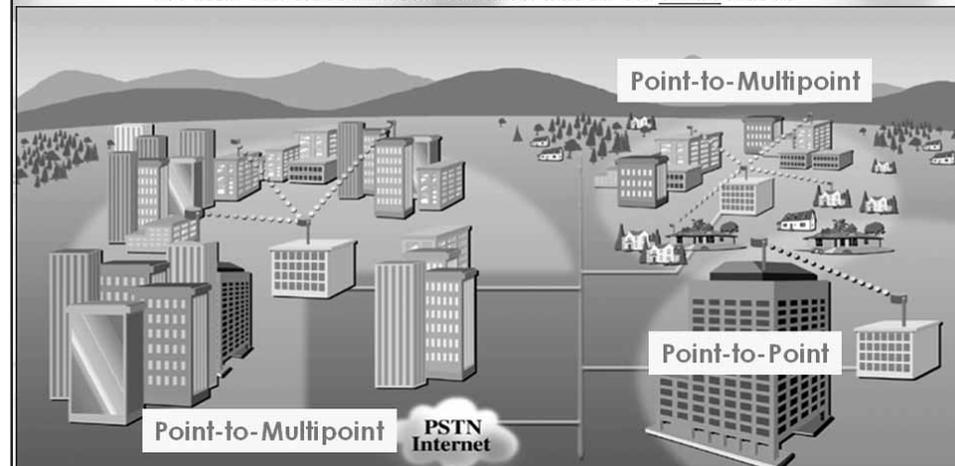
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# Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust annual awards picnic

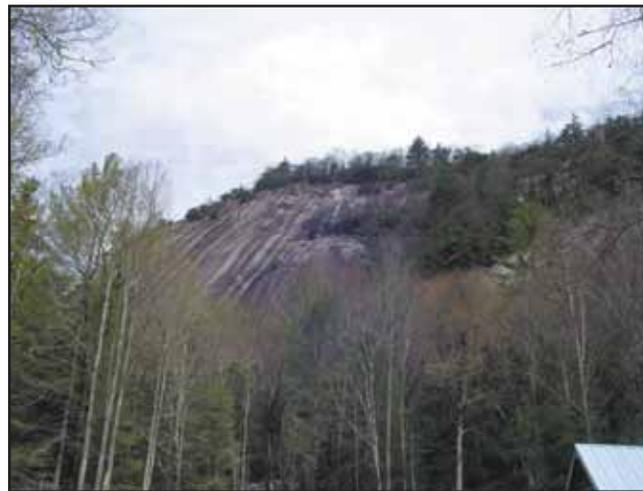
In late December, 2008, Highlands Mayor Dr. Don Mullen very graciously signed a proclamation that 2009 be declared the "Year of Land Conservation" in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first land purchase of the summit of Satulah Mountain made by the predecessor organization of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, the Highlands Improvement Society, in 1909. Subsequently the Jackson County Commission granted the Highlands-Cashiers the same honor in early 2009. HCLT accepted these honors not only as a tribute, but as a challenge to work even harder to protect the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau for future generations.

Judging by the results of the land protection celebrated at the annual awards event held on September 17, that challenge has been realized. Six properties were put into conservation easements with HCLT. Among those is the James E. Warren Estate, a 132 tract in Jackson County near the Chattooga River. This property protects ecologically significant rock outcrop communities and view sheds of Timber Ridge and Whiteside Mountain. It is historically significant in that it is a portion of the original land grant of Barak Norton, the first pioneer in this area. The conservation easement was donated by Warren's children, John and Marsha Warren; Sally and Dick Hammond; Jimmy and April Inman Warren; Byron Brooks; and Mary Elizabeth Mulee.

The Sapphire Sanctuary conservation easement is a 50 acre tract in Jackson County that protects the headwaters of Little Hogback Creek. The site is nestled between Little Hogback Mountain and Bald Rock Mountain. The easement was donated by Bob Bryan.

Greg and Amanda Gregory added another 23 acres to their original easement making it a total of 45 acres conserved. This additional easement adds protection to streams draining into Buck Creek and adds buffer lands along the Nantahala National Forest.

The Mountain conservation easement includes 82 acres in Macon County on Little Scaly Mountain protecting the lands



of the Mountain Retreat Center that offers national programs focusing on Appalachian culture, music and heritage. The site includes a 400 year old dwarf white oak forest that is very rare.

The Big Creek Tract conservation easement is small but has great conservation value. The 3 acre tract protects a portion of the drinking water supply for the town of Highlands and contains almost the entire reach of a small stream that flows into Big Creek. The easement was donated by Sarah and Robert Fenton.

Doubletop Mountain is a 62 acre easement located in Jackson County near the Tuckasegee River. It protects the headwaters of Woods Branch that flows into the river. The site is home to cedar cliffs, a habitat where acidic cliffs support many rare plant and animal species. The easement was donated by John Bemby, Carlton, Duggan, Robert Duggan, James Jeter and Phillip Smith.

In addition to the lands put into conservation easements, HCLT also received three tracts of land in donation. R. B. Haynes donated approximately 4 acres located on Satulah Mountain

contiguous to the HCLT property holdings. Called the Eskrigge Beautiful View, it is located just south of World's End. This land was originally owned by the Eskrigge Family, an early settler who was a cotton broker from New Orleans. Home to some steep slopes and an oak forest this property contains the headwaters of Clear Creek.

Wycliffe and Marie Haynes donated Eskrigge Creekside, a 7 acre site located along a branch of Clear Creek and old Walhala Road in Highlands on the slopes of Satulah Mountain. This tract also adjoins the original holdings by HCLT on Satulah. Both of the Eskrigge donations expand the Satulah Mountain holdings to nearly 90 acres of conserved land.

Eleven acres of land located along Highway 28 just south of Highlands protects 600 feet of Clear Creek and will permanently provide a forested greenspace along 1000 feet along Highway 28 which is one of the main entrances into the town of Highlands. This donation will prevent commercial development along the corridor entering the town. The donors were Griffin and Glenda Bell; John McKey; Steward and Joanne Crane; James and Jon Swann; Joseph and Terrell Clark; Kathleen Brooks; and Sarah Drake.

All conservation easement donors and land donors were awarded turned bowls by Don Krebbs in appreciation for their conservation efforts. A picnic was enjoyed by 110 members of HCLT attending the awards event held at the Bascom on September 17. Music was provided by the Cashiers Music Company. The event was partially underwritten by Macon Bank and the Cullasaja Women's Organization. HCLT wishes to thank the Bascom for allowing the use of their beautiful facility for this annual event.

It has been a busy "Year of Land Conservation" for HCLT and 11 additional projects are in progress for future land protection. It is estimated that HCLT will more than double the acreage of protected lands during this year. Thanks to you and your support, HCLT enters a new century of saving special places on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau.

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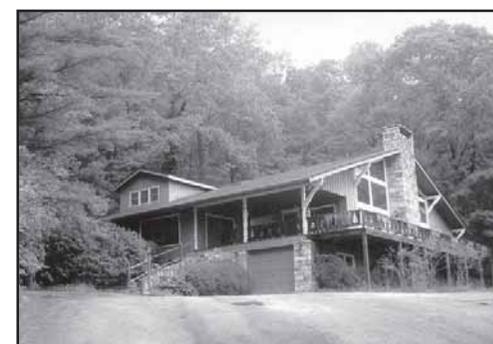
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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

Middle schooler Ryan Vinson during the Blue Ridge game this week. Highlands won.



