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Wednesday, Aug. 10

• The free Interlude Concert at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church featuring Edward Bach, trumpet; and Patrick Murphy, organ.

Thursday, Aug. 11

• It's "Go Green with Moss" from 4-6 p.m., at the Highlands Nature Center.

Friday, Aug. 12

• Last day to sign up to run for the Highlands Town Board election. Noon is the cutoff.

• Grand Round Hospital Update Tour at noon on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. *Complimentary lunch will be provided.* Call 526-1313 to register.

• HCCMF's "Battle of the Bands" at PAC at 6 PM. \$28, students \$5. 828-526-9060.

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Saturday, Aug. 13

• At the Hen House on Main Street, an in-store demonstration by Stone Wall Kitchens from 11-4.

• Wine & Food Tasting at Dusty's on NC 106 from 1:30-3:30.

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m.

Sunday, Aug. 14

• HCCMF's: Final Gala "Mozart, Ravel, Gershwin, Copland" at PAC. 5 PM. \$125 includes dinner at Wildcat Cliff Country Club. Tickets for concert not sold separately. 828-526-9060.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society annual picnic at the Highlands Civic Center at 5 PM. A \$5.

Monday, Aug. 15

• At the Hospital, Lunch and Learn lecture by HealthTracks Director Yvonne Smith, "The Anti-Inflammatory Diet" Noon to 1 p.m. Jane Woodruff Clinic. Register (828) 526-1313.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

• Literacy Council Gala 6:30 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-0925 for details.

Town hires Clabo as Planning Director

At 9 am. Tuesday, Aug. 9, David Clabo, met with Town of Highlands officials to "sew up" his terms of employment and thereafter he was officially made the next Planning Director for Highlands.

He will make \$55,000 and will be given a housing allowance for three months – he will be on the job Thursday, Aug. 18.

Since October 2010, when Planning Director Joe Cooley resigned under pressure, High-

lands has been without a fulltime planner. Shortly thereafter Mark Maxwell, an acquaintance of previous Town Manger Jim Fatland, was named Interim Town Planner. Following a July 14 closed

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Senator Bob Carpenter dies

Senator Robert C. Carpenter, 87, of Franklin, NC, died Saturday, Aug. 6, 2011. He was born and raised in Macon County. The Carpenter family has been in Macon County since the 18th century.

Carpenter was the son of the late Edgar Jackson Carpenter and Eula Dean Carpenter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife of 39 years, Ruth Cope Carpenter who died in 1985; three daughters, Elizabeth Poppe, Jane Gullett and Deborah Marshall; three brothers, Jack, Dean and Edgar and stepson, Clyde Bryant, Jr. Bob was a graduate of Franklin High School and the University of VA, School of Banking. Bob was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII. He was a bank executive with Bank of Franklin, Bank of Asheville and was Vice President for First Union, managing five branches in the local area. After retirement

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First days of school



Kindergarten teacher Julie McClellan talks to first time student Brionna Potts in the front hall of Highlands School. For more school info see page 14.

Photo by Ryan Potts

HS 'School of Distinction' 2 years running

For the second year in a row, Highlands School made "NC School of Distinction" status with High Growth for the 2010-

11 school year.

In addition, Highlands School had the highest 'Perfor-

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Carlton arrested for attempted robbery

Last Friday, Highlands Police closed at least part of the attempted robbery of the Farmers Market case which occurred on June 12, 2011.

Warrants were drawn and served to Chad William Carlton, 37, who is being held in federal custody in Murphy, NC, for attempted Common Law Robbery of the Bounty Land Quick Stop, Store #9, known locally as the Farmers Market.

During the course of the investigation, multiple agencies were involved in the tracking and locating of Carlton in the state of SC where he was picked up by US Marshals in Greenville, SC. Prior to being caught, Carlton allegedly committed other crimes about which the US Marshal's office didn't offer comment by press time.

During the time of the at-

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HIGHLANDS' NEWSPAPER NOTICE

Since the Town Board meeting date is now the first and third Tuesday night of each month, Highlands' Newspaper will now be on the streets and on the web every Wednesday instead of on Thursday.

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We want to thank all our readers and advertisers for being patient while we work our way back into our office on 265 Oak Street.



Kim Lewicki
Publisher

A leak from the apartment above caused a minor flood which sent us packing while walls and the ceiling are replaced. It looks like we will be back in our office Monday, Aug. 15.

It has been trying, to say the least, but thanks to technology, production of the paper and news gathering didn't stop.

For those of you who don't know, since the Town Board changed its meeting date to the first and second Tuesday of each month, we are now on the streets and web every Wednesday rather than every Thursday.

We are also an all-color newspaper now which means color can be placed on any page – nice for nonprofits, nice for advertisers and enticing for readers.

Thanks again for hanging in there with us and we apologize for any inconvenience our temporary move caused anyone.

DeWolf and Rogers not running in 2011

As of press time Tuesday, Aug. 9, two candidates have signed up for the three seats open November 2011 on the Highlands Town Board.

The seats are currently occupied by Commissioners Dennis DeWolf, John Dotson and Larry Rogers.

Brian J. Stiehler and Michael D. Rogers will vie for seats vacated by DeWolf and Rogers who are not running again.

"I have spent the last 40 years serving in the nonprofit sector and since I have a lot on my bucket list it's time for me to step down," said DeWolf.

"I'd rather young people take over," said Rogers, "unless me not running jeopardizes the ending of ETJ, then I might run."

Dotson said he's on the fence and won't decide until later in the week.

Candidates have until noon Friday, Aug. 12, to sign up.



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions.

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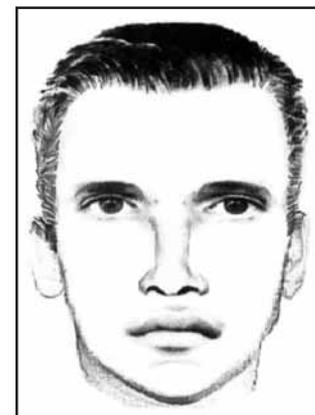
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Suspect sought for breaking & entering and rape in Franklin



Composite drawing of suspect.

The Macon County Sheriff's Office responded to an Emergency-911 call at approximately 6:10 pm on Monday, Aug. 1 on Rose Creek Cove Road in the Cowee Community.

A breaking and entering and sexual assault were reported to have occurred at approximately 5 pm on that day. The reporting victim did not know the suspect and his mode of transportation is also unknown.

An investigation started immediately and two Investigators were assigned to the case Monday night at which time they began processing the crime scene and interviewing witnesses. This is an ongoing investigation and the Sheriff's Office is requesting assistance from any person that observed any unusual or suspicious activity or individuals in this area, specifically including Highway 28/Bryson City Rd., Bennett Rd., and Rose Creek Rd., on Monday or at any other recent time.

The suspect is described as being a white male, approximately 6 feet tall with short dark brown hair, no facial hair and blue or green eyes. He has a skinny to medium sized frame and a noticeable tan. He was reported to be wearing blue jean shorts, a black t-shirt with pocket and flip flops at the time of the assault. It is possible that he has scratch marks

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tempted robbery, Carlton was on federal probation while living in Highlands for previous crimes and so violated his probation the night of June 12.

"Coincidentally, federal officers were here in Highlands to check on him the day after he committed the attempted robbery," said Harrell.

During the course of the investigation, physical evidence was collected and identified by the Highlands Police Department which established probable cause that Carlton committed the offenses of attempted common law robbery," said Harrell.

Harrell said it is impossible to know what sort of time Carlton could serve since he was on probation and because he is suspected of committing other crimes during the 2-3 weeks he was on the lam.

"We are working with the US Attorneys office due his federal probation and consolidating all crimes he has allegedly committed in the southeastern US.

The Back Story

On Sunday, June 12 at 10 p.m., at the moment the female clerk was about to lock the door for the night, a disguised male appeared at the doorway and forced her back into the store where he physically directed her to empty the cash register. At that moment, a patron entered the store and spooked the wannabe robber who fled from the store on foot.

The clerk called 9-1-1 and officers were on the scene within a minute.

The incident was recorded by video camera and revealed a male wearing dark tennis shoes with white markings on them, baggy blue jeans, a reddish South Carolina hoodie of the Under Amor brand and the word Carolina is on the front of the hooded sweatshirt.

Harrell said Carlton didn't use a weapon, nothing was gained and no one was injured.

Meanwhile the theft of 2006 black Ford Focus from the Highlands Community Child Care Center the morning of June 13 between 8:30-10 a.m., is still open.

Chief Harrell said his department isn't ready to link or disclose information.

"At this time it is being treated as an independent, unrelated case to the Farmers Market incident," he said.

The staff at HCCDC watched the video from the center's surveillance camera and saw a replay of the theft transpiring, but due to the quality of the electronic transmission, they couldn't iden-

tify the person – only that it was a male wearing dark clothes.

On June 17, the tag from Barnes' Focus was found on a red Ford Focus in Hall County, GA.

On June 18, Barnes' car was found abandoned in Clayton County, GA, bearing the license tag from the Hall County car. "This is a classic tag swap," said Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell. He said criminals use this technique to throw law enforcement off their trail all the time.

Chief Harrell thanks the public for information collected during the investigation of the Farmers Market robbery.



Image of Chad William Carlton caught on video tape during the attempted Farmers Market robbery.

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• LETTERS •

Teaching -- A modern day calling

Dear Editor,

I don't know any teachers that are on a mission to destroy your child's life but they do learn very quickly that they are expected to keep control of their classrooms or they'll be the ones facing the consequences.

When I was in school I was totally convinced that most of my high school teachers were sent there by some unknown source to make my life a living hell. I discovered very quickly just how far I could go and not step over that imaginary line, never realizing that I was not only hurting myself but everyone else in the class. It was all about the next laugh and the 3 o'clock bell.

It's not a big surprise that I wasn't an "A" student but I did do just well enough to get by. I'm sure to many teachers this is an all too familiar scenario and something that plagues me to this day. Let's just say that my spell check regularly begs me to turn it off and give it a break, I married a woman who is an avid reader and has to be one of the best spellers I know, and as luck would have it, we have a son who is an English teacher. God does have a sense of humor! That being said I'm around a lot of teachers from time to time and as I hear stories of first-year teachers being seen out in the halls with face in hands trying to hold back the tears of frustration and literally trying to build up enough courage to return to the classroom, I find myself thinking, I was one of those kids. I was that student who not only wasted my time but had to have most of my teachers rethink their profession.

Things have changed a lot since I was in school. There were no alternative schools you just got your butt worn out. I will never forget being in class and "rudely" awakened by a math teacher asking me to complete a math problem she had written on the board. Of course, I just stared at it until I heard her say, "You're just like your dad" and then I felt the shock of my life. This little 5-foot-tall, 70-year-old lady showed me she could swing a well-used 2 1/2-foot paddle. I'm in no way saying this is the answer to our problems but amazingly I found the correct answer to the one on the board and never fell asleep in her class again.

I fondly remember her as one of my better teachers, maybe because I started listening. She later told me that she had also taught my father and had to use the same teaching technique on him, more than once.

Teachers now days are caught in the middle of "no child left behind," parents who are too busy or are just not interested in keeping up with their children's progress and an administration that has to an-

swer to the school board.

Is there any wonder why there's such a shortage of teacher's in this country?

I have found out over the years as a parent, that if a teacher says there's a problem, they're usually right. With our first child I was the parent who was always there defending him to the last breath. I was sure without a doubt my son was perfect and this teacher just had to have it in for him. But after a while we learned this just wasn't the case and he became a much better student.

With our youngest son things were quite different even though there were times I felt we needed parent / teacher conferences, there were very few times we needed to go up the chain of command. The second child always has it rougher; "It's just a broken arm, shake it off you'll be fine."

