Sixteen dead dogs and counting

Over the last three weeks dogs who live along Buck Knob Road in Scaly Mountain have been dying at an alarming rate and their owners want to know why.

Initially, citizens thought innocent dogs were being poisoned with hot dogs laced with anti-freeze - hot dogs meant for a pack of dogs that are allegedly responsible for the death of cats and kittens in the area.

The thought was that “innocent dogs” got to the hot dogs before the targeted dogs.

However through testing done at the Rabun Animal Hospital, doctors have tentatively named the killer culprit a biochemical called organophosphate which is the basis of many insecticides and herbicides.

Speaking on behalf of all businesses in town, members of the Business Committee asked the Town Board to loosen up on its sign regulations.

“In this year, in this day, during these economic times, we would like you to take a hard look and consider changing the ordinance immediately,” said Cathi Mead, co-owner of The Bird Barn. She said there is a 16-page section for a six block town with three lots.

Mead suggested amendments to Section 402 – Exempt Signs – to Section 402.5 – Exempt Signs –

Varied mix running for BOE

Few people turned out for the first Board of Education forum held in Highlands last week at the Community Building where newcomers to the race expressed an eagerness to serve.

On the ballot this Nov. 2 is incumbent Stephanie McCall, who is running unopposed for re-election in District 1 – she wasn’t at the forum due to a prior commitment.

Ex-principal Larry Brooks will face incumbent Tommy Cabe in District 2, and incumbent Bobby Bishop will face off with ex-principal Gary Shields in District 4.

Cabe, who is retired from his surveyor business, has been on the board since 2002 and Bishop has been on the board a little over a year and a half. Both have been in the thick of it with the school system experiencing the most severe budget crunch in years. Despite those obstacles, the county and school system have moved forward with district plans of consolidating small schools for more efficient larger and newer schools.

Cabe said he is committed to the school system and has the time to give it his all.

Bishop said he is proud of the job the BOE has done over the last couple of years and said the money was well spent and no one was let go despite hard times. He said test scores are up across the district and says it’s important that the students of Macon County get the best education possible, and with qualified teachers and staff on board there’s no reason that shouldn’t continue.

Ex-principals Larry Brooks and Gary Shields have experienced the budget crunch and the ramifications thereof, most recently as principals of Cowee and Franklin High School respectively.

Each believes they can bring a fresh perspective to the board having been teachers and school administrators throughout their tenure in the school system.

Brooks said two years down the road Macon County School system will face problems like every other school system in the country because there won’t be anymorestim...
Dear Editor,

In reference to the few people who oppose Jane Woodruff’s proposal to construct a beautiful post office on one of the most beautiful properties in Highlands.

Can we not be grateful and blessed for all that the Woodruff family has done for our community? Our most valuable asset, the children of the community have benefited from Mr. Woodruff’s funding of the Highlands Rec Park. Both my children and grandchildren have enjoyed using the Rec Park for nearly 30 years.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital would not exist nor would the Jane Woodruff Medical Building if it had not been for the Woodruff family. I remember the days of the old Highlands Hospital and am truly grateful for the state of the art hospital facility made possible by the Woodruff family and others.

There are so few people in our community who have the means to be generous. Why are we not grateful?

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I thank them from the bottom of my heart.

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Battling of his life

Dear Editor,

On Saturday August 21, the community and the surrounding communities came out in loving support of Fred. So many individual people and businesses gave in every way. In Corinthians 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love. God truly poured out his love.

We believe God is still in the miracle working business. On Sept. 13 he will be in Duke hospital for major surgery. We ask that on that day you lift him up in your prayers. From the bottom of our hearts. Thank you!

The Munger Family
Highlands

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HHS home tour a success

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Highlands Historical Society, I thank everyone who participated in our 2010 Tour of Historic Homes. Because of your support, the Home Tour was a resounding success. A large reason for this success was the generosity of the owners of the three properties that were offered to us for the Tour.

Ray and Diane McPhail were gracious to allow us to show their remarkable estate, especially their home, a renovated Grist Mill. A big thank you to Carson and Nancy Galaway for their fine home Apple Hill, part of which was constructed before Highlanders arrived with original inhabitants being Cherokee Indians. And finally, thank you to Cynthia Mitchell for sharing her beautifully decorated home Outbound.

The Highlands Historical Society works diligently to share knowledge of the foundation of our town. Preserving our rich heritage is our primary goal. We operate entirely with volunteers, and are funded by private donations and grants.

The proceeds from this tour go directly to the maintenance and preservation of the Museum (the original Hudson Library, the 2nd oldest library in our state) and The Prince House (the oldest home within the town limits). These old buildings require continual upkeep.

We invite everyone to visit the Highlands Historic Village located at 520 N. 4th Street which is open each Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 828-787-1050 or visit our website www.highlandshistory.com.

Linda New
Highlands

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Acts of kindness appreciated

Friends and family,

We consider ourselves truly blessed to be surrounded by such gracious and caring people. Your kind words, thoughts, and prayers have helped each of us in an immeasurable amount. The generosity that has been given to our family during this time is unbelievable. We greatly appreciate all of the food, flowers, cards, phone calls and donations given to us during this difficult time. We would like to extend a thank you to each of you who helped us honor Kevin’s life, and to those of you who continue to hold our family in your hearts. Each kind word, thought, prayer and gift will be remembered always.

With the utmost gratitude,
The Family of Kevin Petrone
Bullying at school is being addressed nation, state and countywide

Over the past few years, nationwide, bullying of classmates at schools has been the subject of U-Tube postings and TV news. In response, on June 30, 2009, Governor Bev Purdue signed the North Carolina School Violence Prevention Act also known as the Anti-Bullying Law.

The law requires that all North Carolina school districts adopt a “clear and inclusive policy prohibiting bullying and harassment” by December 31, 2009. This bill requires that incidents of bullying be reported by students, teachers, and volunteers, and it includes details of reporting procedures and punishments to be established by each school district.

The Macon County School system has had an anti-bullying policy since Dec. 4, 2006 but revised it in response to the governor’s move on Dec. 12, 2009.

The school system’s “Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying” policy includes prohibited behaviors and consequences, reporting and investigation of complaint procedures, and staff training requirements.

In addition to incorporating the amended version into its policy, the Macon County School System has approved a mandatory training for all school employees that expands upon the Risky Behavior curriculum developed several years ago.

This training, entitled “Risky Behavior and Child Abuse Prevention” took place this past August prior to the start of the new school year. The revised bullying policy was highlighted in this training.

“I encourage all parents/guardians to remain involved in their child(ren)’s education and have frequent discussions with them about school and peers,” said MC School Superintendent, Dan Brigman. “In the event bullying is suspected, please notify a teacher, administrator or other individual employed in the school as soon as possible.”

Even the group Healthy Carolinians of Macon County has gotten involved.

Healthy Carolinians of Macon County wants all parents, grandparents, and guardians of Macon County children to know:

• Bullying is aggressive behavior that is intentional and that involves an imbalance of power or strength and can be demonstrated in a physical act or threatening communication whether it be written, electronic, or verbal.
• Examples of bullying are spreading rumors, keeping certain people out of a “group”, posting nasty pictures or messages about others in social networking sites (Facebook, MySpace).
• Bullying can have serious consequences. Children and youth who are bullied can present signs of feeling sick, depressed, lonely, or anxious; want to stay home from school, or display low self-esteem.
• Superintendent Brigman offers the following advice if your child is being bullied:
  • Don’t blame the child who is being bullied. Don’t assume that your child did something to provoke the bullying. Don’t say, “What did you do to aggravate the other child?”
  • Listen carefully to what your child tells you about the bullying. Ask him or her to describe who was involved and how and where each bullying episode happened.
  • Learn as much as you can about the bullying tactics used, and when and where the bullying happened. Can your child name other children or adults who may have witnessed the bullying?
  • Empathize with your child. Tell him/her that bullying is wrong, not their fault, and that you are glad he/she had the courage to tell you about it. Ask your child what he/she thinks can be done to help. Assure him/her that you will think about what needs to be done and you will let him or her know what you are going to do.
  • If you disagree with how your child handled the bullying situation, don’t criti-
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• Laughing at Life •

Fun with Fred and Jane
Act one, scene one

OK, this week! I’m going to be writing a short play about two people from very different backgrounds. Maybe our very own PAC would want to pick up this up as a grilling drama.

Person #1 will be named Fred. He will play a zany, totally off the wall, starving newspaper columnist from a small North Carolina mountain town. Fred has this uncanny ability to piss off everyone and has seen the more seedy side of life. Also, Fred’s entire inheritance at the death of his Ma was exactly… well, one dollar. Fred is not what you would call a member of the lucky sperm club.