Photo by Noel Atherton

**Highlands high school soccer takes 2 of 3 after the monsoon**

**By Ryan Potts**  
 After having several games postponed due to the recent heavy rainfall, there was some concern about shaking off the rust that bad weather can bring. I asked junior captain Cord Strawn about the layoff, and he said that "we still were able to practice indoors, and that helps a bit, but it is not the same as being outside." "It took us a little while to get started" (this week), said Strawn, "but once we got going and got it together we took care of business."  
 The Highlander soccer team did get it going this week, winning two of three games in a six day span to improve their overall record to 5-3. Wednesday the Highlanders defeated the Tallulah Falls Indians 4-1 behind the strength of two goals from senior captain Will Mathowdis. Junior Michael Shearl and sophomore Clayton Creighton

also scored goals for the Highlanders.  
 On Thursday, the Highlanders made the long trek to Madison County, where they lost 1-0 in a dogfight that was as close as the final score. Monday, Highlands hosted local rival Blue Ridge at Zachary Field and prevailed 8-2. Clayton Creighton provided a hat trick against the Bobcats, and Michael Shearl also scored twice in the blowout victory. Andrew Renfro, Isaac Beavers and Robbie Vanderbilt all added goals for the Highlanders.  
 Highlands will look for revenge today as the host the Madison Patriots at Zachary Field with kickoff at 6PM. Next Wednesday, the Highlanders will host Hayesville in what is shaping up to be a very important conference matchup, so come out and support your Highlanders!

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Besides towers erected at Dog Mountain, Big Bear Pen, Satulah and Brushy Face, modules and dishes would be attached to buildings in the downtown area to "catch" signals.



beginning at 10 GHz but because the system canopy is 5.2 and 5.7 GHz, the effects of weather are negligible, they said.

They said the point-to-point system is affective up to 30 miles which is beneficial because it allows users to get service further out, especially in the mountains because the signals go up and down not across.

As far as security goes, they said the canopy system provides multiple layers of security including authentication, proprietary protocols and is approved by banking, hospitality, education and government agencies.

Double Radius representatives suggested setting up a temporary pilot program to best evaluate the effectiveness and performance of the proposed network.

"We suggest setting up one of the proposed towers along with 100 home subscribers and running the system for a few months to get real world data and feedback from home users on the network," they said. "This will give town employees responsible for the system to ease into it and become familiar with it."

It's estimated the pilot program would cost the town about \$50,000 and would enable the town to know if such a utility service would be beneficial all the way around.

Before the town jumps in, commissioners asked Double Radius to "bring them the numbers."

- Kim Lewicki

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Also on Monday night's agenda was the proposed stormwater ordinance, but the board agreed to schedule a worksession with McGill Engineering and the Town Board to discuss the ordinance.

The Parking/Circulation study and the Unified Development Code were also discussed at length but since the parking study is only considered a guiding document for the town at this time, no hard and fast rules were made. However, the group discussed using Maple Street as the truck route by-pass. They also agreed there should be a unified sign system in town. The United Methodist Church's asked that its request for B1 conditional zoning was tabled until the next meeting, so it wasn't discussed.

Discussion of a proposed Abandoned/ Derelict Structures Ordinance got nowhere, as several members of the board didn't think

it was right for the town to tell property owners what to do with their property. The next Planning Board meeting is Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m.

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- Nantahala Tennis Club at the Rec Park, six days a week at 9 a.m. Public invited.

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

## Sundays

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

- Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasa-

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

## Mon., Wed., & Thurs.

- Yoga On The Mat. New location. The Episcopal Church of Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. M/W @ 7:30 a.m.; Thurs. @10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128 10/29.

## 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

- Clogging Lessons at the Rec Park. 5 p.m. Leather shoes recommended and tap shoes can be ordered. For more information, call Joyce Doerter at 877-6618. \$30/mth. 9/26

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

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

## Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Zumba Classes at the Rec Park. Aerobic/dance/toning. No dance experience necessary. One-hour. \$5/class. Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30, Thursdays, 8-9 am. and 1 p.m. Thursdays at Cashiers Rec Park. Call Mary K. Barbour at 828-342-2498. 9/26

## Wednesdays

- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at Ruka's Table at 163 Main Street in Wright Square in Highlands at 7:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome. If you are new to the Highlands area we invite you to join us for breakfast and our meeting.

- 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.

## 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

- NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will have a support group meeting the first and third Thursday of each month. It is for people coping with serious mental illnesses (bipolar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, panic disorder, etc) and/or their family members. We also do advocacy and educational programs. 486 W. Palmer St., Franklin, NC, 7- 8 p.m., with snacks afterwards. For information contact Carole Light, Ph.D. at 828-526-9769 or Ann Nanda at 828-369-7385

## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays

- Community Drum Circle at the Highlands Rec Park, from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information call 421-0551.

## Fridays & Saturdays

- At Fressers Eatery, Cy Timmons live from 6 p.m.

- Hal Phillips on piano from 7- 9:30 pm at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.

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

## Fridays & Sundays

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

## Every Third Saturday

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

## Every Fourth Saturday

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

## Ruby Cinema

Hwy. 441, Franklin, NC  
524-2076

### October 2-8 NEW OPERATING HOURS

#### ZOMBIELAND

rated R

Fri: 4:30, 7:20, 9:30

Sat: 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30

Sun: 2:20, 4:30, 7:20

Mon + Wed: 4:30, 7:20

Tues + Thurs: 2:20, 4:30, 7:20

#### SURROGATES

rated PG-13

Fri: 4:20, 7:10, 9:20

Sat: 2:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:20

Sun: 2:10, 4:20, 7:10

Mon + Wed: 4:20, 7:10

Tues + Thurs: 2:10, 4:20, 7:10

#### FAME

rated PG

Fri: 4:15, 7:05, 9:15

Sat: 2:05, 4:15, 7:05, 9:15

Sun: 2:05, 4:15, 7:05

Mon + Wed: 4:15, 7:05

Tues + Thurs: 2:05, 4:15, 7:05

### CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS

in 3-D rated PG

Fri: 4, 7, 9

Sat: 2, 4, 7, 9

Sun: 2, 4, 7

Mon + Wed: 4, 7

Tues + Thurs: 2, 4, 7

## Tickets still available for hospital auxiliary Wildflower Quilt Raffle

Winner to be  
announced at the  
Highlands Own Craft  
Show Saturday, Oct. 10



Tickets are still available for this year's edition of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary Wildflower Quilt, which will be raffled off at the upcoming Highlands Own Craft Festival on Oct. 10.

In fact, members of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary will be selling chances on the quilt from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of Bryson's Food Store in Highlands for the next two Saturdays (Sept. 26 & Oct. 1).

This year's edition of quilt, which has become a Highlands tradition sponsored by the Auxiliary, is already on display in the lobby at Bank of America in Highlands. As in the past, the quilt is the combined handiwork of local quilter Hazel Miller and a number of local embroiders who actually stitch the wildflowers onto each

of the 36 panels. And as in the past, the drawing for the much sought after heirloom will take place at the Highlands Own Craft Show, scheduled for on Saturday, Oct. 10 at the Highlands Recreation Park.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. In addition to special booths at Bryson's, tickets can also be purchased from auxiliary members in Highlands, Cashiers, Scaly Mountain, and Sky Valley, at Bank of America, or the hospital gift shop Monday through Friday.

Once again at this year's craft show, auxiliary members will be selling jars of their much-prized herb rice mixture. The product comes in two special mixes, one for beef and one for chicken, and is accompanied by a recipe with cooking instructions.

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### Saturdays

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

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

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.

### Thursdays

• ZUMBA classes at the Highlands Rec Park. Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays 8 a.m. Classes are one hour long and cost \$5 per class. Also at the Cashiers Community Center at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 342-2498 for more information.