We as parents can do our children a great disservice by not attending the school's functions like open houses. If you can't be there, at least send a trusted family member or friend to talk to the teacher so they know you're involved and interested in your child's educational future.

If you have questions contact the teacher by phone or email. Email seems to work the best now days. If you don't get a response call the school office and let them know you've emailed and tried to reach the teacher by leaving messages and ask that a person in administration call you.

Keep in mind that teachers are people too. They not only put up with your little angel all day but then have to grade papers, go to meetings and some even coach school sports and they are still expected to further their education to meet certain state requirements and somehow in the midst of all this, make time for their own families.

Some people say a teacher's career is by choice, and for some that's true, but then there are those you never forget as making a difference in your life.

I truly believe they are there for a much higher cause. I consider it nothing less than a modern day calling.

Odes E Roberts,
West Union, SC and Highlands

The taboo issue of 'free trade'

Dear Editor:

In Don Swanson's letter in the Aug. 3 edition of Highlands' Newspaper regarding a letter written by Shirley Ches in the July 27 edition, we see another example of how misinformed the public is as to why so

many jobs have gone overseas. That exodus had nothing to do with "republican economics" or labor unions, or our "egregious corporate tax rates."

That exodus had one cause and only one — our federal government elites decided decades ago that we must have "free trade" and they opened our country, generally tax free, as a market for the world. This theory of the great goodness of free trade has been thoroughly believed by our elites among the liberal and conservative leaders alike.

It was thought to be unfair to the have-nots of the world that we were so rich and they so poor. We had to share our good fortune! And it would be so good for our country!

The scariest aspect of this whole thing is that a vast conspiracy of silence regarding this issue. Even though it is becoming more and more obvious that "free trade" is gutting our economy, not one word in opposition is heard. Anyone bold enough to question it is immediately labeled an ignorant, backward clod. Almost no newsman, talk show host, or editorials will bring up this taboo subject.

There is a desperate search by so many confused economists and other leaders as to what is wrong with our economy. Although there have been no real changes of any consequence in our country over the past 40 years except the avalanche of jobs going offshore, no one will touch that subject with a 10-foot pole!

Forget about blaming business. Business people do what they have to in order to survive and make a profit. And, yes, big business is doing well because we no longer interfere with their right to take the money they have earned in the states and go to China or wherever with it. They can take their earnings offshore and make a killing because we have made so many countries prosperous while we have been killing our own.

It is a no-brainer that the US cannot and will never compete with the low wages offshore.

Are we going to wake up or simply continue to stand by and watch our standard of living continue to spiral downward?

Bart McPherson
Glennville, NC

Arguing with tea-partiers is a waste of time

Dear Editor,

The Tea Party Triumverate (Bob Wilson, Don Swanson, and Vic Drummond) have all had their turn at vilifying a previous letter written by Shirley Ches who had the audacity to humorously yet clearly spell out beliefs counter to theirs.

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David Clabo
Highlands Planning
Director

director, county manager and most recently for the Census Bureau.

He has a BA degree in Sociology with a minor in psychology from Augusta State College and completed course work in the Master's of city planning program at Georgia Institute of Technology.

"I have a unique set of experiences to help the town be ready for development that comes its way while preserving the good things that make Highlands unique – in both the natural environment and the man-made environment," said Clabo.

He expects to tackle the UDO first – a meeting between the Town and the Planning boards is scheduled for the Aug. 22 at the regular Planning Board meeting at 5:30 in the Community Building.

After Clabo and staff make sure the UDO says what the town wants it to say Clabo said the Comprehensive Plan is next up. "Both of which represent many months of work," he said.

Clabo and his wife and son live in Jefferson, GA, where he served as the town's first City Manager for five years. His wife works for a pediatrician in Athens, GA, and their 17-year-old son is a senior in Jefferson High School. His family will stay in Jefferson until his son graduates from high school.

Clabo said he looks forward to being a part of the town.

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Bob entered his political career becoming Senator in the North Carolina General Assembly serving eight terms. He was a member of St. Francis Catholic Church, K.O.C., American Legion, S.A.R.S., Rotary Club of Franklin as well as many other civic, political and youth organizations.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, T. Helen Edwards Bryant Carpenter; five children, Robert D. Carpenter of Sylva, Dale R. Carpenter of Hurricane, WV, Thomas Carpenter of Conyers, GA, Edgar G. Carpenter of Charlotte, NC and Christine M. Carpenter of Waynesville, NC; brother, Kenneth Carpenter of Warner Robbins, GA; sister, Louise Darnell of Franklin; three step daughters, Deborah Bryant of Franklin, Susan Zolo of Fairfield, Iowa and Rebecca Prince of Franklin; 34 grandchildren and great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 10, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Franklin. Father Alex and Father Cahill will officiate. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery with military graveside rites by VFW Post 7339 and the American Legion Post 108.

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on his body.

Investigators canvassed the neighbors in the Rose Creek area and continue to pursue the information they gathered. Deputies from the Patrol Unit set up road blocks to speak with drivers and residents in the area Tuesday and Wednesday and have passed on additional information to the Investigators. Investigators are being assisted by the Asheville Police Department and met today with the reporting victim and a forensic artist to prepare a sketch of the suspect. Please publish the sketch which is an attachment to this e-mail.

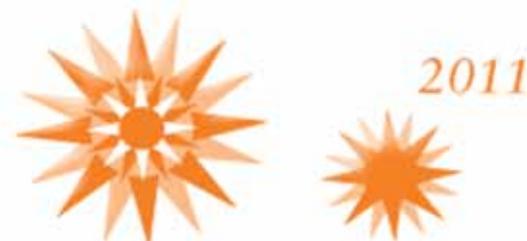
"Although this appears to be an isolated incident, I encourage all residents to take normal security measures and to be aware of their surroundings to ensure their safety," said Sheriff Robert Holland. "I consider this incident to be our top priority and have instructed all of the Deputies involved to treat this investigation as their highest priority."

Holland said the investigation is ongoing and encourages anyone with information to contact his office at (828) 524-2811.

Holland also thanked the Asheville Police Department and the District Attorney's Office for their assistance.



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The slime inside the beltway

This is all our fault, ya know? We were too busy making money, raising our families, watching the market grow, investing in real estate and thinking this wonderful way of living would go on forever. After all, this is America. Once upon a time, Rome was in this exact same position before it collapsed. The similarities are incredible.

And we knew if we didn't put the cookie jar on a top shelf, the children would get into it but so what? We were too busy enjoying the good life and so what if they swiped a few cookies. There was plenty to go around.

Not only did we leave the cookie jar on the floor where even the dog, ants, other countries, and God knows who else could get into it, we left the lid off to make



Fred Wooldridge

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it easier. Now, unfortunately, it's too late to put the jar on the top shelf because it's empty. The America we all know and love will soon be gone and it's our fault, not

the politicians. We gave away the store to a bunch of crooks. We put the fox in the chicken coop to finish off the last of the poultry while we led the good life and made money.

And don't think for one minute this is about the Democrats, Republications or the Independents. It's not about the Blue Dogs or the Libertarians. Collectively, they've all had their hands in the jar big time. It's about us, the complacent American people who allowed this collapse of our American system to happen.

And don't blame politicians like already sanctioned Senator Charlie Rangel for getting caught stealing again. Blame the American people who

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

We need to remember our dreams may not be their dreams

When an African lion defeats a rival and claims his pride, he kills his predecessor's male cubs. The grisly practice assures that only his genes will be passed on. In Costa Rica, the howler monkey kills his own male offspring, apparently in the belief that he can eliminate future challengers and dominate his harem forever. It makes sense from the monkey's point of view. There is no demand for deposed alpha males and there is no social safety net below the jungle canopy.

Given mores and laws against infanticide, we've had to be more creative than animals and have been forced to seek immortality through future generations. While some species seek immortality by killing their progeny, we reach for the same goal through continuity with ours. It is common practice to name a first born son after his father and continue the practice for three or more generations. Former heavy weight boxing champion, George Foreman, named each of his six sons George. Rich men donate millions to universities to build buildings named after them. It won't be long before some megalomaniac has himself cloned in an attempt to achieve immortality. Given the resources available to Donald Trump, it's possible it's already happened.

Might the American dream that our kids enjoy a better life than we merely be a variation on the theme? Do we want them to stand on our shoulders, or do we simply want to be taller. A pop psychologist, Dr. Joy Brown, said, "We give our kids two gifts; roots and wings. The roots are the easy part."

I didn't try so much to keep Bull caged as to direct his flight, but flying tethered is hard work, and too much like training on a treadmill. I finally decided to give him freedom in the hope that he will feel free to fly by and visit our nest from time to time. Of course we all want the best for our kids; we



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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sacrifice for them; we teach them and attempt to instill in them values which we hold dear. Most of our parenting is based on love, but I'm convinced some stems from hubris.

My surrender to Bull's independence has not been entirely voluntary. I still hope he'll be a doctor, but I'd be satisfied with President. I wish he read great works of literature instead of playing Nazi Zombies. I didn't read them, but I wish he would. Imagine how smart I might have been.

We want things for our kids that we never had, couldn't accomplish, or were just too lazy to pursue. When I was graduating from high school, Sputnik was circling the globe and the United States had no answer. My Dad, a patriotic first generation Italian American, decided it was my duty to become an engineer, and in doing so, show the Russian commies a thing or two about American know how. It didn't matter to him that I had no interest in engineering, in fact wanted to be a history teacher.

I remember as if it were yesterday. I would study, he said sarcastically, "History of Roman band instruments" and "Intercourse among the Eskimos." I was more compliant than Bull. I enrolled in the engineering school of my father's choosing and stayed for one semester before dropping out. During that semester, I lost my dream that had been trivialized by my father. When I returned to college the following year, I declared myself a pre-med major. I underestimated Dad's stubbornness and hoped he might be pleased.

Neither my dream nor his was realized, but his intrusion drove a lasting wedge between us. Two years later, Dad died suddenly. It was another 30 years before I forgave him. I was climbing a flight of stairs in my hospital when I suddenly thought of him. "Dad," I said aloud to the concrete walls, "I understand now. You did the best you could." I hope he heard me and whispered in response, "Don't repeat my mistake."

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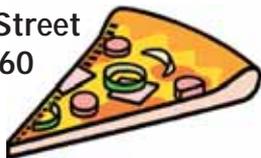
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continue to put him in office and give him free rein to do whatever he wants. Everyone knows he's a crook but no one cares. And he steals with a smile on his face and insults us if we question him. And Senator Barney Frank's favorite line is "What planet are you from?" when his integrity is questioned....again....and again.

But wait, there are Republicans just as crooked and evil as Rangel, so don't get your shorts in a wad if you're a Democrat. I only mentioned Rangel's name since he is the king of the thieves and oh so colorful with that big lovable smile on his face. Year after year, these crooks continue to flourish because we allow it. We even approve of it

It's worse than you might imagine. The beltway crooks are only half our problem. We couldn't clean them out if we wanted. Our system of government and the way we pick our leaders is totally corrupt. We all know that when politician's lips are moving, they're lying. But we continue, year after year, to buy their bull, fill their pockets with our tax money and turn them loose. This is our fault.

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There was a time in America when

people ran for office because they had a desire to contribute to the American way of life. They didn't do it to make money, or steal, or be a pervert. They did it because they loved America. Those people are gone and they're not coming back.

The most frustrating thing for Americans who saw this coming a long, long time ago is the helplessness they feel as America continues to implode. I am one of those people.

And pay close attention to this part. The riots and killings occurring around the globe are about the frustrations and feelings of hopelessness the people have toward their corrupt governments.

Collective or mob anger can be a scary thing. People will martyr themselves for a collective cause. It's happening before your very eyes. When a country becomes unstable and the people have no place to turn, violence occurs.

