Candidate forums aim to educate

The first of three candidate question and answer forums took place Tuesday night at the Rec Park and will take place again the second Tuesday in September and October prior to November's selection. The group “We the People,” which began meeting a little over two months ago to study the constitution, decided to take a proactive stance toward politics beginning with the Q&As to encourage a more informed electorate this November.

They are also crafting a letter to politicians outlining four areas of concern for which they want answers from candidates and sitting politicians: term limits, balanced budget, the elimination of earmarks (pork) and the assurance that Congress and their staff or anyone in Federal government will not be exempt from the laws and statutes imposed on the people—healthcare, social security, retirement, etc.—wespecifically noted.

Local David LaCagna was

Court comes down hard in DWI case

The court system works slowly, but the sentencing in a serious accident caused by a drunk driver on U.S. 64 at Sherwood Forest Road April 27, 2009 was delivered July 6, 2010.

Matthew Wallin, 53, of Highlands, pled guilty to serious injury by a vehicle and was sentenced to supervised probation for 60 months and ordered to pay $72,025 for court costs and fees, the fine, restitution and miscellaneous items.

Special conditions of probation include submitting to periodic warrantless searches by a probation officer, to not use or possess any illegal drug or controlled substance unless prescribed by a doctor, supply a breath, urine or blood specimen for analysis when instructed by the probation officer, participate in further evaluation, counseling, treatment, education or any therapeutic requirements in programs until discharged, to attend and complete the 90-day DART Cherry Program, not to operate a motor vehicle on the highways of North Carolina for the five-year probation period, nor possess a weapon.

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will hold its annual Kirkin’ O’ The Tartan at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, July 18. Those wishing to participate in the service by carrying a tartan banner should call the church office at 526-3175 or Skip Taylor at 526-4280.
Dear Editor,

In May, Meadows Mountain Realty decided to get involved with the American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life which takes place in Highlands next month. We formed a Relay Team and started raising money through our flamingo flocking and an upcoming event called Bark For Life. We had no idea at the time, how close to home our participation would take us. We all tend to take our good health for granted. But on June 29th, one of our Meadows Mountain Realty family members, Colleen Fogle, discovered that she has infiltrated Ductile Carcinoma Breast Cancer. The tumor is 6cm in size, it is in Stage 3 and is very aggressive. Her fight involves three stages of treatment and tremendous expense.

The first stage to fight this disease will require Colleen to receive chemo treatments every 2 weeks for 15 weeks, which she must start immediately. However, the chemo treatments are $4,600 each and must be paid for in advance before they will be administered. On top of this, her insurance has a $5,000 annual deductible before they will cover 50% as coinsurance. Additionally, her annual out-of-pocket maximum is $20,000 before insurance will cover the treatments 100%. In order for Colleen to start her chemo treatment, she will have to pay a total of $8,300, which she does not have.

The second stage of her treatment will require a bilateral or double mastectomy, which of course, will require the cost of surgery and staying in the hospital for a few days.

The third stage will consist of radiation every day for 12 weeks.

We are truly racing against the clock. Not only are we fighting an aggressive cancer here, but we are trying to get her treatments started so she can have her surgery before the end of the year. If the surgery takes place next year, Colleen will be responsible for up to an additional $20,000 out of pocket that she just does not have.

For those of you who don’t know Colleen - she is a hard working single mom with two children ages 15 and 17 and like all single mothers (and fathers) she has always put her children first, struggling to make ends meet, and making sure her children are provided for.

Meadows Mountain Realty has been helping Colleen during this difficult time by contacting every possible advocacy group and agency to assist Colleen financially, medically and emotionally. We are now reaching out to our generous community and asking everyone of you to please reach into your hearts and your wallets to donate whatever amount you can to help us raise the money required so Colleen can start her chemo treatments.

We have opened up a medical expense account at Macon Bank for Colleen. We have all had our share of bad fortune in our lives, and we know that these are difficult financial times, but any amount you can donate to help Colleen out is truly appreciated.

Please make your checks payable to: “Colleen Fogle” you must put Medical Expense Account in the memo line.

Mail or drop off checks to: Meadows Mountain Realty, Attn: Michelle Muraco, 450 N. 4th Street, Highlands, NC 28741 or Macon Bank, Attn: Tony Potts, 476 Carolina Way, Highlands, NC 28741.

If you have any questions, please call us at 526-1717 or send us an email at cancer@meadowsmtnrealty.com.

With Many Thanks, Meadows Mountain Realty
Judy, Michelle, Tricia, Tom, Tammy, John, Bill, Elizabeth, Georgia and Dee

Robillard and Woodcox wed

Meghan Elise Robillard and Nicholas Paul Woodcox were married in Concord, NC on May 15, 2010. The bride is the daughter of Jeff and Kathy Robillard of Charlotte, NC. The groom is the son of Gus and Jan Lard of Highlands and Baton Rouge, LA. Nick is a 2001 graduate of Highlands School. The wedding couple graduated from Western Carolina University. Meghan is the Office and Compliance Director/Loan Processor for Freedom Financial Solutions. Nick is employed by McKesson Corporation as a technical consultant, implementing hospital information systems around the USA. The couple makes Charlotte their home.

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands’ Newspaper. Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m.

There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.
Walter Neville Bryson

Walter Neville Bryson, age 85, of Highlands, NC, died Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Walter Allen Bryson and Ruth Young Bryson. He was a US Army Veteran of World War II. He began business in 1951.

He was a farmer, owner of Bryson Grading and Trucking since 1963, owner of B & S Haulers since 1997, operator of Hickory Flats Farm since 1961, which he dearly loved, and owner of Bryson's Gulf Service for 34 years. He was a member of Highlands United Methodist Church, and a member of the Macon County Planning Board. He was the first President of the Highlands Lions Club, a former member of the Board of Commissioners in Highlands, former member of Macon County Board of Education and Macon County Board of Commissioners.