### Through Sept. 30

• Art class "Dyeing Yarn and Fiber," by Carol Singletary, will be held at The Bascom in Highlands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$150 for the general public and \$125 for Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Through Oct. 10

• Exhibition *Cat Chow: Beyond Fiber Art* in the Loft Gallery at The Bascom. Admission is free. The Bascom is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (828) 526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Through Oct. 17

• Exhibition *Southern Landscapes by Lamar Dodd and Will Henry Stevens* in the Main Gallery at The Bascom. Admission is free. The Bascom is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (828) 526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Through Oct. 30

• *Dave Russell: Stacked Stone*

*Sculpture*, an outdoor exhibition, on display at The Bascom. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org)

### Thurs., Oct. 1-Fri., Oct. 2

• Art class "Traditional Sock Knitting on Four Needles," by Carol Singletary, will be held at The Bascom in Highlands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$135 for the general public and \$120 for Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Thursday, Oct. 1

• Taize service at Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m.

• Rotary Bingo featuring the Cub Scouts, 6:30-8:30 at the Community Building. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games. While each game's prize depends upon the number of players, most Bingo games pay \$40-\$70 with game 15 being some

serious money.

### Fri.-Sun., Oct. 2-4

• There will be revival services at the Scaly Mountain Church of God at 290 Buck Knob Road in Scaly on Friday-Sunday. The special evangelist is Rev. Bill Sheeks from Cleveland, Tennessee. Services will be at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. The pastor, Al Sizemore and the congregation welcome everyone to attend.

### Fri. & Sat., Oct. 2-3

• Annual Autumn Leaves festival to benefit The Bascom. Friday features a gala dinner and auction at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn (\$225). Saturday features a casual party at The Bascom (\$35). For information or tickets, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves](http://www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves).

### Friday, Oct 2

• The High Mountain Squares will

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## 'Great party' slated for this weekend's Autumn Leaves to benefit The Bascom Final tickets on sale now

Final tickets are on sale now for The Bascom's Autumn Leaves festivities, held this Friday and Saturday, Oct. 2 and 3.

The event features two nights of fun with two very different feels, and all proceeds benefit the nonprofit art exhibition and education programming at The Bascom.

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

Saturday, Oct. 3, from 5-8 p.m. is the community Autumn Leaves Party, featuring live bluegrass band The Grass Roots Revue, barbecue from the soon-to-open Highlands Smokehouse, beer and wine, art demonstrations, a silent auction, a marketplace sale and more. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-12, and free for children under age five. Free babysitting is also available at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, but reservations are required. Call the church at (828) 526-2968 to make reservations.

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

"It's a great way to end 'high season' in Highlands no matter the type of party you like — a dressy gala dinner or a down-home blue-jeans event," said Beth Nellis, event chair. "Come on out, have fun, bid on some terrific auction items, and know that your donation is supporting the visual arts right here in Western North Carolina."

Those who cannot attend are urged to make absentee bids. Forms and a listing of auction items are available at [www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves](http://www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves), or stop by The Bascom and pick up a bid form at 323 Franklin Road, Highlands.

Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn & Spa as presenting sponsor, ZWJ Investments as gold sponsor, Donna Laird Graphic Design, Franklin Ford/Moss Robertson Cadillac, Highlands' Newspaper, The Hillside Shops at Cashiers Village, InMed, The Laurel magazine, The Shoptaw Group, and Zeke and Earl's Hot Dog Stand.

For tickets, purchase online at [www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves](http://www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves) or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 4. Tickets to the Oct. 3 event will also be sold at the door.

# Highlands Arts & Crafts Show

## 27th Annual HIGHLANDS ARTS & CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2009  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**at the  
Highlands Civic Center & Rec. Park  
Highway 64 East - Highlands, NC**

**Sponsored by:  
Highlands Woman's Club  
Highlands Recreation Department**

**Breakfast & Lunch will be available**

**FREE Admission FREE Parking**

## Highlands Emergency Council News

### Fuel Application Dates are:

Sept. 29 – 10 1.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 1 – 10 1.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 6 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Oct. 8 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Applicants must sign up in person at the Highlands Emergency Council office located at 71 Poplar Street in Highlands.

No phone sign-up is allowed.

Must meet low-income guidelines and have proof of income.

Fuel funds will be dispersed when they become available.

Application will be accepted and reviewed; there is no guarantee of assistance.

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dance this Friday night, Oct 2nd at the Macon County Community Building in route 441 South from 7-9 PM. Willis Cook from Carnesville 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, 706-782-0943.

- This Pampered Chef Party is a fundraiser for team May-BiBi 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church. Call Jennifer Schmitt to register, 526-5244. May-BiBi is a team of 7 ladies from Highlands that are participating in the Breast Cancer 3-Day, a 60 mile walk to help fight breast cancer and find a cure! The team members are required to raise \$\$\$ before the walk. They are walking in Arizona this year. The walk is November 13-15 in the Phoenix area. Please come out to support May-BiBi, shop for incredible kitchen objects, enjoy delicious food, and Christmas is just around the corner!

### **Fri., & Sat., Oct. 2-3**

- At Vivace ...on the hill (S. 4th Street) Trunk show. Fall and Holiday Jewelry collection. Louise Abrams of Birmingham, AL, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Sat. & Sun., Oct. 3-4**

- Macon AeroModelers will hold our annual Fly In on Saturday and Sunday at its flying field on Tessentee Road in beautiful suburban Otto. A gourmet BBQ is available. For information call Gerry Doubleday at 526 - 8414 or Gonzo Wilson at 524 - 1281.

### **Saturday, Oct. 3**

- At the Hen House on Main Street, Fine Whines collection give-aways 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Satulah Club's White Elephant Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- At Greenleaf Gallery, 12 noon – 5pm Artist Bev Rambo and Photographer Sally Ross will be at 177 Main St. in Wrights Square. Light Refreshments.

- Fall 2009 Gorge Road Cleanup at 8 a.m. at the Chamber of Commerce/Visitor Center. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. To sign up call 526-5841.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4-mile moderate hike on the old Glade Road to several rock "houses"— large boulders with overhanging ledges — that once provided temporary shelter for Indians and early settlers. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch; wear study shoes. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

### **Sunday, Oct. 4**

- The Annual Blessing of the Animals is at 4:30 PM at the Highlands Nature Center Amphitheater.

- Church of the Good Shepherd will have an 11 a.m. Blessing of the Animals and Holy Eucharist at the Village Green

in Cashiers (if it rains it is off) so animals lovers can attend both events and both animals and owners will be doubled blessed!

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5 mile hike to a rock outcrop overlooking Betty Creek with views to Standing Indian Mtn. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 2 p.m. Drive 50 miles roundtrip or call leader, Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for an alternate meeting place and for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- Otto Community Blood Drive at the Otto Community Center (Hwy 441 South) 12:30 pm to 5 pm. Please call 524-3473 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will automatically be entered into a drawing for one of three pairs of Delta Air Lines domestic tickets!

### **Tuesday, Oct. 6**

- Bridge and trail dedication at the Highlands Rec Park at 10:30 a.m. All are invited.

- Grand-Rounds Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Tour. Open to the public, the

morning sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. and include a complimentary breakfast. In addition to getting a in-depth look at hospital facilities, the events provide participants with a chance to meet and chat with some of the hospital's many physicians before touring the facility. For more information about the Grand Rounds Tour series please call 526 1434.

