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Fri., Aug. 30
• Live music in Town Square from 6-8 p.m.

Sat., Aug. 31

• Fireworks and concert in K-H Park on Pine Street. Concert begins at 6 p.m. and the fireworks a dusk.
• Live music at The Lost Hiker at 9 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 31 and Sept. 1

• The Cashiers Village Green annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show from 10a to 5p.

Sunday, Sept. 1

• At Concert Choir from WCU performance at the First Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m.

• Fireworks Extravaganza on the Green in Cashiers at 5:30p.

• At the Highlands Playhouse, a concert with Atlanta Jazz vocalist Virginia Schenck to benefit Highlands Friends of Haiti from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$75. Call 526-2695.

Sat., Sept. 2

• At Cliffside Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust, 10 a.m., at the patio. \$4 per vehicle.

Tues., Sept. 3

• Highlands Plateau Audubon beginner's bird walk in Highlands. Extra binoculars available. Meet at the Highlands Town Hall parking lot near the public restrooms at 7:30 AM to car pool.

• At The Lost Hiker, Karoke.

Highlands Farmers Market shuts down

It appears that Highlands has once again, cut off its nose to spite its face.

First officials decided not to allow festivals in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park (K-H Park) on holiday weekends, so instead people drive

over to Cashiers for its holiday festivals; and now a grassroots market has closed down after three years.

Due to numerous exhausting rounds between the founder of the Highlands Farmers Market and

the town, the market that was supposed to run every Saturday morning through October ended last Saturday, Aug. 24.

The Highlands Farmers Market left the Kelsey-Hutchinson

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A third MAMA copter is needed to service the increasing population of Western Carolina.

Citizens out to raise \$2 million for MAMA

Paoletti's restaurant fundraiser is Wednesday, Sept. 18

Taking a ride in a helicopter takes on new dimensions when its a life or death flight.

For residents living in the mountains of North Carolina, where mere geography can make access to medical attention difficult, the Mountain Area Medical Airlift, affectionately known as MAMA, can make all the difference.

The regional hospitals in the area, both Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Angel Medical are top-notch but many times patients need the care of a bigger institu-

tion, usually Mission Hospital in Asheville, but to other trauma centers in the region.

Thanks to MAMA an hour and 45 minute drive can be decreased to 30 minutes which can make all the difference in the world – even life or death.

But like everything else these days, MAMA isn't a cash-flow positive, revenue generator for Mission Hospital. At best, it breaks even annually. But there have been many years it hasn't even reached the break-even mark.

MAMA charges only what

Medicare will reimburse, which is significantly below what other privately contracted air ambulance services will charge patients when they are called into the region -- anywhere from one-third to one-half of the rates of other service providers.

The MAMA program is funded through reimbursements which barely cover the \$6,000 cost of each flight. Approximately 80% of patients flown by MAMA are Medicare, Medicaid, or uninsured.

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Churches expand child care options in Highlands

A nonprofit collaboration between the Highlands United Methodist Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation could fill a vacuum for full day child care opportunities in Highlands.

The nonprofit Highlands Community Child Development Center (HCCDC) has been the longest running full day, child care center in town; the private Bright Discoveries previously at the Episcopal church came next but it was rumored to be closing.

Now that has changed.

Last Sunday The Gordon Center for Children nonprofit umbrella was dedicated and in the words of HUMC pastor Paul Christy, "will hopefully meet the needs of the children in the Highlands commu-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

US can lead the effort against Syria, but must not go it alone



Sandra Mackey

This past week produced tragic evidence that Syrian civilians have been subjected to attacks of poison gas most likely by their own government. The event has touched off a debate among Americans about a response by the United States. On one side are those who call for military intervention against the Assad regime. On the other is a majority of Americans, exhausted by 12 years of continuous warfare in Afghanistan and Iraq, who fear what another foray into the internal politics of a foreign country means in terms of American blood and treasure.

The problem with both of these positions is that each is arguing the wrong question. The right question is what role the United States should play in the international community's condemnation of poison gas as a weapon of war.

The first agreements aimed at controlling the use of chemical weapons came in the Hague Conventions of 1899 and 1907. But when World War I exploded in 1914, they utterly failed. Both the Triple Entente (Britain, France and Russia) and the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria, and the Ottoman Empire) unleashed chemical weapons in a desperate attempt to seize the advantage on the battlefield. France went first in 1914. Germany followed in 1915. By 1918, 124,000 tons of deadly weap-

ons that penetrated the lungs rather than pierced the skin were on the fields of battles or stored in the warehouses of all the major combatants. An estimated one out of three shells fired on the Western Front during the last year of the war contained some type of poison gas, usually mustard gas. No one knows how many casualties resulted. Soldiers survived their wounds from shrapnel only to return home to die or live as invalids from the internal effects of gas.

The toll on allies and enemies was so horrendous that after the war ended the international community looked with new awareness at the dangers posed by chemical and biological weapons. The result was the 1925 Geneva Conventions that prohibited the use of "asphyxiating, poisonous or other gases and all . . . bacteriological methods of warfare."

By the time the agreement went into effect in 1928, the 38 signatory nations regarded the agreement as only covering "first use," therefore freeing any country attacked by chemical or biological weapons to respond in kind. And no country surrendered the right to develop or stockpile what are now known as weapons of mass destruc-

tion. Yet the prohibition on the deployment of chemical weapons has been surprisingly effective. The Italians used chemical weapons in Abyssinia (Ethiopia) in 1935 and Japan employed them in China between 1938 and 1941. But neither side in World War II put their massive stockpiles of deadly gas and microbes into battle. It was not until Iraq sprayed gas on the Iranians and Kurds during the long Iraq-Iran War that spanned 1980 to 1988 that chemical weapons reappeared as part of a battlefield arsenal.

In the 1991 Gulf War that followed the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the fear of chemical weapons in the hands of Saddam Hussein once more sent men and women into war armed with gas masks. They were not needed for even the maniacal Hussein decided poison gas produced more negatives than positives in international power politics. His decision was confirmed following the 2003 invasion of Iraq by the United States when no weapons of mass destruction were found. Now the world faces the situation in Syria and the United States confronts the dilemma of what to do.

Unfortunately too much of the internal debate between Americans swirls

around an assumption that the United States is the policeman of the world, responsible for unilaterally restoring order on a contentious planet. That was how America, with a level of effectiveness, operated during the Cold War. We now live in a radically altered world.

The issues of instability, especially in the Middle East, are within countries not between them. Putting US power in the air and boots on the ground does nothing to resolve the problems within Syria that rise out of the society. Yet the United States does have a moral stake in humanitarian issues and a strategic interest in keeping the violence contained in Syria. Both concerns are becoming more acute as refugees pour across Syria's borders into Jordan, Turkey, Iraq and Lebanon and innocents die from poison gas.

If in fact the Assad regime is the party responsible for violating the Geneva Conventions, now subscribed to by 138 nations, the international community must respond.

Just as President George H.W. Bush built on the internationally accepted principle of national sovereignty to turn back Saddam Hussein's invasion of Kuwait in 1990, President Obama can draw on international rejection of weapons of mass destruction to build an international coalition to respond to the recent outrage in the Syrian civil war.

The United States can lead the effort but it must not accept the responsibility of going it alone. This is not a symbol of American weakness. It is a sign of U.S. strength in the world of the 21st century.

• Sandra Mackey is an award winning writer on Middle Eastern culture and politics. She holds an M.A. in International Affairs from the University of Virginia and has taught political science at Georgia State University. She has served as a visiting scholar in the Woodrow Wilson Department of Government and Foreign Affairs at the University of Virginia. Her writings have appeared on numerous periodicals such as Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, and Christian Science Monitor. In addition to appearing on NPR, Nightline, BBC, and ABC News with Peter Jennings, Mackey also served as a commentator on the first Gulf War for CNN. Mackey's book Lebanon: Death of a Nation was named to the New York Times list of Notable Books of 1989.

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• OBITUARY •

Eugenia Spurlock

Eugenia Spurlock, age 79, of Highlands, NC died Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Born in Aiken, SC, she was the daughter of the late Clinton and Rosa Green Hall. She was married to the late Willie Benjamin Spurlock, Sr. who died in 1998. She was a dietician at the Highland-Cashiers Hospital. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Heady Mountain Baptist Church.

She is survived by three daughters, Hazel Spurlock Webb of Clarksville, GA, Nancy Spurlock Webb of Hendersonville, NC and Carolyn Spurlock Reynolds of Weaverville, NC; three sons, David Spurlock-Trantham of Tuckasegee, NC, Willie Benjamin Spurlock, Jr. and Clifton Ken-



neth Spurlock both of Highlands, NC. Two sisters, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by a son, Luke Spurlock.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 24 in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands with the Rev.