He loved Highlands, his family and his church. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Walter N. Bryson, Jr., and a brother, William Y. Bryson.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Edna Phillips Bryson; two sons, James P. Bryson and wife Shelia and J. Michael Bryson and wife Becky, all of Highlands, NC; a daughter-in-law, Margaret Bryson; a sister, Mozelle Postell of Robbinsville, NC; five grandchildren, Josh (Mandi), Jennifer (Brian), Ryan, Jaime, and Maegan.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 10, 2010 at the Highlands United Methodist Church, with Rev. Paul Christy officiating. Burial was at Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jimmy Robins, Willard Turpin, Clarence Carpenter, Fred Bowers, Joe Luke and Jim Luke. Honorary pallbearers were Walter Wilson, Gene Tilley, Jack Horton, and Jerry Sutton.

Memorials may be made to Highlands United Methodist Church, PO Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Lester Reed Jr. (Poley) age 76, of the Goldmine Community passed away Friday, July 9, 2010 at his residence. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Lester Reed Sr. and Pearl Frady Reed. He was married to Evelyn Watts Reed who died in 2001. He was a heavy equipment operator and a member of Goldmine Baptist Church. He loved his family and friends. He loved gardening, hunting, and fishing.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by three daughters, Teresa Davis and husband Oren, Diane Watts and husband Gilmer, and Karen Hooper and husband Danny all of Franklin, one sister LaVern Dills and two brothers, Eldon Reed and Sheridan Reed.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Goldmine Baptist Church with Rev. Alton Dendy and Rev. Charles Reed officiating. Burial was at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Doyle Wayne McCall, Gary McClure, Doug McCall, Corey A. Watts, Shelby Davis and D.J. Owens will serve as pallbearers.

The Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 conducted military grave services.

A special thank you to Westcare Hospice. Contributions may be made to the family/c/o Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, 105 West Main St., Franklin, NC 28734. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

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Impossible? What does it mean today in an age where we need only think it, to create it, where everything is possible, in which landing a man on the moon barely merits a footnote.

It’s all moving so fast now, and accelerating exponentially. What can’t we do, if the moment we consider it, we start to make it happen? I’m just about to decide there is absolutely nothing that the human mind cannot conquer.

I used to be sure we lived within defined limits. I bet my brother once that The Indianapolis 500 Mile Race would never be run at greater than 150 miles per hour because as per the sportswriters there were limits due to frames, engines, even tires. It was pretty convincing when it was explained in terms of scientific law, or what passed for scientific law.

How can one believe they can’t come up with a better tire compound in a ain a species that went from the ground to hot air balloons in millions of years, from hot air balloons to Kitty Hawk in 50 or 100?

That’s the idea—accelerating.

Then from the Wright Brothers to TWA only 25 or 30 years, from the DC-3 to the moon, all easily within a single century. I don’t remember the bet, but I’ll bet I never paid off. He reminded me of it for the rest of his life, whenever he suspected I was closing my mind. It was if he were saying, “Hey, Dumb Ass, yeah, I’m talking to you, how many times do I have to remind you. Those guys at Goodyear, they know how to make a tire.” It hadn’t been a matter of race car records for years.

To him, it was as clear at the nose on his face I can. You can. We all can because we are one. We have the power of six billion, focused on a certain problem, which can become an opportunity. And an opportunity, skillfully exploited, results in fortune. I guess you could sum up my brother’s philosophy by saying he believed in both man and capitalism. To him, they were indivisible.

We humans get bored when we don’t have a problem to solve. After a while everybody is so rich we can just do it for fun. Despite what my brother might have thought, capitalism is a phase we’re going through. We’ll discard it when it no longer serves us. Today, it remains a powerful force to drive invention and discovery. Later, as they say, “not so much.” And I’m pretty sure that my brother would have taken “Human Genius” over “Capitalism” every time.

A wise man he was, who could see yesterday, and beyond the farthest skies, with equal clarity. Maybe he was right. Who is going to stop us, if not ourselves?

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**COACH'S CORNER**

Lebron’s choice brings the heat

I promise that title will be the only lame pun attempt in this column (I’m not as talented as those guys who write the headlines for a living). I talked about Lebron several times in this space mainly to praise a guy who has become a global icon and the face of the NBA. Lebron’s announcement last Wednesday night was the type of media frenzy usually reserved for the Super Bowl, and it seems as if everyone and their brother has a different opinion on the subject. Let’s take a look at a couple perspectives on the issue and assess Miami’s chances next season.

First and foremost, I think everyone agrees that the one-hour spectacle that saw James and Jim Gray talk uncomfortably on stage was a big mistake. Even Michael Jordan’s legendary ego would not have approved of the drummed up suspense and “buzz” that James and his handlers tried to create. To publicly snub Cleveland and in such a public manner is likely something that James will regret when he gains perspective. Despite this poor choice, James should not receive too much criticism for agreeing to something that was surely not his idea, but the idea of an agent or handler trying to build a bigger audience. While the city of Cleveland was surely devastated, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert did himself and the city no favors by blowing off steam in an email that called James a coward and a betrayer (amongst other things). Gilbert’s email was a legendary outburst that captured the true emotion of the fans in Cleveland, but was also in poor taste and caused the best basketball player in the world is willing to admit that he needs help and will take less money to win then I think that it is a great lesson for all of those who look to sports for role models.

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2. Approve agenda
3. Approve minutes of June9, 16 (Special), 16 (Regular) and 23, 2010
4. Public Comments
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A. Mayor
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C. Committees
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A. Public Services Department
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D. Planning & Zoning Department
7. Additional One Stop Voting
8. Preliminary and Final Plat Approval—Dwight Bryant
9. Adjourn in Memory of Neville Bryson
Road trip

John and I haven’t been up to see Maman for a while, due to circumstances which will appear in a future column. By the time this missive comes out, however, we’ll be back from Waynesboro, VA and back in the bosoms of our furry family. The cats know how to work guilt like a Jewish mother, and I foresee lots of petting and purring, aided by massive amounts of blackmail tuna.