Can't happen in America, you say? Don't be so sure.

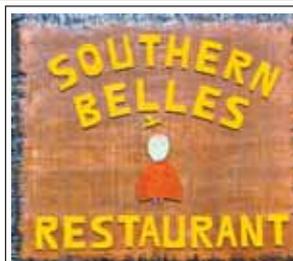
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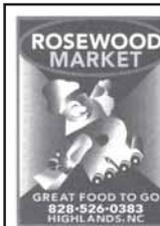
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'The Tebow Thing' will resolve itself, one way or another

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as the backup quarterback, much to the chagrin of a starved Denver fanbase. "The Tebow Thing," as it was described by receiver Brandon Lloyd, is a shadow that has loomed over Denver since they drafted Tebow last year. (BTW, could there be a worse name for this? The Tebow Thing sounds like a Broadway musical, not a football controversy)

I have a lot of brain/gut feeling battles on Tebow as a football player, for several reasons. The main reason that I have these issues is that I saw him as a senior get exposed as a passer because his receivers couldn't get any separation and he didn't have Percy Harvin running a drag route to bail him out. Secondly, I remember the same criticisms being made of guys like Danny Wuerffel and Doug Johnson as Florida quarterbacks, and they turned out to be true. (that still hurts...I idolized Wuerffel in particular, and in some ways he was the original Tebow) Therefore, my brain tells me that the experts knocking Tebow for his inaccuracy and poor footwork are probably right.

However, my gut tells me that Tebow wins games, and has won games his whole life. I know what you are thinking...that this is the NFL and that most of that rah rah crap just doesn't cut it...but in reality it does. If accuracy and footwork mattered and intangibles didn't matter then guys like Trent Dilfer and Kordell Stewart would have never won a Super Bowl and Dan Marino would have 10 rings. (And that isn't to say that Marino didn't have intangibles, etc. I was just making the

point that perhaps the best quarterback who ever lived never won a Super Bowl) I watched the games that Tebow started with Denver last year, and maybe it is just my bias showing through, but those guys *looked* different with him out there. They actually seemed excited to play football, and Denver was competitive in those games.

Tebow's stats were not great-he only completed 50% of his passes and threw three picks, but he led a 4th quarter comeback in one game and passed for over 200 yards per game.

What it boils down to is that Denver and John Fox need to let Tebow play, and let him play now. Kyle Orton may give the Broncos a chance to win now, but they are an 8-8 team at best this year and Orton isn't good enough to get them past that. If they put Tebow on the field now for a full season and he flops-then they can try and pick up Andrew Luck or Brandon Weeden in the draft next year and begin rebuilding, not to mention that the Tebow apologists will realize that the guy just can't cut it. However, until Tebow gets a full time shot with the ball, he is always going to be the most popular guy in Denver.

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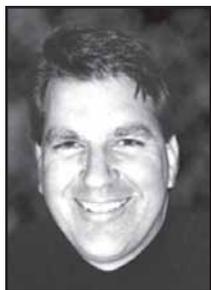
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His little girl in the front yard heard her father's voice. She drops her little toys and runs into the house. She quickly scurries toward the front door, and her eyes meet with her father's eyes. There he sits in the chair.

Across the room she runs. She places her hands on his knees, and then she uses her little feet on his shins to get her grip and he pulls her up into his lap. The father grins while wrapping his big arms around his sweet little girl — his arms wrap around her like a blanket. He kisses the top of her head. The little girl just sits there resting; an unequaled sense of safety washes all over her. She gently reaches up to his itchy beard, gives it a tug, and she contentedly utters, "Abba, Abba father." In that moment she could ask him for anything, and receive it. Yet, the paradox in that moment is that she has need of nothing. She's in the lap of her father. She calls him "Abba." She is close, she is safe; she feels special ... all is well. Dinner will be ready in a few minutes. And they will spend the evening together as a family.

Preachers teach on this word "Abba" as simply meaning "daddy." Yes, it means daddy but there is so much more to this unique word. "Abba" is the whole scene. "Abba" is the sense of safety and uniqueness ... contentment. "Abba" is the proximity to the father, "Abba" is the attentiveness of the father; "Abba" is being in the arms of the father. "Abba" is the holy kiss on your forehead. "Abba" is not simply the word "daddy."

People have taught this for decades, and it

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John 3:16

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Proverbs 3:5

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• CONSERVATIVE POV

Apocalypse or Armageddon?

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President is taking every opportunity to remind us of our perilous condition with doomsday threats that have created unnecessary fear and consternation.

How strange that, when his leadership was needed, Obama was nowhere to be seen, if you exclude his frequent appearances warning of credit rating downgrades, interest payment defaults, looming inability to issue social security checks, failure to pay the military its wages, etc. He did manage to bungle his attempt to work a deal with Speaker Boehner, when agreement was at hand and was excluded from further deliberations as being a hindrance.

Who was responsible for all the drama and hand wringing that preceded the last minute vote to raise the debt limit? Surprise! It was the TEA Party! You know. The crazies the liberals once dismissed as "Astroturf" which I assume means that we are a fake grass-roots movement. The same folks who elected people serious about putting the brakes on spending and deficits, the ones John McCain referred to as hobbits, whatever they are. I assume they exist in McCain's fantasy world.

The ones that Rep. Chris Van Hollen said TEA Party Republicans "are unfit for governing." The ones that Vice-President Biden called "terrorists." From FoxNews.com: "Vice President Biden was criticized over reports of a private meeting he had with House Democrats in which Tea Party Republicans were compared to 'terrorists,' though Biden denies he described Republicans that way.

A senior Democrat official told Fox News that Biden made such com-

ments.

The Washington Post claims that the deal is a victory for the TEA Party. "To appreciate the scope of the TEA Party's victory, consider: When Barack Obama came into office, he went on a bender of government spending. He signed an unprecedented \$821 million stimulus spending bill. His first budget increased federal spending to 27 percent of gross domestic product –

the highest level as a share of the economy since World War II. Then he proceeded to ram through Congress Obamacare, a massive government intervention that adds \$1.4 trillion in new spending over the next decade alone. Democrats openly talked about passing a "second stimulus." And five months ago Obama submitted a budget to Congress that tripled the national debt, raising it by \$10 trillion over the next 10 years.

Today, no one is talking about tripling the national debt or passing a "second stimulus." Congress is about to cut spending by about \$2 trillion and put us on a trajectory to balance the budget within a decade. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid complained that Congress has raised the debt limit 74 times since 1962 without conditions. He is right. This is happening for the first time in history, thanks to the TEA Party."

So, now the vote has been taken, passed by both houses and signed into law by the President. Immediately, the complaints are heard from both ends of the spectrum. Boehner got "rolled" declares the far right; Obama caved claims the far left. The fact of the matter is, for all practical purposes, the can was kicked down the road. The difference is, this time the conversation was cutting, not spending.

Speaking of conversation, here are two quotes that seem timely. First was spoken by Senator Barack Obama in March, 2006. "The fact that we are here today to debate raising America's debt limit is a sign of leadership failure. It is a sign that the US Government cannot

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Remembering John



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It's been almost a year since John died. You know the old cliché, "funny how time flies when you're having a good time?" Well, it's funny how time flies when you're not, too. Nothing prepares you for widowhood, especially sudden widowhood, when your husband has promised you at least 20 years of marriage. Widowhood has been a hit-and-miss affair, full of nasty realities and great insights. Not all the lessons I've learned are ones I wanted to learn. Some, I could have lived a lifetime without knowing.

The last year has taught me a lot about myself, and about other people, too. I've learned that you can honestly feel as if you are going to die of grief, and somehow you survive. It's strange how badly you can feel, and still wake up the next morning, jump in the shower, feed the cats, and go downstairs to pick up the mail. I was expecting to feel sad, but the emptiness was a shock – day after day of feeling nothing at all. Fortunately, life bursts through, laughter breaks through. It sounds like the obvious, but if you don't die, you wind up living, often in spite of yourself.

When you are married, you and your husband present a unit, a united front to the world. When you are a widow, you're not quite married anymore, but you're not quite single, either. People deal with you as best they can, but they are often grieving the loss of your husband, in their own way. We're all just muddling along, trying to do the best we can – sometimes getting it right, sometimes dreadfully wrong, and most of the time, just making do.

Many people have been remarkably kind – awesomely so. Folks showed up with food, or invitations to go out or they just stopped what they were doing to listen. I could not have made it without the help and support of the townspeople of Highlands. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the way so many took me to their hearts and into their homes during this particularly difficult time. I will never forget their kindness.

On the other hand, there have been some disappointments. You never know what wacko ideas some people have until you hear them trying to make sense of death. On a particularly rough day, a

woman chided me about being depressed. "Don't think of it as a loss," she cooed. "Think of all the wonderful things you can do now!" Gosh. Silly me. Here I was feeling sad that John was dead. I shouldn't be seeing this as a tragedy. It was a career opportunity!

And religion? Don't get me started.

• *John is in a better place.* Better than with me

and the cats?

• *John isn't suffering anymore.* Actually, John sailed through chemo and radiation, having almost none of the awful side effects that most people suffer. So, no, death was not the blessed relief that it is for many people who are in great pain.

• *John is up in heaven, looking down on us as we speak.* Well, I'd rather think of him looking down than looking up, if you know what I mean.

• *Did I know if John had been saved before he died?* Not only was my husband dead, he just might be roasting for all eternity in the flames of hellfire. Boy, the lady who asked that question sure doesn't get the Little Miss Sunshine Award, at least not in my book.

• *Since John is now at peace and in heaven, why was I sad?* Because he wasn't around to love and cherish, that's why! Some people have their own personal view of death, and if you don't buy into their feel-good idea of the whole thing, it is a great moral failing on your part. How selfish of you to be sad!

It's probably better not to get me started on politics, either. John ran for the North Carolina 11th Congressional Seat in both 2006 and 2008, but you wouldn't know it from the deadening silence from members of his own political party. I ran into some of them in early November 2010, and they didn't even know he'd been dead for over two months. And that political movement he supported? Well, they were obviously too busy drinking tea and defending the Constitution to send along their condolences. Ben Franklin is rolling in his grave.

They say you should never move

• See JUST HERS page 13

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or make any drastic changes to your lifestyle for the first year of widowhood, but I've had to move twice. The cats and I went off our food, and got jumpy over loud noises. For months, we slept with John's old bathrobe and pillow for comfort. And while you can't measure inner strength, I know I'm stronger. The cats have brought me comfort and unbelievable joy. Their antics are a continuing source of delight. We've lost a few old friends, but gained a lot of new ones.

John was very proud that many people who had put off important medical tests read his last column's words of warning, and took his advice. I know several people who had colonoscopies, and probably saved their own lives by catching pre-cancerous conditions early enough. I hope none of you go through the tragic and early loss of a beloved spouse, although I realize some of you will. If you do, I hope you live in an

• TOWN BOARD TIDBITS •

At last Tuesday's Town Board meeting, Ryan Sherby, the liaison between elected officials and the NC DOT presented the Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Highlands which includes roads, sidewalks and bike routes.

It's part of a county-wide plan previously presented to the Macon County Commission and to the Franklin Town Board. (For the complete story go to the July 14 edition "Highlands Roadway Upgrades in CTP" at www.highlandsinfo.com/PDFarchives/11july14.pdf.)

Sherby asked the commissioners to look over the set of maps that involve Highlands and let him know of changes because the maps are what will eventually be adopted by Highlands, Franklin, Macon County and the NC DOT prior to funding. Following the public hearing on the plan Tuesday, Aug. 9, the county plans on adopting the CTP at its September meeting.

Commissioners noted that the US 64 sidewalk extension from Oak Street to The Bascom Bridge was missing on the map and understood it had already been slated for funding by the state. Sherby said those were the sorts of things he needed to know and the map would be adjusted.