Johnny Norris officiating. Burial was held at Greens Creek Cemetery. Clarence Webb, Albert Webb, William Webb, Mike Franks, Jerry Trantham and Jamie Shuler served as pallbearers.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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On 'proofing'

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Mr. Gaston's letter in last week's edition.

Dear Mr Gaston,

Thank you so much for pointing out my proofreading error in the August 15th issue of the Highlands Newspaper. I had went to correct the mistake but somehow forgot.

Yours,
Glenda Bell

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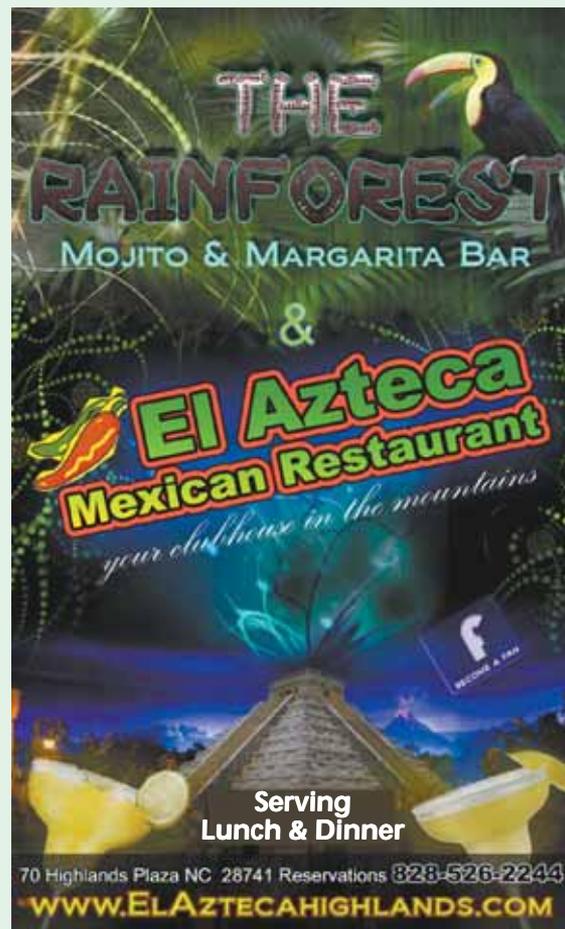


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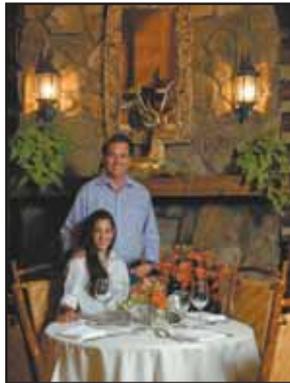
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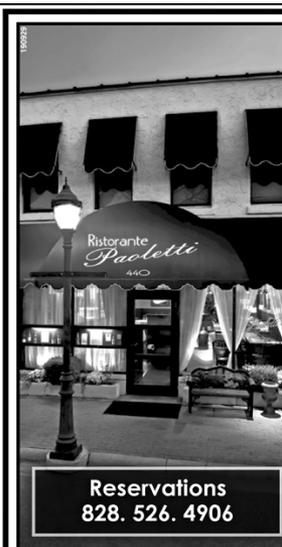
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Dateline: Miami Beach, 1963

My partner, Detective Stanley Marcus, always called me 'Detective Puppy Breath' because I had only been a cop for two years. Stanley and I were good friends who worked the third shift out of the Juvenile Unit and usually ate dinner at Dubrow's Cafeteria, a popular all night restaurant right on Lincoln Rd. on Miami Beach.

Between the hours of 5 and 7 PM, Dubrow's was packed and every table taken. It was common practice to sit at a table with empty chairs and not even ask for permission. Everyone did it. Stanley and I took our trays and began to scan the large dining room for two empty seats.

"There, over in the corner; see the old geezer sitting alone. Let's snag his table," Stanley suggested. I sat my tray down next to the old guy and made a friendly remark that I've long since forgotten. Stanley sat facing the guy and we started eating. Moments later, Stanley said, "Hey, Puppy Breath, I think the guy sitting next to you has friggin' croaked."

I leaned forward and looked into his eyes. Stanley was right. I had seen that glassy stare many times. "Yikes, we're eating with a stiff," I remarked, "Let's get homicide over here."

As word spread that a dead man was nearby, people started picking up their food trays and moving. Stanley and I decided to stay and finish our meal. My job was to catch the deceased should he become unbalanced and start to keel over.

And here's the fun part of this true story you might want to write down for when it's time for you to croak.

If you die in a balanced position, you can remain in that position forever. The old guy had both forearms on the table with the fork in his hand resting on his plate. He was sitting erect with his head straight ahead. He was perfectly balanced. As time passed, the guy would have become even more stable as gravity pulled blood to the lower parts of his extremities. Remember the blowup clown you could punch and it would pop back up? The weight in the bottom of the clown kept it upright and balanced. Balanced stiff's are just like that....well, kind of.

Seeeee, you can learn something new every day.

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Reimbursements don't cover the costs of improvements, capital needs, or program expansion. The program depends upon philanthropy to expand services to the region.

And that's where the citizens of Western North Carolina come in.

Locally, Paoletti's Restaurant is hosting an exclusive evening in support of MAMA, Wednesday, Sept 18. It's a six-course dinner with special wine pairings. Patrons will meet Mission Hospital executives, the MAMA flight crew and neighbors whose lives have been transformed by MAMA. There is limited seating so if interested call 526-4906.

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MAMA 1 is located at Mission Hospital in Asheville, while MAMA 2 is located in Franklin, NC.

Since the program's inception with one helicopter in 1986 and the addition of MAMA 2 in 2004, the aircraft have completed more than 18,500 safe patient transports. Currently, they average three to four flights per day, or 100 flights per month.

In 2012, MAMA made 1,040 flights. Yet over each of the past three years, an average of 150 flights per year could not be made because both aircraft were in use or unavailable at the time of emergency.

Population Characteristics

The Western North Carolina region served by Mission and MAMA continues to experience robust population growth. From 2010 to 2020, nine of 20 counties in Western North Carolina are projected to grow by at least 10%, with six counties experiencing growth of 15% or more.

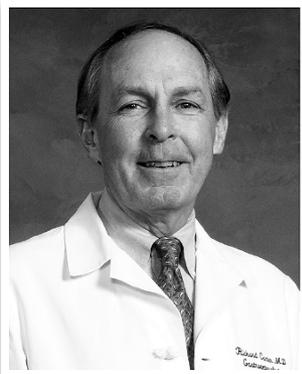
Not only is the population growing, but it is also aging, partially due to the influx of retirees. Over 20% of the population is 65 or older, compared to 12.9% for North Carolina as a whole, and nearly 100,000 households, or 32% of all households in the region are home to at least one person over age 65. The number of individuals 65 and older in Western North Carolina is projected to increase to at least 25% of the

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population by 2030.

This population trend has significant implications for health care and emergency services. Older adults are at increased risk for heart attacks and stroke, the leading causes of death in North Carolina.

Risk factors for cardiovascular disease (including stroke) are also more prevalent in rural areas such as Western North Carolina. These risk factors include tobacco smoking, diabetes, obesity, older age physical inactivity, and poor diet.

As the only Joint Commission certified Primary Stroke Center in Western North Carolina, Mission serves stroke patients throughout the region, and they often arrive via MAMA.

A Matter of Time

The two MAMA helicopters cannot cover the entire Western North Carolina region at current levels of demand – another helicopter and crew is needed.

From 2010-2012, a total of 441 flights were missed because both aircraft were in service (224 flights); response time would be too long (140 flights); or the aircraft was out of service due to maintenance (77 flights).

Without MAMA, the trip by ambulance from a rural location to Mission can take up to two hours over winding mountain roads. Via helicopter, the same trip is approximately 20 minutes or less, and during transport the patient is treated with advanced life support equipment by the flight nurse and paramedic who accompany each flight. The flight team is in constant contact with the trauma team at Mission, the region's only Level II trauma center where neurosurgeons, pulmonologists, cardiologists, intensivists, trauma surgeons, orthopedists, and other specialists are on call 24/7.

The addition of a third helicopter will improve response time and increase access to life-saving treatment for patients throughout the region. It will also increase the program's capacity to respond with at least 440 more flights per year, improve response time to counties north and east of Asheville which are currently underserved, and will give the program the ability to reach any emergency in the region within 10-20 minutes.

Needed funds

Mission Foundation is leading a \$2 million campaign to expand and strengthen the MAMA program. Plans include adding a third helicopter to the fleet, which will likely be stationed in the region north of Asheville. MAMA 1 will relocate from Asheville to Hendersonville. MAMA 2 will remain in Franklin, NC. Like MAMA 1 and 2, the third helicopter will be outfitted with

state-of-the-art instrumentation and equipment enabling it to fly and land safely in adverse weather conditions and mountainous terrain.

