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- "Noises Off" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.
- At Acorn's, Francesca Romana Trunk Show.

July 21

- Mountain Music Concert featuring Mountain Faith in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday 8 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

July 22 & 23

- Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show Sat. and Sun. from 10-4 at the Rec Park.

July 22

- Memorial Service for Wistar Gary at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.
- Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Community Center 7:30-10:30 a.m. Adults \$5, children \$2.50.

- At ...on the Verandah, the Trio Lococo playing jazz, soul, r&b and rock and roll 9 - midnight.

July 23

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

July 24

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for tickets.

- At HIARPT Professor Dorrien, 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in the Jones Room. "Imagining Progressive Religion."

- A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main where cheese and crackers are paired with wines, 5-7 p.m.

July 25

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at PAC, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060.

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at PAC, Movie: "The Magic Flute." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 26

- Free Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church with William Zehfuss, trombone, at 2 p.m.
- On Wednesday, 6:15 p.m. at the Methodist Church, Robin King Austin presents a program East Meets West. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. Call 526-3376.



Riverwalk developers fined \$1,000

Recent stormwater control violations at the Riverwalk subdivision has the development in the town's sights.

Following a routine inspection on June 20, Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein issued a Notice of Violation when he saw stormwater control violations taking place on the property.

"Silt fences were filled up and leaking and needed to be emptied, reset and reburied," he said. "It was an accident waiting to happen."

The Turrentines, developers of the subdivision, were given 10 days to repair the stormwater controls or risk a citation

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An eye-catcher for a good cause



Once a business is flocked, it must pay the Chicks Dig A Cure team \$50 for the birds to "fly away." Or, businesses can pay \$100 for flock insurance. To get flocked, call Chicks Dig A Cure team at (828) 421-2042. Relay activities are in Cashiers this year, Aug. 25 & 26 at the Cashiers Community Center.

Photo by Megan Lewicki

Local effects of global warming

By Ashlyn Williams
Reporter

Imagine what it would be like if all of a sudden, evergreens were gone from the North Carolina Mountain forests. According to Jim Costa, Director of the Biological Station of Highlands and professor of biology at WCU, this may happen in the not too distant future.

As temperatures increase due to global warming, sometimes foreign insects can be introduced and thrive in areas that may normally have cooler temperatures. In this area of NC, two types of the woolly adelgid have been introduced and are thriving at the expense of evergreens.

"One is the Balsam woolly adelgid, which attacks Fraser Fir. The other is the Hemlock woolly adelgid, which attacks Canada and Carolina Hemlock," said Costa.

Fortunately, the Balsam woolly adelgid usually attacks older, mature trees al-

lowing saplings to still thrive.

"If you visit sites like Clingman's Dome in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, you will see many stark white trunks of dead Fraser Fir, but a thick standing of saplings below," he said.

Yet, the hemlocks are in much more serious trouble. The Hemlock woolly adelgid attacks both young and old trees. Once attacked, few of these trees survive.

"Our hemlocks are dying fast, and it is estimated that in less than 10 years, most will be gone from our forests," Costa said.

Unfortunately, the woolly adelgid is not the only insect causing problems. Remember mosquitoes and ticks? As global warming increases the "growing season" for these typical summer pests extends and they aren't killed back until a later, hard frost.

"As those frosts become later and lat-

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Franklin power outage 'felt' in Highlands

By Susanna Forrester
Reporter

A power outage in Franklin on Tuesday caused a stir after speculation that a heat wave striking the southeast was the culprit.

Businesses came to a halt and phone lines went dead after the midmorning incident cut power to 20,000 residents in the town of Franklin and outlying areas. The blackout lasted for about an hour, and power was restored by noon.

A bush hog mower was working near the Whistle Stop Mall in Franklin when he struck a guy wire and the impact

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MC schools make the grade

By Susanna Forrester
Reporter

The State Department of Public Instruction released their Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report for schools across North Carolina on Tuesday.

The report was for reading grades 3-8 and reading and mathematics at the secondary level. The official report will be completed in the fall when math scores are available.

AYP is defined as a series of performance targets that states, school districts, and schools must achieve each year to meet the requirements of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). In each public school in North Carolina there are 10 student subgroups which are defined as: School as a Whole (all students), American Indian, Asian, Black, Hispanic, Multi-racial, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient, and Students with Disabilities.

For elementary and middle schools (including grades 3 to 8) to make AYP,

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •



Officer Mike Jolly

Hello, I'm Officer Mike Jolly with the Highlands Police Department. I would like to make you aware of factors why traffic enforcement is a direct responsibility of law enforcement for the enhancement of public safety, i.e. speeding, seat belts and Driving While Impaired.

Each year, hundreds of citizens are injured in motor vehicle collisions and thousands of dollars are lost as a result of this property damage. Speeding is one of the most prevalent factors contributing to traffic crashes. Speeding reduces a driver's ability to steer safely around curves or objects in the roadway, extends the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and increases the distance a vehicle travels while a driver reacts to a dangerous situation.

