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Thurs., Aug. 12
 • First Presbyterian Church present internationally acclaimed organist Michael Morgan in concert at 8 p.m. A reception will follow the concert.

Thurs.-Sun Aug. 12-22
 • At Highlands Playhouse, "Lettice & Loveage," a comedic play. For tickets call 828-526-2695.

Friday, Aug 13
 • Relay for Life at the Rec Park at 6 p.m.

• HCCMF Concert and dinner at PAC at 6 p.m. featuring the Vega String Quartet. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 13-14
 • At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" at 9:15 p.m. featuring acoustic guitars at 9:15 p.m.

• At the Downhill Grill. Live music at 7 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 14
 • At Paoletti's, wine tastings at 1 p.m.
 • At Cyprus Restaurant, live music at 9 p.m.

• HCCMF Concert at PAC. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

Sun., Aug. 15
 • HCCMF Gala Concert and Dinner at PAC at 5 p.m. spotlighting Charles Wadsworth. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 18-22
 • HCP's production of "Dearly Departed" at PAC. For ticket information call 526-8084.

Wed., Aug. 18
 • Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Featuring Jonathan Wilkes, piano.

• At First Presbyterian Church, Balancing the Scales — A Study of the Middle East Conflict. Free. 5-6:30 pm. Dinner to follow. \$7 per person. Call 526-3175 if you plan to attend.

• Town Board meeting, 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

• Loving Literacy Gala at PAC. Premiere showing of "Dearly Departed" by the HCP. Tickets are \$50. Call 526-9938 ext. 240.

Battles with cancer rage in Highlands

Citizens fight back during 'Relay for Life' Friday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m.

Since people in Highlands – friends, family and neighbors – are fighting cancer and struggling to pay medical bills associated with its treatments, a call has gone out to use some of the money raised during the annual Relay for Life event to help those closer to home.

Right now Colleen Fogle is try-

ing to find the money to begin treatments to fight stage 3 breast cancer; last Saturday there was a benefit at the Rec Park to raise money for Roy Baty who is fighting lung cancer, Jan Potts is fighting breast cancer, John Armor is fighting prostate cancer and there is a benefit Aug. 21 at the Rec Park to help raise money

for Fred Munger who is fighting bladder cancer. A BBQ starts at 5 p.m., followed by an auction at 6:15 and singing with Mountain Top Blue Grass & Gospel and Mark & Jody Visage begins at 7 p.m.

These are just a few of the many fighting and surviving can-

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Highlands Ranger office for auction

People wondering what's to become of the old Highlands USFS Ranger Station property on Flat Mountain Road can rest easy.

The Forest Service has "determined it is in the public interest to offer the property for sale to the highest bidder."

At the Aug. 9 Macon County Commission meeting, Chairman Ronnie Beale read the auction documentation into the record on behalf of District Ranger Mike Wilkins.

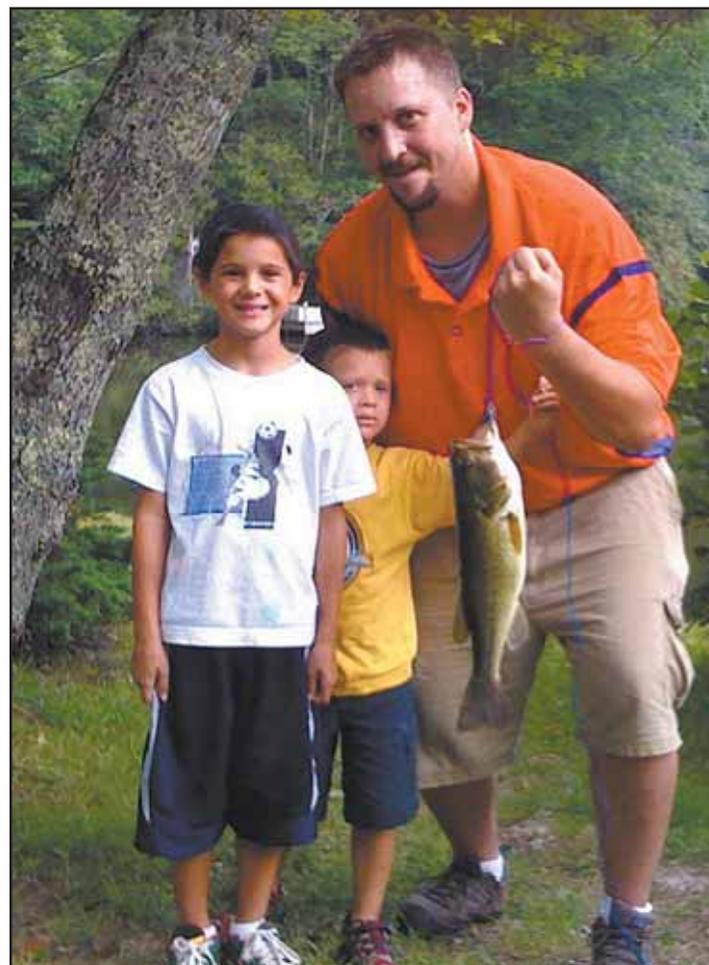
The 1.81 acre tract is surrounded by USFS land on three sides and includes the 4,175 sq. ft. office building with multiple rooms, a fireplace, propane heat, air septic, well and a parking lot with access to Flat Mountain Road.

The property will be offered for sale by sealed bids with the minimum acceptable bid set at \$175,000. All bids will be publicly opened at the Nantahala Ranger District office on 90 Sloan Road in Franklin, on December 1, 2010 at 11 a.m.

The property is being offered for sale as is and where is without

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Proof big ones live in Mirror Lake!



A recent family outing hooked a large mouth bass at Mirror Lake on Saturday, August 7, by 4-year-old Avery Green. Pictured are brother, William, and dad, Carlos, of Highlands.

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HB 961 law changes face of 'Closed Sessions'

At the "We the People" candidate forum Tuesday night, a brief reference to the new Ethics & Campaign Reform Act of 2010 bill, signed by Governor Bev Perdue, was disclosed – a bill that will surely impact county and local government.

Officials say North Carolina has had one of the most secretive personnel laws in the nation – limiting public information to just an employee's current salary – whereas other states make information about disciplinary actions public.

Incumbent Macon County Commission Chair Ronnie Beale – one of five candidates running for one of two District II seats in November – said the new bill, which goes into effect Oct. 1, 2010, could mean big changes particularly concerning Closed Session content.

"Much of what goes on in Closed Sessions is related to personnel issues and county and town governments haven't been required to disclose what went on," he said. "That's all going to change and that

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Noisy motorcycles are a problem easily fixed

Dear Editor,

I'm responding to the lady who wrote in about the noisy motorcycles. There's a way to regulate the noise by simply buying db meters or sound level meters for the town. If the sound is over a certain level it is damaging to the ears. Other communities have them and use them and pass out tickets. This should quiet things down quickly.

My observation is that there are a lot of motorcyclists who enjoy the ride and the countryside and the pretty day. There are others whose hobby includes reenacting costumes, driving from place to place and posing, and a lot of noise seemingly just to get people to watch their tableau.

I live a block off of the highway and get to hear the second group more than enough.

Robert
Highlands

Ahhh ... Fred's world

Dear Editor,

Nice work on Fred's last column, entitled "Bad Fred. Have I pushed your bottoms?"

He makes sense to anyone that has to deal with high stress and dangerous situations on a routine basis. Somewhere you lose your mind to stay sane... and that's a very good thing.

Sharon Percy
Highlands

A park just for us!

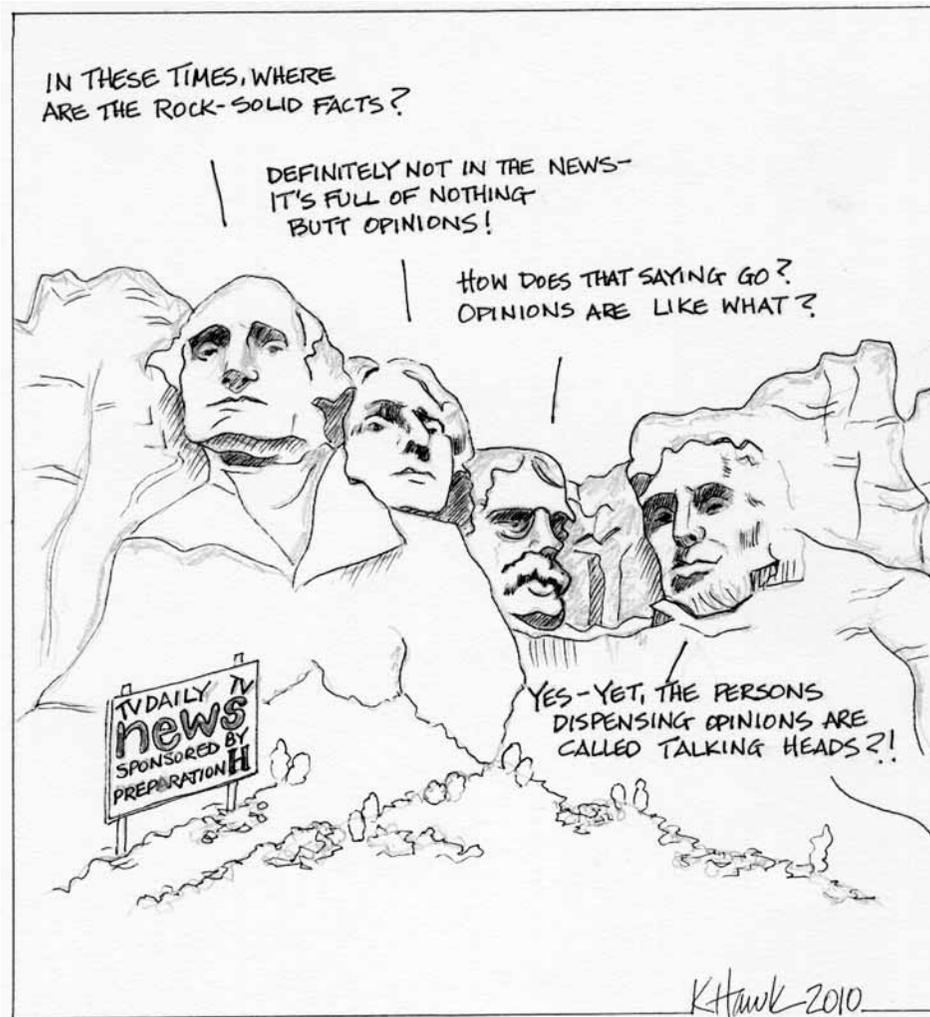
Dear Editor,

Two years ago, I was rescued from a very dire situation. My life has become one surrounded by love and comfort and discipline since that very frightening time. Just when i thought my life could not be better, the caring and generous people in Highlands provided a dog park. My canine friends and I now have a safe, beautiful and convenient place to run, play and sniff. thanks you to everyone who made the park a reality.