The path between Highlands and Waynesboro should now be worn smooth by now, given the number of trips we’ve made. Fortunately for us, it’s a pleasant ride for the most part, going through some of the prettiest of North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. The contrast between the mountains and the rolling hills is impressive. From craggy heights where a mountain goat would be hard-pressed to perch, you go to freshly mown fields with their giant Shredded Wheat rolls of hay and herds of Angus cattle sheltering from the heat under trees. It may sound corny, but it’s during trips like this that I fall in love with this country all over again.

It would seem that a journey between two states so close together – North Carolina and Virginia – would be a short one, but it isn’t. Going to see Maman take about 8½ hours, a long haul which we usually make in two days. John’s daughters, Dori and Karen, live in Baltimore and Raleigh, respectively, but visiting with them is a major expedition, not the short drive for Sunday lunch that it should be in the best of all possible family situations.

The road less traveled does have its temptations. We’ve been lured off the road to visit the International Storytelling Center in Jonesborough, TN, and a sidetrip for a bathroom break got us to the Visitors Center in downtown Lexington, VA, a lovely town I hadn’t visited since my senior high school class went to hear Barry Goldwater speak at Washington & Lee University. In these days of tight budgets and belt-tightening, when the State of Virginia has closed a number of its rest stops along the highway (a particularly dumb move since they had just spent millions to re-do them!), Tennessee has opened a brand-new visitors center with helpful information about local sites to visit. John picked up several brochures, but we’re particularly intrigued by the Tow Truck Museum. The brochure alone is worth a detour.

On the way up, we overnighted in Abingdon, an all-round gorgeous old town to explore, and home of a truly unique theater. The Barter Theater was the brainchild of Robert Porterfield, a young actor who returned to his native southwestern Virginia during the Depression with an intriguing idea – that of exchanging local produce for the opportunity to watch live theater. One day a year, the Barter Theater still honors that tradition by letting its patrons pay for their seats the old fashioned way, with hams and chickens, fruit and vegetables. Of course, things are quieter now, not like in the olden days when the squealing of hogs and clucking of chickens sometimes distracted from the on-stage entertainment. That wasn’t all. At one time, the local jail was located beneath the stage, so the occasional jailbird must have made for interesting theater, too.

We finally got to Waynesboro, and took the familiar route to Summit Square. When you haven’t seen your Mom in a while, it’s normal to feel apprehensive. There was, however, bright as ever, if physically delicate and frail. We had a special reason to visit Maman: we had come to escort her to the Bastille Day Celebrations sponsored by the Alliance Française of Charlottesville, and held at the Kluge Estate Winery and Vineyard. A special day had been planned for us, with a silent auction of lovely items, wine and cheese, and additional food provided by the Alliance Française.

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Dear Editor,

We are all right...and wrong. We are all dead set in our opinions and put on blinders. We all “whine, blame, accuse, threaten, intimidate, escalate and have tantrums.” We are human and we all “fall short.” Both parties “cause ruckus, are polarizing and play the victim and play one group against another.”

All of us could stand a lesson in the Golden Rule. Mr. Swanson should be first in line. Last week he called a member of the President’s administration a “Marxist” without any statement of why he felt this to be true. That was a very serious charge to be made on what appeared to be a whim. Making remarks such as this places Mr. Swanson in the middle of the descriptions of liberals. Mr. Swanson’s ridiculous comments make him look more foolish each week. I believe he stated in one of his columns last year that he was so furious with the Obama Administration he wanted to throw his TV off of his terrace. Once again that seems to place him in the middle of the above listed descriptions of liberals.

Mr. Lincoln stated that “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” My strongest wish would be that Mr. Swanson would dwell on the consequences of a house divided. Mr. Lincoln also said: “America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedom, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

Stop acting like a child and work toward uniting our wonderful country so that together we might solve our many problems.

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While I’m not a quitter, the state of the world is making the idea tempting. For example, our fave celeb, the lovely and loveable Lindsay Lohan gets thrown in the klink when she should be committed or deported or given a brain transplant when her lunatic father runs around loose. There is no justice.

On the subject of no justice, the case against the Black Panthers, who intimidated voters on Election day in 2008, was abandoned on the order of Eric Holder’s Justice Department. Showing up at polling places in military garb and wielding nightsticks, these thugs were videoed doing their dirty work, but Holder didn’t think that was worth pursuing. A department whistle blower testified that orders were given to not prosecute when crimes were black on white. Some justice.

But while they weren’t prosecuting these malefactors, the Justice Department was busy suing Arizona for doing the job the Feds are supposed to do and haven’t. The porous border issue has been a plague for far too long and the reason is becoming more and more apparent to even the dullest among us: no one wants to offend the Hispanics for fear of losing their vote. Curiously, there are polls that say that even the Hispanics here legally favor, by significant margins, Arizona’s effort to eliminate the plague from the South.

This is the same nitwit (Holder) who thought that the drags of humanity residing at Camp Gitmo should be tried in downtown Manhattan, where security would be a nightmare and the cost astronomical. Let’s see, these creeps are in a military prison, where security has been demonstrated for years, but rather than try them there, let’s bring them to the most crowded, most valuable and possibly among the most vulnerable property on earth (anybody remember 9/11, just a few blocks away from the proposed court?) I do not demean the NYPD and other agencies providing security, but the risk just isn’t worth taking.

Oh, that’s right. Obama promised his lefty base that Guantanamo would be closed by the end of last year. What ever happened to that hair-brained idea? On the subject of hair-brained ideas, I’m trying to figure out which is the dumbest: putting on a six-month moratorium on off-shore drilling or putting out a date that our troops will start to be withdrawn from Afghanistan next year.