Person #2 will be named Jane. Like Fred, she is a lucky sperm, actually. She is a very lucky sperm. She has a wonderful, caring personality who owns more American money than even China. As fate would have it, this lovely philanthropist also lives in the same mountain town as our zany, off the wall, newspaper columnist with one dollar of inheritance in his pocket.

And so the plot is set. Can two people from such very different walks of life find love, companionship and happiness in the same small mountain town? Nah… never happen!

Our opening scene begins on a morning when Jane awakens in her mansion and finds she has this insatiable, burning desire to waste five or six million dollars on something totally worthless. Then Jane thinks to herself, “I’ll build anything but a Performing Arts Center. I tried to build Highlands a magnificent Performing Arts Center 15 or so years ago and they turned me down free money. I’ll just call it a stimulus package and I’ll be gobbled up. Who cares that it’s at the crossroads of the two busiest highways in Highlands?”

Fred: “But Jane, name one town or village, one city or anywhere in the U.S. that is noted for its magnificent post office. People don’t even come from far and wide to mail letters. Actually, people don’t even mail letters anymore.”

Jane: “Enough of this, you manipulative, dastardly man who is beginning to upset me with your logic. The people of Highlands will have a new post office, like it or not.”

Fred slowly pulled himself to his knees and wiped the tears from his eyes. He stood and faced Jane.

Jane: “Oh, Fred, you pitiful creature, you look exhausted from all that outrageous begging and pleading. May I get you a Coke?”

Fred: “Actually, I’m more of a Dr. Pepper kind of guy, if you have one.”

Jane: “Remove yourself from my property this instant. I should have known you were a Dr. Pepper person.”

Dejected, Fred closed his steno pad and turned to walk away. Jane being the caring person she is, couldn’t stand to see this broken man limp from her property.

Jane: “Wait, don’t leave, mister, insulting Dr. Pepper person. How dare you use logic on me as your weapon! Maybe we can make a deal. Let’s talk.”

Watch for Act Two, scene one… maybe… maybe not.

Have you read Fred’s book, I’m Moving Back to Mars?
Glen Beck has promoted himself from sideshow Barker to ringmaster. He demonstrated his ability to fill the big top, or in this case the Washington Mall. Estimates of the crowd vary with the political persuasion of the reporter, a poor way to count.

The pictures of the rally suggested that followers number in the hundreds of thousands rather than the tens of thousands estimated by CNN, but in all likelihood less than 500,000 estimated by devout followers. It doesn’t matter all that much if the number was a 100,000 or 500,000, any more than it matters how many cobras a snake charmer can coax out of the basket. We know that attendees represented the tip of the iceberg, that the message resonant with millions of dissatisfied Americans.

Just what is the message that resonates with so many disgruntled Americans? Beck discouraged political signs at the Restore Honor rally, which at times sounded more like the Restore Honor revival.

Had they stayed home, would they have missed an historic event? History must be the ultimate judge of which events are historic, but I tend to believe that something special happened on August 28, 2010. As many as a half million people went to the trouble of traveling to the nation’s capital to voice their concern for the state of America. That says something about the level of dissatisfaction. I doubt that a tenth of that number would have rallied to honor America’s military, although our debt to them is great.

Frustration with government is at the core of concern. Many supporters rail against big government, while the target should be ineffective government, large or small.
**Coach’s Corner**

Team USA finding tough road in Turkey

Team USA and Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has seen a lot in his 40-plus years of coaching basketball, but I would wager to say that the fourth quarter of the US-Brazil matchup at the world championship reminded him of his early days at Duke.

Both the US and Brazil scored a mere nine points apiece in a fourth quarter full of ugly. (As in U_G_L_Y you ain’t got no alibi ugly... we are talking Dick Vitale in library type stuff here).

The US National team looked stagnant on offense and helpless on defense as Brazil managed to find open look after open look in the fourth quarter. (Thankfully, Leandro Barbosa couldn’t throw it in Rush Limbaugh’s mouth or else the US would have been blown out). To say that the United States was fortunate to escape with a 70-68 win would be a slight understatement, but what are the real implications of... on this day Sept. 2, 1991

United States recognizes the independence of Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia.

Wait a minute, I never forget a face, you’d think I could remember a place, I’ve got it, now I recognize your countries, I just overlooked, cause of the size, and it’s time for me to re cultivate a relationship with the Baltic States. Sorry I temporarily forgot, we, um, well, just haven’t seen you for awhile, Latvian, but I hope nothing further will rob us of the chance for you to say “Labbas” now that everything is nice and legal, relations are nice and cordial, you might say Riga.

Hope you didn’t think I was impugnin’, just didn’t see you much during the Soviet Union, but since we’ve run into each other again, I’ve developed a crush and we can visit, now that things are calmer and you’re no longer Russian.

**Monday’s game?**

First of all, while this particular incarnation of the US National team is full of NBA talent, it is unfair to expect them to blow out the opposition in the FIBA World Championships for several reasons. First and foremost, this particular team has only two “all-world” level players in Kevin Durant and Derrick Rose. We aren’t rolling out Lebron James, Dwayne Wade, Chris Bosh (Uh oh, that’s just the Miami Heat) and Kobe Bryant. Instead, Team USA is more of an underdog mode—lots of talent at guard and a commitment to defensive intensity.

Secondly, while many people claim that the “world is catching up to the US in basketball,” the reality is that they have already “caught up” in terms of skill and athleticism.

Additionally, many foreign national teams have the advantage of playing together on a regular basis, so they possess a chemistry that the US team simply does not have. Indeed, the US is not even ranked #1 in the world anymore by FIBA, as that honor belongs to Argentina.

Despite its shortcomings, Team USA still has a terrific chance to win its first World Championship since 2004. With a superstar in Kevin Durant and a deep roster, the US will be the number one seed in their group heading into the knockout round. They will face stiff challenges from international powers Argentina, Spain, Brazil and Greece, and this US team does not have the talent to withstand an off night in the knockout round against one of those opponents.

You may recall in 2006 when the US team led by Coach K breezed through the tournament before having a bad night against Greece in the semifinals and losing. That sort of thing could very well happen again to the US if they do not play better than they did Monday against Brazil.

The FIBA World Championships are being shown on ESPN and ESPN3, if you have some time check it out and see the interesting differences between the international game of basketball and the way that it is played here in the United States.
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... Ulus money and reserve funds will be gone. “Then we will have some tough decisions to make,” he said.

As a board member, he said he would have to consider budget constraints, continue to attend to buildings and grounds and finally wants to consider the vision of the district. But said he will leave the business of educating to the professionals—he teachers and administrators at the school.

He said he isn’t running against anyone but instead is running for the District II BOE seat.

Shields said once he decided to retire, he realized he had to figure out a way to use his time constructively and since he’s an educator could “offer and experienced view of the daily operations of a school and its classrooms.”

He said a lot of things have to line up before kids can be first and that starts with the BOE. He said school is a business model and if you want schools to be right you have to have a value system that advocates the values and the needs of the 21st century.

He stressed the need for highly qualified teachers who are not only passionate about their jobs but who are also compassionate.

The first question put to the candidates was “would they continue support the arts and music at the school?”

Each candidate said they considered art and music important.

“Not every kid is good at math, but every kid has a gift of some kind,” said Bishop. “As a choir director, music is very important to me.”

Brooks said right under English is the arts for him. “Not everyone is good at everything but everyone is good at something and many times that comes through in the arts.”

He said there have to be magnets at the schools—subjects that make kids want to come to school—and for many that’s art and music. However, he did say that due to the economic times, as the years progress, it will be a challenge to keep the arts in schools because when it comes to academics, certain mile posts must be reached.

Cabe said students have to learn certain subjects today and unfortunately somethings—like art and music—they have to be put on the back burner.

The candidates were questioned about the recent athlete drug testing policy where every athlete in grades 7-12 is tested and then randomly tested throughout the school year.

Everyone agreed the policy was a fair and good one.

Shields said his only problem with the policy is what happens when a child tests positive.

“We mandate counseling if the athlete wants to play again, but this stuff isn’t free. What if the family can’t afford it? That’s what I mean by the ‘disconnect.’ The object shouldn’t be just to get back on the team, but to help the student.”

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USFS wants input about non-commercial temporary permits on Nantahala River by Friday, Sept. 10

The Forest Service would like public input before deciding whether to issue permits to groups such as schools, organizations and camps, for outfitting and guiding trips on the Nantahala River on the Nantahala National Forest.

A 2008 change in regulations has authorized these types of permits, based on demonstrated need and resource limitations.

