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On-going
 • Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

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

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

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.

Friday & Saturday
 • Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 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.

All of August
 • At Acorn's on Main Street, it's Juliska Month. Juliska's rich European heritage spans six centuries and combines historic shapes with imaginative new interpretations of glass and ceramic for home décor and tableware.

Sat. Aug. 30-Oct. 1
 • At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. "Two Realities" paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morseberger.

Thursday, Sept. 4
 • At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Susan Wilson will sign "Come to the Table" a cookbook from 1-3 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7
 • A choir clinic led by Promise Gospel singers at the First Baptist Church. Call 526-4153 and ask for Cecil for details.

Friday, Sept 5
 • At CLE, Spectacular Songbirds: Handel, Schubert and Chopin. Please call 526-8811 to register.

Saturday, Sept. 6
 • At Cyrano's Rod Andrew Jr., to sign "Wade Hampton: Confederate Warrior to Southern Redeemer" from 2-4 p.m.

• Live music at The Pizza

Place on Main Street featuring "Home Remedy" at 7 p.m. until? Now serving beer and wine. Free Admission.

• Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw is at 5:30 p.m. at Peregrine's Restaurant at Highlands Cove. Tickets are \$35, which includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, the Quickdraw and silent auction, and the live auction. A cash bar will be available. To purchase tickets please call 828-421-2548.

Sunday, Sept. 7
 • Christ Anglican Church of Highlands/Cashiers and Community Bible Church presnet a concert by The Mountain Chamber Players, Sunday at CBC at 2:30. Love offerings will be given to the Community Care Clinic.

• At Cyprus Restaurant, a Caribbean Cookout and Party with live music by the UGA drum band, games and great food from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Price for all inclusive tickets are \$39 for adults and \$19 for children.

• "Promise" in concert at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, in Highlands.

Starting Monday, Sept. 8
 • Beth Moore Bible Study, Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent at 4 p.m. in the Media Center at Highlands School. Call 526-5168.

• Five age-related Children's Art Classes at The Bascom. To attend, call 526-4949, ext. 0# between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pre-register, or register on the first day of class.

Monday, Sept. 8
 • All Hospital Auxiliary annual luncheon at 12:30 pm at Chestnut Hill. Call Polly Touzalin at 526-3837 for reservations. Cost for the luncheon is \$15.

Wed., Sept 10
 • At CLE, Interior Design 101: Accessorizing your home. Please call 526-8811 to register.

Thursday, Sept. 11
 • Patz and Hall Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

• At Highlands School, first PTO meeting at 6 p.m.

• The Highlands School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams are hosting a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the PTO meeting beginning around 4:15 and ending at the beginning of the PTO meeting. To-go orders available.

• At Highlands School, Book Fair from 5-6 p.m.

Citizens discuss Town Manager

On Tuesday, Sept. 2, Bill Wilder, of Wilder Consulting, met with 11 members of a community focus group to help establish an employee profile for the prospective Town Manager.

So far, Wilder Consulting has 25 resumes, four of which seem most promising,

but Wilder said he expects a total of 30-40 resumes by the Sept. 11 target date, with interviews completed by the end of October.

With the Town of Highlands changing to the Manager-Council form of government, Wilder said it's crucial to get someone on board be-

fore Town Administrator Richard Betz retires in March. "It's important to have that overlap," he said.

Each commissioner and the mayor appointed community members. Present were Tony Potts, Ginger Slaughter, Griffin Bell, Ran-

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Foiled again!



Highlands School senior Ezra Herz, goalie, foiled Franklin's efforts to score a point at the Franklin game Thursday, Aug. 28. Highlands lost 1-2 but thanks to Ezra and his teammates, it wasn't easy for Franklin. See game wrap-up on page 34.

Photo by Noel Atherton

Town Board lines out projects

In a short meeting, the Town Board heard reports from department heads concerning projects.

• A middle school after-school program is starting at the Rec Park for a couple days a week from 3-5 p.m. Rebecca Shuler, who ran the Rec Park's summer camp, will run the program.

• The Greenway Trail Committee will begin reworking the trail leading from the back of the Rec Park to Mill Creek.

• The town is asking PARTF for funds for land ac-

quisition. PARTF has \$30 million in requests and only \$15 million in funds.

• Haynes Utilities is changing out 18 poles – three of which Balsam West will pay for – to complete the fiber loop to Highlands School.

• Old Edwards Inn wants to fund NCDOT's redesign of the N.C. 28 and Satulah Road intersection if it can be reimbursed. DOT has funds for the project, so the town will be the lead agency and reimburse OEI with the grant money.

• OEI has donated its Christmas ornaments to the town which will be used to decorate a number of trees.

• Duke Power is terminating its current wholesale power contract with the town but rates won't change until March 2010.

• The transfer station redesign is behind schedule, so it may be late October, or early November before it is back on line.

• Bowery Road condemnation cases begin Oct. 13.

The next Town Board meeting is Sept. 13.

Police tie up case of clothing thefts

Police have arrested three youths involved in a clothing embezzlement operation that took place January 1 through May 31 of this year.

Arrested are Highlanders Danielle Puchacz, 17, Haley Chalker, 17, and Chelsea Lawler, 17, currently of Oregon.

Highlands Police Captain Todd Ensley alleges Puchacz was the ring leader in the operation while she worked at AnnaWear as a sales clerk.

He alleges at least 8 to 10 times Puchacz allowed Lawler and Chalker to enter the store and pick out hundreds of items of merchandise including clothing and accessories and leave the store without paying for them. In addition, items they picked out were later

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
73-57°F	75-58°F	74-58°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Let's focus on the issues

Dear Editor,

I am writing in regards to Don Swanson's column of August 28 entitled "God speaks to Nancy!"

I am not very clear on what Don Swanson was complaining about in regards to Obama's plane except that once again he only focuses on one side of the story.

Yes, he correctly noted that Obama's chartered plane was repainted for the campaign, and in doing so, they painted over the original North American Airlines paint job.

Don "abhors" this, using his own words. There is no law or code against painting over a trademarked flag logo, yet does Don recall that the Flag Code of Etiquette indicates you should not use the U.S. flag for any advertising purpose? It is more egregious that folks fly the flag through the night without proper lighting!

And why did Don fail to mention that McCain's plane has no visible U.S. flag, and he didn't even bother to use the patriotic red white and blue on his plane as Obama did?

Let's get back to focusing on the real issues in this election, Don.

Chris Brouwer
Franklin

An open letter to the Honorable Senator McCain

Dear Senator McCain

Although I have always admired you and thought I could vote for you to be President, lately I have begun to question that support. Your maverick ways spoke to you putting nation over party, ideas above personal aspiration. Now in your desire to be President, you are lock step with the same Republican Party that has led us into this mess. Your campaign has taken the same tone as ones of the last three elections.

The Republican Party of today is not the party you speak of so fondly – it is not the party of Theodore Roosevelt. Today, it has gone beyond what even Barry Goldwater envisioned, stepped passed the sensibilities of Ronald Regan to be something perverted by the likes of Karl Rove and Vice-President Cheney.

The conservative backroom bosses of the party have taken the nation precari-

ously close to the same situation the 1840s empires of Europe found themselves.

For the Republicans, it is like Tocqueville wrote of in *Democracy in America*, "nothing is in its proper relationship. Virtue is without genius, and genius is without honor; where the love of order is confused with a taste for oppression, and the holy cult of freedom replaced with contempt for liberty (law); where the light thrown by conscience on human actions is dim."

The Republican Party has governed in a manner that destroys the very freedom they claim to protect.

While I do not feel you are the same sort as Karl Rove, you will be indebted to people much like him. We cannot take the chance for another four years of the same failed policies we have today. John, please return to the maverick I know you to be! That is what we need, not just more of the same.

Michael Benton
Beaufort, SC

The facts about Obama

Dear Editor

I started a point by point refutation

of Mr. Swanson's long column of distortions "God Speaks To Nancy" in the Aug. 28 issue of Highlands' Newspaper but found it takes a reply as long as the article. Therefore let me develop two major points with a brief summary of Barack Obama's history and his differences on major issues with Sen. McCain. Obama was born in Hawaii and spent a part of his childhood on food stamps. His mother was a secularist. A marriage resulted in Obama being taken to Indonesia where he attended Roman Catholic and Indonesian public schools.

His mother sent him back to Hawaii at age 10 to live with his grandparents and to finish middle school and high school where he played on varsity basketball. He graduated from Columbia University and went to Chicago to work for a faith-based organization as a community organizer. While doing this, he found Jesus, became a Christian and remains one to this day. Frankly, I would not want to test my knowledge of the bible against his.

Obama then went to Harvard University Law School where he became president of the prestigious Law Review and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He returned to Chicago to work for a law firm on Civil Rights. His mentor at the law firm was a lady who graduated from Princeton University Cum Laude and also Harvard Law-

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• THANKS •

We're not alone

Dear Highlands' Friends,

When we first heard the word "Cancer" we instantly knew our lives would never be same. Initially, we were shocked, terrified, lonely, angry and full of uncertainties. However, with God's help, along with the outpouring of the amazing love and generosity of this wonderful community, our family has experienced a peace like no other.

Even though we face an extremely difficult and challenging road ahead, we feel hopeful that with your continued prayers, love and support, we will make it though this.

We will never be able to adequately express our sincere gratitude for everything you've done for us. We received discouraging news today, but your blessings and prayers will enable us to continue to valiantly fight this battle with cancer.

We certainly do not feel alone, and for that we thank you.

"To God be the glory for the things he hath done."

God Bless and Thanks to you all,
Beth, David, Mary Beth, Marshall,
Bailey and Allie Buck.

Highlands hospitality is tops

Dear Editor,

We just wanted to write a note saying that my husband and I appreciate the hospitality in Highlands.

We recently were stranded as a day trip and landed up there for four days. The residents and tourists of Highlands were so generous and accommodating that they made us feel as if we were on vacation ourselves.

Special thanks to Manley's Auto Towing, Jolie's and Jill, Don Leon's and Anna, Main Street Inn and Gary, The Pizza Place, and Mountain High and Peter and Justin.

Thanks for being such a wonderful town.

Taylor and Rachel Joiner

Highlands loves literacy

The Literacy Council of Highlands partnered with the Highlands Community Players for Loving Literacy: A Premier Gala. This event was held Wednesday, August 20th, at the Martin-Lipscombe Performing

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• OBITUARIES •

John Alexander Perdue

John Alexander Perdue, 85, of Cashiers, N.C., died August 29, 2008, after an extended illness.

A native of Montgomery, AL, he was a son of the late William Monroe and Ruth Gardner Perdue, and is predeceased also by his sister, Mary Perdue French, and brothers, William Monroe Perdue, Jr. and Howard Gardner Perdue.

Mr. Perdue is survived by his wife of 63 years, Rosalyn Sasser Perdue, of the home; sons John Alexander Perdue, Jr. (Diana) of Selma, Alabama, and Allyn Donald Perdue of Bluffton, S.C.; daughter Angelyn Perdue Streyer (William-deceased) of Greenville, S.C.; granddaughters Rosemary Perdue of Wetumpka, AL; Suzanne Perdue Widgeon (Wesley), of Eclectic, AL; Dr. Emily Streyer Carlisle (Eric) of Baltimore, MY; grandson, William Henderson Streyer of Madison, WI; step-granddaughter Rachael Annette Langley of Selma, AL; sisters-in-law Marilyn Sasser Allen of Eureka, CA and Mary Faye Perdue of Montgomery, AL; great-granddaughter Alexandria Lee Williams, great-grandson Evan Jackson Williams, both of Eclectic, AL; step-great-grandsons Peyton and Adam Widgeon, also of Eclectic, AL, and a number of nieces and nephews.

He graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, AL, and was a 1948 graduate of Auburn University in Building Construction. Mr. Perdue became a registered professional engineer and retired as chief of engineering design branch with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Mobile, AL, district, primarily designing locks and dams.

Following his retirement, he was a structural engineering consultant traveling to for-



John Perdue

eign countries in this capacity. A 36-year resident of Mobile, he was a member of the Cottage Hill Civitan Club, Skyline Country Club, Bienville Club, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Methodist Church.

John Perdue served his country for four years during World War II in the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific theater. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Navy Achievement Medal and Air Medals with four gold stars in recognition for his service as a radar operator and turret gunner with Marine Air Corps Photographic Reconnaissance Squadron VMD-254. Their most hazardous mission was to photograph heavily-fortified Truk Lagoon without escort. The images yielded critical mapping data which assisted the U.S. Navy with Operation Hailstone, a massive assault on the Japanese Navy, which was a major turning point in the war.

Mr. Perdue was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Marine Corps League Smoky Mountain Detachment 973. During his 17-year residency in Jackson County, N.C., Mr. Perdue volunteered with Meals on Wheels, as well as at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation.

A military memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Community Projects, Cashiers-Norton Homemakers Club, P.O. Box 2142, Cashiers, NC 28717 or to Marine Corps League Smoky Mountain Detachment 973, P.O. Box 1454, Franklin, NC 28734.

Eileen Marie Stiles Todd

Eileen Stiles Todd, 88, of Highlands, NC died Saturday, August 30, 2008 in Huntsville, AL. Mrs. Todd was preceded in death by her parents, Marie Adele Crane Stiles and Charles Ayrton Stiles, and her brother, Major General Kenneth Stiles. She was also preceded in death by her husband, David Frederick Todd, and by both of her sons; David Charles Todd and Christopher Fred Todd.

Born in New York City, Eileen Todd was a gifted artist and decorator as well as a successful entrepreneur. She owned and operated several antique shops, most notably Antiques by Lee in Highlands, NC, where she lived and served for over 30 years. She was happily married to David Todd for 59 years until his death in 2002.

Mrs. Todd is survived by six grandchildren: Julie Todd Sieja Satterfeal and her husband, Craig of Huntsville, AL; Timothy Sieja and his wife Lara of Arlington, VA; Andrew Sieja and his wife Brianna of Dallas, TX; Melissa Todd, Amanda Todd, and Amy Todd of Orlando, FL. She had three great-grandchildren: Sesalie, Noah, and Kinsley Satterfeal.

She is also survived by a very special nephew, Michael Palmer Todd and his wife Anna; and her daughters-in-law, Kathy Levins Todd Sieja of Huntsville, AL, and Donna Todd of Orlando, FL. Other survivors are nephews Kenneth Stiles and his wife Margie of Plymouth, IN; and Douglas Stiles and his wife Barbara of Alexandria, VA; sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Jury, Donna Lucille Todd, and Idabelle Todd, all of Michigan.

Despite the great sadness of outliving her two sons and her husband, Mrs. Todd was an inspiration to many, had a great faith, and lived a productive life. She will be remembered and missed by all who knew her. Calling hours are 12:30-1:30 at the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands on Thursday, September 4, 2008, with services at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, with the Reverend Don Mullen presiding. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your charity of choice.




Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Scouts hold 'Court of Honor'




Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 had their quarterly "Court of Honor" on Sunday, August 24 at the Highlands Conference Center. Six boys were recognized for their hard work this summer, which included earning six rank advancements and 24 merit badges!

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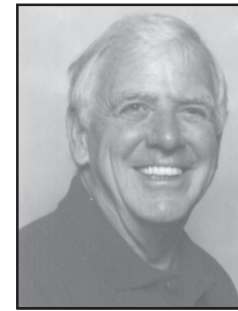
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Silly stuff



Fred Wooldridge

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Darn, I didn't know the Town Board was going to waste \$31,000 of our hard-earned tax money to hire an outside consultant with a briefcase to tell us how to park. I would have done the whole thing for a hundred bucks... maybe less. I still have my briefcase. This is what my parking study would have looked like.

