Free breakfast may be an option for MC students

By Dr. John Baumrucker and Marcelo Mendoza

The Highlands Bolivian Mission, now in its 19th year, is having its fundraising auction at Highlands Country Club on Monday, August 15 from 7-9 p.m. The auction as usual will feature many items brought from Bolivia where the mission has been engaged in medical affairs at six hospitals in Montero and surrounding cities, built 24 homes for the poor and runs a foster home for boys. Over the last two years, boys from the foster home have come to the United States to study and to learn English to better prepare them for their business lives when they leave the home.

Marcelo Mendoza spent the last year studying in Olympia, WA and his first essay for his school there tells the story better than I could ever do so I will write it here for you, making some corrections as it was his first attempt to write in English. I found parts of it very poetic, others informative and the rest tearfully honest and beautiful. I hope you enjoy the writing.

“Hello, my name is Marcelo and I am 18 years old. I live in Montero, Santa Cruz, Bolivia in a foster home with my brother. His name is Alfredo and he is 15 years old. My brother and I live in a foster home because our parents died and we have no one else. When I first came to the United States, I was very shy, I didn’t understand a word of English and I was very alone. Now I have made friends and I understand most of English. I love it here. When I go back to Bolivia, I wish to continue studying in the United States. I want to do something in business. I want to work hard and be a good man and be a good person.”

Bishop sentenced for embezzling

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Kimberly Michelle Bishop, the former director of Macon County’s Board of Elections was sentenced last week to six months in prison for embezzling public funds, announced Jill Westmoreland Rose, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina.

Bishop, 44, of Franklin, N.C., was also ordered to serve three years of supervised release, the first six months which will be served

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There are many wonderful community events in Highlands this time of year. I participated in one on Saturday morning where folks gathered at Founders Park to go on Greenway hikes. Each summer the Highlands Plateau Greenway has a community hiking day on various sections of the Greenway. Hillrie Quinn and the members of the Highlands Greenway put on another great hiking event.

I went on the Greenway hike to The Bascom by way of the trails from the recreation department that took us down to the Mill Creek Bridge. From the bridge the Greenway goes up to Oak Lane. The trail resumes at the backside of The Bascom property. Our group returned to the park by way of the new Greenway trail starting on corner of 1st and Oak streets where the Greenway pavilion is located. The new trail follows the old sled run and ends back near the Mill Creek Bridge. We crossed the bridge and began hiking back to the recreation department, but took the right leg of the trail that led us to the Highlands Historical Society.

Back at the park, the Greenway folks provided lunch for all the participants. Members of the Greenway work throughout the year developing and maintaining this wonderful resource. It is a great volunteer opportunity. Google the Highlands Plateau Greenway to get information about being a member and to view the map of the Greenway trails. The Greenway runs throughout Highlands and is very easy to access.

The coal ash dust settled at the end of this past legislative session. Well, maybe. Apparently the governor and legislature decided not to continue butting heads over this issue, so a compromise was reached before the speaker hit the gavel and said, “sine die.”

Under this agreement, not all 14 coal ash sites will have to be remediated to where the ash is removed to another secure site. Those coal ash ponds that have been determined not to be a danger to the water supply will be capped and left in place.

Kevin O’Donnell of Nova Energy, the town’s consultant on all electric utility matters, is tracking our potential pass through costs for the Duke coal ash cleanup. He reports that the agreement by the governor and legislature might be a cost saving measure. Duke wholesale customers, like Highlands, may see lower cleanup fees coming from the agreement. On the other hand, groups with environmental concerns about the coal ash, and especially residents near capped coal ash ponds, may not be pleased with the compromise.

The caveat to this agreement is that the federal government is involved. The Feds will review the agreement and litigation may follow. Stay tuned, and we will keep you posted.

By the way, Highlanders do not have to go to the Rio Olympics to see great swimming. Come join me tonight to support the Highlands Hurricanes as they go up against the mighty Franklin swim team. The action begins at 6 p.m. at the Highlands Recreation Department pool. Go Hurricanes.

Dear Editor,

In reference to Mr. More’s letter in the June 30th edition: “Highlands Newspaper lacks serious sensitivity and misses opportunity for inclusion.”

Mr., Mrs. or Ms More demonstrates an unfortunate face of an element of the LGBT community that chooses to play the part of the victim. Obviously not speaking for everyone, most folks have come to accept LGBT as a part of our society. Both by Christian charity and by legislation they are accepted into our community without regard to their sexual preference. By the same token no segment of our society should be granted special rights or privileges. The loss of life in the Orlando massacre is a crime against our society and is correctly judged as such. Forty-nine Americans were killed by a terrorist. Whether those murdered were gay or straight is not an issue.

Pride Month is no different than any other month. If the LGBT community wishes to celebrate it that is their right but there is no obligation by others to do so; just as African Americans celebrate Black History Month or those of Italian descent celebrate St. Joseph’s Day, the Irish, St. Patrick’s Day, the Scottish, St. Andrew’s day or the Mexicans, Cinco De Mayo.

We are a society made up of many elements but are one under the Stars and Stripes. Andy More would do well to remember that.

R. B. McConnell
Highlands & New Orleans

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Mayor Taylor, I appreciate you, our police department, firefighters and other town employees who help make Highlands unique. Highlands has many patrons of the arts whose generous contributions make our community a world-class place to live and visit. Thank you one and all.

Philip Powell
Highlands

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A shirt is worth 1,000 words!

Lifetime Republican, Carolyn Chabora, a summer resident of the Lake Glenville community, wore this shirt to the July 5th rally in Charlotte for President Obama and Hillary Clinton. The shirt’s message spoke to dozens of attendees with cameras flashing, as well as several journalists, and ultimately, to Hillary and the President who came over to thank Carolyn and shake her hand.