Radio-Read Funding

The board passed the resolution necessary to ensure funding for the radio-read water meters through the Local Government Commission for a total of \$817,518.56 for five to ten years. BB&T has made the best offer — about 2% for a payment of \$174,000 per year. The interest rate is a little less than 2% for five years and a little more than 2% for 10 years. Commissioners expect the radio readers to pay for themselves after the first year.

Firearm Ordinance

Following an incident at the Rec Park where a person was showing off an assault rifle, Police Chief Bill Harrell asked that the board initiate an ordinance prohibiting firearms on Highland recreation property. "Right now we have no tools allowing us to remove those types of weapons," said Chief Harrell.

Attorney Coward said he and Harrell would work up an ordinance and present it at the August 16 meeting.

exceptional community like Highlands.

I realize that people have been very tolerant of my craziness. People cut you a lot of slack the first year of widowhood. "Well, bless her heart," they say. "It's the just the grief talking." After August 20th, I hope they are just as kind. Only one of John's eight books was a novel, *The Six O'Clock Man*. In his chapter on the death of schoolteacher turned astronaut, Christa McAuliffe, John

wrote: "We should not deny the best memories, in the mistaken belief that the worst memories will disappear on their own."

I thank all the people of Highlands who keep my dear husband, John Charles Armor, alive in their hearts and in their best memories. Please continue to share your stories about him for many, many years to come! The cats and I are counting on it.



a Red Carpet Premiere
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Deborah Zoe Lauffer's award-winning play

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Champagne reception • Wine • Heavy hors d'oeuvres • Silent auction
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"Sirens" is the play that has been chosen by HCP for their first production of the season, a production which will be the North Carolina premiere of this new play, directed by veteran actor/director Virginia Talbot.

"The play almost defies description. It's a love story, a comedy; it calls upon the ancient Greek myth of the sirens who, with their enchanting singing, lured sailors to shipwreck on rocky coastlines. Yet it is thoroughly modern with its inclusion of cruise ships and electronic innovations of the 21st century."

Silent Auction Items Include

- Golf packages at Highlands Country Club, Highlands Falls Country Club, Cullasaja Club, and Wildcat Cliffs Country Club
- 1-night stay at Old Edwards Inn
- Art Classes at The Bascom
- A full page advertisement in *Laurel* Magazine
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- Gift Certificates to local favorites, including Dusty's, Buck's, Highlands Lawn & Garden, Gate's Nursery, and more!
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- Choice of glasswork from Bryant Art Glass
- Two year subscription to *The Highlander*
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- Cooking classes for kids
- Cocktails and dinner for eight hosted at Rick and Cindy Trevathan's beautiful home
- Original oil paintings by Jose Portilla, Zach Claxton, and Sharyn Chapman and a seasonal painting from The Christmas Tree
- Tot teepee
- Life coaching session with Mel Lipinski
- B&B packages at Morningside Inn and The Craig Suite above Ugly Dog Pub

And... BBQ Dinner for 25, prepared, delivered, and served by members of the Literacy Council of Highlands Board of Trustees!

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PULL OUT

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

Upcoming CLE classes

Kicking off this week's exciting menu of classes, John Ferriter will speak on the *Challenges of Latin American Development, Reducing Poverty and Sustaining Growth*.

Mr. Ferriter has worked as an Appropriations Committee personal staff aide in the U.S. House of Representatives after graduating from Harvard.

He will lecture on the growth and development of Latin America, the unrelenting problems that continue to plague the countries, the interventions that have been made and the results of these interventions. He will address many of the current issues such as climate change and biodiversity.

Challenges of Latin American Development
Friday, August 12 from 10:30a until 12:30p.

Place: Hudson Library, Highlands

Fee: \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Exploring the Deep Blue. Robert Young, Ph.D., a nationally recognized expert on coastal science and policy and Professor of Coastal Geology at Western Carolina University, has always drawn crowds to his CLE lectures. This class was originally scheduled for Aug 5, but has been changed to August 17.

Exploring the Deep Blue

NOTE THE NEW DATE IS: Wednesday, August 17 from 10:30 am until 12:30 p.m.

The Hudson Library, Highlands

Fee: \$20 for members and \$35 for non members
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Thursday, August 18, 10 am - 12 noon

Performing Arts Center Fees: \$20 members; \$30 non-members

CLASS CANCELLATION: Unfortunately, *A New Look at Eating Right* has been cancelled.

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Ongoing

- The open air Highlands Farmers Market starts July 9th. If you have something you'd like to sell please call Andrea Gabbard 526.4858

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

- Register for the 2011 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623.

Daily

- CORE classes at Mountain Fitness on Carolina Way. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9:30; Mon., Wed., Thurs., 5:15. \$10 per class or ask about specials. Call 526-9083. (st. 6/9)

Mon-Fri

- The Nantahala Tennis Club meets at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. All are welcome.

Think about Thursdays at the Highlands Nature Center August 18



The Highlands Biological Foundation is pleased to host a Treasure Highlands Bird Hike on August 18th from 10 a.m. to noon with members of the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Join us for a walk to some of the best birding spots around The Highlands Nature Center.

The Highlands Plateau is an Important Bird Area (IBA) - one of only five in North Carolina - meaning it is an important place for bird species that are high priority for conservation efforts. In fact, the town of Highlands has the unique status of being entirely embedded within the bounds of an IBA. North Carolina has 400 documented species of birds, making this one of the most diverse areas for birds on the eastern seaboard.

This will be a great opportunity to learn about our birds from the experts. For more information about the Treasure Highlands project, visit treasurehighlands.org. This program is open to all ages and the walk will be easy. Registration is required.

For more information about our Think About Thursdays series, or to become a member of the Highlands Biological Foundation and show your support for our activities, please call 828-526-2221 or visit our website at www.wcu.edu/hbs.

Sundays

- Hymn-sing service from 7-8 p.m. at the Little Church in the Wildwood in Horse Cove.

Mon., Wed. & Thurs.

- On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon., and Thurs. at 10:45 a.m.; 7:30 a.m. Wednesday. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (9/29)

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 \$40 a month

Mondays & Wednesdays

- Pilates Mat Classes - Mondays and Wednesdays, 4pm, The Jane Woodruff Clinic, Main Floor, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Call 526-5852 for info. (6/23)

Mondays

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

- Monday Madness at Fressers Eatery in Historic Helen's Barn. \$5 burgers, \$1 off beers all day. Rebecca White performs 7-9 p.m.

Sapphire arts & crafts show this weekend!



Sapphire Valley Master Association Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th. More than 75 high quality artisans will demonstrate and display their original arts and crafts, all at reasonable prices.

The Master association is proud to offer this opportunity to those Americans who take the time, effort, and talents to offer their work for the home and gifts. All entries are judged to ensure that the offerings are produced by the artisan, and only high-quality work is accepted.

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

Live music will be played both days from noon until 3 pm. Food and drink will be available. Admission is free and there is ample parking. The Festival will be held at the Sapphire Valley Recreation Field located on Rt. 64 three miles east of the Crossroads. Show hours are 10am - 4pm. For further information, call (828) 743-1163.

Highlands Area Upcoming Events



PULL OUT

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.

Wednesdays

• 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.

• 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.

Wednesdays & Fridays

• Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Every 3rd Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. Call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

Thursdays

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

• The Highlands Writers Group meets at 1 p.m. at the Hudson Library on Thursdays. Free writing exercises. Bring a seven-minute writing piece to read. Newcomers are welcome. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

• At the Highlands Nature Center, 6-7 p.m. through Labor Day, an exciting new program each week and they are free.

Every Third Saturday

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

Fridays in August

• See EVENTS page 18

HCCMF wraps up season with gala concert, dinner and 'Battle of the Bands'

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will wrap up its dazzling 30th Anniversary Dream Season with a classical Battle of the Bands and an unforgettable Gala Concert and Dinner.

The battle, slated for Friday, August 12th, and Saturday, August 13th, will feature The Linden String Quartet performing Dvorak's "String Quartet in F Major, Op. 96 'American.'"

They'll be followed by The Attacca String Quartet performing Janacek's "String Quartet #2, 'Intimate Letters.'"

As you'd expect for such a collegial organization as The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, the Battle of the Bands isn't really a "battle," and The Linden and Attacca String Quartets will pool their talents for Mendelssohn's "Octet for Strings in Eb Major, Op. 20."

The Linden String Quartet, the Graduate String Quartet-in-Residence at the Yale School of Music, has been praised for its "remarkable depth of technique and brilliantly nuanced, sumptuous tonality...delivered with a palpable, infectious joy." It's the gold medalist and grand prize-winner of the 2009 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition, winner of the 2010 Concert Artists Guild Victor Elmaleh Competition, and laureate of the 9th Borciani International String Quartet Competition. Other awards include first prize at the Sixth Hugo Kauder International Competition and the Coleman-Barstow prize at the 2009 Coleman National Chamber Ensemble Competition.

The Attacca String Quartet, the resident quartet at the Northern Lights Music Festival, is the winner of the Alice Coleman Grand Prize at the 60th Annual Coleman Chamber Ensemble Competition. The Attaccas performed in Carnegie Hall's Zankel Hall as part of the Julliard Young Artists and their Mentors Series, sharing a program with the Julliard String Quartet.

The Final Gala Concert and Dinner will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14 at the Martin-Lip-



scomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

The concert launches with the Attacca and Linden String Quartets being joined by bassist Douglas Summer for Mozart's "Serenade for Strings in G Major, 'Eine Kleine Nachtmusik.'"

Sommer serves on the faculty of Kennesaw State University and Emory University and has been a member of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra since 1989.

Ravel's "Introduction and Allegro for Harp, String Quartet and Winds" will be performed by harpist Valerie von Pech, clarinetist Laura Ardan, flutist Lea Kibler and The Attacca String Quartet.

Von Pechy Whitcup is beloved by HCCMF audiences for her many sparkling performances over the years. She was the harp instructor at the University of Miami Frost School of Music for 30 years. She formed and conducted the University of Miami Harp Ensemble, writing and arranging music for their performances. Her musical stories for young listeners, "Webster the Musical Spider" and "The Armadillo's Pillow," have been enjoyed by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival audiences. In the world of popular music, Von Pechy Whitcup has performed, recorded or toured with Frank Sinatra, The Bee-Gees, Tom Jones, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett and Aretha Franklin.

Ardan is the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra's principal clarinetist since 1982, and holds the endowed Robert Shaw Chair. She has been a featured soloist with the orchestra in works by Mozart, Weber, Debussy, Copland,

Bernstein, Finzi, Rossini, and Artie Shaw and has also performed with the Cleveland Quartet on the ASO's Summerfest series.

Kibler teaches flute in the Department of Performing Arts at Clemson University. She's served as principal flute for the Moscow Chamber Orchestra and performed at the Spoleto Festival, the Norfolk Chamber Music Festival and the American Dance Festival. Kibler was founding director/performer of the Florida Chamber Virtuosi. She's an active arranger, clinician, solo performer and teacher.

Pianist William Ransom will follow with Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

In addition to serving as the festival's artistic director, Ransom's schedule takes him around the world to perform in such venues as Carnegie Hall and the National Gallery, yet his heart brings him back every summer to the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. When he's not performing at and overseeing the HCCMF, Ransom is the Mary L. Emerson Professor of Piano and Director of Piano Studies at Emory University. He's also the founder and artistic director of the Emory Chamber Music Society and has collaborated with cellists Yo-Yo Ma and Steven Isserlis, clarinetist Richard Stoltzman, and members of the Tokyo, Cleveland, St. Petersburg, American, Lark, Cavani, and Muir String Quartets.

Bassoonist Carl Nitchie will join all the evening's performers for the finale, Copland's "Appalachian Spring for 13 Instruments," under the direction of Conductor Michael Alexander.