Various groups and institutions such as local colleges, universities, and camps have contacted the agency, seeking use of the Nantahala River in support of their educational programs. Proposed criteria for permit issuance include:

1. A maximum of 32 permits would be issued each year.
2. Applications would be accepted during the month of January each year.
3. If more than 32 applications are received, permits would be issued on a lottery system.
4. Each qualified applicant would be issued a permit for a one-year term for up to 200 service days. Permitted service days could only be used between May 1 through Nov 1 and only on Mondays through Thursdays of each week.
5. Use of the service days would require approval of a season schedule and itinerary by the authorized officer prior to issuing the temporary use permit.
6. No permits would be issued for use on Fridays, Saturdays or Sundays; predetermined high-use days; or for commercial purposes.
7. Permits would be issued beginning with the 2011 use season.

Comments are welcomed regarding whether a limited number of temporary non-commercial use permits should be made available for use of the Nantahala River. Written comments may be submitted by September 10, 2010 to District Ranger, Nantahala Ranger District, 90 Sloan Road, Franklin NC 28734 (Attn: Doris Doster) or by email to ddoster@fs.fed.us. If you would like additional information, please contact Doris Doster by email or by telephone at 828-524-6441.

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Have you heard this one?

Just when you think that there is absolutely nothing to laugh at these days, along comes Joe Biden to provide humor for the masses. The other day, Joe told the world that even though the economic recovery was not proceeding as fast as the administration had hoped, “no doubt we’re moving in the right direction.”

Hmmm.

The next day, The Wall Street Journal reports, “US new home sales plunged to a new all-time low in July, the Commerce department estimated Wednesday. The decrease in new home sales to a seasonally adjusted annual rate 276,000 was well below the 339,000 pace expected by economists.”

New home building is the grease that turns our economy and new home sales are the most dependable leading indicator we have. Joe, that’s not the right direction, that’s the left direction. You’ve just got to learn right from left.

Hey, you’ve taken that out of context— it’s just a statistical anomaly. Oh, really?

Simultaneously, Bloomberg reports, “Bookings for durable goods increased 0.3 percent last month, compared to the 3 percent median estimate of 75 economists, surveyed by Bloomberg News, figures from the Commerce Department showed today in Washington. Excluding transportation equipment, demand unexpectedly fell.” Strike two.

The measurement that is most meaningful to many of us is the stock market. Since last October, the Dow has been inching upward, over 10,000 as I write this, and, for you technicians, the chart looks bad. Coupled with the lowest returns ever on US Treasuries and Joe, if this is your idea of the right direction, we need to pray for Obama’s health (I can’t believe I just said that).

According to John Boehner, House minority leader, that’s strike three for Obama’s White House economic team. Christina Romer, ousted head of Obama’s Council of Economic Advisers was the first to take the fall for the President’s failed economic policies, specifically the lead balloon, a.k.a. “the Stimulus Package.” Boehner wants them all gone; Timmy Geithner, Larry Summers, the whole bunch of them.

Rep. Tom Price (R-GA) soon followed with the same solution; through them out. Well, Boehner and Price might be “headed in the right direction,” that is, up the food chain. They stop just a bit short. While Geithner and Summers may be the chief operatives of the governmental economic machinery, the real problem is at the top of the heap, namely, the creator of Obamaneconomics, himself.

It is he, who never created a business plan, wrote a payroll check, operated an economic enterprise of any sort, who learned his economic theory from a Keynesian playbook, that needs “change.” Until he is willing to admit that his policies are ruining 250 years of a successful economic system and abandon his wicked ways there will be any hope of recovery. Even if Boehner and Price get their way, it won’t make any difference who Obama replaces Tim and Larry with. If he insists on his failing economic policies, we’re still in a black hole.

An example of the unintended consequences of his direction is the financial reform legislation that he demanded. In a period when consumer spending is critical to getting the ball rolling, Congress lays a load of restrictions on credit card companies. Their response is to hike rates to make up for revenue lost through regulation. So, instead of spending, the consumer withdraws from the marketplace even further and pays down their balances to escape the increased interest charges.

Perhaps the most damaging of his policies is to keep up the dark about whether or not he plans on keeping the Bush tax cuts in place. Not knowing puts business owners sitting on their wallets, not wanting to hire until there is some certainty on the tax matter. Likewise, not knowing what costs new healthcare mandates will bring employers won’t hire. This, of course, keeps any sort of recovery in the waiting room.

Cracks in the Democrat front are turning into open sores. Not only are some who are up for grabs in the upcoming election keeping their distance from the administration, they are actually being advised to run against their own leadership.

On to lesser things, Paris, evidently jealous of the attention heaped on Lindsay in her misery, parades half-naked on her veranda. Since no one seemed to notice, she felt it necessary to get busted for carrying cocaine in her purse while partying in Vegas. One wonders what Britney will do to get back in the limelight. I shudder to think. Stay tuned.
Highlands High School men’s soccer team started their season last Wednesday with a 3-1 defeat of Tallulah Falls in the first varsity game at the new Highlands School soccer field.

Highlands struck first early in the first period off of a blast from Michael Shearl, but despite dominating possession for the entire first period they only led 1-0 at the half.

A defensive lapse in the first minute of the second half allowed the visiting Indians to equalize, but their hopes were dashed when Samuel Wheeler found the back of the net just minutes later. Clayton Creighton added another goal late in the game to round out the final margin of 3-1.

Highlands followed their opening game with a trip down to archrival Franklin to face the Panthers. After conceding an early goal, Highlands found themselves down 1-0 and trailed for that margin the majority of the match.

With just 12 minutes to play senior captain Samuel Wheeler was able to equalize, setting up a frantic final 10 minutes. With five minutes to play senior Robbie Vanderbilt slipped a header past the Franklin keeper and gave Highlands the victory.

Highlander coach Chris Green said of the win “It was a great win for us. It showed a lot of character for us to keep fighting and come from behind like that. I’m very proud of my team and the heart that they showed.”

The Highlanders continued their road trip with a visit to Rabun Gap over the weekend—things looked promising after Tucker Bates banged home an early goal for a 1-0 lead. However, Rabun Gap fought back, equalizing before halftime and scoring two more goals to take a 3-1 lead.

A couple of garbage time goals made the final score of 5-1 not a true indicator of the closeness of the match, but the Highlanders still played hard throughout.

The Highlanders will face Brevard here at Highlands School today to continue their non-conference schedule.

Left, the girls volley ball team beat Swain Tuesday night at Highlands School. Pictured are senior Marlee McCall and Tayor Buras going up for a block. The team won 3 matches to one. Highlands came out strong winning the first 2 matches and losing the third, after tiring with long volleys against Swain but came out looking for a win 4th match and won 25-17. The next home game is Tuesday, Sept 7, against Blue Ridge. Photo by Stephanie McCall.
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cize him or her.
• Do not encourage physical retaliation ("just hit them back") as a solution. Hitting another student is not likely to end the problem, and it could get your child suspended or expelled or escalate the situation.
• Check your emotions. A parent's protective instincts stir strong emotions. Although it is difficult, a parent is wise to step back and consider the next steps carefully.
He encourages parents/guardians to contact the child's teacher or principal.
• Parents are often reluctant to report bullying to school officials, but bullying may not stop without the help of adults.
• Keep your emotions in check. Give factual information about your child's experience of being bullied, including who, what, when, where, and how.
• Emphasize that you want to work with the staff at school to find a solution to stop bullying, for the sake of your child as well as other students.
• Do not contact the parents of the student(s) who bullied your child. This is usually a parent's first response, but sometimes it makes matters worse. School officials should contact the parents of the child or children who did the bullying.
• Expect the bullying to stop. Talk regularly with your child and with school staff to see whether the bullying has stopped. If the bullying persists, contact school authorities again.
Brigman also encourages families to help children become more resilient to bullying.
• Help to develop talents or positive attributes of your child. Suggest and facilitate music, athletics, and art activities. Doing so may help your child be more confident among his or her peers.
• Encourage your child to make contact with friendly students in his or her class. Your child's teacher may be able to suggest students with whom your child can make friends, spend time, or collaborate on work.
• Help your child meet new friends outside of the school environment. A new environment can provide a "fresh start" for a child who has been bullied repeatedly.
• Teach your child safety strategies. Teach him or her how to seek help from an adult when feeling threatened by a bully. Talk about whom he or she should go to for help and role-play what he or she should say. Assure your child that reporting bullying is not the same as tattling.
• Ask yourself if your child is being bullied because of a learning difficulty or a lack of social skills? If your child is hyperactive, impulsive, or overly talkative, the child who bullies may be reacting out of annoyance. This doesn't make the bullying right, but it may help to explain why your child is being bullied. If your child easily irritates people, seek help from a counselor so that your child can better learn the informal social rules of his or her peer group.
• Home is where the heart is. Make sure your child has a safe and loving home environment where he or she can take shelter, physically and emotionally. Always maintain open lines of communication with your child.
For more information, please contact: Dr. Dan Brigman, Superintendent, Macon County Schools at 524-3314; Jennifer Turner-Lynn, REACH of Macon County, Inc. at 369-5544; and Kathy McGaha, Healthy Carolinians of Macon County at 349-2426.