• OBITUARIES •

Aileene ‘Tommie’ Pennington

Early the morning of July 2, 2016 Aileene Pennington of Cashiers gently closed the door to her life here and entered her long sought life everlasting. She was 86 years old.

When she was a toddler her Uncles Ham and Paul bestowed the nickname “Tommie” to her and she has affectionately been known as “Tommie” by family and friends ever since. A lifelong resident of Jackson County, Tommie was born in Whittier January 28, 1930. She moved with family to Cashiers in early childhood and remained there the rest of her life. Tommie was a devoted Christian

and dedicated member of Cashiers Baptist Church. She loved the mountains, flowers, nature in general and all of God’s creatures, especially birds. Taking pictures, hiking and exploring roads she had never been on were favorite pastimes. Tommie is survived by a son, James D. Pennington (Beverly) of St Augustine, FL; grandchildren, Dr. Catherine A. Pennington of Indianapolis, IN and J. Matthew Pennington (Miranda) of St Augustine, FL; sisters, Bobbie J. Moore of Asheville, NC and Eloise Hunter of Brevard, NC; nieces, Rebecca Kitchen and Sherry Bloedel; and many cous-

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ins from the Whittier area. A small family gathering to celebrate Tommie’s life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Cashiers Baptist Church, 213 US 64, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Pennington family. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Alma Bolick

Alma Bolick, 98, of Franklin passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Rose Ella Holland Moss. She was married to John D. Bolick who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Bolick was a loving mother and grandmother. She loved sewing and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. She is survived by a daughter, Velma of Franklin; a son, Michael of Franklin; two grandchildren, Kimberly Hall and Lonna; five great grandchildren, Maranda, Nathaniel, Erica, Tyler and Kale-

James Edward ‘Ed’ Woods

James Edward “Ed” Woods, age 81, of Tuscaloosa, a native of Hood River, Oregon, and resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, since 1969, passed away July 8, 2016, after a brief illness. Services will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 15, 2016, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Tuscaloosa with Father Michael Deering officiating and Norwood-Wyatt Chapel Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John Edward and Marguerite Sandman Woods.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Watson Woods; sons, Scott Edward Woods (Lisa) of Atlanta, Georgia and Douglas Richard Woods (Jill) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; grandchildren Turner Elizabeth Woods, Caitlyn James Woods, James Edward (Jay) Woods II, Nicholas Scott Woods, Sarah Corbett Woods and John Douglas (Jack) Woods; sister, Susan Hofmann; and host of other relatives.

Ed grew up in Denver, Colorado where he attended East High School and met the love of his life, Sharon Watson. Sharon and Ed were married in the fall of 1956 and would have celebrated their 60th anniversary on September 5th of this year.

Ed went on to attend the University of Colorado and joined Chi Psi fraternity, where he served as President. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1956. He served in the United States Naval Air Force until 1958 when he joined Weyerhauser Company and established a career in the packaging industry. In 1969, he joined Gulf States Paper Corporation and served in a series of executive roles until 1993, when he became the first non-family member in the private organization’s history to be named

president and chief operating officer. He retired from Gulf States Paper Corporation as chief executive officer on November 1.

Ed was dedicated to both industry and community, serving as chairman for the Paperboard Packaging Council, and as member of the board of directors for: the American Forest & Paper Association; Mercedes Benz U.S. International, Inc.; and AmSouth Bank. He was a member of the President’s Cabinet at the University of Alabama, and served on executive committees for the University of West Alabama and Tuscaloosa County’s Challenge 21. In October, 2000, a month prior to his retirement, he received the Robert Gair Award from the Paperboard Packaging Council, the group’s highest award for lifetime service to the industry.

Ed was an avid golfer and played an instrumental role in the development of North River Golf Club. He and Sharon were also founding members of the Cullasaja Club in Highlands, N.C. where they spent most of their time in recent years. Ed was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons and grandchildren.

Ed and Sharon traveled extensively after his retirement and enjoyed visiting locations in Europe, Africa, New Zealand, North and South America.

The Woods family would like to acknowledge the exceptional care that Ed received from Dr. Gorman Jones at Camellia Medical Group and the staff at UAB Hospital’s MICU and Palliative Care Units.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a contribution to The Muscular Dystrophy Association or the Arts and Autism Program of Tuscaloosa in honor of Tuscaloosa Fire Station #10.
A bridge to nowhere – one more time

Back in the fall of 2009 I wrote a piece on the card game of bridge. The column turned out to be very popular, even for those who don’t play the game. Soooooo by popular demand this week’s column is a repeat of this insane and popular card game. And yes, I have the Meeters’ permission for this reprint so don’t get your shorts in a wad. Here it is. ENJOY.

No, no, no, not the infamous, stupid “bridge to nowhere” Congress approved years ago for 50 million dollars. By the way, doesn’t 50 million sound like a trivial amount these days? President Obama’s vacations are more than that.

No, I’m talking about another bridge to nowhere. It’s where people assemble several times a week and play a card game called bridge and get absolutely nowhere for their hard work. Since I’m a fellow player, I’m qualified to report on these loonies.

For starters, you must show your AARP card to even get into a bridge room. The biggest game in town is at the Highlands Rec. Park, run by Duane and Marge Meeter. This different couple have managed to stay married, even as bridge partners throughout the years. The divorce rate among bridge partners is as high as police divorces.