Leasing costs of MAMA 3 will be paid by Mission Hospital; however \$2 million must be raised to cover the associated infrastructure and equipment costs of the third aircraft, and the costs of stationing each aircraft in the region for optimal coverage and response time. Funds raised beyond \$2 million will be used to establish a reserve for pilot training, and future technology and site upgrades.

Funding needs total \$1,922,800 -- \$350,000 of that has been secured: Funds will be spent on three all-weather hangars including crew quarters; hangar equipment (aviation fuel systems, generators; base equipment (radios, video surveillance systems, blood refrigerators)

The \$350,000 funded MAMA 3 medical equipment and crew equipment. Most of that money came from Bi-Lo Supermarkets who gave \$119,000 – \$95,000 corporately and \$23,500 from customer scans earlier this year and \$203,000 was donated by Mission Hospital's Volunteer Organization.

– Kim Lewicki

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Lets all take the 'Winkler Challenge!'

Dear Editor,

There are many things that make Highlands a special place, but for me, our Hudson library is high on my list. Not only does it have a large book selection but there are computers, newspapers, magazines, and much more. The recently completed construction project has made the exterior and grounds very attractive not to mention what is inside, a great place for kids and adults.

Now we have an opportunity to make it even better. Horst and Margaret Winkler have offered a gift of \$35,000 if we can raise a similar amount, and through the generosity of the Highlands Community we are over half way there. I am confident we will make it. The "Winkler Challenge " is something we must meet to make our library as great as it can be.

Don Dorough
Hudson Library Trustee

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Park on Pine Street after its first year because of new rules of engagement concerning activities in the park – specifically rental fees, as well as scheduling conflicts..

The second year, Highlands Farmers Market moved to the traffic circle at Highlands School, but due to school renovations and construction traffic, needed to find a new home for this season.

This year, at the urging of Highlands Plaza owner Al Bolt, as well as an OK from Jim Bryson of Bryson's Foods and initially from Interim Planning Director Josh Ward, the market moved to the parking area adjacent to Cospers Flowers in Highlands Plaza.

A few weeks into the season, Andrea Gabbard, founder of the market, was told she would have to move to the lower parking lot of Highlands Plaza until town officials could figure out how to deal with the parking space ratio in the plaza during the hours the Farmers Market was open – Saturdays 9a to noon.

It moved to the lower parking lot for one week but after public outcry was allowed to move back to its original spot next to Cospers.

However, since it was finally determined that setting up the market in the plaza is illegal and since the market doesn't have the funds to pay rental fees at K-H Park, Gabbard called it quits – at least for the rest of this year.

"The truth of this matter is that the Farmer's Market set up in Bryson's Parking lot with a permit from the town but there is not sufficient parking there to accommodate the shopping plaza and the Farmers Market," said Town Manager Bob Frye. "The market needs at least 45 dedicated spots in addition to what is there at the plaza to be legal."

An exhausted Gabbard is disheartened by the go around.

"This Farmers Market was a lot more than just about selling produce from local gardens; it was also about local nonprofits raising money; about regional artists selling hand-made items; it was about buying fresh, sweet, blueberries; it was about fun and great times meeting friends in a market atmosphere on a Saturday morning," she said. "Most of all it was people dedicated to helping people through kindness and missions."

Gabbard and a group of local teenagers raised money through flower sales for trips to Bolivia and Haiti.

Recently Gabbard was told she could move the market to K-H Park but scheduling would have to be worked out and the market would have to be sponsored by a nonprofit if fees were to be waived.

Under the town's new rules which were solidified over the past couple of years, registered nonprofits can have events in the K-H Park as well as associations approved by the town.

Frye said the normal fee is \$100 per day to use the park but it is waived for approved nonprofits.

"We have a list of about 20 approved nonprofit organizations with the latest being the Macon County Art Association which sponsors Cynthia Strain's Village Art & Crafts Festival," said Frye. "To be approved, the applicant must supply proof that they are a bona-fide 501 (c3) tax exempt organization that operates to the benefit of Highlands and Macon County."

According to Frye, if nonprofits meet those conditions then fees levied to use the park are waived.

However, Cynthia Strain said fees for her show were discounted but weren't waived even though she now operates under the Macon County Art Association's nonprofit umbrella.

Though Gabbard was told she could use the K-H Park, Frye said the fees weren't waived because she wasn't a nonprofit or under a nonprofit umbrella.

"What was discussed with the Farmers Market was that they could operate in K-H Park free of charge if they were sponsored by an approved nonprofit, which we thought at the time was the Methodist church. Apparently it is not sponsored by the church and the people running the market balked at paying the rental fees and as such decided to shut down," said Frye.

Frye said he understands that people might feel the town is being mean in shutting it down, but Town staff cannot ignore violations or pick and choose how to enforce our ordinances," he said. "We tried to work with the operators and gave them some options. I'm sorry they did not like any of those and decided to close up shop."

Part of the problem is miscommunication between a couple of elected officials and town staff working behind the scenes with Gabbard. Over a matter of weeks stories have changed.

Evidently, Commissioner Brian Stiehler, Mayor David Wilkes, Frye and Ward have been trying to work all this out on their own, which has resulted in a messy situation.

Now the issue has been put on the September Town Board agenda so discussions can be heard by all commissioners and the public in an open forum so everyone can weigh in and the rules regarding K-H Park usage can once and for all be understood by everyone.

Frye contends that if organizations are

not on the approved nonprofit list, then they pay the rental fee unless the Town Board waives it, which is what the Town Board did for the summer concert series in K-H Park this year.

"You might recall, originally, Thomas Craig asked for \$5,000 from the town to help get the series off the ground, but later asked for the park fees to be waived instead. The board agreed to do so for the first year as a way to help the concert series get up and running," said Frye.

He said if the Highlands United Methodist Church tells the town it is sponsoring the Highlands Farmers Market, then Gabbard can use the park and the fees will be waived.

"K-H park was offered to us - but not on a consistent basis," said Gabbard. "We need it every Saturday from 9a-noon. There is no way that the farmers can hold their produce for two weeks. We would love to remain in town, but until we can run somewhere every Saturday it would not make

sense."

– Kim Lewicki

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nity for years to come.”

Affordable, dependable, sustained child care is a concern for parents in Highlands. Currently there is a waiting list at HCCDC which is licensed for 66 children infant to five. Director Pat Hedden said the Gordon Center is a good thing.

“There is a huge need for infant and

toddler child care in Highlands,” she said. “There are only 10 infant slots available at HCCDC and only 16 spaces for toddlers. That’s not enough.”

The Gordon Center for Children, has three components which will school and care for children at both churches during school days.

There are two preschools – one at the Methodist Church for 3-5 year olds, and one at the Episcopal Church for children ages 1-5 years old. Allison Tate who runs the preschool at the Methodist Church is director of both programs.

The preschool at the Methodist Church is from 8a to noon and 8a to 5p at the Episcopal Church.

Besides scholastic studies to prepare students for kindergarten, students have music

and exercise classes, weekly trips to the Hudson Library and participate in literacy and art activities with The Bascom and the Highlands Literacy Council.

The third component under the Gordon Center for Children nonprofit umbrella is a free after-school program at the Methodist church run by Jennifer Forrester for children in kindergarten to fifth grade Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 3-5 p.m.

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Mondays-Fridays

• At The Bascom. Adult Classes: Sculpture: Clay "Fearless Sculpture" 10am to 4pm. Photography: Digital and Photoshop "Beginner" Friday, 2 - 5pm; Saturday, 10am - 4pm

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

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. Take the few steps down to the library.

Monday & Thursday

• Hatha Yoga - Body n' Soul. 10:45a at the Epis-

copal Church of the Incarnation. R.Y.T. and YA (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

Tues.-Sat.

• The Bookworm in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street is 10a-4p.

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

• Dine at Lakeside Restaurant. A portion of proceeds go to area nonprofits.

• Hatha Yoga - Body n' Soul. 7:45a at First Presbyterian Church. R.Y.T and Y.A. (828) 482-2128. (8/29)

• 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 homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road

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Come to the Cabaret Sun., Sept. 15



From left:
Carrie
Hardy,
Jason
Hardy and
William
Ransom

Just because the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival's performance season wrapped up this month, that doesn't mean that its event season is over.

Still up on its calendar is "Come to the Cabaret!," a cabaret concert slated for 6 P.M. Sunday, September 15, at the Highlands Playhouse. The evening marks a collaboration between the festival, Highlands Playhouse and Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro.