Nitchie is the principal bassoonist at the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra. He's also a teacher at Emory University a coach with the Atlanta Youth Symphony.

Alexander is Orchestra Director at Kennesaw State University and serves as Music Director of the Cobb County Orchestra and Georgia Youth Symphony Orchestra

Following the finale, a sumptuous dinner will be served at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club.

The Battle of the Bands will be staged at 6 p.m. Friday at the Martin-Lipscob Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers.

For more information about the festival and its full lineup of performances and events, visit www.hcmusicfestival.org or call (828) 526-9060.

Five new faces join the Highlands School staff



Great Beginnings (K-1)
Andrea Chalker



Second grade
Jamye Christy



Fourth grade
Laurie Vanderwiele



MS Math
Sarah Hibbits



HS English
Meegan Potts

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mance Composite' of any school in the Macon County School system of 11 schools. The ABCs Performance Composite is the percentage of the test scores in the school at or above Achievement Level III — often referred to as “at grade level” or “proficient.”

It's no wonder 50 out-of-district and out-of-state students have requested and gotten permission to attend Highlands School.

To go to the next grade, elementary students must score a Achievement Level III. There are four levels with Level IV the highest.

As reported last week, all but fourth and seventh grade math scores improved at Highlands School over the 2009-10 results — fourth grade was 90.9 down from last year's 96.3 — but still in the 90 percentile. Sev-

enth grade went from 72.41 to 69.7 this past year.

However all other grades scores rose. Third grade went from 76.47 to 94.1; fifth grade went from 87.5 to 92.9; sixth grade went from 77.42 to 82.4 and eighth grade went from 61.54 to 92.

Reading scores fell for fifth, sixth and seventh grades at Highlands School — but by mere increments in most cases — to 71.4 in 2010-11 from 75 in 2009-10 for fifth, from 83.87 to 82.4 for sixth, and from 82.76 to 69.7 for seventh.

Third grade scores rose from 67.65 in 2009-10 to 79.4 2010-11; fourth grade rose from 66.67 to 72.7 and eighth rose from 80.77 to 84.

Macon County schools that didn't meet Adequate Yearly Performance (AYP) were East Franklin, Macon Middle School,

Mountain View Intermediate and Nantahala School.

Since East Franklin and Macon Middle School didn't meet AYP two years in a row, parents have the option of sending their children elsewhere. Consequently, five students from East Franklin and five students from Macon Middle will be attending Highlands School this year.

“There are also 14 discretionary students attending Highlands School from Franklin who have requested “out of zone” attendance to Highlands,” said Principal Brian Jetter.

There are also 13 discretionary students from Georgia and 23 discretionary students who live in Jackson County attending Highlands School this year.

For elementary students in grades 3-8, AYP measures the yearly progress toward achieving grade level performance by each

student group in reading and math. Student groups include the school as a whole, ethnic groups, economically disadvantaged (free and reduced lunch), limited English proficient and students with disabilities.

Forty or more students across all tested groups in a school make up a group and students must be enrolled 140 days to count in a school's scores.

In addition, schools must test 95% of students in each group and if it doesn't, the school doesn't meet AYP. At the elementary and middle level, the attendance must be 90% or higher. Graduation rate is an indicator for high schools.

Macon County Testing Coordinator Pat Davis refers to the AYP stipulations at a “moving target,” a target which changes yearly with Macon County's student body composite.

The first day of school 375 students showed up — “I suspect attendance will rise, however, as early as we have started school this year, I really don't have any thing I can compare to this first day,” said Jetter. “In the five years I have been here our enrollment has been between 400 and 375, so, we are close now. We'll see.”

As first days go, Jetter said all is well.

“We always have a few processes to smooth out — making sure every one is in the right place, making sure we know how everyone is getting home and where that is, explaining to our new students at all grade levels what the protocols are for the day — and so far we haven't run into problems getting materials and supplies for our classrooms.”

School started Thursday, Aug. 4 and ends May 24.



Welcome Highlands School students & parents!

Highlands School honors its rich traditions and continually seeks ways to develop the individual talents of every student. Through the creation of a safe and orderly learning environment, our teachers are able to foster intellectual curiosity and personal growth in each of our

students, and we are devoted to giving our students the opportunities by which they will gain the skills necessary to become significant contributors to our society.

We encourage all parents to become active and supportive members of the Highlands School community by joining

our PTO and by coming in to our school frequently.

Together we can make our students' years at Highlands School productive, fun, and memorable.

Again, Welcome to Highlands School!

— **Brian L. Jetter**
Principa



Highlands School Fall Sports

MS Soccer/Volleyball 2011

Date	Day	Opposing Team	Place	Time
Aug 23	Tues.	Blue Ridge	@Blue Ridge	4
Aug 25	Thurs.	Summit (Soccer)	Highlands	4:30
Aug 30	Wed.	Blue Ridge	Highlands	4
Sept 1	Thurs.	Rabun Gap	@RGNS	4:30
Sept 7	Wed.	Cullowhee V.	Highlands	4:30
Sept 8	Thurs.	Tallulah Falls	@TFS	4:30
Sept 12	Mon.	Tamassee Sal	Highlands	4:30
Sept 15	Thurs.	Summit(Soccer)	@Summit	4:30
Sept 19	Mon.	Cullowhee V.	@ CVS	4:30
Sept 22	Thurs.	Rabun Gap	Highlands	4:30
Sept 26	Mon.	Tallulah Falls	Highlands	4:30
Sept 29	Thurs.	Tamassee Salem	@ TSS	4:30
Sept 30	Fri.	Conf. Tourn	@RGNS	TBD
Oct. 1	Sat.	Conf. Tourn.	@RGNS	TBD

Jeff Weller: (O)828-526-0328

Varsity Soccer 2011

Date	Day	Opposing Team	Place	Time
Aug. 13	Saturday	Franklin	Away	11
Aug. 17	Wednesday	Pisgah	Away	6
Aug. 23	Tuesday	Brevard	Home	6
Aug. 25	Thursday	Franklin	Away	6
Aug 30	Tuesday	Tallulah Falls	Home	5:30
Sept. 1	Thursday	East Henderson	Away	6
Sept. 7	Wednesday	Brevard	Away	6
Sept. 12	Monday	Murphy	Away	6
Sept. 15	Thursday	Polk County	Away	5:30
Sept. 19	Monday	Blue Ridge	Home	6
Sept. 21	Wednesday	Swain	Away	6
Sept. 26	Monday	Cherokee	Away	4
Sept. 28	Wednesday	Hayesville	Home	6
Sept. 30	Friday	Tallulah Falls	Away	5
Oct. 3	Monday	Andrews	Away	6
Oct. 5	Wednesday	Murphy	Home	6
Oct 7.	Friday	Rabun Gap	Away	5
Oct. 12	Wednesday	Blue Ridge	Away	4
Oct. 14	Friday	Rabun Gap	Home	5
Oct. 17	Monday	Swain	Home	6
Oct. 18	Tuesday	Cherokee	Home	6
Oct. 20	Thursday	Franklin	Home	6
Oct. 24	Monday	Hayesville	Away	4
Oct. 26	Wednesday	Andrews	Home	6 (Senior Night)

Coach Chris Green: 508-6936

Boys Soccer team looks to resume 'Decade of Dominance'

By Ryan Potts

While most communities around the South view August as the time when pads start cracking at two a day football practices, Highlands views August as the month that brings a different type of futbol to the mountains. Fresh off one of the best seasons in school history, the Highlander men's soccer team looks to pick up where they left off from last season.

At first glance, picking up from where the Highlanders left off does not look to be easy-especially not after losing 10 seniors to graduation. Additionally, the Highlanders have been bitten by the injury bug before the season, losing one starter for the season and another until September. However, Highlander Coach Chris Green says that his expectations for this season remain just as high. "I'm very excited about this season," said Green. "These guys work really hard...we have had one full week of official practice and they have done a great job. The seniors have shown terrific leadership in leading unofficial workouts and I think that

we certainly will be in the mix for the conference championship."

"Being in the mix" is something that the Highlanders are certainly accustomed to, having won 9 straight Smoky Mountain Conference titles and losing only one conference game over that remarkable period. If Saturday's scrimmage with Brevard in any indication, then it would appear that the Highlanders are equipped to continue with their winning tradition. The Highlanders defeated Brevard 2-0 in the Asheville Mountain Jamboree, getting goals from Dax Lloyd and Clayton Creighton in the shutout victory. After the game, senior goalkeeper Cody St. Germain said that he was proud of the team and that he was certainly looking forward to another successful season. "We are going to be very fast this year," said St. Germain, "and no one is going to outwork us on the field."

The Highlanders will scrimmage Franklin on Saturday at Macon Middle School at 11AM. They will open the season at Pisgah on August 17th. The Highlander home opener will be on Tuesday, August 23rd against Brevard.

HS employees select Teacher of the Year & Teacher Assistant of the Year for the 2010-11

Each year, all employees at Highlands School vote for the Teacher of the Year and the Teacher Assistant of the Year.

This year Denise West, who teaches Fourth Grade was elected Teacher of the Year and Gail Garland and Regina Marrone tied as Teacher Assistant of the Year.

Ms. Garland was voted Teacher Assistant of the Year in 2008; she is assistant to Media Center Director, Carol Bowen.

Regina Marrone is teacher assistant to First Grade teacher Donna Sizemore.



Denise West
4th Grade Teacher



Gail Garland
Media Center Assistant



Regina Marrone
1st Grade Assistant

PULL OUT

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

• FREE Learn to knit classes. Bascom Knitters host "Introduction to Knitting" at 10:30 am on the Terrace at the Bascom. Learn to knit with a Community Knitter. Questions? mscarolray@yahoo.com or 526-1741

Fridays through Aug. 26

• At the Bascom, the very young (ages 2 ½ -4) joined by a parent, will learn basic art skills to support personal creativity. Activities include scribbling, cutting, joining, modeling and painting. To register, call 526-4949.

• Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce presents "Friday Night Live" a series of outdoor music events every Friday from 5-7 pm. at Town Square. For more information, call 526-2112.

Fridays & Saturdays

• Highlands Historical Society Museum is open each Friday and Saturday through October 31st from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturdays

• Highlands Knitting and Needlepointers meet at Bascom on the Terrace from 10 am til noon. Rain, shine, or gloom! All needle-crafters welcome. For more info: mscarolray@yahoo.com

• Young Readers group at Shakespeare & Co. in Village Square meet every Saturday at 2 p.m. Call Arysa Bredson at 727-458-1678 for more information.

Through Sunday, Aug. 21

• At Highlands Playhouse, Always Patsy Cline. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet on Tuesday at 7 PM. The meeting will be held at the Albert Carlton library in Cashiers. Speakers will be Joe Street and Chris Anderson, owners of River's Edge Outfitters in Cherokee and Spruce Pine. The speakers will focus on strategies when fishing the Little Tennessee, Raven's Fork and South Holston rivers. Call 828-885-

7130 for additional information.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

The free Interlude Concert Series at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church featuring Edward Bach, trumpet; and Patrick Murphy, organ. Dress is casual – come as you are. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Thursday, Aug. 11

• It's "Go Green with Moss" from 4-6 p.m., at the Highlands Nature Center with Annie Martin, founder of Mountain Moss Enterprises. Martin's presentation will explore the botanical characteristics of mosses and the advantages of using mosses in landscapes. Martin will discuss moss gardening methods and participants will have the opportunity to view her award-winning moss gardens and moss dishes! Afterwards, she will take the group on a walk around the Botanical Garden to look for mosses. The presentation, which is part of the "Think About Thursdays" summer event series, is for ages 10 and up and registration is required. Please call 828-526-2221 or visit our website at www.wcu.edu/hb

Thursday, August 11

• League of Women Voters presents "What do we mean by local food?" In Tartan Hall in First Presbyterian Church of Franklin. Program at 12:15 p.m. Lunch at noon. Cost of lunch is \$5. To order lunch

call Kristina at 371-0527 or email: lwvmacon@wild-dog-mountain.info

Friday, Aug. 12

• Last day to sign up to run for the Highlands Town Board election. Noon is the cutoff. There are three seats open.