Spouses have been shot and killed at bridge games. Hey, look it up. The Meeters are called bridge directors and run the show. Marge is the sergeant of arms and you most definitely don’t want to piss off this woman. But Duane is a softie and the main director. He carries a police whistle to show his power and authority. Actually Duane needs to go to “whistle school.” He would be run over and killed instantly if directing traffic at a busy downtown Miami intersection. But for wimpy bridge players, his weenie technique seems to work.

Not only is Duane an expert bridge director and whistle blower, he also sings. Just before the game, Duane breaks into song, giving us one of his famous ditties about a bridge rule. Are you falling asleep?

Not only that, he encourages his many players to chime in for the chorus. If you are caught not chiming in, you’ll be excluded from next week’s game. We chant, at just the right time, “Face down, face down,” which doesn’t mean you put your face down on the table. Could I make this up?

For a small fee, I could smuggle you into the room for a firsthand look at this insanity. And if Marge catches you not singing, there will be hell to pay.

Anyway, here’s how the system works.

You enter the bridge room at your own peril with your money in hand and approach Marge at a table. You try to give her your money but she says, “No tickie, no washy,” meaning you must fill out a bridge ticket and then get back at the end of the line. Also, make sure your AARP membership hasn’t expired. Once Marge assigns you a seat, you go there and wait quietly for the sound of Duane’s whistle.

This is also a good time to go over plans with your partner on how you’re going to cheat. The room is abuzz with players plotting with each other on how they’ll cheat.

Since I play bridge only for the free candy, I use the candy as my secret signals. By the way, here’s a tip. If you eat five dollars worth of candy per session, you play Bridge free. Bittersweet Hershey’s morsels are my favorite. The manner in which I peel open the wrapper is a signal to my partner on what I want her to do. How do you think we’re able to always come out number one?

The game lasts for about three plus hours. During that time, players waste every brain cell they have playing this complicated game against some very talented players who, if they wanted, could own their own whistles.

If I cheat really good and win, where does it get me, you ask? Nowhere, absolutely nowhere but a belly full of candy. Where do I take my winnings? Well…. please, use your imagination. Most players are official members of an organization called the ACBL, not to be confused with the ACLU or ACL which is a tear in the knee. Most players already have an ACL.

The ACBL, on the other hand, is a tear in your brain rather than your knee and is a national organization of duplicate bridge players. This is how “bridge to nowhere” got started.

You go to a Bridge tournament sponsored by the ACBL. You pay to play bridge 24/7, then pay your five-day hotel bill, gather up your gas and meal receipts and head home exhausted, having caught the flu from one of the five thousand grumpy players at the tournament.

TA DA, you just earned one point…. maybe…. maybe not. Of course, these points are worth absolutely nothing. After
Three years ago, clients and friends introduced me to their acronym: QTR which stands for “Quality Time Remaining.” This acronym becomes increasingly important as the years go on here on The Plateau. Each year, I meet dear clients who become friends. They are very conscious of how they want to spend their QTR with family, friends and activities. It is our job as real estate brokers to help newcomers decide if this area is the best place for them to spend their QTR. Here are the reasons that convince many folks to make this their home:

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4. Cultural Amenities. For an area so sparsely populated on a year-round basis, the lively and vibrant opportunities for cultural enjoyment are enormous.

5. Family and Friends. Moving from Atlanta, for example, the quick two-hour commute allows us to stay connected to our children, grandchildren and old friends while providing us an opportunity to meet new friends from all over the world.

6. Medical Facilities. With the new partnership with Mission Hospital in Asheville, we are fortunate to have medical facilities with its excellent medical staff in our community.

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old. My sister lives in an orphanage for girls and she is 11 years old. We are separated, but we see each other at times when we go to church or mass.

Now I want to tell my story.

When I was three years old we lived in the countryside, which was the place for people with limited resources and we were one of them. My younger brother was born when I was three and my sister was born when I was five. I started to help my father with his work when I was five. The work was not easy, cleaning sugar cane of the “gray hairs,” carrying the cane and cutting it. This work was hard, but that was the work my father had and I had to help support the family. I did this work until I was seven years old. But, before that something horrible happened to me, when I was six.

“I was putting on my boots to get ready for work with my father. It had rained a lot that day. There was a apasanca (a tarantula) in my boot and my mother usually checked the boots before I put them on, but didn’t this day. That day something strange happened and I was not able to help my father. I fainted after the bite and when I woke up my foot was bandaged. Then my mother told me what happened. She told me a friend told her what kind of bandage heals a bite of the apasanca. She said to smash the spider and put it on the area of the bite. Some people cannot resist the poison of the bite and it is fatal. My mother was surprised to see me awake. I think she was overjoyed to see me alive! For me it was a miracle that God let me live. Finally, I healed enough to let me work with my father again.

Another thing happened to me later when we were living in the city. We were playing tag in the street. We call the game La Mancha. It is a game where one is called “La Mancha” and that person has to tag someone else and that person is then called “La Mancha” and so on. I climbed a tree, even though I was afraid of heights. Another boy also climbed the tree and so I climber higher. I did not realize that there was an electrical wire in the tree and when it touched me I passed out and fell a long distance from the tree, but I survived the fall.

Another terrible thing happened when I was seven years old.

We lived in a house made of straw and covered with a tarp. The tarp was for the rain. It turns out that my father had gone to work and I had not gone with him that day. My mother was cooking in the kitchen. What happened next was this: my brother was naughty and was playing with matches. I had not seen him as I was playing with friends outside the house, when suddenly my mother left the house running. Then my brother came out and I saw our house was in flames. My mother told me to run into the house and rescue our sister. I tried to pull her out, but I couldn’t. Fortunately, there was a young man there who broke into our house and brought out our sister who had burns over half of her face. Then we acted fast and took her to the hospital. She was taken to the emergency room where they attended to her and were told that the medicines were very expensive. My parents did not have enough money to pay for all those drugs to cover the healing of my sister.