This rollicking good time will feature Jason and Carrie Hardy singing some of

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Thursday, August 29 3:30-5p Design In Nature
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Wednesday, September 11 noon-2p Figel Family Recipes
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Thursday, Sept 12 1-3p The Surprisingly Chummy Transcendentalists
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1st Wednesday

• Movies at the Hudson Library. Children/ Family movies at 3:30 p.m. Free including popcorn. Bring your own soft drinks. 828- 526-3031 for movie information.

3rd Wednesday

• Movies at the Hudson Library. Recently released movies at 2 p.m. Free including popcorn. Bring your own soft drinks. 828-526-3031 for movie information.

Thursdays

• Live music with Norma Jean on the lawn at Main Street in from 5-8p.

• Free lectures, which will be held each Thursday evening at 7pm through August 29th at the Highlands Nature Center at 930 Horse Cove Road in Highlands. Call the Highlands Biological Foundation at 828-526-2221 for information.

Fridays through August

• The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center presents Friday Night Live in Town Square. Save the dates as the season festivities will be held every

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• At The Bascom, knitters meet from 10 AM to noon.

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• HCP's "Almost, Maine." Call 526-4904 for more information.

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• NAMI Appalachian South's quarterly enrichment program with Dr. Carole Light who will lead our program

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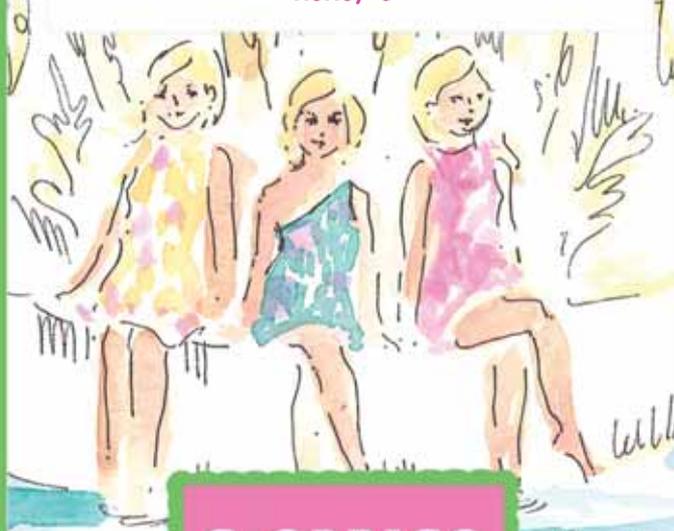
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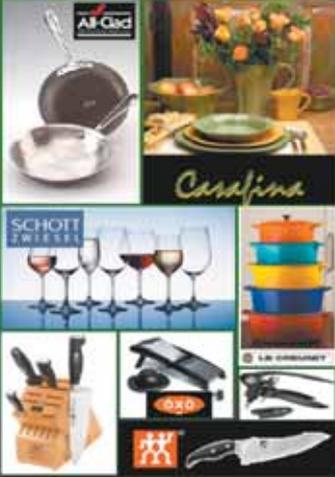
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Thomas Craig cottage with gardens over looks front water feature and natural stream. 4br/4ba with dramatic fireplaces, inside and out. Master and guest suites on main. The focus is the 3-story Koenig built 4-car garage with post & beam studio apt above, an 800+ Sq ft workroom below. \$1,195,000 MLS# 77606



Adorable one-level cottage in Highlands Falls CC. Remodeled kitchen with new cabinetry, appliances and countertops. New wood front door. Large great room, covered decks, 3br/2ba, carport. Pristine condition & ready to enjoy! \$348,000 MLS# 77541



Post & Beam on large wooded lot backing to USFS. Lake access, riding rings, pastures, trails. Bonus room/storage upstairs, large basement w/bath, 2-car garage, Wide planked hardwood floors. Priced below tax value! \$345,000 MLS# 77381



Custom-built home with massive great room, vaulted pine ceilings & exposed beams. Stone fireplace, eat-in kitchen, granite countertops, wormy maple kitchen cabinets, Brazilian cherry floors. 3br/ 2.5ba, 40-year roof, two-car garage. \$795,000 MLS# 77180



Best priced Turning Leaf condo! Brand new & a great view of the 3rd tee and walking distance to the clubhouse. Complete with 3br/ 3ba, granite counter tops, hardwood flooring, outside fireplace and more. \$469,000 MLS# 75562



Apple Mountain custom-built home with 3br/3ba, vaulted ceilings, meticulously maintained, 2-car garage, private setting & close to town. \$325,000 MLS# 76574



The Honeymoon Cottage at Highlands CC, is perfect for a weekend getaway or for that extra space you may need for friends or family who come to visit and enjoy our Highlands weather. Only minutes from Main Street. \$299,000 MLS# 77570



Beautiful 3br/3.5ba Koenig-built timber frame home on one level, with int & ext fireplaces. Carefully landscaped, with stairs to the stream. The Viking stainless and granite kitchen makes entertaining a pleasure. \$895,000 MLS# 77338



Villa on the 11th green with 3br/ 2ba, covered and open deck 11th green at Highlands Falls CC. Vaulted and beamed great room with built-ins next to the stone fireplace. Large eat-in kitchen. 2-car garage. \$390,000 MLS# 73139



Mirror Lake area cottage with 3br/3ba, wood floors & ceilings, remodeled kitchen & baths, fresh paint and new roof. Furnished and stone fireplace, deck has a mountain view. \$400,000 MLS# 75048



Joe Webb-like cottage on the Mirror Lake with its own dock. Adorable 2br/ 1.5ba, all wood interior, hardwood floors, history & charm. Covered & screened deck, rolling back yard, metal roof. \$375,000 MLS# 77293



Walk to the Old Edwards Club amenities! Open floor plan. 3br/ 3.5ba cottage with mtn views, timber flooring & beams, lower family room, screened deck with fireplace, 1-car carport with storage. \$897,500 MLS# 77931



Walk to town! Bold rushing stream, 1.8 acres, spectacular low-maintenance landscaping and walking distance to town! Old Highlands charm! Vaulted ceilings & hardwood floors! One-level living complete with 3br/3ba, study/office/den area, outdoor living area & 3 fireplaces! \$1,050,000 MLS# 78007



Beautiful 3br/ 3 full & 2 half ba contemporary with panoramic view of Whiteside Mtn. Open living room, separate dining room, & family room, 4 fireplaces. Stone patio, 2-car carport & 2-car garage. \$1,350,000 MLS# 76535



Adorable cottage with 3br/ 3ba and completely remodeled top to bottom. Light and bright inside with two fireplaces, 2 decks, great kitchen, fenced yard, garden space and bonus room. \$569,000 MLS# 77437



Private cul-de-sac location in HFCC with 3br/ 3ba, vaulted ceilings and stone fireplace. Master suite with spacious bath plus his/her closets, and corner gas fireplace. Mountain views from both inside & outside the home. \$667,000 MLS# 74726



Mirror Lake fixer-upper! Cute little Highlands get-a-way cottage. Close to town, quiet neighborhood. This cottage only needs a bit of sprucing up to make it a showcase! \$200,000 MLS# 77287



One-level home with a great view of Whiteside Mountain. 3br/ 3ba, large eat-in kitchen with island. Vaulted living room, large dining room. Fresh ext paint & 2-car garage. \$827,000 MLS# 75798



In town Mirror Lake Cottage with 3br/ 2.5ba, new custom kitchen, screened & open decks, private yard, new master bath, lower level family room & is in pristine condition. \$419,000 MLS# 74767



Built in the 1930s this walk-to-town 3br/ 2.5ba older home is loaded with character. The main floor has a library, formal dining room, living room with fireplace and patio porch with clear plastic weather panels, currently an art studio. Detached two-car garage. \$687,000 MLS# 77485

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Shrinin-Yoku and the Highlands Plateau



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Shrinin-Yoku, or 'forest bathing' was developed in Japan in the 1980s and has become a healing practice in Japanese medicine. The practice of forest bathing has scientific-based health benefits of spending time under the canopy of a living forest. Really? Haven't we known this for years?

I've had different clients over the years tell me they could actually feel the change in their body just making the trip up here. Some of the benefits of Shrinin-Yoku are: lowered blood pressure, lowered pulse rate, reduced cortisol levels, and research has shown it increases the immune system's cancer fighting cells.

Another benefit? Many clients have expressed how much better they sleep while in Highlands. To reap the full benefit, you need to do more than BE in Highlands, you need to get out and take advantage of walking through the forest canopy.

Everyone has a purpose for being or wanting to be in Highlands, and I'm sure you've all heard the phrase, "I wasn't born in the mountains, but I got here as soon as I could."

There are four groups of people that live full time or part time in Highlands: Natives - people born here, Locals - people that have lived here enough to 'know.' Tour-

ists - people who 'live' here part time three - six months out of the year, and the Lucky Ones - people who weren't born here, but got here as fast as they could and intend to live out their lives in these beautiful mountains.