#1 No one, I mean no one, will drive all the way up this mountain and then go home because they couldn't find a parking spot on Main Street. Please try to remember that important point as our consultant leaves town with our \$31,000.

#2 Year-round Highlanders don't park on Main Street in the height of the season because they don't want to get their cars dinged up.

#3 At exactly 2 PM on July 4th of this year, I counted a total of 23 empty parking spaces at Spring and 3rd streets. So DUH! Hellooooo, write that down.

#4 Highlands needs a parking garage like we need a \$5 million Town Hall and a \$1 million postage stamp-size park. Where is all this money coming from? Is the economic slump over? Well, it's not at my house.

And, when the report is finally in, I hope the Town Board feels like they got their \$31,000 worth.

She was a real cutie, especially in her uniform. But why was she parked just down the street from my house for the past 18 hours. I waved at her a couple of times but I got the cold shoulder. Hmmm, who does she think she is? Aren't Highlands' police officers supposed to be friendly? And why is she wearing a hat? Highlands' cops don't wear hats.

Finally I couldn't stand it any longer. Why isn't she out writing parking tickets? I simply had to speak with this stuck-up b....uh, police officer. I'll tell her I'm a retired officer and that should break the ice a little. I planned my strategy. I would park so our driver's side doors were almost touching.

As I pulled up to her police unit, I smiled, holding a map in my hand as if I needed directions. I motioned for her to roll her window down but she continued

to ignore me, looking straight ahead. So now I'm really offended. I shouted, "I want to report a robbery!" Still, there was no reaction. I persisted. "I've been shot and need to go to the hospital. Please help me!" Still, zero response. I persisted again, this time pulling out all the stops. "I have donuts for you!" Nothing happened.

Now my shorts are in a major wad. I pulled forward so I could get out of my car. I stormed up to

the police car, knocked on her window and that's when I could see she was a blow-up doll. I quickly left, hoping no one had seen me having a one-way chit chat with a blow-up doll.

I called police headquarters and asked where I might buy one of those dolls. They hung up on me. Hey, I just wanted her for my front porch to keep bad guys away. Oh well, the li'l missus would never allow her in the house anyway.

PS - In Miami Beach we tried using wooden police officers near school zones. The officers, we called them wooden heads, were standing, waving, smiling and holding signs that said "slow down." The "wooden heads" were nothing like the stuck-up Highlands' blow-up hot babes. Unfortunately, the next morning we found one of the wooden heads full of bullet holes, another short lived plan that didn't work.

Several weeks ago, the li'l missus and I headed for my ole home town of Louisville, Ky., to celebrate my sister's 80th birthday. Kentucky is known as the bluegrass state where bluegrass doesn't grow well because it's hellishly hot in the summer and bitter cold in the winter.

Anyway, since I only see her every 10 years, I figured I better go to her party since this might be it for us. Ha, what do I know? While she does use a walker she calls her "Harley" with the latest state of the art brakes, her mind is as sharp as ever. You should see her wheel that "Harley" around the kitchen. She laughs often and eats Russell Stover candy like I eat peanuts. It's laughter that keeps her young so I guess I'll be going to her 90th, if I can manage to live that long.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

What was he thinking?

“Sarah, who?” That was my reaction and that of most Americans who don’t follow Alaskan politics to the announcement of Senator McCain’s running mate.

The revelation that she was “America’s hottest governor” did little to help identify her.

John McCain is reaching with this choice. The question is, “What is he reaching for?”

The obvious answer is the votes of women who supported Senator Clinton and are feeling disenfranchised.

What McCain seems to have missed is the fact that Clinton’s popularity did not rest solely on her gender, but on her feminist agenda.

So why did McCain select the “Anti-feminist?”

It can’t be that he is eager to lose the election, although that was my first thought. He not only selected a candidate who is out of touch with feminists voters, he picked one likely to make less splash than a Chinese diver.

Feminists can’t be happy with her beauty queen past or her anti-abortion stand.

On the other hand, members of the NRA will be thrilled with her support of hunting and firearms. I doubt that, even among this group, the fact that she cooks up a mean moose stew can overcome the obvious fact that she is the least qualified candidate to run for the vice-presidency in the memory of any living American. In light of the likes of Spiro Agnew and Dan Quale, that’s quite a statement.

John McCain said that he had been watching the governor for years, which is unlikely unless he attended council meetings in Wasilla, Alaska, or peeked in her bedroom window.

Governor Palin may be a wonderful woman, but that doesn’t negate the fact that experience is an importance part in governance. The nation would be outraged if the Department of Defense passed over all the admirals and generals to select a bright major as Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

This selection is almost too



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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outrageous to evoke outrage. It is little more than a bad joke. The primary role of the vice-president is to become president in the event that the president dies or becomes incapacitated. Does anyone out there not shudder at the thought of Sarah Palin as the most powerful person in the world? It doesn’t matter that she looks like a poll dancer dressed up to meet her son’s high school principal. I’m sure that the hair and glasses will be fixed

soon, but I thought Barbara Bush would get a make-over and ditch the pop beads.

Maybe the NRA and Focus on the Family like the look.

It is revealing, that in an attempt to pacify conservatives, grab a few female votes, and create a stir, McCain selected a candidate for vice-president who is unqualified for the office. That makes me doubt his judgement. The vice president is nothing if not the president in waiting.

I’ve been told that Sarah Palin is the most average American ever nominated for such a lofty position. She has greater understanding of the problems of other average Americans. I don’t want an average person to occupy high national office, I want an extraordinary person, a gifted person. Governor Palin has fought corruption and battled special interests. I think those who describe her as an average American, and intend it as a compliment, are wrong. I suspect that the Governor is an outstanding woman. I further suspect that with experience she might well be suited for the vice presidency.

She handled the matter of her daughter’s pregnancy with grace and dignity. She displayed humor and self deprecation when she described herself as a soccer Mom. Humor is important and self deprecation attractive in a person. It is in vogue to cast oneself as a Washington outsider, but Sarah Palin needs a road map to find the White House.

The problem is she has less experience in government than Jimmy Carter, the ultimate outsider, and as fine a man and as terrible a president who has ever lived.

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Unfinished business

My mother taught me to sew, knit, and do needle-point at a fairly young age. All of my life I have enjoyed creating things, but for many years I seemed to have trouble finishing anything. I can remember a quilt I started as a teenager that languished in my closet for years.



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I loved dreaming up new ideas and planning projects, and I'd start working on something excited and energetic. But as I progressed my enthusiasm always seemed to wane and the energy would disappear and next thing I knew there would be another project added to the unfinished stack.

For a long time I just thought there was something wrong with me; laziness or weakness of character perhaps. I often felt guilty about being someone who just didn't have what it took to complete things.

But one day while in a contemplative mood I looked a little more deeply at this trait of mine, and it occurred to me that perhaps there was another explanation: fear of completion. When I would visualize a project I would have a picture in my mind of a fabulous, perfect creation that would dazzle and amaze all who beheld it (that

might be stretching it a little but I always had an image of perfection in mind). As I worked on it I would always begin to doubt that the finished product was going to live up to the standards of that ideal, so I would slow down to delay that day of reckoning when the completed work would be held up and judged.

I would delay so that I would never have to see my failure to live up to my idea of perfection.

That realization freed me up to go ahead and finish projects anyway; I also had come to realize that as a limited creature my efforts would *always* fall short of perfection!

Looking back on this I have to laugh because now I have set my life up so that I am constantly being required to complete things. Not only do I have a weekly column, I produce a weekly TV show and a second TV show twice a month. My life is a continuous series of deadlines.

Every week when I send in my column I think, "I have an entire week to write the next one, piece of cake," and then it always amazes me how fast a week can fly by.

Sometimes I feel like I am on a spinning wheel and I am throwing out ideas (in my column) and programs (on TV) into the world without pause — certainly without enough time to carefully craft them to perfection. If I had tried to find a way to work through my fear of completion I couldn't have done better!

I have become a very self-disciplined person (my husband would probably say *too* self-disciplined) and one of the notes to myself on my bulletin board says: "Self-discipline is the easy way."

I looked up what I had written about this in my journal a few years ago when I first wrote the note, and found this:

Most people think self-discipline is extremely hard; how could I possibly say it's the easy way? One of my least favorite things is to have to look for something I have misplaced. I always get angry when I

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• COACH'S CORNER •

NFL Week 1 Preview

Last weekend provided a rather ho-hum start to college football, with only a few exciting games of note (VaTech-ECU and UCLA-Tennessee). I hope that this weekend will bring about a much more exciting slate of games from the opening week of the NFL season. Here are 5 games of note, along with some not so fearless predictions for each game.



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NY Jets @ Miami Dolphins
BRETT FAVRE, BRETT FAVRE, BRETT FAVRE!

Ok, seriously-this should be a good AFC East matchup, in spite of the Favre slobber-fest because it will showcase a surprise team in that division, and it isn't the Jets. I believe Miami will be much improved this year with Chad Pennington at QB and a rejuvenated (or maybe de-ganja-nated) Ricky Williams running the football. Dolphins 24 Jets 21

Houston @ Pittsburgh

Another interesting matchup, with a perennial power like Pittsburgh facing what looks to be a very solid Texans team looking to make some noise this year. I really like the Texans offense with Matt Schaub throwing to Andre Johnson and company. The Texans are in the toughest division in the NFL, but they have the weapons to make the playoffs if they stay healthy. A win at Heinz Field is a must if Houston is serious about going to the postseason. Houston 27 Pittsburgh 17

Dallas @ Cleveland

The preseason favorite out of the NFC goes on the road to face the surprise team of last season in the Cleveland Browns. This looks to be a game in which a lot of points will be scored, with two high powered offenses battling in out. Dallas is going to get a monster year out of Marion Barber III in his first season as a full time starter, but it is TE Jason Witten that is the most un-noticed superstar wearing a Dallas uniform. (that includes you Terrell). Dallas 38 Cleveland 34

Minnesota @ Green Bay

This is on Monday Night Football, which means that you will hear quite a bit about BRETT FAVRE during this game as well. But this game is very meaningful in the NFC North division, as it features two teams with major Super Bowl aspirations. The Packers come off of their best season in years, but with a question mark at quarterback for the first time in decades. The Vikings are the trendy pick to win the division and make a serious run at the Super Bowl, but they have their own quarterback issues with Tavaris Jackson behind center. I

look for Aaron Rodgers to play well in his debut and gain at least one night of glory in Green Bay away from the shadow of...you know. Green Bay 17 Minnesota 13
Tampa Bay @ New Orleans

My homerism is actually justified in this case, as this is a key NFC South matchup on the first weekend of the season, not to mention Hurricane Gustav's effect on the

proceedings. The story is pretty much the same for these two teams as it has been in recent history. The Bucs defense is terrific, and their offense struggles quite a bit. The Saints offense is dynamic, and their defense is paper thin. Both teams made some offseason moves to address their weaknesses, and it remains to be seen how these moves will improve both teams.

I think that the inspiration of playing for the city carries the Saints this week, and thus pick the Saints 35 over Tampa Bay 28.

The Wrap-up

The Lady Highlanders volleyball season started recently, and thus far the young ladies from Highlands have posted a 1-3 record to begin their season.

After a strong start in which they defeated conference rival Nantahala in three sets, the Lady Highlanders have dropped three straight in hard-fought matches with Cherokee, Rosman and Swain. Head Coach Kyle McKim has not been deterred by the 1-3 start, and he believes that his young team will make considerable improvement as the season moves forward.

"We are very young and that, combined with a new offense and our toughest competition early in the season means that we knew we might struggle a bit early," said McKim. Coach McKim has been very pleased with the competitiveness of their matches against Cherokee and Rosman, and believes they have a chance to be much more successful once they have a chance to gel and prepare to move into conference play.

The Lady Highlanders travel the long road to Hiawassee Dam today for their second conference game of the season.

The next home contest is Monday against Smoky Mountain-all community members are invited to come out and support the Lady Highlanders!

— Ryan Potts



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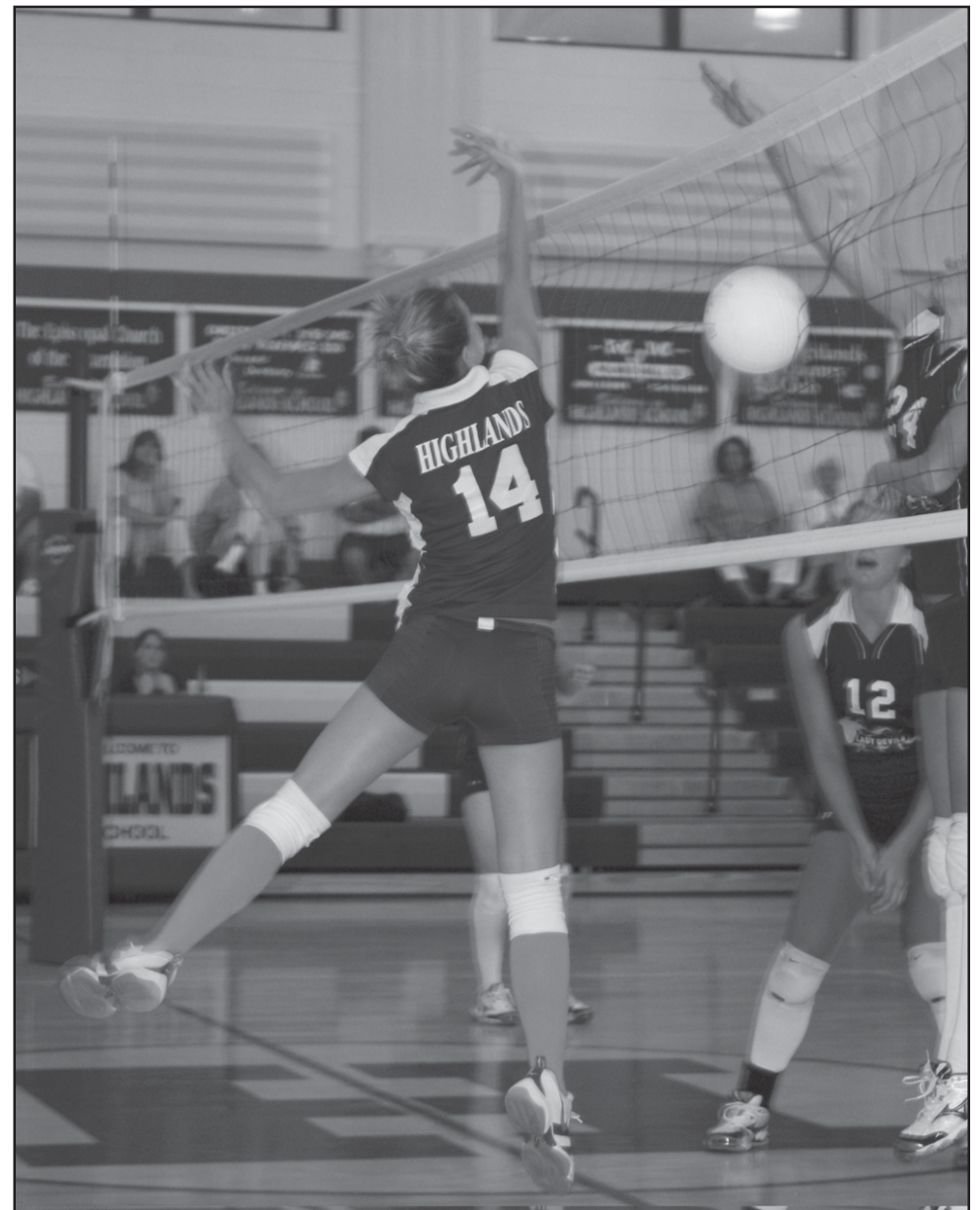
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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL VB •

Against Swain, at home



Taylor Buras at the net against Swain Tuesday night at home. Scores for last night were: JV: 25 - 14; 25 - 13. Varsity: 25 - 12; 25 - 16; 25 - 7.