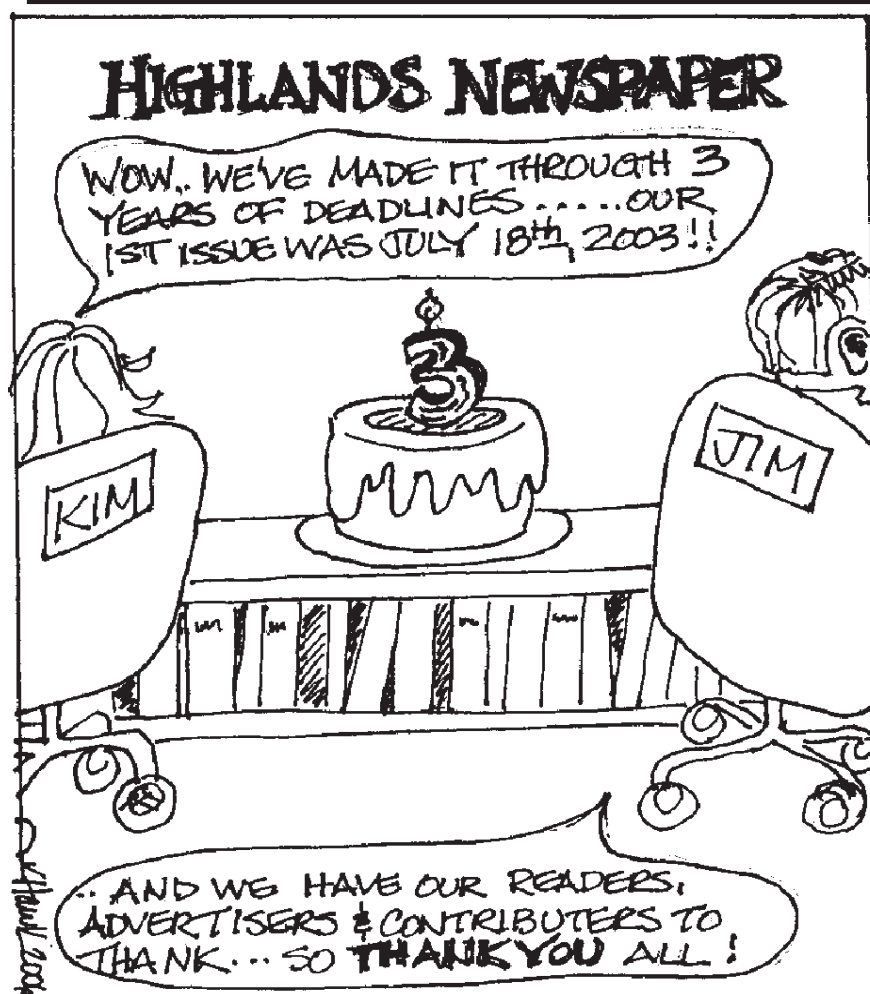
Higher crash speeds also reduce the ability of vehicle, restraint system, and roadway hardware such as guardrails, barriers, and impact attenuators to protect vehicle occupants. Speeding, in fact, is a factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes. About 1,000 fatalities result from speeding-related motor vehicle traffic crashes every month and about 40 percent of speeding-related fatalities occurred in a curve, nearly twice the proportion of non-speeding related fatalities that occurred on a curve.

Of those, motorcycle operators had the highest proportion, as a percent of all motorcycle drivers involved in fatal crashes, to be speeding. The estimated cost of these fatal crashes last year for the State of North Carolina was \$1.4 million and it is estimated that the economic cost of fatal crashes nationwide is \$8.27 billion.

Seat belts also play a large part. It is estimated that 48 million people do not regularly put on seat belts when they are on the road. Of the 31,000 people killed each year in passenger vehicles, about 65

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• LETTER •

An Important hearing on the Upper Chattooga

Dear Editor,

Recently the Forest Service announced a public hearing to be held on July 27 between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center to discuss the Upper Chattooga visitor use capacity analysis.

That rather complicated description belies the importance of this public hearing and the future of the Upper Chattooga River.

Ultimately what will be considered is whether the Upper Chattooga River will be opened to non-motorized boating. This 21-mile stretch of the Upper Chattooga includes the areas starting from Sliding Rock on Whiteside Cove Road to Ellicott Rock and Burrells Ford Campground down to Highway 28.

In order to get a perspective on this issue a brief history is required.

In 1974 the Chattooga River was one of the first rivers to be protected under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Closely following this inclusion in 1974, a recreational boating ban was enacted on the Chattooga above the Highway 28 Bridge justified on the basis of public safety and in 1985 the ban was continued to protect "quality trout fishing."

The reason for extending the ban appears to have rested on the fact that the Chattooga had been "discovered" by various recreational interests. The movie Deliverance (1972) caused a dramatic increase in boating. The result was a conflict between fishermen and boaters which was reported by USFS in the Federal Register, March 22, 1976, p. 11849.

Since that time the boating ban has been opposed on a number of occasions by American Whitewater and related recreational boating interests. AW argues that there is no justification for a boating ban on the river. The US Forest Service responded to AW in 2005 by maintaining the boating ban until a user capacity analysis can be conducted over a period of 2-4 years. This time-frame was apparently unsuitable to American Whitewater because in May of this year, AW filed a suit along with five other boating interests for an immediate lift of the boating ban.

