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• Pumpkins for sale at Highlands United Methodist Church. Call Jennifer Forrester at 526-3376.

Fri., Oct. 12

• Grand Re-Opening/Fall Open House celebration at PNC Bank on US 64 west and Oak Street, 10a-4p. Ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce at 10a. refreshments to follow.

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• At Mountain Fresh Grocery, free wine tastings from 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

• Alzheimers Affects on Baby Boomers, at 10 a.m., in the Jane Woodruff Building, lower level, at H-C Hospital. To register, call 526-1498.

• Highlands Dialogue at the Hudson Library from 10-11:30 a.m. TBA. Coordinator: Creighton Peden.

School budget tight but in the black

At its Facilities Review meeting in September, the Macon County Board of Education got dire news about its fiscal house – the school system was entering the FY-2012-2013 year \$550,000 in the red.

But by the next week, at the September 24 school board meeting held at Highlands School, the board learned that after a lot of scrutiny and belt tightening the budget was balanced and in the black.

“We have worked tremendously hard on balancing the budget by pulling from every possible position,” said Interim Superintendent Dr. Jim Duncan. “We took \$24,000 out of superintendent's

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Fall is happening slowly this year so there is plenty of time left to enjoy the turn in the weather and the colors it invokes around Highlands. Photo by Jim Lewicki

Sheriff to track crooks with LeadsOnline

Monday night Sheriff Robert Holland got the OK to pursue implementing LeadsOnline – a lead tracking program – on a voluntary basis in Macon County.

LeadsOnline is the largest on-

line data system which investigators use to solve crimes from burglary to identity theft, to homicides and narcotics.

So far 1,800 law enforcement agencies in NC and across the

country have given up paper for this online record system that tracks stolen items – often by serial number – that have been pawned or sold as precious or

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Meadows and Rogers face off at League Q&A

– Final Question –

This is the final installment of the Macon County League of Women Voters Q&A Forum between Democrat Hayden Rogers and Republican Mark Meadows who are running for the 11th Congressional in the U.S. House of Representatives.

On Sept. 13, the candidates were given five questions on the following topics: the health of the economy and what you hope to do about it, Medicare and social security, Women's health and welfare issues, What differentiates you from your opponent, and finally discussion of any other issue you would like to cover including your general philosophy and closing remarks.

Since the candidates' answers were lengthy, answers to questions were reported in parts. This week we feature answers to

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Members of NC General Assembly earn an unprecedented 44 zeros on Conservation Scorecard

The 2011-12 North Carolina legislative session was without question one of the worst for the environment in history, characterized by reckless decisions with serious and long term implications for public health, our state's natural landscape, and North Carolina's economy.

Since 1999, NC League of Conservation Voters has handed out only four "zero" scores on the Legislative Scorecard, the last in 2001.

During the 2012 Short Session, 44 legislators earned "zeros." The Conservation Scorecard gives each state legislator a score of 0 to 100 based on his or her votes on key environmental bills in the recent session of the General Assembly. The Scorecard is a valuable tool voters can use to evaluate which legislators best represent their environmental values.

The current General Assembly leadership has pursued an unprecedented and aggressive anti-regulatory agenda. This agenda has threatened to undo many of North Carolina's major environmental achievements of the past 40 years. Legislators have fast-tracked the legalization of untested hydraulic fracturing; rolled back rules to clean up key drinking water supplies; prohibited the adoption of policies regarding sea-level rise; passed a budget which cuts funding for the Clean Water Management Trust Fund by 90% and dismantles and underfunds the Department of Environment and Natural Resources; and undermined our health-based air toxics program.

"The 2012 legislative session was characterized by a wanton disregard for the natural heritage of our state," said Dan Crawford, director of governmental relations for NCLCV. "Many of these decisions were made under the false rhetoric that 'regulations kill jobs.' But voters understand that a strong economy and a clean environment are inseparable, and we're confident that will show in the November elections."

NCLCV applauds the 29 legislators who went against the anti-regulatory rhet-

oric and earned a perfect score on this year's Scorecard. The average score in the House for the 2011-12 session was 42%, down from 67% for the 2009-2010 average; the Senate average was a mere 31%, compared to 69% in 2009-2010. During the 2012 Short Session, over half the House and nearly half the Senate earned a score of 10 or below.

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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Free Speech

Dear Editor,

A primary value of the American culture is free speech. While holding this value, it is also recognized that there are limits to free speech - limits pertaining to hate speech, or speech that endangers others.

Both the value and the limits extend to symbols as well as words. Thus symbols, which have been associated with violence or repression, are usually not welcome in our civil life together. A prime example, often disputed, is the Confederate flag, standard of a time and an institution, which

enslaved, abused and exploited African Americans. In the hands of some, this banner has also served as a tool of intimidation.

If you had taken a drive down Highway 28 South in the past month, you could have seen the message of this symbol aimed at President Obama and those who support him in this year's presidential campaign. A large "Obama" sign had been placed high in the trees by the property owner. Shortly thereafter, someone - we presume someone opposed to the President - shot holes in the sign and placed a large Confederate flag over it.

If the intended expression had been one of support for the Republican candidate, you might suppose that the Obama sign would be covered with a Romney sign. But instead, it was covered with a red and blue banner that many see as a symbol of racial hatred, a symbol that objects, not to policies, but to skin color, a symbol that still carries with it an implied threat of violence not only to the president, but to anyone who would support him.

This is the antithesis of free speech. We all have a right to support or oppose any candidate for public office. But none of us has the right to intimidate, to threaten, to bully - with words or with symbols - those who think or feel differently.

Those of us who travel Highway 28 South can report that the Confederate flag was removed making visible the gunshot holes in the campaign sign.

Karen Hawk, Buck Trott, Marilyn DeVile, Jan Zehr, Farrel Zehr, Peter Ray, Pat Taylor, Vivian Brewer, Pam Brown, Cynthia Strain, Tanji Armor, Faviola Olvera, Tracy Strain, Susan E Smith, Martha Porter, Robert E Smith, Diane McPhail, Helen Moore
Highlands

Give us back our street

Dear Editor,

Both newspapers continue to carry letters to the editor regarding the inconvenience to say the very least -- of the two

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account and the state helped us out with the Reading 3D program so that put \$30,000 back in."

Duncan said there have been far too many absences, which means paying substitutes while still paying teachers. "We hope people will come to work," he said.

The school system paid \$69,000 for toner, last year but he said that had "gone away" for this year.

"We took a lot out of the utilities budget. If we have a bad winter it might be tough and this doesn't necessarily mean we are going to have any fund balance at the end of the year, but we are going to do all we can to make it through the year."

There were expenses that weren't expected that came from the state and federal government in the way of cuts and increases in system responsibilities.

"You know as well as I do that we've had to pay \$350,000 due to student growth that the state required from us and we didn't count on that. There are also the increases in retirement and the increase in health benefits we didn't count on any of that, either. The fact is we lost a lot of federal dollars for some positions that were placed in recurring categories without recurring money.

"Are we out of the woods financially? No sir. But we do hope to recoup some utility funds with Iotla Valley School now being on a different system. We won't have to fill up that boiler with fuel oil this year."

At the same meeting the auditor Mike Wike, said an audit of the year ending June 30, 2012 was a "clean audit."

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one-way adjacent streets reconstructed by the Town Board. The people we haven't heard from are the Town Board themselves. What in the world were they thinking or do they think? This traffic pattern has help only one business that I can see, not the rest of us in any way.

I agree with the letter of last week about the town being railroaded. I would like to hear from the Town Board; did they, indeed, or didn't they, have the authority to do that and if they did, Please take the authority to change it back.

The Town Board has made some pretty outrageous calls lately, like the two one way streets and canceling the Pine Street Park Craft Show.

Who is making these decisions?

Helen Moore
Highlands

However, he was concerned about the decrease in fund balance the school system had in FY 2011-2012.

"There was a decrease of \$1.6 million in the fund balance coming off \$2.9 million which leave you \$1.3 million. That means you can't afford to have that kind of decrease in FY 2012-'13 or you will be completely out of cash."

He suggested the school system consider increasing its revenues or consider substantial budget cuts.