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small. There is an element of nostalgia, a longing to return to a simpler time, at time when America's churches were full, when minorities were out of sight, when mosques were not an issue.

What many attendees see as intrusive government, others see as compassion. From the passage of Social Security to the recent enactment of health care reform, purists, most of whom are not in need of assistance, have complained that extending a helping hand to those who are, is not a proper function of government. Despite their imperfections, measures from Social Security to the Voting Rights act of 1964 have enriched America.

All can agree that other bits of tampering with tradition such as freeing slaves and granting women the right to vote, while controversial at the time, have enriched rather than perverted the Constitution. There had a decidedly religious tone. It was for many a celebration of a Christian America. Many of the participants seem to believe that what the founding fathers had in mind when they included religious freedom in the Bill of Rights was the freedom to choose from among Christian denominations. As such it sound ed an exclusionary tone, which is said in an inclusiveness.

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insecticide applied to fields by a farmer is hard to say. But somehow dogs are being exposed to the chemical.

Compounds containing organophosphate work on the nervous system and can kill dogs and cats if ingested or absorbed through the skin — even through their paws. If exposed, the diagnosis is grim.

Almost immediately, dogs have seizures, have difficulty breathing, begin shaking, drooling, vomiting and having diarrhea. “It’s known as Stud Syndrome and basically their bodies just start shutting down,” said Arbitter.

“This is not a case of ‘let’s wait and see if he or she gets better,’” he said. “The animals must be brought in right away for the antidote.”

Over the past weeks, doctors at Rabun Animal Hospital have successfully treated two dogs who have been exposed to the chemical.

Susan Nastasic who lives with her family off Buck Knob Road has had one dog die and an 11-week-old puppy nearly die — it is currently being treated at the hospital where the antidote has been administered. Fluids are being pumped via an IV and the pup is being kept on a heating pad to minimize the damage to its neurological system.

Nastasic said she was jogging along Buck Knob Road a few days ago with her dog Daisy on the leash. Daisy started pulling at the leash, so she let her off.

“I figured there was something she wanted to chase, so I let her off and in about two minutes she came back and I put her back on the leash.”

By the time they got back to the house, the dog was severely ill, vomiting, drooling, shaking, drooling — demonstrating all the symptoms outlined later by the vet. She died shortly thereafter.

Over the weekend, a neighbor was staying at the Nastasic home with her dog and that dog also died.

When the Nastasic’s 11-week-old puppy showed signs of sickness, they rushed her to the animal hospital. The widespread death toll — with dogs even dying while leased on their property — suggests they have all been exposed to the biohazard either by direct contact or by ingesting the vomit or fecal matter of infected animals.

“This chemical is commonly used and is absorbed by the environment and will dissipate after rains,” said Arbitter.

People along Buck Knob Road, whose dogs have gotten sick and died, are encouraged to hose away any vomit or fecal matter they find on their property to ensure it is clean and safe for their other pets or animals that may wander on their land.

Arbitter suggests leashing animals, keeping them fenced or walking them on asphalt until rains wash away the chemical.

Meanwhile, residents along Buck Knob Road are being notified via email of the potential danger and the precautions.

Since initially people suspected foul play aimed at allegedly vicious animals, John Hook, Director of the Macon County Animal Shelter, encourages residents to contact his office at 349-2106 to report any visible animals and not to take matters into their own hands.

He said there are ordinances on the books where people can be charged with cruelty to animals if they lace food with poison or antifreeze or charged if their dogs attack other animals or people.

Hook investigated the area when he was notified of the dead dogs a few weeks ago and will be visiting the area again and knocking on doors to try to find out the source of the material that is killing the animals.

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NC DOT has marked “patch zones” on US 64 west with white paint from The Bascom bridge to Peeks Creek. The area between the two lines - marked by arrows pointing inward - are the places where patching will take place.

NC DOT allocates $1.026 million for secondary roads in MC

When citizens heard representatives from NC DOT’s western division would be at last Monday’s Macon County Commission meeting, they turned out in force – each hoping the road dear to their hearts would be tended to.

But DOT representatives Joel Setzer, Conrad Burrell, Wesley Grindstaff and Jimmy Ashe were mostly there to tell commissioners how the FY 2011 Secondary Road funds totaling $1.026 million for Macon County would be spent.

Though the commissioners were glad to have whatever has been allocated, turns out the $1.026 million won’t go far.

Countywide, $125,000 will be spent surveying and establishing rights-of-way, which are figures and calculations needed for future projects in the county.

Called the Wells Grove Road project, $145,000 will be spent on ½ mile of Clarks Chapel to Dowdle Mountain road in the vicinity of the new 5-6 school. DOT will remove the rock embankment, upgrade guardrails and partially resurface the road.

This was considered urgent because buses, parents and students are using the roads near the new school, but the work won’t actually be done until the end of the year or the beginning of FY 2012.

Along US 23/441 to Onion Mountain Road – DOT will spend $746,680 to pave 2.67 miles and for $10,269 DOT will upgrade safety signage countywide.

Another $400,000 has been allocated to grade, drain, base and pave Rabbit Creek to the end of the system (called the Gregory Road project.)

Though it was clear there was no more money for any other DOT secondary road projects in the county, during the public hearing portion of the meeting citizens asked DOT representatives to consider their roads either for next year, or as an emergency for this year.

Tom Turrentine and Arthur Paoletti from Highlands requested work be done on Blue Valley Road and Turtle Pond roads, respectively.

Turrentine said he’s lived off Blue Valley Road – the part between the paved portion and the gravelled part maintained by the USFS – for about 12 years and there’s never been gravel on the road and the culverts stay clogged up.

“There should be emergency money for roads when school buses can’t get in,” he said, noting that school buses stop on the traveled roads and parents must take their children to catch the bus.

“I think DOT is charged with keeping

*See NC DOT page 29
Wright to perform at First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Tenor John Wesley Wright in concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 5. Featured will be folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, and more. The concert will take place in the sanctuary.

John Wesley Wright is known for his artistic and soulful interpretations of music from baroque to Broadway, with a background in education and in professional ensembles throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan. With a host of opera and oratorio roles, art songs, spirituals, and cabaret music in his repertoire, Wright is a member of the internationally acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble which recently made its New York and Kennedy Center debuts.

A native of Rome, Georgia, John is a leader of workshops on African American song tradition, a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, and has been vocal consultant for the singers and actors at Disney and Epcot Center. John served as Assistant in Residence at the University of Dayton from 1995-2006 and has spent summers as a guest artist, teacher, and stage director at the North Carolina School of the Arts, the Kentucky Governor's School and most recently the Maryland Summer Center for the Arts held at Salisbury University. Wright joined the Salisbury University music faculty in the fall of 2006 where he coordinates the voice area, teaches private voice and directs the Opera Workshop.

Wright will be accompanied by Gabriel Dobner who is Professor of Piano, chamber music, and accompanying at James Madison University in Virginia. A native of Chicago, Mr. Dobner received his Bachelor's degree in piano performance from Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, where he studied piano with Professor Ludmila Lazar. He then went on to earn his Master of Music and Doctoral Degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington, where he worked with Professor Leon Fleisher and Hokanson, eventually becoming his teaching assistant.

Dobner has performed extensively in the United States, Canada, Japan, and throughout Europe. He joined the music faculty at James Madison University in Virginia in the fall of 2001. Previous teaching engagements include Indiana University in Bloomington and the Nurnberg/Augsburg Hochschule fur Musik in Germany.

The church is located at 471 Main Street, and handicapped entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Ongoing Through 2010

• At The Bascom, Do Tell environmental sculpture: Patchy Douguthery. Admission is free. For information, call 828-526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

• At Scaly Outdoor Center, Summer Dry Tubing. Call 526-3737.

• At Scaly Outdoor Center, Trout Fishing. Call 526-3737.

• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital: All are invited to explore new CEO, Craig James. Call the Foundation Office at 526-3737.

• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital: The 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 brunch 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 Q&A session. Lunch provided; seating limited. Call 526-1131 or (828) 526-1250 today to make your reservation.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1FJT.