Please come and play with me. I'm the three-year-old black and shite Shih Tzu, usually with bows or scarfs. If you want a big happy greeting, I have one for you.

Lots of love and licks,
Maggie Mae Ralston

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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• OBITUARIES •

Mozelle Webb Derreberry



Mozelle Webb Derreberry, age 78, of Hickory Knut Gap Rd, Highlands, NC died Monday August 9, 2010 at the Eckerd Living Center. Born in Rabun Co., GA she was the daughter of the late Leonard and Rittie Jenkins Webb. She was married to Frank W. Derreberry for 59 years. She was a homemaker and loved quilting, gardening and flowers and fishing. She was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two daughters, Deborah Jean Bell and Audrey Leah Keener and Michael all of Highlands, NC; one son, Lendal Derreberry and Judy of Maryland; four sisters, Catherine Carpenter of Mt. Dora, FL, Joyce Wilburn of Highlands, NC, Zanthus Wilson of Otto, NC and Donna Vee Bradshaw of Mt. Airy, GA; three brothers, Owen Webb of Clarksville, GA, Duane Webb of Hickory, NC and Conrad Webb of Otto, NC. Five grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Sandra K. Baines; one sister, Neva Lee Byrd and one brother, Glen Webb.

Funeral services were held Wednesday August 11, 2010 in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Gary McCall officiating. Burial was in Miller Cemetery.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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There is an open house set for the following Sundays: Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17 and Nov. 7 each from 1-5 p.m.

Access to the newly opened Ranger Falls Trail will still be available to citizens after the sale of the property because the work station isn't selling just the Ranger office building and site. For more information call 828-524-6441.

Much of Monday night's meeting was spent discussing the financing of the new Iotla Valley Elementary School.

County Attorney Chester Jones said to get the best interest rate, the county will like-

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• OBITUARIES •

John Richard "Dick" McPherson

John Richard "Dick" McPherson, of Orlando, Florida, went home to be with the Lord on August 3, 2010. Dick was born in Mt. Vernon, Missouri on July 2, 1921, the son of Rex and Mary McPherson. He graduated from the United States Military Academy (West Point) with wings in 1944; was sent to Smyrna, Tennessee as a flight instructor in B-24's; then deployed to MacDill Air Base to learn B-29s.

In 1945 he married Dorothy Keene just prior to receiving orders to go to the South Pacific where he captained a B-29 Superfortress strategic bomber for two years. After the war he was stationed as an instructor

at Randolph Field in San Antonio, Texas. In 1950, he left the military and came to Orlando to join his father-in-law, R. D. Keene, in the family cattle and citrus business, becoming President of the company in 1972.

In addition, Dick was President of Winter Garden Citrus Products, Cooperative, a citrus fruit processing facility, for some twenty-five years. He was instrumental in the sale of the Keene Ranch to the Morman Church of the property known today as Deseret Ranch. Dick was committed to serving the community evidenced by his tenure on the following boards: Past

President and member of the Board of Trustees of Holiday Hospital; past member of the Board of Directors of Orlando Regional Medical Center; past member of the Board of Trustees of Rollins College; Past President of the Central Florida Y.M.C.A.; past member of the Board of the University of Central Florida Foundation, Inc.; and past member of the President's Round Table at Florida Presbyterian College. In addition, Dick led the effort in establishing the R.D. Keene Family Professor of Neurosurgery, the first medical chair in neurosurgery established by a private endowment at the University of Florida College of Medicine in recognition

and gratitude for the outstanding work of Dr. Albert L. Rhoton.

Dick loved spending summers in the mountains of North Carolina, playing golf and reading books. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dottie (Dorothy K. McPherson), his daughter, Keene M. Gerber; his son, Rex V. McPherson II, and his two grandchildren, Rex V. McPherson III and Mary McPherson Botts.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to Memory Care, 100 Far Horizons Lane, Asheville, North Carolina 28803. A private family graveside memorial service will be held in Orlando.

Jack Fredlee Norton

Funeral services for F. Jack Norton were held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at the Dunwoody Baptist Chapel, 1445 Mt. Vernon Road, Dunwoody, GA. Graveside services were held at Mulberry United Methodist Church Cemetery, Otto, NC on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

Jack was born in Otto, NC. After graduating from Franklin High School, he played basketball for UGA then for the US Army touring in Europe. Since 1962, Jack worked in the insurance industry. He was a member of the Dunwoody Baptist Church; prior to that he was a member of Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta. His two favorite topics of conversation were his 1984 Oldsmobile and Highlands, NC.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie of Dunwoody, three step-children, Scott Hankins of Kennesaw, GA, Melissa Hankins of Dunwoody, GA and Amy Hankins Bee of Marietta, GA, six grandchildren, his brother Perry Norton of Franklin, NC and 10 nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by Annie Long, Bertha Hopper, Pauline Norton, Gertrude Henson and Paul Norton.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Dunwoody Baptist Church in memory of Jack Norton. Northside Chapel Funeral Directors and Crematory, Roswell, GA, 770/645-1414. www.northsidechapel.com.

Dorothy Dean Wilkinson

Dorothy Dean Wilkinson, age 88, of Highlands, NC died Tuesday, August 3, 2010, in Highlands-Cashiers hospital. Born in Durham Co., NC, she was the daughter of the late John F. and Ola Knight Dean. She was married to the late Hiram Childrey Wilkinson, Sr. She was a homemaker and loved to sew and garden. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Valdosta, GA where she was very active and volunteered in the kitchen and was a member of Amarryllis Garden Club in Valdosta, GA.

She is survived by two daughters Greta DeCourcy and husband Richard of Highlands, NC and Sue Wilkinson Lu and husband Albert of Decatur, GA; one son Hiram Wilkinson, Jr and life partner Mathew Gillen of Highlands, NC and one grandchild Cliff Straughn and wife Brandy of Chattahoochee, FL. Two great grandchildren Ella Grace Straughn and Emily Ann Straughn of Chattahoochee, FL also survive.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Valdosta, GA.

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

William "Bill" Horwitz

William (Bill) Horwitz of Highlands, North Carolina died on August 3rd 2010. Bill was raised in The Home, a Jewish Orphanage in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Nancy; son Eitan of Maale Adumim, Israel, wife Tali, grandsons, Yonatan, Ariel, Yair; granddaughters, Noa and Reut; son David of Tampa, Florida, wife Karen, granddaughter Elizabeth, grandson Jacob; son Daniel of Plantation, Florida, grandsons, Seth and Ethan.

Bill served in the US Army for 10 years and was a Korean War Veteran. Upon leaving the military he had a career in sales management in the automobile business.

Bill and Nancy have lived in Highlands for 14 years. They are members of the Mountain Synagogue in Franklin. Bill was a fund raiser for the Highlands-based charity SOAR, which raises funds for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation.

Charitable donations in memory of Bill may be sent to the SOWF, POB 923, Highlands, NC, 28741.

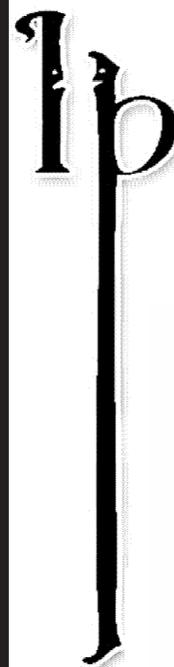
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

The Magic of 'W' Does he own an Obama doll?

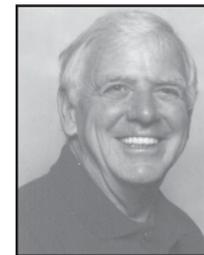
No, no, no, this is not about li'l ole me. This is a fun story about someone much more important. This is about the strange magic of George W. Bush, our ex-president. Is he having fun, or what?

It all started way back in the summer of 2005 when W was still sitting on his throne giving us that silly smirk and saying stupid stuff like, "The war is over and we won." Things weren't going so well for W back then and the polls proved it. He hadn't kept any of his campaign promises. (Ha, what else is new?) Except for keeping the country safe, things were a mess. Spending was out of control, illegal immigrants were pouring into our country unchecked, Social Security was failing, unemployment was rising and we had the same ole, same ole unfair tax system. The great uniter had failed to unite. Thank God all that has been cleaned up, especially now that our president is working so closely with the Republicans.

But let's go back to the summer of 2005 because that's when it probably happened. Seeing the handwriting on the wall, I think ole W must have made a pact with the devil and received special powers from him.... or her.... ah, more than likely her... nah, definitely a her. How else could he have created Hurricane Katrina and made it slam right smack dab into the heart of New Orleans, wiping out or displacing a skillion Democrats on welfare. Then, when Katrina left, those welfare recipients, who made up about 75% of New Orleans, asked, "How can I get my welfare check if the post office is under water?" There was panic and W was blamed for the whole thing. When W saw this, he laughed and fiddled away. Hey, it worked for Nero. Bad George!

Then in November of 2005, W paid the ultimate price and the "give away the store" spending ended when W lost Congress to the Democrats, creating a whole new meaning to the term "spend baby, spend." Again, thank God our new Congress put an end to all that wasteful spending.

Since W didn't care that much for John McCain, he saw a perfect opportunity to stick it to the Democrats by making sure they won the election. "Let them struggle with this mess I made" were his thoughts. He whipped up a special brew



Fred Wooldridge

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and made sure McCain drank it. This made John say stupid things like "I don't even know how to turn on a computer" and, even better, "I'm suspending my campaign to go to Washington to vote with the Democrats for more taxes and a giant stimulus bill containing hundreds of earmarks."

Well, the rest is history and the Democrats took over the whole shootin'

match. W knew things would get worse and it did. He reveled in his new magic powers and fashioned a special Obama doll made from bull dung right from his ranch.

Surrounded by lit candles, W sat inside a large circle on the floor of his living room in Crawford and fondled his doll while chanting, "Yo Mamma" over and over. You just know he had that silly smirk on his face when he said some magic words over the doll and rained money down over it. POW, the economy continued to tank. Then he must have poured a quart of motor oil over the doll's head because, shortly after, oil came gushing from the ocean floor. When the whole country went into a panic, George fashioned a special fiddle for the doll and sprinkled more magic. POW! Our president fiddled while oil continued to gush from the ocean floor, destroying much of the Gulf coast. Again, bad George!

While our poor president's polls plummeted, ole George sat quietly in his magic circle, rocking back and forth, quietly chanting "jobs, jobs, jobs" and unemployment continued to accelerate. Then, when you thought things couldn't get worse, W smirked again and created something called "hurricane season." W started cranking out many storms over all that oily water. George, how could you?