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lose something — I have learned it takes much less energy to put something back where it belongs than to have to search for it later. More generally, you could say that a small amount of energy invested now pays off large dividends in the fu-

ture.

Mid-life is a great time because you start thinking, "I have a limited time left to live. I want to live it the way I want to live — can't waste anymore of it living the way others think I should live it.

I first thought this when Hazel (my neighbor) was exactly double my age: she 90 and I 45. I would marvel at the thought that she had lived, beyond my current age, all the time I had experienced from age 0-45. That seemed a huge span of time! But it also made me think: how am I going to live these next years? Who do I want to be?

My husband sometimes recounts a Richard Pryor stand-up routine, in which Pryor, playing a minister who is looking at the deceased in his casket says: "From the look on his face it seems death took the him by surprise!" Ever since I first heard this one of the goals of my life is to not be taken by surprise by death; to ac-

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Come on in, the water's fine

By the time you read this, the Republican Convention will be nearly over, or over period. I'm sure you have had your fill of conventions by now. I have and the first one isn't half over. Bubba's bloviating so I'm switching between watching the Marlins beat the miserable Braves and the Red Sox pound the Yankees. So, let's agree to give politics a rest and dwell on something really important.

Mark Steyn is one my favorite authors and social commentators. I read a piece of his recently that I consider brilliant. I'm not going to precisely plagiarize it but I'm going to borrow his line of thinking because I wasn't clever enough to come up with it myself.

We've all heard about the frog and the pot. The frog jumps into a pot of water and swims around enjoying himself. He fails to notice, however, that the pot is on a stove and that the heat is on. So low is it on that the frog doesn't notice the water warming up very gradually until it's too late. He's cooked.

Steyn's premise is that the West, specifically Europe and North America, are the frog, and Islam is turning up the heat, ever so insidiously. Yes, occasionally the threat is blatant. The 9/11 disaster, the 2004 Madrid train bombings and the 2005 London transportation system bombings are expressions of that threat. We are thankful that we have been spared their dramatic malice for several years.

Let me share with you information I received that analyzed in detail what Steyn was saying.

As long as the Muslim population remains around 1% of any given country they will be regarded as a peace-loving minority and not as a threat to anyone. The U.S. is currently in that category.

At 2%-3% they begin to proselytize from other ethnic minorities and disaffected groups with major recruiting from jails and street gangs. The United Kingdom, as an example, is at this stage.

At 5%-10% they exercise an inordinate influence in proportion to their percentage of the population. They will work to get the ruling government to allow them to rule themselves under Sharia, the Islamic Law. This is currently going on in France and Sweden.

At 10%, they will increase in lawlessness as a means to complain about their conditions. Russia is experiencing this now.

After reaching 20% expect hair-trigger rioting, jihad militia formations, sporadic



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killings and church and synagogue burning (Ethiopia); 40% - widespread massacres, chronic terror attacks and on-going militia warfare (Bosnia); 60% -

unfettered persecution of non-believers and other religions, sporadic ethnic cleansing (genocide) and use of Sharia Law as a weapon (Sudan).

Reaching 80% expect state-run ethnic cleansing and genocide (Indonesia).

Supposedly, upon reaching 100%, there should be peace because everybody is Muslim. Somalia, as an example, should be the essence of calm and tranquility.

As we know, that is not the case. To satisfy their blood lust, Muslims then start killing each other for a variety of reasons.

The examples shown for each step of the way are only one or two of many at each level. The CIA *World Fact Book* cites 48 major countries that are at one stage of Muslim invasion or another, with 18 being on the verge of or at total saturation.

Remember the stink that was raised because of the cartoons coming out of Denmark in 2005? A worldwide volcanic response erupted that was repeated earlier this year. More meaningful, do you remember the riots that torched Paris and suburbs in 2005? This was a direct result of lax immigration policies that allowed in many more Muslim young men and sometimes their families than there were jobs to support them.

Quoting from Wikipedia - "The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is a civil liberties and advocacy group for Muslims in North America that was created in 1994; its professed goals are to enhance understanding of Islam, promote justice and empower American Muslims. In its work, the group has been party to lawsuits, testified before Congress, and met with President Bush.

"Critics say the organization and its leadership have ties to Islamic terrorist organizations and ideologies. CAIR responds by calling the allegations 'urban legends,' and says that its detractors represent 'the extremes of our society.'"

While we allow ourselves to enjoy the lack of major attacks by Muslims, they are patiently securing their position in our society, influencing legislation and gaining footholds in our prisons and street gangs. Meanwhile we continue to cater and negotiate in a politically correct way so as not to offend our Muslim "brothers."

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delivered to the girls by Puchacz, he says.

Many items taken from AnnaWear on Main Street in Highlands have been found but police say at least 200 articles of clothing and accessories, if not more, which they allege were in Puchacz's possession at some point, are still unaccounted for.

"They were in Danny's house but where they are now or where they were disposed of is still under investigation," said Ensley.

Police say in addition, Puchacz allegedly sold merchandise she took from AnnaWear to Plato's Closet - a second-hand store in Greenville, S.C. The majority of those items were sold by Plato's Closet and have not been recovered.

Lawler's aunt - her guardian while she was living in Highlands - became suspicious when she found numerous articles of clothing and accessories in the closet of

her niece's bedroom. She bagged up the merchandise and took it and Lawler to the police station where Lawler confessed and was arrested.

On June 6, Lawler was arrested for stealing two pairs of boots from her employer, Mountainique, on Main Street in Highlands, on May 25 and May 26, and was charged with two counts of embezzlement.

At that time, she was also charged due to actions that took place on May 4 at AnnaWear. Added to the Mountainique charges were felonious larceny and felonious possession of stolen goods while acting in concert with Puchacz in allegedly removing items from AnnaWear; and one misdemeanor count of larceny and one misdemeanor count of possession of stolen goods for a single item police allege she personally removed from AnnaWear.

Lawler has already appeared in court and the case has been continued until sometime in October.

On June 19, Puchacz was arrested and charged with one felony count of possession of stolen goods, one felony count of embezzlement and one felony count of larceny by an employee.

"These are in conjunction with what she allowed Lawler to do," said Captain Ensley.

Additional charges resulting from actions that occurred March 1-May 31 involving Chalker are pending paperwork.

Those include 21 counts of felonious larceny by an employee, and 11 counts of possession of stolen goods in conjunction with what she allegedly allowed Chalker to remove from the store and allegedly took for herself, said Ensley.

Puchacz's first court appearance has already taken place but Ensley said more indictments will be handed down by the end of September with court dates pending.

On August 28, Chalker was arrested and charged with 11 counts of misdemeanor larcenies and 11 counts of misdemeanor possession of stolen goods.

"Between March 1 and May 31 of this year, Puchacz allegedly allowed Chalker to enter the store and take items without paying for them and in some cases Puchacz allegedly delivered the items to her when

she saw her next," said Ensley.

Chalker is scheduled to appear in District Court in Franklin on September 17.

If convicted, both the misdemeanor and felony counts could translate to time in jail.

Ensley said the District Attorney will take into account the girls' attitude, record, age and other mitigating circumstances. They could get time in jail per count, a suspended sentence with probation or deferred prosecution with restitution.

"In other words, if they pay for the merchandise, which amounts to tens of thousands of dollars, do community service for a length of time to be determined by the court, and keep a clean slate, some of them could get a deferred prosecution which means the conviction would be taken off their record," said Ensley.

However, if they are convicted without deferred prosecution, they will suffer the affects of every convicted felon which means they will never be able to vote or hold a professional license of any kind or own a firearm.

Police say both Lawler and Chalker have been extremely forthcoming and have cooperated with the authorities.

The investigation continues concerning the 200 items alleged to be in Puchacz's possession at one time, said Ensley.

- Kim Lewicki

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School. They eventually married and have two girls. He taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago for 12 years.

Elected to the Illinois Senate, he served for 7 years and was known as a reformer. He ran for the U.S. Senate there and won with 70% of the vote against Alan Keyes with 27%, the largest margin of victory in Illinois history. His major legislative accomplishments are one principally sponsored bill passed (Democratic Republic of The Congo Relief, Security, and Democracy Promotion Act signed by President Bush in 2006), was cosponsor on another bill that was passed, and has cooperated with two different Republicans on two others - Lugar-Obama and Coburn-Obama.

After giving the well received Democratic convention keynote address in 2004, this year Obama gained the Democratic nomination for President where his organizational skills shone. Who wouldn't love to have such a child with such talent and motivation? I have no children, but, if I had, I would be extremely proud.

Mr. Swanson, you didn't have to develop character assassination on Barack Obama or insult the people of the state of Hawaii ("I'm reasonably certain that it [Hawaii] bore little resemblance to the rest of the US"), a state which, by your admission, you aren't familiar with.

There are issues on which the two candidates for election differ, some markedly. The chief one, perhaps, is abortion. Sen.

McCain has been a career long opponent to abortion whereas, Obama, though he says he does not like abortion, has repeatedly voted for choice. If this is your big issue, you can safely vote for Sen. McCain and don't have to do any character assassination on Obama.

A second issue might be the Iraq War. Sen. Obama has been against the Iraq War from the beginning and has set a goal for removal of most U.S. troops by June of 2010 (16 months after inauguration).

Sen. McCain has set the vague deadline of "when conditions on the ground warrant," but more recently has said he expects that most troops will be withdrawn by the end of his first term (i.e. early 2013). It appears that President Bush, long opposed to time tables, and the Iraqi government, have now chosen an intermediate date of the end of 2011.

I could go on, but I think the idea is clear. Character assassination is not needed to come to a voting decision. Or, Mr. Swanson, is the problem that you fear the majority of the voters side with Barack Obama on the issues?

Those wanting to know more about Barack Obama are referred to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page and for Michelle Obama http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michelle_Obama from which much of the above information is taken.

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• HIS & HERS •

The honeymoon, part I

Most people wouldn't think of going on their honeymoon with 32 other people. Come to think of it, most people wouldn't think of going on their honeymoon with their mother, either. Still, there we were, all assembled in the parking lot of the old General Wayne Hotel in Waynesboro, Virginia, the afternoon of my 58th birthday. Just for giggles, I'd thought of putting a "Just Married" sign on the bus, but worried that folks might think we were some sort of break-off Mormon sect.

It was a friendly bunch, and I hoped that by the end of the trip, John and I would have added a few new friends to our Christmas card list. One lady had been a family friend for years – Jeanne Ford. Jeanne's husband Chuck had worked at General Electric with my Dad. I had babysat the Ford children – Karen and Cory – using food bribery and a less-than-strict interpretation of their bedtime. Considering that I was barely older than both children, I am still amazed it worked.

The bus ride to Dulles was pleasant. It was to be the last really pleasant bit for a long time. I used to be one of those people who loved airplane travel. Just being in an airport made me feel cosmopolitan and important. Now, airports are like bus stations – crowded, noisy, with long lines and people staring hatefully at each other. Dulles was like that. You swim in a sea of humanity, hoping that someone will throw you a life jacket. The lines are endless. We'd asked for a wheelchair for Maman, who has trouble walking for long distances these days. The gentleman who pushed her wheelchair was courteous and kind. We were able to get through many of the security procedures easier than other people because of the wheelchair, but there was still the usual song-and-dance over my knee replacement. An actual witness to the Twin Towers going down, I hate to criticize airport security. Still, I don't feel we're cutting Bin Laden off at the knees by confiscating somebody's nail clippers.

Eventually, we are on the shuttle bus, heading for our plane. I've never flown Aer Lingus before, in spite of years of air travel, and briefly being a travel agent in Australia. We are warmly greeted upon entering the plane – met with real smiles, not just the polite kind usually encountered in such situations. Luckily, all three of us are seated



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in the same row. The flight is around seven hours long. The food was good; the service excellent. I still wonder who decides how big is a normal human being. It's hard to find airline seats anywhere that feel they have been made for real people. I look over to see how John is doing. If the legroom is bad for me (5'8"), I can only imagine how my over six-foot husband is doing.

Personally, if there is a hell – and I usually hope there isn't – I do hope it's filled with people who delight in putting their seats back during the entire flight. It's particularly galling when parents encourage their children to do this, in spite of the fact that the children in question are often built like hobbits, and the people suffering behind them have legs like the LA Lakers.

We arrive in Dublin, and find the way to our gate to Glasgow. Looking out the windows, we get our first taste of Irish weather. It is overcast. It is gloomy. It is pouring. Suddenly, it dawns on us why Ireland is green. It rains. It rains a lot. Fortunately for John and me, rain is something we actually enjoy. Just before we left Highlands, our water situation was looking rather bleak. Unlike last summer, we weren't out of water yet, but things were looking iffy. Before we left, we'd installed rain barrels, hoping a good rain would fill them by the time we got back. At least we'd be able to water our plants, flush the toilets, even boil water and wash the dishes.

Our connection to Glasgow is delayed – no big deal if we weren't so tired from our overnight transatlantic flight. We eventually make it to Glasgow. I have little memory of getting our luggage or going through security. Our bus awaits, a bit away from the terminal. We wheel our bags down the sidewalk, and are grateful to see our bus lined up amidst a pack of other coaches. As we near the bus, we get our first glimpse of our coach driver, guide and personal savior, Victor Mitchell. Little do we know how much we will be attached to him, how often he will pull miracles out of thin air, and how essential he will be to our enjoyment of Scotland and Ireland. If there is a patron saint of American tourists, I'm sure it is Victor.

Finally, we are seated in our coach, and on the way. I had assumed that the bus would be filled with the sound of snoozing

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cept death when it comes. The only way I think you can do this is to be satisfied with life, to not be leaving behind a lot of unfinished business.

In the words of a favorite song of mine (Satisfied Mind, by Rhodes & Hayes): "How many times have you heard someone say/'If I had his money, I could do things my way?' But little they know that it's so hard to find/One rich man in 10 with a satisfied mind.

"Once I was winning in fortune and fame/Everything that I dreamed for to get a start in life's game/Suddenly it happened, I lost every dime/But I'm richer by far with a satisfied mind.

"Money can't buy back your youth when you're old/Or a friend when you're lonely, or a love that's grown cold/The wealthiest person is a pauper at times/ Compared to the man with a satisfied mind.

"When my life is ended, my time has run out/My friends and my loved ones, I'll leave them no doubt/One thing's for certain, when it comes my time/I'll leave this old world with a satisfied mind."

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com

• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Planning Board and Public Works Committee hard at work

Last week Planning and Development Director Joe Cooley suggested the Town consider, along with the parking study by Wilbur Smith Associates, developing a Unified Development Code for the town and has asked them to give us an estimate of the cost since we have money budgeted for such activity in this fiscal year. It is an intriguing idea.



Mayor Don Mullen

A Unified Development Code or UDC as it is commonly referred to would simplify our ordinances by combining the Subdivision Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance and the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance. In that way redundancies and some confusion would be removed. This has been discussed by the Town Board but not approved as yet. It certainly is an intriguing and forward thinking idea and will be given serious consideration by the Board of Commissioners.