• 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, 414 Carolina Way Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at www.yogahighcountry.com (10/28)

• Sundays

• Attenskool 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. 7:00 Saturdays through Labor Day. Kay Ward – 743-5009

• Mon. & Wed.

• Pilates Classes at the Jane Woodruff Clinic, 1st fl, H-C Hospital taught by Sande Trelvathan at 4 p.m. A mat class for all levels. For info call 526-5882. (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 10:45. 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

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

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

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays (Aug. 10 – Sept. 14)

• Study Hall at the Literacy Council of Highlands in the Peggy Crosby Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Come do your homework, use the resources on site and get help from a tutor. For more information, contact Faddi Oviera at (828) 526-0925 or by email at mosslovera@yahoo.com.

• Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Baldwin at 5:15 p.m. First moving free weight kinetic chain movement for 30-40 minutes. $8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4950 to reserve a spot.

Tuesdays

• $2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryan’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 a.m.

• Multidisciplinary Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

• The Homegrown Buds, a preschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler 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 828-526-6777 or 706-476-9994.

• Thursdays

• An Open meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series every Thursday at 7 p.m. 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 Short’s Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Every Fourth Saturday

• Friends of Panthertrout 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 remodelled historical schoolhouse from 7:30-10:30 pm. $5 for adults and $3.50 for children. Call Susan Barkston 526-9952 or email sbarkston@gmail.com.

• Saturdays

• At Paoletti’s Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 p.m. Great values in wines from around the world, $3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email Nina Elliott at 526-9938 (ext 258).

• Open House at the new Town Hall from 3-6 p.m. 210 N. 4th Street.

• Rotary Bingo to support the Highlands Historical Society from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Building. $15 to play 1 card all night.

Fri., Sat., Sun., Sept. 3-5

• At Paoletti’s Restaurant, “Not Even Brothers” playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 3

• At The Bird Barn, Sprit the Bald Eagle will arrive at 2 p.m.

• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night at the Macon County Community Building on Route 441 South, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Ken Perkins from Felzer, SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, mainstream and plus levels. There will be a plus workshop from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0095, 828-369-8344, or 706-782-0943.

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 4-5

• Village Square Art & Craft Show at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Village Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Cynthia Strain for more information, 828-767-0023.

• See EVENTS page 16
Artists' Workshops and *Fire and Heat by Three* exhibition star in September at The Bascom

The exhibition *Fire and Heat by Three* opens at The Bascom on Saturday, September 11. Gunpowder, furnaces, kilns are used by the three featured artists: glass artist Alex Bernstein, mixed media artist Mira Lehr and ceramist Tom Turner. Experience traditional and innovative uses of materials and processes employed in the making of these contemporary works of art.

All three artists are known for their bold, unique perspectives. Lehr has been described as a visual poet. She uses nature-based images to explore the possibilities of painterly experiments. Turner, whose work focuses on classic, ageless beauty, says, “I am known for beautiful thrown forms with complex and difficult glazes, orchestrated with attention to detail.” Bernstein explores visual form and story telling with the impact and optical quality of glass. The exhibition is a fusion of their creative visions explored through multiple media.

Other exhibitions now at The Bascom: Kick-start! American Motorcycle Design; Small Works Challenge, Bascom Members; Selected Works from the Bascom Collection, Patrick Dougherty’s D.O.Tell environmental sculpture; and On View: Artists in Residence and Three Weavers.

In September, The Bascom’s exceptional calendar of workshops continues with:

- **September 8-10, 10 am-4 pm.**
  - Pat Fiorello - Three watercolor workshops:
    - “Watercolor for Non-Artists”, Sept. 8, 10 am-4 pm.
    - In this one-day workshop, learn how to execute a painting together, step-by-step. Tuition: $300 members/$325 non-members.
    - “Watercolor Landscape” Sept. 9-10, 10 am-4 pm.
    - Learn all the essentials for painting successful landscapes in watercolor. Tuition: $200 members/$225 non-members.
    - “Watercolor/Color Workshop”, Sept. 11, 10 am-4 pm.
    - Designed to help students understand how to better achieve the color and clarity they want in their paintings. Learn how to mix colors effectively. Tuition: $125 members/$150 non-members.
  - Debra Fritts - “Surface Workshop”, Sept. 8-10, 10 am-4 pm.
  - Focused on firings and presentation of a final piece, explore the surface by adding oxide washes, more underglazes and textured glazes to achieve a painterly surface. Tuition: $350 members/$375 non-members.

- **Saturday, Sept. 4**
  - Robert Ray’s Big Band Show at PAC at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 526-9027.
  - Castaway Cutters of Blairsville, GA and Murphy, NC will hold an animal adoption at Whiskers from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Sunday, Sept. 5**
  - First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Tenor John Wesley Wright in concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 5. Featured will be folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, and more. The concert will take place in the sanctuary. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.
  - The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Skitty Creek Trail and the Cliffs Lake loop trail. Meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-8620, for reservations and an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.
  - The Highlands Playhouse is holding a silent auction Sunday at the Playhouse. Bidding begins at 6 p.m. Ultimate winners will be announced at evening’s end. Members and their guests will be served wine as they peruse the items on the auction block. All proceeds benefit Highlands Playhouse, North Carolina’s second oldest professional theater company.

- **Thursday, Sept. 9**
  - The League of Women Voters of Macon County will host a forum for Board of Education candidates in the 2010

**Arts & Crafts this weekend at K-H Park at 5th and Pine**

Don’t miss the Village Square Art & Craft Fair in downtown Highlands this Saturday and Sunday. More than 60 artisans will be at Pine Street Park and neighboring Village Square from 10 to 5. Adding to the fun will be live music, face painting and food. (Jewelry by Mark Edge, above, will be featured.) or (Pottery by Mary Mason, above, will be featured.) or (Patti Cakes the clown will be painting faces).
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party
Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.
First Presbyterian Church of Highlands—The First Church is publishing a photographic history of the church and the church is participating in the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. Attend the museum and enjoy refreshments.

The Bascom's 125 Years exhibition
• Sat., Sept. 11
• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands—The First Church is publishing a photographic history of the church and the church is participating in the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. Attend the museum and enjoy refreshments.

The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a program on bears presented by Appalachian Bear Rescue from Townsend, Tennessee. Light refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. followed by the program at 7:30. The location is the Highlands Civic Center. There is no charge to participate but donations to ABR are invited.

Put Sunday, Sept. 12 at 4PM on your calendar and plan to attend the Eighteenth Bel Canto at PAC at 4PM. For tickets, please call 828-526-1947.

A benefit for Colleen Fogel at Rec Park starting at 5 p.m. with dinner silent auction, cake auction senior class face painting and selling silly bands and necklaces to help raise money for her medical expenses. Colleen is fighting breast cancer.

The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Highlands Biological Station and Sunset Rocks to look for migrating birds. Meet at the parking area next to the town hall at 7:30 a.m. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. There is no charge to participate.

The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Jack Rabbit Mountain Trail around Lake Chatuge in Georgia, with an elevation change of 200 feet. Meet at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Highlands Village Square on Pine at 7:30 a.m. Drive 55 miles round trip.

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Fri., Sept. 17
• At Packetti’s Restaurant, “Not Even Brothers” playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 18 - Sat., Nov. 27
• At The Bascom, Recent Works: Aaron Yakiem and Cynthia Taylor. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

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• Abenefit for Colleen Fogel at Rec Park starting at 5 p.m. with dinner silent auction, cake auction senior class face painting and selling silly bands and necklaces to help raise money for her medical expenses. Colleen is fighting breast cancer.

Sunday, Sept. 19
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Jack Rabbit Mountain Trail around Lake Chatuge in Georgia, with an elevation change of 200 feet. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Drive 55 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish;

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The Village Square Art & Craft Show
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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Robert Ray's Big Band Show Sept. 4 at Highlands’ PAC

A great Duke Ellington tuneslist isus, “It Don’t Mean a Thing, if It Ain’t Got That Swing” and “sweeping” is exactly what well know Highlands performer, Robert Ray will be doing at the Performing Arts Center, in a 1-night performance... Sept. 4th at 7:30 pm.

Following 2 sold out Atlanta performances...Ray will arrive in Highlands with a 10-piece Swing Band and female vocalist, Courtenay Collins and Shawn Megorden.

Expect to reminisce to Glen Miller’s “In the Mood” while Courtenay Collins gives a robust rendition of the Sinatra classic “Lady is a Tramp” and Ray takes a turn with a bluesy version of Sinatra’s “That’s Life.”

International recording artist, Shawn Megorden will join the fun with “Blues in the Night” and “Route 66.” Ray takes a turn with a版本y version of Sinatra’s “That’s Life.”

