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## This Week in Highlands

### On-going Events

• The Bascom is offering a host of art classes for preschoolers to pre-teens from now through the end of the school year. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#.

• Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Call Nina Elliott at 526-9938.

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. Contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

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

### Mondays & Wednesdays

• Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. For more information call 526-3556.

### Mon., Wed., & Fri.

• Open AA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

### Mondays

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

### Thursdays

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

### Thursdays & Fridays

• Live music at The Rib Shack every from 7-10 p.m.

### Friday & Saturday

• Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

### Friday-Sunday

• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Phillips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

### Saturdays

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

### Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 16-19

• An old favorite, the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns," is the Highlands Cashiers Players fall play this season at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Call 828-526-8084 for reservations.

### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show.

### Fri-Sat., Oct. 17-18

• At the Instant Theater, The Sec-

ond Lady at 8 p.m. Stars Madeleine Davis Directed by David Milford. Call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197.

### Friday, Oct. 17

• Lori Williams, wildlife diversity biologist for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, joins the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust on Friday from 10-noon. Contact HCLT at 526-1111.

### Saturday, Oct. 18

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, Nat Turner, editor of "A Southern Soldier's Letters Home: The Civil War Letters of Samuel Burney, Army of Northern Virginia" will sign copies of his new book from 1-3 p.m.

### Sat. & Sun., Oct. 18-19

• The Art League of Highlands "Fall Colors" Fine Art Show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Highlands Recreation Center.

### Sunday, Oct. 19

• A hymn-sing at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Ron Nash will sign copies of "Serena" from 4-6 p.m.

• First Baptist Church invites everyone to a concert with Calvin Newton at 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, Oct. 20

• Sandra Mackey will be speaking at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center on the presidential candidates positions on Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Israel.

### Tuesday, Oct. 21

• The last lecture of the season in the "Take Charge of Your Health" lecture series "Blood Sugar and Your Health" and will be presented by Dr. Sue Aery. The lecture is free. Call 828-743-9070.

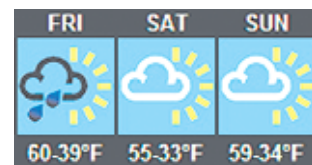
• AnMed Bloodmobile will be at First Citizens Bank from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Stuart Estate Planning Seminar from 4-6 p.m. at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa with dinner to follow. Call 1-800-807-5558 to reserve seats.

### Wednesday, Oct. 22

• AnMed Bloodmobile will be at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9-11:30 am.

## Weekend Weather:



## Town weathering financial storm

**Town Treasurer, Richard Betz explains town's position**

**By Richard Betz  
Town Treasurer**

### Revenues & Expenditures

I know everyone is concerned about the fiscal crisis. According to the latest information we have received from the N.C. League of Municipalities, the economic

slowdown is likely to reduce General Fund revenues significantly.

All across the state, construction is down and unemployment is up and the tight credit market and these other factors is obviously reducing consumer spending, so

sales tax revenues will be down.

We have already received the Powell Bill allotment – which is money that comes from the N. C. Department of Transportation which is based on gasoline tax and the

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## Animal ordinance affective April 2009

The long awaited animal control ordinance has been adopted and once the shelter is built on Lakeside Drive, the county will be in the business of controlling and securing stray or nuisance animals.

During the public hearing portion of Monday night's Macon County Commission meeting, the amount of time a stray would be kept at the shelter was on everyone's mind. Commissioners had previously said an animal would be kept a minimum of 72 hours and longer — as long as there is room to keep it.

Debra McGraw, who operates a rescue kennel in Franklin, said it can take a while to determine if an animal is actually a stray, so she asked that the time limit be extended.

Cynthia Stowers said animals are part of God's creation and man has been appointed by Him to take care of them.

"I hope fines will be imposed, that you educate the public about the laws and that

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## The bears among us...



Marjorie Potts snapped this shot of a bear at Horsecove Road and the entrance to Playmore near Bowery Road on her way home the other night. Moments after it was taken, a cub peeked out from the bushes.

## Candidates take a stance at forum

**By Sally Hanson  
Reporter**

The Nov. 4 election will mean big changes nationally and locally.

There are 10 people running for four seats on the Macon County Board of Education – potentially changing the makeup of the entire board; two people running for Macon County Commission seat currently occupied by Chairman Charlie Leather-

man and incumbent Commissioner Jim Davis is running unopposed.

The Macon County Association of Educators (MCAE) held a forum for Board of Education (BOE) and County Commissioner candidates at the Fine Arts Center at Franklin High School last Thursday.

Twelve out of the 13 invited candidates attended the

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## Town Board discusses myriad of topics

The new Town Hall, the town audit, the greenway subdivision ordinance, the Highlands Playhouse lease, new zoning board members and the future of the ABC store were all discussed at the Wednesday's Town Board meeting.

**Town Hall:** Commissioner Dennis DeWolf suggested taking another look at the new Town Hall design, and even questioned whether the town could afford the proposition given the current economic state of the nation.

Town Administrator Richard Betz agreed and said though the town is fiscally sound and in no danger financially, a conservative approach to future expenditures might be wise at this time.

**Town Audit:** Auditor Brian Starnes said the town is well positioned to weather a downturn thanks to a healthy unreserved fund balance of \$2.286 million – which represents 44% of expenditures or a six-month supply of money.

**Zoning Board:** Brian Steers and Eric Pierson were

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • FORUM •

### Explaining the 'Single-Payer National Health Insurance' plan

**Single-payer national health insurance is a system in which a single public or quasi-public agency organizes health financing, but delivery of care remains largely private.**

Currently, the U.S. health care system is outrageously expensive, yet inadequate. Despite spending more than twice as much as the rest of the industrialized nations (\$7,129 per capita), the United States performs poorly in comparison on major health indicators such as life expectancy, infant mortality and immunization rates. Moreover, the other advanced nations provide comprehensive coverage to their entire populations, while the U.S. leaves 47 million completely uninsured and millions more inadequately covered.

The reason we spend more and get less than the rest of the world is because we have a patchwork system of for-profit payers. Private insurers necessarily waste health dollars on things that have nothing to do with care: overhead, underwriting, billing, sales and marketing departments as well as huge profits and exorbitant executive pay. Doctors and hospitals must maintain costly administrative staffs to deal with the bureaucracy. Combined, this needless administration consumes one-third (31 percent) of Americans' health dollars.

Single-payer financing is the only way to recapture this wasted money. The potential savings on paperwork, more than \$350 billion per year, are enough to provide comprehensive coverage to everyone without paying any more than we already do.

Under a single-payer system, all Americans would be covered for all medically necessary services, including: doctor, hospital, long-term care, mental health, dental, vision, prescription drug and medical supply costs. Patients would regain free choice of doctor and hospital, and doctors would regain autonomy over patient care.

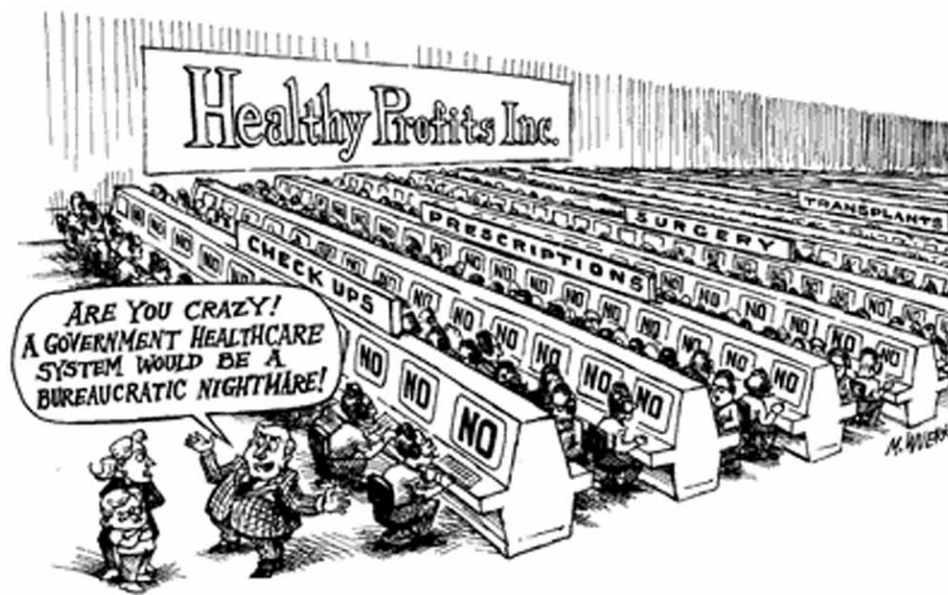
Physicians would be paid fee-for-service according to a negotiated formulary or receive salary from a hospital or nonprofit HMO/group practice. Hospitals would receive a global budget for operating expenses. Health facilities and expensive equipment purchases would be managed by regional health planning boards.

A single-payer system would be financed by eliminating private insurers and recapturing their administrative waste. Modest new taxes would replace premiums and out-of-pocket payments currently paid by individuals and business. Costs would be controlled through negotiated fees, global budgeting and bulk purchasing.

**The is the first in a series of answers to frequently asked questions concerning Single-Payer National Health Insurance.**

**1. Is national health insurance 'socialized medicine'?**

No. Socialized medicine is a system in



which doctors and hospitals work for and draw salaries from the government. Doctors in the Veterans Administration and the Armed Services are paid this way. The health systems in Great Britain and Spain are other examples. But in most European countries, Canada, Australia and Japan they have socialized health insurance, not socialized medicine. The government pays

for care that is delivered in the private (mostly not-for-profit) sector. This is similar to how Medicare works in this country. Doctors are in private practice and are paid on a fee-for-service basis from government funds. The government does not own or manage medical practices or hospitals.

The term socialized medicine is often used

to conjure up images of government bureaucratic interference in medical care. That does not describe what happens in countries with national health insurance where doctors and patients often have more clinical freedom than in the U.S., where bureaucrats attempt to direct care.

2. Won't this result in rationing like in Canada?

The U.S. already rations care. Rationing in U.S. health care is based on income: if you can afford care, you get it; if you can't, you don't. A recent study by the prestigious Institute of Medicine found that 18,000 Americans die every year because they don't have health insurance. Many more skip treatments that their insurance company refuses to cover. That's rationing. Other countries do not ration in this way.

If there is this much rationing, why don't we hear about it? And if other countries ration less, why do we hear about them? The answer is that their systems are publicly accountable, and ours is not. Problems with their health care systems are aired in public; ours are not. For example, in Canada, when waits for care emerged in the 1990s, Parliament hotly debated the causes and solutions. Most provinces have also established formal reporting systems on waiting lists, with wait times for each hospital posted on the Internet. This public attention has led to recent falls in waits there.

In U.S. health care, no one is ultimately accountable for how the system works. No one takes full responsibility. Rationing in our system is carried out covertly through financial pressure, forcing millions of individuals to forego care or to be shunted away by caregivers from services they can't pay for.

The rationing that takes place in U.S. health care is unnecessary. A number of studies (notably a General Accounting Office report in 1991 and a Congressional Budget Office report in 1993) show that there is more than enough money in our health care system to serve everyone if it were spent wisely. Administrative costs are at 31% of U.S. health spending, far higher than in other countries' systems. These inflated costs are due to our failure to have a publicly financed, universal health care system. We spend about twice as much per person as Canada or most European nations, and still deny health care to many in need. A national health program could save enough on administration to assure access to care for all Americans, without rationing.

• Information provided by Physicians for a National Health Care Program. More questions will be answered in the Oct. 23, issue of Highlands' Newspaper.

#### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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## • OBITUARY •

### Horace Gordon Duncan

Horace Gordon Duncan, CCM, CAE, born in Morganton, N.C. January 20, 1922, died October 11, 2008 in Fairfax, VA. He was the son of the Rev. Norvin C. and Mary Olivia Duncan of Asheville, N.C. He attended Patterson Agricultural School in Patterson, N.C. and graduated from Lee Edwards High School in Asheville in 1940. He also earned management certifications (CCM & CAE) from The Club Management Institute and The American Society of Association Executives and the United States Chamber of Commerce Institute, Washington, D.C.

In his younger years he began his career by working at The Asheville Times and The Langren Hotel in Asheville and the Biltmore Plaza restaurant in Biltmore. He served 3 1/3 years in World War II. After graduating from the Army Air Corps School of Photography at Lowry Field in Denver, CO, he studied aeronautical Tri-Metrogon mapping in Colorado Springs, where he was stationed and worked as a photogrammetrist mapping various areas of the world including the Burma India Theater.

Duncan was Executive Director of the Club Managers Association of America in Maryland, which is now in Alexandria, VA, from 1971 through 1987. He was General Manager of Cherry Hills Country Club in Englewood, CO for 13 years. He was also employed by the Denver Country Club as Assistant Manager for seven years. Additionally, he was associated with radio stations KMYR in Denver and WSKY in Asheville.

He and his family lived in Denver for more than 25 years. While in Denver, he was a member of The Exchange Club, and a member of Pinehurst Country Club. He served as a Director of the Colorado/Wyoming Restaurant Association and was inducted into the Colorado Hospitality Institutional Hall of Fame.

In 1967, he served as President of The Club Managers Association of America. Prior to that, held other executive positions as well as being a Director of that Association. In Denver, he also served as President and other executive offices of the Mile High Chapter of CMAA. From 1968 to 1971, he was Vice President of Wilsam Enterprises, the home of the Hungry Farmers, The Hungry Dutchman and the Broker Restaurants.

In Washington, D.C., he served as a treasurer of The Executive's Club. He was a member of the American Society of Association Executives and the ASAE foundation. He served on the vestry of the Episcopal Church of Ascension in Gaithersburg, MD. He and his family lived in Gaithersburg for 17 years.

In Highlands, N.C., he was a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Highlands. He was a member and a vestryman



of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at which he also served on the building and future planning committees

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary Alice Hoxie Duncan, whom he met and married in Denver. His son, Fred, also preceded him in death. He is survived by his

daughter, Meredith Duncan Bowen, and son-in-law, Randall, of Fairfax, VA and his son, David Duncan, in Aurora, CO. He had eight grandchildren, Evan, Lindsay and Alexandra Bowen of Fairfax, Kris Martinell and her husband, Bill, of Dell Montana, Scott Catey and his wife, Tiara, of Gainesville, Florida, Katchen and Jessica Duncan of Key West, FL and Heather Duncan Raboin of Rochester, MI. He had four great-grandchildren, Shelby, Skylar and Justin Martinell also of Dell, Montana and Olivia Elizabeth Duraine of Rochester, MI.

The funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 18, at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, N.C. with the Rev. Brian Sullivan officiating. Interment will be at Highlands Memorial Park in Highlands.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Horace Duncan Rotary Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1741, Highlands, NC 28741 or the CMAA Club Foundation Scholarship Fund in memory of Horace Duncan, 1733 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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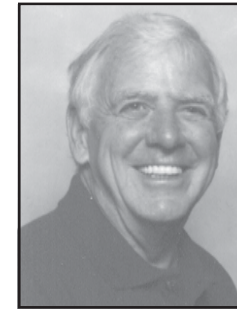
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

**Dry Falls is giving me the dry heaves**

If you ever, in your wildest dreams, in a moment of sheer weakness or during an attack of temporary retardation, think you would like to have the government run something for you, I have two words for you: Dry Falls.



**Fred Wooldridge**

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**Feedback is encouraged!**  
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The U.S. Forest Service has announced it will take another 240 days to complete this project. Not 241 days, mind you, but 240. They could have at least not insulted us and said "about" 240 days. Excuse us if we don't believe you.

Mayor Mullen says he "thinks" we're disappointed. Hellooooo, we are definitely disappointed.

Since this project started two years ago, private enterprise in and around the Highlands has constructed entire condo buildings, including tamping down fill dirt to support them, in less than half the time the government has attempted to overhaul a parking lot. This is not rocket science here. Hey, we're talking fill dirt, a wooden pit toilet that everyone driving by can see and a new set of steps. DUH!

Write this next part down. Take away the incentive of capitalism or the incentive of profit and things move slower than a tourist on the Franklin Road. Now add the words "Forest Service," an oxymoron itself, and we are talking snail speed here.