### **Thurs., Oct. 8**

- The October meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club is at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at the Blue Ridge School. Listen to WHLC (104.5 FM) at 5 PM for cancellation due to weather. Visit our web site at [www.wncwoodturners.com/](http://www.wncwoodturners.com/)

### **Fri. & Sat., Oct. 9-10**

- The Glenville Community will feature a variety of activities during the The Leaf Festival of Cashiers Valley Boat tours of Lake Glenville sponsored by Signal Ridge Marina with tour guides provided by Friends of Lake Glenville will launch at

2 PM from the Signal Ridge Marina on Friday and 10AM and 2 PM on Saturday. An Art Fair featuring local artists opens on Friday under the tent at the Glenville Community Development Club (GCDC) grounds on Highway 107 across from the Glenville Post Office. Woodcarvers, oil painters, watercolorists, stained glass artisans and rustic furniture designers are among the arts and crafters planning to show their wares. Quilting, lacemaking and other handiwork booths will be housed inside the GCDC Clubhouse. On Friday the Glenville VFW, a GCDC neighbor, will open their well supplied Pumpkin Patch with all sizes of pumpkins for purchase. Woodturner demonstrations will also be featured on the VFW site. The festivities on Saturday, October 10 kick-off with a early morning Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Tom Sawyer's Tree Farm on Lakeside Circle. On Saturday the GCDC and VFW add food and music to their offerings with hot dogs, cider, homemade goods and apples for sale. From 10 AM to 2 PM on Saturday car buffs should travel further down Highway 107 near the intersection of Pine Creek Road to JJ's BP Station and Canteen where a wide variety of cars and trucks from Glenville and Cashiers owners will be on display. For more details contact Mary Shuey, Glenville Leaf Festival Co-ordinator at 743-2143.

### **Friday, Oct. 9**

- "An Evening With John Muir" presented by the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance. Actor Lee Stetson's stirring portrayal of the adventures, passion and humor of the legendary conservationist. 7 p.m. at the Highlands Playhouse. Tickets \$30 (\$25 for JMCA members). Join us at 5:30 to rub shoulders with John Muir at the Patron's Party; wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and reserved seating included, \$80 for the entire evening, \$75 for members. Contact J-MCA at 828-526-9938 ext. 320 or [www.J-MCA.org](http://www.J-MCA.org).

- Open House and Tour at the MC Animal Control facility on 1377 Lakeside Drive from 2-4 p.m.

### **Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10-11**

- Ikebana International of Asheville will host a special exhibit as a part of the Carolina Bonsai Expo to take place at The North Carolina Arboretum in the upstairs library and lobby in the Education Center. The exhibitions are free with the parking fee of \$6 per personal vehicle at the Arboretum; For members, there is no parking charge. Contact TNCA (828-665-2492 or [www.ncarboretum.org](http://www.ncarboretum.org)) for registration info and fees for the Sunday workshop. For info about Ikebana classes and exhibitions, contact Patti Quinn Hill at 828-645-6633.

### **Saturday, Oct. 10**

- At Greenleaf Gallery, 12 noon – 4pm – Artist Sally Robbe will be demonstrat-

## Performance about John Muir at The Playhouse Friday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.



Film-maker Ken Burns poses with Lee Stetson (as John Muir) in Yosemite. Stetson portrays wilderness explorer and conservationist John Muir in Burns new documentary *Our National Parks: Americas Best Idea*. The 6 part series began airing Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> on PBS. See Stetson's stirring John Muir production at the Highlands Playhouse Fri. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Opening music performance by Thea & the Greenman. A benefit for the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance. Call 526-9938 ext. 320 for info and tickets or visit [www.j-mca.org](http://www.j-mca.org).

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ing at 177 Main St. in Wrights Square. Light refreshments.

- Highlands Arts & Crafts Show from 9-5 at the Highlands Civic Center and Rec Parik. Breakfast and Lunch available. Free Admission and free parking.

- At Whole Life Market at 10 a.m. there will be A Garden of Life's million dollar give-away to "Take the Grow Bone Challenge." The purpose is to help consumers increase bone density, increase bone strength and reduce osteoporosis risk.

- The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will state a Fall Concert at the Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. For information, call 526-9060.

### Sunday, Oct. 11

- Hymn Sing at the First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Those attending may choose a hymn from the 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal. Song leader will be Stell Huie and Angie Jenkins will play the piano.

### Monday, Oct. 12

- Art class "Figure Study Sessions with a Live Model," by Laurence Holden, will be held at The Bascom from 5 to 7 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$20/\$15 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Tuesday, Oct. 13

- At Mountain Air Wellness Center at 6 pm at The Hudson Library in Highlands Topic: 3 Ways to Prevent/Combat the Flu. For more information call us at 828-743-9070 or 828-526-3709.

### Thursdays-Sundays, Oct. 15-25

- Highlands-Cashiers Players to perform The Dining Room at PAC, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m on Sundays. Season subscriptions are on sale now at the price of \$50 for the three plays, a savings of \$10 over the price of individual tickets. Among other perks, subscribers get to make early reservations for preferred seating. Those wishing to subscribe may pick up a subscription brochure at the counter in the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street and fill out the enclosed form to mail or send a check directly to the Players' Post Office Box, 1416, Highlands NC, 28741.

### Thursday, Oct. 15

- Grand-Rounds Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Tour. Open to the public, the morning sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. and include a complimentary breakfast. In addition to getting a in-depth look at hospital faculties, the events provide participants with a chance to meet and chat with some of the hospital's many physicians before touring the facility. For more information about the Grand Rounds Tour series please call 526 1434.

- A "Pin Up and Potluck" reception will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the ground-floor Education Gallery at The Bascom in Highlands. All students who have taken a Bascom class in 2009 are invited to bring one work they have completed during their class (labeled with name, media, class, price and whether it is for sale) and pin it up on the wall. They should also bring one appetizer to share with the group. The exhibition will continue through Oct. 29. Students may retrieve their work Oct. 29-

30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Friday, Oct. 16

- Local author to discuss, sign new Atlanta history *We Were Dancing on a Volcano: Bloodlines and Fault Lines of a Star-Crossed Atlanta Family, 1849-1989*, at The Hudson Library, 3-5 p.m. Books available at the door.

### Friday, Oct. 16-Saturday, Nov. 7

- *Members Invitational* exhibition will open at The Bascom in Highlands and run through Nov. 7. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be Oct. 16 from 5-7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Fri. & Sat., Oct. 16-17

- Jewelry workshop "Introduction to Precious Metal Clay (PMC)," by Sara Sloan Stine, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$195/\$175 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Sat. & Sun., Oct 17-19

- The Art League of Highlands Fall Colors show. Painting, photography, gal-

lery tours, even poetry have filled the monthly program calendar for the Art League of Highlands. The "Summer Colors Fine Art Show" filled the Rec Park gymnasium with high quality, all original work which inspired all who saw it.

### Saturday, Oct. 17

- At Greenleaf Gallery, 12 noon – 4pm – Artist and Faux painter Kimberly Lilley will be demonstrating at 177 Main St. in Wrights Square. Light refreshments.

- Highlands School Fall Festival 5-9 p.m. at Highlands School old gym.

- The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Songwriters' Round, at High Hampton Inn in Cashiers. The evening will start with a Social at 6 p.m. serving heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The evening will benefit and is hosted by the Blue Ridge School Education Foundation. Tickets are \$60 and are available at the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce at 743 -5191 or High Hampton at 743 -2411. Corporate Sponsors are \$250, including advertising and 2 tickets. Major Sponsors are \$1,000 and up, including advertising and 6 tickets. Tickets and Sponsors may also be purchased from

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## Model airplanes to take to the skies



On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 & 4, Macon AeroModelers will hold our annual Fly In on Saturday and Sunday at its flying field on Tessentee Road in beautiful suburban Otto. A gourmet BBQ is available. For information call Gerry Doubleday at 526 - 8414 or Gonzo Wilson at 524 - 1281.

## HCCMF Concert at the Episcopal Church to feature Vega String Quartet



To cap its successful 28th season, The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will stage a Fall Concert at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 10th.

To commemorate the Bicentennial of Joseph Haydn's death, The Vega String Quartet will perform his great work, the "Seven Last Words of Christ," with local religious leaders adding their comments on each of the seven statements between each movement.