So if your health care premiums are soaring, you're unhappy with the handling of the oil crisis, your taxes have increased, you can't find work and you're frustrated over the massive spending, don't blame our beloved president. He had nothing to do with any of this. Blame ole W who is still sitting in his magic circle chanting those mystical words, "Yes I can!"

Have you read Fred's book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars?*

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Banning mosques won't keep terrorists away

Before I was born, a slick salesman sold my folks a building lot on NW 10th street in Richmond, Indiana. The only problem was the city dump, which was on the south side of Northwest 11th Street. The salesman told them not to worry, City planners had decided to fill the dump and create a park with baseball fields and a tennis court that could be flooded in the winter for an ice skating rink. Nobody wants a city dump, along with the smell when the wind is right, and cat-sized rats. Billy Cumming's parents bought a lot on 11th and built a sturdy brick bungalow. Rats chewed off Billy's fingertips while he slept in his crib. Year's later, the town filled the dump, built baseball fields and a tennis court, but not in time to save Billy's fingers. We shot rats in the dump and one of my most memorable memories was stepping on a nail while on safari. I was wearing thin tennis shoes. The nail and the 1x4 it was sticking out of stuck to my foot. Actually the vivid part of the memory was pulling the board off my foot.

Nobody wants a city dump for a neighbor. Prisons and nuclear dumps aren't popular either. There was a time when black folks were as unpopular as sewage plants, but fortunately, for most of us at least, those days are gone. Today's least popular neighbor is the mosque. Everybody is aware of the proposed mosque near the site of the World Trade Center, but the intolerance has spread as far as Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Sheboygan, Wis., and even to California. The enduring anger over the September 11th attacks is understandable, but I'm not at all sure banning mosques is the answer. We've forgiven the Japanese for the attack on Pearl Harbor. There are probably sushi bars within blocks of the USS Arizona Memorial. The fact that we soundly trounced the Japanese may have contributed to our generosity. Our failure to



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defeat Islamic terrorists contributes to our frustration and fear of all things Muslim. It has prompted calls to suspend constitutionally guaranteed freedom of religion. The most vocal voices are those of Tea Party supporters and families of those killed in the attacks, which is understandable, and those of Christian preachers, which if not so predictable, would be baffling. History has shown that an idea cannot be extinguished by repression. Let the Muslims worship where they wish. No amount of zoning can stifle belief. Islamic terrorism is a movement which will fail, because it cannot succeed. It will find its rightful place on the trash heap of human history. It is a movement of the past, rather than of the future, and as such is

doomed. There are more than one billion Muslims in the world, most of whom simply want to enjoy a better life and practice their religion, many of whom would like to follow the Prophet's command convert the infidel, but only a tiny fraction of whom would consider killing members of competing cultures and religions. It remains disturbing that few, if any, Muslim leaders unconditionally condemn the use of violence, but that is not the question. We've survived Skinheads and Ku Klux Klan. There may be more violence against us, but banning mosques in our backyards won't keep it from happening. The essential question is not the sacredness of Ground Zero, but of the Constitution. Fairness demands that we not judge one billion Muslims for the acts of 19 men who were Muslim.

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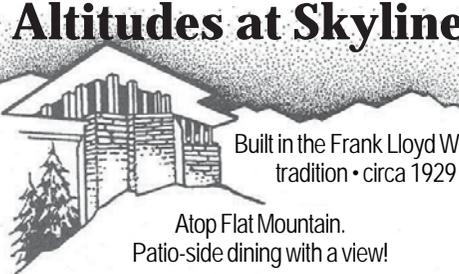


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• COACH'S CORNER •

Random Thoughts

Tiger played his worst round ever this last weekend... couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. Hey Eldrick, that emotion you are dealing with right now... it's called shame, and it is really doing a number on your golf game.



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I had a lot of nice feedback on my Brett Favre article last weekend. This week, it was revealed that Favre sent cell phone pictures of a certain part of his body to former SI reporter Jenn Sterger. Of course as we all know, Brett is "just a big kid out there" and "he's just having fun." Athletes have always been creeps, but the level of technology and reporting now is just outing them even more when they misbehave.

Tampa Bay was almost involved in their 4th no-hitter of the season Monday

night, which is amazing when you consider that they are leading in the wild-card race and just a game behind the Yankees for first in the AL East. I feel for the Morrow kid from Toronto though, mainly because giving up a questionable hit after 8 2/3 innings of dominance is a tough break. 17 strikeouts, particularly in a 1-0 game is undoubtedly the type of performance deserving of a no-hitter, so it may have been a nice gesture from the official scorer to score that last grounder as an error-because it really could have gone either way.

College football is coming in just a few weeks – sports bars in town are going to be packed on Saturdays with fans from throughout the Southeast. The SEC should be wide open outside of Alabama, who returns most of their offense but absorbed quite a few losses on defense. Florida has dominated the SEC East in recent years, but will this be the year that Georgia or South Carolina overtake the Gators?

Speaking of college football, it appears that some of my Florida State buddies are very anxious to see how the Jimbo Fisher era begins in Tallahassee. It's going to be very strange to look on the garnet and gold sideline and not see Bobby Bowden or Mickey Andrews.

US Soccer played Brazil Tuesday evening in a friendly and lost 2-0. Unfortunately, no one in the US really cared all that much. Unfortunately, it appears as though that loss to Ghana in the World Cup did deflate much of the US's soccer high. Hopefully the residents of Highlands can retain some of the excitement in anticipation of the Highlands High School soccer season. From what I understand Coach Green has some high hopes for his veteran squad this season.

And finally, if anyone needs to know what I will be doing on Thursday night just tune in to the NFL Network at 7:30PM to watch the "Defending Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints" take on the New England Cheatriots in a preseason matchup.

While we all know that the game itself will likely stink because the starters will only play one quarter, it still gives me an excuse to type "Defending Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints."

...on this day

August 12, 30 BC

The last Egyptian pharaoh, Cleopatra VII committed suicide. The tradition goes that she intentionally suffered a snake bite from what is now known as the Egyptian cobra, or "You took the part that once was my heart, so why not take Ptolemy's?"

There is something seriously the matter with the very last Philopater. The time for this kingdom is narrowing, no longer will there be Pharaohing. they're about to close the file on this place along the Nile, no more time for fixing the land of the Egyptian. Indeed, things are looking horrific no mater how you write it, Latin, Greek, or hieroglyphic.

On top of that, what made things dark is that she really, really, missed her Marc, and there was nothing left to please her with her country about to have an apocalyptic Caesar.

She would no longer have a home and as a gesture to the Roman, when she made this day her last said, in essence, "Octavian, kiss my asp!"

• HIS & HERS •

The Big Six-Oh!

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

It's a sobering thought, really. I'm turning 60 next week, which means I am closer to that last dance with the grim reaper than I am to my senior prom. On the other hand, if you're going to turn 60, Highlands is a good place to do it.

It's happened several times recently. I'll say, "Lordy, Lordy, I'm turning 60," and some dear soul will reply, "Just 60? A mere child." What a pleasant change from my old job in New York, where all of my colleagues – even my boss – were younger than me. Come to think of it, my boss's boss was the same age as me. Since we worked in an open-plan work space, the comments would come drifting across in my direction, as if I were invisible. "I always liked that movie starring so-and-so." "Yeah, me, too. He's dead now, isn't he?" "Dunno, but if he isn't, he must be at least 50 (I was 50)."

It was just as bad walking down the street. New York City is yuppie territory, full of ambitious 20- and 30-somethings. After work, they spill into the streets from the packed bars full of drunken young investment bankers and hopeful young women trying to land them. No, that sounds sexist. Some of those investment bankers are women, but there are still stereotypical role models in The Big Apple.

Countless times, I'd run home to exchange my briefcase for my knapsack, and grab the bus going downtown to NYU. It was as if people were looking right through me. I wasn't young enough to be of interest to men, and I was too old to be a threat to women. The occasional kindly soul might offer me a seat in the bus, and by golly, I'd take it! I wasn't insulted; it was a rare treat to be off my feet for a brief instant. On weekends, I'd get together with my fellow invisible women friends, and we'd hang out in the neighborhood parks, reading our copies of *The Sunday New York Times*, and eating healthy salads. Not that anyone cared what our figures looked like! Or we'd drag ourselves off to the gym, where we'd try desperately not to get the machine next to the size 5 airhead in the Chanel gym suit and Louis Vuitton track shoes, vapidly prattling into her cell phone. After all, you can only take so much.

But, no, in Highlands, it's not like that. Most of us are of a certain age, or even if we're not, we'd not snotty and hateful about it. For the most part, people are kind and helpful, like that sweet lady who ran



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across Main Street to close my car door for me, when I was struggling to get into the car after knee replacement surgery. It's also comforting to know that life still holds many secrets and mysteries yet to be elucidated. Here are just a few:

- If you bus your own table in a restaurant, do you give yourself a tip?
- Why do people say "golf coast," "Golf of Mexico," and "the golf oil spill?" The word is "gulf," like the "gull" in "seagull." Nobody says "seagoll," after all!
- After you have carefully dosed your coffee with the correct amount of cream and sweetener, why does a nice lady come by and pour new coffee into your cup, thereby making it too strong and too hot to drink?
- Why will men pay for sex, but they'll wait in line for ½ hour to get a free hotdog?
- Why does anyone think that holding a sign and screaming in your face is going to make you change your mind to believe what they do?
- Why do pets die so young, and ex-spouses live so long?
- Why do people get an interior decorator to design bathrooms that are so

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perfect that you're afraid to do anything in them because it might clash with the color scheme?

• Why do charitable organizations try to get you to volunteer to do things for free that you used to get paid money to do? Don't they think you might be sick and tired of doing for them, and might like to try your hand at something new and interesting? (This is particularly true when a ditzzy lady shakes her jewelry at you, and

coos, "But, Honey, I don't know nothin' about creatin' databases!")

• If the cobbler's children always have the worst shoes, why would anyone marry a sex therapist?

• As much as you may love your cats, why is changing the litter box so totally gross?

There's some food for thought. And while I'm at it, I'd like to thank my readers for being such a delightful audience. John

and I are members of the Highlands Writers Group, and we have the privilege of being around some truly brilliant and talented authors. At times, I pinch myself to think they let me hang out with them. While many of these folks are interested in writing the Great American Novel, I am not. I grew up with a mother who loved Erma Bombeck, and recall the sheer delight my mother got from reading her books. I couldn't think of anything I'd rather do than entertain people, and send them away with a smile. Noel Coward used to call it "a talent to amuse." Another great line of his — "It is discouraging how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit" — puts him way up there on the list of people worth quoting.