Later in the meeting Financial Director Angie Cook presented the budget noting the changes made to balance it.

The total local current expense fund appropriation is \$9,750,689 million; the total state public school fund appropriation is \$24,883,372; the Federal grants fund appropriation is \$3,009,289.49 which includes some carry over from last year which is normal year-to-year; the School Food Service Fund is \$2,657,488 and the capital outlay is \$2,064,201.50.

"It is balanced," she said. The board approved it unanimously.

In addition, though the amount for capital outlay funded by the county for FY 2012-2013 is the same, the list of projects was tweaked.

"It's still \$256,000, it's just going to dif-

ferent projects," said Cook.

Duncan said the priorities are the system's business. "As long as we don't show up asking for more money they county is likely to approve the new list of priorities," he said.

Under Category I - Buildings/Construction/Renovation \$113,838 has been allocated; under Category 2 - Furniture/Machines/Equipment \$61,162 has been

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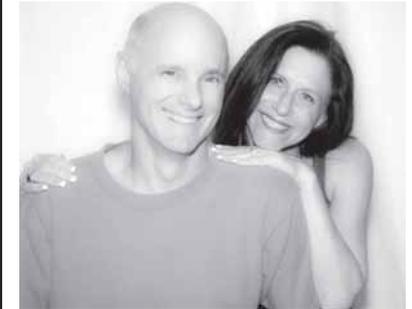



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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

What happens when indignant self-righteous liberals get mugged?

The events: It was April fool's day, 1980, when several Cubans walked into the Peruvian Embassy in Havana and begged for political asylum. The event was covered on a back page of the New York Times. At this point in time, I had been a cop for 19 years and was about as tough and seasoned as I would become. . . .so I thought. Little did I know my career path was about to dramatically change. America was about to be tricked. Isn't it remarkable we never seem to learn from our history or mistakes?

By now most folks have long forgotten or care little about an era called "The Mariel Boat Lift." Well, I haven't and never will. By April 5, 1980, more Cu-



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bans gathered at the Peruvian embassy in Havana and begged for political asylum. The number had risen to 750. The news of this event spread like a wildfire and by Easter Sunday over 10,000 Cubans crammed into the tiny Peruvian embassy grounds, creating a crisis of great magnitude. The event was now front page news. The world watched to see what Castro would do.

Days later, Castro decreed the port of Mariel opened to anyone wishing to leave Cuba. Jimmy Carter, a very liberal president with a big smile and kind ways, opened our shores

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to anyone who could get to the United States. It was a great day for the self-righteous. And so the infamous boat lift was started. At first, America was the hero, saving thousands of good and honest Cubans from the tyranny of communist Cuba and granting them freedom from oppression. The liberals of America praised Carter for his quick action and his popularity soared.

Exiles already living in South Florida mustered hundreds and hundreds of boats in an effort to help their fellow Cubans. Every U.S. Coast Guard boat stationed from Key West to Miami Beach was sent to Cuba to pick up refugees. Some people, mostly Miami Cubans, were making the 90-mile trip from Key West, FL in whatever boat they had, some in 17-foot runabouts. Commercial fishermen were making a fortune by making twice-a-day runs. It was insane. Never in the history of our country had something like this ever happened. We will never know how many people died at sea trying to escape.

Fidel Castro was a lot more cunning person than President Carter. Unfortunately, our president was a naive fool. Carter placed no checks, controls, or balances on who or what was arriving on our shores. There was

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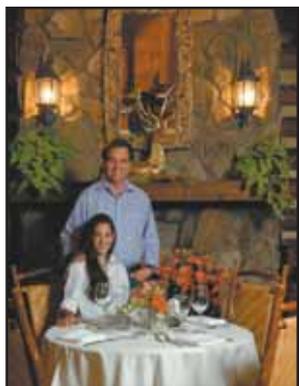
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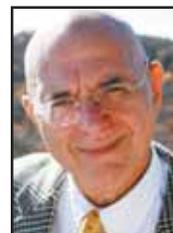
Racism is a cancer in our country

In the wake of President Obama's 2008 election victory, it was fashionable to declare America had entered a post race era. It was never true, much as we might wish it were.

The 95% of black voters who supported Obama were aware of his race. African Americans are a reliable Democratic block, but 95% is historic. It is unlikely that President Obama best represented the aspirations of as overwhelming a proportion of black Americans, but considering the Black experience, less support would have been more surprising.

Even a few decades ago, Obama's triumph would have been unimaginable. It's difficult to imagine any black American, regardless of party affiliation, who would shy from the chance to share the historic moment. White Americans were also influenced by Obama's race. Some voted against him merely because he is black. Others, in an attempt to atone for centuries of abuse, or to propel us into post race American, voted for him.

The 2008 election, historic as it was, did not mark a transition into a new age of color blindness. There are too many African Americans in jail, to many in failed schools, far to many unemployed,



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and living in poverty, to few with comparable health care and a piece of the American dream to support the claim that we have reached social justice and equality.

There are many reasons for the plight of blacks in America. Some are rooted in the past, but flourish today. Others must be laid at the feet of black citizens themselves. The complex interrelation of economic, social, institutional, and psychological circumstances makes us wonder how we can possibly live in harmony and equality.

There are racists in America. The Arkansas politician who wrote slavery was a hidden blessing is one. Such insensitivity to the suffering and degradation of

generations of black Americans is nearly unimaginable, would be unimaginable if I hadn't seen it up close last weekend. I told Lizzie about it when Bull and I returned from the Foxfire Mountain Festival in Clayton on Saturday.

Lizzie told me I should tell you about it, so here goes. The guy who sold funnel cakes engaged me. I love a funnel cake. Bull says I have the taste buds of a five-year-old. The guy identified himself as Hawaiian, and spoke rapidly in a language he identified as Hawaiian. His point, it turned out, was that he could be as unintelligible as a black man. Maybe he thought I was a skin head. He volunteered that he told black people they were lucky that slavery existed. Maybe he thought I was black. He concluded that if they had stayed in Africa, they would have bones in their noses and flies in their mouths. I muttered that he must have a lot of friends, and walked away.

I wish I'd said something more pointed, like, "you should run for office in Arkansas." The sad fact is that racism, though rarely so blatant, extends far beyond the mountains of north Georgia and the Ozarks of Arkansas. It is a cancer which thrives throughout our country.

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• COACH'S CORNER •

Random thoughts from the wild sports weekend

Last weekend featured the start of the MLB playoffs, a huge college football slate in the SEC and NFL on Sunday, so much action that this weekend will likely end up on an affidavit as a cause for irreconcilable differences. Anyway, here are my thoughts from a weekend packed full of stories.



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watched college football the last ten years. The face that FSU went on the road and lost at some random ACC school is, well, less than surprising seeing as they do it every year.

Finally, while the New Orleans Saints have been pretty terrible this season- one positive thing occurred for them on Sunday night,

The Atlanta-St. Louis game was home to a spectacularly blown call as the infield fly rule instantly became synonymous with General Sherman in terms of villainy. MLB can talk until they are blue in the face on how the rule was "correctly applied," but that is bunk. The rule states "ordinary effort," and if it was ordinary effort then the ump should have been able to make the call at the peak of the pop up, not when it was 20 feet from the ground. Still, the Braves have no one to blame but themselves when they commit three errors in such a huge game.

Sunday...meh. It was a day for former Pirates, as former Pirate Don Kelly walked the Tigers off with a win, former Pirate Nate McClouth had the only two RBI's for Baltimore, and former Pirate Bronson Arroyo pitched 7 shut-out innings for the Reds in their blow-out win. (former Pirate Ryan Ludwick also homered in this game)

Huge Saturday in college football as three of the top 5 teams went down in flames. Georgia...yikes. The Old Ball Coach and South Carolina didn't just beat the Bulldogs, they pounded them with a stifling 35-7 blowout victory. Defense was also the name of the game in Gainesville, as Florida did something that Florida fans are not accustomed to- they went toe to toe with the snarling brick wall that was the LSU front seven and imposed their will-running Mike Gilleslie into that brick wall over and over and over again. I'm still not a huge fan of Saban-ball, but one thing is for sure-Will Muschamp has remade the Gators. The third upset was the most shocking....unless of course you have

as Drew Brees broke Johnny Unitas' record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass. Now, I will be the first to say that the record is not quite what it was, as Brees plays in 4 more games per season and throws about 50% more passes. However, that a 5'11 quarterback has been able to be as productive as he has after being basically put on the street by San Diego is pretty amazing. Brees was a perfect representative for New Orleans after the Katrina disaster and the type of underdog that characterizes the city in general-it has truly been a pleasure to watch him these past six years.