The subject of recycling continues to come up amongst our citizens and at public meetings. The Public Works Committee of the Town Board now has as its charge to look into this matter. The ad hoc committee appointed by the board over a year ago and led by Robert E. Smith came to the Town Board several months ago with several recommendations. One of them was to have a place in town for recycling material to be dropped off. I certainly support this if we can find a convenient location. Also curb side recycling is not out of the picture. A private contracting firm has shown interest in this activity and, as far as I know, is putting together a proposal to present to the Public Works Committee. Another suggestion was to have smaller containers scattered throughout town for the purpose of recycling.

Regardless of what method the board eventually approves, we have got to do a better job of educating the public about the importance of recycling. Our landfills across the country are literally filling up and will continue to be more and more a problem. Paper, glass and plastic products have become essential items to recycle and, if done properly, this recycling can almost pay for itself. In the meantime, I encourage our residents to utilize the recycle facilities we have near

Highlands on Buck Creek Road, the Flat Mountain Road and in Scaly. We need to all come together on this important issue, the town needs to educate the public better and finalize a plan for recycling.

We certainly were all grateful for the eight to ten inches of rain Highlands received this past week.

However, let me remind everyone that we are still, even with that rain, over 15 inches behind for the year and are considered to continue to be in extreme drought conditions. It was great to see the cooperation of the people utilizing town water when our voluntary request to conserve water was put in. I urge everyone to continue to use restraint in the use of their water until we truly come out of these general drought conditions. I will continue to recommend conservatism in the use of water.

I hope everyone gets out to see the Highlands Designer Showhouse this week. My wife and I were there the other day and I can assure you it is a delight to see. The fee for seeing this beautifully decorated house on Chestnut Street will go to well deserving organizations, the Highlands Playhouse, Carpe Diem Farms and the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. A visit there is highly recommended for your own enjoyment and for the joy of helping three great organizations.

Important Notes

The Town of Highlands Golf Scholarship event which was scheduled Monday, Aug. 25 was cancelled because of rain.

The event, including social time and dinner at the Cullasaja Club after golf, has been rescheduled for Sept. 15.

Reserve your spot today. The fun begins at 11 a.m. with registration and lunch. Shotgun start at noon. 5-7:30 p.m. drinks and dinner with raffle and silent auction.

Cost is \$150 per player. Call 526-3531 for information.

Also, The water shortage declared by the Town on Aug. 13 has been lifted. Town officials say they appreciate peoples' cooperation in conserving water over the past two weeks.

• ANOTHER POV •

Easier to destroy than to build

It is so much easier to argue against any position than to work to justify one of your own. It is so much easier to talk against another idea than to bring one to the table yourself. It is so much easier to destroy a city than to build one. It is so much easier to tear down someone's position with emotional rhetoric than to justify your own with facts.



Matthew G. Eberz
Feedback is encouraged
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I do not respect those that must tear down the character of another because they cannot build up or justify their own. I do not respect those that try to make their candle brighter by making others look dimmer. It takes knowledge, work, and intelligence to make a point.

A writer needs to take the power of the printed word seriously as it has the power to change minds, to influence people and even to change the course of events. Some people believe that because a person has a column in a newspaper, even this small one, that they have some sort of insight into the world and thus more credibility. Maybe they should, but we all surely don't. When those that write columns do so, it should be done in an intelligent manner, one in which the reader can get the facts and make an informed judgment. I am not saying that every article and every writer need present a thesis. That they provide all the facts from both sides then clearly and logically lead the reader to the logical

decision. It would be nice, a bit boring at times, but certainly fair. A column like this is of course an opinion, an opinion usually based or at least sprinkled with emotion. But the bottom line is a column is just a writer's usually emotional opinion and should be considered as such. But even though it is just an opinion there is a certain level of responsibility to speak the truth, to argue intelligently, to express perhaps a positive view of your position and not just a negative position of your opponent.

If all you can say about your position is that the other person's position, or character, is wrong then you have done nothing. If all you can do is denigrate another's position then you have down nothing but up lift up your. Honest and free debate is one of the things that this country can be most proud. The Founding Fathers did it, our fathers did, we continue it, and we pass on that responsibility for honest debate to our children. It is not only our right to speak our minds it is our duty. But commensurate with that duty to speak up is to speak well, to speak informed, and to speak respectfully. If all you have to say is negative attacks then you have nothing worth saying.

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loves his country and as a former career military officer I honor and respect his service. What I do not accept are his policies or his vision for the future. I support Obama's view for America; lower taxes for the middle class, equal rights for all people, ending the war in Iraq, intensifying the search for and the destruction of Bin Laden, development of alternative fuels, medical care for our all

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Summary of the July meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

In order to keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items that occurred at the July 24 board meeting.

- Chairman Bud Smith welcomed Ron Hogan as a visitor to the board to the meeting. Hogan, who resides in Highlands during the season, will officially join the board as a new member at the August meeting.

- Board members heard a report from Jonathan Brodmann of the hospital's Information Technology Department on new telephone and wireless internet access that is either being implemented or in the planning stages at the hospital. He also told the board that the hospital will soon implement its own intranet website designed to provide educational information to its employees.

- During the Medical Staff report, Chief of Staff Robert T. Buchanan, MD, passed on the staff's recommendation to re-credential several existing staff members. Approved for renewal of privileges were John Baumrucker, MD (family practice); Nila Wilbur, MD (radiology); Ronald Biscopink, MD (pathology); F. Augustus Dozier, MD (general surgery); David Wheeler, MD, (family practice), Patti Wheeler, MD (family practice); and Richard Wayner, PA-C (family practice).

- Finance Committee Chairman Charlie Sheehan reported that revenue for the month of June was up if all areas of hospital operations and 28 percent over June the previous year. However, expenses increased at an even higher rate for the month, due largely to significant increases in contractual adjustments (discounts required by Medicare and private insurers with whom the hospital has contracts), bad debt allowances (three times more than June of last year), and approximately \$30,000 in charity care (which was nearly twice the average monthly amount). The hospital continues to see an increase in bad debt and charity care that is symptomatic of the rising number of people without health insurance and the current economic downturn.

- During the Governance Committee report, member Jim Rothermel, MD, proposed several minor changes to the hospital's bylaws that have been in the works for some time. Most involved the naming and structure of various board committees. The board unanimously approved those alterations.

- During the Program and Facilities Committee report, the board continued its

ongoing discussion of the area's need for additional physicians and medical office space. The board agreed to take another look at the various options for additional medical office space in the Cashiers area, including the possibility of expanding the existing Cashiers Medical Building (based on some new proposals).

- The Patient Care Committee (formerly the Performance Improvement Committee) heard a report from Vice President of Operations Frank Leslie on how the hospital is doing in a number of key areas. Committee Chairman Jim Rothermel observed that he was impressed with the amount of work and the scope of the committee's efforts to ensure that patients receive the best possible care from every aspect of hospital operations.

- In his administrator's report, Shull told the board that efforts are under way to find a replacement for local cardiologist Carl Curtiss, MD, FACC, who will retire from practice at the end of the calendar year. Shull pointed out that the area may not really need the services of a full-time cardiologist. According to industry statistics, it requires a population of 30,000 to support a full-time cardiologist. While the average age of the population in the hospital's service area is higher than the national average, and while the seasonal maximum population is estimated to approach 30,000, the local year-round population is probably less than 10,000. Shull said the hospital is working closely with Dr. Curtiss to determine the area's actual need.

- He also reported on Dr. Michele Mangum's decision to discontinue an office practice in mid June. Shull said while Dr. Mangum had many loyal patients, it wasn't enough to justify keeping her neurology practice going. Dr. Mangum, who was not a member of the hospital's medical staff, practiced only one day a week. Shull said physicians in solo practice are finding it harder and harder to meet their overhead, even when practicing full-time in an area with a large enough population base. Statistics indicate it takes a population of nearly 50,000 to support a full-time neurologist.

- Board member Charlie Sheehan reported on a recent trip by a group from the hospital to Duke Medical Center to discuss the possibility of forming an affiliation that might be mutually advantageous to both parties. The group toured Duke's new Integrative Medicine facilities and met with officials from its Institute for Genome Sciences and Policy.

Chestnut Hill Retirement Community to begin collection effort for U.S. troops Sept. 18

Chestnut Hill will soon begin serving as a collection point for items of special importance to fighting men and women overseas.

We are asking the residents of not only Chestnut Hill, but of the entire mountain community to mobilize! Lt. Col. Paul Werner, fellow West Point alumnus and friend of Chestnut Hill resident Bill Bathurst, is currently serving in Kuwait and will ensure distribution to troops throughout the mid-east.

Collection is scheduled to begin Thursday, Sept. 18. A wide variety of items currently are needed, including books and magazines, 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.

The collected items will be sent to our

servicemen and women to provide them with just a few of the many comforts they forego in service to our country.

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 – one-half mile from U.S. 64 on Buck Creek Road.

In inclement weather, items may be left in the Clubhouse, and they will then be securely stored later that day.

Thank you in advance to all those who assist us in this endeavor to show our appreciation for the hard work of all soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, who proudly protect and serve this great land.

For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

Hospital Foundation benefits from auction



Frank Scudder, of Scudder's Galleries, presents Dwight Bryant, of Bryant Art Glass, a check from proceeds of the auction of a Remington bronze that took place Friday, Aug. 15. on behalf of the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital.

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Shaffner, Jim Tate, King Young, Steve Lucas, Jack Mayer, Jody Zoellner, Steve Chenoweth, and Jenny King.

"Finding the right candidate requires a tailored approach to fit the Town of Highlands," said Wilder. "We need to recruit and get the best person for the job tailored around the specific needs of Highlands and your input will be used to assess candidates."

Each member had been given a list of six questions prior to the meeting involving the prospective manager including major issues facing the town over the next 3-5 years, top priorities during the first 12 months, leadership type, necessary experience, and required personality characteristics.

However, instead of getting specific answers to the outlined questions, Wilder became the sounding board for many who voiced dissatisfaction with the current Town Board – both in its implementation of policy, or the lack thereof, its lack of communication skills and its misplaced priorities.

"There needs to be better communication between the board and the public," said Zoellner. "There are a lot of misunderstandings."

"I thought there was some promise with the two new commissioners who came on board recently, but I'm not seeing much change," said Griffin.

"The board has no vision and all it ever does is put out fires," said Steve Chenoweth.

All agreed the new Town Manager might have to be a good public relations person.

As for major issues over the next 3-5 years, extending sewer in town loomed large in everyone's mind.

"Our mayor seems to think its OK to spend \$12 million on a new Town Hall but the idea of spending that to extend sewer is out of the question," said Chenoweth.

But how a Town Manager could expedite infrastructure expansion was unclear.

"Is the manager going to make the decision or the Town Board," asked Bell. "What role would he play?"

Wilder explained that in the Manager-Council form of government, the Town Board sets policy and the manager carries it out. "In regards to sewer, he would see that the required studies are done, and he would investigate funding sources and options."

But basically, a Town Manager can't do what the board doesn't want, he said.

Members of the town's Planning Board on the committee were concerned about the manager managing growth while maintaining the town's village character, and understanding the importance of environmental stewardship while protecting and fostering the business climate of Highlands.

Everyone agreed that Betz would be a hard act to follow and questioned the need to change the town's form of government at all when there has been stability for so long.

"Highlands needs to remain a small town and keep the emphasis on central services and the number of people necessary to provide those essential services," said Lucas. "Don't expand just to fit as many as you can get. If something is inefficient, sometimes the cost to cure the inefficiency is more than the cost of the inefficiency. We need to keep this a small town. We don't need a lot of people in the government."

Currently, Betz wears four hats – Town Administrator, Town Clerk, Chief Finance Officer and Human Resource Director.

While not judging the efficiency of Highlands' government, Wilder said the number

of hats worn by Betz is more than he's ever seen, even in a town the size of Highlands.

Members also questioned the need to look outside Highlands for a Town Manager suggesting a local candidate who was a successful business person, leader and manager could fit the slot.

"Look local," they said. "Get a good business person, not necessarily someone with all the right degrees and government experience; someone with a vested interest."

Reasons for this included an established connection with the community and already having a place to live, which could mean a conservative salary rather than the presumed high salary necessary to both recruit the right person and enable him or her to live comfortably in Highlands.

"There have been many institutions and businesses in town that have brought people in from the outside instead of promoting from within and their efforts have failed," said Chenoweth. "A local person with history will have a chance of succeeding at the short run and at least getting this thing going."

Wilder agreed being a Town Manager is a slippery slope.

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The Free Dental Clinic earns wider recognition

The Free Dental Clinic in Cashiers is making its mark in a wider world, recently earning both foundation awards and recognition by a world-renowned dental authority and educator.

On a recent visit to the Clinic, Dr. Peter Dawson, D. D. S., was enthusiastic about the quality of work that is being done there. He stated, "I am very impressed with the work that the volunteer dentists are doing. This is such a great opportunity to help patients in great need. It is good to see both retired and active dentists participating in this project. I hope that my familiarity with the Clinic can attract more dentists in giving of their time."

Dr. Dawson, who is a summer resident of Highlands, is considered one of the most influential clinicians and teachers in the history of dentistry.

He authored the all-time best selling dental text, *Evaluation, Diagnosis and Treatment of Occlusal Problems*, which is published in 13 languages, and is the founder of the "Concept of Complete Dentistry Series," as well as The Dawson Academy, a post-graduate teaching center located in St Petersburg, Florida.

Karen Minton, Executive Director of the Clinic, said, "Meeting Dr. Dawson is a dream for almost anyone involved in dentistry. To have him visit our Clinic and endorse the level of care that we are providing is almost more than I could ever hope for. He is a man who has the attention of dental professionals, and we all expect his encouragement to expand the number of dentists, both active and retired, who will contribute their time and expertise."

The Free Dental Clinic has also been recognized with several impressive foundation

grants. It is the 2008 winner of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation's Innovation Award, given to the free medical or dental clinic in North Carolina that displays the most innovation in its program activities. The Free Dental Clinic earned the award with its prosthetics program, which is unique among free clinics in the state.

Recognizing the tremendous need for crowns and full or partial dentures, the Clinic developed a program to economically provide prosthetics, which are often essential to saving sound teeth, and to restoring appearance and the ability to eat an adequate diet. Over a period of about two years, the Clinic refurbished and equipped its laboratory, and purchased other specialized equipment, to enable its dentists to do all of the preliminary work needed for crowns.



Dr. Peter Dawson with clinic president Bill Jacobs.

The Clinic also won funding, initially from the Cullasaja Women's Club, to assist patients with the outside costs of crowns and dentures.

"We can now place a crown for an outside cost of around \$100, enabling us to economically save teeth that would otherwise be pulled," said Minton. "We also prepare patients for partial and full dentures, and assist with the outside cost for these items, which can have a dramatic effect on quality of life. People who were semi-starving can now eat regular food, and people who were painfully conscious of their appearance can now have a normal social life – and can seek and get better jobs. We are selective with this program, because it requires personal commitment to dental care to support the cost

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Members said the salary disparity that will likely exist between current department heads and the new Town Manager may also cause problems, which was another reason to look local.

That being said, the group agreed the candidate would have to live in District I which encompasses the town and township of Highlands, send his or her children to Highlands School, go to church, join civic clubs and become an integral part of the community.

"Keep his mouth shut, his eyes open and learn," they said. "Get his feet wet, don't try to change everything at once, don't have an agenda and take the time to listen and learn."

Tate suggested a professional appearance and the ability to live and work in the town without a chip on his or her shoulder.