• Grand Round Hospital Update Tour at noon on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. *Meet with the CEO, get a behind the scenes campus tour and learn the latest hospital news. Complementary lunch will be provided.* Call 526-1313 to register.

• HCCMF's "Battle of the Bands" at the Performing Arts Center, Highlands. 6 PM. \$28, students \$5. 828-526-9060 or www.h-cmusicfestival.org

• Good nutrition prevents disease!! Come learn some simple steps that could dramatically change your life. Instruction & demonstration will be given on on milling grains; fresh milled breads will be served, 10am-noon at Community Bible Church. Taught by Nutrition counselor, Carol Johnson and Rebecca Cothran, class is FREE but reservations are required for planning purposes @ 526-4297.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 13-14

• Sapphire Valley Master Association Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 13th and 14th. More than 75 high quality artisans will demonstrate and display their original

August activities at The Bascom

Before leaving the Plateau, stop at the Shop at The Bascom and take care of some early holiday shopping! From hand created pottery, textiles, jewelry, wood, glass and basketry to Bascom wine and wine glasses to art books, we have something for everyone on your list. All our art work is produced by regional artists and we are currently featuring the ceramics of our resident potter, Frank Vickery. Since everything is unique and one-of-a-kind, you will be a star during gift-giving season.

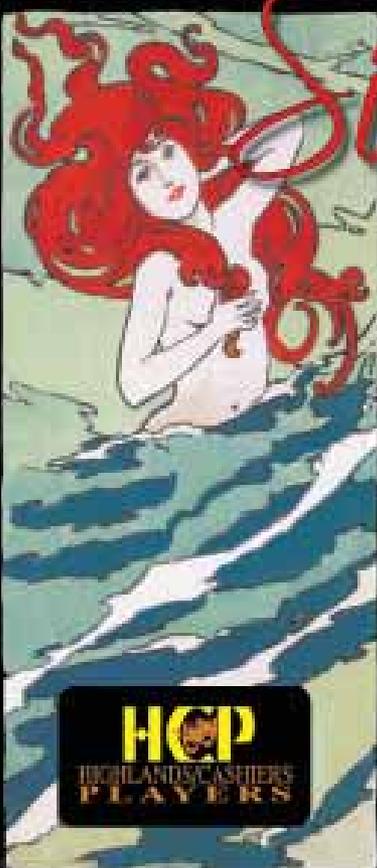
The Center for Life Enrichment presents *Faces of the Fallen: A Tribute to Those Who Gave Their Lives in Afghanistan and Iran* on Thursday, August 18 from 10 am-12 noon at The Bascom.

Saturday, Aug. 20, enjoy an array of activities at The Bascom. Become a member of The Bascom and participate in the opening reception for The Art Library at The Bascom, The Bascom Members Challenge, sponsored by WNC Magazine, and Wilby Coleman's *Irony Metal Sculpture*. Events begin at 5 pm and include a book signing at The Shop, a gallery talk and Irish-Scottish Folk Music.

After the reception, The Bascom's final Barn Dance of the season takes place from 7-10 pm. Gather with friends and neighbors enjoy the music of Timeless Highway and celebrate the nostalgia of Highlands' yesteryear. Admission is free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. The Bascom's Summer Barn Dances are sponsored by Diane and Ray McPhail, Highlands Historical Society, Mountain Fresh Grocery and the Ugly Dog Pub.

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Highlands Farmers Market Saturday, Aug. 13



Home-grown and home-made products are featured at Highlands Farmers' Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park at Pine Street, Saturday, Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information or to sell your wares, contact Andrea Gabbard at 828-526-4858. The next market day is Saturday, Sept. 10.

Highlands Area Upcoming Events



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arts and crafts, all at reasonable prices. Live music will be played both days from noon until 3 pm. Food and drink will be available. Admission is free and there is ample parking. The Festival will be held at the Sapphire Valley Recreation Field located on Rt. 64 three miles east of the Crossroads. Show hours are 10am - 4 pm. For further information, call (828)743-1163.

• The bi-annual quilt show sponsored by the Cashiers Quilters' Guild, "Quilts and More" will be held

in the Sapphire Valley Community Center off Hwy 64 east of Cashiers. The hours will be 10 - 4 on Saturday and Sunday. The quilt, "North Carolina Splendor" will be raffled off on Sunday afternoon before the show closes. Tickets will be available at the show. Proceeds from the quilt benefit local charities.

Saturday, Aug. 13

• At the Hen House on Main Street, an in-store demonstration by Stone Wall Kitchens from 11-4.

• Wine & Food Tasting at Dusty's on NC 106

from 1:30-3:30.

• HCCMF's: "Battle of the Bands" at the Albert Carlton Library, Cashiers at 5 PM. \$28, students \$5. 828-526-9060 or www.hcmusicfestival.org

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 2-mile easy-to-moderate hike to KINGS CREEK & SPOON-AUGER FALLS, two falls close together on creeks that flow into the Chattooga River. Meet behind Cashiers Wachovia Bank at 10 am. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. Visitors welcome, but no pets please.

• Highlands Farmer's Market in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street, 8-11 a.m. Homegrown and home-made.

Sunday, Aug. 14

• HCCMF's: Final Gala "Mozart, Ravel, Gershwin, Copland" at the Performing Arts Center, Highlands. 5 PM. \$125 includes dinner at Wildcat Cliff Country Club. Tickets for concert not sold separately. 828-526-9060 or www.hcmusicfestival.org.

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will

have their annual picnic at the Highlands Civic Center beginning at 5 PM. A \$5 contribution is requested for meat and drinks provided. For reservations please contact Michelle Styring at 828-743-9670 or Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

• The August meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 P.M.

Monday, Aug. 15

• At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Lunch and Learn lecture presented by HealthTracks Director Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, CD, entitled "The Anti-Inflammatory Diet: Reduce Your Risk of Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Arthritis and Alzheimer's." Noon to 1 p.m. on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, hospital campus. Please register in advance (828) 526-1313 or email info@hchospital.org

Box office opens Thurs., Aug., 11 for HCP's production of 'Sirens'



Pictured are the sirens of "Sirens," the HCP play opening at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands on Thursday, August 18, to run through Sunday, August 28. Left to right: Michelle Hott, Marsha Shmalo, Jenny King, Laura Zepeda. Call 526-8084 for reservations.

"Sirens," a dramatic comedy by Deborah Zoe Laufer, will open the Highlands Cashiers Players' 2011-2012 season, with performances beginning Thursday, August 18, and continuing Friday through Sunday, Aug. 19-21, and Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 25 - 28, at the Performing Arts Center (PAC), 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands.

The HCP box office at PAC will be open for season subscribers on Thursday and Friday, Aug. 11 and 12 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Reservations and ticket sales for others will start Saturday, August 13, at 10 a.m. and continue through the run of the play. The number to call is 526-8084.

"Sirens" is an unusual love story, humorous and imaginative, thoroughly modern with social networking and electronic gadgets of the 21st century, but it also harkening back to the sirens of legend, who, with their enchanting singing lured sailors to their deaths on rocky coastlines. The plot of Laufer's Sirens involves a middle-aged couple, Sam and Rose Abrams, who attempt to restore

some romance to their marriage of 25 years with a Mediterranean cruise. A strange happening on this voyage results in several humorous complications and major changes in the couple's relationship.

The cast features, in the lead role of husband Sam Abrams, professional actor David Milford, who has performed for more than 40 years in theaters around the country as well as in film, television, and radio. Jenny King, veteran HCP actor, memorable for major roles in Dearly Departed and The Dixie Swim Club, plays wife Rose Abrams. Lovely Michelle Hott and Marsha Shmalo, frequent HCP performers, play the travel agent and the waitress, respectively, while handsome Chris Hess, new to the stage, plays Rose's former high school sweetheart. Alluring Laura Miller Zepeda plays a mythological siren.

The play is directed by Virginia Talbot and sponsored in part by the Laurel Magazine. Opening night, August 18, features a reception for audience, cast, and crew after the performance.

Dazzling Dahlias Festival to raise funds for Historical Society

Dazzling Dahlias! Highlands first annual Dahlia Festival will be held Saturday, September 17th from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Highlands, N.C. at the Historic Village; the site of the Highlands Historical Society located at 524 N. Fourth Street in Highlands.

Dahlia enthusiasts from throughout the region are excited about this event. The Festival is free to the public to browse and enjoy these spectacular flowers. The Exhibitor fee of \$10 is for hobbyist and amateur Dahlia growers. Registration may be made by completing forms available throughout the Highlands and Cashiers area or by contacting Joyce Franklin, chairperson of the event at 828-526-9418. Judging of the many beautiful dahlias will include 5 categories with prizes awarded for each.

Music and refreshments will be served. The Museum and The Prince House will be open for touring. Information is also available by calling the Highlands Historical Society at 828-787-1050 or by internet at Highlandshistory@nctv.com

The proceeds from this exciting event will benefit the Highlands Historical Society whose mission is to "Preserve and protect the rich heritage of Highlands for present and future generations". The Historic Village consists of three of Highlands' oldest buildings; the Museum which is housed in Highlands' first library

(the 2nd oldest library in N.C.), The Prince House, Highlands' oldest home, and a Bug Hill Cottage which was used by Dr. Mary Lapham in her treatment of Tuberculosis at the turn of the twentieth century. Monies raised for the Historical Society go to the preservation and maintenance of these buildings, education in the community, preservation of donated archival materials. The Museum houses permanent as well as rotating exhibits.

A Patron Party for the Dazzling Dahlias! Event will occur the evening of Friday, September 16 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Tickets are \$50 per person. Dr. & Mrs. Ernest Franklin, III will host the party at their historical home, the former home of Dr. Henry Martin Bascom. Dr. Bascom came to Highlands with his family in 1881. He built his first home on East Main Street (the Franklin home) in the summer and fall of that year. Dr. Bascom was a notable in the community, and, the Highlands Community and Regional Art Center is named after the Bascoms, in particular his daughter, Louise Bascom. Guests who attend the party will be able to tour Dr. Franklin's lovely gardens and grounds and tour the historical portion of their home. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.

Come to the cool mountains to view these beautiful flowers, or, to share your blooms with other Dahlia lovers.

Antiquing in Highlands and Cashiers

By Luke Osteen

Like virtually everyone else in Highlands and Cashiers trying to survive in a recession-mired economy, local antique dealers are facing a lean summer season.

Yet like the items they're selling, these dealers are proving remarkably resilient.

It helps that they all maintain an unquenchable passion for their work. It's hard to imagine the owner of a hardware store digging through a 200-year-old French barn looking for a Kolbalt 1.6 HP 30-Gallon 155 PSI Electric Air Compressor (as Dovetail Antique's Sally Johannessen has done for her treasures).

For someone like Donna and Stan Cochran, the dicey economy means changes, but nothing to worry about. That's because her Mirror Lake Antiques has been in business for 40 years. With that depth of experience, you don't get rattled.

"This year, Mirror Lake Antiques has begun to offer several interesting lines of jewelry to complement the quality antique pieces we've always carried," says Donna. "In addition to a great selection of vintage costume jewelry, there is now a new line of fun jewelry, ideal for gifts or accent pieces."

That flexibility is key to Mirror Lake Antiques' longevity. That, and the realization that people will always splurge to mark milestones in the lives of their loved ones.

Donna and Stan have stocked the shop with items of quality suitable as gifts for young and old.