Sometimes the Natives and Locals 'forget' just how fortunate they are to live here until they're reminded by the tourists and Lucky Ones.

John Muir (1838 - 1914), a Scottish-born American naturalist, wrote, "Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home." (See, I told you it wasn't a new thought.) Mr. Muir traveled extensively, and was known to visit western NC.

Have you taken a look at The Buyer's Guide or The Real Estate Magazine lately? There are thousands of homes to choose from in this area. What exactly are we selling? Sure, homes vary from ramshackle cabins to mini chateaus, and the prices are all over the place, but WHAT are we selling?

Everyone knows the old standby of "Location, Location, Location," but what we forget sometimes is that someone's idea of 'perfect location' may not be the same for the next person in line. It's not snake oil salesmanship; the

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Adorable Streamfront Cottage



Nestled amongst a forest of rhododendron and hemlocks (treated), this sweet getaway features lovely waterfall and stream views. 2BR/2BA with a sleeping loft. Open living, kitchen and dining area that flows to an expansive deck. Furnished down to the pots and pans! Offered at \$168,000. MLS #77322.

In-Town Pristine Gem



3BR, 3BA just under a mile from Main St.! Upstairs master suite or retreat for grandchildren! Open living/dining room and granite-countered kitchen. Large deck in canopy of trees with outdoor dining. Lower Level for storage/more living space. Charming and neat-as-a-pin. Tennis courts and peckle ball courts for home owners and guests. Offered at \$359,000. MLS #75156.

In-Town Historic Home



REDUCED! Oozing with curb appeal, this 1930s 5 BR/2.5 BA gem is on a gorgeous, private, level lot just a short walk from Main St. Features include hardwood floors, granite fireplace, wormy chestnut, detached garage, and numerous renovations & updates. Grab that picnic basket & hike Sunset Rock. Highlands living at its best! Offered at \$840,000. MLS #76667.

The Best of Both Worlds!



The perfect combination of a gorgeous, custom (4BR/3.5BA) home with views of Shortoff Mtn and the Smokies! This home, in a private setting, includes a gourmet kitchen w/granite counters & custom cherry cabinets; living room w/cathedral ceilings, fireplace; master on the main; office over the garage; and a fireplace on the deck. Gated and paved access. Offered at \$1,695,000. MLS# 77628.



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True mountain charm with a breathtaking view! Located between Highlands and Cashiers - this home has large decks and an upper level master suite with spa tub. Private screened porch in the clouds. Offered for \$695,000 MLS 77433



Lupoli-built. 4 bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Vaulted ceiling, hardwood floors, garage and wrap-around porch to enjoy the pond in the backyard! Close to town and offered at \$1,350,000 MLS 77429



Best views in our area! Vaulted ceilings, antique hardwood floors, chef's kitchen. 3 fireplaces, 3-car garage. Gated. Sun-filled sun room for inviting the bear shadow in! Priced at \$2,150,000 MLS 74841



Lovely County Manor. Large sun room and covered front porch. Three large bedrooms on main level, 1 up and 1 downstairs with extra den and fireplace. Sits atop two lovely acres. Priced at \$965,000 MLS 75804



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plateau IS the location.

Almost anywhere you go from North Georgia to Tennessee, to the mountains of western NC, people are experiencing the benefits of forest bathing. Of course, our favorite spots are in Highlands, NC and the surrounding areas of Scaly Mountain, Horse Cove, Cashiers, Sapphire, Lake Glenville, Toxaway, Franklin, and others.

Besides being able to spend time in this mountain paradise, there are other motivational factors for buying this Fall. The interest rates have started to creep up, the list-to-sell price ratio has started to tighten up, and home listing prices may be the next thing to go up.

I've often heard comments from prospective buyers, like "This is just a house," "There's nothing special about this one," "I could buy this house in Atlanta/Florida for much less," (Gotta love that one).

That's when the Broker needs to step back and help the client 'see' the home through their eyes. I say step back, because Brokers as well can get too focused on the house and pay no attention to the big picture.

Why do the clients want to buy in Highlands? What will they do when they get here? If a home has been well maintained and is comparably priced, the buyer can focus on their objective and should be able to 'see' themselves living there.

The principles of Shrinin-Yoku are Breathe. Relax. Wander. Touch. Listen. Heal. Those same principles can relate to a home for sale.

Breathe – take your time when looking. It should take more than

10-15 minutes to really see a home.

Relax – Enter the home as if you were being invited by a friend.

Wander – take your time and look at everything the home has to offer. Look past the furnishing whether it's being offered furnished or unfurnished.

Touch – go ahead, open the back door, walk onto the porches and decks; don't just peer out the window. Take at least two minutes and sit down. Be aware of your surroundings.

Listen – to your Broker. Whether it's their listing or not, they can tell you things about the home and the area.

Heal -- You should be able to find something about each home you visit that can make it 'yours' whether it's enough to warrant making an offer depends on you. Your new home itself may not be a healing instrument but you inside your new home can be a healing process.

Remember the WHY you are in or want to be in the mountains. Enjoy the natural beauty of this area; feel the power of Shrinin-Yoku.

We can ALL be 'The Lucky Ones,' no matter how long we've been here.

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Like new 3br/ 3.5ba mountain home with a great view of Whiteside Mountain!



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Being offered furnished (w/a few exceptions) home has been immaculately maintained and quality features throughout. Easy access, private setting,

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Highlands View. Affordable home with a mountain view. 3BR/2BA with a bonus room. Vaulted living room with fireplace, deck, lower level bonus room. Paved access and only minutes from town. Offered at \$299,000. mls #60760



Just under 2 miles from Main Street. Walk to Glen Falls or up Chinquapin Mountain. 3BR/2BA on the main level with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors and a stone fireplace. Workshop on lower level. On a wooded acre with creek. \$205,000. mls #72449



Great 2BR/2BA cottage. A real stone fireplace, hardwood floors. Updated retro tile baths. Huge covered porch and gentle yard. Laundry room with additional storage. \$325,000. mls # 72180



Charming, cozy cabin in Highland Hills, with deeded lake access. Winter view of Apple Lake. Fireplace, loft and back porch. Close to town yet secluded. Offered at \$349,000 mls# 73386



Big views. 3+/- acres. High ceilings, light, airy. 3BR/3BA up, lower level has full bath and small kitchen, big work space/playroom, 2 bonus rooms. Handicap Accessible. Very well maintained home. A real bargain at \$525,000. mls #70237



Over 4 acres on the southern exposure of Satulah Mountain in town limits. Views of Blue Valley and the lakes of SC. 2BR/2.5 BA, stone fireplace and reclaimed wood floors. Septic permits for 4 homes. Offered at \$599,000. mls #68828



3BR/3BA with mountain charm. Spacious rooms with high quality finishes. Plank floors, stone fireplace, custom kitchen with granite and stainless appliances, two large decks. Short stroll to the community boathouse. Offered at \$775,000. mls #65868



This classy mountain cottage has open plan with cathedral ceilings. Wall of glass brings light in from the double porch that overlooks the pond. 3BR/3BA plus a huge open loft. Offered at \$795,000. mls #65867



Great family home on a large private lot off Rolling Woods Drive. 3BD, plus den, 2 1/2BA. 2-car garage, large deck. Well water and septic. Recent professional kitchen refit. Offered at \$495,000. mls #72252.



Mirror Lake area cottage. 2BR/3BA Fully finished walk-out basement. Mostly furnished with few exclusions, wood burning stone fireplace, wood floors, lots of decking, covered front porch. New 30 yr shingle roof. Offered at \$375,000. mls# 73116.



Lovely estate. Main house has 3BD/3BA plus office. Great room opens to large porch and deck. Garden areas. Offered at \$1,475,000. mls #69267.



Designer's home atop a knoll off North Cobb Road near Highlands Country Club. 3BD/4BA. Open with lots of light! Low maintenance yard. Offered at \$550,000. Owner wants offer! mls #68298.



Fully renovated cabin loaded with features: cathedral ceiling, fireplace, screened porch with a mountain view, custom kitchen, hardwood floors, HVAC and generator. Master suite with 2 guest areas. Offered at \$449,900. mls #6120



Great year-round traditional is in a nice neighborhood close to town. Main level master suite, 2-car garage, guest bedroom and bath. Massive living room opens to large screened porch. Guest level has family room with 2 additional bedrooms, laundry and workshop. Offered at \$795,000 mls# 71641



In town Starter home or small weekender or Rental. 1BR/1BA1 bedroom plus kitchen, and living room on main, lower level has ample room for family/rec room or overflow guests. Offered at \$109,000. mls #76826



Great log cabin with rock fireplace. Open great room, dining room, kitchen, hardwood floors and split floor plan. Large deck with winter view of Rabun Bald Mountain. Covered deck for rockers. One-car garage, All on one level. 17-acre community lake Osage. Offered at \$375,000. mls# 67737



Shelby Place. Spacious home built by Schmitt Construction. Quality finishes throughout. Easy living plan expands for guests/family comfort. Huge screened porch and 2-car garage. Offered at \$595,000. mls #74675.