Hold it, before you get your shorts in a wad and write in saying nasty things about me for slamming the USFS, be aware I know my stuff on this subject. Not only was I a government employee for 28 years, when I retired I ran a business on national forest service land for 13 years. The two hardest things I had to do since my retirement as a cop was get a permit to use Forest Service land and get rid of my permit to use Forest Service land once I sold my business.

I was fortunate to have met a retired Forest Service employee living in the Highlands area prior to opening my business. He was a funny guy. Actually honest would be a better word. He once got transferred to another area of the country for showing too much incentive. Even funnier, he was told that was the reason for his transfer. His boss told him he was making everyone else look bad. He shall remain nameless 'cause he's

still around. He also gave me a great piece of advice. He said, "It's better to ask for forgiveness than for permission."

If I hadn't taken his advice, I might still be waiting for my permit. I never asked them questions because they would've started a study before giving me an answer. I just did it and if they objected, I humbly apologized, stopped and then moved on to doing something else without permission. It worked

great for 13 years. Five years after I sold my business, I was still communicating with them, begging them to send me a final bill for what I owed them so I could close my books.

Surely you remember when the huge chunk of rock fell off of Bridle Veil Falls. After a five-year study and much hand wringing, the Forest Service finally determined the cause of the collapse: Gravity! Ta da! The mess would have sat there forever if Bill Nellis, at his own expense, hadn't taken the initiative and cleaned it up. The Forest Service was still studying what the effects of cleaning it up would have on the environment. Obviously, Bill also knows how the government works.

Now don't get me wrong, some of the nicest people I ever met in the Highlands area worked for the Forest Service and I had a great working relationship with most of them for the whole 13 years. They know how inefficient their agency is. Don't confuse nice with efficient. It's not their fault; it's the U.S. government's fault.

And finally, for better or for worse, for richer or poorer, it looks like Mr. Obama will be our next president.

For certain, the United States is about to become a lot more socialistic with our government running more things than ever.

Other than the Interstate Highway System, try to think of one federal government project that has ever run efficient or in the black.

I shutter to think about the cost and efficiency of a socialistic health care plan. Maybe we could get the Forest Service to do a study on health care and come up with a plan. That way, Mr. Obama will be an old man before it's initiated.

Ha, only kidding...not.



## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Will we remember why there is a need for change, or will we forget?



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

**Feedback is encouraged.**

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**Y**ippee! \$3 gas is back and we are celebrating. Not so long ago when gas was on the way up to \$3, we shuddered at the prospect and projected endless and uninterrupted escalation in the cost of fuel, with devastating economic impact. Sure enough. Increasing world demand, speculation, and a series of hurricanes drove the price to well over \$4 per gallon, when you could find a station with gas.

Sedans, large SUV's, and trucks, once the darlings of American consumers, sat unwanted in dealer lots and in front yards across the country. Everywhere I looked, I saw cars with "for sale" signs. I even saw a bus of the type that transport gospel singers and vans in various sizes, but big SUVs were the least wanted of all.

It took a violent economic upheaval which left the world on the brink of a deep recession or worse to reverse the trend. Demand for gasoline evaporated faster than gas on hot pavement. The price plummeted until it fell below the \$3, at least in towns beyond Highlands. I filled up in this morning at Ingles in Seneca for \$2.889. A driver could fill his tank in Mountain City for \$2.99, no lines, no limits, no plastic bags on the pumps. There is less talk of hybrids today. Demands to develop renewable energy suddenly seem oddly quaint. For days I saw a guy riding his bike into Westminster each morning at 6:45. Then he disappeared along with gas shortage induced anxiety. I suppose he is driving his truck again, or resting weary muscles. In any case, I doubt that he is demonstrating for cheaper fuel or against greenhouse gases. We are happy again. Three dollar gas is like a gift from the oil companies, until recently derisively and collectively referred to as, "Big Oil."

It remains to be seen if we will renew our love affair with big, gas guzzling vehicles, but if the past is any indication, it is likely. Will Ford and General Motors rush to reopen truck factories, so recently shuttered in a move costing millions? I wonder

if small fuel efficient cars will become orphans in the industry. There won't be many car buyers willing to pay thousands for a hybrid when gasoline is a gift at \$3. At \$2.50 we'll feel like we're stealing it. Americans have long been intoxicated with speed and power.

For a moment I thought that as a nation, we were sobering up. Maybe we are, but it is at least as likely that we are preparing for yet another binge. The irrefutable facts that we are again ignoring, are that petroleum is a finite resource, and a polluting one. The world's economies may quickly right themselves, or we may experience a deep and prolonged depression. In either case, prosperity will return sometime, and with it the demand for fuel.

When China's factories are humming again, the Chinese will want cars. As prosperity returns to India, Indians will want to drive. Gasoline prices will rise again, and oil reserves will shrink. We should take advantage of this temporary reprieve to prepare for the future, but we probably won't. We will drill off shore, and eventually we

will drill in ANWR. We will wring every drop of oil from beneath the earth. We will fight more wars over remaining oil. (Has anyone heard of Iraq?) The crisis has not passed and by ignoring it, we are endangering our planet and our economy. Our presidential candidates who should be debating this impending disaster are busy attacking each other and assigning blame for the fail-

ures of the past. I wonder if we will ever extend our vision, or we will never look beyond immediate crises and the political capital they might generate. We will surely see \$4 gas again. The right combination of Middle East instability, terrorist activity, weather related disruptions, and in-

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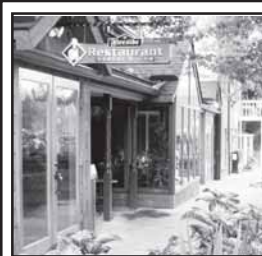
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forum: County Commissioner District II candidate and incumbent Dr. Jim Davis, who is running unopposed; County Commissioner District III candidates Jimmy Goodman and Bobby Koppers; BOE District I candidate Frieda Bennett; BOE District III candidates Brian Bateman and incumbent Tommy Baldwin; BOE District IV candidates Alan Allman, Jim Breedlove, Gregg Jones, and Dwight Vinson; and BOE District IV candidates Bobby Bishop and incumbent Roberta Swank. BOE District I candidate John Shearl was unable to attend the event.

MCAE Vice President and FHS teacher John deVille introduced the candidates and served as moderator. All candidates had five minutes to give an opening statement, then questions submitted by the audience were read. Candidates had two minutes in which to address the questions. After everyone had responded, anyone could address the other candidates' responses for up to a minute.

Commissioner Dr. Jim Davis said that his next term would be the omega of his political career. "It has been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Macon County," he said. Davis is currently finishing his third term as commissioner, and he said that he plans to keep doing what he has been doing. "This commission has been successful," Davis said.

FHS teacher Bobby Koppers said that he moved to Macon County when he was five years old, and he is a 1971 FHS graduate. "I never worried about anything when I was growing up because there were five people looking after me. The

five county commissioners of Macon County made growing up here a wonderful experience," he said.

Koppers served in the US Submarine Force for 25 years after graduating from the U.S. Naval Academy. He said he was inspired to run for office by one of his students. "I've been around government for a long time. I've seen it at its best, I've seen it at its worst, and I hope I know enough to tell the difference," Koppers said.

Jimmy Goodman has lived in Burningtown for the past 17 years. He said that he owns a small business and has experience making budgets, working with individuals and procuring materials. Goodman previously served on the Macon County Planning Board, and he said this experience proves that he can sit down with others, work through problems and come to conclusions.

"I want to get more citizen involvement in government," Goodman said. He also wants to have every commission meeting recorded and put on the web.

Frieda Bennett is a graduate of Highlands School, and she was a public school teacher for 34 years. "I have experience in education, and I'm passionate about kids," Bennett said. This is her first time running for any public office, and she hopes to keep Macon County a community where everyone is involved in education.

Current BOE member Tommy Baldwin said that he would like to be on the BOE when the Macon 5-6 School is

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• VIDEO GUY •

**Calendar Girls**

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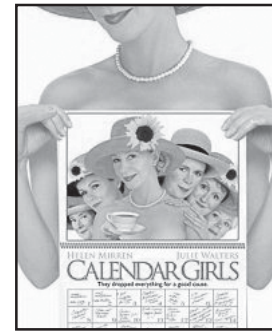
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death, how about a calendar of photos of the ladies of the Women's Institute at work at their hobbies, cooking, flower arranging, and the like, and maybe, to make it some what interesting, something could be, well, left out, you understand.

OK, for those who may be unfamiliar with this wonderful, charming (and true) story, portrayed by some of the best female actors in all

British cinema, a group of women who are, let's say, of a certain age, decide to produce a fund raising calendar with the ladies photographed (quite tastefully, mind you) au naturale. They came to this some what unconventional choice in hopes of raising enough money to maybe, possibly, if it wasn't to awfully expensive, buy a few chairs or a sofa for the local hospital, and had 500 copies printed. They misjudged the demand for the product. Almost a quarter million copies later, their initial misgivings about the success of the project were assuaged.

Funny, cute, tear jerking, uplifting (the story), brilliantly acted, and inspiring, the movie was apparently fairly true to most of the actual events about the production of the calendar, but the story is much more about the women, their attitudes about themselves and each other. Some of the greatest British actresses, working ensemble, do a terrific job with this story, which at it's essence is about ordinary people finding themselves capable of extraordinary things.



The publication of the calendar raised £200,000 to fund treatment of leukemia. The movie, winner of multiple awards, grossed \$62,063,000

A few along these lines, some based on true stories, some fictional, are Mrs. Henderson Presents, Kinky Boots, Brassed Off, The Queen, Edges of America, and Queen Sized, these and

about 5000 other titles are available at Movie Stop Video, come on by and take a look.

The Storyline: A typical group of Yorkshire women go about their typical lives, working, caring for sick family members, being involved in the local women's organization, charitable fund raising, just regular stuff, you know. Oh, about the fund raising, this year's calendar committee is about to decide what theme for the pictures, maybe flowers, bridges, possibly area churches, recipes of the month? Well, if it hasn't been done to

• BUSINESS NEWS •

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## • CONSERVATIVE POV •

### Bad Nancy; bad, bad Nancy

**W**e conservatives, even though we have a common character trait in optimism, are often accused of being negative. Just this week, I have been called a "government hater." An old friend, Thomas Jefferson once said, "When the people fear their government, there is tyranny; when the government fears the people, there is liberty." Maybe conservatives simply try to balance the "fear factor" and appear negative in doing so.



**Don Swanson  
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Today, I would love to write a glowing report on government honesty, on the prevalence of statesmanship in our government officials, on the buoyant spirit of the American people. However, with the current NBC/Wall Street Journal showing Congress with a 13% approval rating, and the same poll showing the pPresident at 29%, it is difficult to make a positive case for the government.

To put things in perspective, when the current House of Representatives took office in January, 2007, it had a job approval rating of 32%, not an admirable figure but certainly better than now. So, you may ask, what happened to put their number at such a lowly level? Well, since the Democrats are the dominant party, and the leader of the Democrat Party is Nancy Pelosi, I guess she deserves the honor.

I recently received an email that made a good point, and I'd quote it if I could find it, but its point was that 545 (the number might be slightly off) people control the country. If they wanted a balanced budget, we'd have a balanced budget. If they wanted an effective energy policy, we'd have one. Likewise, if they wanted an effective immigration policy, we'd have that one too. We are what that limited number of people want us to be. Come to think of it, we're only talking about some number over half that many, since we aren't what the opposition wants.

So, what about Nancy's performance as Speaker of the House?

For starters, in her acceptance speech, she said, "This is a historic moment – for the Congress, and for the women of this country." Well I hope you ladies are enjoying her victory because I certainly am not. Perhaps the first move she made as Speaker was to support John Murtha to serve as House Majority Leader. Fortunately, Murtha was soundly beaten and Pelosi lost her first skirmish. She did make good on her promise to

pass a slug of legislation in the first "hundred hours" of her reign, although it took several hundred hours. Her job required her to make committee chair appointments, which she did, and that was the beginning of our current slew of problems. Let's stand back and take an objective look at our current situation.

In the president's last two years of his second term, he is labeled "a lame

duck."

Additionally, because of the status of the war effort when Pelosi became Speaker, Bush's political power was waning, and, for better or worse, Nancy is probably the most powerful politician on earth. I'll let the poll results on her performance speak for themselves. The people say Congress was poorly respected when she took office, and the people now say it is much worse.

I won't list the reasons why this might be other than to mention her pathetic leadership in the financial meltdown. When Treasury Secretary Paulson and Fed head Bernanke told Congress (Nancy) that certain measures must be taken in order to head off a catastrophe, her need to politicize the issue and call for an ill-fated vote signaled to the world that we were helpless to act in the face of an emergency.

What's next for Bad Nancy? Aside from another stimulus package she's floating to buy more votes, her real political philosophy is revealed in her scheme to put a "windfall tax" on retirement income. She says we need to put an additional tax on stock market profits. What for? She says, "We need to raise the standard of living of our poor, unemployed and minorities. For example, we have an estimated 12 million illegal immigrants in our country who need help along with millions of unemployed minorities. Stock market windfall profits taxes could go a long way to guarantee these people the standard of living they would like to have as 'Americans.'"

This is Marxism, pure and simple. I have felt that an Obama win coupled with a veto-proof Congress would bring us to socialism in short order. With Ms. Pelosi on the job, it's a lock. If you want your retirement funds to go to illegals, vote for the Libs. If the market doesn't turn around soon, a profits tax may be academic.

# VOTER ALERT!

## To the Voters of Highlands:

With the election fast approaching, there are some important issues at hand.

**Jimmy Goodman**, who is running for County Commissioner, would be a breath of fresh air and a conservative voice for voters who are concerned with the tax-and-spend policies of the current board.

After the failure of the bond issue, the board has ignored the wishes of the voters and has borrowed tens of millions of dollars.

In a down economy, is this wise?

In the non-partisan school board Districts I and IV, the clear choice is **John Shearl** in District 1 and **Allen Allman** in District IV. These men are deeply concerned about the falling test scores, teen pregnancy and 40% drop-out rate in our schools.

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

**'The only thing to fear, is fear itself'**

The current economic situation so far is affecting Highlands more than downturns in the past. While these recessions usually occur every six to eight years in our country, we have always been almost immune from severe losses here. However, this is the worst crisis we have had since the Great Depression and cool heads are in order. Franklin Roosevelt said in 1932 in the depth of that depression, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself," and that still holds true today. These downturns are called "panics" for a reason. And decisions made during a panic regarding our own personal affairs are usually not good. It is a time to hunker down and wait out the storm. Everyone must remember that you do not lose in the stock market until you sell, and the market always comes back stronger than ever.

But those remarks do not help the businesses in our town because the number of visitors this summer and fall is definitely down. And gas shortages and gas prices have escalated. Some businesses are closing and others are for sale. Since many of us have had to curtail our travel activities, it behooves us locals to buy more of our necessary products locally. Going off the mountain has become an expensive proposition and the local store owners need our business in this time of uncertainty. Let us all stick together, not panic, and we will come through this downturn better than we were before. Adversity helps us appreciate what we have had and will have again.

Highlands and Scaly Mountain volunteer fire fighters were recognized recently. We now have 32 volunteers in Highlands who always do an incredible job in helping keep the Highlands plateau safe in the face of emergencies. We are indebted to them for their quick response in very tough situations, and I would like to add my congratulations to all of these men for jobs well done. Let me just add that training sessions are ongoing with these emergency workers and they are well prepared to handle emergencies in a very professional way. "Popcorn" Manley is our Chief and he has been ably assisted for many years by Bob Houston and Ricky Bryson.

This week the Highlands Cashiers Players opens a new play at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. "A Thousand Clowns" will begin this



Mayor Don Mullen

coming Thursday and run for two weekends. It is a cute play of a man raising his orphaned 12-year-old nephew in New York City, and if these folks do their usual outstanding performance it should be a hoot. Get your tickets and support this great group of local actors.

Thanks to the generosity and work of developer Bill Nellis we have a new park in town. After more than 160 entries for a new name to the green space created around Harris Lake on the former Edwards family property, we have appropriately named the new park Harris Lake Park with an entrance plaque which will honor the Edwards family. It will be a place for quiet contemplation within walking distance of town which will be enjoyed by many for years to come. We thank Bill Nellis for this fine addition to our community and the effort he put forth to name the park. And thanks to the many people who contributed names in this contest. Whatever name we had chosen, the park would have naturally been called "Harris Lake Park." So that choice was obvious to the committee.