Participating religious leaders are: Reverend Brian Sullivan, Episcopal Church

of the Incarnation; Pastor Lee Willey Bowman, First Presbyterian Church; Pastor Paul Christy, Highlands United Methodist Church; Pastor Gary Hewins, Community Bible Church; Chaplain Margaret Howell, Holy Family Lutheran Church; Reverend Virginia Monroe, Church of the Good Shepherd-Cashiers; and Shelley Denham, The Mountain.

The concert is underwritten by Earle Mauldin and Debbie Davidoff.

For more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit [hc-musicfestival.org](http://hc-musicfestival.org).

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any board member: Annette Herstick, Will Madden, Lesley Madden, Cindy Fowler, Andy Shaw, Mark Jones, Chad Boswell, or Susan Waller. Come enjoy a wonderful evening starring Nashville's finest, plus help purchase technology to enhance our childrens' education and future.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 12 mile hike with an elevation change of 2750 up Mt. Le Conte via the Alum Cave Trail with a possible side trip to Myrtle Point. The climb takes 6 hours or more. Meet at the Huddle House in Dillsboro at 8 a.m. Drive 116 miles round trip. Bring plenty of water, lunch and a snack. Wear hiking boots. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations. Visitors capable of this strenuous climb are welcome but no pets please.

### Sunday, Oct. 18

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a double hike from Wayah Bald with a car shuttle to Wayah Crest. The longer 4.5 mile moderate hike will start from the lookout tower, while the shorter hike group

will drive down the road to historic Wilson Lick Ranger Station to begin an easy hike of 1.5 miles. Both hikes will wind up at Wayah Crest. Drive 35 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.

### Mon., Oct. 19-Sat., Oct. 24 & Sat., Oct. 31

- Pottery workshop "Spooky Raku: A Halloween Pottery Firing," by Patrick Taylor, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 19-24 and Oct. 31 at sundown for intermediate to advanced students. Cost is \$275/\$250 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Monday, Oct. 19-Friday, Oct. 23

- Art workshop "Classical Still Life and Floral Painting," by James Sulkowski, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$375/\$350 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Tuesday, Oct. 20

- Art class "Simple, Elegant Glass Painting," by Margie Shambaugh, will be held at The Bascom in Highlands from 1 to 3 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Create your own simple-yet-elegant hand-painted glasses and stemware. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Saturday, Oct. 24-Friday, Dec. 18

- *American Art Today, Juried Works* exhibition will open at The Bascom and run through Dec. 18. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m. The juror, Dr. Annette Blaugrund, will speak at 6 p.m. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Saturday, Oct. 24

- At Greenleaf Gallery, 11am – 4 pm — Artist Robert A. Tino 177 Main St. in Wrights Square. Light refreshments.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate six-mile hike on Bear Pen Trail along a creek to Albert Mountain for a beautiful view of fall leaves from the summit. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 24 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- Painter Jerome Grimmer will give an acrylic painting demonstration and studio talk at The Bascom from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 for the general public and \$10 for Bascom members. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Tuesday, Oct. 27

- At Mountain Air Wellness Center at 6 pm at our Cashiers office Topic: Shoulder, Elbow and Hand Health. For more information call us at 828-743-9070 or 828-526-3709.

### Friday, Oct. 30

- Macon County Library Blood Drive (149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin) 11 am to 3 pm Please call 524-3600 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will automatically be entered into a drawing for one of three pairs of Delta Air Lines domestic tickets!

### Saturday, Oct. 31

- At Greenleaf Gallery 12 noon – 5 pm – The "Leafware" Potter – Rusty Schrum-Owens at 177 Main St. in Wrights Square. Light refreshments.

- Spooky Raku, a Halloween Pottery Firing, a free community gathering and demonstration, will be held at sundown

on Halloween. The Bascom's resident ceramist and former college professor, Taylor welcomes all for a spectacular nighttime firing. Glowing red pots set in counterpoint to the black night sky will create a magnificent mood and an unforgettable All Hallows Eve. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org/presentations](http://www.thebascom.org/presentations).

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 4.4 mile, easy-to-moderate hike from Sloan Bridge to Upper Whitewater Falls with great autumn views from the ridge above Whitewater Falls. Meet at Cashiers Wachovia Bank at 10 a.m. Drive 14 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Call Leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

### Sunday, Nov. 1

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a two-mile easy-to-moderate hike with a short steep climb before the lookout in Black Rock Mountain State Park in Clayton GA. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor's Center in Otto at 2 p.m.; drive 26 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

### Mon., Nov. 2-Thurs., Nov. 19

- Pottery workshop "Open Studio for Ceramics," by Patrick Taylor, will be held at The Bascom for intermediate to advanced students. Two sessions: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 pm. Cost is \$375/\$350 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Thursday, Nov. 5

- Taize service at the Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.

### Monday, Nov. 9

- Art class "Figure Study Sessions with a Live Model," by Laurence Holden, will be held at The Bascom from 5 to 7 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$20/\$15 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Sat., Nov. 14-Fri., Dec. 18

- *The Shopping Bag: Exemplary Art and Design* exhibition will open at The Bascom in Highlands and run through Dec. 18. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be Nov. 14 from 5-7 p.m. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Thursday, Nov. 19

- Taize service at Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, Nov. 28

- Highlands annual Christmas Tree



*You are invited*

*Please join us at the  
Macon County  
Animal Control Facility  
open house and tour on  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 2009  
from 2:00 to 4:00 pm*

*Location: 1377 Lakeside Drive  
Franklin, NC*

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

Lighting on Main Street at the Methodist Church.

### Tues., Dec. 1-Fri., Dec. 18

• Pottery workshop "Open Studio for Ceramics," by Patrick Taylor, will be held at The Bascom for intermediate to advanced students. Two sessions: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$375/\$350 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Thursday, Dec. 3

• Taize service at the Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.  
• A demonstration, "The Ancient Art of Spinning," by fiber artist Carol Singletary will be held at The Bascom in Highlands from 2-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Friday, Dec. 4-Saturday, Dec. 5

• Art class "Knit a Christmas Stocking" by Carol Singletary will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$135 for the general public and \$125 for Bascom members (supplies included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Saturday, Dec. 5

• Highlands annual Christmas Parade on Main Street at 11 a.m.  
• Art class "Holiday Cards," by Fayne Ansley, will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 2-4 p.m. Students will make beautiful handmade cards for friends and family using rubber stamps and embossing, glitter, bells, baubles and

ribbon. This is an intergenerational class for children and adults. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• A demonstration, "Split Oak Basket Weaving," will be held at The Bascom in Highlands from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Wednesday, Dec. 9

• Art class "Create a Holiday Centerpiece," by Margie Shambaugh, will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Students will create a 12-inch boxwood tree that will enhance one's holiday dining room table. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Bascom members (materials included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Saturday, Dec. 12

• Art class "Ceramic Ornament," by Norma Hendrix, will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 10 a.m. to noon. This is an intergenerational class for children and adults. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• Art class "Botanical Watercolor: American Holly," by Fayne Ansley, will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 2-4 p.m. For teens and adults. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

## Rotary to Feature Cub Scout Bingo



This fall the Rotary Club of Highlands' Partnership Bingo series focuses on the young people of Highlands. Rotary will join with Highlands Cub Scout Pack 207 to offer Cub Scout Bingo on Thursday, October 1 from 6:30-8:30 in the Highlands Community Building – next to the ball park. Proceeds will go to Pack 207.

If you, a friend or family member was a Scout – do your best to support the Pack. Cub Scouts is the first and the biggest of the Scouting programs from the Boy Scouts of America. Cub Scout Rotary Bingo is an evening of fun, a lot of laughs and the chance

to yell, "Bingo!" The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games.