So, this August 17th, I hit the Big Six-

Oh, celebrating my birthday with the likes of Sean Penn, Robert De Niro, and Maureen O'Hara. But my favorite co-birthday girl is the late Mae West, who said it all years ago when asked what her latest project was going to be. "It's all about a girl who lost her reputation," she said in that famous husky voice, "and never missed it."

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Dog days have struck (me)

Talk about blank – my mind has either gone into hibernation or, it has just gone.

I searched the normal news sources, trolling for ideas which might interest our vast readership, and nothing of value appears on my radar. I'd like to call in sick, but my editor wouldn't buy it, so I've got to come up with something.

Yikes, you'd think, with all the crud and corruption going on, something would ring my bell, but it ain't happening. So I'll do what I always do, under these circumstances – start writing and hope for inspiration along the way.

Did you ever wonder why "dog days" are called "dog days?" Well, neither did I, but I figured it couldn't hurt to find out. I found that it has something to do with the star named "Sirius," also called the Dog Star, that was considered by ancient belief to cause hot, sultry weather. "Dog Days were popularly thought to be an evil time when the seas boiled, wine turned sour, dogs grew mad, and all creatures turned languid, causing to man burning fevers, hysterics and phrensies." I borrowed the foregoing from Wikipedia.

Speaking of hot weather, the country, and most of the Northern Hemisphere, is seeing temperatures at record highs. One would think that Al Gore would be out there shouting "See, see, I told you so." Well, poor Al is in a bad place right now. On top of the serious doubt cast on his global warming theory by the scientific community, his marital conflicts with Tipper (her name should have been the tip-off that she would be trouble), and, last but not least, the reemergence of the accusations that he is a lecherous scumbag are keeping him undercover. Precious irony.

Or, perhaps it is the fact that Latin America is suffering a most unusual cold snap. From CNN.com, "Cold temperatures cause death, damage in South America. An intense cold front in southern Latin America continues to blanket the region, causing deaths, school and highway closures, and other woes. A total of 18 people have died in Bolivia as a direct or indirect consequence of low temperatures. Police in Paraguay reported eight deaths from hypothermia.

In Uruguay, local media reported two weather related fatalities." The Peruvian government has declared a state of emergency in more than half the country due



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to cold weather. Is it global warming when half the globe is freezing?

Talk about an empty head, Obama's crew of advisors dramatically improved with the "resignation" of Christina Romer the other day. Romer was the chair of Obama's Council of Economic advisers. I'll never forget the first time I saw her, giggling her way through a TV bit in which she claimed that, if Congress passed the

Stimulus Bill, unemployment wouldn't exceed 8%. She was the creator and driver behind the Stimulus Bill that has turned out to be an expensive disaster.

I thought it was a parody by SNL or something. Here is this woman, who had your economic future in her hand, looking for all the world like a person who might be serving large steins of suds in a German beerhall. She sounded like she could hardly stop herself from laughing as she discussed spreading a trillion of your dollars around the country. Weird. I wondered out loud, who could take this person seriously? Evidently, Congress could since they passed it and it proved to be worthless as a job producer.

Who was Christina Romer to hold such a lofty position with such power to destroy? She was a Professor of Economics at the University of California at Berkeley, of course. Prior to that, she was an Assistant Professor at Princeton.

Well, there you are. Appointments, by the dozen, of academics who have mountains of head knowledge but not a lick of sense or who are in touch with reality.

I know there are Obama supporters who think he can do no wrong, but perhaps it's becoming clear that many of his appointments in general, and Romer specifically, can wreak havoc on you and me. Unintended consequences are beginning to be felt.

Which brings us to his most recent high-level appointment – Elena Kagan – to the Supreme Court. A question arises concerning Obama's litmus tests for appointees to the Supremes. Obviously, being a woman is on the list. Sonia Sotomayor was his first. Being attractive is obviously not on the list. Having never married and assumedly childless evidently is a criteria. Living their lives in the halls of higher learning is consistent. Perhaps most important to Obama – they are pro-abortionists. It all seems to figure, somehow.

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exact figure won't be determined until after September 1 when the QSCB percentage will be set and the county knows if it can have the money.

"This is much better than what we started with and represents a huge savings to the Macon County taxpayers," said Chairman Ronnie Beale.

Commissioner Brian McClellan said the worst case scenario is the aggregate rate of 3.7%, "but it could be lower," he said.

County Manager Jack Horton said if all goes as planned, construction could start mid-September of this year.

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Highlands Rehab

On Sunday, I spent nine hours in a Baltimore airport waiting to fly back to Highlands. During that nine hours, I had plenty of time to reflect on what I missed most about Highlands. I really began to miss everything about Highlands, but mostly the NICE people. I missed the people who live here part-time and full time. I missed the vacation people. I missed the day-trippers. I missed my clients who are looking to buy or sell their properties. I missed standing third in line at Bryson's for a whole seven minutes. I missed waiting at the red light in town for two light changes. I even missed circling town to find a parking spot. I realized, I have nothing to complain about. I get to live in Highlands. Highlands makes me happy.

Highlands people are truly, genuinely NICE. I wondered "what makes them NICE" as compared to all of these rude people in the Baltimore airport. We have people come to Highlands from all parts of the country, so it can't be a "southern" thing. We have people come here from all types of backgrounds, so it can't be a "social class" thing. We have people come here from all ages, so it can't be an "age" thing. We have people who come here with all kinds of different careers, so it can't be a "stress" thing. The Highlands "NICE" factor has to be a combination of things. Our Chamber of



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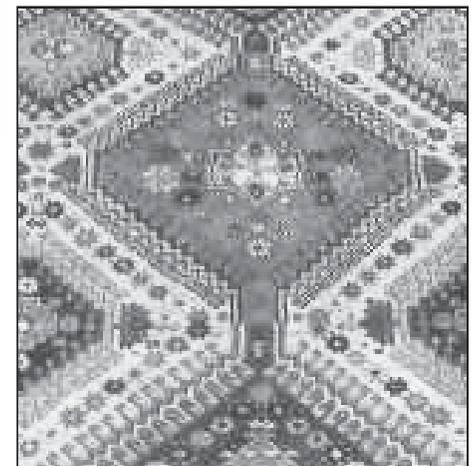
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In addition to the vendors, volunteers from the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society and the Friends for Life will be present to offer both their adorable dogs and cats for adoption and to answer questions about their animals.

Live music will be conducted on both Saturday and Sunday from noon until 3PM. Food and drink will also be available, and the Valley Garden Club will be holding a homemade bake sale.

Admission, as always, is free, and there is ample space for parking.

The Festival will be held at the Sapphire Valley Recreation Field, locate on Route 64 3 miles east of the Cashiers crossroads. Show hours are 10AM until 4PM.

Vendors seeking further information about our October Festival or Holiday Show, or those wishing further information may call (828) 743-1163 during business hours.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



Outdoor Activities

Ongoing
 • At Scaly Outdoor Center, Summer Dry Tubing. Call 526-3737.
 • At Scaly Outdoor Center, Trout Fishing. Call 526-3737.
 • Hospital Tours: "Grand Rounds" at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be providing small group tours to interested area residents. Tours will be held periodically each month, through October. Tours begin at 7:30 a.m. and will include breakfast with HCH's doctors and a meet and greet with the new CEO, Craig James. Call the Foundation Office at 526-1435 as space is limited. Or RVSP by email at info@hchospital.org.
 • Join us for lunch at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, where from May through October, you can enjoy an hour long *Lunch and Learn* educational seminar, on a variety of health topics, followed by Q&A session. Lunch provided;

seating limited. Call 526-1313 or (828) 526-1250 today to make your reservation.
 • At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1FIT.
 • Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.
 • YOGA – Moonrise Yoga -- The Dedicated Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at www.yogahighlands.com (10/28)
Sundays
 • Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God at 6201 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC. Contact youth ministers Seth & Sarha Henegar at 828 369-7540 ext 203.
 • Old Fashioned Hymn-Sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood in Horse Cove. 7-9 p.m. Sundays through Labor Day. Kay Ward – 743-5009
Mon. & Wed.
 • Pilates Classes at the Jane Woodruff Clinic, 1st floor, at H-C Hospital taught by Sandie Trevathan at 4 p.m. A mat class for all levels. For info call 526-5852. (7/29)
Mon., Wed., & Thurs.
 • On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon. & Wed/ at 7:30 a.m. and Thurs. at 10:4. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (7/30)
Mon., Wed., Fri.
 • Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.
 • 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 first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Mondays
 • Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
Tuesdays
 • Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center at noon.
 • Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
Tuesdays & Thursdays
 • Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Baldwin at 5:15 p.m. Fast moving free weight kinetic chain movement for 30-40 minutes. \$8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-
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THE OTHER GUYS
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**Morgan performs
 Thursday night at
 First Presbyterian**

First Presbyterian Church will present internationally acclaimed organist Michael Morgan in concert on Thursday evening, August 12 at 8 p.m. Dr. Morgan is organist at Atlanta's historic Central Presbyterian Church and Seminary Musician at Columbia Theological Seminary. A reception will follow the concert.
 The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on 5th Street.

**Interlude Concert
 to feature pianist
 Jonathan Wilkes**

At 2 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature pianist Jonathan Wilkes in the final concert of the season. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church.
 Jonathan Wilkes is a composer who grew up in Highlands and is the son of Mayor and Mrs. David Wilkes. He received his bachelor of music in Piano Performance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and recently completed his doctorate in theory/composition at the University of California, Davis. He studied piano with Barbara Rowan at Chapel Hill, and studied composition at Davis with Ross Bauer, Laurie San Martin, and Pablo Ortiz.
 In addition to being a fellow at the Wellesley Composers Conference in June in Buffalo, his works have been performed by the Empyrean Ensemble, the Arianna String Quartet, the New York New Music Ensemble, and Composers, Inc. He has also written electronic music, such as Elegy for a Broken Buchia Machine, and is currently a developer and documentation writer for the Pure Data visual programming language.
 There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts, which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual – come as you are.
 Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on 5th Street.

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Wednesdays

• \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryson's Food Store.

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 am.

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

• The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Silver Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

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. Call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

Thursdays

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

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series every Thursday at 7 pm at the Highlands Nature Center May 13 through Aug. 5 It's free.

Friday & Saturdays

• Live Music at The Downhill Grill at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center 7-9 p.m.. BYOB.

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 526-9938 (ext 258).

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Great values in wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. A variety of wines for every palate. Wines change weekly. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.

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

• Highlands Knitting & Needlepoint Guild meets to knit, crochet and needlepoint on the terrace at the Bascom. Questions? 526-1741.

Aug. 12-22

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Lettice & Loveage," a comedic play. For tickets call 828-526-2695 or go to

www.highlandspkayhouse.org.