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“Since then, I have never forgotten that day. When my father found out what happened, he went to the hospital and spoke to my mother. They decided to take their children to a nursery, you know, a place where single mothers take their children when they work and can’t keep their children. In a nursery, they take the children to school and feed them, but only lunch and my mother had to pay monthly.

“We were there only four months and my mother couldn’t pay the fees so we went back home and after four months, my mother asked us if we wanted to go to a foster home, a Hogar. She explained to us that this was a beautiful place and that they have a park to play on and a soccer field and they have free food and we can play with other children and be safe. As we were children, we said, “Yes.” I liked to play. The next day my mother took us to the Defender of Children (Social Services) and she spoke to the person in charge. She signed some papers and the next day we were taken to three different places that they decided would be ideal for us. As we lived out of town, it took four hours by car, but we finally got to the place that they told us about.

“After talking to the manager of the home (the foster parents) they accepted us, but they could not take our sister as the home only has boys. They took my sister to a girl's orphanage.

“I remember well the day we arrived at the Hogar John Baumrucker. It was a Sunday and all the boys were playing soccer on the field. I had never seen a soccer field before. In that moment, I imagined myself playing soccer on that field. I was also glad to see the park (a playground). I had never seen a real park before either.

“Then the tutors of the home told me to call them Mama and Papa because they care for us 24 hours a day. They gathered all the boys around us and welcomed us, telling us all their names and their ages. Then they told us the rules and what we needed to do. Then they showed us the bedroom and presented us with our bed and showed us the place to put our clothes. At that time, I was happy because I felt that everything had changed and I had things that I never had before because my parents were poor. Then they showed us the bathroom, the room to do our homework and the TV room where we could watch videos. Then they showed us the dining room where we could all eat together and finally showed us the kitchen where we could also learn to cook. For a while I thought everything was going to be fun, but they showed us the garden where we had to till the soil and pull weeds and sow seeds to grow food for our own consumption.

“After that they asked us if we wanted to play soccer with the other children and I said yes. This was the most fun I had ever had! Then at 6pm (it gets dark at 6pm every day of the year in Montero as it is so close to the equator) we bathed and then had dinner. The next day we all got up at 6:30 as they told us to do and prayed the rosary. I didn’t know what that was, but eventually I learned to pray it. After that we had to clean different parts of the house. It took a couple of weeks to learn all that was needed to do. Then we went to breakfast. That day we had a good breakfast like I had never had before,

●See MISSION page 15
The Eroica Trio is back with HCCMF!

Another wonderful week of music with the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival begins Friday, July 15. The Eroica Trio probably needs no introduction to festival goers as they’ve been sharing their talents with the Highlands and Cashiers areas for many seasons.

The unique history of the players of the Eroica Trio goes all the way back to childhood. Sara Sant’Ambrogio and Erika Nickrenz first met at age 12, when Erika came to study with Sara’s grandmother, the founder of Red Fox Music Camp. Two years later, Sara collaborated with violinist Sara Parkins at the renowned Meadowmount School of Music, where they became fast friends, and later became roommates when they were both students at The Curtis Institute of Music. Sara Parkins and Erika Nickrenz also met in their teens, playing together as students at the Pre-College division of The Juilliard School and at the Tanglewood Music Center. That same year the Eroica Trio was formed at The Juilliard School. This intricate web of early connections helped forge a lifelong bond between the three women of the Eroica Trio.

They will be joined by pianist William Ransom who regularly appears in recital, as soloist with orchestras and as a chamber musician around the world.

The first concert of week number 3 will be held Friday, July 15 at 6 P.M. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street where the four artists will perform music by Brahms, Bartók, and Mendelssohn. Saturday, July 16 the same pieces will be performed at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library at 5 P.M.

Cellomania takes over week 3 when cellists Lexine Feng, David Hancock, Benjamin Karp, Sara Sant’Ambrogio, James Waldo and Guang Wang play several pieces for cello accompanied by Alyona Waldo on piano.

These performances will be held Sunday, July 17 at 5 P.M. at the Highlands Performing Arts Center and Monday, July 18 at 5 P.M. at the library in Cashiers.

For more information on special events, tickets and the complete schedule for the 35th anniversary of Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, call (828) 526-9060 or visit the website at H-CMusicFestival.org.