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Obviously, since Realtors are in the business of helping people find homes, much of what we do depends on people buying and selling. However, in today’s rough economic times, we advise our clientele that it is currently the best time to buy property … but why?

As the famous banking mogul Baron Rothschild once said, “The best time to buy is when there is blood in the streets.” To use less gruesome terminology, my father used to always tell me that the best time to buy was naturally when people wanted to sell. Having a business in Highlands for many years, my dad saw many different economic times and cycles. One time he told me about a man who even mortgaged his horse in order to pay the bills! With the economy being the way that it is today, sellers are willing to be more and more creative with financing in order to facilitate a sale. Banks are also more willing to work with potential clients to find financing solutions. These factors provide an excellent climate for someone looking to buy.

Secondly, Highlands is a unique market in which to invest because of the outstanding property values in the area. Because Highlands is located on a plateau surrounded by national forest, we lack room to expand and therefore are faced with the same types of demand that a large city or beachfront property would command. However, because of the current market, the usual shortage of available property has been replaced with much more selection and value. While a house can deteriorate over time and lose value, the land beneath it will not — which is valuable information for people looking for a sound investment. While investing in property in Highlands is a sound business decision, the best reason to purchase a home here is the area itself.

For over 100 years people have visited Highlands for the beauty of the mountains and the mild climate. Currently, Highlands offers the same mountain splendor that people experienced in 1900, but with plenty of modern attractions. We have a wonderful arts program anchored by the PAC Center, the Bascom and the Highlands Playhouse, as well as one of the finest spas in the world at the Old Edwards Inn. There are numerous opportunities for leisure including six premium country clubs and a newly renovated Civic Center. Throughout five generations my family has seen many changes in this area, but the safety and hospitality that our town provides has remained unchanged.

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by L'Etoile and C&O Restaurants. If you ever get a chance to taste “rillettes,” try them. While they can be made from a number of meats and fish, the ones I like the best are made from pork, and it tastes like a French version of pulled pork. I treated myself to a rilletté sandwich on fresh baguette, with French potato salad.

We didn’t lack for entertainment, either. Jean-Jacques, a marvelous singer, treated us to songs from many generations, so that Maman and I could sing along to old World War II favorites, as well as songs from Edith Piaf, Yves Montand, Michel Sardou, and Bernard Lavilliers, just to name a few. The much anticipated event of the day was a performance by the 65 strong Spirit Gospel Singers, from Charlottesville’s sister city of Besançon, the capital and principal city of the Franche-Comté region of France. As it just so happens, Besançon was also the hometown of my great grandmother, Mémé. Now you may be saying to yourself, “French people singing gospel music in English?” Mais oui, and very well indeed, merci beaucoup.

There are folks who think you have to be African American to sing gospel music, and before I heard the Spirit Gospel Singers, I thought so, too. This remarkable singing group is part of The French American Gospel Music Workshop Exchange, a project which began seven years ago. Ever since then, singers have been crossing the Atlantic in both directions, forming firm friendships, since they stay with host families.

The Spirit Gospel Singers gave us just a taste of their music at the Bastille Day Celebration. Fortunately for us, we were also able to see a full concert in Staunton the following day which included several excellent local soloists and local choralsingers.

But, back to Bastille Day, and one of those moments which remain forever frozen in time. Because it was the French National holiday, the Spirit Gospel Singers concluded their performance at the Kluge Estate with a stirring rendition of La Marseillaise. The instant my mother heard the opening strains of the music she gripped the arm rests of her wheelchair, and began to rise. John and I were on either side of her, and helped her up the rest of the way. We stood there, singing, as a family. When the music concluded, many members of the choir swarmed our table, treating Maman to hugs, handshakes, and kisses. Some had tears in their eyes; several were crying softly. All were in agreement. The sight of that frail, dignified woman rising from her wheelchair to honor the country of her birth was one of the most moving things we’d ever see. Vive La France! Vive La République!

About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband live on top of a mountain on the Continental divide near Highlands. Michelle thinks that if you wave the flag for your country, you can at least bother to learn the words to the National Anthem.

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the sergeant-in-arms Tuesday night and Gary Dills from Franklin was the moderator.

Though only four candidates showed up for the forum, it was an educational and interesting affair.

Several of the 25 citizens who turned out submitted questions on index cards supplied by Dills who read them to whichever candidate to whom they applied.

On the panel were two candidates for District Judge for the 30th District – Donna Forga and Roy Wijewickrama who are both campaigning for a different seat in District 30 – there are three slots on the ballot in November.

County Commissioner Jim Davis, who is running against State Senator John Snow for the seat in District 50, and Sheriff Robert Holland, who is running against George Lynch, rounded out the group.

Several other candidates were invited but couldn’t attend due to prior commitments.

Each candidate delivered a brief biography and stated specifics he or she stood for prior to taking questions.

One thing the “We the People” group hopes to accomplish is to help the electorate get to know the six judges running for office.

Dills said traditionally voters don’t know the judges on the ballot and it is with them the buck stops when it comes to prosecuting and applying the law of the land.

The next Q&A forum is Tuesday, September 14, 7 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. People gather to meet and greet at 6:30 and can stay for refreshments after the Q&A.

— Kim Lewicki

Calling All Scouts, Scouters, and Scout Supporters!

This Sunday, July 18 at 3:30 p.m., the Highlands Historical Society will host a reception at the Historic Village to honor all Scouts and Scouters in the Highlands area.

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**Sylvia’ ... delight in it!**

The only problem with “Sylvia” on stage at Highlands Playhouse through July 18 is that a lot of people have already seen it.

That being said, this year’s version is still worth the ticket price and offers different quirks and turns not seen in previous versions performed elsewhere. So if you think you’ve seen Sylvia, you probably haven’t. Newcomers to “Sylvia” will love the idea behind the show – empty-nesters falling in love with a stray dog found in New York City. Who can’t relate to that?

And what woman can’t relate to a husband who appears to care more for a stray dog than her? A man who is actually obsessed with the dog named Sylvia.