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waterfalls more pronounced. The smell of wood from fireplaces lingers through the crisp mountain air as we don our sweaters and jackets. It is such a magical time of year and many of you realize you don't want to leave and consider us "locals" the lucky ones.

With that said, perhaps you want to look at real estate and secure your piece of heavenly Highlands. Brokers will tell you that October days are filled with showings and that we need to be three people to handle it all! Narrowing it down helps immensely. I always ask your criterion and more than once have heard when I asked price range "as little as possible!" I laugh and proceed with gathering more facts. There are so many homes on the market that a selection needs to be narrowed down to no more than 5-6 before heading out. It also depends on location as to the length of our journey together.

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Once we, the brokers, feed the criterion into our computers many times it comes up zero! So flexibility is a must – and usually price related. Give us a real range

and be willing to give on a few things. I've lived in Highlands full time 18 years this week and have never had a garage except once in all of my five homes! I would have loved it but had to trade off for view or location.

Savvy buyers are looking online at Realtor.com or Trulia and other websites before they come to Highlands and connect with a broker before they arrive. That helps brokers in a big way. We generally know or should know many of the homes on the market and can give our opinion and description based on your needs. There is no way to effectively show 20-25 homes in a weekend. Buyers get confused and it is overload for everyone involved.

In between showings, buyers want to shop, golf, eat and enjoy our little mountain town. Appointments must be made as many sellers are here enjoying the autumn leaves, also.

It is such a perfect time to buy in Highlands and Cashiers and brokers are more than happy to work on your behalf. I have had a wonderful year in sales and hope it continues for my sellers and lucky buyers who will become a permanent or semi-permanent part of our community. We welcome you with open arms. And next year you will have your own place to view the mesmerizing canvas surrounding you now.

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allocated; and for Category 3 – Buses and other vehicles, \$81,000 has been allocated.

Concerning buses, Duncan said at some point the system had to find the money to equip each of its 52 buses with a cam-

era.

“The state doesn’t pay for that and the Safe Schools and Drug-free School money we were getting years ago has gone away like a lot of other federal programs so if we

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scrap metal.

Currently, a member of the Sheriff’s office physically retrieves pawn tickets from each shop, returns to the office and enters the information into a computer. LeadsOnline will put an end to that.

Instead, proprietors of pawn shops and those businesses who buy precious and scrap metal, will simply enter the required information into the LeadsOnline database – no paper ticket is necessary.

Attorney Chester Jones said pawn shops are already required by law to keep their records electronically so they can be transmitted – this just puts it in a central system and alleviates the need for a paper ticket.

The software, training and customer support is free to proprietors – it will cost the Sheriff’s Dept. \$2,800 a year but Sheriff Holland said that’s pennies compared the tax dollars it costs to staff someone to gather and process information.

With information about pawned items or metals in a countrywide data system, tracking stolen items is easier.

“When we tried LeadsOnline for on a 30-day trial basis, we had some church

break-ins and were able to convict the person who broke into the churches. He drove to Bonita Springs, FL, and pawned items at a pawn shop that was on the system. We were able to go down there, get those materials and bring them back to Macon County and successfully prosecute and solve some other B&Es, as well,” he said.

Besides some 55+ law enforcement agencies and 66+ municipalities in North Carolina subscribing to LeadsOnline, the surrounding states of South Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee also subscribe – which means items stolen from Macon County and pawned across state lines are traceable.

The only people with access to the data are those from LeadsOnline, law enforcement and the business owner. Online searches are done daily even on Ebay.

Before the commission evokes a police power ordinance concerning this, members asked that Sheriff Holland visit each proprietor and see how they feel about the program and if they will voluntarily participate.

“I want to do a good job with the education process with people who it is going

ever get a little money along the line we need to get the cameras.”

Attorney John Henning said not having the cameras “was a tremendous blind spot” in the school system.

The next school board meeting is Monday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. at the administration building in Franklin.

– Kim Lewicki

to effect,” said Commissioner Bobby Kuppers. “Who would this be a hardship for out there? I don’t want to drop a requirement on someone and make them spend money they don’t have right now.”

Sheriff Holland said he is going to ask them to participate voluntarily but if he encounters resistance and his department believes there is a need, he will need an ordinance.

Evidently, there are only a couple of scrap metal businesses that aren’t computerized but there’s a chance LeadsOnline will help with that – it already gives the software and customer support for free.

County Attorney Chester Jones said the program will work as crime prevention, as well, once the word gets out that there is a computer network that’s going to run this stuff back to people.

Sheriff Holland will return to the Nov. 13 commission meeting to report on his findings and the commission will decide if an ordinance is necessary.

Commissioner Ron Haven said any tool to solve crimes, would be a good thing.

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• THE 'CONSERVATION' POV

President takes one on the chin

Last week was not a good week for the President. The administrations continuous ignoring of the Libyan disaster brought additional heat on his State Department. Their denial of being often forewarned of the perilous position of the poorly secured mission in Benghazi doesn't pass the smell test.

Add Ambassador to the UN Susan Rice to the list of functionaries who needs to be fired. Five days after the attack (on 9/11 by the way), she was still blaming it on a spontaneous reaction to a video trailer while the rest of the world knew it was part of a highly organized terrorist plot that included most of the Arab countries in the Middle East.

Then there was the piece appearing in National Review Online headlined "Slacker-in Chief": "Concerning the fun parts of his job, Barack Obama resembles the Energizer Bunny. If there are crowds to wow, entertainers to schmooze, or donors to pitch, Obama is Johnny on the Spot. Too bad his sparks stop flying when it comes time for the serious heavy lifting of the presidency."

This phenomenon's most chilling example involves Obama's national-security related Presidential Daily Brief (PDB). Available nearly every day, the PDB allows the commander-in-chief to hear directly from top intelligence professionals about the latest threats to U.S. safety. These experts are on hand to answer questions, hear suggestions, and otherwise help Obama foil America's enemies."

Sparing you being dragged through the weeds of a plethora of statistics, the gist of the story is that Obama chooses to skip these sessions more than half the time in favor of other priorities. "Obama skipped his PDBs between Sept. 5 and 11, the entire week before the Benghazi attack. Who knows if a briefer's classified utterance, or a particularly astute question from Obama, might have triggered tighter security in Benghazi and perhaps prevented the murders of our people?"

Before you get in a lather about this being a racist attack on the prez, be advised the story was written by Deroy Mur-



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dock, a fine, black contributing editor with National Review Online.

And now on to the low point of Obama's week (so far). The first of three Presidential debates was held and it was quite an evening. Allow me to let Chris Matthews, MSNBC's "Hardball" host and unabashed Obama lover describe the scene for you. "I don't know what he was doing out there. He had

his head down, he was enduring the debate rather than fighting it.

Romney, on the other hand, came in with a campaign. He had a plan, he was going to dominate the time, he was going to be aggressive, he was going to push the moderator around, which he did effectively, he was going to relish the evening, enjoying it. Obama was like, 'Oh an hour and half? I think I can get through this thing. And I don't even look at this guy.'

From the Daily Caller: "Add CNN's James Carville to the list of Democrats questioning President Barack Obama's performance against Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney on Wednesday. In CNN's wrap-up of its debate coverage, Carville, a campaign advisor to former President Bill Clinton, said 'I think he was off his game tonight.'

"I don't think that President Obama did what his campaign wanted him to do. My point is this – President Obama came in, he wanted to have a conversation. It takes two people to have a conversation. Mitt Romney came in with a chainsaw. He's trying to talk to a chainsaw."