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creasing demand can well drive the price to \$10 and beyond. Unfortunately, the likely action is to celebrate while we can.

Bull asked me an interesting question. "Dad, is saving a quarter on a gallon of gas really that big a deal for adults?" I answered that the point wasn't saving a quarter on one gallon of gas, but about saving four or five dollars on every tank, which over the course of a year, adds up.

What prompted the question was a station outside of Franklin that was selling gas for \$2.89 a gallon last Saturday. Competitors were charging \$3.29. A line had formed and drivers were waiting patiently for their gift from Big Oil. I hesitated and thought about joining the line, just as Bull asked the question. It brought me back to reality. The folks in line weren't thinking about saving hundreds of dollars over the course of a year. They were weary of shortages and tired of high prices. Saturday was a chance to have a party and get even.

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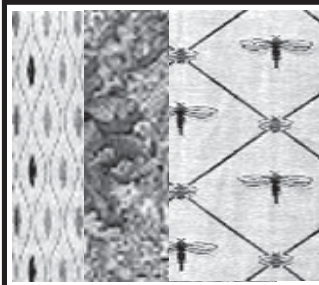


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• For more great recipes and information about organic foods, visit [www.organicvalley.coop](http://www.organicvalley.coop).

#### Apple Cranberry Cobbler with Spiced Whipped Cream

Prep Time: 0:15  
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Servings: 16

- 8 cups tart apples (peeled, cored and chopped)
- 10 ounces cranberries (thawed and drained, or fresh if available)
- 4 tablespoons Organic Valley Butter (Salted, Cultured or Pasture)
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups rolled oats (old fashioned)
- 2 cups all-purpose flour (or spelt)
- 1/2 teaspoon double-acting baking powder
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- sea salt (to taste)
- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 1/2 cup Organic Valley Milk

#### Spiced Whipped Cream

- 1 pint Organic Valley Heavy Whipping Cream
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons sugar

Preheat oven to 375° F. Thaw and drain frozen cranberries, or wash fresh berries and pat dry. Toss cranberries and apples together into a 10x13-inch glass baking dish.

In medium sized mixing bowl, using your hands, blend together to resemble a coarse meal: butter, sugar, oats (rub between hands to break into smaller bits), flour, baking powder, vanilla extract, spices, and sea salt.

Stir in milk and syrup; mixture will become somewhat sticky. Drop by spoonfuls onto apple/cranberry compote and pat down slightly. Sprinkle with sugar, if desired. Bake for 45-60 minutes, or until apples are soft and topping has become golden.

Whip cream with cinnamon, vanilla, and sugar until stiff. Serve atop warm cobbler.



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• ANOTHER POV •

**A brave man for president**

This is a remarkable country. It is a country where each person has the right to opportunity and where every person can make a difference. This is also a country where not every person is *entitled* to succeed or win, but it is a country where every person has the right to try, the right to compete. Perhaps the greatest contest in this country is the race for president and we are nearing the end of that race.



**Matthew G. Eberz**  
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Unlike any previous race, this presidential race has seen something new that it is simply staggering in its significance. For the first time, the top two candidates for president from a major political party were a woman and an African American man; their presence alone has been a beacon that shone on the principles of America. Regardless of political party affiliation, every American should feel pride in knowing that in America race or sex will not prevent Americans from being all we can be.

This country prides itself on the belief that all men are created equal, and sometimes you actually have to prove that. We have been the envy of the world for a long time; they envy our political system and our way of life. They envy how we respect and protect the value of one life, one person, one dream. The loss of one to us is as powerful and as tragic a loss as is the loss of a thousand. In this world of anger, hatred, war lords and corrupt governments, where the loss of human freedoms is all too often the result, this country stands as a beacon of hope and an example of what can be. The true course of America has always been the example of freedom for the world.

"People the world over have always been more impressed by the power of our example than by the example of our power," said former President Clinton in a recent speech. Like he, I believe that over the last few years we have lost the course. We have abused that power and now the world and we are suffering for it. Anyone who can ignore that the misguided war in Iraq and the greed of companies like Countrywide have not thrown this country into turmoil and near financial collapse need to open their eyes.

We need to make changes — that's for sure. We can't seem to agree on what

they are or who should make them but we agree on the need for changes. Under our two-party system, we really now have only two choices; Senator McCain and Senator Obama. One has been around a long time, served in the military, became a POW, and has been in the Senate for more than 20 years. The other is newer to the political scene. He was

raised by a single parent, graduated from a most prestigious college then chose to serve at the community level before becoming an Illinois State Senator and then a U.S. Senator. They are as different as night and day.

People say that this man, Obama, does not have the military experience of his opponent, that he is less qualified to be Commander in Chief because he has not faced the danger of war. This man, a black American, walks the streets every day with a target on his back. There are deranged people that seek to hold back a person because he or she is not the same race as they. There has already been one plot against his life that has been foiled and I suspect there will be more. So is Obama not qualified because he hasn't faced danger? Well he faces it everyday. He faces it because he committed to the values of America; that kindness, faith, and the average America is the backbone of this great country, and that the course of America needs a correction. So I say the question that Obama does not have the courage is off the table.

Obama believes, as I do, that a fundamental belief of life and of America is that I am my brother's keeper. If I see a man who has fallen in the street I lend a hand. If I see a person who has fallen on bad financial times, I lend what I can. Many people just don't have that view. They believe that people who are getting aid are "freeloaders" and "should work for what they get." Yes, some of those who we help are milking the system, but that doesn't make the system bad nor lessen the need for our generosity.

There are bad businesses, greedy companies and despicable CEOs who take exorbitant salaries, but that doesn't mean our entire system of business is broken it just means there is work to do.

As the contest unfolded there were

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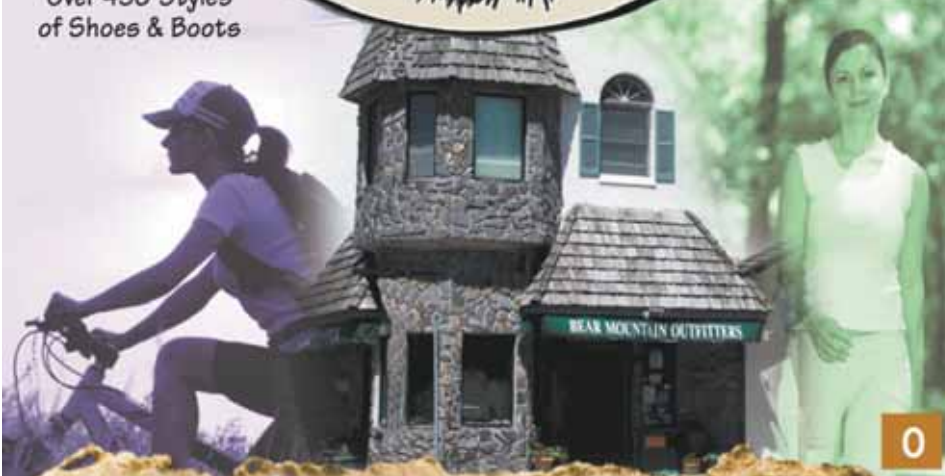
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miles of roads in city limits that can be used for road improvements in Highlands. It is down 10% across the state. I would not be surprised if other revenues are reduced even more. The League says that they "hope and believe" that the Governor will not withhold our State-collected local revenues as he has done in the past, but that, too, is a possibility.

On the local level, property taxes will not be affected until our next revaluation, but in many areas the soft market has meant lower assessed values. In addition, foreclosures are on the rise, and we have even seen some here in Highlands. We may also see more and more consumers having difficulty paying their utility bills as a result of unemployment or slow work in construction.

For this reason, the League has urged municipal officials across the state to consider reducing expenditures for the current fiscal year; as they point out, it may be easier to do so now than later in the year.

I would echo that advice, and recommend that the Town Board carefully consider ALL expenditures that have not yet been approved in the coming year until we get a clearer picture of where we are headed. Many other cities have already instituted hiring freezes or reductions, and the communications I see on the City & County Managers Association Listserv reveal a very serious problem, especially for cities with minimal capital reserves. Now is the time to be extremely conservative with spending.

Another factor that might affect us is the upcoming wholesale electric rate increase from Duke Power – Duke has been delayed in getting back to us and we're not scheduled to meet now until early December, but we can certainly expect an increase.

Although that won't go into effect until March of 2010, passing the increase on to consumers at that time might be difficult if economic conditions remain unimproved. Thus, the historically healthy profit we have made from our Electric Distribution System may be affected.

That being said, the Harris Lake Sewer Project is fully funded – our CWMTF grant has been committed, and our matching funds have been placed into the Capital Projects Fund for the contract.

Future grant money is certainly going to become tighter and tighter, although PARTF funds seem to be unaffected for now. PARTF funds are Parks and Recreation Trust Funds municipalities can get to buy land for parks and recreational facilities.

So, only time will tell to what extent some of the larger capital projects the Town Board has been discussing – such as Phases II and III of the sewer projects, Town Hall, and Pine Street Park – can be funded, but for this year the town has the resources to move forward.

We also have healthy capital reserves, as our annual audit shows. Our water, sewer,



## • HIS & HERS •

### The honeymoon Part 4

After our early morning departure from Edinburgh, I thought we'd be cranky and sleepy. Fortunately for us, we had the first – and, alas, only – really sunny day of our entire trip. After days of solid rain, with heavy, leaden overcast skies, we had resigned ourselves to having this kind of weather for the entire stay. Here we were, sailing to Ireland, and the most glorious sunshine warmed both our bodies and spirits. I'd thought that if we had rain anywhere it would be in Ireland, and here we were, getting the nicest day to welcome us.

The ferry trip from Stanraer to Larne was short and pleasant. I've always enjoyed boat travel, and miss those frequent ferry trips to and from France and England during those 14 years I lived in Paris. While the Channel Tunnel was a huge change in English Channel travel, and very convenient, it never replaced ferry travel for pure charm. By the way, the Brits have a lot of nerve calling it the "English Channel!" The French simply call it "La Manche," quite literally "the sleeve," probably because it's the arm of the Atlantic Ocean that separates the two countries.

We landed in Larne in Northern Ireland, and piled back into our bus, which had been waiting for us on one of the lower levels of the ferry. One of Ireland's most popular routes is the scenic coastal route traveling north. Mountains, valleys and coastline offered the most marvelous views. We briefly stopped for a photo op – with shots of Northern Ireland with the Scottish coastline clearly visible off in the distance. Our destination for the day was the Giant's Causeway, an extraordinary location featuring impressive hexagonal columns formed over 60 million years ago by cooling lava.

Of course, such an amazing area had to be the subject of much myth and legend. The most famous of them was that the Giant's Causeway was built by Finn McCool to walk to Scotland to fight his Scottish counterpart, Benandonner. Unfortunately, Finn McCool was so tired from building the causeway that he fell asleep, and his larger rival crossed the bridge to come looking for him. To protect her husband, Finn's wife Oonagh laid a blanket over him so that he could pretend that he was actually their baby son. When Benandonner saw the size of the "baby," he panicked. He assumed the father, Finn, must indeed be a giant, and he fled home in terror, ripping up



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the Causeway just in case Finn decided to pursue him.

These wonderful stories were an integral part of Ireland, we soon found out. Was there a tree standing alone in a field? The fairies put it there. Was there a tree growing in a stone wall? The fairies again. And like Mother Nature, you don't mess with the fairies. Time and time again, we were told of the horrors befalling

folks who messed with the Little People, and came out the worse for wear. While we had had rainy days in Scotland, we only started seeing rainbows when we arrived in Ireland. Somehow, it didn't seem too much of a stretch to imagine finding pots of gold at the end of them.

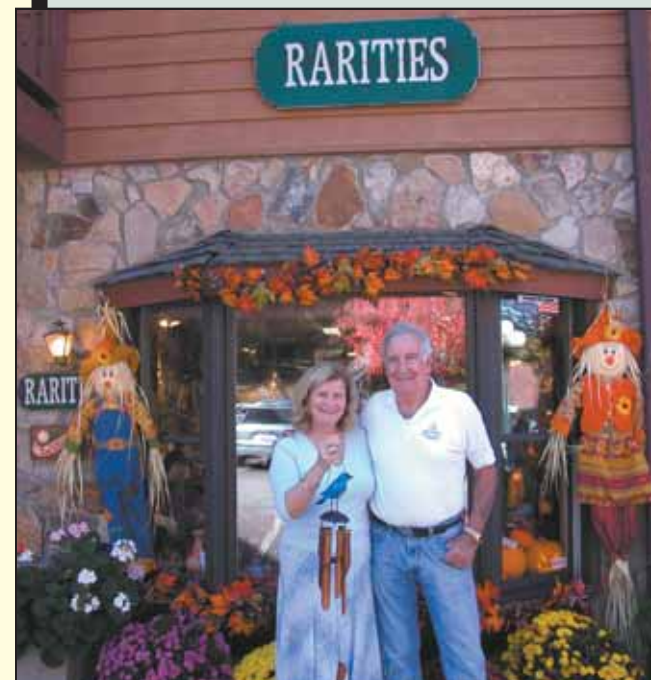
We continued along the coast to Letterkenny, which would be our base for the next two days – a relief after all that packing and unpacking during much of our trip. This was Victor's neck of the woods, and we knew we'd get a real insider's look at this part of our tour. The Giant's Causeway was only two miles from Bushmills, the village best known as the home of the Old Bushmills Distillery, founded in 1608 and the oldest licensed distillery in the world. Here's a tip about the spelling of this famous brew – if it's from Scotland, it's whisky. If it's from Ireland, it's whiskey. No one knows why the spelling is different, it just is.

Why so much emphasis on this magical brew? Breakfast! We came downstairs, and prepared ourselves for another delicious breakfast, but this was breakfast with a twist. Or rather, with a kick. In the midst of all the other, more traditional fare was a big pot of Irish oatmeal. So far, so good. More unexpected, however, was what was set out to go with the oatmeal – a big jar of Irish honey and a bottle of Bushmills whiskey. Yup! Honey and whiskey in the oatmeal. It was too tempting to pass up. The braver of the bunch spooned hot oatmeal into our breakfast bowls, and loaded up our oatmeal with the goodies set out for us. The result! Surprisingly, the oatmeal didn't taste that strongly of whiskey, but everyone pronounced it delicious. Up until that moment, I had thought that Wheaties was the breakfast of champions. Let me tell you that in the Northern Irish town of Letterkenny, I changed my mind.

After breakfast, we drove east into Derry,

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## • REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

### Is health care a right, privilege or responsibility?

In the second presidential debate some of the questions were very interesting, and I think that had a lot to do with the fact that they were posed by ordinary people. One of the questions in particular went to the heart of a question I have been pondering: "Is health care a right, privilege, or responsibility?" Predictably, Obama said "right" and McCain said "responsibility."

For some time now liberals have been making their case for health care reform by calling health care a "right." I would find myself cringing when I heard this and wasn't sure why. What do we mean when we say something is a "right?" In our

Declaration of Independence we are assured of the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. In the Bill of Rights we are guaranteed a number of rights: free speech, assembly, religion, equality before the law, etc.

All of these rights are things we express or pursue ourselves; they are not something that requires anything of another person, except significantly, that we are left alone. Our right to life means that other people are required to leave us alone and not harm us, but they are not required to help us live by feeding us. Our right to free speech means other people are required to tolerate our expression, no matter how odious, but they are not required to help us by providing a forum.

All of these rights are restraints *against* behavior — a government that respects human rights is restrained from wrongfully imprisoning its people, preventing free speech and assembly, etc.

A "right to health care" on the other hand would be a requirement that certain people provide services for others. What if we called housing a "right" and required developers to build and provide apartments to low-income people?

The UN passed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, and Article 25 declares there are such things as economic and social rights: "Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control."

Conservatives like to call medical care or retirement income a "responsibility" because they envision society as a place where it's every person for themselves (unless you're a failing bank or investment company of course). Conservatives were against Social Security when it was founded by FDR in the 1930s and are still against it today, but the majority of the American public think they are wrong on these social issues.