July 20 Interlude features Trey Clegg Chamber Singers at 1st Presbyterian

At 2pm on Wednesday, July 20, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature the Trey Clegg Chamber Singers, Atlanta [formerly St. Paul’s Episcopal Chamber Choir]. The concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church. There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual- come as you are. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.
Fridays - Tuesdays
• Movies at The Highlands Playhouse, 3 and 7 p.m.
• Fridays
  • 199ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45 a.m.
  • Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.
  • Friday Night Live, 6-8pm in Town Square. Live music. Free
Every 2nd Saturday
• A group meets every 2nd Saturday of the month at Highlands Hudson Library at 10am. There are speakers, videos, recipes, health tips, and more to educate people about any health issues. Group is a non-profit. Contact Kelly Woods 828-421-3520 or live4above@aol.com
Saturdays
• At Mountain Top Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tastings from 1-3 p.m.
• At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.
• Highlands Marketplace at K-H Park 8a to noon.
• All knitters, crocheters and other needle craft artists are invited to join The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon. In event of cold/rain, meet downstairs in The Bascom Library room.
Thurs., July 14
• Civil War and Revolution in Central America – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.
• At Hudson Library, in honor of its summer reading theme – Wellness, Fitness, and Sports – the library will have a Game Day on July 14th, at 2:30pm. Registration is required.
• Zahner Lecture: The Florida Wildlife Corridor: Protecting and Conserving Existing Natural Pathways at The Nature Center at the Highlands Biological Station at 6:30pm. Free
• The July meeting of the Western North Carolina Woodturners Club, Inc. will be at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ridge School in Glenville, NC.
The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center, Riverview Street, Franklin. Special Guest speaker will be a representative from the local Social Security Administration office to speak about Social Security disability benefits for terminally ill patients. There will be door prizes and light refreshments served. Anyone is welcome.
Fri., July 15
• On the front lawn of First Baptist Church a free VBS carnival from 6-8 pm on the front lawn!
• How Bright is South Africa’s Future? – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.
• “Let’s Get Acquainted with our Birds” walk led by Russell Regnery, President of the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. 24 different species of birds, including Eastern Phoebe, Red-winged Blackbird, Blue-headed Vireo, Chipping and Swamp Sparrow are often seen in this area. Meet at 9 AM Friday, July 15, at the Cashiers Recreation Center parking lot (downtown Cashiers). Bring binoculars (the Audubon Society will have extras). Lasts 1 1/2 to 2 hours.
• King Creek Falls and Walhalla Fish Hatchery. Good family hike, an easy 30-minute hike to a picturesque waterfall where King Creek topples over a tiered rock face that slants backwards, making the falls seem much higher than 70-feet. The fairly level trail runs through a mixture of hardwoods, rhododendron and mountain laurel. A hiking stick is recommended to negotiate a stream crossing below the falls. Meet at the Sapphire Valley Community Center at 9:30 AM on Friday, July 15. You will need to sign a release form.

RSVP by July 20 for PEO Luncheon

Pictured are: Sarah Wallin, coordinator, Mary Heffington, Fran Leftwich, Nancy Butler, Joyce Sildon, Sally Bernstein, kathy Bethea, Harrietta Floyd, Margaret Moedt, Janet Chitty and Gail Carpenter.

On Thursday, July 28 – Calling all P.E.O.s. Luncheon at Highlands Falls Country Club at 12:15 p.m. Registration is 11:30a until noon. $25 per person. Please RSVP by Wed., July 20. Make checks payable to: P.E.O. Chapter BJ. Mail checks to Mary Ann Ray, 104 Lake Court #130, Highlands, NC 28741. For more information call 828-526-8251.

Upcoming Events at the Nature Center and beyond
Black-throated Blue Warbler

Birds of a Feather

Are you a beginner bird-watcher interested in learning just what to look for here in the southern Appalachians? Join the Highlands Biological Foundation’s Zahner Conservation lecture: “Birds of a Feather Researched Together: Bird Monitoring in the Southern Appalachians,” given by Mr. John Gerwin. This free lecture is sponsored by Melissa and Richard Delany and will be held on July 21st at 6:30pm in the HBS Nature Center.

John Gerwin is a 27-year veteran with the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. His work with birds includes research and educational projects, in collaboration with other biologists, which has taken him around the State and into the tropics. For this presentation, he will discuss a few of his projects relating to the southern Appalachians. These include work with the breeding population of Yellow-bellied Sapsucker; Hermit Thrush, and work on the Black-throated Green Warbler in the Uwharrie Mountains and southern Appalachians. Gerwin currently conducts research on the life cycles of migratory birds in North and South Carolina, with a focus on breeding biology. He uses radio telemetry to study how these birds use the habitats they live in, and their nesting and reproductive success. Gerwin enthusiastically conducts outreach events to groups of all ages throughout the State of NC, and occasionally elsewhere.

Soiree on Satulah

Join the Highlands Biological and the Massey family for the centennial celebration of Windrush, the beautiful home of the Massey family. This historic property on Satulah Mountain features breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains, a beautifully designed garden and, of course, the remarkable home. On the evening of July 24th the doors will be opened wide for delightful festivities. All proceeds from this celebration benefit the North Campus Project at the Highlands Biological Station, which includes: an entrance gateway on Lower Lake Road, a pollinator garden, a nature trail encircling beautiful Lindenwood Lake and a new lakeside teaching pavilion. The new pollinator garden will serve as a safe haven for native pollinators and plants and what we can do to preserve them. Please join us for this celebration and help support the new initiative of the Highlands Biological Foundation. Tickets are $200.00 per person. For a full schedule of lectures, programs, and more information on the Satulah Soiree, please visit www.highlandsbiological.org/foundation/ or call the Highlands Biological Foundation at (828) 526-2221.
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there. Bring a lunch, water, raingear and comfortable shoes. Transportation will leave promptly at 10 AM to the Walhalla Fish Hatchery for a quick tour there; then departing to the King Creek Falls trailhead five minutes down the road.

- Chattooga East Fork Trail and Walhalla Fish Hatchery. This mostly flat 2.5-mile trail runs along the East Fork gorge, filled with hemlocks, mountain laurels, winterberries, sweet pepper bushes and unusually large white pines. The trail ends at the “Forty Thousand Dollar Bridge” where the East Fork Trail meets the Chattooga River Trail, site of a picnic area where we’ll have lunch. You’ll finish your outdoor adventure at the Walhalla Fish Hatchery, a must-see attraction after your hike. Meet at the Sapphire Valley Community Center at 9:30 AM on Fri., July 15. You will need to sign a release form there. Bring a lunch, water, raingear and comfortable shoes. A hiking stick is suggested. There will likely be two or three separate groups for this hike. Bus transportation to the trailhead will be available, but carpooling may also be necessary.