The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway for fall migrants. We will return mid-afternoon so bring a light picnic lunch. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:00 a.m.

clear social and is free to everyone in the community. No reservations are required. For more information contact HOLT at 828.526.1111.

Thurs., Sept. 23
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International recording artist, Shawn Megorden will join the fun with “Blues in the Night” and “Route 66.” Ray takes a turn with a版本y version of Sinatra’s “That’s Life.”

The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway for fall migrants. We will return mid-afternoon so bring a light picnic lunch. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:00 a.m.

CLE’s final lineup for 2010 season

The Center for Life Enrichment is approaching the end of its 2010 season, but there is still space in the following classes:

Those interested in participating in these special classes should call Sandy Carlton at CLE, 526-8811 to register.

Annual Native Plant Conference set for Sept. 10-11

The Highlands Biological Foundation is pleased to announce the 11th annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants will be held on September 10th and 11th in Highlands, NC. The objective of the conference is to educate and inspire participants about the advantages of using native plants in their gardens. Participants are introduced to new concepts in ecology and conservation, given tips on design principles and informed about native perennials, shrubs and trees that work best in our region. The conference is held at the Highlands Biological Station for more information or to register for the conference call Carlton at CLE, 526-8811 to register.
F or the past 28 years of my life, the third weekend of August, I have spent a camp at Special Needs Camp for Adults. I have often told people that this one weekend renews me in my faith, my soul and my heart each and every year.

Over those 28 years we tend to do the same kind of things at camp. We have a campfire on Friday evening, we share stories and then as we awake on Saturday we have a nature hike, music and crafts. But the whole weekend reaches a climax on Saturday evening with the talent show and the big dance. Now for those of you who know me, I am by no means a dancer, but on the third weekend of August, I dance. I dance to the hip hop song, I dance to Sweet Home Alabama and I dance to Brick House. I am a dancing machine on this weekend.

When you work with special needs population, I am convinced that you receive more than you give. Each year I have something that touches my heart in a powerful way and I want to share with you one of the ways I was blessed this year.

For the last few years, Eric has come to camp and Eric loves Elvis, and in fact he brought an Elvis outfit this year for the talent show. And let me say that he did a great Elvis impersonation that brought the house down on Saturday night. But what I want to tell you about happened on Friday night at the campfire.

I usually tell a Bible story as part of the campfire and then we sing some songs and get ready for bed, but this year Eric wanted to talk as well. So as I prepared to get up to tell my Bible story, Eric came up and said that he had something to say. Then Eric, a down syndrome adult, looked at me and said, now you sit down big boy, I am going to show you how it is done.

I sat down and Eric opened up his Bible to Samuel and started telling about King David and he was preaching. I mean he was into it; hesaid, “Now David was king and he was powerful, but we all know who the real king is, right?” I said, right and hesaid, “Elvis, while Elvis is a good singer and the king of pop, I want you to know that Elvis was nothing compared to God. God tells us that we need to get along, God tells us to love each other and God tells us not to make fun of each other. You know what I am saying people?” Now he then turned around and he said, “You are right, Eric.” Then he looked at me and said, “Now you can tell your Bible story, but you will not top that!”

Eric was right; I could not top that, could I? You see from a very special man named Eric I learned that it is really pretty simple isn’t it? We need to love each other, we need to get along and we need not to make fun of each other.

From King David to Elvis, to God, Eric said something profound words, and I am convinced that he understands more about the faith than many of us who claim to know all the answers. Maybe we need to love each other and not judge each other.

I hope that as we move into our new routines for fall, like taking kids to school, watching our teams play soccer and volleyball, we will heed the words of my good friend and theologian Eric.

I have a great Labor Day weekend and may we remember that we are all blessed to live in a special place like Highlands.

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**Spiritually Speaking**

Love each other; the rest is easy

Pastor Paul Christy

Highlands United Methodist Church

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**Places to Worship**

- **BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
  - Sunday: School – 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 p.m.
- **BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - Sunday: School – 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
- **CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY**
  - Sky Valley, GA Church: 706-746-2999
  - Pastor’s residence: 706-746-5770
- **CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH**
  - Rector: Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011
  - Worshiping at the facilities of Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers
  - Sunday: Holy Communion - 9:00 a.m.
  - Sunday: Adult Forum - 10:30, Bucks Coffee Cafe, Cashiers
  - Monday: Evening Bible Study at Whiteside Presbyterian - 5 p.m.; Bible Study & Supper at members’ homes - 6 p.m.
  - Wednesday: Men’s Bible Study -8:30 a.m., First Baptist Church
- **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**
  - 283 Spring Street
  - Sunday: Service - 11 a.m; School - 11 a.m.
  - 3rd Wed. of month: Testimonial Service - 5 p.m.
  - Reading Room: Wednesday - 10-3 p.m.
- **CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - Pastor Everett Brewer
  - Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Prayer - 6:30 p.m.
  - Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.
- **COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH**
  - www.cbc-highlands.com • 526-4685
  - Pastor Gary Hewins
  - Sundays: U.S. 464 east, Highlands
  - Sun.: 8:45 a.m. Church School; 9:30 a.m: Adult Sunday School, Prayer Group, 10:30 a.m: Children’s Program (Pre-K - 5th Grade), Merge for 6th Graders; 10:45 a.m: Worship Service. 5 p.m Student Arts Group, The River Middle & High School Student Ministries.
  - Tues.: 9:30 a.m: Women’s Bible Study.
  - Wed.: 5 p.m: Dinner 6 p.m: Children’s Program
  - **EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION**
  - Sunday: Breakfast – 9 a.m. - Sunday School
  - 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
  - Monday: 4 p.m. Women’s Cursillo Group
  - Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men’s Cursillo Group
  - 4:30 PM, Education for Ministry
  - Wednesday: 6:30 PM, Choir Practice
  - Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
  - 10:30 a.m: Daughters of the King
- **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer
  - Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
  - Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor
  - Dr. Don Mullern, Parish Associate 526-3175
  - Sun.: Worship - 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.; Sun. School - 9:30 & 9:45.
  - Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men’s Bible Discussion & Breakfast
  - Tuesdays: Bible Study - 5 p.m.
  - Wednesdays: Dinner 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7 p.m.
- **HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
  - 6th Street
  - Sun.: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7 p.m.
  - **HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
  - Pastor Paul Christy 526-3376
  - Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.; 5 p.m. Youth
  - Wed: Supper; 6:715 - children, youth, & adults studies; 6:15 - Adult choir
  - (nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
  - Thurs:12:30 - Women’s Bible Study (nursery)
- **HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH**
  - ELCA
  - Chaplain Margaret Howell
  - 2152 Dillard Road - 526-9741
  - Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group
  - 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion - 10:30
  - **HEALING SERVICE** on the 5th Sunday of the month.
- **LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WILDSWO**
  - Kay Ward - 743-5009
  - Sun.; 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day - Labor Day
  - Old fashioned hymn-sing
- **MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - 8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satulah
  - Pastor Matt Shuler, (828) 526-8425
  - Sun.: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
  - Choir – 6 p.m.
  - Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m.
- **MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE**
  - St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin
  - 828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197
  - Independent Bible Church
  - Sundays:10:30 a.m. at Blue Ridge School
  - Wed: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group 6 p.m.
- **OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH**
  - Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
  - Parish office: 526-2418
  - Mass - 9 a.m.; Sun., Thurs. & Fri
  - Saturday Mass - Mem. Day through Oct. - 4 p.m.
- **SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - Rev. Clifford Willis
  - Thursdays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.
  - **SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD**
  - 290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Simzmore
  - Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship - 10:45 a.m.;
  - Evening Worship - 6 p.m.
  - Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.
  - For more information call 526-3212.
- **SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH**
  - Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.
  - Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7 p.m.
- **UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**
  - 85 Sierra Drive – 828-524-6777
  - Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor
  - Sun. Worship 8:30 & 9:45.
  - Sun Worship - 11 a.m.
  - Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
  - Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
  - Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second Sunday of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.
  - **WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
  - Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
  - Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
I have previously talked about how you can improve your outer appearance using new, less invasive surgery or noninvasive methods. What we use depends on what has caused your particular problem. The causes are a combination of sun damage, loss of skin support including fat, gravity and/or muscle action. Use of injections to fill wrinkles, creases or depressions and/or stop muscle action; skin peels to reduce wrinkles and correct other problems; and the use of different machines can give added benefit to both the non-invasive rejuvenation methods and surgery. Enough of the signs of aging that we can forestall surgery.