Over 4 acres with pond. 1BR/1BA home designed as a guesthouse. 4 RV hookups for rental or friends to visit. Offered at \$575,000. mls #72182



Great commercial or residential possibilities. 1.42 +/- acres with 106 Highway frontage, 3BR/2 1/2 baths with full basement, 2-car garage, RV hookup with pad and covered parking. Offered at \$299,500 mls# 72932

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Mirror Lake Area. Charming Old Highlands cabin on 1.59+/- acres bordering Moon Shine Creek, stone fireplace, 2br/1ba. \$250,000. MLS# 76247



Highlands Falls Country Club. Whiteside Mountain view from with 3br/3.5ba, elegant Viking kitchen and stone fireplace. \$987,000. MLS# 75205



On Lake Sequoyah. 1.29 acre lot with incredible lake frontage and views within Highlands City limits, City water/sewer. \$397,000. MLS# 77522



Sky Valley. Exceptional long and layered mountain views from this 5br/3.5ba home. Enjoy the outdoor living areas. \$597,500. MLS# 77600



Highlands Mountain Club condo with 3br/2ba, mountain views, wood floors, fireplace and furnished. \$269,000. MLS# 73758



VZ Top. Million Dollar mountain views from this fully furnished 3br/2ba condo with wood floors, fireplace and great condition. \$197,000. MLS# 74892



Historic Farmhouse on 6.4+/- acres, 4br/2ba, offers mountain views, old log barn, pond, pasture, stone cellar. \$397,500. MLS# 74058



Highlands Falls Country Club. Great golf course view from this 3br/3ba furnished, maintenance free condo. \$357,000. MLS# 73808



Village Walk. Walk to town from this decorator 3br/3.5ba single family condo. Covered porch with fireplace, great patio. \$849,900 MLS# 74743



Close to Town, single level living, immaculate home w/ 3ba, 2ba, 2-car garage, wood floors in main living area and private deck. \$319,000. MLS# 76926



Flat Mountain Estates. Spacious 4br/3.5ba with great mountain views. House comes with three lots. \$475,000. MLS# 73617



Highlands Falls Country Club. Whiteside Mountain view, 4br/4.5ba, private setting on two lots, lower level guest suites. \$797,000. MLS# 71048



Highlands Falls Country Club. Lovely 4br/4ba home with a mountain view. Reduced \$150,000! Open floor plan. \$647,000 MLS# 76109



A Blue Valley view with a pond and waterfall in your front yard, only 7 minutes to town. 4br/2ba/2half ba. A rare gem. \$897,000 MLS# 77015



Highlands Falls Country Club. Sitting by a stream, enjoy this 3br/3ba with large deck for entertaining, fully furnished. \$397,000. MLS# 76006



Exceptional custom built 3br/2ba/2hb with high end EVERYTHING. Long range 270 degree mountain views. \$1,150,000. MLS# 76582



Turtle Pond. Two homes - one price! Main house is 2br/2ba with wood floors and stone fireplace. Guest house is 2br, 2ba. \$237,500. MLS# 76949



Highlands Falls Country Club. Beautiful Arts and Crafts 4br/4.5ba home on private lot with great view of Whiteside Mountain. \$1,477,000. MLS# 77337



Highlands Townsite. Walk to town from this 2br/2ba condo. Easy living with no maintenance. \$147,500. MLS# 77769



Shortoff Area. Great family home with 4br/2ba, nice private setting and large screened porch for entertaining. \$295,000. MLS# 73899

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with a discussion about our relationship to money, 7-8:15 p.m. Dr. Light is a clinical psychologist in private practice with an office in Scaly Mountain, NC. She also works through the Psychotherapy and Counseling Center in Highlands, NC. This center operates with a sliding scale based on income. Carole is one of the three founding members of NAMI Appalachian South, our local affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). This program will be in place of the regular Thursday support group. For more information, contact Ann Nandrea 828 369-7385

Fri., Aug. 30

• The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night at the Macon County Community Building, Route 441 South, Franklin NC from 6:30 to 9 PM. Marty Northrup from Columbus, NC will be the caller. Mike McDonald and Debbi McClain will be cueing the Round & Line Dancings. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-371-4946, 828-342-1560, 828-332-0001 or www.highmountainsquare.org

Sat., Aug. 31

• Fireworks and concert in K-H Park on Pine Street. Concert begins at 6 p.m. and the fireworks a dusk.

• Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will partner with the Franklin Bird Club for a walk along the Franklin Greenway. Interested Highlands/Cashiers folks should meet in the Highlands Town Hall parking lot near the public restrooms at 7:15 AM to carpool to Franklin. Franklin people should meet in the Franklin Library parking lot at 8 AM. For more information on all of the above, visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or call 828-743-9670.

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 31 and Sept. 1

• The Cashiers Village Green annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show from 10a to 5p. More than 80 artisans will be displaying their work. Also, a raffle fundraiser for various charities. \$1,000 cash or a package of Apple products: iPad, iPod and iTV. Tickets are \$10 each available at the show or from any Rotary Club of Cashiers Valley member.

Sunday, Sept. 1

• At Concert Choir from Western Carolina University performance at the First Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. Benefits will help finance their trip to Central Europe in May 2014.

Choral Concert at First Presbyterian Church to benefit students' trip

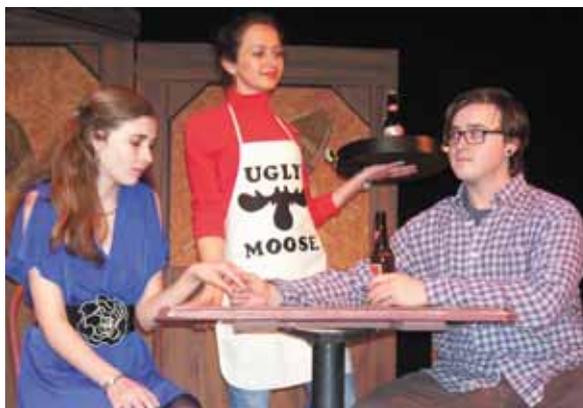


The First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, 471 Main Street, is hosting a benefit concert on Sunday, September 1 at 5pm for the Concert Choir from Western Carolina University. The Concert Choir, is planning a trip to central Europe in May 2014. Please make plans to join us for a delightful afternoon of beautiful choral and vocal music and an opportunity to help young people experience the culture of Central Europe.

- Fireworks Extravaganza on the Green in Cashiers at 5:30p.
- At the Highlands Playhouse, a concert acclaimed Atlanta Jazz vocalist Virginia Schenck to benefit Highlands Friends of Haiti. The concert will be at the Highlands Playhouse from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at the Playhouse box office, telephone 526-2695. Wine and heavy

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HCPs 'ALMOST, MAINE' starts its final week



By Director Virginia Talbot

Please come and see this play. It's new, it's fresh, it's enchanting, it's beautifully staged, and you won't see it like perhaps ever again. This is its last week on stage at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands.

In a small town called Almost in Northern Maine ordinary people experience the extraordinary in unexpected ways. Falling in love is a literal collapse. A paper bag contains a broken heart. Unrequited love is returned by the sack-full. A simple painting inspires a passionate romance. In the nine vignettes of the play, as in life itself, characters experience the glow of first love while others deal with the end of love.

The cast of 12 is a mix of three new actors, doing very well in their roles, and several accomplished, experienced actors who are as good as any you will ever see in regional or professional theaters.

The set is an amazing construction of nine different locales on one stage, thanks to the vision of set designer John Roman, with special lighting effects for indoor and outdoor scenes, including the aurora borealis, designed by lighting expert Megan Potts.

"Almost, Maine" is witty, whimsical, but yet quite honest and real — a quirky romantic comedy of love lost and found. No scene will leave you unsurprised. This is your chance to see, right here in our area, a magical play that has become one of the most popular and most produced plays around the country in the past few years.

The final performances of "Almost, Maine" run Thursday, Aug. 29, through Sunday, Sept. 1. The box office is open 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on weekdays, and an hour and a half before the evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and the 2:30 Sunday matinees. For tickets call 526-8084. Check the website for more information, highlandscashiersplayers.org.