Playing husband and wife Kate and Greg are Cheryl Chalmers and Eric Rolland who both deliver polished, professional performances and local Stuart Armor who takes schizophrenia to a new level as he plays three roles: Tom, Phyllis and Leslie.

Katie Hayes plays Sylvia in perfect dog-like fashion which is why the show is always a delight to see. She’s shows excitement, sadness, alarm — just like a dog — and scratches like one, too.

The show runs nightly at 8 p.m. and in the afternoon on Sunday. Tickets are $25. Call 526-2695 to reserve your seat.

– Kim Lewicki

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Ongoing
- Looking for Maj Jong players for a weekly game. Call Cindy at 828-787-1441. (624)
- 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, May 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 a question and answer session. Lunch will be provided and seating is limited, so please call (828) 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 – at Moonrise Yoga 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 (7/22)

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 Sandle Trevalhan 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. Monday & Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. and Thursday at 10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. $10/hour. (7/30)
  - 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, 9-9:10 a.m. $10 per class or $50 a month.

First Mondays
- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.
  - Mondays
    - Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.
    - At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: “Outdoor Drawing,” Knight Martorell. Learn to draw and sketch while enjoying a Highlands outing. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
    - At the Bascom, 5-7 p.m.: "Life Drawing," Phyllis Jarvinen. Classes will cover contour, the gesture, negative/positive space, chiaroscuro and form. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
  - 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 526-4959 to reserve a spot.
    - 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. The new meeting place is 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 a.m.
      - 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 Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.
      - At the Bascom, 10 a.m.-noon: “Interactive Art Appreciation Part 1,” Rosemary Stiefel. An understanding of art, one medium at a time, while experiencing each with a hands-on activity. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
      - At the Bascom, 2-4 p.m.: "Painting: Oil or Acrylic," Diane McPhail. Beginning and advanced students will gain skills in the craft of painting in a friendly, community setting. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
      - At the Bascom, 2-5 p.m.: "Creative Journaling," Betty Holt. Learn 16 different writing techniques to organize your thoughts and build self-confidence. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
      - Wednesdays & Fridays
        - Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

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Outdoor Activities

Mountain music concerts and dancing continue Friday night at Highlands School

Gem City will perform free of charge at the Mountain Music Concert on Friday night at Highlands School. Pauline Marr will be demonstrating and instructing clogging for audience participation. Clogging begins at 6:45 RM. Gem City will perform from 7:30-9 RM, with time out for additional clogging and raffle drawing. The Just for You Relay for Life team of the American Cancer Society invites everyone to attend.

See EVENTS page 14
At the Bascom, ‘Uncomplicated Printmaking and Bookmaking’ Aug. 3-7

Learn printmaking techniques used to make fine art prints, greeting cards, books and other paper creations.

Gain a greater understanding of methods that can enhance journaling and written communications or spark other creative work. Tuition: $395 Bascom members/ $420 non-members. The Bascom’s 2010 schedule of artist-in-residence workshops provide a marvelous opportunity for students to learn and create with first-rate instructors.

Next up at The Playhouse
‘The Andrews Brothers’

By Joseph Litsch

It's 1943 and World War II is in full swing on opposite sides of the globe. Japan's foolish trip to Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941, drew the U.S. into the turmoil and the Yanks jumped in with both feet.

It was a unified effort with tasks for everyone— even for a trio of brothers classified 4F, soon to be known as ‘The Andrews Brothers.’” Uncle Sam said “No” to them, but the USO took them on as stagehands and heretofore they are about to meet set the stage for the probably the most famous sister act ever: The Andrews Sisters. These girls gave new meaning to the term “harmony.”

But, the day they are to perform word comes to scrap the show. It seems one of the girls has come down with chickenpox and all three are quarantined. So, no show. But, also on that playbill was a pretty, determined young lady named Peggy Jones, who was awaiting her big chance to prove she was more than just a pretty pinup. She has been rehearsing with three guys she thinks are backup singers. Right...the 4-F trio.

Peggy hears the cancellation telegram but pays it no attention and barrels ahead with plans to keep the show onstage. It takes a little cajoling. But Peggy is up to it. And before you can say ‘Mairzy Doats,’ she has those boys dressed and ready to sing—dressed in Andrews Sisters clothes and singing their songs, with all the harmonies and gestures.

Brett Parker, Josh Donadue and Trey Butler are "The Andrews Brothers," a trio of stagestruck 4-Fguys shut out of the show. It seems one of the Bascom's 3 p.m., “Pastels: Skies, Clouds, Water Mist,” Robin Swaby. Learn to handle the soft edges of various clouds and soft atmospheric effects. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Art League’s ‘Summer Colors Fine Art Show is July 17 & 18

This painting “Cedar Cliff Lake” by Jack Stern is representative of the original art to be found July 17 and 18 during the Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show which will fill the gymnasium at the Civic Center Rec Park in Highlands. Admission is free and art activities for children abound in a well supervised classroom.

The Art League of Highlands is presenting another wonderful show in the gymnasium at the Civic Center Rec Park. The Summer Colors Fine Art Show is July 17 and 18 from 10-5 and offers many media including painting and jewelry. The Make-A-Wish Foundation will be on hand to raffle a cute red sports car, and Fressers will have a lunch wagon of goodies. Artists, including Fabiola Diaz, student winner of an ALH special award, will be demonstrating their techniques. The Art League of Highlands is dedicated to encouraging originality in all artists, with an emphasis on children's opportunities. The Children’s Art Room will be open both days. Admission is free. Call Carol Rollick: 828-369-6552.