"From a gleaming piece of sterling silver to a crystal cologne bottle to a handsome pair of cufflinks for that up-and-coming young man, there's a wide variety of gift ideas to explore here," she says.

And of course, there are the rare cases where business is booming, regardless of the economy. That's what's happening at Vivienne Metzger Antiques in Cashiers.

And it's a good thing, too, because at the start of the year, Vivienne, her daughter Cherie and son-in-law Bill, visited 20 villages and called upon 41 dealers in their search for 18th and 19th Century English and French antiques and accessories.

"We'd start each day with a hearty English breakfast and then set out through the countryside," explains Cherie. "In addition to meeting with dealers, we scoured town antique fairs in village markets and church halls, sat in on auctions and estate sales, and went through warehouses looking for furniture. We find that you can get really good prices if you find pieces that haven't passed through so many hands."

The result is a 40-foot container with over 900 items which arrived the end of May. Vivienne and Cherie have expanded to an additional showroom in order to display all of their finds. But their good fortune is the exception this year.

"It's definitely quieter in Highlands this year," says The Elephant's Foot Antique's vice president Ron French. "We get people looking, but they're very cautious. It's all based on real estate - when property doesn't sell, people don't have as much money to spend. They're

also taking stock of their situation and deciding they can do without something as disposable as antiques. And if they're not buying new homes or redecorating, they're not as motivated to come in and buy."

But if the market for The Elephant's Foot's affordable 18th and 19th century English, French and Continental furniture isn't as robust as it was a few years ago, Ron and the shop's owner Marvin Ray aren't deterred. There's that well of passion for the business that keeps them going.

"You have to love the quest, the spirit of the chase," says Ron. "That's what keeps us going throughout the year. When we're answering private house calls and searching through Europe for things to fill the shop, it's a great feeling."

If decades of collecting and selling treasures keep Ron and Marvin in the game, Dovetail's Sally Johannessen, relies upon her instincts as a packrat.

And when you tour her Cashiers gallery, it's clear that she's not just a packrat, she's an artist - there's an undeniable joy and playfulness that informs every corner of this stuffed shop. She's transformed an old garage into an irresistible curiosity shop. There are Country French period pieces and Italian antiques that Sally's gathered on her trips to France, but they're complemented by less formal pieces that clearly reflect a woman who loves life.

"It really is a collection of antiques and eccentricities and I love finding something that you just won't find anywhere else," she says. "The world has become so generic - there are people like me who light up when we find something unique. When I can match up those people with something that I've found, it's magical."

An artist by training, Sally loves to imagine the lives that have shared their time on earth with a piece of furniture or set of china.

"When you think about the hands that have polished a table or eaten a fine meal from a beautiful piece of china, there's something very personal about that," she says. "Americans have a connection with French antiques - with Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin living there - that make these so intriguing."

That overarching passion is critical to surviving in these hard times.

Consider the case of Ann Sherrill.

When she considers the hours that she puts in at Rusticks, Ann sometimes wonders if she's actually living in her store.

"We've been at our Canoe Point location for 11 years and I'm always working on something here," she explains.

Not that living there would be a bad thing - Rusticks seems made for comfortable, sophisticated mountain living. It's filled with beautiful handcrafted rustic furniture in hickory and willow, European antiques with a country flavor, reproductions, a library of upholstery selections, and eclectic accessories old and new. The walls shimmer with nature prints.

The languid enclosed porch overlooking Cashiers Lake is the perfect realization of the Rusticks aesthetic

and is made for relaxation.

The staff at Rusticks enjoys working with a number of designers both in the mountains and outside the area. They are able to make recommendations for all design needs. The gallery registers sales across the mountains of Western North Carolina and ships across the country.

When she's not practically living at Rusticks, May 1st through Thanksgiving weekend, Ann and her husband Rody are traveling to France to find treasures for her shop.

It's a dizzying schedule, but if Ann ever feels tired, she can collapse on the porch.

It was a passion for the outdoors and a hike in the North Georgia mountains that led to The Summer House in Highlands. Paula and Barry Jones came across an abandoned cabin, complete with handmade bentwood willow furniture.

This discovery led the couple to consider the hands that had shaped the incredibly durable furniture and the aesthetic that seemed to reflect the mountains.

Investigation led the Joneses to the few remaining examples of the furniture from the early 1900s in places like the Lake Rabun Hotel near Clayton, GA, and High Hampton Inn in Cashiers. The idea of a book in the Foxfire tradition featuring local craftsmen proved more difficult.

Intrigued by the organic nature of those rustic designs, the Joneses' research continued. The couple took a workshop at The Adirondack Museum in Lake Placid, NY.

Then, working out of a barn on Barry's farm in Tiger, GA, the couple started making unique pieces that

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caught the eye of the interior design community. Tiger Woodworks was born.

What emerged from their labors won the attention of the director of The Bascom Gallery in Highlands. From there it was commissions from the designers of George Lucas' Skywalker Ranch and Robert Redford's Sundance Lodge. Tiger Mountain's Woodwork's immediate success led directly to the launching of The Summer House, and Paula and Barry haven't stopped moving.

The Summer House carries a wide range of furniture styles, accessories, lighting, gifts, kitchen and living room decor, and, of course antiques. Tiger Mountain

Woodworks is their division that produces handcrafted rustic and traditional custom furniture.

Tess Soto-Low opened her eponymous gallery Tess in Cashiers to refurbish homes and decorate them with antiques and unique decorative objects to catch the eye of the prospective buyer.

If the pokey real estate market has slowed down her business, she's not without her emotional resources.

"It's important that the homes feel like a real home with real livable spaces — that means that I have to be selective in the pieces that I use," she explains. "Fortunately, I'm a shopper and have collected Europe-

an and American antiques and decorative objects d'art from all over."

With these driving passions carrying them over this rough patch in the economy, you really don't have to worry about these resourceful antique dealers.

Like The Elephant's Foot's Ron French says, "with so many people downsizing and looking for ways to bring in a little more money, they're willing to go into their closets and sell things that wouldn't have been on the market a few years ago," he says. "We've been finding some amazing things and we've been able to fill the shop with them."

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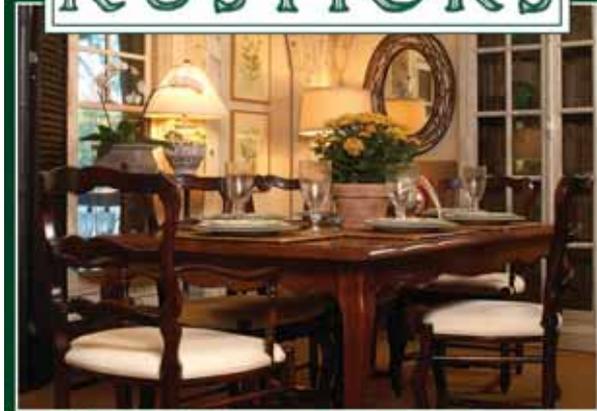
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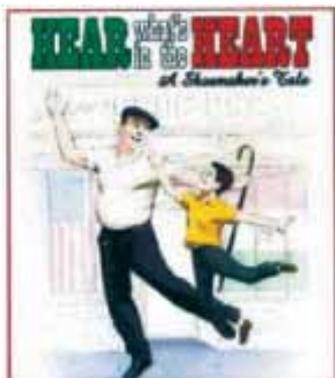


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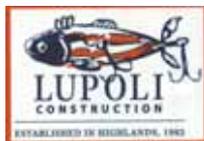
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Lucas Smithson, an intern of J-MCA from Western Carolina University is working with J-MCA to conduct a Bear Hazard Assessment for the Town of Highlands.

As citizens know Highlands is subjected to a high number of black bear sightings compared to some surrounding areas in WNC. With this hazard assessment we will identify high risk areas of human-bear interactions. J-MCA has received some data from the police department and others documenting bear sightings, however, it doesn't think all sightings are reported because of the abundant population of black bears in the area.

Therefore, J-MCA is asking the community to call or e-mail bear sightings for the assessment to be more

precise. It is very important to get as much information as possible so that the Town of Highlands Bear Hazard Assessment is as accurate as possible. Please send Mr. Smithson an email at lsmithson1@catamount.wcu.edu with the following information or call 828-526-0890 x320 if you do not have access to a computer; no later than August 20, 2011.

E-mail - Name - Phone Number - Address - Month & Year of Sighting - Number of Bears & Cubs - Aggressive: Yes or No - Natural Food (berries or nuts) or Non-natural (bird seed, trash, grills, pet food) - Trash Cans (left out overnight, and if bear proof) - Usual pick up time on garbage day.

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Sue Gorski presents a donation check from RBC bank to the Hudson Library for its ongoing renovation capital campaign. Accepting is Bob Trevathan, president of the Hudson Board of Trustees."



The Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with Carpe Diem Farms to sponsor Manes & Tails Bingo on August 4, 2011. All proceeds went to support the programs at Carpe Diem Farms. Bill Futral (left), President of the Rotary Club of Highlands and his daughter Sarah, are shown with Donna Jacques, who won the final Super Bingo game and took home \$100.

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I am surprised some local papers accepted these letters, but I think everyone, including the original letter writer, is STILL privileged to think, speak and write their own beliefs by that very Constitution the Tea-folk CLAIM to hold in such high esteem.

Apparently the obvious and acknowledged facts, presented in a tongue-in-cheek manner in the letter they each dispute, has pierced their hypocritical hearts and shaken their hide-bound attitudes cultivated so cleverly by Dick Arney, Karl Rove, the Koch Brothers, Messers. Beck, Limbaugh, Hannity and other radio and TV media people whose names are not as well known - at least not known by people who can manage to think for themselves.

The three obviously irritated letter

writers named above continue to utter their oft-parroted remarks, and - to a man - resort to twisting the original letter writer's clear content, minimizing the intent, and obviously proving their own intellectual abilities to be, shall we say, less than stellar.

In and of itself, their unanimously displayed inability to think, reason, or speak for themselves is telling.

To argue each of their twisted facts is a waste of time, and is apparently not within their powers of reason or comprehension. I can only say, the above "triumve'ranterers" are not a credible group and I'm so glad I'm not involved in any way with any of these three or their organization.

Karen Fredrickson
Franklin, NC

• BIZ NEWS •



The "hills are alive with the sound of music" as the Chamber Music Festival celebrates its 30th anniversary. Mountain Findings volunteers are proud to be a part of this celebration. Donated funds will be used to continue bringing world class chamber music and performers to our area and to further the charitable purposes of the Highlands Chamber Festival. Dr. Jack Sapolsky, Board President, Nancy Gould-Aaron, Executive Director, and Evelyn Miller (volunteer)

Mountain Findings continues to dole out thousands of dollars to nonprofits

Big Brothers Big Sisters program started in Highlands in 2002 and now has two programs: an in-school program where the the Bigs and Littles meet each week at the Highlands School and a community-based where the Bigs and Littles have meetings outside of school. Edie Woods (Mountain Findings volunteer and first grade teacher), Rick Siegel, Chairman of the Advisory Board, Brian McClellan, Rick Myer, Executive Director, and Betty Holt.



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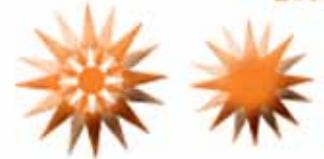
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prompts a feeling that anyone can just simply go to God and say "Daddy." But this notion is not correct. The very use of the word "Daddy" speaks of genuine intimacy. There is nothing irreverent about it. It is an acknowledgement of the accessibility to the Father through

Christ (John 14:6). He embraces, protects, provides for all who call on His Name. "Abba" is very special. It is living and breathing next to the heart of the Father.