- The High Mountain Squares will host their “Beach Party Dance” from 6:15 – 8:45 p.m., at the Macon County Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Mr. Kenneth Perkins from Pelzer SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. New classes will begin September 12th. Everyone is welcome.

Sat., July 16
- The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a – noon, Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please email highlands.greenway@ncvt.com or leave a message at 828-482-1451. We’ll meet at the large upper parking lot behind the Recreation Center at 9 a.m. for a brief orientation session, and you will be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment.

- Author, Jenny Pruitt booksigning of “Beneath His Wings, at Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty 114 N. 4th St., Highlads from 2-4 p.m.

- Titans of Chamber Music: Schubert – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Tues., July 19 & 21
- Apple Computers Basics: 10:30a – 3:30p, CLE Classroom, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Wed., July 20
- Summer Interlude Concert at the Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. The Trey Clegg Chamber Singers, Atlanta

Thurs., July 21
- At the Highlands Nature Center, Zahner Lecture: Birds of a Feather at 6:30 p.m. Free.

- Great Discoveries in Astronomy – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- Bascom: Cherokee Culture – 3:30 – 5p, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

Sun., July 23
- At Cliffside Lake, Michael Skinner with Balsam Mountain Trust and live raptors at 11 a.m.

- Titans of Chamber Music: Mendelssohn – 10a – Noon, CLE Lecture Hall, Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, contact Sandy Carlton @ 828-526-8811.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation change 1100 ft., to Black Balsam Knob off the Blue Ridge Parkway on the Art Loeb Trail to Tennent Mountain for 360 views, to Ivesor Gap, Tennent Mt. Gap, and Black Balsam Mountain at 6214 ft. for views of the Pisgah Mountains and Shining Rock Wilderness. Meet in Sapphire NC at the old filling station and Amore restaurant at 9:00 am, drive 60 miles round trip. Call leaders Bill and Sharon Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. New hike leaders are welcome to come for a mentoring session with the leaders.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 7-mile moderate hike, elevation change 670 ft., to Black Balsam Knob off the Blue Ridge Parkway on the Art Loeb Trail to Tennent Mountain for 360 views, to Ivesor Gap, Tennent Mt. Gap, and Black Balsam Mountain at 6214 ft. for views of the Pisgah Mountains and Shining Rock Wilderness. Meet in Sapphire NC at the old filling station and Amore restaurant at 9:00 am, drive 60 miles round trip. Call leaders: Robin Lurie, 954-632-7270, for reservations.

Sun., July 24
- A Satulah Soiree, by the Highlands Biological Foundation at Windrush, the home of Mary Ann and Knox Massey, $200 per person. For more information on the Satulah Soiree.

Tues., July 26
- Village Nature Series on Cashiers Village Green. Free family friendly programs, the final Tuesday of the month from at 5:30 PM, rain or shine. No reservations required, everyone welcome. Go Green with Moss - Explore the Green Advantages of Mosses in Sustainable Landscapes and Traditional Gardens with Annie Martin. *$20 supply fee for your own handmade moss garden.
real bread and chocolate milk. Then we went to the study room to sing praises to the Lord and then we all got in line to get toothpaste and we had to brush and brush our teeth.

“After working, we cleaned up and got ready for lunch. Following lunch, we went to the study room and began practicing things about school and each of the boys grabbed his notebook and began to study. At 5pm we played soccer again. On Sunday we went to church. I had never been to church before. I liked it. Every week was the same until the time to start school, since I arrived at the Hogar in summer (January is summer in Bolivia) we didn’t have school. They enrolled me in the school and since all my papers had been burned in the fire, I had to start in first grade again. It was not difficult for me as everything was the same. The house parents were very demanding with me, telling me what the tasks were and this was a good thing. Over the years the house parents changed three times and the directors also changed. We were enrolled in a private school and then a Foundation with 15-17 people on the board was developed and they sent us to a middle-class school where the study was a little harsh as we were all expected to graduate and go to college. When you graduate, you will have four titles and they sent me to a middle-class school where the study was a little harsh as we were all expected to graduate and go to college. When you graduate, you will have four titles to take to the university. I liked the school. Out of 10 I would rate it a 7.

“We have a founder of the foster home who lives in North Carolina. He is a doctor and visits Bolivia once a year for several weeks. He taught us to make pens that we sell to support the home and help pay for our education. Thanks to him and the Foundation, I am here (In Olympia, WA). We have to be 18 years old to get a passport and visa. You are an adult in Bolivia when you are 18. Before that you need your parent’s permission to get a passport and who knows where our family is? Next year they are planning to bring another youth to this country with the same purpose of my other two brothers who came here last year.

“Well, I am here in the United States and I am studying. I want to improve my English and learn new things here to take back to Bolivia. When I return, I will do my military service and I will try to go to college. For the future, I want to be a businessman and be sure of getting a good job, but first, I want to be the founder of another foster home to help the people of my country. There are a lot of drug addicted children and alcoholics. I want to prevent many of these things in my country, so I am going to help young people.”

— A final word from Dr. Baumrucker

I couldn’t have said it better myself, so I let Marcelo tell it in his own words. Reading this essay, I feel our work in Bolivia is beginning to bear good fruit. If you would like to help you can come to the Auction on August 15 or just donate to the mission.

The cost of the auction is $125 and that includes dinner, a silent auction and the live auction. Reservations can be made by calling 526-3605 or the Highlands United Methodist Church at 526-3376 or mailing a response to 209 Hospital Drive, Highlands, NC 28741. The mission is always looking for volunteers to come and work in Montero and if God moves you to come you can contact Dr. Baumrucker at 526-3605 or come by the Highlands Marketplace on Saturday morning at the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street and talk to him in person. Marcelo told me he doesn’t like to write, but this letter shows me he is a very good author.