Potts said the ability of a Town Manager

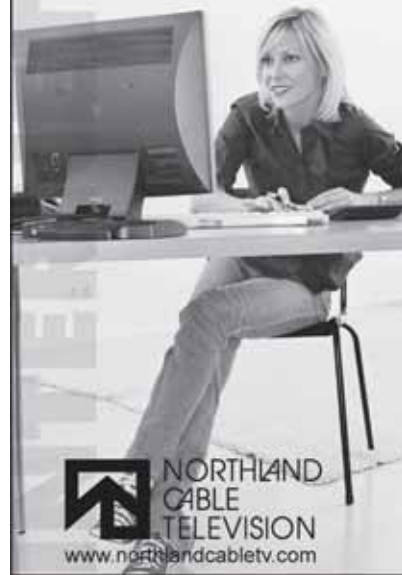
to hire and fire concerns current town employees but Wilder said a good manager would always rely on department heads to disseminate that kind of information.

Shaffner said Highlands' Town Manager should be able to communicate with the board, populace and employees; resolve conflicts, deal with people of different types with different perspectives while balancing those perspectives and be able to communicate what all have agreed to, to everyone else.

Lucas said a good manager will be a good leader able to get ordinary people to do extraordinary jobs and be happy doing it.

Wilder said he would tell the board everything that was said and suggested each committee member go back to the board member who enlisted him or her and air their concerns and views. – Kim Lewicki

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Rock on!



Chaplain Margaret Howell
Holy Lutheran Church – ELCA

I work hard to get my sermon prepared by Saturday nights, not so much out of dedication but because my favorite TV shows come on at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

Jon and I are addicted to Brit-coms, the wonderful shows broadcast by the BBC in America.

There is something about their humor that I have always loved. One of our favorite shows is "As Time Goes By" with Dame Judi Dench and Geoffery Palmer.

It is the continuing saga of a two people in middle age who rediscover each other after a lost letter kept them apart for 37 years.

Jean and Lionel rediscover each other, giving each of them a new lease on life.

Jean is an independent business woman with her own secretarial agency, and Lionel is a retired coffee planter, having spent many years in Kenya. Jean is brisk and energetic; Lionel is rather dour and reserved. One of our favorite episodes is when Lionel takes Jean to meet his father, "Rocky" in his 80s who is as young at heart as Lionel is reticent.

Rocky's favorite phrase of encouragement and affirmation is "Rock on!"

In one episode, Rocky announces that he is about to get married to Madge, a lively and fun-loving woman, also near 80. They plan to a trek to the Andes for their honeymoon. Lionel is appalled. "Why can't they act their age!" he grumbles. "They are acting their age, Jean snaps — in their hearts they are young."

Rocky and Madge instantly became my favorite characters. They snub their noses at the conventions concerning aging. They live life and live it abundantly!

Subsequent adventures find them singing country-western music in the local pub (Madge plays the drums as well); riding a tandem bicycle in a cross country race, sky diving, line dancing and traveling to Outer Mongolia.

They are a good example for Lionel, who tends to be somewhat gloomy. After he tells Rocky that he and Jean are "too old to get married." Rocky, who has just tied the knot with Madge, says "My boy, sometimes I despair of you, I really do."

Ultimately, Lionel takes Rocky's advice and he and Jean are married. On the day of, Rocky and Madge almost miss the ceremony because they are riding their tandem to the event and get "lost in Cheswick." They show up with their fluorescent vests and helmets at the last minute, cheerful as usual.

The Apostle Paul would have loved Rocky and Madge. Always cheerful, good humored and kind, they embrace life to the fullest and bring laughter and joy to everyone they meet. They embody the gift of compassion in cheerfulness.

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They are perfect examples of how a Christian should live:

1. They are exuberant about life. In a time of their lives when people are expected to lead quiet and restful lives, they thumb their nose at convention and "Rock on!"

2. They are energetic. Sure, they have ashes and pains — but they choose to ignore them and have fun instead. "Rock on!"

3. Instead of cutting back on their activities, they go for broke — living the life God has given them in great appreciation; singing, dancing, cycling, traveling and enjoying their friends and family. "Rock on!"

Rocky and Madge realize that this life is here for us to live and grow.

They choose life.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus praises Peter for his declaration of Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. He calls Peter's testimony a stone or a rock, depending on how you translate the Greek.

The Roman Catholics recognize Peter as the rock, the foundation of the church, with Peter recognized as the first pope, and subsequent popes following in direct succession. Other scholars claim that it is *Peter's proclamation*, not Peter himself that is the cornerstone of the church. The text itself would seem to support the later interpretation and it is to this that St Paul directs us. In any event, if these events happened today, I can just hear Jesus saying "Rock on, Peter! You have chosen life!"

Peter, Paul and the other apostles will be:

1. Exuberant in the spreading of the gospel.

2. Despite imprisonment, and physical discomfort, they energetically travel far and wide to tell the world about Jesus Christ.

3. After the coming of the Holy Spirit, they go for broke, they come out of hiding and boldly proclaim Jesus and the Good News without fear of what others might say about them.

Madge and Rocky and Paul and Peter are good examples of what happens when you refuse to be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Note here that what is good and acceptable and perfect is *God's will*, not the world's!

Peter defies a thousand years of tradition when he proclaims Jesus as messiah. He goes from a bumbling fisherman to the leader of the church after Christ's ascension.

Paul, formerly a persecutor of the church, is transformed by Christ and becomes a new creation, and his exuberance takes him to the edges of the known world.

So, what will it be?

Will we be a Lionel, caught up in the fetters of worldly expectations, or will we

be a Rocky or a Madge, unafraid to live our lives by a completely different set of rules?

Rocky and Madge have found what is good and acceptable and perfect will for what remains of their lives and they embrace it with enthusiasm.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we live by different rules, we defy convention, we turn the whole notion of what it is to "live" on its ear.

Peter discovered and rediscovered this

many times. He got out of the boat of what was known, and stepped out into the storm of the unknown. When he proclaimed Jesus as Messiah, he was "boldly going where no man had gone before." He wasn't perfect, and he sank and sputtered many times, **BUT HE KEPT GETTING OUT OF THE BOAT!**

Through grace and the love of God, the life we've always dreamed of is right before us, all we have to do is live it!

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Christ, we have the rock, the foundation, of life within our grasp. With death no longer something to be feared, we can live our lives joyfully.

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children, and eliminating tax breaks for big oil. I wholeheartedly support Obama's plan for investment in "Green" jobs and in education.

As for the claims of my esteemed colleague who has asserted that because Senator Obama's former pastor has spoken radically recently that he is also a radical, that because he lived in the "new state" of Hawaii in 1959, which "bore little resemblance to the rest of the U.S.," that his campaign plane has its logo on the tail and not the American flag, that he has lived in numerous places including outside the U.S., that somehow that all makes Senator Obama a "product of multiculturalism and doesn't understand the American way."

My response to this is. The parish priest I had has a child has been named as a sexual abuser of boys. Does that make all his parishioners pedophiles? I was born in Philadelphia in 1952, later drove a lunch wagon on what was then the tough waterfront, lived under city mayors that would sooner split your skull than permit protest, and I can tell you without hesitation the Philadelphia of my youth bares "little resemblance to the rest of the U.S. (today)." It is a progressive, beautiful place that has undergone great physical and cultural changes. As for the somewhat benign issue of the lack of the American flag on the tail of his campaign plane, it is common for the American flag to be on government planes like Air Force One and I would think if anything it would be presumptuous to add the flag on a campaign plane.

As a career soldier, my children lived in Virginia Beach, Chicago, San Francisco, New Port News, Hampton, and also in Nuernberg, Ansbach, and Stuttgart Germany. They lived with people from every state of the Union, of every religion and of almost every ethnic background. And yes, like the child Obama, I and my children have experienced and embraced multiculturalism. In case one is not familiar with the term let me state the definition. "Multiculturalism advocates a society that extends equitable status to distinct cultural and religious groups, with no one culture predominating." Multiculturalism *is* the American way.

For me, the biggest failures of this administration have been the war in Iraq, our ignored economy, the debacle of the relief of post Katrina victims, the treatment of prisoners and the lack of care for our returning veterans. I especially do not accept that torture is wrong for the world but OK for us. Justifying Guantanamo by saying we needed to protect ourselves goes against everything we are supposed to believe in. If we accept Guantanamo we then our principles are meaningless and we lose our honor — and what is life without honor? Wrapping yourself in an American flag and laying waste to a man's

body, or his character for that matter, does not make you patriot.

If you wish to debate the issues, I'll be there. If you want to pick the issue and debate it in this forum I'll be there. But if you do then you better bring your "A" game. But if all you want to do is beat the drum of hate, ignorance, and mis-information, and if your position of support is based on an insistence that a man cannot be president because his name is odd then you will stand alone, as I don't intend to respond to that hollow drum.

Some people will say that Senator Obama is 'not like us' and can't be President. I have Another Point of View, that the American Dream applies to everyone and I believe in Obama's vision for America.

Next week I will provide Another Point of View.

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and time involved, but for the appropriate patients, it is making a huge difference."

The Innovation Award included a \$10,000 grant, a portion of which has been added to the Clinic's prosthetics budget.

Other recent recognition includes grants from the Sisters of Mercy, a nation-wide Catholic order, and from The Duke Endowment. The funds from the Sisters of Mercy grant will assist the Clinic in obtaining dental supplies and in paying a hygienist — who is often critical to providing effective treatment to patients who have not had regular dental care. A further recent grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC Foundation will provide additional funding for the prosthetics program.

Clinic President Bill Jacobs said, "Dr. Dawson's interest, as well as recognition through competitive awards from important foundations, underscores one of my regular themes — this community should be extremely proud to have created the Free Dental Clinic. The huge commitment of volunteer hours over the past four years, the contribution of services by skilled dentists, both retired and active, and the generous financial support from throughout the area, have resulted in a clinic that is unique in the number of patients served, the quality of the dentistry, the number and complexity of procedures, and the quality of the working environment for dentists and staff. And it's not in a metropolitan setting — it's in Cashiers."

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tourists – since so many claim not to be able to sleep on planes – but we are surprisingly bright and awake. We leave Glasgow behind, and are cruising along beside Loch Lomond, stunningly majestic and beautiful. “I’ll take the high road, and you’ll take the low road, and I’ll be in Scotland before you” – we all remember the words to the famous song with its Loch Lomond connection, as Victor explains the origins of the tune for us. As the afternoon slips on, we go through Rannoch Moor, and on to Glen Coe.

I’ve been to Scotland before, and have never failed to be moved by Glen Coe. It’s the site of a dreadful massacre that took place in 1692. The clan chief of the Macdonalds had been a bit slow in signing documents of his allegiance to the English king. To make an example of him, the king sent a group of men, lead by the Campbells. As was the custom of Highland hospitality in those days, the Macdonalds gave the Campbells food and shelter. In the middle of the night, the Campbells rose up and slaughtered a large number of Macdonalds, throwing many others out in the winter cold to die of exposure. This is the origin of a family feud that still goes on in some parts of Scotland between the Macdonalds and the Campbells.

Finally, we arrive in Ballachulish on the western end of Glen Coe, where we will spend our first night in Scotland. To our delight, the view couldn’t be better, as our room has a gorgeous view of Loch Linnhe. Our luggage arrives in the room, and we hasten to shower and change into clean clothes for dinner.

This is John’s first trip to Europe, and

I’m interested to see how he will take to it. It’s a huge change – the accents, driving on the left hand side of the road, dealing with money that has the Queen on it. I bounce back between enjoying his discovery of this new country, and that inner anticipatory dread that he’ll blurt out, “Hey, Hon, they drive on the WRONG side of the road here!”

On our first day in Scotland, we hit our first road bump. John has sleep apnea, and sleeps with a CPAP machine. We have packed a transformer, adapter plugs, etc. – all the equipment so that his machine will work overseas. Somehow one of the plugs gets lost in the luggage. As I grab my towel, and head for the shower, I call over my shoulder. “Whatever you do, don’t plug your machine directly into the wall. It’s 110v, and the current here is 220v.” Of course, while I am in the shower, John plugs the CPAP machine directly into the wall, and with a crackling fizz, fries the appliance. I imagine what the next nine days are going to be like, with a husband whose snoring is of such world-class proportions that, should snoring ever become part of the Olympics, he would take the bronze, at least.

We make our way through the maze of corridors, pick up Maman from her room, and head down to dinner. It is fabulous, the first of many such meals on the trip. It’s stopped raining. The view across the Loch is unbelievably stunning. It may have taken a bit of doing, but we’re finally on vacation. The best is yet to come.

• Michelle is alive and well and currently recuperating from jet lag and an excess of cooked breakfasts.

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Arts Center. It included an exclusive premiere showing of the hilarious and naughty play “a Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.” Patrons enjoyed a night reminiscent of a Hollywood academy award night. They walked down the red carpet, were greeted by paparazzi, and were interviewed by the press. The Literacy Council of Highlands would like to thank all of our supporters and sponsors for making the Second Annual Loving Literacy, A Premier Gala, a huge success!

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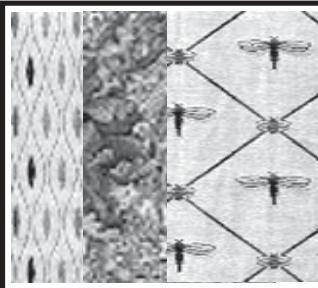
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• BUSINESS NEWS •

Open House at Shops at Kettlerock showcases units



Below is Head Innovations with owner Tracy Hedden. One unit is left. Call Chris Gilbert at 828-421-3161 or 526-5296.



Ribbon Cutting at Michaels For Hair



Michaels For Hair located at 121 Main Street in Wright Square is now open Monday-Saturday from 10 am-5 pm. They offer hair and beauty treatments, Colose Swiss natural cosmetics and more. Call 828-526-1899 for an appointment. Pictured left to right seated: Dave Rohrer and Marlene Alvarez. Standing Left to right are Barbara Lawrence, Jerry Ames, Janet Marie, Bob Kieltyka, Al Bolt, Michael Frankenburg and Pete Ray.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

McCulley's expands AGAIN!



McCulley's has taken over another space -- this one formally occupied by an architect on S. 4th Street -- by simply breaking through the adjoining wall. McCulley's at 242 S. 4th Street now occupies three spaces accessible through the original door ...on the hill... and is full of cashmere, leather and more.

POLICE , FIRE & SHERIFF LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Aug. 26-Aug. 30. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 26

• At 5:52 a.m., a motorist at Main and 2nd streets was cited for driving with an expired registration.

Aug. 29

• Officers on patrol found an open window at Highlands School. It was secured.

• At 3:30 p.m., a motorist at Big Bear Pen and Upper Lake roads a motorist was cited for driving without a license and no registration.

• At 10:30 a.m., officers were called to a home on Lucerne Drive where the resident reported trouble with a contractor.

Aug. 30

• At 9:38 a.m., a woman reported losing her purse.

• At 9:40 p.m., Kenny DeWitt Youmans, 67, was arrested for DWI when stopped for driving while impaired on N.C. 106 south.

• At 7:40 p.m., officers received a call for service concerning a possible DWI on N.C. 106 south.

Aug. 31

• At 3:20 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident at N.C. 106 and Buttermilk Road.

• At 8 p.m., a cell phone was reported found on Main Street.

• At 11 p.m., officers received a call for service from a resident on N. 5th Street when he was threatened by his cousin.

• At 11:53 p.m., officers received a call from a resident on Laurel Street concerning loud music.

During the week, officers issued 2 warning tickets and responded to 3 alarm activations.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Res-

cue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 27-Sept. 3

Aug. 29

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street where a woman fell and hurt her head. She was transported to the hospital.