Andrew Sullivan on the Daily Beast: "Look, you know how much I love the guy (Obama), and you know how much of a high information viewer I am, and I can see the logic of some of Obama's meandering, weak, professorial arguments. But this was a disaster for the president for the key people he needs to reach, and his effete, wonkish lectures may have jolted a lot of independents into giving Romney a second look.

Obama looked tired, even bored; he kept on looking down; he had no crisp statements of passion or argument; he wasn't there. He was entirely defensive, which may have been the strategy. But it was the

wrong strategy. At the wrong moment."

Even Van Jones, Obama's commie buddy and former adviser for green jobs said on CNN that the president was not ready for Wednesday's debate. 'I think he took Romney too lightly. I think he did not expect Romney to throw that kind of heat.' Jones said Obama's game plan set him up for failure.

I think Al Gore had the answer to

Obama's miserable performance. From the Weekly Standard: "Obama arrived in Denver at 2 p.m. today – just a few hours before the debate started. Romney did his debate prep in Denver. When you go to 5,000 feet, and you only have a few hours to adjust, I don't know." That's right Al – It was the altitude. Maybe the next one should be held in Death Valley just to be fair and balanced.

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question 5 – the final question.

What are two or three additional issues that are most important to you to address in the upcoming term, such as health care, climate change, education, income disparity, international relations and what actions would you support and conclude with your closing remarks.



Mark Meadows

We have a responsibility to look at the priorities of our nation and obviously, reigning in the out of control spending is one thing we have to do. We need to make sure

that what we do are the expenditures we have. When we have a decision to make, can we afford to do it? If we don't have the money there, we've been borrowing the money from China to make those decisions. We need to know that the decisions we make are fiscally sound and truly ones that will pay dividends.

From a medical standpoint, we have a couple of crisis coming down and health-care is one of those. We have to make sure that we continue high quality health care but the other part of that is we can't continue to print money and make it work. Because eventually what's going to happen is the printing of money comes as higher prices at the pump.

We are about to look at another quantitative easing, the Federal Reserve is looking at that right now in hopes of jump-starting the economy once again. We've tried it over and over again and it hasn't worked. So what we have to do is look at this differently

My priority would be to get government off the backs of small business. They are the job creators in this country; they employ the people and especially here in Western North Carolina. You get hammers back in the hands of construction guys; paintbrushes back in the hands of painters and really allow this economy to grow again. The only way to do that is not to regulate them and tax them to death. We have seen that it has worked before – it has worked in the '20s, it has worked in the '80s, it actually worked in the '50s. When you see that, you see economic prosperity happen.

One of my priorities would be to repeal Obamacare. It got rammed through. We talk about the fact that we don't like bipartisan. We don't like gridlock. But the truth of the matter is that when that got pushed through there wasn't anyone on the Republican side of it that got to even be included in it. And quite frankly, we say there are parts of that that we like, well how would we know because we didn't read it before we passed it. Because we have to read it before we understand what's in it.

What we've got to do is repeal that and put the money back into Medicare to make sure it's preserved. We do need to replace some of the items that are there. Obviously some of those systems are broke. You look at pre-existing conditions and some of the people who aren't covered, those are some of the things we can do, but we don't need a huge program to handle a few problems. What we should have done

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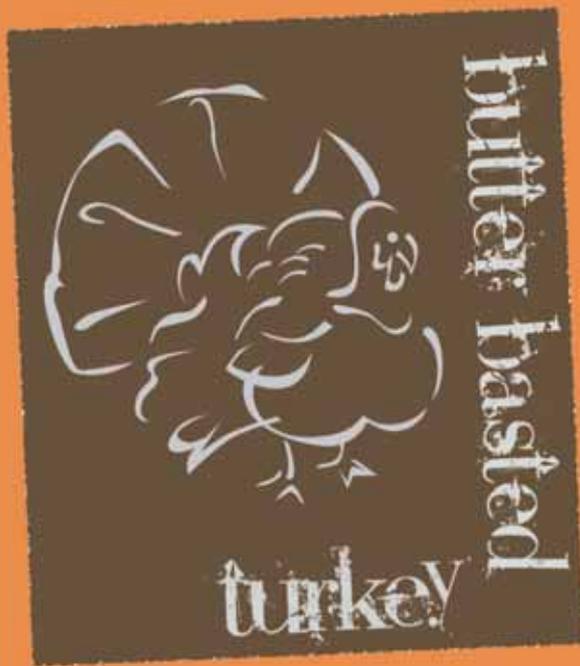
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is come up with a few programs to handle those individual problems instead of creating a massive program that will be a big bureaucracy that will lead us down the same way that Medicaid and Medicare has. It gets out of control.

The original cost of Medicare was going to be \$9 million and then they woke up one day and found it was \$65 million. What happens almost immediately is costs and projections that are put forth are always underestimated and they are always higher.

We see the same with Obamacare. The original estimate was less than \$1 trillion and we're looking at \$1.7 to \$1.8 trillion. So we have to make sure we get our fiscal house in order.

We as a nation need to understand that where we are is partly our own fault. We continue to elect officials who don't represent the will of the people. It's time we fight and take it back.

We look at foreign policy right now and here we have a president who is equivocating on what we should apologize for and what we shouldn't apologize for. Here we are giving aid – we are about to forgive \$1 billion in debt to Egypt and they attack our embassy just a few days ago. And yet we're going to give them a reduction of \$1 billion in loan forgiveness. But there is more to that story. Then we are going to turn right back around and give them \$4.8 billion in a new loan. Now why would we do that? Those are the kinds of questions we need to be asking. It doesn't make sense from a business standpoint, or to the average American it doesn't make sense.

We have people who are willing to stand up. I would ask you to look in the mirror and ask "Am I willing to work hard for this country and truly not allow us to go down the path we are going?" I believe we are heading in the wrong direction. We need to make a u-turn and go another direction. Some people say we are doing just fine. Well most of the people I know, the friends, they aren't doing just fine. I've had friends who have lost homes and lost their jobs. They've given up hope. All they want is an opportunity to go back to work. We need to give them that opportunity.

And so, I would ask for your support. I truly would be honored to have it. Even if you don't vote for me, I can tell you I will represent you because that's what you do when you go to Congress. You represent the people whether you are a Democrat or a Republican or unaffiliated, you do just that. It's time we take back our country. We have a history that is too precious to be forgotten. We truly have a Constitution that

is being rewritten and shouldn't be rewritten. We the people who are willing to stand up and take this country back. I would be honored to stand with you and take it back.



Hayden Rogers

I am thankful for a lot of things in my life. I have been very blessed. A lot of us in this room have. But I'm thankful in large part that I have parents who taught me to

think for myself. I am thankful that God made us as creatures with the independent will to think. We get to choose if we want to accept salvation. That's not mandated on us. That's free will. And in that form we created a representative government.

Now I don't know what the technology was exactly a couple of hundred years ago, but they didn't have time to poll before they cast every vote. Now I know what the technology is today and you still don't have time to poll before you cast every decision. You don't have time to do this every time you have to make a decision. Sometimes you have to evaluate the evidence in front of you and you have to make the best decision you can with the information you've got and you're not always going to get it right. And if you get enough of them wrong or you get a critical wrong, you'll vote us out.

If you do a good job and the people believe you -- see that's it. The power is still in your hands, every two years. Now the power would be more in the people's hands

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On Saturday, October 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm, The Shop at The Bascom is hosting a book signing for Cynthia Strain's new book *Highlands Through the Seasons*, a collection of wonderful photographs of the Highlands' plateau.

Since moving to Highlands in 1982,

Cynthia Strain has established deep roots in the community.

For 15 years, she ran the Bird Barn, a bird-themed gift shop her family owned. She has since opened her own gallery – Mill Creek Gallery & Framing – focusing on crafts and her photography. Her photographs and articles on environmental topics have appeared in numerous publications.

The Bascom is open year-round - Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 pm. For more details call 828.526.4949.

Frank Vickery's Spooky Raku workshop at The Bascom on October 13, 20 and 27 culminates in the Halloween Spooky Raku firing on October 31.