Thurs., Aug. 12

• A dance at the MC Community Center on Hwy, 441 S. in Franklin, NC, (across from "Whistle Stop Mall") from 6:30 to 9:00 pm with music by "Swingtime Band" for more information call (828) 369-9155 or (828) 586-6373.

• The August meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 7 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.

• The League of Women Voters will sponsor a forum for candidates running for NC State Senate and House of Representatives in the 2010 elections. The meeting will be held at Tartan Hall in Franklin. Lunch is available at noon, by reservation. Call 524-5192.

• Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Highlands United Methodist Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

Friday, Aug 13

Annual Bel Canto performance set for Sunday, Sept. 12

Bel Canto founder, Richard Joel in front of portrait of him and his late wife.



Eighteen years ago it was Richard Joel's initial desire that the Bel Canto Recital provide funds for The Bascom to have a permanent art collection. Today the only permanent works of art The Bascom owns have been purchased with proceeds from the annual Bel Canto concert series. In recognition of his foresight, a portrait of Mr. Joel is now displayed in the permanent collection gallery of the Bascom.

Bel Canto also benefits the music program of the Highlands School. Many public schools, for budgetary reasons, have eliminated the music and arts programs. Bel Canto has provided critical funds for the continuation of the school's music program.

A third beneficiary is the music program for the children of the Highlands Community Child Development Center. We started that program last year. Before then the children had no musical experiences at all. The children now learn songs and how to keep time; Bel Canto funds also provide visiting guest musicians who entertain them and let the children hold and feel the musical instruments.

This year Bel Canto will present two more brilliant young performers such as those that have characterized our past recitals – Sarah Jane McMahon, soprano, and Marco Nistico, baritone.

Ms. McMahon, a protégé of Placido Domingo, is a summa cum laude graduate of Loyola University, New Orleans, and Yale University, recent concert appearanc-

es include *Carmina Burana* at Avery Fisher Hall and with the Tulsa Symphony and Ballet, the Rutter Requiem at Carnegie Hall, *Bravissimo!* with the Canadian Opera Orchestra, *Messiah* with the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra, *Knoxville Summer of 1915* with the Ridgefield Symphony, a Gala concert with the Sarasota Symphony, and a New Year's Eve Gala with the New Orleans Opera.

Mr. Nistico was born into a family of musicians in the lively port city of Naples, Italy and began his operatic studies there under the tutelage of his father, a singer at the San Carlo and teacher at the Naples and Avellino conservatories. He went on to study theatre and mime at the Sorbonne Nouvelle in Paris, before coming to New York. He joined the roster of the Metropolitan Opera in the Season 2009-10. In 2011 he will return to the New York City Opera to sing *Dulcamara* in Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*.

Stephen Dubberly, a maestro at the piano as well as with the baton, will, of course, be with Bel Canto for the 18th time. He and Bel Canto are almost synonymous. His incredible talent is the glue that holds it all together. Bel Canto without Stephen is unimaginable.

Put Sunday, Sept. 12 on your calendar now and plan to attend the Eighteenth Annual Bel Canto Recital! To contact Bel Canto and get on the mailing list and purchase tickets, please call 828.526.1947.

Bel Canto, exhibitions and education are a treat at The Bascom

The quality of educational programs at The Bascom continues to impress. Upcoming workshops include:

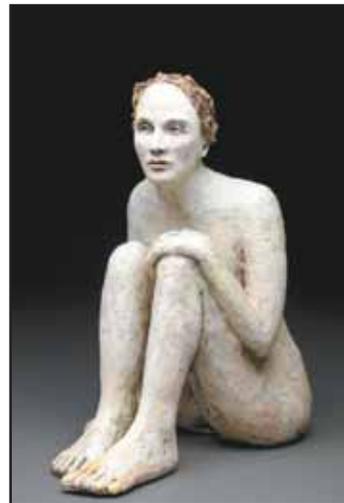
• Aug. 16-20: "More than the Figure", Debra Fritts

Explore the figure in clay with basic hand building techniques. Detailed information on proportions and facial features, and short sessions working from a model, will give students a basic understanding of the human form. Tuition: \$475 Bascom members/ \$500 non-members./\$25 model fee.

• Aug. 17-21: "Life Painting in Oil", Marc Chatov

Students will learn Chatov's morning exercises to strengthen fundamentals of drawing, value, color and composition. The afternoons will be spent discussing the great masters while painting from live models. Tuition: \$550 Bascom members/ \$575 non-members./\$40 model fee.

The Art Academy's Summer Session III, with its diversity of instructors and courses runs through August 28. This session's classes include "Watercolor Basics: Design", "Pastels: Studies in the Landscape", "Drawing", "Perspective Drawing", "Life Drawing", "Painting: Oil or Acrylic" and "Botanical Watercolor". For more information, visit www.thebascom.org/art-academy.



Debra Fritts, whose work is pictured above, will instruct "More than the Figure" at The Bascom in Highlands. Pre-registration is required for the workshops. Call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Exhibitions now at The Bascom: *Kick-start! American Motorcycle Design*, *Heroes of Horticulture*; *Recent Works: Sid Luck*; Patrick Dougherty's *Do Tell* environmental sculpture and *On View: Artists in Residence and Toe River Potters*.

All Bascom exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

This 18th edition of Bel Canto will take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 4:00 pm at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Art Center.

The Bel Canto Gala is a once-a-year "grand opera" event in Highlands. Gifted performers are brought in to sing outstanding selections from opera to the Broadway stage. Following the concert, a splendid feast is served to the benefactors and the artists. This year's dinner will be at the Highlands Country Club.

Proceeds from the Gala are used to purchase works of art for The Bascom's permanent collection and to enhance the music programs at the Highlands School and the Highlands Community Child Development Center.

For more information about the event, call Bel Canto's organizers directly at 828.526.1947, or write to P.O. Box 2392, Highlands, NC 28741.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events



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• At CLE, The Human Form Divine: Portraits in Early Modern Literature and Painting. Dr. Mary (Mimi) Fenton. 10:00-12:00 at PAC, \$20 members, \$30 non-members

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 13-14

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" at 9:15 p.m. featuring driving acoustic guitars at 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 14

• The Western North Carolina Alliance, the Little Tennessee Watershed Association and the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee will host a snorkeling trip on the Little Tennessee Contact Sharon Willard at 828-369-6402 and to register for the trip.

• At CLE, Charles Wadsworth: My Life with Chamber Music. Charles Wadsworth. 10:00-12:00 at PAC (upstairs), \$25 members, \$35 non-members

Sunday, Aug. 15

• Highlands Plateau Audubon Society is sponsoring its annual picnic at 5 p.m. on the Village Green in Cashiers. Members and interested birders are welcome to attend this highly popular event. For \$5 per person the club is offering BBQ, iced tea and a variety of desserts. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Reservations are specifically requested. Call Pat at 743-7421 or e-mail akabebe1@yahoo.com by Wed., Aug. 11.

Tues., Aug. 17

• At Hudson Library, Health Lectures by Dr. Sue Aery of Mountain Air Wellness Center. "If you want to feel good you MUST eat well."

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 18-22

• HCP's production of "Dearly Departed" at PAC. For ticket information call 526-8084.

Wed., Aug. 18

• Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring Jonathan Wilkes, piano.

• Dinner to benefit the Highlands Historical Society at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to HHS. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.

• At First Presbyterian Church, Balancing the Scales — A Study of the Middle East Conflict. Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, has lived in this region and will share his first-hand knowledge of the people who live there, the faiths that they hold dear, and what is at stake for them in this continuing conflict. The public is invited to attend this Study of the Middle East Conflict with Dr. Donald Mullen at First Presbyterian Church. This free class is from 5 – 6:30 pm. Dinner will follow in Coleman Hall. Dinner is \$7 per person. Please call the

church office at 828-526-3175 if you plan to attend.

• At CLE, Ikebana-Simply. Betty Taylor. 1:00-3:00 at

Highlands Civic Center, \$55 members, \$65 non-members.

Includes completed arrangement

This weekend marks end of season for HC-Chamber Music

By Luke Osteen

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will close out its 29th season this weekend by welcoming an internationally celebrated pianist and impresario and showcasing the immense talents of a rising composer.

The festival's season closes at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15th, with a gala concert and dinner at the Martin-Lipscomb Highlands Performing Arts Center that will spotlight Newnan, Georgia, native Charles Wadsworth.

For 50 years, Wadsworth was a favorite at the Spoleto Festivals, first in Italy and then in Charleston, South Carolina, as Artistic Director for Chamber Music, where he both performed as pianist and was the much-loved host of the daily concerts at the Dock Street Theater. For 12 years, he toured as partner with soprano Beverly Sills.

Deciding to relinquish these responsibilities at the age of 80, Wadsworth continues to perform chamber music in concerts. This marks his first performance with the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

He'll perform Debussy's "Petite Suite" with pianist Will Ransom; Schumann's "Sostenuto assai – Allegro ma non troppo" with violinist Jessica Wu and cellist Guang Wang; Kodaly's "Maestoso e largamente; Presto from the Duo, Op. 7" with violinist Eric Pritchard and Wang.

Wadsworth will also share an intimate



glimpse of his life when he presents "Charles Wadsworth: My Life with Chamber Music" at The Center For Life Enrichment in Highlands, from 10 a.m. to noon, August 14th. It's a marvelous portrait of a young man from Newnan who studies piano at Julliard and ends up organizing the Midday Concerts at the Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy, and launches the chamber music concert series at the Spoleto Festival USA. Along the

way he helps to launch the careers of Kathleen Battle, Richard Goode, Yo-Yo Ma, Peter Serkin, Pinchas Zukerman and Jessye Norman.

If the Sunday gala marks the celebration of a lifetime of chamber performances, the Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14, concerts mark the other end of the spectrum. Festival favorite The Vega String Quartet and Pritchard will be performing Duke University Ph.D student David Kirkland Garner's "i ain't broke (but I'm badly bent)". This breathtaking work is divided into 13 tunes that trace the development and artistic flowering of the fiddle.

Garner received the Morton Gold Young Composer Award from ASCAP in 2009 and an honorable mention in 2010 for works based on folk music.

"In my work, I seek to borrow and comment on elements of folk music while preserving its heart and soul," he says.

Garner's "I ain't broke" will be sharing the bill with Mozart's "String Quartet No 1 in G Major, K. 8" and Beethoven's "String Quartet in A Minor, Op 132" – also performed by The Vega Quartet and Pritchard

The concerts will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers.

For tickets, call (828) 526-9060.

Pro Rees returns to Playhouse for 'Lettice and Lovage'

By Joseph Litsch

Although she has appeared in dozens of plays on stages all over the world and has been a Highlands Playhouse regular for 36 years, Regina Rees was understandably anxious about her latest undertaking: the role of Lettice Douffet in Peter Shaffer's "Lettice and Lovage."