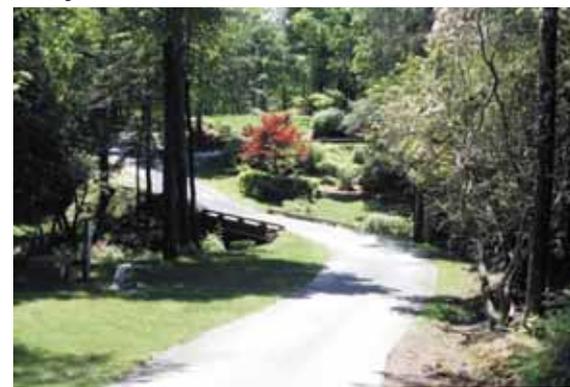
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It is our goal that Falling Waters be aesthetically pleasing and well maintained, while preserving the backdrop of its natural beauty. Falling Waters is governed by the NC Planned Community Act, and excellent framework for basic structure governing practices and declarations. We have added our own well thought out covenants to protect the environment and help insure that the Falling Waters community is a sanctuary where peace, safety and happiness abound.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

The fight for Christianity



Rev. Sam Forrester
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

Christianity is under attack from many different sectors of our society. There is a real war going on to diminish the message of the true gospel and to make it less threatening to those who are non-believers.

In Galatians 6:12b the apostle is speaking about the Judaizers and their compromising of the gospel. "The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ." The Judaizers preached circumcision. First, to have a reputation and second, to avoid persecution. The persecution would be from the Jews and the Romans.

During the time between the testaments there was a family in Israel that tried to bring the people together and deliver them from the Greeks. They were the Maccabees, you can read about them in the Apocrypha. They were not able to defeat the Greeks. The Romans were also fighting the Greeks, so an alliance was made, and a waver was given the Jewish nation so they could keep their own religion and still be a part of the Roman Empire. This was the only time such a waver was given by Rome.

If Christianity were to be seen as a sect of Judaism, it would be allowable under Roman law. You can see how this would have brought pressure on many to tie Christianity to Judaism. You could still preach Christ and the cross but you would have to add the keeping of the law, thus modifying justification by faith alone to justification by works. Paul says this makes the resulting gospel, no gospel at all.

To make such a change is nothing short of cowardice. To take the truth and try to hide it, to ignore its claims, simply to avoid persecution is no more than a cheap tactic which paints a yellow stripe down the middle of your back. A generation has not gone by in the history of the church, where these types of people have not plagued her. My friends, I can assure you of one thing. The gospel will always offend the world. In every age you will find manifestations of this offense. All true believers will be pressured to drop the truth and take up some watered down version of the gospel.

Apart from the one true religion, all others have accepted a watered down version. These other groups are all

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John 3:16

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

Proverbs 3:5

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syncretistic to some decree. That means they are all trying to bring two or more religious systems together.

Christianity is the only religion that is absolute. It claims, without apology, to be the only truth. If you compromise Christian doctrine in even the slightest way, you lose its message.

The world of our day does not mind if you believe in Jesus, as long as you believe other religions are just as valid as Christianity. They cannot handle the idea that one religion is the true religion. They cannot stand the idea of absolutism.

This is why many have taken the cowardly way out. They compromise the gospel. Many who preach this watered down message, tell you, Jesus is only "one way," they may even admit he is the best way, but they never say he is the only way. The great reformer Martin Luther said to deny the gospel at the point of the world's attack, to save face, was to deny Christ himself. Herein is the reason for all compromise. It is to avoid rejection. To avoid ridicule. To avoid suffering. To avoid persecution. It's to escape because you are afraid. The one who compromises what he believes is a coward.

You must not allow your fear to cause you to turn away from the truth. In our day, we have seen so many make this tragic mistake. Many churches are abdicating their place of leadership in the sexual lives of their people. Perversions are running rampant throughout our society. Such perversions of sexual behavior are sins and the wages of all sin is death. But we have many today who want to overlook these sins, or explain them away. Proponents of these sins compromise God's truth, so they can escape the wrath of the politically correct tyrants. They want to avoid persecution.

Compromise is the devil's tool for destroying the gospel message. The Bible teaches, it is the infallible and inerrant Word of God. It shows itself to be sufficient to deliver God's truth. If you truly believe it, then, you must not be cowardly in the face of opposition but you need to do as Paul says in Ephesians 6. You need to put on the armor of God and once you have done so, stand firm.

Compromise will gain nothing but heartache. It will only destroy your life and the lives of your children. Many of you are parents. You know how hard it is to stand firm with your children and tell them "no." They can really make you

pay for it.

Today, far too many parents, like too many churches, are giving in and allowing children to do what they want. Then, they wonder what happened, when a daughter comes home pregnant or a son is arrested with drugs.

What happened was they compromised the truth and the children had no standard to judge by, and thus, compromised everything that came their way. Unless you act with courage in the face of the world's attacks, your children will become even bigger cowards than you are. They need your example to build a solid uncompromising godly character.

The same thing is required in churches. People are needed who will stand up and say: "We believe the Bible. We believe that God is sovereign and the initiator of salvation. We believe in the totally sinful nature of man, in the wonderful love of God that calls his people out of sin. We believe in the power of Christ to save his people, in his grace and it's absolute guarantee of success. We believe in the covenant of God to save and his promise to save such that he never loses any he saves."

We need people who are courageous enough to hold to the truth regardless of the consequences. Men and women clothed in the armor of God, standing firm, prepared for battle, unyielding and unafraid of the fiery darts of the devil. Herein is the only defense the church has, people who are committed to stand and stand firm in the truths of Scripture and in the glory of the works of Jesus Christ.



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• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

hors d'oeuvres will be served. The concert will provide funds for these schools and the agricultural project.

Sat., Sept. 2

• At Cliffs Lake, Live Birds of Prey with Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust, 10 a.m., at the patio. \$4 per vehicle.

Tues., Sept. 3

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet Tuesday at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. The meeting begins at 7 PM. The featured speakers will be Carl Ekberg and Karen Maddox, proprietors and head guides of the Chattooga River Fly Shop in Mountain Rest, SC. Carl and Karen will speak about the equipment, patterns and tactics needed for fly fishing the nearby Chattooga and Chauga Rivers. Following the speaker, a raffle will be held featuring two days of fishing on the Davidson River Private Trophy Waters. For additional information call: (828) 885 7130.

• Highlands Plateau Audubon will feature a beginner's bird walk in Highlands. Extra binoculars will be provided if you don't have any. The leader will emphasize basic birding skills beginners can use to find and identify birds. Meet at the Highlands Town Hall parking area near

the public restrooms at 7:30 AM to car pool. For more information on all of the above, visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or call 828-743-9670.

Fri., Sept. 6

• Angel Medical Center Blood Drive 8a to 5p. Please contact Barbara Hall at (828) 369-4166 for further information or to schedule your appointment.

Sat., Sept. 7

• The Friends of the Greenway - aka F.R.O.G.S. is hosting it's yearly fund raising Frog Hop on Friday at 5:30 PM. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from FROG Quarters at 573 East Main Street in Franklin or by calling 828-369-8488. These funds will be used to support the Greenway's walking trails, play grounds, covered pavilions and garden as well as educational programs held during the year. The tickets will include: dinner, live entertainment and a live of auction of outstanding items. Disclaimer: No frogs will be harmed in the preparation of this dinner.

Wed., Sept. 11

• At ...on the Verandah, noon-2p Favorite Figel Family Recipes. Andrew demonstrates how the dishes

are prepared and welcomes questions. \$55/\$65 Limited to 40. Call 828-526-8811.

• Prentiss Church of God Blood Drive from 1-6p. Please contact Jean Crane at (828) 524-4976 for further information or to schedule your appointment.

Thurs.-Fri., Sept 12-13

• BCBS Flu Shot clinic - FREE flu shots for BCBS-SNC and Medicare Part B members, \$30 for all others - JWC First Floor

• Books Are Fun Book Fair - Thursday 12-6pm & Friday 7am-1pm, 10% of proceeds benefits the HCH Ladies Auxiliary, JWC first floor lobby

Thurs., Sept. 12

• The League of Women Voters of Macon County

will host a program featuring new superintendent of schools for Macon County, Dr. Chris Baldwin in Tartan Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin at noon. Bring your own lunch. Fri., Sept. 13

• Highlands Plateau Audubon will lead a walk at the Highlands Botanical Gardens on in conjunction with the Native Plant Conference. For more information on all of the above, visit www.highlandsaudubonsociety.org or call 828-743-9670.

Sat., Sept. 14

• Dedication of the Wright Memorial Garden off Helen Barn's Ave behind Wright Square at 11 a.m followed by visiting and refreshments in Helen's Barn.

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Following snack and homework, children will participate in enrichment activities.

On Mondays they go to The Bascom for art activities; during the first semester on Tuesdays they go to the Episcopal Church for cooking projects and during the second semester on Tuesdays they will go to the Performing Arts Center for drama activities. On Wednesdays they stay at the Methodist Church for music enrichment activities.