Annual craft show to bring business to town on Saturday, Oct. 13

By Luke Osteen

Highlands Arts and Crafts Show, slated for Saturday, October 13, at the Highlands Civic Center, has earned a reputation for quality one-of-a-kind items.

Browsers will find an eye-popping assortment of art, furniture, quilts, rugs, decorative accessories, hats and scarves, Christmas ornaments and jewelry. And that's not even counting the food -- the pies, cakes, jams and jellies, candies, cookies, spiced

honey, bread and barbecue sauces.

"I have one woman who drives up here all the way from Greenville, South Carolina, so that she can buy my bread – fortunately, she contacts me beforehand and tells me how many loaves she wants, otherwise she cleans me out at the start of the show," says baker Jody Zoellner.

It's the quality of the items for sale and that deep selection that has brought customers like Zoellner's bread lady back year after year, but there's something else at play here, something that sets the Highlands Arts and Crafts Show apart from all the other shows that dot the Southeast in the fall.

"I think it's the fact that we're all locals and we've put so much of our time and our hearts into the things we offer for sale," says Zoellner. "It's a way of life in Highlands – you sell what you can to earn enough to carry you through the winter. I know I probably wouldn't have a successful business if I couldn't count on the sales from this craft show."

In fact, many of the items offered for sale – the jellies, the quilts, the furniture – are a part of a cherished old Highlands heritage that's vanishing from the landscape. They represent skills nurtured by generations of grannies and mountain men.

Of course, when the Highlands Woman's Club launched the Highlands Arts and Crafts show 30 years ago, no one could have predicted how big it would grow or that women would drive up from Greenville to buy bread.

The first show was a couple of tables set up in front of Helen's Barn (what's now Wright Square). The handful of crafters quickly sold out of their wares and by 1:00 p.m. most had gone home. But that initial event set the template for what's become an important date on Highlands' economic and social calendar – items lovingly crafted by locals, offering a unique taste of the mountains.

Now the show winds through the different rooms of the Civic Center and no one goes home early.

And though the vendors go home with more than a small bit of jingle in their pockets and a bit more of a cushion for those winter months, the crafts show benefits Highlands in other ways as well.

Naturally, the Highlands Woman's Club is on hand, but you'll also find local organizations like the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary, the Scaly Mountain Woman's Club, and the Mountain Garden Club as well as area churches. The money raised at the show allows these groups to fund projects that directly affect the lives of countless Highlanders.

"But don't get the idea that the show is all about making money," says Zoellner. "I think everyone has a great time, too. It's a wonderful time to visit with your neighbors and, for the vendors like me, it's fun to see the customers who come back year after year."

Highlands Arts and Crafts Show will be staged from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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massive chaos and I was right in the middle of it. Cuban refugees were pouring into Miami and Miami Beach 24 hours a day for weeks. The police were put on 12-hour shifts.

Little did America know Castro had emptied his prisons and insane asylums, mixing them with good, honest refugees seeking freedom. Refugees who had relatives already living in Miami were picked up and taken to their homes. But most of the refugees released from Castro's prisons and insane asylums had no one picking them up. They were transported to a boy scout camp in South Beach. They poured into our neighborhoods and Miami Beach was changed forever. Fear reigned. Once the scout camp was full, refugees were housed in makeshift tents with outdoor soup kitchens under the I-95 viaducts. Urine and fecal matter flowed in our gutters. We were a city under siege. My scheduled vacation to Highlands was cancelled indefinitely.

Violent crime rose 400% overnight...yes, 400%. Bikini-clad high school girls were being held down and raped right on our beaches in broad daylight by refugee thugs. Most of the young girls were knocked unconscious before the rape so they wouldn't struggle or scream. Bathers ran for their lives and there were no cell phones to quickly call the police. Robberies and burglaries soared.

Homicides quadrupled. I lost a good friend after a Mariel crazy person named "El Loco" murdered him with a two-shot Derringer at point-blank range. People were no longer safe in their homes or on the streets of Miami or Miami Beach. Chaos reigned.

Amazing to me was that the same self-righteous liberals who sang Carter's praises were now condemning him and demanding something be done about the runaway crime and violence. The whole mess fell into the hands of the police. One prominent politician who shall re-

main nameless and who led the crusade for what Carter was doing was now demanding the police "do something" as he tearfully held the hand of his raped daughter being treated at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

The self-righteous were turning on their president. It's always like that.

I was pulled from my regular duties and given a 50-man task force to control the violence. It was during that time I was nicknamed "Mad Dog" by my officers. We were deliberately mistreating the thug refugees and the self-righteous liberals loved it. "Do whatever it takes" were my orders. I think this was the only time in my life I was loved by liberals. Hard to believe, I know.

Now, after 32 years, the insane lunatic that killed my friend will soon be released from a north Florida mental institute and will stand trial for first-degree murder. While my friend rots in his coffin, this scumbag has been getting three hot meals a day, free dental and medical care, first run movies and a free psychiatrist asking him how he feels. I volunteered to transport "El Loco" to the courthouse and promised I wouldn't wear a ski mask. The State turned me down. Oh how times have changed.

So here I am 32 years later and writing for a very brave newspaper in a very safe place in these mountains of North Carolina. We are far from crime and violence. And, ah yes, the self-righteous are still after me. Maybe they would be friendlier toward me if their daughter had been raped?

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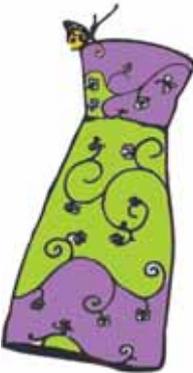


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• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$40 a month.

• Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5 per class. First class free. Call Mary Barbour for Franklin schedule: 828-342-2498.

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YOGA ON MAIN – Mon & Thurs at 10:45a, Wed., at 7:45a. Call 828-482-2128. (9/27)

Mondays

• Mountain View Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the Faith and Fellowship Center of First Presbyterian Church. Enter via the entrance on 5th St. and proceed a few steps down to the library.

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 Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Wednesdays

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

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

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

• Mah Jong games will be held, open to the public, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers-Community Library at 1 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays

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

Thursdays, Fri., Sat., Sun.

• Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road. Call 526-2121.

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. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

• Free dinner at the Cashiers Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Mostly organic, healthy food. Donations accepted. Call 743-5706 for more information. Volunteers needed!

Second Thursdays

• The regular meeting of Highlands Chapter #284, Order of The Eastern Star is held at 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays

• Highlands Farmers Market at Highlands School from 9a to noon, through October.

• At Mountain Fresh Grocery, free wine tastings from 2-4 p.m.

• Simply Homegrown is a local farmers market in Rabun County, GA. Celebrating its 11th season as the area's original sustainable farm market. Open 9 am to 2 pm at the new location 0.7 mile west of Clayton on Highway 76 West. Look for directional signs on Routes 441 and 76 in Clayton. Our website has detailed directions

www.simplyhomegrown.org.

• The Art Room, 45 East Main St. in Franklin is having free Make & Take Classes from 10am to 12:30. Come make a Card...Ages 15 and up please! Call Dianne 828-349-3777 or Robin 828-421-9891.

• Bascom Community Knitters welcome all knitters, crocheters, smockers and needlepointers to join us on the Terrace at the Bascom. 10 until noon. From now until Thanksgiving! Come and knit or come and watch. mscarolray@yahoo.com

Every Third Saturday

• The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff

Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 am. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Through October

• Pumpkins at Highlands United Methodist Church. Call Jennifer Forrester at 526-3376.

Thursday, Oct. 11

• The October meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glensville, N.C. 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., March through November.

• Free movie at Cashiers Library The

Village at 4p.

• The Macon County League of Women Voters will host a forum for county commission candidates at noon in Tartan Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin. For the District 3 seat, incumbent Bobby Koppers (D) is facing Paul Higdon (R) in the November 6 election. District 1 candidate, incumbent Jim Tate (R), and District 2 candidate, incumbent Kevin Corbin (R), are unopposed.

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. In honor of

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Grammy Awarding 'The Nashville Bluegrass Band' at PAC Sat., Oct 20th

With two Grammy Award-winning albums and two Entertainer of the Year honors from the International Bluegrass Music Association, four time IBMA Vocal Group of the Year, the Nashville Bluegrass Band, is no stranger to acclaim from critics and fans alike. The

band's personnel are sought-after, first-call studio musicians, known for a superior level of creativity and a commitment to traditional music styles. Collectively and singularly, the members of NBB have virtually defined the modern bluegrass sound.