The questioner in the debate gave another perspective: medical care is a privilege. We are certainly privileged to live in a prosperous society that is technologically sophisticated so we have machines that do MRIs and mammograms, incredible surgery techniques, and tiny cameras and amazing biochemistry tests to see inside our bodies. But privilege also means something that only wealthy people get — is that what the questioner meant? This article may seem



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like nitpicking to some readers, but I think it is important if we are ever to have health care reform, which we urgently need. Something like half of all personal bankruptcies are caused by medical expenses, and manufacturers find they cannot be competitive in this country largely because of the cost medical care adds to their unit price — approximately \$1,500 to every GM automobile, for instance.

I'd like to suggest another category: health care, like education, is a component of what is called our "social compact" — those services we provide to each other because we think they are an important part of creating a society that works.

Does anyone call education a right? I don't ever remember as a child thinking going to school was a right — it was a duty, a requirement. We have created universal K-12 education because we believe that an educated citizenry will create a more prosperous society for all of us to live in.

Similarly, I think we should have universal health care because a healthy citizenry would create a more prosperous society for all of us to live in. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

You often see the statistic that the average American family spends \$12,000 a year on health insurance. Then there's another statistic: the average overhead for private insurance is 31% while it is only 3% for Medicare. Let's do a little math (31%-3% x \$12,000): that means the average family is paying \$3,360 a year for (among other things) the salaries of people who do nothing but figure out how to deny their family coverage. And this doesn't include the cost of the extra employees doctors have to hire to do the paperwork required to file insurance claims.

A group of doctors has formed an organization to press for true universal health care — single-payer, not the hybrid private and public mix Barack Obama favors. Physicians for a National Health Program is a non-profit research and

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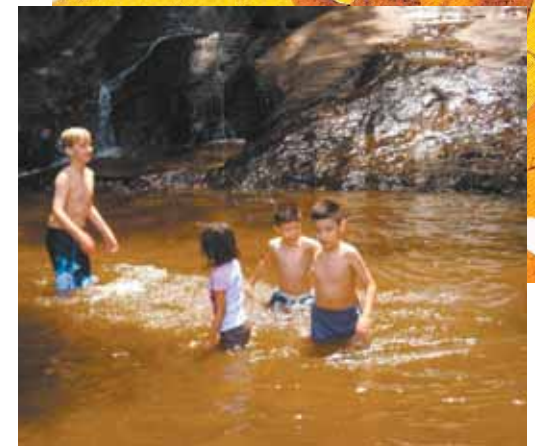


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Not pictured are BOE candidates Gregg Jones and Brian Bateman



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completed. "I've been a part of it since the beginning," he said. Baldwin has seen many changes during the 24 years he has served on the BOE, and he wants to provide the best education that money can buy.

"The children of Macon County are the greatest asset we have. They are our future," Baldwin said. "I stand for the children, teachers and parents."

Brian Bateman graduated from Nantahala School in 1983, and he is a member of Junaluska Baptist Church. "I've been involved with Nantahala Fire and Rescue for 17 years," Bateman said, and he has served as fire chief for the past 12 years.

Bateman said he has four goals: to prepare students to be globally competitive, to provide opportunities for all students to graduate from high school, to prepare students for the 21st century, and to retain quality teachers. "I am a person of integrity with high moral values," Bateman said.

Alan Allman retired in 1991 as a senior research chemist after 27 years with DuPont. He returned to Macon County to become the fourth generation to till the soil in Burningtown. Allman served for eight years on the Board of Trustees at Western Carolina University (WCU), his alma mater, where he

earned B.S. degrees in chemistry and mathematics.

Allman has handled school construction in the past. "During my time on WCU's Board of Trustees, the Ramsey Center, the University Center, two dorms, and a cafeteria were built," he said. "My main concern is the classroom," Allman said, "including teachers, teacher's assistants, supplies, technology, and students."

Jim Breedlove is a native of Macon County. He graduated from FHS in 1975 and went on to UNC-Chapel Hill to earn a Business Administration degree in 1979. He completed a master's degree in business administration at WCU in 1986. Breedlove currently serves on the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce Board and also with the Smoky Mountain Development Corporation.

Breedlove has a son and a daughter, and his wife Kathy is an FHS guidance counselor. "Children are facing a different future than in the past. It is vital to provide a background and an education for success," he said.

Gregg Jones has worked for Cowee Grading for 12 years. He is a Macon County native, and his father was employed by the school system for 35 years. "We need to modernize education, provide better benefits for

educators, and get parents more involved," Jones said.

Dwight Vinson is a lifelong resident of Otto. He attended Otto School for eight years, and is a 1980 FHS graduate. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 1986, Vinson returned to Franklin and became a real estate appraiser. He left Macon Bank in 1998 to open his own appraisal business.

Vinson is currently the music director at South Macon Baptist Church. He has experience in organization and construction management, and he says he is never afraid to ask why. "There is always a better way, but you can't find it unless you ask 'Why am I doing this now, and how can I make it better?'" Vinson said.

Bobby Bishop is an FHS grad and a native of Macon County. He has been a Macon County Building Inspector for 15 years. Bishop emphasized how important it is for academic and band activities to be given the same recognition as athletic achievements. "Kids who achieve academically should get their names in the paper just like the athletes," he said.

"If we let one kid fall through the cracks, that is one too many," Bishop said. "No child should be given up on." He said that his main

concern is the kids of Macon County. As a building inspector, Bishop has worked with the BOE during school construction. "I want to help provide the best possible building that is a safe and clean environment for children to learn in," he said.

Current BOE member Roberta Swank spent 20 years as Macon County Schools' Nutrition Director. "It was the highlight of my life," she said. Swank was appointed to her current term on the BOE after BOE member Guy Gooder resigned in 2007. "I'm running to finish my term," Swank said.

Swank has lived in Macon County for 42 years, and she says education is extremely important to her family. "My four kids graduated from FHS, and they all are college graduates," she said. "I am willing to listen. I am open-minded. I don't hold grudges and I don't have a personal agenda." Swank said.

When asked how candidates would plan for future growth while still ensuring that school class sizes stay small, Davis said that county commissioners were committed to providing capital facilities.

"There was a 1.9-cent tax increase to pay for construction of the Macon 5-6 School, and it will be the same amount for the North

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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Random thoughts, version 33 1/3

**E**xciting finishes ruled the NFL this week, with Atlanta, Houston and Minnesota all gaining last second victories. The big news is the trouble with the Cowboys, who lost their second straight game and will be without Tony Romo (broken pinkie) and Adam Jones (mental fatigue) for 4 weeks. With the Cowboys faltering, it looks like the NFC is wide open, with 10-11 teams fighting for 6 playoff spots.

Upset was also the word used around college football this weekend, with Oklahoma, LSU and Missouri all faltering and dropping from the ranks of the unbeaten. At this particular point, it looks like Penn State could have the easiest road to the BCS championship after their 48-7 destruction of Wisconsin at Camp Randall. While Alabama and Texas are ranked ahead of JoePa's boys, Alabama still has to navigate the SEC, and Texas will face both Missouri and Kansas before the season ends. Penn State has to beat Ohio State and avoid any major upsets, but they look poised to make a run to the BCS title game due to their schedule.

Both the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays have shot out to 3-1 lead in their respective championship series in the past week. While the Dodgers bullpen has struggled to protect leads, the Boston starting pitching has been lackluster-getting shelled by the Rays' young lineup in the first inning for two straight games. If Tampa Bay and Philadelphia both close things out then we could be looking at a very interesting World Series featuring a decided underdog (Tampa Bay) versus the lovable losers of the past few years in the Phillies. I wouldn't count the Red Sox out just yet, mainly because they do have the experience of some great comebacks in both of their World Championship seasons. However, I think that Matt Stairs' homer in Game 4 that gave the Phillies a three to one lead spelled doom for the Dodgers-they are done.

It is the start of college basketball season, with midnight madness beginning for many universities all around the country. Local fans of the North Carolina Tar Heels will be happy to note that they are ranked number one to begin the season despite the injury to Marcus Ginyard that will keep him out for the first two months of the season. The Heels are the deepest and most



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talented team in the country, and anything less than a national championship would have to be considered a failure for Tyler Hansbrough and company. (Is the jinx working yet? I'm trying as hard as I can, but I'm not sure if even a jinx can stop North Carolina this year) And finally, the NBA

has continued its campaign to be the least popular professional sport in America by laying off 80 employees before the start of the season. I believe that the NHL is getting a bit worried that the NBA is going to take the crown that it has held for so long.

However, judging from the reaction that Sarah Palin got at this weekend's Philadelphia Flyers game, it seems that the NHL is doing everything they can to hold on to that top spot.

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Sandra Mackey is the author of six books on the Middle East including *The Reckoning: Iraq and the Legacy of Saddam Hussein* and *The Iranians: Persia, Islam and the Soul of the Nation*. She has written for the Christian Science Monitor, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times as well as other publications. Ms. Mackey has appeared as a commentator on the Middle East for CNN, Fox, ABC Evening News and Nightline, CBS Sunday Morning, NPR, BBC, Canadian Broadcasting and German Public Broadcasting among other media outlets.

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formerly Londonderry, for a walking tour of the principal sights. Derry was the last city in the British Isles to be enclosed with defensive walls, and its 17<sup>th</sup> Century walls are the only surviving complete series of city walls in the British Isles. Derry is one of the few cities in Europe whose fortifications were never breached. I know many people's eyes glaze over when you talk about museums, but the one in Derry is a must. An interesting, interactive museum, it gives a wonderful sense of how this historic town came into being and grew. It also tells the sad story of "the Troubles," the violence which began in the late 1960s as the result of Catholics being discriminated against, both politically and economically, under the Unionist government in Northern Ireland. I'm not going to get into the gory details of this sad part of Northern Irish history. Let's just say that the residents of Derry are relieved to see an end to "the Troubles," and there is a collective holding of breath as the city rebuilds and moves forward. Sadly, there are still neighborhoods which are almost exclusively Catholic or Protestant, something which is difficult for many Americans to understand.

After all that history, a bit of retail therapy was in order, and we hit the jackpot, with a visit to the Triona Design Center. We had a demonstration of wool spinning and weaving, and enjoyed tea and scones while wan-

dering the aisles looking for bargains. Maman picked up two suits – one with pants, one with a skirt. I got a jacket. John insisted that he didn't need anything, much to our dismay. We had a good chuckle when we found out that the attractive Irish owner had charmed John into buying a tweed jacket. I insisted on getting him a tweed cap, thus completing that dashing landowner look that we found suits him so well. Due to alterations necessary to my mother's suits – and luggage limitations, we chose to have our purchases sent to us in the States. With more and more airlines charging for luggage, this can be a great way to get your loot home. We trooped back to the bus with the sense of satisfaction only a great day of shopping can bring. Northern Ireland was turning out to be a land of unexpected beauty, great food and delightful people. Leaving in a few days was going to be harder than we had expected. On the horizon – a trip to the Aran Islands – had us full of anticipation.

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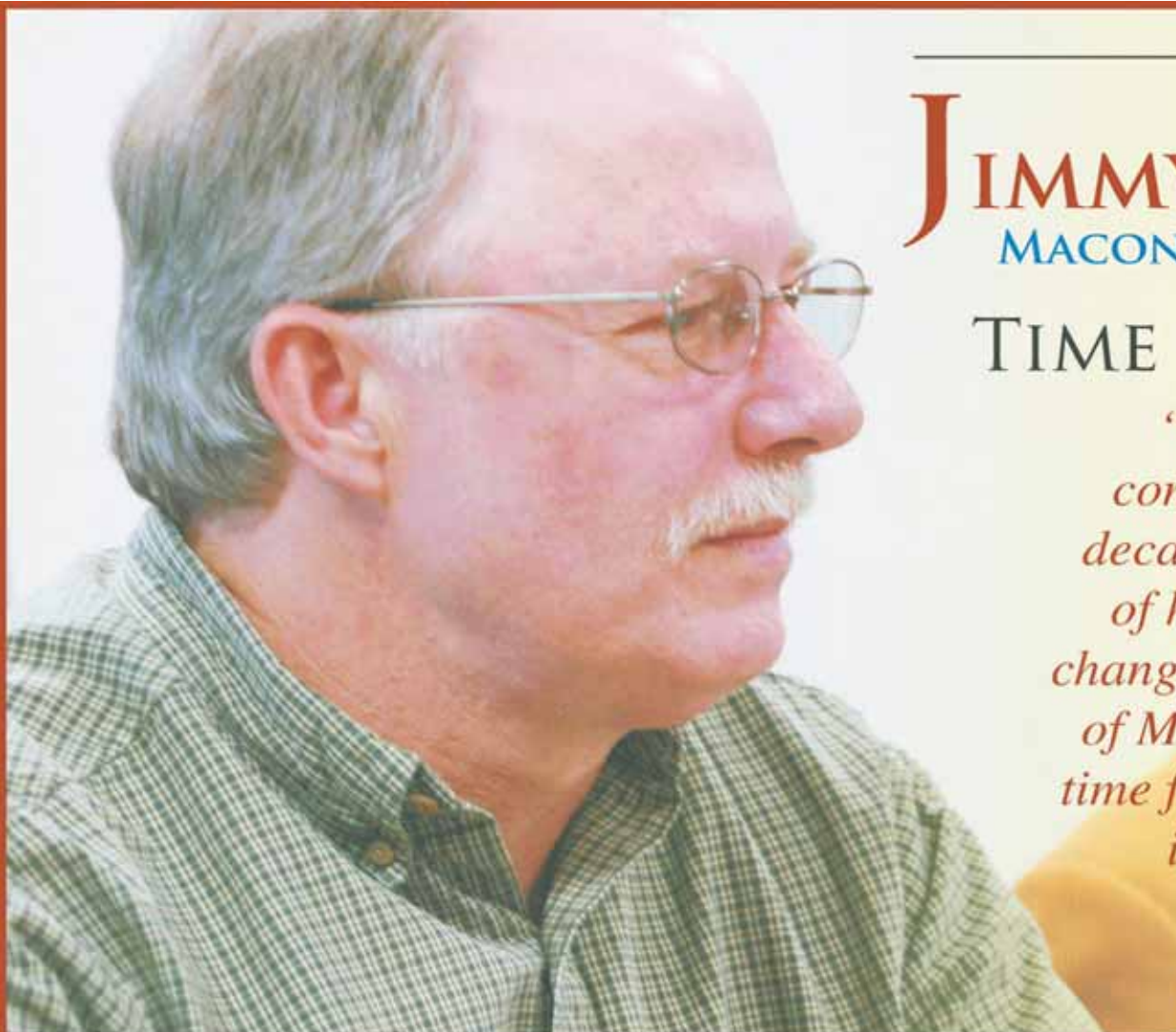
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charges that that Barack Obama is short on executive experience. It's a legitimate point. What is not legitimate is that he does not know and understand the issues. There is no question whatsoever that Obama knows the issues and that the Obama-Biden team has a plan. You may disagree with the conclusions they have reached but as the campaign has demonstrated that they know the issues, have thought them through and as the polls now show the American people have begun to agree. But I say the question that Obama does not have years of executive experience remains on the table.

McCain's decision to have Sarah Palin as vice president has been proven to be a titanic mistake even though the Republican base loves her as a symbol. In place of interviews, and the difficult to anticipate follow-up question that she cannot handle, she sticks with giving one-sided speeches, where she excites the crowd with a chorus of "You Betchas" "Joe Six-packs" and prepared rhetoric of anti-Obama claims that organizations like Factcheck.com prove are exaggerated if not completely false.

But the people listening don't seem to hear the truth — the lie becomes the truth because they want it to be.

Now that the polls show their campaign is in serious trouble because McCain and Palin have taken the rhetoric to a dangerous level and have charged that Obama has knowingly been associated with a domestic terrorist. The McCain campaign, Palin in particular, has begun to resort to extreme negative campaigning and has had the audacity to make the charge that Obama is a terrorist by association.

Palin has used that lie to stir up the crowd and now dangerous incidents of racism have occurred, and even McCain has had to step in to set the crowds straight. With her inexperience, her unabashed willingness to say anything to win, her inciting of the crowds with lies, raises the danger of turning back the clock on racism in this country. McCain has let this genie out of the bottle and he is struggling to get it back in. When the campaign started, McCain promised a clean campaign — that is gone for sure.

If you believe in the present course of the war, or more tax breaks for corporate America, trickle down economics, or not talking with our enemies of the world to find solutions, or taxing medical benefits, then those are your choices, your issues, and you should vote for the team of McCain-Palin.