The play, fourth and final 2010 Highlands Playhouse production, opens Thursday, 8 p.m., and continues through Sunday, Aug. 22, with 8 p.m. performances Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

"This is very, very challenging... tremendously challenging," said Ms. Rees. "There is an extreme amount of language. It is very challenging because the language is Baroque and the woman speaks in Baroque English. And she has a tendency to wax prolific. We have 97 pages of dialogue," said Ms. Rees. "But I have done Shakespeare

and I have Moliere, so, in a sense, this is something I do."

Add to the load the fact the Shaffer wrote this play and tailored this role for Dame Maggie Smith, who created Lettice Douffet in London (1988) and in New York City (1990), picking up acting awards at both places.

Ms. Rees did not see "Lettice and Lovage" during its Broadway run. "And now I have chosen not see it — the video at the library at Lincoln Center. I may go see it after I have done it. I am not Maggie Smith. I cannot be Maggie Smith. But I can be Lettice Douffet," she said. "This is a very, very challenging role — well, all roles are challenging in their own way — but we are attempting to put on something that is very complex and difficult in a very short time. But... it's riding a horse once you get on and start moving, it begins working. I just hope we gallop off with it."

Riding with Ms. Rees will be another familiar face in Highlands, that of Cheryl Chalmers, who appeared earlier this season in "Sylvia," second production of 2010. These same two actresses were on the Highlands stage last year in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Completing the cast are Alexandra La Belle (Miss Farmer), Tom Wilson (Mr. Ran-



dolph) and Dillon Nelson (Surly Man). This season, Miss La Belle has been ticket office manager; and Nelson is both technical director and set designer.

Returning to Highlands has become a favorite personal tradition for Ms. Rees. "I came here in '74 to do a two-person musical — 'I Do, I Do' — and I fell in love with Highlands when I first set foot here. I have been back for a number of summers to do plays and to visit friends. My son learned to walk in Highlands. It's very special to me."

Director D.V. Caitlyn, making his Highlands debut, was familiar with the play before he arrived in Highlands from Cullowhee where he is Assistant Professor in the School of Stage and Screen at Western Carolina University. Having worked on both coasts — in New York City and Los Angeles — Caitlyn has more than 20 years as an actor, director and playwright.



Ongoing and Upcoming Events

• Loving Literacy Gala at PAC. An exclusive premiere showing of "Dearly Departed" by the Highlands-Cashiers Players. Silent auction, champagne reception, wine,

hors de'oeuvres. Tickets are \$50. Call 526-9938 ext. 240. **Thursday, Aug. 19**
• Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM at Our Lady of the

Mountain Catholic Church. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

Friday, Aug. 20

• At Community Bible Church, "THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN NUTRITION AND DISEASE" :Are you concerned that children are getting diseases that just 30 years ago were reserved for the elderly? We want to share with you some simple ways to prevent disease and improve the quality of your life. Led by Carol Johnson, a nutrition counselor, and Rebecca Cothran, a whole grains supplier from 9:30-11:30am. Class is FREE but reservations are required for planning purposes: 526-4297.

Sat., Aug. 21

• 3rd Annual American Legion Post 104 "Veterans Still Serving America" Tournament, Smoky Mountain CC, Whit-tier. Proceeds support community service and veterans programs. Fee \$60 per player, 2-person teams, captain's choice, 9 am shotgun. Goody bag, beverages, and post-tourney meal. \$200, \$150, and \$100 to top three teams in each flight. New Ford, other hole-in-one prizes. Raffle, door prizes, silent auction. Hole (\$100) and other sponsorships available. Pre-registration required, limited to first 92 golfers registered and paid. Contact Jim Nicholl at 293-5835 or jknicholl@verizon.net.

Sat., Aug. 21

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" play-

ing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 23

• Mirror Lake Association meeting is at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Tues.-Fri., Aug. 24-27

• HCP's production of "Dearly Departed" at PAC. For ticket information call 526-8084.

Aug. 24-28

• At the Bascom, Mira Lehr, "Painting and Layering." While combining Japanese paper and collage with painting, take risks and experience new levels of creativity and expression with this workshop. Described as a visual poet, Lehr teaches students to search, analyze and develop their own vision. Tuition is \$500 Bascom members/\$525 non-members.

Wed., Aug. 25

• The Village Nature Series features "Landslides of Western NC" with NC DENR Senior Geologist for Geohazards and Engineering Geology, Rick Wooten. The program will be followed by an ice cream social and is free to everyone in the community. No reservations are required. For more information contact HCLT at 828.526.1111. To learn more about Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust visit www.hicashlt.org and to learn about Village Green visit www.villagegreencashiersnc.com.

• At First Presbyterian Church, Balancing the Scales — A Study of the Middle East Conflict. Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands,

HCP box office for 'Dearly Departed' opens this week



The actors playing members of the Turpin family are in place to rehearse the funeral scene. Left to Right: Derek Taylor, Jenny King, Shirley Williams, Owen Leslie, Dean Zuch, Jennifer Royce, Judy Maner, Paige McMillan. Not pictured: Stephanie Dalton.

Who knew funerals could so funny? Well, that's the case when the Turpin family gets together to bury Daddy Bud in the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Dearly Departed," opening August 19th at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands NC.

"The HC Players produced this comedy back in 2005," explained director Virginia Talbot. "It was one of the most popular and funniest shows we have ever staged. It was so popular, in fact, that some people wishing to make reservations offered to bring their own chairs when we had sold all the seats for the last performance of the play. It's five years later now and we thought it was time to bring back this often requested Southern comedy."

The cast includes some of the actors who performed in the earlier 2005 production and some new actors as well. Performing for the first time with HCP are Paige McMillan, who is playing Lucille, the wife of older son Ray-Bud, Judy Maner, in the role of stuck-up Cousin Juanita, Owen Leslie playing Junior, the hapless younger son, and Stephanie Dalton playing the youngest Turpin child, Delightful. Jenny King and Shirley Williams, who performed in the earlier production, are taking new roles as Mama Raynelle and Aunt Marguerite.

Reprising their former roles are Derek Taylor, Stuart Armor, Ron Leslie, Jody Read, Jennifer Royce, Jim Schulte, and Dean Zuch, with Faye Siegel and Ken Knight filling out the cast of eccentric characters.

The "Joy of Life" singers, coordinated by Wayne and Annette Coleman, will add some old timey hymn singing to the show.

In addition to the Colemans, the singers include Jeannette Brand, Diane Rosazza, Donna Cochran, Bob Tietze, Farrel Zehr, and Michelle Hott, with Tom Wise playing accompaniment and taking the role of Merline, the irascible owner of the funeral home.

"Dearly Departed" is set in a small town in Georgia. The plot centers on the Turpin family who are trying to get organized for Daddy Bud's funeral. Son Ray-Bud is perturbed about rising costs, son Junior is having marital difficulties, little sister Delightful is assuaging her grief by continually snacking, Aunt Marguerite is criticizing everything and everybody, most of all her lazy son Royce. Add to this a passel of other colorful characters, including a rather unconventional preacher, and you have a situation fraught with comic possibilities.

Season subscribers may call the HCP box office, 526-8084, for reservations on Thursday and Friday, August 12 and 13. Others may call for reservations beginning Saturday, August 14. The box office is open on week days 10 a.m. till 4:00, on Saturdays, 10 till 2, and before the two 2:30 Sunday matinees, at 1:00 p.m. On performance days the box office will be open all day till curtain time. The play runs Thursday, August 18 through Sunday, August 22, and Friday, August 27, through Sunday, August 29, with an additional performance the last Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

The play is directed by Virginia Talbot and Tanji Armor, assisted by Ruby Sanders. It is sponsored in part by Building Technology Services of Highlands and Cashiers.

11th annual conference on 'Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants'

Friday and Saturday, Sept. 10-11, mark the eleventh annual Highlands Biological Foundation's Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants. As in past years outstanding speakers and field trips are planned. Several new and exciting field trips are offered on Friday, and they include not only native plant garden tours, but a Mad Hatter's Tea Party with Ila Hatter demonstrating herbs, teas, and desserts made with plants from her garden. Drs. Robert Wyatt and Ann Stoneburner whet appetites for diversity in the garden by presenting a workshop on mosses. All day field trips are offered to the Southern Highlands Reserve and Panthertown.

On Friday evening at 6 p.m. the keynote speaker is Dr. John Pickering. He will discuss the abundance of life that can be found in your very own yard. He will introduce you to ways you can discover life and share your information with others. Dr. Pickering is a graduate of Harvard University where he earned a Ph.D. in Biology. He currently is a professor in the Department of Entomology at the University of Georgia. Among his interests include building an on-line encyclopedia to a millions of species by 2012. Towards that goal he has established a network of international technology to collect and share biodiversity in-

formation. Currently *Discover Life* provides information on 1.3 million species. Dr. Pickering is a broadly trained biologist and specializes in the natural history of ants, bees, wasps, and sawflies.

The Friday segment of the two day conference will prove to be informational and exciting as participants experience the wonders of nature in many ways; garden tours, a tea party, a workshop on mosses and two all day field trips to two biologically diverse regions of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. That evening Dr. Pickering will enlighten the participants with information about the ecosystem in their own yards.

The Saturday sessions promise stellar speakers on many facets of landscaping with native plants and conservation of our biodiversity.

Proceeds from the conference will be used to enhance the Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station. The cost for the conference is and \$100 for members of the Highlands Biological Foundation and \$135 for non-members. The conference will be held at the Performing Arts Center, 607 Chestnut Street, Highlands, NC. To register call the Highlands Biological Station at 828-526-2602 or register on line at www.wcu.edu/hbs.



• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Spiritual Flavors?

By Pastor Gary Hewins
Community Bible Church

We used to go on family drives on the weekends. On one seemingly never-ending trip, I remember my little brother asking what I thought was a very strange question. You could see the contemplation all over his face just before his inquiry. From the back seat to the front seat he belted out, "Hey, what are we?" No one really knew what was on his nine-year old mind at the time so he was asked to explain. He wanted to know what denomination we were. After passing so many different churches, I think he was trying to figure out why there were so many spiritual flavors to choose from. He was trying to figure out where we, as a family, fit into the whole church thing.

We didn't really frequent church, except maybe on Christmas Eve if the weather wasn't too bad, or maybe on Easter, depending on the Master's Golf Tournament. We weren't getting the church thing. The closest to God I had gotten was the annual prayer/wish I would put together prior to blowing out my birthday candles. I remember praying/wishing that I would one day play professional football for the Detroit Lions. Thank God His answer was no. They never really have had a winning team.