**Ongoing and Upcoming Events**

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1pm. 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.
- Saturday Art School for grades K-8 is held weekly at The Bascom in Highlands. To register or for more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.
- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.
- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. $19 per person.
- At Highlands Knitting Needlepoint Guild meets to knit, crochet and needlepoint on the terrace at the Bascom. Questions? 526-1741.
- At the Bascom, 2-4 p.m.: “Botanical Watercolor,” Wayne Asjesley. Gain the skills, knowledge and creative inspiration to produce paintings based on exploring our beautiful local flora and fauna. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.
- Through Sun., Aug. 8
  - At the Bascom, the recent works of North Carolina treasure Sid Luck, will be on display in the Balcony Gallery. The fifth generation of the Luck pottery tradition, Sid continues the ancient art of wheel-thrown pottery near Seagrove, the “Pottery Capitol” of North Carolina. Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

**Live music at Paoletti's Restaurant**

### “Not Even Brothers”
Guy Workman and Pat Phillips featuring driving acoustic guitars, tight harmonies and unusual mix of original and obscure classics. They are at Paoletti's Restaurant on Main Street at 9:15 p.m. Fri. and Sat., July 16 & 17, July 30 & 31, Aug., 6 & 7 and 13 & 14.

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**H-C Chamber Music Festival 2010 features Italian Connection this weekend**

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival explores The Italian Connection this weekend with performances by guitarist Edoardo Catemario and violinist Franco Mezena.

- On Friday, July 16th, Catemario will begin the evening with Isaac Albeniz's "Capricho catalan," "Torre Bermeja" and "Sevilla." Mezena will follow with Aldo Clementi's "Sonata Y" and Michele Dall'Ongaro's "La Musica di E.Z."
- The duo will team up to perform Astor Piazzolla's astonishing "Historia de Tango." This 20-minute composition traces the evolution of Argentina's most passionate dance. Piazzolla takes Tango from its origin in Buenos Aires bordello through its polka-café form into a 1960s nightclub fusion with sophisticated Jazz, ending with a new form of concert music embedded with a rich harmonic vocabulary.
- On Sunday, July 18th, Mezena and Catemario will perform Nicolò Paganini's "Sonata Concertata in A Major" and "Cantabile in D Major for violin and guitar." Mezena will be joined by festival artistic director Will Ransom on piano for Maurice Ravel's rhapsodic "Tzigane." Catemario will lend his guitar and voice to a series of "Neapolitan Songs," and Mezena and Ransom will once again appear on stage, this time offering Robert Schumann's "Sonata in A Minor, Op. 105." Schumann's inclusion in the program is no coincidence, since the Festival is marking the bicentennial of his birth throughout the season.

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**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 Newman, GA, who studied piano at Julliard and ends up organizing the Midday Concerts at the Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy, and start the chamber music concert series at the Spoleto Festival USA. He also helped launch the careers of Kathleen Battle, Richard Goode, Yo-Yo Ma, Peter Serkin, Pinchas Zukerman and Jessye Norman.**
**Ongoing and Upcoming Events**

**RELAY, What You Need To Know...**

Relay Teams in Highlands have put together a number of fun filled fund raising events for the Highlands Community. We urge all Highlands and surrounding communities to come out and participate and help Relay For Life Of Highlands raise money so we can Celebrate More Birthdays!

Relay For Life silent auction being held in lobby of RBC Bank, 225 Franklin Rd., Highlands.

7 great auction items were kindly donated by the following businesses: The Toy Store, The Hen House, Reeves Hardware, Wholesale Down Comforters, Colonel Mustard, Gold-n-Clipper & Bryant Art Glass. Bidding will end Aug. 2nd at 5pm when the lobby closes. Hurry & get your bids in.

Mountain Music Concert Series, Presented by the “Just For You Team” Friday Nights at Highlands School Old Gym, Square Dancing & Clogging! Dancing Begins at 6:45, Concerts, 7:30-9. Concerts are free & open to the public. 15% of the raffle items will be available at the concert ($100+) with the drawing to be held August 13th. All donations will go to Relay For Life of Highlands. Concert dates are: July 2, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30. Contact Betty Fisher @ 828-226-3382.

**SANTA PAWS PICTURES** Bring your favorite furry friend to sit with Santa and have a picture taken. Sponsored by “MADISON’S MIRACLE TEAM,” Sunday, July 18Th, 1-6 pm at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 530 Main St. Highlands, NC. Various “SANTA PAWS” packages will be available for purchase. Special animal treats will be furnished. Our own Buck Trott will be here for the event. All donations will go to Relay For Life Highlands. Contact Krisie @ 526-5793.

Please Lease Your Dog

“Bark For Life Event”, July 24Th at the Highlands Rec. Park. Registration begins at 8am with the actual walk starting at 9am. All fun filled dog walk is part of the fund raising efforts of Relay For Life of Highlands school building in Haiti. Tickets are one sale at the Episcopal Church for $30. Order over the phone 828-526-2968 (MasterCard or Visa) Tour times of 10, 11, 12, 1, 2 or 3 or purchase tickets from the church office.

Free health screening on level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on Saturday beginning at 7:15 a.m. For the Highlands screening, priority will be given to residents in Highlands, Sacky Mountain and Sky Valley zip codes. To register call the hospital at 526-1435.

Mountain Valley Fire Department Blood Drive. Type O negative donors are needed! (Echo Valley Road, Franklin) 10: am to 2:30 pm. Call 527-5765 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! All presenting donors have a chance to win a $1,000 gift card.

At the Greenway, work group will be working on Bib Bear Pen Mountain and have a variety of tasks to perform. If you are interested in participating please register with Hillrie Quin at 526-2385 or hmqquin@verizon.net.

**Sunday, July 18**

In honor of 100 years of scouting, a reception at the Highlands Historical Village on N. 4th Street at 3:30 pm.

**Tues., July 20**

**At Hudson Library, Health Lectures by Dr. Sue Aery of Mount Air Wellness Center:**

10 ways to prevent back injury.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at 7 pm on the Alberta Carlton-Cashiers library. Everyone is welcome. Call 828-885-7130 for information.