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Detention Camp, believe that "I am my brother's keeper" and you want to ensure every child has health care, then vote Obama-Biden.

If your issues are religion or race and you subscribe to the politic of terror then you don't deserve to have a vote.

Some people say that McCain and Palin are not more of the same and will bring change to this country. I have another Point Of View; I fear that McCain will choose pushing the button over discussion and Palin will push us back in time. I don't know if Senator Obama will be the greatest American president of all time, but I believe he, and Biden, stand ready to lead us back to where we are the beacon of freedom and justice for the free world.

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Macon School based on current projections," he said.

Kuppers said the work is in an economic crisis. "And it's not going to get better before it gets a little worse." Kuppers said that county commissioners have to evaluate the current conditions before asking for a higher tax. "I'm not ready to increase taxes, but I don't want to turn my back on the students, either. It's a delicate balance, driven by gas prices and the economy," he said.

Goodman said he'd like to see the students stay in their communities. He said that the people of Macon County are hardworking. "I think we could keep the small schools. We would have to build a new school at Cullasaja, but Iotla is in great shape," Goodman said. He also mentioned that the portable classrooms at Cowee needed to be



**Bobby Kuppers**

addressed. "We can solve this problem as a community and save the community schools," Goodman said.

Bennett said she had researched how other districts have tried to save money. "Are we having equity of class sizes when children in larger schools lose their community identity?" she asked. "If we want to stop the dropout rates from increasing, we need to keep community schools," Bennett said.

"Being from Nantahala, I'm for community schools," Baldwin said. "But we have to do what's less expensive in order to have more expensive educational opportunities." He said that there is no more room at Cullasaja School. "We try to meet the needs of the students as best we can," Baldwin said.

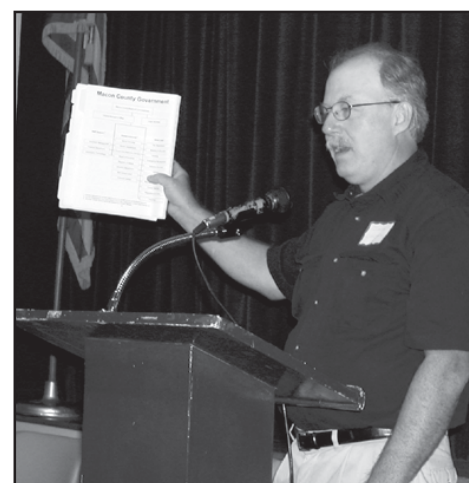
Bateman is another fan of community

schools. "But I also want to watch taxpayer dollars," he said. "It's a no-win situation if you're sitting up here." Bateman said that the current estimated price per square foot for construction at the North Macon School is twice as expensive as it cost to build South Macon Elementary 10 years ago. "I don't want to look back in 10 years and wish we'd done something now," he said.

Allman said the 5-6 School was necessary. Allman said. "Money is at a premium. There are unlimited wants with limited resources," he said. "We are facing problems that haven't been faced in this county since the Depression, and you can't tax people when they have no money to pay it." He suggested that no existing schools be torn down yet, no matter how outdated they might be.

Breedlove said the BOE should work closely with the county commissioners. "We need to reassess where we're at and what's available and then make the best decision based on the resources we have," he said.

"I would love to keep community schools, but some of them are outdated," Jones said. "If the children have a better place to learn, they will learn more." He suggested



**Jimmy Goodman**

that local contractors should be involved in new school building construction. "We need to keep the money in Macon County and give jobs back to the people of Macon County," Jones said.

Vinson said the last two weeks have been an eye opener for everyone, particularly for those running for office. He said that eight

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years ago he suggested that the BOE remove the sixth graders from Macon Middle School. "I support the Macon 5-6 School wholeheartedly," Vinson said. "The next board needs to focus on both a short term and a long term plan: things will heavily depend on the economy."

Bishop said the size of the school is not the issue. "It comes down to reducing the size of the classroom." He said he supports the Macon 5-6 School.

Swank said getting tied up on the size of the building isn't the issue. "Instead we should focus on the quality of education and the size of the classroom." While living in Alexandria, VA, during the 1970s, Swank said that their 800-student school was a higher-quality school than what she had seen in the much smaller Macon County schools at the time.

The candidates were given one minute to respond to the other candidates. "I went to Otto School, and it was a good learning experience," Vinson said. "But when I left in 1976 I knew it was worn out."

Goodman said he supports community schools "but it doesn't matter what I support, but what the community supports." "Are we talking about money or about what is best for the students?" he asked.

"I don't think we can separate the two," Koppers countered. "Five-hundred to 600 students is not a mega school. If we keep class sizes between 20-25 we'll educate kids." Koppers agreed with Allman, saying that existing schools shouldn't be torn down. "Things have changed since we voted on the referendum," he said. "Reality has shifted, and when that happens, long-range plans have to shift."

deVillie then asked the candidates if they supported having a School Resource Officer at the new Macon 5-6 School. Every candidate was in agreement as there was a unanimous show of hands.

The candidates were next asked how to improve the graduation rate in Macon County Schools.

Bennett said that parents have to be involved. "Kids don't value education unless you tell them why they should," she said. "We have to give them vocational options, and we have to interest them."

"Not everyone is set to go to college, but everyone is set to do something," Baldwin said. He said that kids need to be identified before they drop out so they can be led towards the things that interest them.

"I can't say enough about the programs at Union Academy and FHS," Bateman said.

Allman said that the decision to drop out is made by the student along with one or both parents. "When a child decides to drop out, they should move over and make room for others," he said.

"The dropout rate is falling," Breedlove said. "There were 88 students who dropped out in the 2006-2007 school year, and only 55 for 2007-2008," he said. He mentioned the success of programs like Union Academy and the Reading Initiative Program that was discussed at the August BOE meeting.

Jones said that students need encouragement. "We need to find out why they're dropping out. What's going on? What can I do to help?" he said. He suggested that encouraging the students' talents could prevent some dropouts.

Vinson warned the audience not to get lost in the statistics. "The formulas [for calculating the dropout rate] are convoluted," he said. "They make no sense in the real world: it's a numbers game."

Bishop said that all the students have talents. "We have to get the parents involved," he said.

"The key to keeping kids in school is to offer a variety of opportunities and options," Swank said. "The dropout rate is not just a school problem: it's an individual, a family, a school, and a community problem," she said. Swank suggested getting volunteers involved with potential dropouts.

Davis offered his opinion on the subject. "If you finish your homework, you can finish high school," he said. He suggested two methods to fix the dropout problem. "Raise the age to 21 to get a driver's license if you drop out," he said, and "Have parents sign an agreement at the beginning of the school year to refund the money spent on their child's education to the BOE if their child drops out."

"An old football coach once told me that good players make good coaches," Koppers said. "Good students make good teachers, and good parents make good students." He invited anyone to evaluate him in his classroom instead of judging him and the rest of the school system based on "some artificial formula."

Goodman said "All children are not destined for a college degree. We need to include more trade and vocational opportunities."

"I fully agree with Commissioner Davis," Allman said. "The dropout rate is a result of derelict parents. We can't drop it in the lap of the teachers and the community."

Finally, deVillie asked "How will you be available to the public to discuss concerns and get input and suggestions?" The candidates incorporated their responses into their closing statements.

"You can contact me the same way you always have," Davis said. "At church, at the grocery store, or call me at home." He said that he is taking his campaign seriously, even though he is running unopposed. "I recently got a call from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners offering me an opportunity to serve on the Legislative Goals Committee," Davis added.

Koppers said he is focusing on the Three C's: common sense, communication and community. "For common sense, I will examine the scope of the problem, identify solutions, listen and incorporate the peoples' input, pick the best solution, and act," he said.

Koppers proposed a new way of communication with county commissioners: instead of having citizens come to commission meetings, he wants the commissioners

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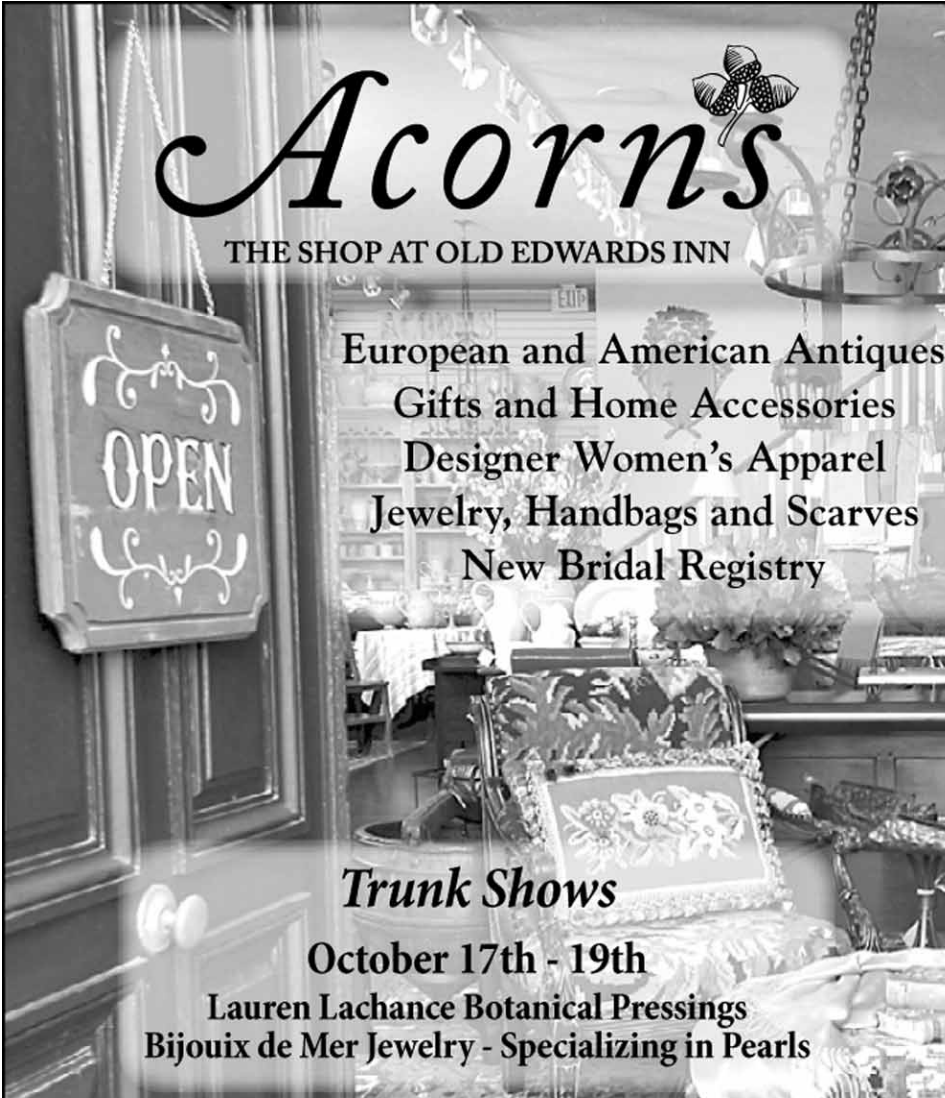



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Two of our local doctors have signed the letter of support (I'll let you find out for yourself who they are) and I urge everyone to go to this website and see the logic behind a total overhaul of our health care system.

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: [www.kathleenbrugger.com](http://www.kathleenbrugger.com)

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you enforce them because animals need to be taken care of," she said.

Teresa Lovell said she hoped the ordinance would take care of the barking dogs at a kennel which recently became part of her residential neighborhood on Ray Downs Road.

"There is noise from daylight to dark and all night long," she said. "None of us can get any rest."

She also said the dogs are let out of the kennel to run at night and they threaten her family if they go out of their house.

Though nuisance animals are addressed in the ordinance, commissioners said the ordinance isn't a "barking dog" ordinance. Plus, the fact that a kennel was allowed to move into a residential neighborhood is a zoning issue.

But Commissioner Jim Davis said if the dogs are labeled "a nuisance," there are provisions in the ordinance to address that.

As defined, a nuisance animal is a domesticated animal off the owner's property which without provocation, habitually or repeatedly chases, snaps at, attacks or otherwise behaves in an aggressive manner to pedestrians, bicyclists or vehicles, or turns over garbage cans, damages gardens, livestock or public or private property."

To be labeled a "dangerous dog," the animal must without provocation kill or inflict severe injury on a person or another domestic animal.

Due to issues raised during the public hearing, Commissioner Ronnie Beale made the motion to adopt the ordinance with several changes: to extend the shelter time to 10 days prior to euthanizing, to eliminate the portion of the ordinance pertaining to animal fighting because that is already illegal under state law, to allow dogs to run on county property if they are under the command - voice or otherwise - of their owner, and to have the ordinance go into affect on April 6, 2009, or sooner, if the shelter is ready and staff hired before then.

There will be three animal control officers employed by the county - not the Sheriff's Department - and one administrator at

the shelter.

Up until this point, animal control has been a part of the Sheriff's Department but once the shelter is operating, that will change.

"As it stands now, citizens can call 349-2106 for Animal Control, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. concerning nuisance or dangerous animals," said Sheriff Robert Holland.

As per a "band-aid" ordinance put into effect December 1, 2006, owning an animal that causes damage to real or personal property is a violation. The first offense gets a verbal warning by Sheriff deputies, the second offense is a written warning and the third offense warrants a citation or arrest.

But once the new ordinance goes into affect in April, the Sheriff's Department will not be involved in animal control.

Commissioners want citizens to understand that the new ordinance is not a "barking dog" ordinance because a barking dog is a "noise" and that should fall under a noise ordinance. However, the county doesn't have a noise ordinance.

Because commissioners believe the stray-nuisance-dangerous dog problem in the county stems from irresponsible pet owners, all dogs (and cats) have to be either collared with their owners' information, tattooed, or micro-chipped. As per state law, they must also be inoculated for rabies and dogs must wear a valid rabies tag.

Though cats must also be vaccinated, state law exempts cats from wearing a rabies tag, but owners must be able to produce proof of inoculation.

Any dog or cat found to be on another person's property that can't be identified and is deemed a nuisance will be impounded with fines issued, and a fee levied to retrieve the pet.

Pickups of strays will be complaint-driven. Before an animal can be picked up by a county Animal Control Officer, a complaint must be filed with the county.

County Manager Jack Horton said steps leading to the completion of the shelter are moving along.

- Kim Lewicki



# POLICE, FIRE & SHERIFF DEPT. LOG

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Oct. 2-14. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Oct. 2

• At 6:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at the Post Office.

Oct. 4

• At 9:12 p.m., a motorist on N. 4th Street was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone.

Oct. 10

• At 11 a.m., a motorist on Mirror Lake was cited for having an expired registration.

Oct. 11

• At 10:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Cullasaja Drive and Three R Lane.

• At 11:26 a.m., a driver was cited for not having financial responsibility for the vehicle.

Oct. 12

• At 1:51 p.m., officers responded to a call from a resident on Brushy Face Road who said a window had been forced open. It didn't appear that anything had been taken.

Oct. 13

• At 1 p.m., larceny of mail was reported at the Post Office when a person's mail was taken off the counter.

• At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at S. 5th and Main streets.

Oct. 14

• At 9:15 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and 4th streets.

• During the week, officers responded to 6 alarm activations and issued 3 warning tickets.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue

## • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SOCCER •

Michael Shearl displaying some fancy footwork -- and a fancy doo -- during the Swain game.



Photo by Noel Atherton

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands varsity soccer team went 2-1 last week to improve their overall record to 11-3-2.

Last Wednesday, the Highlanders played a home contest against Andrews in what could be considered a small monsoon. The rough field conditions slowed down the Highlander attack considerably, but they were still able to come away with a 4-2 victory. The Highlanders received two goals from Michael Shearl, and one goal a piece from Taylor Parrish and Mikey Lica.

Last Thursday, the Highlanders traveled to Columbus to face the #4 ranked Polk County Wolverines. The Highlanders played well in the first half and trailed just 1-0 at halftime. Unfortunately, the first 7 minutes of the second half proved disastrous for Highlands, as Polk County scored 4 goals in the first seven minutes to build an insurmountable 5-0 lead. Highlands was able to get goals from Taylor Parrish and Michael Shearl to round out the 5-2 final score.