Nashville Bluegrass Band was initially formed to accompany Minnie Pearl and Vernon Oxford on a 1984 Grand Ole Opry package tour. Three original members are still in the group – Alan O'Bryant (banjo), Pat Enright (guitar), and Mike Compton (mandolin) though Compton left for twelve years, replaced by Roland White until Compton rejoined at the end of 2000. Award-winning fiddler Stuart Duncan has been a band member since 1985. Only the bass slot has seen any turnover; its current seat is held by talented Andy Todd, who came on board in 2005. NBB celebrated its twentieth anniversary in 2004 with the release of its sixth Grammy-nom-



inated album, Twenty Year Blues. As if on cue, in 2006 the Nashville Bluegrass Band was invited to the White House by President George W. Bush to entertain in honor of visiting president of China, Hu Jintao. It was a very special honor for NBB as well – twenty years earlier, NBB had been the first bluegrass band ever to be permitted play in the People's Republic of China. NBB concerts have since spanned the globe, with performances in Egypt, Brazil, Crete, Bangladesh, Bahrain, Qatar, The Azores, Iran, Israel, Denmark, Germany, France, Ireland, Switzer-

land, Turkey, Japan, Italy, Spain and England. Throughout the years, NBB has toured and performed with both traditional and contemporary artists such as Earl Scruggs, Doc Watson, Alison Krauss & Union Station, Lyle Lovett and Mary Chapin Carpenter, including a sold-out concert with the Fairfield Four at famed Carnegie Hall in New York City. The Band has recorded with Peter Rowan, Maura O'Connell, Jerry Douglas, Bernadette Peters and Clint Black, appeared on the Nitty Gritty

Dirt Band's Will The Circle Be Unbroken Vol. III and collaborated

with Johnny Cash on the film soundtrack Dead Man Walking. Well known both inside and outside bluegrass circles, NBB performed for rockers R.E.M. at a private party and played Wynonna Judd's wedding reception. NBB is also one of the few bluegrass bands to have videos in heavy rotation on the CMT Network. The biggest break of all came in 2002, when NBB lead singer Pat Enright became one of the voices of the Soggy Bottom Boys, the fictional old-time trio led on-screen by George Clooney in the movie O Brother, Where Art Thou? Alan O'Bryant, Mike Compton and Stuart Duncan appeared on the film's Platinum soundtrack and NBB began performing as a core element of the Down From the Mountain tour.

The following year, Stuart Duncan's fiddling was featured throughout the soundtrack of Cold Mountain and again, NBB became an integral part of the Great High Mountain tour which featured music from both movies.

www.nashvillebluegrassband.net
The Nashville Bluegrass Band is presented by Ray McPhail on Saturday, October 20, 2012. 8pm Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased online at www.highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047

PULL OUT

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Brenda Angel, local Breast Cancer Survivor and Author will be the guest speaker. Everyone attending the meeting will receive a free gift. There will be light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 828-369-9221.

Fri., Oct. 12

• Grand Re-Opening/Fall Open House celebration at PNC Bank on US 64 west and Oak Street, 10a - 4p. Ribbon cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce at 10a. refreshments to follow.

• At Highlands Whole Life, free make-up consultation with Gabriel Natural Cosmetics from 2-4:30 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 13-Wed., Oct. 31

• Sons of American Revolution Assisting Homeless Veterans Members of the Silas McDowell Chapter, North Carolina Society of Sons of the American Revolution, are collecting items for homeless veterans in the region. The group is working with the Veterans Restoration Quarters (VRQ) in Asheville that serves over 250 veterans engaged in the Center's residential program that includes housing, education and training programs, career preparation and placement, community service, mentoring, and community reintegration. Items can be dropped in the box at the Sylva Walmart or the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Saturdays Oct. 13, 20, 27

• Create your own spooky ceramic work at The Bascom from 10a to 4p. To register call 526-4949.

Saturday, Oct. 13

• 30th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show. 9a to 5p at the Highlands Civic Center. Fressers Eatery will have breakfast and lunch available for purchase. Free admission and parking.

• Highlands Playhouse Rummage Sale at 221 N 4th Street two doors down from CK Swan from 10a-4p. All proceeds benefit Highlands Playhouse. Drop off donations Monday, Oct. 1 from 10a to noon, Wed., Oct. 3 from 10a to noon, Mon. Oct. 8 from 10a to noon at 221 N. 4th Street next to CK Swan. Donations can include, electronics, books, golf items, luggage, furniture, holiday items, baby items, furniture, clothing for ladies, men and children, linens etc. etc.

• Flu Clinic 10a-2p at the Autumn Leaf Craft Show at the Fair Grounds in Franklin. No appointment is necessary. Flu shots are available for adults and children age 6 months and older at a cost of \$25. High dose vaccine is available for individuals age 65 and older at

a cost of \$50 while supplies last. Shots are also available during regular business hours at the Macon County Public Health Center on Lakeside Drive in Franklin. Appointments are needed for these shots and may be scheduled by calling 349-2081.

• Eco Tour to Rock Mountain Summit at 9 a.m., To register call 526-1111.

Monday, Oct. 15

• Candidate Issues Forum, 7:30-9:30 at the Jackson County Library in Sylva. US Congressional District 11 - Mark Meadows and Hayden Rogers; NC Senate District 50 - Jim Davis and John Snow; NC House District 119 - Mike Clampitt and Joe Sam Queen; Jackson County Commission District. 4 - Marty Jones and Mark Jones.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

• Alzheimers Affects on Baby Boomers, at 10 a.m., in the Jane Woodruff Building, lower level, at H-C Hospital. To register, call 526-1498.

• Highlands Dialogue at the Hudson Library from 10-11:30 a.m. TBA. Coordinator: Creighton Peden.

Fri-Sun, October 19-20

• At Highlands Rec Park a Jam-Bear-e fundraiser. Details to be announced.

• Art League of Highlands Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Recreation Center.

Friday, Oct. 19

• Daddy-Daughter Dance at Community Bible Church (Hwy.64 between Highlands & Cashiers) at 7p. All ages welcome, refreshments, dance instruction, lots of fun. Hosted by "The Dancing Chapmans" from Orlando, FL. \$5 at the door for Daddy and Daughter.

Saturday, Oct. 20

• Dancing Date Night for couples at Community Bible Church (Hwy. 64 between Highlands & Cashiers) at 7p. Ball room dance instruction, refreshments, hosted by The Dancing Chapmans from Orlando, FL. Lots of fun. \$10 per couple at the door.

• At the Highlands PAC Nashville Bluegrass Band in concert at 8 p.m.. The Grammy Award winning Nashville Bluegrass Band will be in concert. NBB lead singer Pat Enright became one of the voices of the Soggy Bottom Boys, the fictional old-time trio led onscreen by George Clooney in the movie O Brother, Where ArtThou? Alan O'Bryant, Mike Compton and Stuart Duncan appeared on the film's Platinum soundtrack. Presented by Ray McPhail. Tickets are \$25 and are available online at www.highlandspac.org or by calling 828.526.9047.

• A booksigning with Cynthia Strain's "Highlands Through the Seasons" from 5:30-6:30p.

Sunday, Oct. 21

• At First Presbyterian Church, a mini-concert on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Featured will be the Westminster Schools Chorale from Atlanta. The group is conducted by Fred Scott, who formerly served as Artistic Director for the Atlanta Opera. The concert will take place in the church sanctuary. The Chorale will also be singing during the 11am worship service. Everyone is cordially invited to come and enjoy this concert. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

• An Afternoon at the Opera with the Atlanta Opera, presented by Gilliam's Promise, 3-4:30 p.m. with a reception following at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands, on Chestnut Street. Tickets are \$35 and includes the reception. For tickets, call 828-526-9047 or go online at www.highlandspac.org.