We can reduce early, non-permanent wrinkles especially between the eyes and around the eyes caused by muscles with a relaxer such as Botox® and, now, Dysport®. They prevent muscle contraction and, thus, wrinkle formation on average for 5-6 months. Early treatment prevents the wrinkle from becoming permanent and requiring filling or a peel. With regular use, the muscle atrophies and your need for further treatment decreases. Even used late, we can improve the effectiveness of the fillers. These products are also useful to treat abnormal sweating and some migraine headaches.

Gravity also causes creases and depressions to occur. The most common areas are under the eyes, between the lips and cheeks, below the mouth corners, in front of the jowls and in the mid cheek. Filling these can restore normal anatomy or disguise the problem. With regular use, the muscle atrophies and your need for further treatment decreases. Even used late, we can improve the effectiveness of the fillers. These products are also useful to treat abnormal sweating and some migraine headaches.

Dr. Robert Buchanan
Center for Plastic Surgery

Have Blue Eyes

Hard to tell in a black & white ad, huh?

Actually, “Blue” refers to how clear my world is after having LASIK vision correction at the Blue Laser Group. If you have ever imagined a life without glasses or contacts, call their Highlands office and ask how you can earn a $1000 credit toward the procedure!

Go on and make those bad eyes Blue.
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Located in Franklin in Blaine Mountain Estates. Private estate with over 92 acres. Newly constructed home with outstanding views, stocked pond, swimming pool, fenced pasture and so much more. Offered at $1,150,000. MLS# 71402

It is not often that an opportunity like this comes along! Great Joe Webb Log Cabin has been totally renovated and features 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. New Kitchen and baths. Huge living room with fireplace. Spacious deck and fantastic View. The definition of charm with easy access and a usable lot makes this a no brainer. Offered at $1,125,000. MLS# 71402

Located very close to town in a great small subdivision, this is one of the best quality built homes on the market, 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, plus den and 2-car garage with a lift to accommodate 3 cars. In the kitchen an Aga stove and commercial stainless hood with the additional Wolfe gas cook top and more. Heated wood floors throughout and spectacular view. Offered at $2,395,000.

Perfect Highlands cottage, priced to sell! Located in Mirror Lake, on 0.77 acres with one car garage, wood burning fireplace, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Newly renovated throughout. Offered at $359,000. MLS# 21277

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In town and perfect for commercial or residential is this charming cottage that is currently being used as an office. Great yard with stream and flat area to enjoy. Wood floors, bright and enjoyable. Walk to town. Offered at $399,000. MLS# 71393

Great renovation in Cold Springs w/wonderful direct views of pasture, stables/paddock and Shortoff Mtn. Wood floors, wood ceilings, high-end SS appliances, granite counter tops, Stone fireplace and room downstairs. Central A/C and Heat up and down. Attached carport and garage. Priced right at $495,000.

Located in Mirror Lake, one lady owner, very clean and nice. Close to town and ready for you to move in! Offered at $349,500. MLS# 71177

Cute cabin in Mirror Lake, one lady owner, very quiet and private. The area is very special with expensive homes and large trees. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 baths on the main floor and a great room with kitchen and family room with large stone fireplace. Offered at $550,000. MLS# 71233

Located in Sagee Mountain with some trimming. Gurgling stream off the deck and a view of Satulah mountain with some trimming. Offered at $175,000. MLS# 71177

Rabun Branch Road. Gentleman’s estate features main house, party shed, guesthouse, pasture, pond, and waterfall! Main house has living room with fireplace, and large covered porch. On main level, master bedroom and bath, loft, kitchen, dining, greatroom and porch. Lower level has 2 bedrooms, den and bath. Guest house has 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Offered at $895,000.

This custom built home with outstanding long range views comes completely furnished with 3 stone fireplaces, complete granite kitchen, 2 master bedrooms up and down. Offered at $1,375,000. MLS# 71202

Authentic stone house, recently remodeled. Features original hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace in the main living room, updated kitchen with granite countertops, stainless appliances and renovated tile baths. One mile from Main Street on S. 4th. Large 1.4 acre level yard with mature landscaping. Offered at $1,295,000. MLS# 71403

This Joe Webb Log Home has an Estate setting with a spectacular view. Cabin features main level bedroom and bath, Spacious kitchen in excellent condition, living room with fireplace, and opens to a large screened porch. Upstairs 3 more bedrooms, 2 baths and sleeping porch. Offered at $1,295,000. MLS# 71403

Located very close to town in a great small subdivision. This 4 stone fireplaces, complete granite kitchen, 2 master bedrooms up and down. Offered at $1,375,000. MLS# 71202

Great views of GA, SC and 3 local mountain ranges from almost every room of this 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home in Sagee Mountain Subdivision. Lots of extras, must hear and see! Offered at $2,400,000. MLS# 71193.

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Mountain Findings just keeps on giving!

Above photo by Kelly Donaldson of the Crossroads Chronicle.

Clockwise, Calvin Alexander, Alyce-Mae Alexander, Capt. Jeff Stewart, and Brenda Stewart, Paramedic, of the Cashiers-Glenville Rescue Squad; Dennis Matthews of Mountain Findings with James Reed, chief of the Satolah Volunteer Fire Dept. The donation will be applied to the purchase of leather boots for the firefighters; Wiley Sloan of Mountain Findings with Eric NeSmith president Highlands Historical Society board of directors; and Audrey Shaw and Mickey May of Mountain Findings with Marjorie Fielding, co-president and Bessie Dietrich Goggins, executive director of The Literacy Council.
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I use the hyaluronic acids for lines in the top level of the skin and around the mouth and Radiesse in folds and to correct contour irregularities. There have been few problems reported for any of these, in spite of millions of injections yearly.

Another filler is fat. We harvest this as live cells from an area where you have extra, and use it to fill contour irregularities. New techniques have markedly improved reliability and longevity. It makes it an excellent alternative to correct those areas where loss of fill causes you to look older and as an adjunct to surgery.

Administration of most fillers is done with regional numbing using techniques similar to blocks by dentists. Newer products can be mixed with numbing or come ready-mixed to decrease discomfort. Down time is minimal, if any. The worst problem is occasional bruising, but this is easily covered with camouflage makeup. We can also decrease this bruising with peri-injection medications.

Filling subcutaneously under small wrinkles can eliminate them. These can also be eradicated with different peels or laser. Both remove the outer layer of the skin, including the wrinkles, much like skinning one's knee. When new skin grows back, the skin is smoother and tighter. Never peel methods and lasers have reduced the healing time, minimized the red that occurs after such a procedure and made them safer (less likely to scar). Adding pretreatment with a product like the Obagi® Skin Care system reduces the risk of having pigmentary abnormalities (white, dark or spotty) after the procedure. It also improves collagen deposition that augments the tightening effect. You actually look better at a year than at one month.

New IPL (Intense Pulsed Light) machines are laser-like, putting out a spectrum of light waves other than only one, and have almost eliminated reactions, such as blistering, prolonged redness, or down time when treating red or brown spots. It also has the ability to treat actinic keratoses (premalignant sunspots) and severe acne when coupled with a chemical that makes the abnormal cells more susceptible to destruction by light energy.

Many more minimally invasive products and machines have been introduced, but have not proven significantly effective to warrant continued use. One of the most dramatic is the “string lift.” These were barbed sutures placed with a simple needle and intended to accomplish a brow, neck or facelift. However, none were effective for longer than about three months. Therefore, few are used now.

Many other machines and procedures have met similar fates, as they do not produce results comparable to other less or equally invasive methods.

In summary, we now have multiple methods to modify and rejuvenate the face and body. These methods are so broad they can meet almost anyone’s needs for downtime, effectiveness, permanence and cost. To find out more, visit us on the Web at www.PlasticSurgeonToday.com or call 828-526-3783 or toll free at 877-526-3784 for a complimentary consultation.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL NON-PROFIT seeking energetic, creative Executive Director. Flexible 30 hr/wk. $23,000/yr. with 3 mo. probationary period. Info at www.wnca.org or contact (828) 526-0890 ext. 320 ext. 320. (9/23)

EXPERIENCED MANAGER FOR OUTDOOR CENTER. Duties include managing and scheduling employees. Grounds maintenance, equipment repair and maintenance, and snow blowing. Must have reliable transportation (4 wheel drive in winter). Hours vary by season – P.O.D.E. Send Resume to Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center. 7420 Dillard Road, Scaly Mountain, NC 28775 (st. 8/5)

PART TIME MANAGER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY AT RETAIL APPAREL AND GIFT STORE. Flexible hours and benefits. Please reply to PO Box 2366, Highlands NC 28741 or e-mail mountainstar1@verizon.net. (st. 8/5)

PROGRAMS COORDINATOR, Literacy Council of Highlands. 32 hrs/week. Work with children and community. Must be resourceful, patient, diligent, organized. Educational experience and bilingual skills preferred. Send resume to highlandsliteracy@live.com. (st. 8/2)

FULL TIME OR PART TIME retail position available. Must be available weekends. Contact Trisha 828-526-3687.