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lin and Union Academy, but have the same intent.

The grant is a federally funded through Fuel Up to Play 60, a program managed by the Southeast United Dairy Industry Association. Fuel Up to Play 60, the nation’s largest in-school nutrition and physical activity program, works in 73,000 schools nationwide to increase physical activity, healthy eating habits and access to nutritious foods through student, teacher and parent involvement.

The program is a partnership between the National Dairy Council (NDC) and National Football League (NFL), in collaboration with the USDA and is administered in the Southeast by SUDIA.

“We are hopeful that we will be awarded this grant for the same reasons we worked to provide meals for East Franklin and Union Academy,” said Dr. Baldwin. “Each day there are students who cannot, or did not eat breakfast. There is considerable evidence from schools that have participated in this program which suggests that students perform better in the classroom and are generally more successful and more ready to learn if they have had breakfast.”

Dr. Baldwin and Terrell are currently waiting to find out if the district has been awarded the grant. “It will be a few weeks before we know if we have been awarded the grant,” said Dr. Baldwin. “But if so, it will go into effect during the 2016-’17 school year should we receive it.”

The Fuel Up to Play 60 program is intended to help students make positive changes in their schools by improving opportunities to consume nutrient-rich foods and get at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

The ultimate goal is to ensure sustainable, positive changes at schools that com-
If you have read any of my articles you know that I am a big fan of the past. I love history. For some crazy reason I decided to read several big books about the Revolutionary War period. All total I read about 30,000 pages. Like I said I love to read history books. Recently I picked up a copy of “Hitler’s Cross” by Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer. It is an excellent overview of how Hitler came to power.

One of the striking facts Lutzer points out is the courage of a minority of Christians to speak out against the atrocities taking place and their willingness to help the Jews at the cost of their own safety and lives. One quote, from an unlikely source, spoke volumes about the courage of a minority of Christians to speak out against the atrocities taking place and their willingness to help the Jews at the cost of their own safety and lives. One quote, from an unlikely source, spoke volumes about the courage of a minority of Christians to speak out against the atrocities taking place.

As Hitler’s intentions were starting to be revealed, a segment of the population began to resist his policies. As this happened one exiled Jew said this: “Being a lover of freedom, when the [Nazis] revolution came I looked to the universities to defend it, knowing they had always boasted of their devotion to the cause of truth; but no, the universities were immediately silenced. Then I looked to the great editors of the newspapers, whose flaming editorials in days gone by had proclaimed their love of freedom; but they, like the universities, were silenced in a few short weeks.

Only the Church [Confessing Church] stood squarely across the path of Hitler’s campaign for suppressing the truth. I never had any interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it because the Church alone had the courage and persistence to stand for the intellectual and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly.” Albert Einstein

Yes, admittedly the church can do more. And yet, as pointed out, in comparison with all other groups and institutions it has no reason to be ashamed; it has accomplished far more than all the rest. The church may not do all that it should, but at least it does something. The role of the church is unmistakable in the history of the world and anyone who is allowed to be apart of it has experienced one of life’s greatest privileges.
The Highlands Police log entries from July 1. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

**July 1**
- At 10 a.m., a resident on Williamsburg Court called for service when she thought someone had cut off cameras on the property.
- At 8 a.m., a burglary without forced entry and larceny from buildings was reported at a residence on Pierson Drive. An old rifle was taken.

**July 4**
- At 8:15 a.m., criminal damage to property (vandalism) was reported at Entegra Bank on Carolina Way where a driver backed over the curb, knocked over a street lamp and destroyed landscaping.
- At 9 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident near the Mountain Fresh parking lot near 5th Street.
- At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 28 near Many Road.

**July 5**
- At 7:13 p.m., a burglary without forced entry and larceny from buildings was reported at a residence on Highlands Manor Court where a .38 special 6-shot snub nose Smith & Wesson revolver worth $499 was taken.

**July 6**
- At 3:11 a.m., Hugh Alexander Anderson, Jr. 47, of Ft Lauderdale, FL, was arrested for DWI and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued at $1,500 unsecured bond. His trial date is Aug. 9.
- At 12:47 p.m., a shoplifting incident was reported at C.Orrico where three dresses valued at $600 were taken.
- At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on S. 3rd Street.

**July 7**
- At 10:17 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Post Office parking lot.
- At 5:05 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 near Trillium Place.

**July 9**
- At 10 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Mount Lori Drive.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from June 7.**
- At 8 p.m., a burglary with non-forced entry and larceny from buildings on Pierson Drive was reported. An old rifle was taken.
- At 11:35 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on S. 4th Street.
- At 8:12 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street.

**July 5**
- At 10:27 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Blue Valley Road.
- At 12:41 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 4th Street.
- At 12:57 p.m., the dept. helped the Scaly Mountain Fire & Rescue in a search.

**July 6**
- At 4:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Highlands Manor Court.
- At 9:48 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on S. 4th Street.

**July 7**
- At 9:32 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Highlands Manor Court.
- At 12:35 p.m., the dept. stood-by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.
- At 1:23 p.m., the dept. stood-by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.
- At 6:36 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Road.
- At 8:16 p.m., the dept. helped a motorist on US 64 west.

**July 8**
- At 11:43 a.m., the dept. stood-by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.
- At 3:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Cove Road.
- At 3:08 a.m., the dept. provided mutual assistance to the Cashiers F&R.

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under home detention, and to pay $68,705.26 as restitution.