Coach Chris Green was disappointed with the

Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 6-10

Oct. 6

• The dept. responded to a report of an unattended brush fire on the Cashiers Road across from the Community Bible Church. The Macon County fire inspector was notified due to the potential of burning material not allowed to be burned.

Oct. 10

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cottage Walk. The victim was taken to the hospital.

Oct. 13

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Clubhouse Trail. The victim was taken to the hospital.

The following are the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries Oct. 6-13.

Oct. 6

• Mario Gomez age 54 of Highlands, was arrested and charged with 5 felony counts of obtaining property/money by false pretense after he turned himself in at the Macon County Courthouse to Macon County Deputies. He was released on a \$10,000.00 unsecured bond.

• At 7 p.m., deputies responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Mirrormont. All was secure.

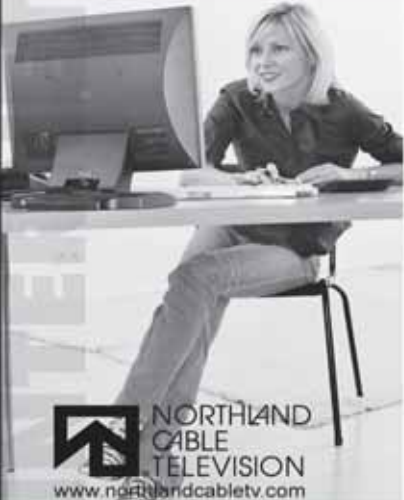
Oct. 11

• At 10 a.m., the larceny of a steel chainsaw was reported at a residence on Lyman Zachary Road.

Oct. 13

• At 9:30 a.m., deputies responded to call of vandalism to a boat on Lake Sequoyah where engine lines had been cut. The resident said many people living on the lake had boats cut loose from their docks or vandalized lately.

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Dogwood Drive – Fully renovated cabin is loaded with features: Cathedral ceiling in the living room with fireplace opens on to a great screened porch with a mountain view, custom kitchen with stainless appliances and custom spice cabinet. new hardwood floors, heat and air system and generator, great master suite with 2 guest areas. New landscaping and additional parking. A great house in move in condition. \$499,000. mls #66120



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## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### To be a witness



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**W**hat is required to be a witness of something? To be a witness requires that you know what you are talking about. The Scripture says that from out of the heart the mouth speaks (Luke 6:45). It is easy to speak about those things about which you are passionate. When you study something and learn about it, you want to witness to others about it. You are thrilled when you find someone who will listen. It is true that there are some who are better at this than others but generally, timing is what is important, if your heart is full and someone asks, even the recluse, can speak about what they love. This is what the angel told the apostles in Acts 5:20, "Go, stand in the temple courts and tell the people the full message of this new life."

It is no different when speaking about your job or Christ. You must have a real heart interest in Jesus and his kingdom if you want to be an effective witness for him. You cannot and will not hide him when he is really active in your heart and life. You know what he has done for you and that should make it easy to tell others how he has changed your life. When true faith fills your life and changes your way of thinking, you want to tell others. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Once this happens, every area of your life will show forth his glory and become a testimony of his grace and mercy. It will become impossible for people not to see a different you and want to know how it has happened.

It is absolutely true that not everyone will be a great witness. But everyone who names the name of Jesus Christ should be able to tell what he has done for them. Some people are better at their jobs than others. Some people are better at speaking about things than others. But every believer touched by God's grace will be able to express in some simple way, how that grace has helped them to live a better life. If you are a true believer you will never want to leave him out of your conversation.

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### Dates and Locations

<b>Asheville</b>	<b>Highlands</b>
<b>Grove Park Inn</b>	<b>Old Edwards Inn, Spa</b>
<b>Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup></b>

Seminars times are 4-6pm, Dinner to follow

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-going Events

• The Bascom is offering a host of art classes for preschoolers to pre-teens from now through the end of the school year. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#, or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258) or [friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com](mailto:friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com) or online at [www.jmca.org](http://www.jmca.org)

• Four churches prepare to "Walk to Bethlehem." The Macon County Public Health Center is continuing a successful faith-based wellness program. Four local churches, with assistance from the Health Promotions Program at the public health center, are embarking on a virtual journey from Franklin to Bethlehem as a part of the "Walk to Bethlehem" program. The four participating churches include First United Methodist Church, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Prentiss Church of God, and Watauga Baptist Church. The Walk to Bethlehem program encourages church members to be more physically active and make healthier food choices. According to the Centers for Disease Control, everyone needs at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days to stay healthy. As a part of the Walk to Bethlehem program, the public health center provided a pre-event health screening to the churches.

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are needed, including books and mag-

azines, CDs and DVDs, and small pocket books, which fit neatly in the BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Phone cards, lounge pants, grey or black t-shirts, and cards of encouragement are also in great demand. Consumables such as insect repellent, lotions, and other hygiene products must come new, in original packaging. Monetary donations to fund the flat rate APO shipping at \$10.95 per box should be left at the front desk of Chestnut Hill. The drop point for all items will be under the flagpole at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse on Clubhouse Trail. For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203, [www.cullasajaag.org](http://www.cullasajaag.org).

• Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for \$2,000 and have four different chances of winning.

• Yoga at the Rec Park, 7:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesdays. Call 526-4340 for information.

• Yoga in the bottom floor of Jane Woodruff Building. 10:30 a.m. Thursdays. Call 526-4340.

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community

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### 'Second Lady' opens Saturday at ITC

Second Lady is a very timely show for the Instant Theatre Company to be producing this October because this remarkable play takes place in October in an election year. Mrs. Joseph Erskine, the wife of a U.S. Senator who is running for Vice President of the United States, is in Philadelphia fulfilling a speaking engagement for her husband. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections. Her stories become more and more personal as she peels away rationalizations and justifications she has accumulated over the years.

This powerful 70-minute, one-woman, show about a fictional political wife displays the very fine acting talents of Madeleine Bains Davis. Ms. Davis has also

been seen this season at the Studio on Main in ITC LIVE!, and costarring with David Milford in *The Ice-Breaker*, *The Return of Herbert Bracewell* and *Diaries of Adam* and

*Eve*. She directed the ITC's August hit show *Clarence Darrow*, starring David Milford and is the Instant Theatre Company's incoming Artistic Director. *Second Lady*, directed by David Milford, opens October 17 and also plays the 18, 24 and 25. All performances are at 8 p.m.

For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197. Tickets are \$15 with reservations and \$20 at the door.

The ITC's Studio on

Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street.



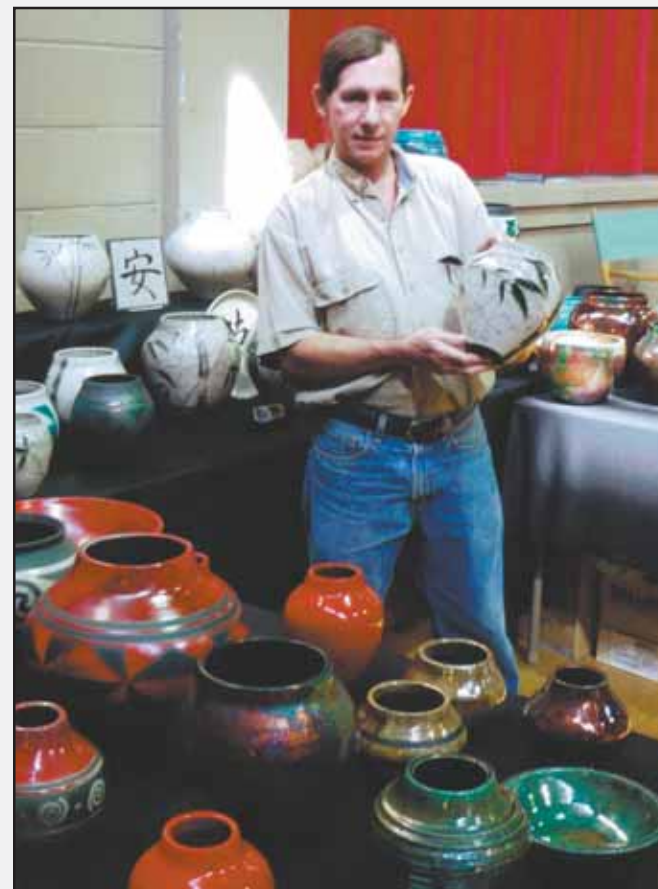
**Madeleine Bains Davis**

### 'A Thousand Clowns' on stage at PAC



Pictured is the cast of "A Thousand Clowns," the first play of the Highlands Cashiers Players' new season, opening Oct. 16 at the Performing Arts Center. Left to right: Harry Bears plays the older brother of Murray Burns, played by Jim Gordon, with his son Ash as Nick Burns. Begging Murray to return to his TV show is Chuckles Chipmunk, played by Bob Tietze, while Marsha Shmallo and Rick Siegel, playing Child Welfare officers, round out the cast. Box office hours at PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Call 828-526-8084 for reservation.

### Art Leagues 'Fall Colors Show' is Sat. & Sun



The Art League of Highlands has announced the date of its "Fall Colors" Fine Art Show. This annual event of the fall season is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19 from 10-5 each day at the Highlands Recreation Center. The show features over 55 artists from throughout the southeast. There will be demonstrations and visitors to the show will be able to purchase fine quality art work directly from the artists. There will be over \$1,000 in gift certificates given away during the 2-day event. Admission is free.

Art League member Neal Adams, a potter from Florida, always draws a crowd as he explains Raku pottery.



## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: [www.ncmana.org](http://www.ncmana.org).

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

### **Mondays & Wednesdays**

- Pilates Classes Level 1 of Jane Woodruff at the hospital at 4 p.m. \$10 per class. Call 526-5852.

- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free and will include a snacks, homework help, arts/crafts, sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. Parents will be required to register their child(ren) upon their second day of attendance and children will be required to sign in daily. For more information please call 828.526.3556.

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Mon – Thurs: (4:15)

### **Mon., Wed., & Fri.**

- OpenAA meeting noon and 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

### **First Mondays**

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

### **Mondays**

- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

### **Tuesdays**

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

- Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

### **Wednesdays**

- Highlands MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

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

### **Every Third Wednesday**

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

### **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**

- The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095 Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse

524-1355 for more information.

### **Thursdays**

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

### **Thursdays & Fridays**

- Live music at The Rib Shack from 7-10 p.m.

### **Friday & Saturday**

- Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

### **Friday-Sunday**

- At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Phillips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

### **Saturdays**

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.

### **Through Oct. 19**

- Stock up on books, DVDs, and CDs at bargain prices at the Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Cashiers Library, 10 a. m. to 4 p.m. each day. Proceeds of the sale will be used by the Friends of the Library to purchase books, periodicals, and supplies needed by the library, but not in the library's budget. Jackson County pays only personnel costs of the library. The Friends contribute money to cover all other needs of the library, according to FOL president Sandy Bayley. The Friends of the Library is a group of about 300 members who support the library through service and donations.

### **Through Nov. 12**

- The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the sculpture to be added to the Permanent Collection at the Green.

### **Through Nov. 13**

- "2008 Juried Art" exhibition at The Bascom

featuring art from all over the Southeast. Free opening reception Oct. 11 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### **Through Nov. 22**

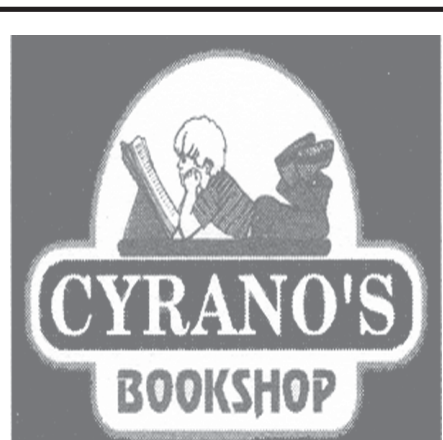
- The Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences presents Celebrate Clay, a pottery show featuring Western North Carolina Potters. The show features mostly functional and some just plain fun pieces. Celebrate Clay opened in late September and runs through November 22. The Hambidge Center's Weave Shed Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Clay includes work from artists like Stanley Andersen, Maria Andrade Troya, Anita Blackwell, Pamela Brewer, Kyle Carpenter, Josh Copus, Terry Gess, Barry Gregg, Matt Jacobs, Courtney Martin, Mickey Shane, David Ross, Michael Rutkowsky, Ken Sedberry, Joy Tanner and Mark Tomczak. Wood turner Steve Rountree is also included in the show. Hambidge is located at 105 Hambidge Court, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568. The mailing address is PO Box 399, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568. Hambidge can be reached at 706-746-5718 or visited online at [www.hambidge.org](http://www.hambidge.org).

### **Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 16-19**

- An old favorite, the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns," is the Highlands Cashiers Players fall play this season at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Tickets for "A Thousand Clowns" go on sale for the public beginning Saturday, Oct. 11. Box office hours at PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Call 828-526-8084 for reservation.

### **Thursday, Oct. 16**

- "To Catch a Thief" (1955) features Cary Grant as a reformed jewel thief who is suspected of returning to his former occupation. In order to prove his innocence, he must find the real thief. He is aided by an American heiress played by Grace Kelly. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free,



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## Upcoming Book Signings

### Sat. October 18

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Nat Turner

"A Southern Soldiers Letters Home"

### Sun. October 19

4 to 6 pm

Ron Nash

"Serena"

## Children art classes at The Bascom

It's back to school time at The Bascom – art school, that is. The art center is offering a host of children's classes for pre-schoolers to pre-teens through its Young Artist Program.

- Little Stars – art for preschool children – is held Tuesdays 11-11:30 a.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation (cost \$15 for a six-class session).

- Artventure – art for kindergarten and first graders – is held Tuesdays 3-4 p.m. in the Highlands School cafeteria (cost \$30 for a six-class session).

- Artventure2 – art for kindergarten to second graders – is held Wednesdays

3:15-4:15 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation (cost \$30 for a six-class session).

- Art Odyssey – art for children in grades two to five is held Mondays 3-4 p.m. in the Highlands School Cafeteria (cost \$30 for a six-class session).

- And It's Masterful – art for home-schooled children in kindergarten to eighth grades – is held Wednesdays 1-2:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation (cost \$45 for a six-class session).

Financial assistance is available. To register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#.





## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### Cartoon Presidential Candidates at the Hudson Library



If you think the current Presidential Campaign is a little whacko you haven't seen the latest exhibit at the Hudson Library. On display in the main lobby are many colorful characters from past Presidential campaigns.

Don Cook has prepared a colorful array of humorous candidates from comic strips, animated films, TV, and comic books. Included are such delightful characters as Betty Boop, Pogo, WonderWoman, Howdy Doody, and Huckleberry Hound. Barney Google, the earliest candidate, ran in 1932. Alfred E. Neumann has tried many times and is well represented. You'll also find Rat Fink, Zippy, and Bill the Cat among other really whacko candidates.

Cook started collecting comics memorabilia around 1970. His holdings have since grown substantially enabling him to assemble many different exhibit themes including Women in the Comics, The History of Bill Gaines and MAD magazine, Political Correctness in the Comics, etc. This is his ninth exhibit at the Hudson Library. Cook regularly attends comic conventions and has published fanzines for comics aficionados. Currently he is writing the biography of local cartoonist Bill Dwyer.

So stop by the Hudson Library — a vote for humor might be just the "ticket" in this election year. The exhibit runs through the end of October.

but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

- Democrat rally at the Cashiers Community Center from 5:30-7:30. Most candidates or their representatives are expected to attend. There will be music, a silent auction and a hot-dog, chili cook-off. For more information, call 742-2558.

- Western Carolina University will offer a SAT preparation workshop from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday in Room 137 of the Cordelia Camp Building. Students will learn study strategies specifically for the SAT. Equal time will be devoted to both mathematics and verbal skills. Instructors for the workshop will be Terri Caron, head of the math department at Swain County High School, and Cassie Dickson, outreach counselor for WCU's Educational Talent Search. Registration is \$49. To register, contact the Division of Educational Outreach at (828) 227-3688 or visit the Web site <http://learn.wcu.edu>.

- The Macon County Democratic Party is sponsoring a chili supper with cornbread, slaw, and dessert on Thursday from 4:30 – 7 p.m. at the Big Bear Shelter (town bridge) on the Greenway. Featured guest will be Bobby Kuppers, candidate for county commissioner. You can eat there or take it home and

the cost is \$10. Everyone is welcome!