Aug. 30

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street where a woman fell. She was transported to the hospital.

Aug. 31

• The dept. was first-responded to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street where a person fell. She was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 1

• The dept. responded to a call of a possible brush fire on Dendy Orchard Road but it was only fog.

Sept. 3

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Dog Mountain Road. She was transported to the hospital.

The following is the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries for Aug. 21-Sept. 1. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 21

• At 9:17 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm at a residence on Garnet Rock Trail. The premises were secure.

Aug. 23

• A little past midnight, Terry Edison, Neely, 33, of Highlands, was arrested for failure to pay child support. He is being held until back payments of \$3,269

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Sheriff Dept. arrests illegal alien for 2nd degree rape

The Macon County Sheriff's Office charged Manuel De Jesus Ortiz Velasco (a/k/a/ Manuel Ortiz) with Second Degree Rape on August 27, 2008.

Ortiz was arrested without incident on Aug. 27 and remains in custody in the Macon County Detention Center under a \$75,000 bond. He was also charged with three misdemeanors arising out of the same incident.

The investigation began on Aug. 24 when Deputies James Briggs and Stephanie Robbins were dispatched to Grete Road in Highlands regarding a domestic altercation.

When the deputies arrived they found one Hispanic female in the residence and eventually transported her to a safe location. With the assistance of an interpreter,



Manuel Ortiz

information was obtained and turned over to Detective Stephanie Pellicer for further investigation resulting in Ortiz's arrest on the 27th.

As required by North Carolina Law, Detention Officers attempted to positively identify Ortiz and determine whether he was a legal resident of the United States.

As a result of this inquiry, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued an Immigration Detainer for

Ortiz.

"I would like to commend all of my officers who were involved in investigating these serious allegations, said Sheriff Robert L. Holland. "I would also like to thank the interpreters and REACH employees for there assistance."

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 pm 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.

• 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 difference 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 Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: www.ncmana.org.

• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

• 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.

Mon., Wed., & Fri.

• Open AA 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 Mountain Top 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.

1st & 3rd 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.

Friday & Saturday

• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

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

Saturdays

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m.
• Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student.

Sundays

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood at 7 p.m. Call Kay Ward at 743-5009 for more information. Dress is casual.

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.

All of August

'Fly-in' set for Sept. 13 at 9 a.m. in Otto



The Macon AeroModelers is hosting its annual radio controlled airplane Fly-In on Saturday, Sept. 6 beginning at 9 a.m. The event is held at their flying field in Otto, N.C. BBQ lunches are available. Contact Gerry Doubleday at 526-8414 for more information.

• At Acorn's on Main Street, it's Juliska Month. Juliska's rich European heritage spans six centuries and combines historic shapes with imaginative new interpretations of glass and ceramic for home décor and tableware.

Sat. Aug. 30-Oct. 1

• At Summit One Gallery, at Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. "Two Realities" paintings by Edward Rice and Philip Morseberger.

Thursday, Sept. 4

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, Susan Wilson will sign "Come to the Table" a cookbook from 1-3 p.m.

• Ballroom Dance, Thursday at the MC Community Building, on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30 to 9 pm with music by "Swingtime Band," for information call (828) 369-9155 or 586-6373.

• The movie, "Some Like It Hot" (1959) features two struggling musicians (Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon) who have witnessed the St. Valentine Massacre and are trying to get out of the city before the mob kills them. They disguise themselves as women and are hired by an all-girl band. Sugar Kane (Marilyn Monroe) is the band's singer. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p. m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 5-7

• A choir clinic led by Promise Gospel singers at the First Baptist Church. Call 526-4153 and ask for Cecil for details.

Friday, Sept 5

• At CLE, Spectacular Songbirds: Handel, Schubert and Chopin. Please call 526-8811 to register.

Saturday, Sept. 6

• Live music at The Pizza Place on Main Street

The Bascom's youth art classes begin Sept. 8



A student in last year's Young Artists Program, offered by The Bascom, tries her hand at some crafts. This year's classes resume Sept. 8. Photo by Donna Rhodes

Now that the school year has begun, The Bascom is ready to nurture young creativity with its annual lineup of fun, accessibly priced art classes.

The Bascom offers youth art classes for preschoolers to teenagers through its Young Artists Program (YAP). YAP features a slate of five different programs:

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

• Artventure – art for children in kindergarten and first grades (Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m.) in the Highlands School cafeteria; cost is \$30 for a six-class session.

• Art Odyssey – after-school art class for students in grades 2-5 (Mondays 3:15-4:15 p.m.) in the Highlands School Cafeteria; cost is \$30 for a six-class session.

• Art-rageous – Young Adult Independent Study (Tuesdays 1-2:30 p.m.) at the Scaly Mountain Community Center; cost is \$30 for a six-class session.

• It's Masterful – art for homeschoolers (Mondays 1-2:30 p.m.); location to be announced. Cost is \$45 for a six-class session.

Financial assistance is available.

"This is a great, inexpensive way for kids to explore the visual arts while having a lot of fun with their friends," said Kaye Gorecki, The Bascom's artistic director. "We're excited to kick off yet another season of high-quality children's art programming, which is so important to The Bascom."

To attend, call 828.526.4949, ext. 0# between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pre-register, or register on the first day of class.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

featuring "Home Remedy" at 7 p.m. until? Now serving beer and wine. Free Admission.

• Coming Soon to a Blank Canvas Near You. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw is at 5:30 p.m. at Peregrine's Restaurant at Highlands Cove. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw is an exciting event where local and regional artists will race the clock and complete a piece of artwork in two hours. The spectator has a chance to see the art being created from start to finish and interact with the artist as they make choices and compose the piece of work. Immediately following the Quickdraw, the pieces that were completed during the two hour time period will be auctioned off. All proceeds from the auction will be used by the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary to fund Rotary projects in the Highlands-Cashiers area. Tickets are \$35, which includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, the Quickdraw and silent auction, and the live auction. A cash bar will be available. For more information or to purchase tickets please call 828-421-2548, e-mail mtntopquickdraw@aol.com

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7-mile hike on the Bartram trail from Jones Gap to Fishhawk Mountain, including side trails to view sites. Meet at the Macon Plaza/Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9:30 a.m. or at Jones Gap at 10:15 a.m. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes or boots. Drive 25 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader: Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Sunday, Sept. 7

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike, with a climb and descent of 630 feet, on the Appalachian Trail from Wallace Gap to Winding Stair Gap. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2:00 p.m. Drive 20 miles round trip with car shuttle. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader: Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• Christ Anglican Church of Highlands/Cashiers and Community Bible Church series of concerts, Sundays at CBC at 2:30. Love offerings will be given to noted agencies. The Mountain Chamber Players – chamber music involving a variety of instruments and voices – benefiting The Community Care Clinic.

• At Cyprus Restaurant, a Caribbean Cookout and Party with live music UGA drum band, games and great food from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$39 for adults and \$19 for children. Price inclusive of all food and beverages except premium rum drinks.

• "Promise" in concert at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, in Highlands. Promise is a group who is very familiar with Western North Carolina. Their group consists of Larry Madden, Jean Sexton, and Jeanie Cameron. Larry calls Cashiers, NC home. They have been performing together for 10 years. A love offering will be received.

• High Mountain Squares will host their 7th Annual Greenway Dance, Sunday at the Tasse Pavilion on the Greenway from 2-5 p.m. Rudy Saunders from Monroe, GA will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, mainstream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. High Mountain Squares will start New Dancer lessons Sept. 28th. Come and learn to square dance. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-349-4187, 706-782-0943, or

www.highmountainsquares.org

• Cullasja Assembly of God is starting a "College and Career ministry" for those out of high school into their 20s. The Sunday school class will start at 9:45 am on Sunday and will meet each Sunday. For more info. www.cullasajaag.org, call youth ministers Matt and Candace 828-369-7540 ext. 203 or email Matt at mwoodroof@agchurches.org. The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exon.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 8

• Five age-related Children's Art Classes at The Bascom. To attend, call 828.526.4949, ext. 0# between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to pre-register, or register on the first day of class.

• There will be a Beth Moore Bible Study, Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent, beginning Monday, at 4 p.m. in the Media Center at Highlands School. This study is an in-depth look at 15 Psalms. Themes such as unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance, the power of blessings, facing ridicule, and more are explored in detail. Modern-day believers can learn much from these treasured Psalms in their journey toward greater intimacy with God. (7 sessions) There will be a Member Book that includes a personal interactive study five days a week

plus viewer guides for the group video sessions. The cost for the member book is \$14. If you have any questions or wish to reserve a book, please contact facilitator Carol Bowen at 828-526-5168.

Monday, Sept. 8

• All Hospital Auxiliary members are invited to the annual luncheon at 12:30 p.m. It will be in the dining room at Chestnut Hill. Call Polly Touzalin at 526-3837 for reservations. Cost for the luncheon is \$15.

Wed., Sept 10

• At CLE, Interior Design 101: Accessorizing your home. Please call 526-8811 to register.

Thursday, Sept. 11

• Patz and Hall Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

• At Highlands School, first PTO meeting at 6 p.m.

• The Highlands School varsity and junior varsity girls basketball teams will be hosting a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with the PTO meeting. They will start serving around 4:15 and end at the beginning of the PTO meeting. We will accept to go orders.

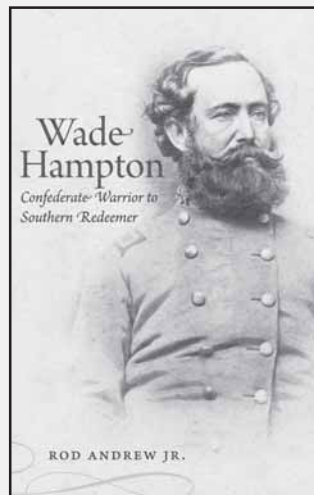
• At Highlands School, Book Fair from 5-6 p.m.

Wade Hampton biographer at Cyrano's

Rod Andrew Jr. will be at Cyrano's Bookshop from 2-4: pm. on Saturday, Sept. 6, to autograph copies of his new book "Wade Hampton: Confederate Warrior to Southern Redeemer," which is published by the University of North Carolina Press.

General Hampton (1818-1902) was a member of one of South Carolina's richest families, and had plantations in Mississippi and Louisiana as well as the Palmetto State. Millwood, the family mansion near Columbia, was so resplendent that even its ruins inspired awe. That house, like most of the Hampton homes, was destroyed during the Civil War, but there was of course one refuge that remained untouched: "The Valley," Wade Hampton's hunting lodge in Cashiers. The property — now the location of High Hampton Inn and Resort — sheltered many of the Hampton family at war's end, and Andrew includes the estate and Hampton's activities there in his book.

In Cashiers and elsewhere in the South, Hampton spent his happiest free hours trout fishing and hunting bears (immensely strong, he could ride one down on his horse and throw it over his saddle) and other game. But Hampton made his name as a great cavalry leader, who fought in most of the campaigns of the Army of Northern Virginia. After the war, his election as governor of South Carolina, then senator,



marked the end of Reconstruction in that state, yet he remained very popular with African-Americans newly freed from slavery, winning thousands of their votes. When he died, the Charleston News and Courier said, "The people loved him because he represented them as they knew they should have been, rather than as they knew they were."

Mr. Andrew's biography has gotten great reviews: The Wall Street Journal hailed his book as a "welcome" addition to the literature on Hampton, and praised the author's "special vividness" in relating the battles and campaigns of the War Between the States, noting that Andrew is not only an associate professor of History at Clemson University, but a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. And the Washington Times said Andrew "accomplished his two-fold mission of learning more about Hampton the man, and through his story, providing a better understanding of Southern paternalism, honor and chivalry, the motivation of Confederate soldiers, Reconstruction, racism and white supremacy, and the myth of the Lost Cause. . . . Andrew has succeeded in producing a Hampton biography that is not only definitive, but also entertaining." Mr. Andrew's previous book is "Long Grey Lines: The Southern Military School Tradition, 1839-1915."

• The movie "When Harry Met Sally" (1989) is the story of Harry (Billy Crystal) and Sally (Meg Ryan) who have known each other for years and are afraid that sex will ruin their friendship. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

• The League of Women Macon County will sponsor a public forum for candidates for the Macon County School Board on Thursday. The forum will be held at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, beginning at 12:15. Lunch will be served at noon, by reservation. Call 524-5192.

• Ballroom Dance, Thursday at the MC Community Building, on Hwy. 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm with music.

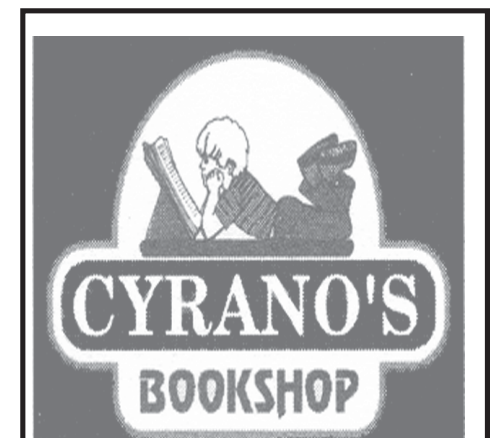
Friday-Sunday, Sept. 12-14

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a Planet Clothing Trunk Show. Contemporary clothing with a distinctive Oriental flair.

Saturday, Sept. 13

• At Instant Theatre at 8 p.m., Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen in Concert. Steve Gillette is a legendary folk songwriter, guitarist and singer. His wife Cindy Mangsen sings with a rare voice that radiates smoke and crystal. Together they create magical music. Tickets: \$25.

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Upcoming Book Signings

Thursday, September 4

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Saturday, September 6

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Rod Andrew

"Wade Hampton"

Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 10-11

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&

Ron Rash's "Serena."

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• Free health screening at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Saturday at the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the hospital campus. Registration is already under way for that screening. Pre-registration is required and participants will be assigned appointment windows as part of the registration process to help reduce lines and waiting times. Those wishing to participate can

register Monday through Friday during regular business hours by calling 526-1435, or any time on line at the hospital's website at www.highlandscashiershospital.org

• At ITC for One Night Only Steve Gillette is a legendary folk songwriter, guitarist and singer. His wife Cindy Mangsen sings with a rare voice that radiates

smoke and crystal. Together they create magical music at 8 p.m. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197

• Refuge youth of Cullasaja Assembly of God is having a carwash on Saturday at the Macon Bank in the Wal-Mart plaza starting at 12:30. We are taking donations and your support will help our youth go to

youth convention and more. For more info. www.cullasajaag.org, or call youth ministers Matt and Candace 828-369-7540 ext 203.

• The Macon AeroModelers are hosting their annual radio controlled airplane Fly - In on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.. The event is held at their flying field in beautiful suburban Otto . BBQ lunches are available. Contact Gerry Doubleday (526-8414) for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 14

• WCU Vocal Concert planned at First Presbyterian at 3 p.m. The public is cordially invited to this free concert in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary at 471 Main Street.

Monday, Sept 15

• The Town of Highlands Golf Scholarship event which was scheduled Monday, Aug. 25 was cancelled because of rain. The event, including social time and dinner at the Cullasaja Club after golf, has been rescheduled. Reserve your spot today. The fun begins at 11 a.m. with registration and lunch. Shotgun start at noon. 5-7:30 p.m. drinks and dinner with raffle and silent auction. Cost is \$150 per player. Call 526-3531 for information.