While each game's prize depends upon the number of players, most Bingo games pay \$40-\$70 with game 15 being some serious money. Play as many cards as you like and go with the Cub Scouts motto, "Do Your Best." Bring some friends, enjoy the free refreshments served by Pack 207 and let's help Scouting in Highlands.

The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed to operate Bingo by the State of NC.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Nashville Songwriters' Round Starring George Teren

Nashville songwriters Rivers Rutherford, George Teren and Kelley Lovelace are returning for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Songwriters' Round on Oct. 17 at High Hampton Inn Pavilion. (Last week's paper listed Dave Turnbull as the 4<sup>th</sup> songwriter to return, but due to unexpected circumstances his return will have to wait for another year.)

The evening will begin with a social starting at 6 p.m., serving heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages, Concert following at 7:30 p.m.

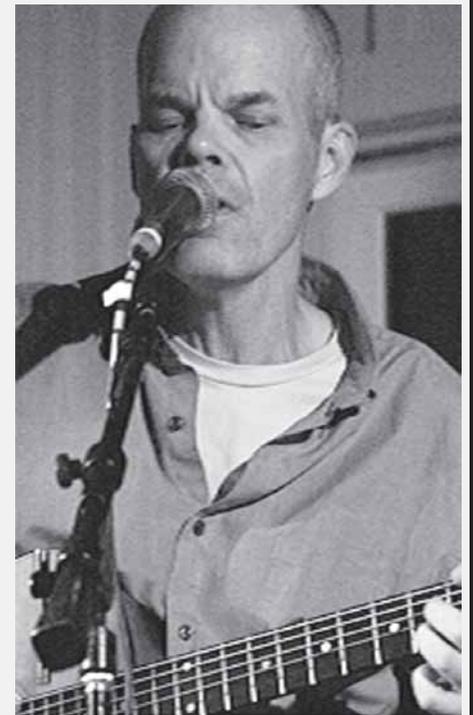
The evening will benefit and is hosted by the Blue Ridge School Education Foundation. Tickets are \$60 and are available at the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce at 743 -5191 or High Hampton Inn at 743-2411. Corporate Sponsors are \$250, including advertising and 2 tickets. Major Sponsors are \$1,000 and up, including advertising and 6 tickets. Tickets and sponsors may also be purchased from any board member: Annette Herstick, Will Madden, Lesley Madden, Cindy Fowler, Andy Shaw, Mark Jones, Chad Boswell, or Susan Waller.

Come enjoy a wonderful evening starring Nashville's finest, plus help B.R.S.Ed. Foundation purchase technology to enhance our children's education and future.

### About George Teren

Talented, consistent, and diverse are just a few of the ways to describe George Teren's accomplished career as a songwriter. With scores of recorded songs, dozens of singles, eight BMI Airplay Awards and seven number ones, perhaps the simplest description for George Teren is hit songwriter.

Since moving to Music City from Boston in 1987, George has become a major musical contributor to Nashville's creative community and his hits have defined career moments for many of Country Music's biggest stars. Among recent highlights, George wrote the swampy anthem, "Real Food Man," a multi-week number one recorded by superstar Tim McGraw. A few years later, his poignant smash, "When I Get Where I'm Going" recorded by Brad Paisley and Dolly Parton won the 2006 Country Music Association Award for Vocal Event of the Year, scored nomi-



nations from both the CMA and the Academy of Country Music for Song of the Year and has even become a best-selling novelty book.

George's songs have helped launch today's new stars, including Gretchen Wilson, who has recorded several of George's songs including the number one smash, "Homewrecker." Other songs breathed fun into the repertoire of established superstars like Trace Adkins who scored with Teren's most recent multi-week number one "Ladies Love Country Boys."

Filling out his catalog are hits and cuts by dozens of country stars including "(Lovin' You) Made A Man of Me" (Gary Allan), "Busy Man" (Billy Ray Cyrus), "Runnin' Out of Reasons To Run" (Rick Trevino), "I've Got My Game On" performed by Trace Adkins and "Stealing Cinderella" the debut single for RCA Recording Artist, (Chuck Wicks) among others by such artists as Montgomery Gentry, Van Zant, Tracy Byrd, Blake Shelton, and Jo Dee Messina.

George's songwriting has often transcended genre. His songs have been recorded by Tower of Power, Avalon, The Backstreet Boys and Britney Spears. George has also written, produced and sang music for radio and TV, including themes for the NBA, ABC College Football and CBS Winter Olympics. His ad clients have included Busch Beer, Valvoline, McDonald's, Pabst Beer, Dominos Pizza and Wal-Mart. Teren has been awarded a Clio, Mobius and a number of Tellys and Emmys.

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**CNA OR CNA II** at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. PRN positions are available. Our wage scale is \$11.00 to \$14.40 per hour, and you also receive shift and weekend differentials. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Human Resources, 828-526-1301 or apply online at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

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**FOR INFORMATION** leading to the arrest and conviction of person or persons who stole items from the apartment of Tom Merchant at Chestnut Hill. Call S. Johnson, 526-0248

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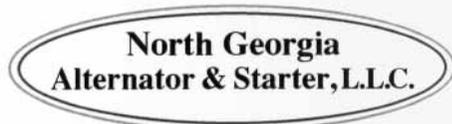
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**W**hat is going to happen to those people who have placed their faith and hope in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? II Corinthians 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." This shows us the sweet mercy of God giving comfort to the apostle as he stirs in his heart a fullness that brings his tongue to life to praise God. This is an overflowing fullness, an abundance of thankfulness coming from his heart. This shows that he has tasted of the wonderful mercies and comforts of God.

From this we can observe the disposition of God's children. Once they have seen and tasted of God's great mercy, experienced the comfort of his promises and his love they will break into praise and thanksgiving. It is as natural for the new believer to do this as it is from the birds to sing after the night has passed and the sun risen. When the sun has climbed into the sky and warmed the nest the birds begin to sing out of joy and thankfulness for the warmth. So the new believer once he has seen his sin and rebellion against God as the darkness it is and the Sun of Righteousness has risen in his heart he will sing praises of joy and thankfulness. What could be more natural.

Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners from their sin. He broke on this world like the sun on the night. He brought a warmth to the soul. He gives hope to the other wise hopeless. It is only natural that the person coming into this light, warmth and hope would become a person filled with praise and joy.

The reason for all of this is that a creature cannot know happiness until it is fulfilling that for which it was made. Every creature must do the work God created it to do. Why is this so important? Because when you do what God created you to do, you bring glory to him. As a believer you are given a wonderful privilege, to show forth the glory of God through your new life. This is to be the disposition of every one who names the name of Jesus Christ, to show forth God's glory.

The apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:3 declares "Blessed be God. The apostle Peter begins his first epistle "Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath begotten us to an inheritance immortal and undefiled, which fadeth not away, reserved for us in heaven." Believer lift your voice in praise to God for all he has done for this is why he called you, that his glory might be seen and heard.

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# POLICE, FIRE DEPT. LOGS

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from Sept. 20. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**Sept. 20**

- At 6:15 p.m., Jose Augusto Munoz, 36, of Highlands, was arrested for obtaining property on false pretenses.

**Sept. 21**

- At 11 a.m., officers were called to assist another agency concerning a senior at a residence on Horse Cove Road.

**Sept. 22**

- At 1:31 a.m., officers were called about damage to real property at the Old Edwards Inn where someone broke a table and through a planter through a window. Damages were estimated at \$700.

- At 8:34 p.m., officers were called about some intoxicated people on a person's porch on Lower Lake Road.

**Sept. 23**

- At 9:21 p.m., officers were called about boats on the lake referring to possible vandalism.