• Empty Bowls at First Presbyterian Church, 11:45a-1:45p. \$20 per handmade bowl. To benefit the Food Pantry of Highlands. Call the International Friendship Center for ticket and event info 828.526.0890 x 252



Mountain Fresh Grocery is teaming up with the Highlands 5th Grade to assist them in raising funds for their educational trip to Charleston, to tour the USS Yorktown and explore the ocean habitat. A portion of the proceeds from the October 25, Thursday Night "What's For Dinner" dinner menu at Mountain Fresh Grocery is being donated for the trip.

The dinner for four, consists of In-House Roasted Meatloaf, Yukon mashed potatoes, gravy, and salad.

The class is pre-selling the dinners or you can call Mountain Fresh Grocery, at 526-2400.

Highlands Arts & Crafts Festival offers handmade, and unique delights Oct 13 at the Civic Center

The Highlands United Methodist Church is going to have a booth at this year's Highlands Arts & Crafts Festival Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9a to 5p at the Highlands Civic Center.

Proceeds from booth sales will go toward the church's capital fundraising efforts. This handmade decorator pillows, is just one of the many offerings at the HUMC booth. Also available will be table runners, place mats, napkins, knitted items like scarves, caps, beautiful handmade quilts, afghans, throws, hand towels and more.



The fair is an event that they entire community looks forward to. It's the place to start Christmas shopping!

Fressers Eatery will sell breakfast and lunch. Free admission and free parking.

Highlands Playhouse to hold Rummage Sale this Saturday

The Highlands Playhouse will be holding an upscale rummage sale this Saturday, October 13th from 10AM to 4PM. The sale will offer incredible deals on items like furniture, clothing (men's, women's, and children's), golf equipment, costumes, electronics, luggage, books, holiday items, and collectibles. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Playhouse's 2013 Season - its 75th Anniversary. The revenue generated from this fundraiser will help to ensure that the Playhouse is able to produce high quality productions and acquire actors with incredible talent and experience.

"This sale has everything," Playhouse Executive Director Tina Rogers said, "If you are looking to redecorate your house, pick up some essential items at a quality price, or just find an interesting costume for Halloween - we have the opportunity for you!" The sale has also been an opportunity for the community to show their support of the Highlands Playhouse, and so far, they have come through. Bill Patti, the Playhouse's new Artistic Director is excited at how supportive everyone has been. "The community response has been astounding. The women at Highlands Cove, led by the incomparable Suzanne Donino, have carried this on their backs and it is amazing what they have accomplished. We have an embarrassment of riches as far as upscale, quality items go. The past 74 years of success are a testament to the community's love of this theater, and this fundraiser is no different!"

The Upscale Rummage Sale will be held at 221 North 4th Street (two doors down from CK Swan). Come with an empty trunk and a full wallet - you are going to want to buy, buy, buy! If you have any last minute donations or questions about the sale call the Highlands Playhouse at 828-526-2695. All donations are tax deductible!

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Life lessons

By Paul Christy
HUMC

Over the last month or so, my mom has been staying with us here in Highlands. She's 80-years-old and is preparing to enter a retirement facility called Givens Estate in Asheville at the end of October.

It has been a joy to have Mom stay here with us and let me say that even though I am 51-years-old, Mom is still Mom and is still teaching me some important life lessons.

She has slowed down a bit but she is still a master teacher. A little back ground on my Mom. She raised four children – all of whom are preachers, she married a preacher and her brother was a preacher; three of her grandsons are studying to be preachers right now.

But back to the point of this column this week – mom is still teaching a lot of good life lessons.

Lesson 1: Always show love and appreciation to others. Mom has taught me again the importance of just saying please and thank you. Each and every day Mom has been with us, she thanks us for every little thing. I know we all know how important it is to show our appreciation to others, but sometimes we need to be reminded of that fact.

Lesson 2: Do what you can to help others out. Mom has slowed down a great deal from her nonstop days, but every day we come home the dishes are done, the beds are made and the house is picked up. I have told Mom she just needs to rest and relax and let us do for her for one time in her life, but she says, "There are still some things your old Mom can do, and you need to let her."

She is always looking out for us and our needs and never wants to get in the way, but she is helping us out tremendously. That is a lesson we all need to remember -- do what we can to help others out, even something simple.

Lesson 3: Speak in a way to build one another up, not say words that hurt. My Mom is a big kiddier but when she talks to you she always builds you up and she always speaks words of grace to others. Wow, I wish our political candidates could learn from my Mom. I get so sick and tired of hearing about how bad someone else is – I believe that a man who lived a long time ago named Jesus said it this way: "Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye and not the log in your own eye." In other words, we need to speak about each other and with each other in loving and up-building ways.

Lesson 4: Be happy with where you are and who you are. This is probably the most important lesson Mom has taught me in this last month. I know that she remembers the days when she would drive from Murphy to Charlotte, and she remember the meals she has cooked for countless families in her years of being in the church, and I know she remembers the long hours of being a preacher's wife and now mother to seven preachers in her immediate family, but she is happy to be still and know that that season has passed in her life. She is content to be where she is right now, and happy to be who she is at this moment.

Even though I am 51, I am amazed at how I still have the opportunity everyday to learn from others. These are some lessons I have learned from Mom this last month, but I want to thank you for the lessons you as people in the Highlands area still teach me every day.

John 3:16

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Proverbs 3:5

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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

Highlanders earn revenge, dominate Blue Ridge

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands High School soccer team came into Monday's match with Blue Ridge looking to leap frog the Bobcats in the SMC standings. After suffering their first conference loss in five years at the hands of the Bobcats, the Highlanders were looking for a measure of revenge to go along with a move up in the Smoky Mountain Conference standings.

On a field covered with fog and limited visibility, it appeared as though Blue Ridge would continue to gain good fortune, as the conditions could limit the speed advantage of the Highlanders. Despite the fog, the Highlanders were able to draw first blood after a handball in the box allowed Ryan Vinson to hammer home a penalty kick and give the Highlanders a 1-0 lead.

Blue Ridge equalized quickly, after the Highlanders defense failed to clear a ball out of the box off of a corner kick and former Highlander Kevin Dickey victimized his old team with a goal. After dominating the entire first half in terms of possession, Highlands finally broke through as Davis Moore put a head on a corner kick and gave the Highlanders a lead. Again Blue Ridge would respond and capitalize on a Highlander mistake, as a miscommunication between Goalkeeper Philip Murphy and his defense led to a Bobcat goal with just seconds to play in the first half.

The Highlanders made some critical adjustments in the second half that allowed them to completely dominate possession. Unfortunately, despite possessing the attack for the entire second half, the Highlanders had trouble finishing. Numerous shots from Highlands either hit the crossbar or were saved by the Bobcat keeper. The Highlanders caught a break with another handball in the box, but could not capitalize on the PK as the Bobcat keeper made a spectacular save and the ensuing rebound goal was disallowed after Highlands was offside.

The Highlander crowd was tense, as the game appeared to follow the same script as the game in Cashiers, as the Highlanders could not capitalize on the opportunities available and the Bobcats were just one goal away from stealing another victory. This time, the script would be different, as Kenan Lewis came through with a goal that would put the Highlanders ahead for good. The possession domination continued

throughout the last fifteen minutes, as Blue Ridge could not even manage a shot on goal and the celebration commenced.

The win puts Highlands in sole possession of second place, trailing the Murphy Bulldogs by one game in the loss column. The Highlanders traveled to Murphy on Tuesday, but those results were not available at press time. A win against Murphy would put the Highlanders in first place in the SMC.

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-- that is if you want an accountable government that actually represents the people -- if the Democrats and Republicans each time there is a census in the particular states they win, shouldn't keep redrawing lines to get more people. Then you have more representatives that aren't accountable to the people. When you have 80% Democrat districts in certain places and 80% Republicans, there's no voice there. Once you get a guy in there that guy stays there until he dies or doesn't want to be there anymore. Both sides do that too. But it's a fundamental problem for democracy.

Another thing I want you to consider. Why would we consider as a country, and I'm no foreign affairs expert, but why would we consider as a country foreign aid to Egypt or forgiving a loan to Egypt. Why would we do that? You know who their neighbors are? You know where Israel is? Do think in light of the government change there that there could be any potential interest in the American interest or the interest of Israel for us to have a good relationship and do something to add stability to one of Israel's neighbors. Do you think there is any chance that that could have played into that or played into that conversation.