**Tues.-Sat., July 20-24**

**At the Bascom, “Color in Painting: History, Theory, Practice,” Michael Pittari. Demystify the complexities of color mixing. Combining the study and utilization of color, students will work from a variety of sources including still life, interiors, portraiture and landscape. Gain a better understanding on the origins of color and its applications within art history.**

Tuition: $375 Bascom members/ $400 non-members. Pre-registration is required. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

**Tues., July 20**

**Macon County Library Blood Drive (149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin). Type O negative donors are needed. 10 am to 7 pm. Call 524-3600 to schedule an appointment. Walk-Ins Welcome! Appointments preferred! All presenting donors have a chance to win a $1,000 gift card.**

**“Amazing Animals” day camp at the Highlands Nature Center begins. July 20-23, 10 am – 2 pm daily. Learn about various animal groups through hands-on activities and field observations. Ages 7-10. $45 per child, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623.**

**At CLE, MICROBES AND HUMANS, 10:00-noon at PAC. Presenter: Dr. Sean O’Connell. $20 members, $30 non-members.**

**Wednesday, July 21**

**At CLE, DO YOU KNOW IMPORTED WINES? 2-4 at Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop. Presenter: Scott Roddy, $35 members, $45 non-members.**

**Interlude Concert at the First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring The Presbyterian Men’s Choir from McDonough, GA.**

**Dinner to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay For Life at Lakeside Restaurant with 15% of gross profits going to HCCMF. Make reservations and specify the nonprofit. Call 526-9419.**

**July 22-Aug. 8**

**At Highlands Playhouse, “The Andrews Brothers”, a USO show in the South Pacific full of mistaken identities and madcap adventures. For tickets call 828-526-2695 or go to www.highlandspayhouse.org.**

**Thurs.-Sat., July 22-24**

**At the Bascom, ‘Pots – Possibilities,’ Nick Joerling, artist-in-residence. Push, cut and stretch forms and discover various ways of making handles, lids and spouts amidst lively conversation about everything from making a living to pots personal.**

**At the Highlands Historical Village on N. 4th Street at 2 p.m. Dress is casual. Featuring The Presbyterian Men’s Choir from McDonough, GA.**

**Men’s Choir feature of ‘Interlude’ at First Presbyterian on Wed., July 21**

At 2 p.m. on July 21, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Incarnation will feature the McDonough Presbyterian Men’s Choir from McDonough, GA. The group is directed by Jason Montague. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church and will last approximately 45 minutes.

The ensemble has been in existence since 2001. It was started by church member and seasonal Highlands resident Tom Wise, as another part of the music ministry of the McDonough Church. The group started with four members and has grown to include most of the men involved in the music program at McDonough Presbyterian Church. This will be the group’s second appearance in Highlands.

Current director Jason Montague began working with the group in 2003 and is presently the Director of Music at McDonough Presbyterian. He also teaches music at Woodward Academy in College Park, Georgia, a position he has held since 1995, and is involved with various music activities in Henry County. He graduated from Shorter College in 1993 with degrees in Piano Performance and Pedagogy.

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.
Who is my neighbor?

Chaplain Margaret Howell
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This past week’s gospel was a parable about the Good Samaritan from the gospel of Luke. Though often cited as a parable about compassion, it is also a parable about making excuses, about trying to let yourself off the hook. A lawyer had questioned Jesus, asking, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus answered, “Love him as yourself,” but was trying to tweak that commandment to suit who he thought of as “proper” neighbors.

Jesus then tells the parable about a victim of a mugging who was rescued, not by his own countrymen who passed him by, but by a Samaritan, a member of the clan of Jews who were hated by the more traditional Jews. Jesus then asks the lawyer, “Who then, was this man’s neighbor?” The lawyer, squirming, had no choice but to answer, “The one who showed him mercy.”

There is something I’ve been wanting to write about for some time now, but haven’t had the nerve. This parable gave me courage to do what preachers are supposed to do and that is to point out injustice and sometimes make people uncomfortable about it.

Some months ago, the town of Highlands decided NOT to build a small community of modestly priced housing for the people who work in Highlands. I’m not talking about public housing here, I mean middle-class housing for our honest, hard-working teachers, nurses, merchants and other professional people who serve our community so well.

The Big Excuse made against the housing issue, as I understand it, was that it wasn’t “fair” for them to have access to city water and sewer service when other folks didn’t. Highlands has more philanthropists per square mile than any other city in the country — the people who have homes here are unbelievably generous to many, many wonderful causes from local to international. I still can’t believe this happened.

Jesus doesn’t define “neighbor” in so many words, but his story makes it clear that our neighbor is whoever has a need. It doesn’t matter who they are, Jesus’ command to love our neighbor as ourselves knows no self-satisfying limits. He commands us to do as the Samaritan does, to show mercy to our fellow man who is in need. Our working professionals are in need. It costs them to drive up this mountain everyday — in time spent away from their families, in expensive fuel and in wear and tear on their vehicles. Often, these folks are making sacrifices to serve others in Highlands, because they love it. Aren’t these people we want to live here?

Was it really the utilities issue or do we just not want “Samaritans” living among us? Is it an economic issue or is it an issue of neighborliness? My dear brothers and sisters, I invite you to examine your hearts and your consciousness and read these issues.

Who, then, is our neighbor?
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The Women's English as a Second Language (ESL) class at the Literacy Council of Highlands recently received funding from Highlands Methodist Church to purchase picture dictionaries. "I like the books because they are in both English and Spanish making it easier to understand," said Maribel Montano, a student in the class. "The pictures also make it easier to learn." The class is made possible through a collaboration among the Literacy Council, the International Friendship Center, and Southwestern Community College.

"ARE YOU THE 11:30 C SECTION?" These were the first words spoken by the anesthesiologist as we awaited our first grandchild. The anesthesiologist at this medical center didn’t see a fearful and excited mother-to-be; he only saw "the 11:30 C section". He had a very important job to do, with two lives at stake. He didn’t have the time, or didn’t take the time, to treat this young couple as people instead of "the next case". He wasn’t a bad guy and he and his nurse anesthetist did an excellent anesthetic. However, big medical centers with huge numbers of patients engender an impersonal, hurried approach to medicine in general, and anesthesia in particular.