**Sept. 24**

- At 9:05 a.m., officers took a report concerning a dog attacking another dog at a residence on Potter Lane.

**Sept. 25**

- At 4 p.m., officers were called about the theft of \$53 involving a juvenile at a residence on Hillside Drive.

**Sept. 26**

- At 1:45 a.m., officers were called concerning a noise complaint at OEI.

- At 2:40 a.m., officers were called about a verbal dispute at a residence on Pine Circle.

- At 10:20 p.m., officers were called to assist another agency with an arrest at a residence on Sparkling Lake that occurred without incident.

**Sept. 27**

- At 11:35 a.m., Nicholas Shane Thomas, 24, of Highlands, was arrested for vandalism at OEI. He turned himself in.

During the week, police officers responded to 9 alarms and issued 20 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Sept. 25:

**Sept. 25**

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call involving a 79-year-old man. He was transported to the hospital.

**Sept. 26**

- At 2:41 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at OEI. It was false.

- At 11:19 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at a residence on Crescent Trail involving a 66-year-old woman who was unconscious. She was taken to the hospital.

**Sept. 28**

- At 11:41 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Scudder's on Main Street where a 60-year-old woman was having trouble breathing. She was taken to the hospital.

- A little past midnight, the dept. responded to an alarm at the hospital. It was false.

**Sept. 29**

- At 3:13 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail for an 83-year-old woman. She was taken to the hospital.

- At 4:09 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Spring Street. It was false.

# THE PUZZLERS

## Hex-a-Ku<sup>©</sup> 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.

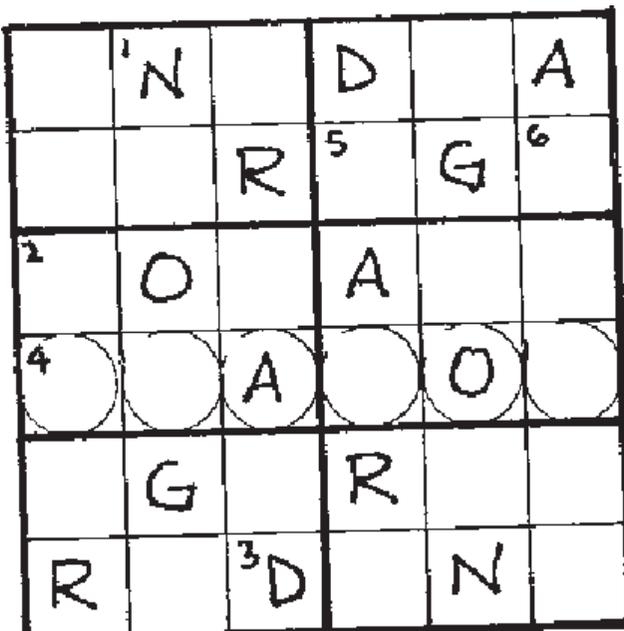
**Mystery Word:**  
**Mythical Monster**

**Across**

- Bob head (3)
- Egg beverage (3)
- Bell sound (4)

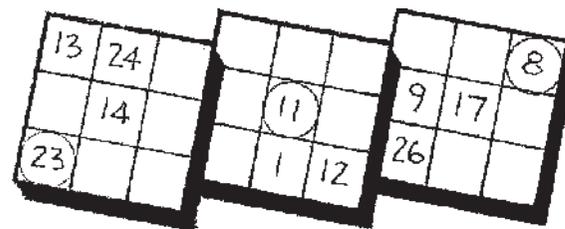
**Down**

- Accomplish (2)
- Aged horse (3)
- Alternatively (2)



## PseudoCube<sup>©</sup>

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**#DN1B Level of Difficulty - Easy**

**THE SETUP:**

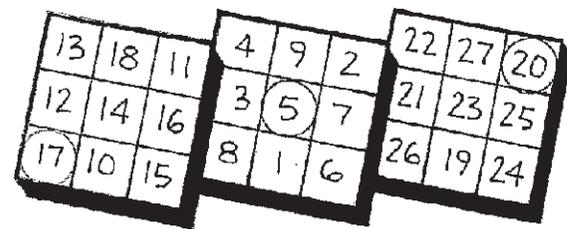
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

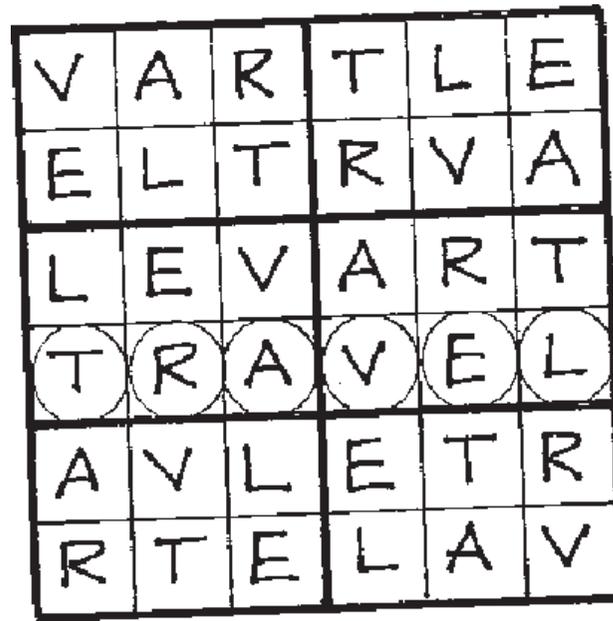
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

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**Solution to #AN1B in Sept. 24 issue**



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### Exhibitors turn out for Playhouse annual Antique Show

Antique vendors from around the country turned out to sell their wares at the Playhouse Antique Show last weekend.

Pictured directly below is Joanna Baumrucker of The Playhouse board of directors at the John Collette booth. Other exhibitors include representatives from Shaeffers Antiques, Asiantiques, Michael Hall Antiques, Sherwood Antiques, Sheffeld Antiques and Bound's Cave.



### Elizabeth Brazas to Succeed Pat Smith as President

*New Leadership at The Community Foundation of WNC*



Last week, The Community Foundation Board of Directors announced that Elizabeth Brazas has been selected to succeed Pat Smith as President of the organization. Brazas, an attorney and banking executive, was the unanimous choice of the transition team and brings a wealth of experience to her new position. She will join the Foundation staff on November 1, 2009.

Brazas is a graduate of Davidson College and the University of South Carolina School of Law. She has worked in the private sector at Wachovia Bank and the Threshold Group, combining philanthropic, legal and wealth management experience. Her early career as an estate attorney and trust officer developed well-honed skills in compliance, budgeting, strategic planning, marketing, work plan development, implementation and measurement. While at Wachovia, Brazas played a significant role in broadening existing relationships and creating new alliances within and outside the corporation. In the communities in which she has lived and worked, she has been instrumental in forging valued alliances with community leaders and long-lasting relationships with clients and colleagues.

Brazas succeeds Pat Smith, the Foundation's first full-time president. During Smith's career, the Foundation's assets grew from \$5 million to more than \$130 million today and more than \$100 million in grants have been made to nonprofit organizations. She was instrumental in the creation of nine regional affiliate funds, the Mountain Landscapes Initiative, the *Women for Women* giving circle and WNC Nonprofit Pathways. Smith will be honored at a Community Celebration taking place at the North Carolina Arboretum on Wednesday, September 30. For details or to register, visit [www.cfwnc.org](http://www.cfwnc.org).

The Community Foundation helps Western North Carolinians turn their charitable passions into meaningful and effective philanthropy across the 18-county mountain region and beyond. For more information about CFWNC, visit [www.cfwnc.org](http://www.cfwnc.org) or call (828) 254-4960.

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### Greenleaf Gallery to feature 'Artist Series'

Saturdays in October are 'Meet the Artist Day' at the Greenleaf Gallery.