U.S. Attorney Rose is joined by John A. Strong, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Charlotte Division, and Tom Ammons, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) in making the announcement.

“This was a complex investigation that took teamwork, from both the SBI and FBI, to accomplish a positive outcome. We have built a strong relationship with the FBI, and enjoy the partnership developed with investigating public corruption cases. Our goal for this investigation was to ensure that justice was served so the community knew this type of behavior by a leader within the county would not be tolerated,” said Assistant Special Agent in Charge Ammons.

According to information contained in filed plea documents and the sentencing hearing, from about 2002 to January 2014, Bishop served as director of the Board of Elections (BOE) for Macon County. In that capacity, Bishop had access to BOE’s expense budget and was authorized to initiate check requests to pay for BOE-related services. Beginning in about June 2013 and continuing through January 2014, court records show that Bishop submitted check request forms and caused checks to be issued to four individuals to supposedly pay for their work on behalf of BOE. BOE had not, in fact, approved these four individuals as BOE workers and they were not on the county’s payroll.

Bishop has admitted in court that in order to cash these checks, on some occasions she forged the endorsement signature of the payee and signed her own name on the back of the checks, then cashed them at local financial institutions. On other occasions, court records show that two of the named payees would sign their names as endorsers, cash the checks and split the money with the defendant. In total, Bishop’s embezzlement scheme caused Macon County to issue checks for over $68,000. Bishop pleaded guilty in February 2016 to one count of federal program fraud.

In making the announcement U.S. Attorney Rose thanked the FBI and the SBI for their investigation of this case which is ongoing.

The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Richard Edwards of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Asheville.
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implement an academic environment. Families, communities and local governments all have a role in helping today’s children learn about the importance of proper nutrition and physical activity, say grant proponents. “We are excited about the possibility to offer breakfast to all of our students,” said Dr. Baldwin. “Students who have a good breakfast perform better and have fewer discipline problems. This is a program that will be very beneficial to our students and schools.”

**Biz/Org. News**

New teacher Monette Chilson joins Yoga Highlands

On Thursday July 28th and Thursday August 4th the Hudson Library is hosting “Yoga at the Library” at 11 am in the Community Room of the library. The program is presented by Yoga Highlands and it’s FREE.

Monette Chilson joins Yoga Highlands to offer a Wednesday evening transformative series which runs through Aug 3. Wednesday Wisdom Circle will blend spiritual faith and personal development with yoga’s tenets of building a flexible body and strong mind. Monette is the author of Sophia Rising: Awakening Your Sacred Wisdom Through Yoga. She describes the Wisdom Circle experience, saying, “We will create a safe, sacred space to explore our inner landscapes through practices including breath work, journaling, meditation and simple yoga postures. We will come to reclaim our truest self, no matter how deeply out of touch we may be with it.” Contact 828-526-8880 for details on how to participate, or stop by 464 Carolina Way to register.

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**Mission Health named 2016 Most Wired; Technology makes for a better patient experience**

Mission Health has been named one of the country’s “Most Wired,” joining just nine other health systems in North Carolina that received this distinction.

Hospitals & Health Networks named the Most Wired Hospitals and Health Systems in the 18th Annual Health Care’s Most Wired® survey, released today by the American Hospital Association’s (AHA) Health Forum.

“Mission Health is investing heavily in information technology to improve patient experience and optimize our operating efficiency,” said Jon Brown, Chief Information Officer of Mission Health.

“Mission Health is a key driver in our commitment to furthering our BIG(GER) Aim: To get every person to their desired outcome, first without harm, also without waste, and always with an exceptional experience for each person, family and team member.”

Most Wired hospitals are using technology to build patient engagement with the individual’s lifestyle in mind, which includes electronic access to their care team. Evidence of the growing effectiveness of Most Wired Hospitals includes:

- 68 percent accept patient-generated data through the patient portal.
- 61 percent use social media to provide support groups.

“Hospitals are breaking-out of their traditional four walls and providing care where and when patients need it,” said Rick Pollack, president and CEO of the AHA.

“These Most Wired hospitals exemplify this transformation by harnessing technology, engaging patients and offering services remotely. And, removing policy and other barriers to telehealth will allow even faster adoption of these amazing technologies.”

The 2016 Most Wired® survey and benchmarking study is a leading industry barometer measuring information technology (IT) use and adoption among hospitals nationwide. The survey of 680 participants, representing an estimated 2,146 hospitals—more than 34 percent of all hospitals in the U.S.—examines how organizations are leveraging IT to improve performance for value-based health care in the areas of infrastructure, business and administrative management; quality and safety; and clinical integration.

Detailed results of the survey and study can be found in the July issue of Hospitals & Health Networks magazine. For a full list of winners, visit www.hhnmag.com.

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**In Highlands boy scouting is ‘cool’**

In recent ceremonies, Christian Trevathan, Taylor Schmitt and Remy Adrian were awarded their Eagle Scout awards. Christian, Taylor and Remy are all members of Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207, which is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Highlands.

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**Free Gardening Seminar on Fri., July 29**

The Coalition for Nonnative Invasive Plant Management (CNIPM) is sponsoring a free seminar for property owners and the general public on Friday, July 29 from 9 a.m. until 12:30 at the Community Building, next to the ball park in Highlands. A light lunch at 12:30 will follow the morning session for those who preregister. Walk-ins are welcome. Bring a sandwich and join us. An optional field trip to the Botanical Garden will follow at 1:30 to see examples of eradication and control techniques for the invasive plants at the Botanical Garden. Moderator will show examples of native alternatives. To preregister for lunch please email swansondollie@gmail.com or call 828-526-2609 by July 22.

**Highlands F&R Open House is Aug. 6**

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