**Friday-Sunday, Oct. 17-19**

- At Acorn's on Main Street, a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show. Bijoux de Mer specializes in pearls and precious stones and a Laruen Lachance Botanical Pressings Trunk Show Transforming a five hundred year old tradition of pressing plants into an arrestingly beautiful contemporary art form.

**Fri-Sat., Oct. 17-18**

- At the Instant Theater, The Second Lady at 8 P.M. A powerful one-woman show about a fictional political wife. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Stars Madeleine Davis Directed by David Milford. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

**Friday, Oct. 17**

- Lori Williams, wildlife diversity biologist for the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, joins the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust on Friday from 10-noon to teaches participants about this salamanders. The event will include a site visit to the protected salamander habitat. The Salamander Search is part of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust's Eco Tour program designed to

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educate the community about conservation on the plateau. The event is free to HCLT members and a \$25 donation for non-members. Your donation will grant you membership status and will help your community land trust to continue their efforts to save the places we all love. Space is extremely limited. Contact HCLT at 526-1111 or hitrust@earthlink.net.

### Saturday, Oct. 18

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, Nat Turner, editor of "A Southern Soldier's Letters Home: The Civil War Letters of Samuel Burney, Army of Northern Virginia" will sign copies of his new book from 1-3 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous six-mile hike on the Chattooga River Trail from the Whiteside Cove Chapel to the Iron Bridge, with river views, giant rock formations, big trees, and waterfalls along the way. Some scrambling over rocks is required. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Hikes are limited to 20; Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

- Computer and Electronics Recycling: Dave Stewart, Macon Users Group and Tech Place have joined together to recycle electronic items, including: computers, monitors, printers, keyboards and mice. It also includes fax machines, tuners, VHS/DVD players and speakers. **TV's are not included;** please take TV's to the landfill. Items may be taken to Tech Place in Franklin from 10 am until 4 pm. There will also be a

pickup at the community center (across from the ball field) in Highlands from 10:30 am until 1 pm. There is no charge for this service. However, if you want to have your hard drive wiped clean, there is a \$3 charge. For more information, call John Rymer at 526-9899.

- High Mountain Squares will be giving a demonstration in Western Style Square Dancing at the Smoky Mt Fall Craft Show Saturday at the Macon County Fair grounds from 1-2 p.m. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-349-4187, 706-782-0943, or [www.highmountainsquares.org](http://www.highmountainsquares.org)

### Sat. & Sun., Oct. 18-19

- The Art League of Highlands "Fall Colors" Fine Art Show is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day at the Highlands Recreation Center just a few blocks from the main street of Highlands. The show will feature over 55 artists from throughout the southeast. There will be demonstrations and visitors to the show will be able to purchase fine quality art work directly from the artists. The Children's Art Room is a fun experience for all the young people attending the show. There will be over \$1,000 in gift certificates given away during the 2 day event. Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend and bring the entire family!

### Sunday, Oct. 19

- A hymn-sing at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Choose from a hymn from the 1938 Cokesbury

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## Civil War author at Cyrano's on Saturday; Local Favorite Ron Rash on Sunday

Nat Turner, editor of "A Southern Soldier's Letters Home: The Civil War Letters of Samuel Burney, Army of Northern Virginia" will sign copies of his new book at Cyrano's Bookshop on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1-3 p.m.; novelist Ron Rash will be at Cyrano's Bookshop on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 4-6 p.m. to autograph his new novel, "Serena."

Samuel A. Burney, whose correspondence is gathered in "A Southern Soldier's Letters Home," graduated from Mercer University in 1860. He joined the Panola Guards, an infantry component of Thomas R. R. Cobb's Georgia Legion in July 1861. For the next four years he served in the Army of Northern Virginia both in Virginia and in Tennessee. Burney was wounded



Ron Rash

at Chancellorsville in May 1863, and as a result of his wound he was placed on disability in March 1864 and served the remainder of the war on commissary duty in southwest Georgia. After the war Burney returned to Mercer's school of theology, was ordained into the Baptist ministry, and served as pastor of several churches in Morgan County, and was pastor of the Madison Baptist Church until shortly before his death in 1896. These letters of a college graduate written to his wife — Sarah Elizabeth Shepherd — are lyrical and beautifully written. Burney describes battles, camp life, theology, and the day-to-day dreariness of life in the army. This is an astounding collection of letters for anyone interested in the Civil War or the South.

Nat S. Turner is a native of Covington, Georgia and is a graduate of Georgia Tech. He was a commissioned officer in the US Navy. He is an avid fly fisherman and resides with his wife in Gainesville, Georgia. The correspondence of a soldier like Burney gives the truest and most immediate account of the War Between the States, and puts readers right in the terror of battle and high jinks—or tedium—of camp life. "A Southern Soldier's Letters Home" is the latest addition to Mercer University Press's distinguished series of books on Georgia in the Civil War.

Ron Rash's "Serena" is set right here in Western North Carolina. The year is 1929, and newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton arrive in our mountains from Boston to create a timber empire. Although George has already lived in the camp long enough to father an illegitimate child, Serena is new to the mountains — but she soon shows herself the equal of any worker, overseeing crews, hunting rattlesnakes,

even saving her husband's life in the wilderness. Together, this Lord and Lady Macbeth of the woodlands ruthlessly kill or vanquish all who fall out of favor. Yet when Serena learns that she will never bear a child, she vengefully sets out to kill the son George had without her. Mother and child

begin a struggle for their lives, and when Serena suspects George is protecting his illegitimate family, the Pemberton's intense, passionate marriage starts to unravel as the story moves toward its shocking reckoning.

In her glowing review of "Serena" last week, Janet Maslin of the New York Times describes how "with bone-chilling aplomb, linguistic grace and the piercing fatalism of an Appalachian ballad, Mr. Rash

lets the Pembertons' new union generate ripple after ripple of astonishment....'Serena' is Ron Rash's fourth novel. For those unfamiliar with the elegantly fine-tuned voice of this Appalachian poet and storyteller, a writer whose reputation has been largely regional despite an O. Henry Prize and other honors, it will prompt instant interest in his first, second and third." (As Rash's many fans here know, those books are "One Foot in Eden," "Saints at the River" and "The World Made Straight.") The Washington Post's Ron Charles praises Rash's style ("a poet's concision") his characters, particularly Serena herself ("the Lady Macbeth of Ron Rash's stirring new novel wouldn't fret about getting out the damned spot. She wouldn't even wash her hands; she'd just lick it off. I couldn't take my eyes off this villainess, and any character who does ends up dead") and his plot ("the final chapter is as flawless and captivating as anything I've read this year, a perfectly creepy shock that will leave you hearing nothing but the wind between the stumps"). And novelist—and part-time Highlander—Pat Conroy says "Ron Rash's new novel 'Serena' catapults him to the front ranks of the best American novelists. This novel will make a wonderful movie, and the brave actress who plays Serena is a shoe-in for an Academy Award nomination."

Ron Rash is the Parris Distinguished Professor in Appalachian Cultural Studies at Western Carolina University and a frequent visitor to Highlands for lectures.

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

Hymnal. The song leader will be Stell Huie and Angie Jenkins will play the piano. The church is located at 471 Main Street. Come for an hour of singing and Christian fellowship.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Ron Nash will sign copies of "Serena" from 4-6 p.m.

- First Baptist Church invites everyone to a concert with Calvin Newton at 6:30 pm. Calvin is a member of the Gaither "Homecoming Family", participating in various Gaither videos and concerts. He has toured Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England three times and sung to packed houses and receptive audiences.

**Monday, Oct. 20**

- Sandra Mackey will be speaking at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center on the presidential candidates positions on Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran and Israel.

- Macon County flu vaccination clinic for adults age 19 and older. 8am - 5pm Franklin: Community Facilities Building, Highway 441 South. Appointments are not needed and vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis. Individuals unable to wait in line may have someone wait in line for them and a nurse will take vaccine to their vehicle. For more information call the Macon County Public Health Center at 349-2081. The cost for the vaccine is \$25. The health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, BCBS, Crescent, and Tricare; but you must bring your card. Free vaccine for high-risk children and pregnant women will be available at the Macon County Public Health Center at a later date. This includes all children 6 to 59 months of age and children 5-18 years old who are high risk or do not have insurance or visit its website at [www.maconnc.org/healthdept](http://www.maconnc.org/healthdept).

**Tuesday, Oct. 21**

- The last lecture of the season in the "Take Charge of Your Health" lecture series, sponsored

by Cashiers-Highlands Chiropractic and Acupuncture, will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Hudson Library in Highlands. The topic is "Blood Sugar and Your Health" and will be presented by Dr. Sue Aery. The lecture is free of charge. For more information call 828-743-9070.

- AnMed Bloodmobile will be at First Citizens Bank from 10 a.m. to 6.m.

- Stuart Estate Planning Seminar from 4-6 p.m. at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa with dinner to follow. Call 1-800-807-5558 to reserve seats.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22**

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- AnMed Bloodmobile will be at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers from 1-5:30 p.m.

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- High Mountain Squares will dance this Wednesday night

at the Macon County Community Building from 7-9 p.m. Tom Pustinger from Spartanburg SC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome.

**Thursday, Oct. 23**

- "Dial M for Murder" (1954), rated PG at the Cashiers Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

- Red Cross Blood Drive at the Southwestern Community College Public Safety Training Center at 225 Industrial Park Loop, Franklin, NC from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Please call 369-0591 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

- Robert Morgan's book *Boone* has been

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## YARD SALES

**SAT. & SUN., OCT. 18-19** – Multi-family yard sale. Downtown Highlands, behind Bryant Funeral home on Spruce Street. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Furniture, clothing, luggage, children's items and much more.

**SAT. OCT. 25** – Multi-family yard sale at Buckberry Falls, 64 west just before High Country Cafe on left. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** is actively seeking a responsible and energetic individual to fill the full-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministries. Bachelor's degree or five years related experience required. Send resumes to HUMC, P.O. Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741. Attn: Scott Roddy or email inquires and resumes to [humcsc@dnet.net](mailto:humcsc@dnet.net).

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**RESPIRATORY THERAPIST**: at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Part time and PRN positions avail-

able. Responsibilities include taking call and being able to respond within 20 minutes. Also must be able to intubate a patient. Current registration or certification in North Carolina, along with a current BLS and/or ACLS required. Experience with rehabilitation and disease prevention preferred. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

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**LOOKING FOR A HOUSEKEEPER?** – Call Dora at 828-200-1038. References available.

## FOUND

**CANOE** – on Lake Sequoyah. Call 526-5721.  
**A RING** – At Sliding Rock Falls in Whiteside Cove. Call Steve at 743-5470.

## DOGS

**FOR SALE** – York/chihuahua mix puppy. Petite and sweet. Ready for a wonderful home. 11-weeks old. Shots current. \$200. Call 828-369-9391. 10/16  
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## LOST

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**A CELL PHONE** – in the vicinity of HorseCove and Whiteside Cove roads. Call Lisa Dickey at 743-3684.

## RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT

**DEVELOPER CLOSEOUT!** – Unit at Freeman Center on N.C. 106 available for Rent/Own at \$1,995 monthly or for sale at \$379,900. That's a purchase price of only \$165 per sq. ft. Call 526-5296 or 828-421-3161.

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**ONE-BEDROOM** – Furnished apartment with covered patio. Includes electric, water and cable. No pets and no smoking inside. \$650 per month plus deposit. Call 526-2561.

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Pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1 (c1) the Macon County Board of Elections will meet to act on absentee ballot applications for the 2008 General Election in the boardroom of the Board of Elections office on the following dates. The dates are as followed:

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, October 28, 2008 8:30 a.m.  
Tuesday, November 4, 2008 2:00 p.m.

The Board is not required to hold any of the prescribed meetings in said statute unless there are applications or election business to be passed upon.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 for all Federal, State, Judicial, Legislative and County Offices. The Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. To vote in this election you must be a registered voter of Macon County.

#### REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Citizens that wish to vote in the 2008 General Election must be registered to vote by Friday, October 10, 2008. (G.S. 163-82.6(c). Voters of Macon County who need to update, or make any changes to their information must also do this by the same date. This does include name changes, party affiliations changes, or address changes. Registration forms if submitted by mail must be postmarked or delivered in person by this day. Registration forms are available at the Macon County Public Library, Highlands Civic Center, Hudson Library in Highlands, Highlands Town Office, Macon County Public Health Center, and the Macon County Board of Elections Office.

#### One-Stop Voting:

One-Stop Absentee Voting will begin on Thursday, October 16, 2008 (G.S. 163-227.2) and it will end on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. One-Stop Voting will be available at the Macon County Board of Election Office. The Board of Elections office is located on the 1st floor of the Macon County Courthouse. The hours for One-Stop voting will be **Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.** In addition the office will also be open on **Saturday, October 18, Saturday, October 25, and November 1, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** One-Stop Voting will only be held during these hours, if you do not vote Absentee By Mail or One-Stop you must go to your polling location on Election Day to cast your vote. In-Person One-Stop Registration is for resident that have missed the deadline for voter registration. A resident must fill out a voter registration application and prove residency by providing appropriate identification with current name and current address. In-Person One-Stop Registration is ONLY for ONE-STOP voters, this process is NOT allowed on Election Day.

If you have any questions regarding election matters you may contact our office at 828-349-2034

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your spiritual fervor up and your witness alive, you must feed on his Word and let it strengthen your witness.

Another cause of losing passion to witness for the Lord is found in getting too caught up in the world and its ways. We have seen just in our life time religion being pushed out of the public eye. The world would have you to believe that bringing up Jesus in public is bad manners. The politically correct crowd wants to make religious discussions off limits. Christians must recognize this as just another form of worldliness. It is the devil's attempt to control your conversation.

It is imperative that all true believers use good discretion in when and how they witness. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). But it is equally as important that you speak freely and honestly about how Christ has changed your life when the opportunity warrants. You must make your Savior known. You must do this because the world is lost and dying and on the broad road to hell and you may be the only witness someone else ever hears and that could be the difference in where they spend eternity. To be a witness is to be a follower of Jesus Christ. He gave a commission to all who would follow him "...go and make disciples of all nations .... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



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appointed to the Zoning Board as alternate members, taking the place of alternates Allen Frederick and David Rohr who are replacing regular members James Manley and Allen James who have resigned from the board.

**The Greenway:** The board approved \$35,000 for insurance, rock, training, a track dump truck and mini-excavator for Greenway development. But commissioners weren't so quick to approve changes to the subdivision ordinance to accommodate the Greenway.

Town Planner Joe Cooley suggested waiting to make major changes to the subdivision code until the Unified Development Ordinance is finished because it will address conflicts and redundancies. He also said the proposed Greenway/subdivision ordinance represented a significant philosophical and policy change concerning "takings."

"You're discussing the dedication of ownership and where that is to be located within subdivision and requiring people to dedicate land to get a subdivision permit," he said.

No action was taken on the subdivision ordinance change.

**Highlands Playhouse:** With the Highlands Playhouse lease expiring Dec. 31, commissioners are considering changes to ensure use of the playhouse by other entities.

Commissioner Hank Ross said he has

had discussions with groups trying to use the facility and they say they are having a hard time. "It's good to have one group responsible because they take care of it, but if other groups want to use it they should be able to do so." Mayor Don Mullen agreed.

Due to conflicting reports concerning heating and air-conditioning capabilities, and insulation, Commissioner Buz Dotson suggested hiring a specialist to inspect the structure to see exactly what's there and what can be done to make the facility useable all year long.

**ABC Store:** David Wilkes, on the ABC Board, asked the town for direction concerning the ABC building. He said the ABC Board wants to expand the store which would mean more money to the town, but it can't in the present space.

He said the net profit now is \$150,000 a year but that's based on \$1/year rent. "If we rent, somewhere else, \$80,000 of that will go to the lease, but if we expand then our profit ratio will go up, too."

He said 2,800 sq. ft could mean a profit increase of \$750,000 which translates to more money for the town.

At the Nov. 19 meeting, the board is going to rethink the entire Town Hall concept and said they would give the ABC board direction at that time.

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and electric rates are adequate to operate as true enterprise funds which don't need to be subsidized from General Fund revenues.