This is what being a part of a church family is supposed to lead to. There is a problem though. Many people have a poor concept of what a father is (and rightly so) because they didn't have such a great dad. That is why Jesus said "our father which art in heaven" at the start of the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 5:9). Jesus knew some people would have trouble with this whole "father" thing so He saw it necessary to differentiate our heavenly Father from our earthly father. The psalmist said that God is a "Father to the fatherless,

and he draws the lonely into families" (Psalm 68:5-6).

Get yourself in a church family that brings you nearer to experiencing "Abba." This is the family where the most fun is experienced. You have a heavenly Father who wants to wrap you up in His arms. Any preaching or teaching that leads to anything short of intimacy with God is short of the heart of the Father.

Every little boy needs to hear a dad say to him, "you have what it takes to be the man God has called you to be." Every little girl needs to hear a dad say, "you are beautiful just the way you are and you are worthy of pursuit."

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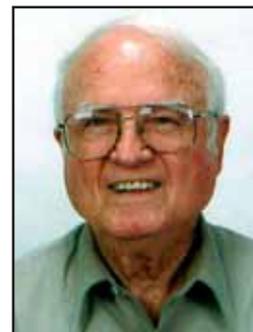
• OBITUARY •

Curtis P Hester

Curtis P Hester, 82, died on August 7, 2011. Curtis was born on November 19, 1928 in McRae, GA to parents Thelma and Claude Hester. The family later moved to Miami Florida and he graduated from Edison High School in Miami. He joined the US Navy from 1952 to 1953, then went on to a work for the Clark, Cameron and Barclay Company and eventually for Goodall Rubber Company selling industrial rubber supplies.

After friends Bill and Evelyn Hall introduced him to Highlands, NC he fell in love with the area and visited many times over the years with his family. In 1990, after retiring from a career with Goodall Rubber Company, he moved to Highlands permanently. There he was an active member of society as a member at the Community Bible Church of Highlands and volunteering at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, the Community Playhouse, delivering Meals on Wheels, and for the Literacy Council, teaching children math.

He always maintained a curiosity and zest for life, friends and new experiences. Even in retirement he remained productive by working locally selling electronics, as a security guard, as a postal worker, doing tax preparation and as a census enumerator. In between these various careers he found time to explore



the world visiting Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, the Panama Canal, Belize, Mexico, Scotland, England, France, British Columbia, Alaska, the Bahamas, and Jamaica.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel W Hester of Highlands, NC; son, Gary Hester and wife Donna Hester of Orlando, FL; daughter, Lynn Hester

Human of Jacksonville, FL; step-daughter, Michelle Truman of Orlando, FL; grandson, Jason Human and wife Carly Human of Orlando, FL; granddaughters, Jennifer Human of Jacksonville, FL and Nicole Hester of Orlando, FL; sister, Grace Wilson of Kissimmee, FL; brother Jon Hester of Pembroke Pines, FL.; He was preceded in death by his first wife Wanda Lynn Hester; brothers, Gereld Hester and David Hester; and sister, Jeannie Keith.

Services will be held Thursday, August 11 at 10:00AM at Vista Memorial Gardens in Miami Lakes, FL with Rev. Harry Laverne Keith, II officiating. Burial will be held at Vista Memorial Gardens-House of God Garden in Miami Lakes, FL. A memorial service will be held at Highlands at a later date

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• HEALTH MATTERS •

Macon County Public Health is on alert for Salmonella in ground turkey

An official recall has been issued for ground turkey products. Cargill Meat Solutions Corporation, a Springdale, Ark. establishment, is recalling approximately 36 million pounds of ground turkey products that may be contaminated with a multi-drug resistant strain of *Salmonella*. The full recall notice can be accessed here: www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_060_2011_Release/index.asp.

The North Carolina Environmental Health Division, as well as local health departments, is staying updated on the situation. All local health departments across the state are on alert for Salmonella-related illnesses due to consumption of ground turkey. In Macon County, local health inspectors are checking their food establishments to make sure no potentially contaminated ground turkey is present or in use.

Salmonella in healthy people often

causes fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Salmonella can cause serious infections in young children, elderly, or people with weakened immune systems.

There are ways consumers can reduce their risk of getting Salmonella from ground turkey. Some of these include the following:

- Cook all poultry products, including ground turkey, to a minimum internal temperature of 165 F for 15 seconds.

- Do not use any ground turkey with damaged packaging

- Refrigerate unused or leftover foods containing ground turkey promptly

- Always wash hands, cooking utensils, and food preparation surfaces with soap and water after contact with raw ground turkey.

For additional information, contact Macon County Public Health at 349-2081.

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pay its own bills. It is a sign that we now depend on ongoing financial assistance from foreign countries to finance our Government's reckless fiscal policies. Increasing America's debt weakens us domestically and internationally. Leadership means 'the buck stops here.' Instead, Washington is shifting the burden of bad choices today onto the backs of our children and grandchildren. America has a debt problem and failure of leadership. Americans deserve better." Yes we do, Mr. President, and we didn't get it.

The second comes from a fiscal conservative who shares the principles espoused by the TEA Party movement. "The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

Highlands PD log entries from Aug. 2. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 2

• At 6 p.m., residents on Vinca Lane reported a door open in the home. Upon investigation officers found all to be OK.

Aug. 3

• At 7:55 a.m., an aggressive driver was reported on US 64 west. Officer pulled the driver over and suggested he slow down.

• At 5 p.m., officers were called to help locate a son who had not returned home. The case was unfounded.

• At 7:30 p.m., there was a report of a hit and run on Spring Street where a 2007 Silver Dodge with SC tags backed into a Saturn with SC tags. The case is under investigation.

Aug. 4

• At 10 a.m., a woman reported a lost wallet but found it.

• At 7:52 p.m., officers were asked to do a welfare check on a woman, but she was found driving on her way home and all was OK.

Aug. 5

• At 6 a.m., OEI security reported a subject passed out on the floor of the hotel. He was in the wrong hotel. He was supposed to be at the Highlands Inn.

Aug. 6

• At 2:45 p.m., officers responded to a one-

vehicle accident at US 64 and Holt Knob Road.

Aug. 7

• At 7:59 p.m., officers received a call about landscapers taking things from a home on NC 106. The case is under investigation.

• During the week, police officers issued 9 citations and responded to 5 alarm activation.

Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from August 5

Aug. 5

• At 11:29 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Skyline Drive.

• At 2:45 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by lightning on Hutchinson Court. It was canceled en route.

• At 2:59 p.m., the dept. was called about a truck in a ditch on NC 106. No action was taken.

• At 5:06 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm set off by workers on Buck Creek Road.

• At 5:20 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Falls Drive. The patient was taken to the hospital.

• At 6:35 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm set off by workers on Buck Creek Road.

• At 7:28 p.m., the dept. was called about a tree on fire when it was struck by lightning on Mountain Laurel Drive. They put it out.

Aug. 6

• At 2:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on US 64 west where the driver hit a utility pole.

• At 3:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Upper Lake Road. The patient was taken to the

hospital.

• At 6:04 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on Buck Creek Road. No one was there, but the battery cable was cut. Troopers were en route.

Aug. 7

• At 5:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to N. 4th Street where a lady had fallen and broken her arm.

Aug. 8

• At 3:52 p.m., the dept. was called to search for two women who were lost on the Bartram Trail. Walked there way out and were met in the trail parking lot.

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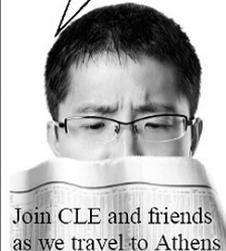
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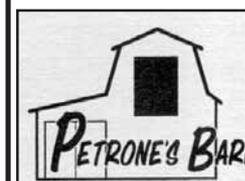
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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Macon County Community Foundation awards local grants

The board of directors of the Macon County Community Foundation announces 2011 awards from its community fund totaling more than \$10,500.00, according to Karen Stiwwinter, board president.

This year's nonprofit recipients are: Angel Medical Center, Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project, Folk Heritage Association, Gilliam's Coalition, Girls on the Run WNC, Highlands Community

Child Development Center, Highlands Community Children's Theater, KIDS Place, Literacy Council of Highlands, Little TN Watershed, Macon County Art Association, NAMI Appalachian South, Nantahala Community Club, National Society to Prevent Blindness, Noah's Ark Humane Society, and Second Mile Ministries.

Stiwwinter thanked the community for support of the Macon County Commu-

nity Foundation. "These grants are important to our community and our quality of life," she said. "Critical programs would not be possible without the generosity of many individuals and organizations that have supported Macon County's community fund. We encourage anyone wishing to make a difference in our community to learn more about the foundation."

The Macon County Community Foundation is kicking off a new campaign for the Macon County United Gift Fund in late August and welcomes those interested to attend the kickoff breakfast on August 27, 2011. Call Stiwwinter at 828-524-5200 for more information.

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For more information about the Macon County Community Foundation, please contact Karen Stiwwinter, Board President at 828-524-5200, Sue LeLievre, Regional Associate at 800-201-9532, or visit the NCCF website at www.nccommunityfoundation.org and click "affiliates."

Hospital receives million dollar gift

Philanthropist William E. (Bill) Greehey and wife Louree, have contributed \$1 million in support of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH). This is a lead gift to the early phase of the Hospital Foundation's "Campaign for Community Healthcare Excellence" to assure quality healthcare for the surrounding mountain communities served by the hospital now and in the future.

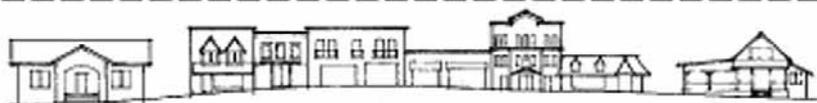
"I am very happy to make a gift that will truly benefit the community residents both seasonal and full time," said Bill Greehey. "Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is an insurance policy for our well being and I recognize the need for supporting the hospital financially. I want to help assure that our fine hospital is right here to serve our families and neighbors today as well as for future generations. It is my hope that this gift will be an incentive for others to provide generous support to the campaign, and encourage our community residents to seriously consider what this hospital means to all of us."

Throughout the hospital's more than 60-year history, philanthropy has played a pivotal role in its development, especially through the generosity of the Woodruff Family. In commenting on Mr. and Mrs. Greehey's gift, Ms. Jane Woodruff said, "It is most gratifying to learn of this generous gift from the Greeheys. The availability of quality medical services is essential to everyone throughout the Highlands-Cashiers area and responding to the financial needs of the Hospital is of the utmost importance for all resi-

dents."

"We could not be more grateful for the Greehey's profoundly generous gift, which provides strong credence to the campaign's purpose of establishing a growing fund aimed at continuing healthcare excellence for our surrounding area," said Robin Taylor, Foundation Executive Director. HCH Foundation's initiative "Campaign for Community Healthcare Excellence" seeks to raise \$20 million over the course of 5 years. The campaign is in its earliest stage of seeking donations and is currently establishing its leadership organization. Foundation Chair, Earle Mauldin and Campaign Chair, George Maloney, who is also a hospital board member, along with Mrs. Taylor, are now in the process of recruiting campaign team leaders. Monies raised address three broad areas: 1) Hospital and Physician Services; 2) Capital Equipment and Facility Improvements; and 3) the Endowment Fund for Sustaining Excellence. To date more than \$6 million has been raised.

"The Greehey's genuinely believe that a great community hospital is vitally needed here in our mountains and have backed their conviction with a meaningful gift. They have touched the lives of our surrounding population in a most positive and consequential way that will truly affect quality of life," concluded Mrs. Taylor. For more Foundation information call 828-526-1435.



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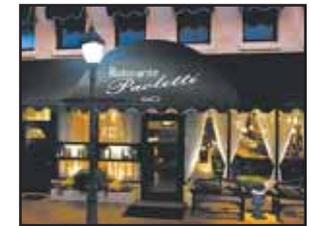


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