Denominations mean so very much to many people. I guess these "spiritual flavors" arose out of a need for even greater relevance. Traditions provide comfort and predictability. After all, who wants to feel uncomfortable? Some people get very serious about denominations. I guess the church in America wants to be relevant to people. Some remain relevant by sticking with tradition. Some wear robes. Others wear ties. Still others wear jeans. Some churches are in former basketball arenas. Some enjoy a good steeple. Some sing hymns, others "contemporary worship".

If you know Christ in a personal Savior and Lord kind of way you will eventually find yourself in heaven (John 14:6). No one will ask you what denomination you came up in. It will never come up. If you don't know Christ as Savior and Lord, denominations will be the furthest thing from your mind. You will have far bigger problems to deal with.

So what then is relevance? Here's what I have come to understand and experience. Church, regardless of "flavor" is relevant by preaching and teaching the Word of God. The gospel of Christ is the most relevant thing on the face of the earth for people. After all, we are all sinners and we all need forgiveness, grace, mercy and love (Rom. 3:23). If a pastor isn't preaching the Word of God, they will have a lot to answer for. The Bible says for those pastors and teachers leading people astray it will be like having a millstone around their necks (Mark 9:42).

It is certainly OK to be comfortable in church but you also should be stretched. The church is the body of Christ. Come to think of it, His body was stretched a bit too. Church is about making disciples, followers of Christ, people who love deeply (John 13:35, Matt. 28:18-20).

Worshiping in a church is, in a way, like being a consumer. But I think being a Christian is more about being consumed. God increases in our lives as we decrease. Church should be personally transforming and life changing (Rom. 12:2).

Consider Christ. Find a church where you will be challenged. God wants you to know Him. He wants you to know His love. He wants your heart. He wants your burdens. He wants you. Find a church that preaches the Word of God and come alive to the greatest, most relevant life you could never really truly describe. This is more important than any tradition, style, or spiritual flavor. We only have one life to live. *For in him we live and move and have our being* (Acts 17:28).

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• HEALTH MATTERS •

Gum disease linked to Alzheimer’s

By Dr. Joseph Wilbanks

Twenty years of data has New York University College of Dentistry researchers have found long-term evidence that gum disease may increase the risk of brain inflammation, neurodegeneration and Alzheimer’s disease.

According to Dr. Angela Kamer “The research suggests that cognitively normal subjects with periodontal inflammation are at an increased risk of lower cognitive function compared to cognitively normal subjects with little or no periodontal inflammation.” Dr. Kamer found that subjects at age 70 with periodontal disease were nine times more likely to test in the lower range on a standardized test as compared to subjects with healthy gum tissue.

What does all this mean for us? This study is one more piece of information that links the importance of healthy gums and teeth to our overall well-being. Previous studies have confirmed the links between gum disease and heart disease, diabetes and even low birth-weight babies. This study adds brain function to that list.

The best advice for maintaining your overall health is to maintain a healthy mouth. Imagine the health care dollars that can be saved if you can avoid a long-term

illness like diabetes or heart disease. Imagine how much more you could enjoy life.

The reasons that patients use to avoid dealing with their gum disease vary but often include the following:

- Taking care of my gums is expensive. As I mentioned before, prevention of or treatment for your gum disease is much less costly than the treatment of other illnesses that it can cause.

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CLE offers fascinating programs

By Judy Blitch Gartside

The Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) will present three fascinating programs in

the next two weeks.

Sat., Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at thePAC, "Charles Wadsworth: My Life With

Annual Literacy Gala invites new patrons

The Literacy Council of Highlands invites one and all to attend the fourth annual Loving Literacy, a premiere gala, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

"Last year was a successful night of glitz and glam, and this year will have you dying laughing with its rendition of 'Dearly Departed,' performed by the Highlands Cashiers Players," said Bessie Dietrich Goggins, executive director of the Literacy Council of Highlands. "This is an event surely not to be missed."

The Performing Arts Center is very pleased to be the venue for the Literacy Council's Gala again this year and help with their efforts to enrich lives through literacy in Highlands, said Mary Adair, director of PAC. "The Literacy Council promotes so much more than just reading," she said. "It promotes literacy in all forms, including exposure to music, theater and beyond."

Casey Hodges, an intern at the Literacy Council, is excited to attend this event for the first time this year. "The Literacy Council has taught me so much and really opened my eyes to the number of people who struggle to read in the area in which I live," said Hodges.

"I am excited for this event after hearing the buzz about the production, silent auction, champagne and hors d'oeuvres."

Tickets to the event are \$50 each, which includes entry to the play, a champagne toast and hors d'oeuvres.

"We hope to see returning patrons of Loving Literacy, as well as new faces," said Goggins. "The Gala is our largest fundraiser of the year, and attending this event is a great way to support literacy. If you're free on Wednesday, Aug. 18, come stroll the red carpet and enjoy the opening night of 'Dearly Departed.'"

All proceeds raised from the Gala will benefit the Literacy Council, a nonprofit organization that helps those struggling in reading, writing and computer skills through free educational programs. The Literacy Council also has tutoring, ESL classes, Rosetta Stone software and GED classes available to the community.

For more information about Loving Literacy or to purchase tickets, contact Goggins by telephone at 828-526-9938 extension 240 or via e-mail at HighlandsLiteracy@live.com.

Chamber Music," is presented by Charles Wadsworth and William Ransom. Fee is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. The lecture will be framed as a conversation between Wadsworth and Ransom, covering the life of Mr. Wadsworth, a legend in the field of Chamber Music in America, from his early days in Newnan, GA, to his studies at Julliard and friendships with notable composers and performers over 50 years.

Thursday, Aug. 19, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cullasaja Club, CLE will present "An Introduction to Wine." Participants will learn about a variety of domestic and imported wines. A wine tasting is included. Fee is \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members.

Larry Fruchtman, Food and Beverage Manager of Cullasaja Club, is presenting this program.

Friday, Aug. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at PAC (downstairs), CLE features a , "Genetics: What We've Learned and Where We're Going." Fee is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

This lecture is presented by Dr. Lori Seischab, Assistant Professor of Biology at WCU. The participants will learn about DNA sequence, and the science of genetics, the human genome.

To make reservations or for more information, call the CLE office (828) 526-8811, or e-mail clehighlands@yahoo.com. The office is located at the Peggy Crosby Center, 348 S. Fifth St., Suite 202.

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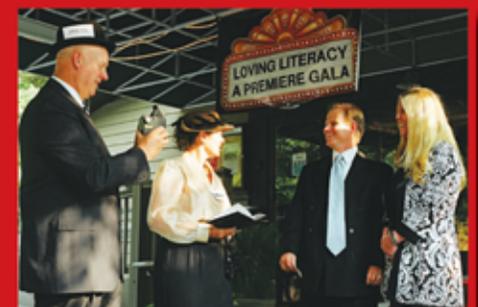
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cer in Highlands.

American Cancer Society representatives say the organization can't pay patient medical costs, but Lisa Duff, Senior Community Manager of the American Cancer Society's south Atlantic Division, says in the long run the society can do much more.

"The American Cancer Society is very aware that a diagnosis of cancer can have devastating financial impacts on patients and families, and so we help people navigate through a variety of issues facing patients, through programs like Patient Advocates," she said "While we can't pay for treatment directly, we do help people move through the complicated world of insurance, Medicaid, community programs and more. But basically the American Cancer Society is dedicated to working on public policy advocacy to address this need across the country."

Highlands' Christy Kelly, a cancer survi-

vor, serves on the Relay For Life planning committee as Advocacy Chair and though she knows all too well the monetary strain cancer and its treatments cause, she supports the American Cancer Society goals whose mission is prevention and elimination, said Kelly.

"The sad truth is cancer treatments and the drugs associated with those treatments are so expensive the \$100,000 we raise in this community each year would only help maybe two people with medical bills and that amount wouldn't eliminate the bills. I'd rather the money be used on research and cures so people don't get cancer and don't have to pay those medical bills in the first place."

Kelly said though funds raised don't come directly back to Highlands as payment for medical bills, money raised comes home to North Carolina, in fact, more than anywhere else in the country. "Research dollars

are spent at Duke, Wake Forest, Mission Memorial and a number of other medical institutions in the form of clinical drug trials and research," she said.

Duff said the society fights cancer on several fronts with the ultimate goal of eliminating the disease and saving lives. "This includes research funding to find cures, education to help people stay well, services for people facing cancer and organizing communities to fight back."

Duff said it is simply impossible to pay for cancer treatments directly and do all of the things the American Cancer Society is dedicated to do. "Again, this is why we continue to advocate for improved public policy in this area while we help people navigate through our health care system," she said.

Here's a list of local support provided by the American Cancer Society for patients:

- The 1-800-227-2345 toll-free number where trained information specialists are available 24/7 to answer questions.

- Visit the newly formatted www.cancer.org for additional materials

- American Cancer Society Patient Advocate is trained to help patients find financial resources, clinical trials and other support systems to meet their specific needs

- The American Cancer Society Atlanta Hope Lodge offers free lodging to patients who need to stay away from home to receive extended treatments

- Reach to Recovery is a program that links breast cancer survivors with newly-diagnosed patients. Macon County has its own Reach coordinator. To schedule an appointment with her, call 1-800-227-2345.

- A new Patient Service Suites has opened in Macon County. Here, patients can receive free wigs, hats, turbans, and special bras and prostheses.

- "Look Good, Feel Better" is a program that helps those receiving treatment learn new makeup, hair and nail care unique to their situation. Volunteer beauty professionals lead small groups, usually about six to 10 women, through the practical, hands-on experience. Each woman gets a free makeup kit to use during and after the workshop.

Opening ceremonies at the annual Relay for Life event in Highlands begin Friday, Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Rec Park with the event continuing through 8 a.m. Saturday morning.

- The survivor walk is at 6:15 p.m. led by Honorary Survivor Butch Smart. Caregivers will join in the second lap followed by a team lap with banners.

- At 7 p.m., entertainment begins with the Country Cloggers.

- "Just For You Team" and "Madison's Miracle Team" will pick the winning tickets for their raffles, celebrities will endure the dunk tank and as the night goes on people can Karaoke, Zumba or just enjoy the fellowship of the Highlands community.

Relay For Life's Luminaria Ceremony takes place at 9:30 p.m. At sunset luminaria candles will be lit and participants are encouraged to walk the track in silence to remember those lost to cancer and celebrate those who have won their battle.

Luminaria may be purchased for \$10 by calling Christine Murphy at 828-200-0131 or by visiting www.relayforlife.org/highlands. Luminaria will also be available the night of Relay.

New this year, participants are being asked to bring a canned good to anchor down the luminary bags. The food will be distributed to Highlands' food banks on Saturday.