**Investments**

As far as our investments, the State of North Carolina is probably in a stronger position than most other states. The Local Government Commission continually "looks over our shoulder," as well as the shoulder of banks, to ensure that our investments are in order. All of the Town's capital reserves are secured through the so-called "Pooling" method, rather than the "Dedicated" method. This means that they are collateralized by the State Treasurer in a "Pool" with other municipalities. The State Treasurer monitors the pool and ensures that sufficient collateral, in the form of high-quality securities, is available for all public deposits. Funds deposited by Wachovia are thus fully protected, as are the Certificates of Deposit that we have with RBC Centura.

Unfortunately, despite our excellent credit rating, the town's ability to borrow money long-term has virtually disappeared.

Nobody is buying municipal bonds, and

our ability to proceed with a bond issue for a large capital project would be affected; interest rates would simply not be feasible. The State Treasurer is urging all local governments to limit debt issues to essential projects that cannot be delayed.

**Pension Fund**

Like every other 401K in the country, our optional employee-funded 401K has been hit by the stock market crisis. However, all of our employees are members of the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System, which has been conservatively invested and wisely managed. In fact, the State Treasurer told us on Monday that North Carolina has the second best pension fund in the country, and is prepared to weather the downturn. Employees can be confident that their benefits will be there when they retire, and we will be giving them all a more detailed written report in their next pay check to re-assure them.

So the bottom line is we are in a lot better shape than many public institutions, but we have to tighten our belt.

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to go to the voting precincts. "If one commissioner went to each of the 15 precincts every month, we could cover the whole county in three months," he said. "Community means we don't turn our backs on kids," Koppers said. "There are five people to look after them who don't have their own agendas."

"My phone number is on my signs, and I will meet you anywhere," Goodman said. "I do care. I've been involved in county government for 10 years."

Bennett said that she expected to be contacted. "E-mail is the best way to reach me, and you can also contact me by phone," she said. "I can't know the will of the majority unless you contact me."

"You can contact me by phone or by internet," Baldwin said. "If I'm not there, leave a number and I'll call you back. I want to hear from you." He said that he is running for the children and that he has no other agenda.

Bateman said that he can be reached on his cell phone, his office phone, his home phone, by fax, or via four or five email addresses. "I'm in it for the kids; I want the best for the kids," he said.

"I understand that the boss is the taxpayer," Allman said. "My number is in the book. I have principles that are non-negotiable that I won't compromise." He said that he has never cast an uninformed vote while serving

on a board. "I am direct and to the point. I reduce things to their lowest terms, gather information and make a decision," Allman said.

"Actions speak louder than words," Breedlove said. He said he attends PTO meetings, interacts with teachers and visits schools. "I disagree with what was said at a BOE meeting about how anonymous letters are thrown away. It is our responsibility to look at them," Breedlove said. He proposed that the BOE have an elected representative from the teachers of Macon County to act as a liaison and to convey concerns of the teachers to the Board. "I chose to return here and to raise my children here. I am truly committed to Macon County," Breedlove said.

Jones said he has an open-door policy. "If you have a problem, come to me. I'm here to help the kids of Macon County," he said. "Every kid has a talent, and we have to get them through school."

"Skimping on kids' education has a long-term negative impact," Vinson said. "We have to adjust plans for the future and do what is within our means," he said. "I have the future of the kids as my number one priority." Vinson invited the audience to contact him at his business, at home, on his cell phone, and via e-mail.

"I will be accountable to the people of Macon County," Bishop said. He said he will try to apply common sense to all his decisions, and that money will be spent strictly

for the children and the classroom. "Children are the future. I want you to contact me. I want to know what the public wants," he said.

"Any parent or teacher can come to me at any time with comments or complaints," Swank said. "I don't hold grudges. There is only one Swank in the phone book, so you have no excuse for not finding me." She said that as a retiree she has the time, energy and commitment for the job. "We need to listen: that's how we improve," Swank said.

"There is no more difficult job in government than the one these people are seeking," deVile said in closing. "This is where the rubber meets the road." He mentioned that BOE members and county commissioners don't have secretaries to buffer their calls. "This is as raw as it gets, and you have some incredibly difficult decisions to make over the next three weeks," deVile said.

"The upcoming School Board elections have already proven to be very exciting with quality candidates vying for each seat, said School Superintendent Dan Brigman. "I look forward to the outcome of the elections and the opportunity to work with a Board of Education that continues to have the best interest of students at heart."

Early voting begins Thursday, Oct. 16 at the Macon County Board of Elections at the courthouse. All County Commissioner and Board of Education races can be voted on by all registered voters in Macon County. Votes can also be cast on Election Day (November 4) from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at all voting precincts.

## • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL •

Highlands Varsity Volleyball currently holds second place in the conference. Upcoming tournament games will determine who the champion is but so far Highlands is holding its own.

On Monday, Oct. 13, Highlands beat Nantahala three up - - 25-17, 25-4 and 25-12 at home.

On Wednesday night they played Hiwassee for the conference tournament championship, but the outcome was not available at press time. On Saturday, Oct. 18, the team plays in the state playoffs at Highlands.




Marlee McCall sets up the ball for Courtney Rogers at the Rabun County game played at Rabun last week.


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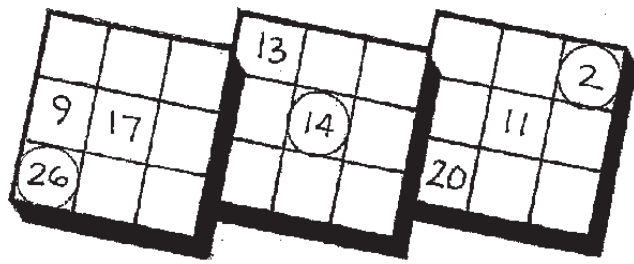
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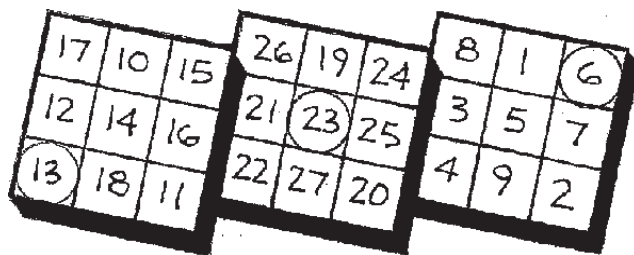
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

**THE CHALLENGE:**

Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

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Solution to #BZ4E in Oct. 9 issue



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**Community spirit appreciated**

Thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, cards and hugs. This is a sad time for my family following the sudden death of my brother Capt. Jim Monahan.

Jean Smith and Family.

**A big 'thank you!'**

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to Michelle Hubbell of The Toy Store for purchasing magnetic school calendars for all of the students, faculty, and staff at Highlands School. They are great resources, and we truly appreciate your support of our school!

Melanie Miller  
Highlands School  
Second Grade Teacher

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by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

**OBJECT:**

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, various cells (six, eight or nine) in the puzzle layout have the same different letters (this is like Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers).

**How to Solve:**

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or cell.

**Mystery Word**

#B602

Mollusc treasures (6)

**Across**

1. One's rear end (4)
2. Sharp blow (4)
3. English title (4)
4. Friend (3)

**Down**

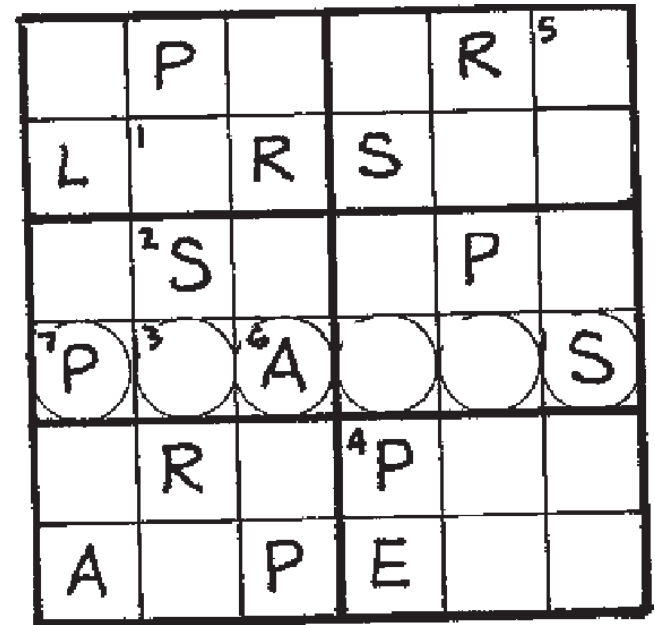
4. Primate (3)
5. Poisonous snake (3)
6. Sea mammal (4)

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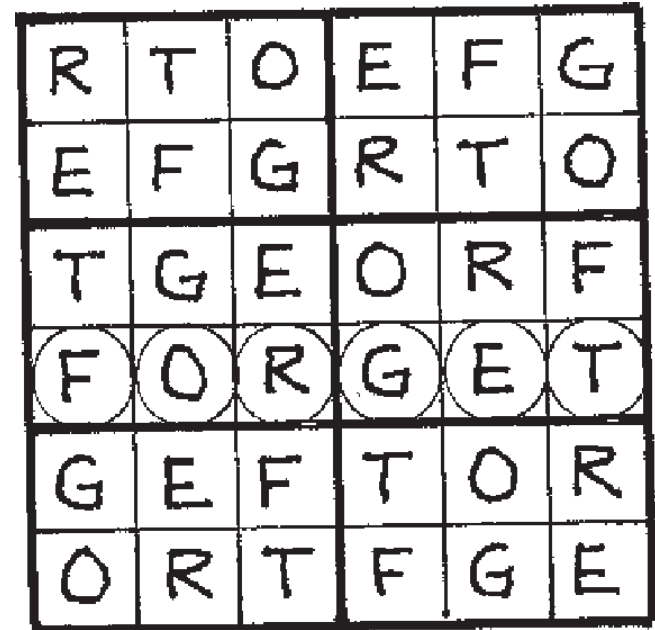
'2008 Juried Art' at The Bascom



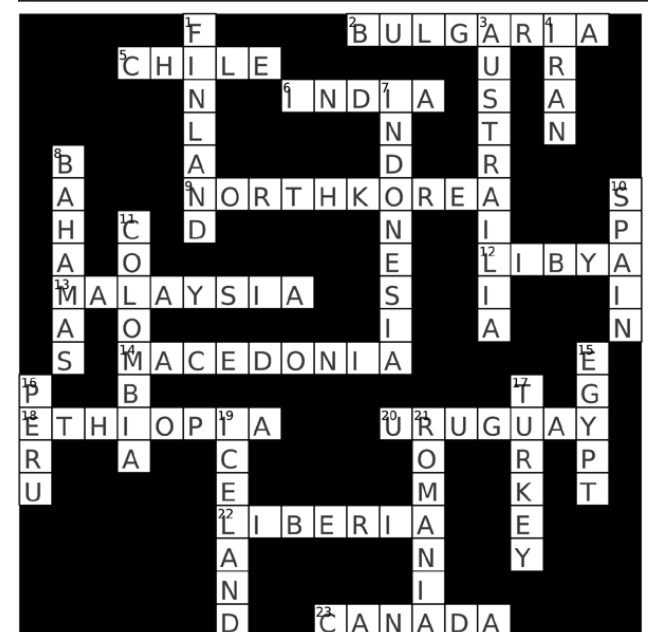
The Tiner family admires one of the artworks on display at The Bascom on Saturday night at the opening of "2008 Juried Art." Atlanta gallery owner Fay Gold served as juror of The Bascom's exhibition, which showcases works from artists throughout the southeast. Five thousand dollars in cash prizes were awarded to winners of the juried show. Recipients were Jean Banas, best of show; Charles Caldemeyer, first place; Karen Fields, second place; Janet Whitehead, third place; Lee Sipe, fourth place; and five honorable mentions: Sandy Donn, Zada Jackson, Carol Rollick, Hilda Spain-Owen and Jack Stern. The exhibition will continue through Nov. 13 Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.



Solution to Oct. 9 Sudo-Grams



10/9 CROSSWORD SOLUTION





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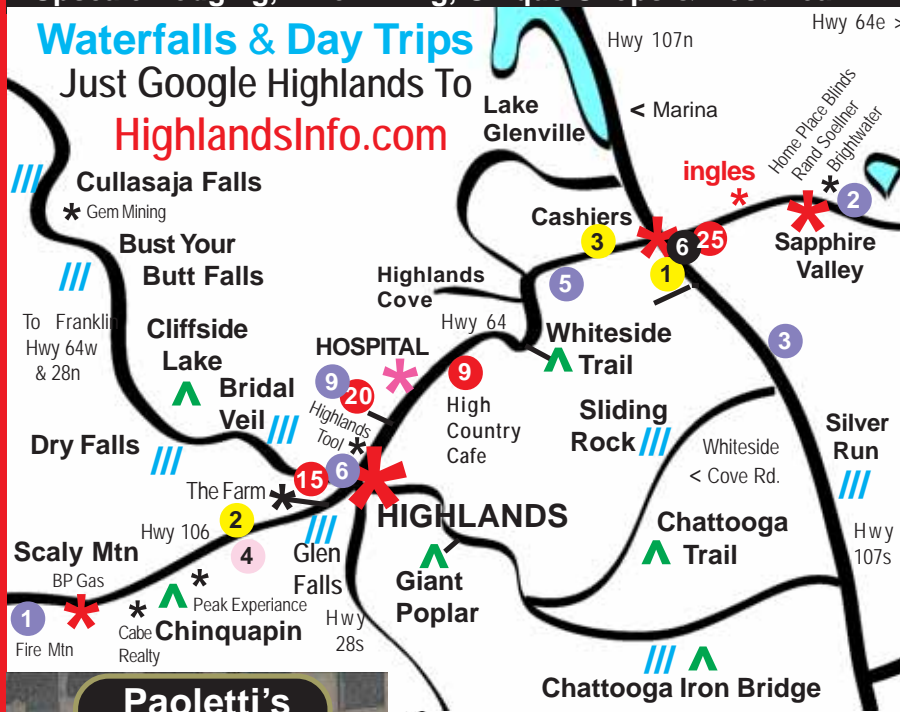
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2 Buck's	14 Oak St Cafe	2 Bear Mt. Outfit.	2 Chinz
3 Cyprus	15 On The Verandah	3 Bungalow Boutq.	3 CK Swan
4 Don Leon	16 Paoletti's	4 Jackson Madeleine	4 Mirror Lake
5 Fireside	17 Pizza Place	5 McCulley's	5 Scudder's
6 Fressers Eatery	18 Rib Shack	6 Needle Point	<b>Galleries</b>
7 Fressers Express	19 Rosewood	7 Silver Eagle	1 Bryant Art Glass
8 Golden China	20 Skyline Lodge	8 Stone Lantern	2 Drakes Diamonds
9 High Country	21 Sports Page	9 Village Kids	3 Mill Creek Gallery
10 Lakeside	22 SweeTreats	10 Wit's End	4 Tin Roof Gallery
11 Log Cabin	23 Wild Thyme	11	5 Tino Gallery
12 Madison's	24 Wolfgang's	12	6 Summit One

## 6 Shiraz Rug Gallery - Big October Sale



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Meats  
Produce  
To Go Orders  
Post Office

Beauty	Home Decor	Real Estate
1 # 1 Nails	1 Acorn's	1 Buyers
2 All Seasons	2	2 Caralina Mtn Br.
3 Creative Concepts	3 Dry Sink	3 Century 21
4 Head Innovations	4 Out On A Limb	4 Chambers
5 Images Unlimited	5 On The Rocks	5 Country Club
6 Michael's	6 Shiraz Rugs	6 Green Mountain
7 Mountain Rayz	7 Summer House	7 John Cleaveland
8 Pro Nails	8 Twigs The Season	8 John Schiffl
9 Taylor Barnes	9 Twigs	9 Meadows Mtn.
10 The Salon	10 Wholesale Down	10 Prestige Realty

**Lodging**

- 1 Fire Mountain
- 2 Hampton Inn
- 3 High Hampton Inn
- 4 Highlands Suites
- 5 Millstone Inn
- 6 Mirror Lake Lodge
- 7 Mtn. High Lodge
- 8 Old Edwards Spa
- 9 Skyline Lodge
- 10 The Lodge

Live Music  
The Rib Shack  
Thurs. & Fr.  
7-10 p.m.