Now Mark supports Israel. I know that. I know that, I'm not saying he doesn't. But this is when you get black and white on things. When you start thinking no foreign aid, no new this, no that, cut this. You have to look at the big picture. Things aren't always that easy. I'm pro-life right? What happens when there's a foreign affairs bill

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that something critical for Israel and has some funding in there that could be construed to go toward some sort of preventative or some sort of contraceptive or even potentially some sort of abortion? Here are two things that I am passionate about. I am forced as a representative, as a Congressman, to make a decision, because I may not have the ability to do an "either or." These are the types of examples. These are real life things. This is what happens. Now, when those things happen and a representative chooses one way or the other, whether they were lead by

their thought, their heart or their constituents, those who disagree will pick the portion of that and attack them for being weak on it. They do. You've seen it. We've all done it. We all pick and choose. We all pick and choose for the convenience of the argument. It's human nature.

Now some of you shake your head no and Mark says no. But we do, we do. So in order for us to move forward, we all have to give. We all have to work on this together. We're not all going to be right. We're not all going to get what we want. But for the sake of our country, these things have to

happen.

Mark is right about out of control spending. He's right about both parties bragging on nominal cuts that really aren't getting us there but it's going to take a combination of these things. It's going to take little pieces of pie and it's going to take big pieces of pie. We're going to have to look at both sides of our ledger. We're going to have to look at how we grow, how we maintain that growth, how we encourage growth so we can take a bigger piece of that world pie when it comes to the economy. How we sell more goods. How we

compete with China. India, Mexico, any of these countries. How do we do that? You can't stick your head in the sand. You can't just cut everything. You can't shoot taxes through the roof. You have to pull together and look at this stuff, guys.

It's not a game. Sometimes it gets competitive in politics and you want to make it a game. But

this is serious stuff. And I think we know that but we lose sight of it sometimes. You have people come up to you who are so mean and hateful and angry at you because you're from the other party. You are trying to seek public office for your nation. To offer

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• POLICE DEPT. REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from Sept. 8
Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Sept. 8

- At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Cherokee Drive.

Sept. 18

- At 9:49 p.m., officers responded to a call about someone walking around outside a home on Sassy Lane.

Sept. 27

- At 10:30 p.m., William Clarence Barclift, 31 of Highlands, was arrested for DWI. He was issued at \$500 unsecured bond.

- At 3:05 p.m., officers responded to a simple assault charge at Regions Bank on Spring Street.

- During this timeframe, officers issued 10 citations (warnings, ordinance violations, and citations)

Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Sept. 26.

Sept. 26

- At 10:06 a.m, the dept. was first-responders to Ancient Way.

- At 8:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

Sept. 29

- At 9:37 p.m., the dept. responded to a structure fire in the chimney area at 78 Oak Street.

Sept. 30

- At 1:05 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Rich Gap Road.

Oct. 1

- At 6:44 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at Norton Ridge Road. Damper was closed in the fireplace.

Oct. 2

- A little after midnight, the dept. responded to an alarm on Church Street. It was false.

Oct. 4

- At 9:13 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Winterberry Court.

Oct. 5

- At 8:24 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Hospital Drive. It was due to a transformer problem.

- At 9:07 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Satulah Ridge Road.

Oct. 7

- At 10:27 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Clear Creek Road. It was due to breakfast burning.

- At 12:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a CO₂ alarm on Cherokee Drive.

• BIZ/ORG. NEWS •

Animals blessed last Sunday



Photo by Martha Boone

Margaret Howell, Chaplain of the Holy Family Lutheran Church of Highlands, offered a Blessing of the Animals at the Nature Center Sunday afternoon. Creatures great and small turned out for the service despite the chilly, misty day. Les Scott, Director of Music at Highlands United Methodist Church, provided guitar accompaniment.

• BIZ/ORG. NEWS •

Wade Hampton GC delivers grants

Wade Hampton Golf Club and Foundation recently honored several non-profit agencies in the community with grants to aid in their services. Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust received a grant to aid in stewardship of their 2400 acres of protected properties, which include Chimney Top and Rock Mountains, both placed in conservation in 2011 by Will and Becky McKee, and both visible from the Wade Hampton clubhouse and golf course.

Pictured from left, Wade Hampton General Manager



and Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Board Member Jeff Heilbrun, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Chair Lila Howland, and Wade Hampton Golf Club Foundation Chair Fred Tater-sall.

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's nursing team members from left, Monica Crook RN, Virginia Stewart RN and Clinical Coordinator, and Sandy Allen RN recently completed an advanced training course focusing on rural facilities trauma care through the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma. The course emphasized a team approach to initial assessment, resuscitation and transfer of a trauma patient in a systemized, concise manner. Forming a core trauma team at HCH, Allen's, Crook's and Stewart's specialized training includes areas such as airway breathing, circulation, disability, transfer to definitive care, pediatric trauma, special considerations (pregnancy, burns, geriatric, etc.) performance improvement and patient safety, and communications. "I believe it is important to keep up with the continually changing and improving medical procedures and treatments in our nursing profession. Our HCH emergency nursing team strives to exceed the typical standards of care," said Stewart, who has 22 years experience. "This advanced training gives me added knowledge and confidence to provide the best possible care to any patient who enters our doors."

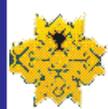
H-C nurses get advanced training



Democrats hold post-convention wrap-up at headquarters in Highlands



Democrats from Cashiers and Highlands assembled on Friday September 7 in Highlands for a post convention wrap-up featuring Mark Gilbert. Mark is the Deputy National Finance Chair of the Democratic Party. He spoke to an enthusiastic crowd at the Highlands Democratic Headquarters located in the Peggy Crosby Center. His talk centered around present efforts to win the swing States (ours being one) where he gave his assessment of how things are going along with stories, information and numbers. Mark stressed getting registered Democrats to vote; the key to the election being voter turn out! Pictured from left are Robert E Smith, Cynthia Brown, Mark Gilbert, Ethan Stats (Precinct Chair Cashiers), Maddy Buckhannon, Karen Hawk (P Chair Highlands) and Hank Buckhannon.



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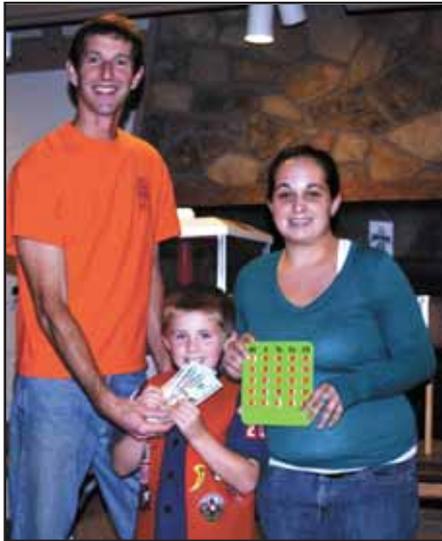
The Rotary Club of Highlands honored the September Highlands School Scholars of the Month at its September 18 meeting. Pictured from left to right are: Karaline Shomaker, high school winner, Jessica Campbell, elementary school winner, Madison Schandolph, middle school winner, Club President, Brian Stiehler and School Counselor, Thomas Jessup.



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Scouts win a bingo



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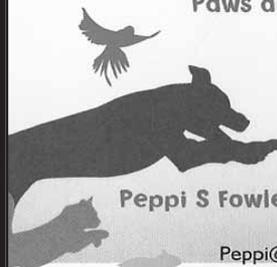
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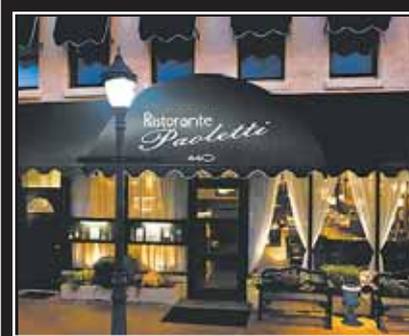
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