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Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Welcomes New Board Certified Physician.

Dr. Richard M. Stewart, Internal Medicine, joins Dr. Richard S. Matthews, Family Medicine.

Richard M. Stewart, MD, brings 30 years experience as a Board Certified physician in Internal Medicine. He is a graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, and earned his Medical Degree from Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, LA, where he also completed his Residency and Internship. Dr. Stewart will join Dr. Matthews in serving our Highlands-Cashiers communities. Their offices are located in Suite 303 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic.

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Dr. Matthews welcomes Dr. Stewart.

Richard S. Matthews, MD brings 24 years experience and is Board Certified in Family Medicine. He is a graduate of the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fl. and served his Residency and Internship at the University of South Alabama Medical Center, Mobile, AL.

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July 15, 1799

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tho it was mostly about taxation. They just needed to learn and head from this tablet from town Rashid
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Sunday,” Jensen said.

Burrells Ford Bridge connects the Chattahoochee National Forest in Georgia and the Sumter National Forest in South Carolina.

Work on the bridge will include repairing damage to the deck of the bridge; cleaning and sealing cracks in the pier caps; cleaning, sandblasting and painting the structural steel of the bridge; and replacing hazard markers and railings.

While the bridge is closed, people can detour the project if from the intersection of Burrells Ford Road and Highway 28 in Georgia, they head south toward the Chattooga River and go 13.5 miles to Highway 107 in South Carolina. Turn left on Highway 107 and go 10.2 miles to Burrells Ford Road. The total length of the detour is 23.7 miles.

The Burrells Ford Bridge project is one of 11 bridge maintenance and repair projects scheduled this year. These projects are funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. A complete list and map of bridge maintenance projects along with other work funded by the Recovery Act is available on the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest website at http://fs.usda.gov/goto/conf/2010-project-impacts. For more information on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act visit www.recovery.gov.

Right: map shows 23 mile detour through Georgia and South Carolina
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drunk beverages, and maintain employment of at least 30 hours a week at minimum wage or perform 30 hours of community service per week.

In addition after serving 130 days in prison and paying jail fees, Wallin must surrender himself in on April 27 every year for five years – the date of the accident – at which time he will serve two days in jail. Those first two days will begin April 27, 2011 and consecutively through April 27, 2015.

In addition he will be under house arrest for 150 days with electronic monitoring.

“Driving while intoxicated is serious and this case exemplifies that,” said Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell. “Wallin caused serious injury to an eight-year-old boy when he collided with the van occupied by the boy, his sister and mother.”

According to the police report in the April 30, 2009 issue of Highlands’ Newspaper at 7:21 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle collision on U.S. 64 east where an impaired driver crossed the center line and collided with an oncoming car occupied by three people. Three people were injured and transported to the hospital.

The impaired driver voluntarily submitted to a blood test. Wallin, the eight-year-old boy and his five-year-old sister were all injured; the eight-year-old most seriously. He and Wallin were flown to Mission Hospital in Asheville. Wallin suffered a minor head injury and broken bones. He was treated and released. The boy was hospitalized for numerous injuries for several days.

Wallin was traveling west on U.S. 64 when he crossed the center line and collided head-on with the van traveling east on U.S. 64 in the vicinity of Sherwood Forest Road.

According to the court reports, Wallin had a prior record.

Chief Harrell said no one was killed in this accident, but only by the grace of God.

- Kim Lewicki

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The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from July 6. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 6
• At 2:10 p.m., officers responded to a missing juvenile call but she was found outside the home.
• At 3:30 p.m., officers were called about a verbal argument outside the Dirty Dog Public House on N. 4th Street.

July 7
• At 9:05 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

July 8
• At 9:05 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on N. 3rd and Main streets.
• At 2:15 p.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious person behind some shops on S. 4th Street.

July 9
• At 8 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 64 and NC 106.
• At 10:34 a.m., officers responded to a call of a lost and stranded motorist.
• At 2:10 p.m., Hazel Martinez Juarez, 20, of Walhalla, SC, was arrested for driving without a license.
• At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to a call of a stranded motorist on Satulah Mtn. Road.
• At 4:24 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

July 10
• At 2:11 p.m., officers were called to the ballfield concerning a horn that was blasting.
• At 9:47 p.m., a breaking and entering of a vehicle on Cobb Road was reported where sunglasses and binoculars valued at $200 were reported stolen.
• At 10 35 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at US 64 east and Riverwalk.
• At 11 p.m., Gary Swanz, 50, of Highlands, was arrested at the site of a one-vehicle accident at NC 28 and 3rd Street for DWI.

During the week, police officers responded to 3 alarms and issued 9 citations:

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from June 30:

July 7
• At 1:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on N. 5th Street.

July 8
• At 1:59 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers for a possible structure fire. It was cancelled.
• At 2:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street.

July 9
• At 5:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call to Netsi Place. The victim was transported to the hospital and announced dead.
• At 6:47 a.m., officers responded to a transformer fire but it was handled by the town’s electric dept.

July 10
• At 9:59 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a brush fire on Mirror Lake Road, but it was a controlled burn.
• At 10:35 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident with one injury on N. 4th Street. The victim was taken to the hospital.

July 11
• At 7 p.m., the dept. responded to a transformer fire but it was handled by the town’s electric dept.

July 12
• At 4:42 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a strange odor, possibly propane on Hospital Drive.
• At 10:03 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Highlands Road. There was no problem.

July 13
• At 3:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a possible vehicle fire on South Street. The call was cancelled.
• At 7:35 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bovver Road. It was false.
• At 3:03 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Clear Creek Road. It was set off by workers.

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