Each Saturday in October there will have an artist in the gallery signing work or demonstrating their artistic style.

On October 3, we will have artist Bev Rambo from Hiawasse, GA showing her nostalgic country paintings and photographer Sally Ross from Athens, GA with her Scotland Series including St Andrews, and more.

On October 10, artist Sally Robbe from Atlanta, GA will be demonstrating painting with the palette knife. Her painting Peaches III was on the cover of the June 2009 Rabun Mountain Laurel Magazine.

On October 17, artist Kimberly Lilley will be demonstrating her faux painting

techniques.

On October 24 we will have well known artist Robert A. Tino at the Gallery, his work is well known and loved in this area. Bears, bears and more bears. We all love them from a distance.

On October 31, we will have Rusty Schrum-Owens with her "Leafware" pottery.

There will be light refreshments each day so make plans to come and visit with us. We will also be available to discuss all your custom picture framing needs and if you have questions regarding conservation framing we would be more than happy to share our knowledge with you. We are located at 177 Main Street in Wrights Square and our Gallery hours are Monday thru Saturday 11 am - 5 pm.

### Willis Willey named chair of The Bascom's Board

The Bascom now has a new chair at the helm of its board of directors.

On Sept. 21, 2009, Willis Willey assumed the chairmanship, succeeding Bob Fisher, who since 2007 has consummately and energetically led the art center through strategic planning; an ongoing capital campaign; construction and occupation of The Bascom's new campus; and expansion of changing exhibitions, educational programming, benefit events and marketing. Fisher will continue to serve on the board and exercise a leadership role at The Bascom.

Since mid-2008, Willey has been vice-chair of The Bascom and active on its development, facilities and leadership committees.

Willey's service comes at a time when The Bascom seeks to mature its operations and continue to serve a growing audience of children and adults with excellent educational opportunities.

"I cannot match the galvanizing change Bob Fisher brought to The Bascom," Willey said. "But I fully intend to ensure continuity by working closely with him and others who have served The Bascom heroically in the

past, including former Bascom chairperson Bill Mann."

Willey has formed an Office of the Chairman with a circle including Fisher and Mann, plus hedge fund founder Paul Jones, who has served on The Bascom's board since 2008.



A native of Memphis, Tenn., and summer resident of Highlands, Willey and his wife, Vance, are Highlands Falls Country Club members and homeowners. They are golfers and bridge players, and active in the Presbyterian Church. Willey is a financial services professional and principal with Union Service Industries; he has a long history of leadership roles and productive involvement with charities and non-profit organizations.

He is a former chairperson of Opera Memphis and the Dixon Gallery and Gardens, both in Memphis. He is current chairperson of Christian Brothers University in Memphis.

Willey is a graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Business School. He and Vance have five children among them and nine grandchildren.

Supporters of Gary Drake, candidate for Highlands Town Board, gathered on the new terrace at Wolfgang's Restaurant Sunday. Pictured are Mindy Green of Wolfgang's and Wanda and Gary Drake.



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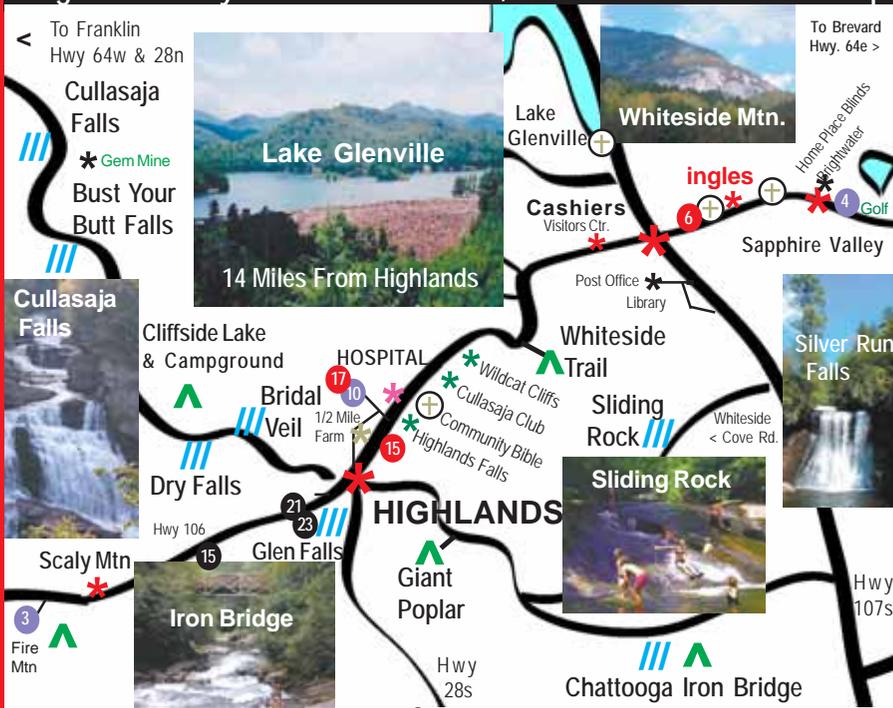
### CLE goes to Winston-Salem, NC

From left Pegsie Payne, Dick Cornell, Molly Steed, Margot Johnson, Pat Bollinger, Elvy Harris, Walker Harris enjoy a picnic on the CLE Winston-Salem trip. This year's trip was planned by Freddie Flynt and Tricia Roellke and planning is underway for 2010 trip to Madison, GA. A good time was had by all with the comment "exceeded expectation" heard again and again.



# 2009 HIGHLANDS MAP

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- DINING**
- 1 Cyprus
  - 2 Don Leons
  - 3 Fressers
  - 4 Golden China
  - 5 Highlands Deli
  - 6 Horacio's
  - 7 Kelsey
  - 8 Log Cabin
  - 9 Main St. Inn
  - 10 Nick's
  - 11 Oak St. Cafe
  - 12 Paoletti's
  - 13 Pescado's
  - 14 Pizza Place
  - 15 Rooster's
  - 16 Ruka's Table
  - 17 Skyline
  - 18 Smoke House
  - 19 SportsPage
  - 20 Wild Thyme
  - 21 Wolfgang's
- LODGING**
- 1 Chandler Inn
  - 2 Chestnut Cottages
  - 3 Fire Mountain
  - 4 Hampton Inn
  - 5 Highlands Inn
  - 6 Highlands Suites
  - 7 Main St. Inn
  - 8 Michell's Lodge
  - 9 Mt High Lodge
  - 10 Skyline Lodge
- SHOPPING**
- 1 Ann Jacob
  - 2 AnnaWear
  - 3 Bear Mt. Outfitters
  - 4 C.K. Swan
  - 5 Christmas Shop
  - 6 Cyrano's
  - 7 Drakes Diamonds
  - 8 Dry Sink
  - 9 Elephants Foot
  - 10 Green Leaf Gallery
  - 11 Highlands Photo
  - 12 House of Wong
  - 13 JohnCollette Gallery
  - 14 Needle Point
  - 15 Peak Experience
  - 16 Rarities
  - 17 Radio Shack
  - 18 Shiraz Rugs
  - 19 Stone Lantern
  - 20
  - 21 Summer House
- MARKETS**
- 1 Bryson's
  - 2 Dusty's
  - 3 Mtn. Fresh
  - 4 Whole Health
- RENTALS**
- 14 Chambers
- REALTY**
- 1 Century 21
  - 2 Chambers
  - 3 Country Club Prop
  - 4 Green Mtn.
  - 5 Harry Norman
  - 6 Prestige
- BEAUTY**
- 1 All Seasons
  - 2 Creative Concepts
  - 3 Gifted Hands
  - 4 Images Unlimited
  - 5 Mtn Rayz
  - 6 Taylor Barnes
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