"Many of the participants at the Relay are cancer survivors, which serves as a reminder that Highlands is not immune to this disease," aid Relay Event Chair Debbie Grossman. "By participating in Relay, we are joining with the American Cancer Society's efforts to create a world with less cancer and more birthdays. We encourage everyone to come and show their support for Highlands. Just being there makes a difference. Be involved in the best birthday celebration in Highlands."

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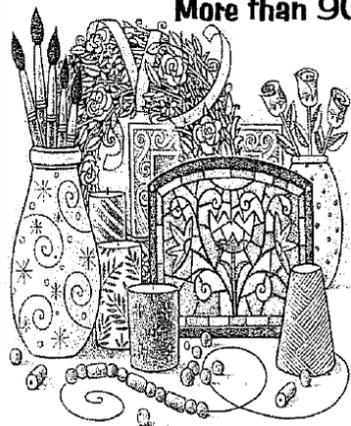
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information won't be 'closed' anymore."

The new law makes public the reasons for suspensions and demotions of state and local employees, and more.

Beale said it wasn't clear if the law would be retroactive — that is, whether information could be requested about personnel content of closed sessions that happened in the past.

The general idea behind the law is to make government more transparent, and to help ensure ethical behavior at all levels of government thereby improving public trust.

Specifically, the law makes the salary history and each promotion, suspension or demotion of a state or local employee a public record. Dismissal letters are also now public;

- Requires that public records disputes be sent to a mediator before a lawsuit can be filed and;

- Allows for the recovery of legal fees by people who successfully sue the state over the improper withholding of public records.

It also deals with numerous ethical standards concerning conduct and finances during campaigns and while in office.

School news for parents & students

- Teachers start back to school on Aug 19.

- High School students may get their schedules, parking permits and lockers in the office from 1-3 pm on Aug 23;

- Meet the Teacher Night/Open House 4-6 pm on Aug 24;

- That night, high school students may get their schedules, lockers and permits. Middle School students can get their lockers and elementary students can take their supplies to their classrooms.

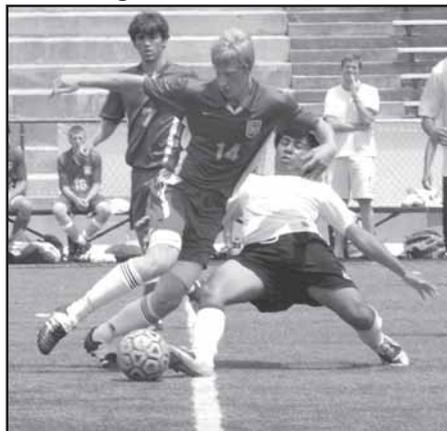
- August 25 is the 1st day of school.

Remember to get on the email list for high school by sending a message to thomas.jessup@macon.k12.nc.us with your child's name and grade in the subject line.

- The school Guidance Office is open. For appointments call 526-2147 ext 309;

- The Highlands Middle School Girls Volleyball Team (7th & 8th grades) invites new players to join the team, especially 7th graders. Come to practice at the new Highlands School Gym. For more information, contact Coach Gary Garren @ 828-482-2370 or email garyg@C21ML.com

Varsity Soccer Schedule



The Highlands Boys Varsity Soccer team has already started playing and practicing for the upcoming season. Noel Atherton took the shot above during the annual Jamboree played in Asheville. Number 14 is Isaac Beaver

Date	Day	Opposing	Place	Time
Aug 25	Wed.	Tallulah Falls	Home	5
Aug 26	Thurs.	Franklin	Away	6
Aug 28	Sat.	Rabun Gap	Away	4
Aug 31	Tues.	Erwin	Away	6
Sept 2	Thurs.	Brevard	Away	6
Sept 8	Wed.	E.Henderson	Home	6
Sept 13	Mon	Andrews	Away	6
Sept 15	Wed	Murphy	Home	6
Sept 22	Wed	Blue Ridge	Away	4
Sept 25	Sat	Owen	Away	3
Sept 27	Mon	Swain	Home	6
Sept 30	Thurs	Cherokee	Home	6
Oct 1	Fri	Tallulah Falls	Away	5
Oct 4	Mon	Hayesville	Away	4
Oct 6	Wed	Andrews	Home	6
Oct 9	Sat	Rabun Gap	Home	3
Oct 11	Mon	Murphy	Away	6
Oct 14	Thurs	Franklin	Home	6
Oct 16	Sat	Owen	Home	3
Oct 18	Mon	Blue Ridge	Home	6
Oct 20	Wed	Swain	Away	6
Oct 21	Thurs	Polk Co	Home	6
Oct 25	Mon	Cherokee	Away	4
Oct 27	Wed	Hayesville	Home	6
Nov 3	Wed	State Playoffs	TBA	

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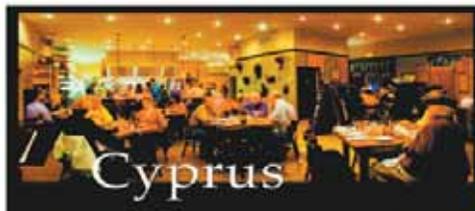


Grossman is pictured with her nephew Paul Habelow and her dog Sami.

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Police & Fire Report

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from July 28. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 28

• At 6:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 106 and US 64.

July 30

• At 9:50 a.m., Alfredo Mendoza-Garcia, 36, of Highlands, was arrested for driving without a license at NC 106 and US 64.

Aug. 4

• At 1:08 p.m., officers responded to a complaint about a vehicle blocking a sidewalk on S. 4th Street.

Aug. 5

• At 2:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle

accident at US 64 and Spring St.

Aug. 6

• At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 106 & US 64.

• At 1 a.m., a resident reported the tires slashed on his vehicle on Spring Street.

• At 9:41 p.m., an intoxicated subject was reported on Biscuit Rock.

Aug. 7

• At 8:10 p.m., a resident on Azalea Woods reported \$1,000 damage to 3 cement columns and a garage door.

Aug. 8

• At 11:41 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on Holt Knob Road.

Aug. 9

• At 10 p.m., an assault on a female on a street in

Highlands was reported.

Aug. 10

• At 10:03 p.m., an argument between a male and female was reported on N. 5th St.

• At 3:30 p.m., a suspicious person was reported walking on N. 4th St.

• During the week, police officers responded to 5 alarms and issued 11 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug. 3:

Aug. 3

• At 8:34 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hicks Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

Aug. 4

• At 7:56 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist

EMS with a medical call at a residence on Garnet Road Trail. The victim was taken to the hospital.

Aug. 5

• The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with medical calls at 3 locations - S. 4th St. at 1:18 p.m., Retreat Lane at 2:25 p.m. and Shortoff Road at 5:26 p.m. There was only one transport to the hospital.

Aug. 6

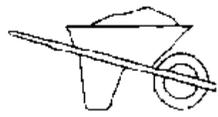
• 9:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Biscuit Rock Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

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• At 5:08 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Clear Creek Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

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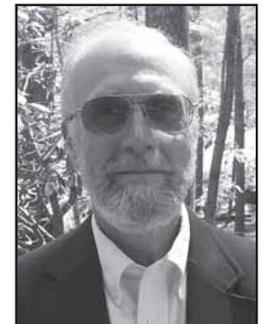
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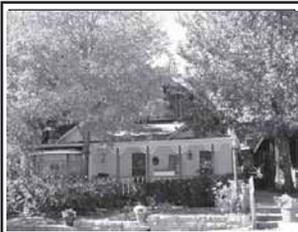


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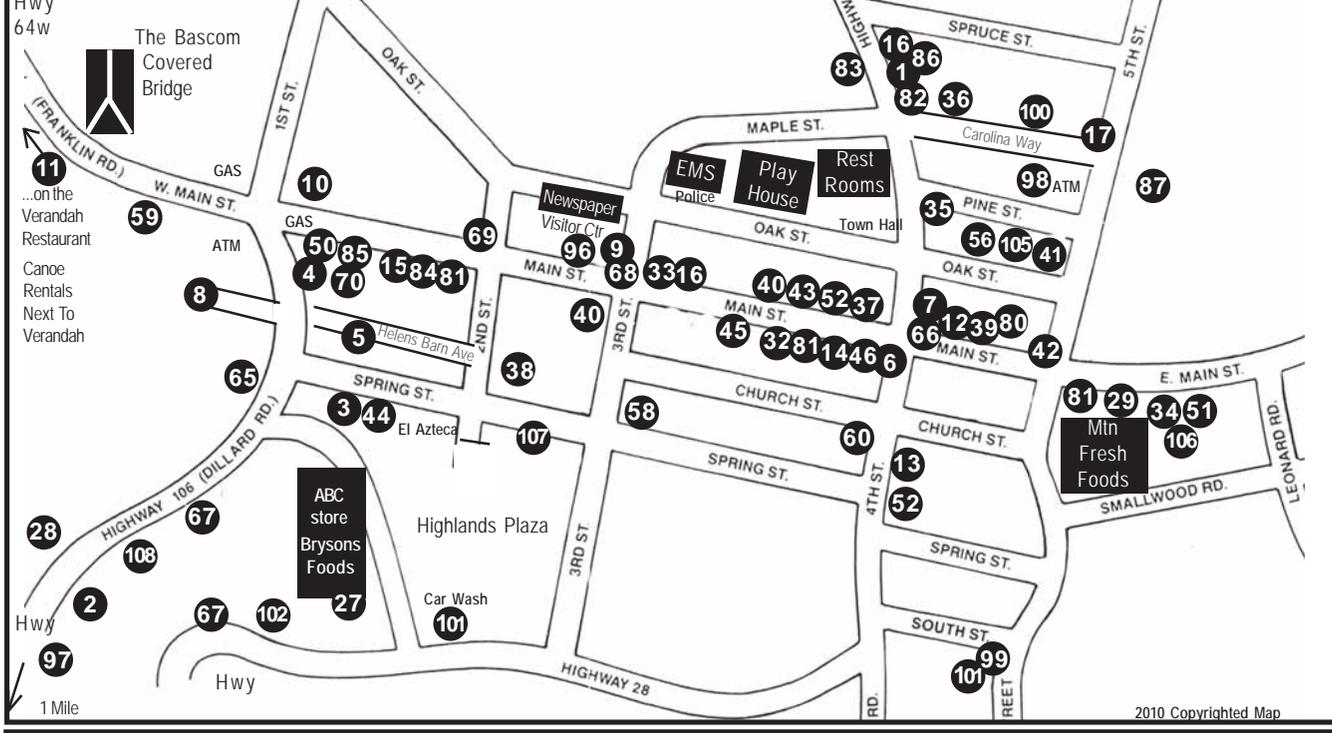
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