• At CLE, Digital Photography- Put Pizazz in your Fall Photos. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• At Highlands School, Elementary School Parent Night from 5-6 p.m.; Middle School Parent Night from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; High School Parent Night from 6-7 p.m

Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 17-20

• The 55th Annual Macon County Fair will take place in Franklin. The theme for 2008 is "Preserving Our Heritage". Pack up your projects of art work, garden vegetables, canning, baking, photography, sewing, flowers, or other hobbies you may have, and enter them at the fair. Entry day is Tuesday, September 16 at the fairgrounds, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is FREE to enter your exhibits and to attend the fair. Macon County 4-H is in charge of entries for ages 9-19. Those in this age category will bring their entries directly to the youth department and register. A \$20 premium will be given in the two age categories (9-13 and 14-19), for the youth that wins the most awards, with a \$10 runner-up premium for the next highest award winners. Contact Kathy Kuhlman, 4-H Agents for additional information at 349-2046.

Wed., Sept. 17

Singing duo returns to Instant Theater for one night only

The Instant Theatre Company will present the return of Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen in Concert for one performance only at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 at The Studio on Main, 310 Main Street Oak Square.

According to the *Sing Out Magazine* review of Steve and Cindy's latest album, *Being There*, "Steve and Cindy have hit on a combination that consistently produces high quality recordings and entertaining stage shows. Their voices and styles meld seamlessly with a gentleness and a maturity that is unmatched in the world of folk duos."

Steve Gillette is best known as a songwriter, with songs recorded by artists from Ian & Sylvia to Garth Brooks, from Jimmy Cricket to John Denver. His song *Darcy Farrow* alone has been recorded by more than one hundred artists since 1966, most recently by Jimmy Dale Gilmore and Nanci Griffith. Quite literally, he wrote the book on songwriting: *Songwriting and the Creative Process* (Sing Out Press) is a standard text in songwriting classes across the country. Steve sings in a rich baritone and is a virtuoso on guitar, using a unique fingerpicking style with a flat-pick and two fingers. His most recent solo recording is *Texas and Tennessee* (Redwing Music), named one of the Top Ten Folk Albums of 1998 by Tower Records' Pulse Magazine.

Cindy Mangsen, who married Gillette in 1989, is also a songwriter, but her focus



Cindy Mangsen and Steve Gillette by Irene Young

has been on songkeeping. Cindy is a master interpreter of traditional ballads, rich in myth and legend. She plays guitar, concertina, and banjo, and is renowned for her compelling voice, described by one critic as a voice that can warm a New England winter. Her newest solo CD is *Cat Tales: Songs of the Feline*

Persuasion (2005, Compass Rose Music), an album of songs about cats and their people. As Steve comments, "Cindy has brought me back to my roots, and I think I've influenced her in terms of ensemble playing, rhythmic development, arrangement and performing. We're very fortunate to play for people who really listen and who come to a concert with a certain sense of history. There's a strong feeling of community about this music."

Steve and Cindy have been featured on National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Mountain Stage*, and have delighted audiences across North America and Europe with their music, warmth, and humor. They have recorded four duet albums: *Live in Concert* (1991), *The Light of the Day* (named Best Folk Album of 1996 by WFMT and WDET), *A Sense of Place* (2001, Redwing Music), and *Being There* (2006, Compass Rose Music).

Their web page, <http://www.compassrosemusic.com>, includes a wealth of information about the duo: sound files, a full one-hour concert video recorded at the Kennedy Center, and an infamous jokes page, plus a wealth of links to other folk music resources on the Web.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Call the Instant Theatre Company box office at 828-342-9197. Visit the ITC website for all upcoming performances at www.InstantTheatre.org

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PART TIME RETAIL ASSISTANT needed from September-December at The Highlands Gem Shop. Call Matthew Schroeders at 828-526-2767. 9/18

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.

ASSISTANT MANAGER —for Ladies boutique in Highlands. Experience preferred. Call 526-8555.

PART-TIME CLEANERS NEEDED TO CLEAN BANKS — in Highlands area. Call Linda at 828-691-6353.

HIGHLANDS INN & HAMPTON INN now hiring Guest Services Representative. Part-time or Full time available. Please call 526-9380 for interview

SOUS CHEF — Experience required. Full time position available. Team player. Call 787-2200.

SCALY MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR CENTER — Now hiring, cooks, dishwashers, wait staff and general help. Call Brenda at 526-1663.

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

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full-time position. At least two years experience in institutional/food service environment with knowledge of therapeutic diets, food safety and sanitation guidelines needed. Experience with purchasing and inventory preferred. Must be a self-starter with strong organizational and managerial skills. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of employment. Pre-

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• "Evening at Lakeside" restaurant to benefit the Highlands Community Child Development Center. Mention the organization and 15% will be donated.

• The next Dutch lunch meeting of the Blue Ridge Sigs is 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Country Club of Sapphire Valley at 120 Handicap Drive in Sapphire. For info, call Lester Freeman at 828-743-9013.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 18

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

• "Cat Ballou" (1965) is the story of Cat (Jane Fonda) who seeks revenge for her murdered father. She hires a famous gunman (Lee Marvin), but finds he is very different from what she expects. Marvin won the Oscar for his performance in the great western comedy. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

Friday & Saturday, Sept. 19 & 20

• The Diaries of Adam and Eve, by Mark Twain at 8 p.m. at ITC. Stars Madeleine Davis and David Milford. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 19-21

• At Acorn's on Main Street, two trunk shows: a Match Trunk Show. Table furnishings of pewter, crystal and ceramics handmade in northern Italy and a Blossom Bath and Body Trunk Show. Pomegranate bath and body products that embody a lifestyle of maintaining internal beauty.

Thursday, Sept. 18

• A Miner Vineyards Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 866-526-8008.

• At CLE, Your Dog's Lifetime Developmental Stages: What's to Know? Please call 526-8811 to register.

Friday, Sept. 19

• This year the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center's Male Chorus will give its annual concert at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Friday evening at 8 p.m. The director of the Male Chorus is Orville Wike.

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All Male Chorus to perform Sept. 19 at PAC



Stell Huie, shown with accompanist Angie Jenkins, will be one of three soloists featured in the upcoming performance of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center's Male Chorus. The other two include Wayne Coleman and John Greene. The Male Chorus will appear at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street on Friday evening, Sept. 19 at 8 p.m.

The director, Orville Wike, has planned a varied program, including spirituals, barbershop harmonies, operetta music and others. Early reservations are recommended, since concerts by the Male Chorus are usually sellouts.

Call 526-9047 to charge tickets by phone. Admission price is \$12.



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employment substance screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

COOK AND DIETARY AIDE at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Various shifts and days available. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Salary depends on experience. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Mandy Talley at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

RNS at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. Full, Part-time and PRN positions available for 12 hour day and night shifts. Excellent wage scale, with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an

increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

DIRECTOR OF NURSING is needed in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. Experienced nurse leader for a 24-bed Critical Access Hospital, responsible for managing a budget, quality of patient care, customer satisfaction, and the oversight of management for the Acute Care Unit (Med/Surg), ER, OR, PACU and GI Lab, Hospice, and Cardio-Pulmonary. Must be able to provide leadership for managers and staff, and conduct recruitment and retention activities. Masters degree with a background in nursing leader-

ship required. This position reports directly to the CEO/President of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, working closely with the QA Nurse Manager and the VP of Operations. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

CNA OR CNA II at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. Full-time, positions for night shifts. Our wage scale is \$11.00 to \$14.40 per hour, and you also receive shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of employment. PRN positions are

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Caribbean Party!!

The outdoor food and music event of the season!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

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Ice Cold Beer From all Over the Caribbean Islands

Plus non-alcoholic ginger beer and fresh fruit punch

GAMES:

Sports for fun and shells!

Volleyball, Frisbee Golf, Soccer Ball Tricks

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Win Shells!

Complimentary transportation to and from provided by Highlands Shuttle Service, Running all day for your convenience.

Tickets: Adults, \$39; Kids, \$19

This includes everything except the premium rum drinks.

For your tickets and your info pack, call Cyprus (828)526-4429

In the event of rain we will try again Sunday the 13th.

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rus, Orville Wike, has put together a concert of songs ranging from barber-shop to spiritual to operetta. Angie Jenkins accompanies the Chorus at the piano. The concerts are usually sellouts, so early reservations are recommended. Tickets are \$12 each and may be charged by phone at 526-9047.

Saturday, Sept. 20

• Got talent? Show it off at this year's "Star Night," the talent competition at the Performing Arts Center at

507 Chestnut Street in Highlands. Entrants of all ages are eligible to compete for money prizes to be provided by Summit One Gallery. Pianists, vocalists, instrumentalists — any kind of performer with talent may enter. Registration forms are available now at PAC. There is no registration fee.

• At CLE, Spokes of the Wheel: Indian Cooking Cuisine. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous

11-mile hike on the Lower Ridge Trail from the Standing Indian campground to the top of Standing Indian Mountain. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 8:00 a.m. Drive 25 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Don O'Neal, 586-5723, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Sunday, Sept. 21

• Readings and book signing by Ib Raae, "Colors of My Life" at the Episcopal Church at 5 p.m. with a program of classical piano music by Robert Henry.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take two hikes, mostly downhill, in the Wayah Bald area. Hike 1, from Wayah Bald to Wayah Crest, is a 4.2 mile easy-to-moderate hike. Hike 2 will spend some time on the Wayah tower, then hike from Wilson Lick Ranger Station to Wayah Crest, an easy 1.5-mile hike, suitable for children over ten. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2:00 p.m. Drive 35 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Monday, Sept 22

• At CLE, Digital Photography-Put Pizzazz in your Fall Photos. Please call 526-8811 to register.

Wednesday, Sept. 24

• The Village Nature Series is a free summertime lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green. "Weaving Nature and Community into a Poetry of Place" with Brent Martin. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 PM. Refreshments follow. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted. Call HCLT for info: 526-1111.

• At CLE, The Art of Coffee. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• At Jack's at Skyline Lodge on Flat Mountain Road in Highlands, "An evening with "Casablanca" featuring dinner, dancing, a movie, and prizes for "best character representation. 6 p.m. Limited seating. \$50 per person. Call 526-2121 for reservations. Menu: Bogey's Beef (Prime Rib), Ingrid's Choice (Trout Muniere), Humphrey's Hens (Stuffed Chicken).

Thursday, Sept 25

• At CLE, Pencil Drawing. Please call 526-8811 to register.

• "The Odd Couple" (1960) shows Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau at their comedic best. They are the odd couple who share an apartment, but have very different ideas about housekeeping and life styles. The movies are shown in the Library Meeting Room at 7 p.m. on Thursday nights. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are

Last of 'Great Performances' to feature spirituals

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation announces that on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m., the outstanding African American Chorale of Dr. Lawrence Weaver will sing a concert at the church spotlighting all negro spirituals.

This program, which features several of Atlanta's most renowned black singers, will be conducted by Dr. Weaver, a well-known singer, pianist and conductor. Dr. Weaver has appeared in Highlands in the past and shares his enormous gifts with the choral organization.

Dr. Weaver is a graduate of Morehouse College and served as accompanist for this famous choir while a student. He went to the University of Michigan for his graduate studies and while there was tenor soloist at the prestigious Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor. He appeared in many Ravinia Festival presentations.

On his return to Atlanta, he became



Dr. Lawrence Weaver with African American Chorale

leading tenor in Fletcher Wolfe's Atlanta Chamber Opera Company and appeared with him in opera performances throughout the world. During this period of integration, there were few black leading men in opera and his performance of Tamino in Mozart's Magic Flute received international acclaim.

advised to come early as all performances of this series this summer have been for standing room audiences only. This final concert finishes the Great Performances series.

A reception will follow the concert and everyone is invited to attend.

Coretta Scott King championed their cause and became a patron of the organization.

After his career in singing, Dr. Weaver joined Mr. Wolfe as his assistant conductor of the world-famous Atlanta Boy Choir.

Working together for more than 25 years brought about a unique professional and warm personal relationship which Mr. Wolfe treasures and says they regard each other as family.

This concert, consisting of all spirituals, will be presented at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. It is free and open to the public. Listeners are

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2,000 SQ. FT. + OR -, 399 Main Street, Highlands, rear of building. Call 526-4154. 8/28

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among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 26-28

• Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Highlands Civic Center. Preview Party, Thursday, Sept. 25. Call 828-526-2695 for information.

Sunday, Sept. 27

• At ...on the Verandah, Beer, Brats and Mustards. Unique Pairings in time for Oktoberfest. 1-4 p.m. \$40 per person plus tax and gratuity. 828-526-2338.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to Ellicott's Rock, the point where three states' boundaries meet on the Chattooga River. The elevation change is 300 feet, descending into and out of the river corridor. If the day is warm enough, some may wish to take a dip in the river. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10:00 a.m. Drive 20 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles at 743-1079 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 3-4

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a SHC Jewelry Sara Hall Clemmer Designs. Using pearls, semi-precious and precious stones.

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 3 & 4

• The Bascom's Autumn Auction at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn and the Autumn Leaves Party at The Bascom. Tickets are \$225 for both events or \$35 for just the "Leaves" party. For tickets call 526-4949.

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 3-5

• "Barefoot in the Park," a comedy by Neil Simon. Call 866-526-8008.

Saturday, Oct. 4

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile hike to Sam Knob off the Blue Ridge Parkway at Black Balsam Mountain. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9:00 a.m. Drive 134 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman at 524-5298 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center is currently seeking volunteers for the Fall Gorge Road Clean Up scheduled for Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be

provided. Please sign up by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 828-526-5841.

Sunday, Oct. 5

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy one-mile hike in Black Rock Mtn. State Park in Georgia, visiting viewpoints at the Visitors' Center and Tennessee Rock, and hiking a short new trail around

Taylor Lake. Meet at the Smoky Mt. Visitor Center on 441 South, near Otto, at 2 PM; or call leader for alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Drive 30 miles round trip. This hike is suitable for children ages 10 and up. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more

information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Saturday, Oct. 11

• Macon County on Saturday Area veterinarians will vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months of age, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5

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Rotary's 'Quick Draw' this weekend

HIGHLANDS MOUNTAINTOP ROTARY

Quick Draw
Saturday, Sept. 6
5:30-10 p.m.



12 Artists race the clock to complete a painting in two hours! Live & Silent Auction / Hors d'oeuvres.

Tickets \$35 in Advance or \$40 at the Door

Email mtntopquickdraw@aol.com or call 421-2548 for more information

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Quickdraw will take place this Saturday, Sept. 6 at Peregrines at Highlands Cove.

Don't miss your chance to be at this exciting event where local and regional artists will race the clock and complete a piece of artwork in two hours.

The spectator has a chance to see the art being created from start to finish and interact with the artist as they make choices and compose the piece of work.

Immediately following the Quickdraw, the pieces that were completed during the two hour time period will be auctioned off.

All proceeds from the auction will be used by the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary to fund Rotary projects in the Highlands-Cashiers area.

These fine artists will be participating in the Quickdraw and auction: Bonnie

Adams, Chris Bell, Kathie Blozan, Jim Chapman, Cheryl Coombs, Kay Gorecki, Duncan Greenlee, Bob Martin, Diane McPhail, Mark Menendez, Karen Pait, Jack Stern, Sally Taylor and Robert Tino. Rotarian Dennis Hall

will be donating his services as Auctioneer for the live auction.