Now that the preschools are under the nonprofit umbrella prices have changed.

"We had a desire to keep child care affordable and available for all families in Highlands," said Tate.

Morning preschool at both the Methodist and Episcopal churches from 8a to noon costs \$12 per day per child. Afternoon preschool at the Episcopal Church from noon-5 is \$14 per day per child.

It's \$26 for a full day which can be half at the Methodist Church and half at the Episcopal Church or all day at the Episcopal Church.

The current ratio of teacher to pupil is

below the state requirement of one teacher to six children. It's currently two teachers to 10 students in the toddler room at the Episcopal Church and two teachers to 14 students in the pre-schools.

Right now there are 25 students enrolled in the programs with 4-5 slots left in the preschool rooms. There are no openings in the Toddler room at the Episcopal church.

Currently the only option for parents with infants under one-year-old is HCCDC.

We are really excited about the new Gordon Center for Children concept and believe it will be a springboard for numerous possibilities," said Tate.

Gordon Center for Children was named in honor of John and Wilma Gordon who have been tending to Highlands children's minds for decades.

John was headmaster of Highlands School before it was housed at its current location. Wilma ran the Highlands Pre-School in the Methodist Church for 25 years.

- Kim Lewicki

Jazz concert to benefit Haiti mission



It is back to school time in Highlands and in Haiti. In the US students have free public education available to them. In Haiti public schools are rare, so most children who go to school must pay and attend private ones.

Highlands Friends of Haiti (HFOH), the global outreach of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, has been working in Haiti since 2001. HFOH's earliest activities were funding the building of a church and a school in the village of Tierra Muscady. Since their completion, the primary focus of HFOH has been to help and support LaPleaide School in Cange and Transfiguration School in Tierra Muscady. LaPleaide is a K-13 school with almost 900 students. Transfiguration is K-6 and has about 400 students. Both schools are in dire need of additional funding for the coming school year. Through support from the Highlands Rotary Club and other churches and citizens of Highlands Stop Hunger Now is pro-

viding food for students at these two schools and nine others in the area. For many students these meals are their only meal of the day.

Recently HFOH began an agricultural project to teach farmers better techniques and provide them with seeds, plants and tools to grow vegetables. The project is helping them feed their families better and providing family income. Students will also learn better ways of farming through this project.

Sunday, September 1, there will be a concert by acclaimed Atlanta Jazz vocalist Virginia Schenck to benefit Highlands Friends of Haiti. The concert will be at the Highlands Playhouse from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased at the Playhouse box office, telephone 526-2695. Wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. The concert will provide funds for these schools and the agricultural project.

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• POLICE AND FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from Aug. 4. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 4

• At 9:14 a.m., officers responded to a call from a 29-year-old woman regarding aggravated assault by strangulation on Paul Walden Road.

• At 5:30 p.m., William Carpenter, 30, of Highlands, was arrested for aggravated assault by strangulation, aggravated assault inflicting serious injury and aggravated assault on a female on Paul Walden Road and Upper Lake Road. His trial date is Aug. 22.

Aug. 7

• At 1:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main Street and NC 106.

Aug. 10

• At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Pine and Carolina Way.

• At 5:47 p.m., Matthew Winson Ivey, 30, of Otto, NC., was arrested for DWI and driving without a license when he was stopped on NC 106 for

driving left of center. His trial date is Sept. 4.

• At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to an ordinance violation about a lawn mower being operated at a residence on Hickory Street after hours.

• At 10:12 p.m., officers responded to a call of disorderly conduct at the Ugly Dog Pub on South 4th. Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug. 21

Aug. 21

• At 11:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident on the Cashiers Road. There were no injuries.

Aug. 22

• At 9:54 a.m., the dept. responded to a checked a fire alarm system at The Bascom.

• At 10:26 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on VZ-Top. EMS transported.

• At 4:23 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at OEI that was set off by workers.

Aug. 25

• At 10:29 a.m., the dept. was first responders to Satulah Falls. EMS transported.

• HIGHLANDS AREA UPCOMING EVENTS •

CLE remedies for the Dog Days of August

By Bettie S. Banks

Whenever there is a transition of seasons, there is a turn to those things that create comfort such as food, nature and photographing nature. The Center for Life Enrichment (CLE) is honoring that need by bringing in presenters to cover topics in these areas.

Clay Bolt, an award-winning natural history and conservation photographer, and Ezra Gardiner from The Bascom will present A Different Take: Two Ways of Looking At and Seeing Our World Through Photography, Thursday, August 29, 10AM – Noon. Bolt attends to details as he uses “non-traditional” nature photography for education and conservation. Gardiner considers the broad sweep of landscape to convey a sense of cultural history in our Appalachian mountains. His focus is on nearby places that tell stories of regional history and events. CLE \$25/\$35

Design in Nature, Thursday, August 29, 3:30-5:30 PM is the final offering for August. Mark Warren, the founder and director of Medicine Bow, a Primitive School of Earthlore located outside of Dahlonega, GA, is an educator of children and adults who travels all over the Southeast teaching about nature and survival. He is giving this

workshop in conjunction with the Bascom and will lead a walk along the Bascom's Sculpture Trail. His desire is to get participants thinking outside the box as he points out elements of design. Location: The Bascom \$15

Favorite Recipes from the Figel Family, noon-2PM is the last in the culinary arts category. Andrew Figel, proprietor and chef of ..on the Verandah, will demonstrate how some of his dishes are created and then serve the courses complete with a selected wine. Lamb Loin Roast with Pomegranate Sauce and Angel Hair Scallops are only two of his highly rated recipes. Lunch and lecture-demonstration will take place at the restaurant, ..on the Verandah. Limited to 40. \$55/\$65

Thursday, Sept 12 1-3 p.m. The Surprisingly Chummy Transcendentalists Elizabeth Addison, Ph.D, retired from the English Department at Western Carolina University, introduces Transcendentalism, an idealistic movement which emerged in New England from a loose association of friends and colleagues, notably Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, both whom epitomize the American notion of self-reliance. CLE Lecture Hall \$25/\$35

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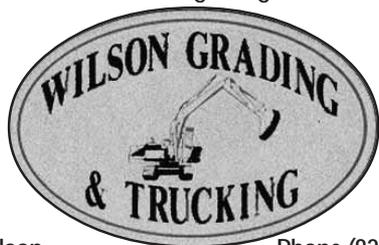
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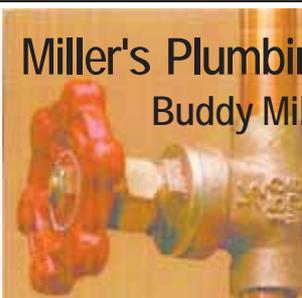
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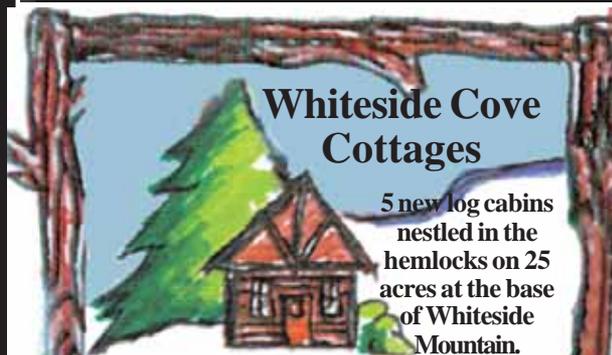
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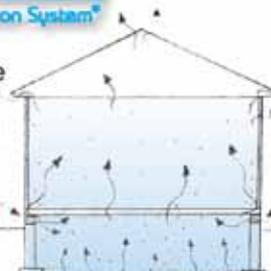
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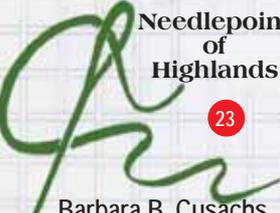
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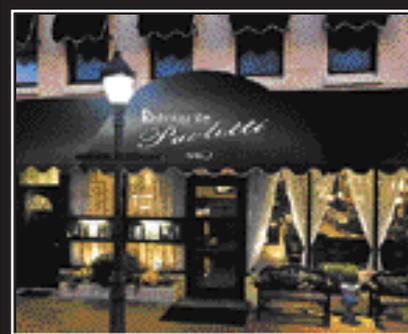
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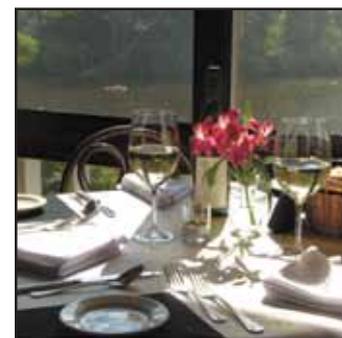
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