**LOST PETS**

5-YEAR-OLD TABBY CAT, with no collar but micro-chipped lost behind Freeman Gas on Dillard Rd August 19th. If found, please call 526-9129.

**YARD SALES**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY – Labor Day Weekend. 701 Dillard Road below Dusy’s. 9 a.m., until.

SAT. SEPT. 4 – 9 A.M., 510 Laurel Street. a lot to sell – Big variety. Collectibles.

**OPEN HOUSE**

OPEN HOUSE 1-5 p.m.– Sat. Sun, Mon. Sept. 4, 5, 6, 542 Hickory Street. Desirable 3BR/2BA HOME in town. Beautiful level lot. Must See 352-494-1531.

**WANTED**

QUALITY THREE OR FOUR BEDROOM YEAR-ROUND HOME. Close to town. Upgraded kitchen, unfurnished. good access. Small clean dog. Long term lease. Possibly interested in option for the right home. Call 828-200-0815. (st. 9/2)

SEEKING LONG-TERM RENTAL HOUSE, guest cottage, or condo with 1+ bedroom, 1+ bath, preferably with fenced yard and relatively close to town. Mature, quiet lady with excellent local references. Call anytime: 704-681-0331. (St. 8/26)

LOOKING FOR CARPENTRY WORK. Have tools. Please call Allerdo: 524-9304 or 371-2976.

LOOKING FOR LANDSCAPING, yardwork. Call 828-200-1038 or 526-1025.

LOOKING FOR HOUSECLEANING WORK, Call 828-200-1038 or 526-1025.

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

THE MOST INHERITABLE QUALITY GREEN HOME IN THE AREA – Lakeside Lodge is the only one of its kind in the safest, quietest, dark sky neighborhood in Scaly Mountain. Must see to believe. Singlely Lay Designs.com 828-526-5981 by appt. Brokers protected. Eco-brokers welcome. (9/16)

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2 BEDROOM/2BATH fully furnished apartment on Cheney Lane; $875 includes all utilities and heating; no pets, no smoking. Call Jim at 770-789-2498 (st. 8/19)

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The Cullasaja Club of Highlands hosted its annual Cullasaja Cancer Challenge (CCC) the first week of August this year. Members participating in special tennis, golf and trivia Cancer Challenge events generously donated over $47,500 to the newly created Cullasaja Cares Fund of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation to assist the medically underserved in the Highlands-Cashiers community.

The 2010 Cancer Challenge committee — Sammy Smith, Debbie Fulton and Margaret Eichman — met with the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation and hospital President and CEO, Craig James, earlier this summer and established a special, ongoing restricted fund — the Cullasaja Cares Fund — to direct every dollar the Club raised to help those in need in the Highlands-Cashiers area. The Foundation will use the fund for the detection and treatment of cancer and cancer-related illnesses by providing mammograms, colonoscopies, and PSA, other blood and follow-up tests for at-risk individuals, who otherwise cannot afford them. “The Foundation is elated that the ladies of the Cullasaja Club committee came to us with this innovative idea,” noted Robin Taylor, Executive Director of the Hospital Foundation. “It’s a beautiful way to show how much the Club cares about this cause and our community.”

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital agreed to enhance the outreach of the Cullasaja Cares Fund by partnering with the Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers and other local clinics to seek out those truly in need of the cancer-detection procedures and cancer-related care that the Hospital can provide.

The Cullasaja Cancer Challenge committee was also proud to report that its efforts brought forth two donors, whose generous contributions will allow the Hospital to purchase a much needed Bladder Scanner and a Blood Plasma Cooling machine, further upgrading its medical technology and achieving its goal of providing high-quality care for all.

“The equipment will provide a needed enhancement to patient care, allowing us to stay up to date and provide our patients the best care possible,” said hospital President and CEO, Craig James. “And the Cullasaja Cares Fund will be of great benefit to our local communities.”

In the past, the Cullasaja Club sponsored this week-long series of events and donated proceeds to the Susan G. Koman Foundation. The last two years, all monies raised were donated locally, as the Club teamed with the Hospital to help fight the battle against cancer, here in the Highlands community.
Glenville History Project off to a good start

The Glenville History Project steering committee met early in August at the Glenville restored cabin owned by Midge and Chad Drake. Before the meeting began the Drakes toured the committee members through the cabin explaining that the age of the cabin is thought to be about 150 years old.

The cabin, acquired by Chad Drake's father when he traded Florida property for Glenville property with a Mr. Melvin in the 1940s, is now a guest house for the Drake's visitors. Much of the original wood ceilings and floors are still intact although over the years modern amenities such as plumbing and electricity were added.

An interesting sidebar to the story is that due to a recent article in the local newspapers about the Glenville History Project, Mr. Melvin's son contacted the committee and verified the trade between his father and the elder Drake.

Business at the steering committee meeting centered on interview, research and general coordinating assignments for the committee. Most members will assume multiple tasks with the technology function being left to John Cassidy who will scan and store photos or documents and technologically transcribe recorded interviews with the help of Carol Adams, Pearl Kreps and Woody Haynes.

The transcribers will work with information from interviews and research conducted by themselves and other committee members who are Nancy Burnett, Malina and Phil Fowler, Joy and Lambert Hooper, Bill Hutchinson, Doug Odell and Jim Ryan.

Many of those involved have long time family ties to the Glenville community either as descendants of early settlers, early Hamburg township residents or property owners going back to when Lake Glenville was built.

Woody Haynes chairs the project with co-chair Carol Adams, who also heads the writers responsibility for the project.

Haynes conceived the Glenville History Project in 2009 when he became concerned that much of the history of Glenville would be lost if experiences and recollections from old-time residents were not recorded and preserved.

While some key residents' interviews have been recorded, and although numerous photos and documents have been scanned, the group has a long laundry list of names to contact for their recollections, memorabilia, photos, drawings and documents.

“In fact, we are requesting once again that persons having any historical items or comments please contact us,” urged Haynes. Anyone who has Glenville, Hamburg Township and the surrounding area historical information to share, is asked to please call Woody Haynes at 803 225-0327 or Carol Adams at 828 743-1658.
Highlands PD log entries from Aug. 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.
Aug. 27
• At 4:28 p.m., officers responded to the call of a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza near the ABC Store involving an intoxicated driver transporting a child. The incident led to the arrest of Alexandra Sherman Warren, 36, of Highlands, on two counts – one driving while intoxicated and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
Aug. 28
• At 2:38 p.m., officers were called to Highlands Plaza about an intoxicated person.
• At 3:35 p.m., Daniel Brian Shuey, 21, of Glenville, NC, was arrested for DWI.
Aug. 29
• At 11 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 28 and Shelby Place.
• At 1:11 p.m., officers responded to a call of a man trying to sell raffle tickets for Franklin High School cheerleaders in a store on Main Street. The shopkeeper said the poster looked old and questioned the validity of the campaign. The man left on foot. Officers were unable to locate him.
• At 6:20 p.m., a driver reported a baseball from a game at the ballfield on N. 4th Street, broke through her passenger window as she drove by the field.
• At 8:30 p.m., the theft of two necklaces from a jewelry box at a residence on Holly Tree Lane was reported. The jewelry is valued at $6,000.
• At 8:50 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint concerning a party at OEI’s The Farm on Arnold Road.
Aug. 30
• At 8:57 p.m., at storeowner on S. 4th Street reported the Humane Society jar missing from the store.
Aug. 31
• At 10:12 p.m., officers were called concerning a verbal argument between a woman and her ex-boyfriend on Main Street when the man began following the woman in her car.
• During the week, police officers responded to 4 alarms and issued 14 citations.

Highlands F& R Dept. log entries from Aug. 25:
Aug. 25
• At 10:24 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Spring Street. It was false.
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Aug. 26
• At 11:09 a.m., the dept. responded to a gas detection alarm at a residence on Dog Mountain. It was set off by Lysol spray.
• At 10:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Little Creek Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
Aug. 27
• At 6:57 a.m., the dept. responded to a fully involved vehicle fire at S. 4th St.
• At 4 p.m., the dept. responded to a minor vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.
• At 6:44 p.m., the dept. responded to a medical alarm at a residence on Hickory Lane. It was false.
Aug. 29
• At 11:15 a.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle roll over on S. 4th Street. One person was injured and taken to the hospital.
Aug. 31
• At 7:49 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Woodland Drive. The victim was taken to the hospital.
• At 9:25 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Henry Wright Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.
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