Thank You to sponsors the Laurel Magazine, The Highlander Newspaper, The Rotary Club of Highlands, Fressers Eatery, Gerry Doubleday, Mitchell's Lodge and Cottages, Nick Bazan Mortgage Banker, Vivace, Bill Zoellner, Tin Roof Gallery and Peak Experience Gallery.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with the Quickdraw beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35, which includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet, the Quickdraw and silent auction, and the live auction. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets are available through noon on Friday, September 5 at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visitor's Center, The Highlander newspaper office and at Peak Experience. On the day of the event they will be available at the door for \$40 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets please call

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(cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. Dr. Patterson will vaccinate at the Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 pm and at the Scaly Mtn. Post Office from 3-4 pm. Call 349-2081 for a recorded schedule of other sites. • The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate six-mile hike in Panthertown Valley, including Black Mountain, Warden's Falls, Granny Burrell's Falls, Homeplace, and Saltrock Gap. Fall leaves should be colorful, but due to the recent drought, waterfalls will have a light flow. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America

at 9:30, or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:50. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader: Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

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.

Saturday, Oct. 18

• 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 10:00 a.m. Drive 26 miles round trip, with a car shuttle provided. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Friday, Nov. 7

• Krupp Brothers Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 13-16

• Grab your calendar and block the dates! Highlands Second Annual Culinary Weekend is set to take place. Join us as Highlands' area restaurants, accommodations and merchant's partner to present a variety of uniquely designed classes, tastings, dinners, and events. Call Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center at 866-526-5841 or 828-526-5841

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 14-16

• At Acorn's on Main Street, a MarieBelle Chocolates Trunk Show. MarieBelle offers fine gourmet chocolates for the true connoisseur.

Friday, Nov. 14

• Wine Luncheon at Wolfgang's Bistro. Domaine Serene, Flavor Spectrum Luncheon. Call Wolfgang's at 828.526.3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgang.net.

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Bistro. Boutique Winery Gala, "Battle of the Sexes" Women Winemakers

vs. Male Winemakers "Battle of the Sexes" Gala Cocktail Party. Six wonderful wineries will be represented at Wolfgang's with pairing of food both at the wine tables and passed throughout the night. Call Wolfgang's at 526-3807.

Sat. & Sun., Nov. 15-16

• The annual all children's play "Cinderella" 7

p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706-212-2500.

Saturday, Nov. 15

• Calena Alta Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. For reservations, call 866-526-8008.

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WCU Vocal Concert planned at First Presbyterian Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.



The music committee of First Presbyterian Church and the music department of Western Carolina University will co-sponsor a faculty showcase concert on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. which will last approximately one hour.

Faculty members will be bringing several star vocal students to perform with them. These students are recent competition winners in the statewide National Association of Teachers of Singing auditions.

Featured faculty will be Mary Kay Bauer, soprano, Bill Martin, tenor, Robert Holquist, bass-baritone, and Bradley Martin, piano.

Please make plans to come and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful music. The public is cordially invited to this free concert in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary at 471 Main Street.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Last chance for Bel Canto Tickets Production is Sunday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m.

The 16th annual Bel Canto event takes place this Sunday. With a few seats remaining, now is the time to get your tickets to this annual one-day event.

Bel Canto – literally “beautiful singing” – aims each year to bring a unique operatic experience to the mountains, and this year is sure not to disappoint.

Two men of extraordinary quality are set to take the stage this Sunday. Baritone John Packard and tenor Roy Cornelius Smith both have earned an international reputation performing at opera houses the world round. Under the direction of new artistic director and former Bel Canto performer, Stella Zambalis, the show is set to be a crowd pleaser from the open to close. Dr. Stephen Dubberly once again joins the group on stage offering his musical accompaniment.

The recital not only brings a rare musical treat to the mountain region, but works as a fund raiser for continuing exposure to the arts for people of all ages in the area. Since 1993, the organization has raised over \$200,000 for both the Highlands School music program and the permanent art collection at The Bascom.

Brian Jetter, principal of Highlands School, said Bel Canto has been a crucial element to the school's music program.

“It has allowed us to really provide a program for all ages, kindergarten through 12th grade,” he said. “If you go in our music

room and look at our instruments, almost all of those have come through the support Bel Canto has offered. It is not just part of our music program, it is the music program.”

Likewise, The Bascom expressed similar thanks saying donations from Bel Canto have helped the gallery to purchase works of art from such greats as Chad Awalt, Julyan Davis, Philip Moulthrop and more.

“We are so grateful to Bel Canto for its ongoing support of our nonprofit art center,” said Linda Steigleder, The Bascom's executive director. “Funds from Bel Canto have been the sustaining factor for our permanent collection. Bel Canto has had an enormous cultural impact on the region in this way, and we hope the community will continue to support the recital.”

Don't miss the chance to support local arts while being treated to the beautiful voices of this year's exciting performers on Sept. 7. And, make sure to save the date for next year's return of Bel Canto – an arrangement of beautiful singing you will surely not soon forget.

This event begins at 4 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center and is followed by a dinner at Highlands Country Club. Tickets for the performance and dinner cost \$150 and can be obtained by calling 828-526-9047.

Two-day Autumn Auction to feature array of top-notch items

The Bascom's annual Autumn Auction promises a little something for everyone this year, with an expanded lineup and two evenings filled with fun.

On Friday, Oct. 3, enjoy the Autumn Auction Gala at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn, featuring a seated dinner, live auction and entertainment by humorist and famous jazz pianist John Eaton, of National Public Radio and Kool Jazz fame. The event starts at 6 p.m. Auction items include a hand-woven rug designed by Rosemary Stiefel, a seven-day Adriatic Cruise aboard the Seabourn Spirit, one week at Beach Villa Paprika on the Turks and Caicos Islands, a special Pennsylvania red oak bench handcrafted by Ed Bohling (to be donated to The Bascom), and more.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, don your casual clothes for the Autumn Leaves Party, a down-home event at The Bascom featuring a silent auction, barbecue, music by Cashiers Music Company and lots of fun.

Complimentary childcare will be offered for the Saturday party.

All proceeds benefit The Bascom.

Ticket prices start at \$35 for the Autumn Leaves Party alone or \$225 for a combo Gala-Party ticket.

Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn and Spa, ZWJ Investment Counsel, The Laurel magazine and Nellis Communities.



Nuzzled by Helen Moore, this adorable puppy was one of the top items at last year's live auction. This year's event features a hand-woven rug designed by Rosemary Stiefel, a seven-day Adriatic Cruise aboard the Seabourn Spirit, one week at Beach Villa Paprika on the Turks and Caicos Islands, a Pennsylvania red oak bench handcrafted by Ed Bohling, and more.

For tickets, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/gala.

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are paid.

Aug. 25

• At 6 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm on Buck Creek Road. The premises were secured.

Aug. 28

• At 3:15 p.m., Juventino Garcia Mendoza, 23,

of Franklin, was arrested for reckless driving and for driving without a license. He posted a \$1,500 secured bond and was released.

• At 4 p.m., deputies responded to an alarm at a residence on Wildwood Drive. The premises were secured.

Aug. 29

• At 8:05 a.m., Walter R. Shepherd, 27, of Franklin, was arrested for issuing a bad check and failing to appear in court. He was released on a \$500 secured bond.

Aug. 30

• At 9:15 a.m., the possible recovery of stolen property concerning an abandoned tractor found on

hospital property. The tractor was the property of Topline Grading.

Sept. 1

• At 10:45 p.m., a resident on Lyman Zachary Road reported a breaking and entering with larceny of her home where \$700 in items were reported missing – several Nascar models and a wicker rocking chair.

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Absentee voting will be allowed pursuant to G.S. 163-302(b). Absentee voting by mail begins on Monday, September 15, 2008 and will end on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 (G.S. 163-230.1 (a2) (3)). These requests may be made in person at the Macon County Board of Elections Office or the voter may request an application by writing to the Macon County Board of Elections at 5 West main Street, Franklin NC 28734. All requests must include the name, address, date of birth of the voter and must be signed by the individual voter. If the voter is unable to request an absentee by mail or in person a near relative may also request an absentee ballot using the same format as listed above, and must also include the relationship to the voter, and the near relative's contact information. (Near relative includes: spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent, or stepchild). All absentee voted ballots must be returned to the Macon County Board of Election Office by Monday, November 3, 2008 (G.S. 163-231(b)). These ballots must be received by mail, commercial courier service, in person by the voter, or by the voter's near relative 5:00 p.m. on this day.

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections 9/18

Highlands School Class of 1958 reunites!



Back row from left: Joe Talley, Jack Patterson, Shirley (Johnson) Wilson, Mavis (Johnson) Burrell; front row from left: Emma Jane (Talley) Houston, Barbara (Wilson) Drodsik, Jo Anne (Dendy) Elmore, Sammie (Calloway) Houston, Everette Miller and Linda (Calloway) James. Not present for the reunion were classmates Ella Jayne (Cabe) Johnson and Christine (McCall) Lusk.

The Highlands School Class of 1958 and their spouses, celebrated its 50th reunion, Saturday, Aug. 23 at the home of Barbara and Bill Drodsik. Of the 11 members, nine attended the event. The class also invites members who entered into high school together but for different reasons didn't graduate with their classmates. One of those members joined the celebration as did Bill Drodsik's mother, Ann Zajac.

• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SOCCER •

Soccer wrap-up

The Highlands Varsity Men's soccer team opened their season with a couple of close losses on the road against Rabun Gap and Franklin.

In their season opener on August 22 the Highlanders played inspired soccer despite the 5-3 loss to a quality Rabun Gap team. Highlands was led by Taylor Parrish's three goals, and hung tough against what is perennially one of the best soccer teams in the area. Highlands coach Chris Green praised the effort of his players, particularly coming back after a slow start and performing well against a talented opponent.

Last Tuesday the Highlanders dropped another tough one in a 2-1 loss to rival

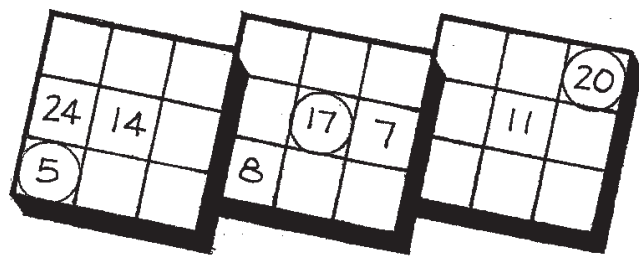
Franklin. Unlike the game against Rabun Gap, Coach Green was not nearly as praiseworthy of the team after the contest, noting that "we did not play well at all...they (Franklin) controlled the midfield and we had some missed opportunities in the second half." Taylor Parrish provided the lone Highlander goal off of an assist from Luke McClellan.

The Highlanders will take the pitch again on Thursday (today) in a home contest against Franklin. Coach Green and the Highlanders encourage all parents and fans to attend and support your local lads.

- Ryan Potts

• FUN & GAMES •

PseudoCube[©]



#DZ3E Level of Difficulty Moderate

THE SETUP:

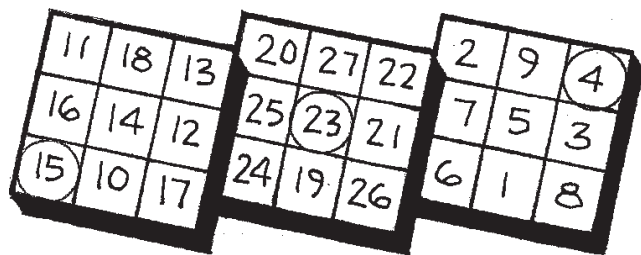
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #BZ2E in Aug. 28 issue



N-Cryptoku[©]

Object: Assign 9 different letters to each cell of 9 columns and 9 rows. In addition, nine 3 x 3 cells in the layout have the same nine different letters (this is similar to Sudoku but uses nine letters instead of nine numbers). A 'mystery word or phrase' using all nine different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different 'mystery word or phrase' (no spaces).

How to Solve: Determine the nine different letters among those given. Try to solve the mystery word using the clue given and write it in. 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 all blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or 3 x 3 cell. Email: pseudocube8@aol.com. Feedback encouraged!

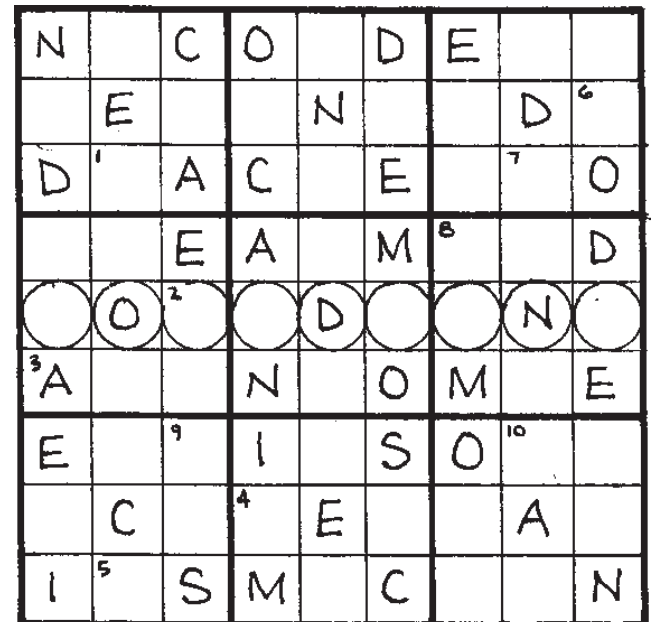
Mystery Word
"Comic People"(9)

Across

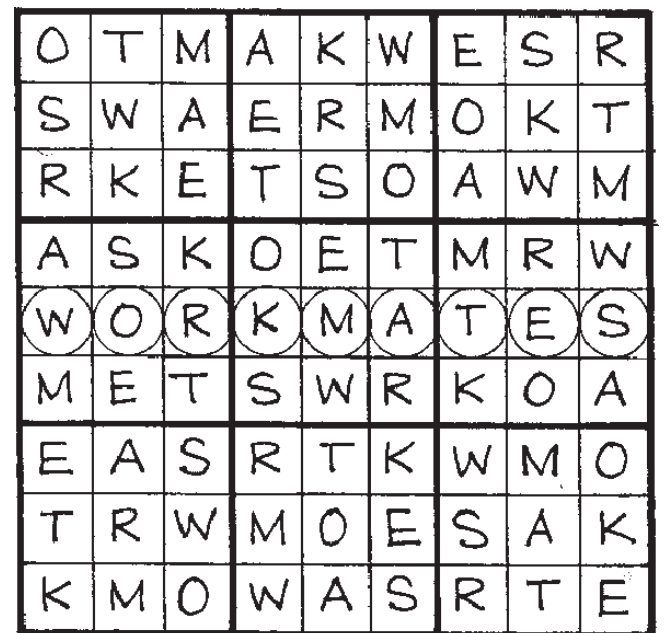
1. Scottish surname prefix (3)
2. Located in the middle (6)
3. Assistance (3)
4. Animal hideout (3)
5. Conjunction (2)

Down

6. Modern (abbr) (3)
7. Male offspring (3)
8. "We are" (sing.) (3)
9. Negative (2)
10. Girl's name (3)



Solution to Aug. 28 puzzle



• RYAN POTTS' CROSSWORD OF THE WEEK •

He is supplying the name of the state, you supply the capitol.

Across:

- 3 Illinois
- 5 California
- 11 Wyoming
- 12 New Hampshire
- 13 Washington
- 16 North Dakota
- 19 New Mexico
- 21 Minnesota
- 22 Mississippi

Down:

- 1 Kansas
- 2 Vermont
- 4 South Dakota
- 6 Maryland
- 7 Montana
- 8 Hawaii
- 9 Alaska
- 10 Nebraska
- 14 Arizona
- 15 Oregon
- 16 Idaho
- 17 Maine
- 18 Michigan
- 20 Texas



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