In opposition to American Whitewater a group called the Friends of the Upper Chattooga has been formed in

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• OBITUARY •

Ruth B. Eckerd

Ruth B. Eckerd, of Highlands and Florida, died July 18 at 10:20 p.m. at her residence in Highlands.

Ruth was the wife of the late Jack Eckerd, founder of the Eckerd drug store chain.

– Where are they now?– Part 1

Young attributes Highlands & Highlands School to her success

By Susanna Forrester
Reporter

Claire Young has really gone places since she graduated from Highlands School in 2001, but she hasn't forgotten where she got her start, or her inspiration for the journey.

"Growing up in Highlands afforded me the opportunity to try out a number of different activities such as service organizations, sports, and international travel," said Young, a Morehead scholar who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in International Studies in May of 2005.

During her time at UNC, Young studied at the American University in Cairo, Egypt and taught English in Northern Thailand. She also obtained an internship at the Albright Group, a global consulting firm in Washington, DC founded by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

"My passions are connecting with people about global issues, and that is a direct result of my experience abroad in Japan as a Rotary exchange student and the gratification that comes with sharing

an experience like that with your friends, family, and community back home," Young said.

Young, who speaks French, Arabic, and some Japanese, has traveled through Europe as well. Her love of travel has propelled her on a three-month solo trip from North Carolina to Seattle, WA where she works at the World Affairs Council, an organization involved in fostering discussion about international issues.

"I think small towns and schools are great because the relationships you have with those around you are so much deeper and more meaningful," Young said. "You learn not to be intimidated by someone with a fancy title or a lot of accomplishments, because you know people so intimately who have attained greatness, and you realize they're normal people just like you. That is inspiring in itself because it serves as a tangible example of what you can achieve."

• Do you know about a graduate of Highlands School that would fit in our series? Call Susanna Forrester at 526-0782.

List of break-in and burglary victims continues to grow

Highlands Police continue to connect the dots involving break-ins and burglaries at area homes that apparently occurred between November 2005 to the present.

On Friday, May 19, Deborah Ann Cross, 49, of Alpharetta, GA, was arrested for felonious larceny in connection with one residence at Highlands Country Club.

She was caught at that home during a "sting" operation between Highlands Police and Highlands Country Club security.

"But there is a lot more to this," said Chief Bill Harrell. "People are still coming to the station to report items missing from their homes both in the club area and elsewhere."

The number of homes police believe were robbed by Cross number in the double-digits.

Police confiscated thousands of dollars worth of arts, antiques and collectibles which Cross had allegedly stored in Georgia. As homeowners come in with descriptions of missing articles, police check loot for a match.

"Luckily, we've been able to return many of the items," said Harrell.

Meanwhile, the list of missing items continues to grow. On Wednesday, a couple visited the police to report statues and statuettes missing from a home they own in the Glen Falls area.

The home is up for sale and as they looked over the virtual tour set up by their Realtor, they noticed several statues and statuettes missing from tables and a curio cabinet.

Harrell said he has added their items to the list.

Cross was indicted on charges in Macon County Court on June 5 involving the one case.

As part of her initial sentence for the incident, Cross was banned from Highlands.

Her family owns a home at V-Z Top, the site of several of the burglaries.

Chief Harrell said numerous other charges are pending and the case is far from over.



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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Sleeping with the Little Missus

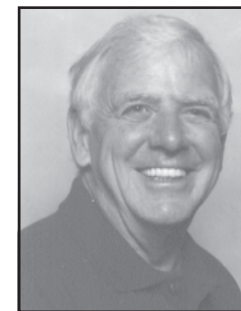
No, no, no, this is not about the "S" word. Well, maybe....a little. Although our town is becoming more sophisticated and cosmopolitan everyday, it is still not ready for a report about, well, you know, "S." (Blush)

For starters, I would like to know how the term "sleeping with" became a sexual event. The way I see it if you're sleeping with someone, there's not a whole lot of activity going on, especially if it's with me.

No, I am talking about "sleeping with" as in ZZZZZZZZZZ, comatose, zonked out, oblivious to life, etc. And just to make sure I don't get a bunch of WASPS wearing sheets at my front door, let me tell you I am married, making all of this permissible.

Lately I have taken on a new fun habit called "boisterous snoring." Now there's an "S" word we can talk about and I am told I am quite good at it.

It is important for you to know I have awesome sleeping habits. After several Cuban coffees with Kahlua plus chocolate cake loaded with caffeine, I am able to fall asleep in less than 2 minutes after my head hits the pillow. Actually, my head does not even have to



Fred Wooldridge

be on a pillow. Regardless of the outside noise level, I will not move for the next 6 hours unless, of course, I am forcefully attacked by the little missus. I say this is the mark of a wonderfully clear conscience. It's a Mars thing.

Also know that if, during the dead of night, a tiny moth flies against our bedroom screen, the little

missus will wake. She is my alarm system. Nothing gets by her, even when she is in REM, she will awaken to the raccoon scratching itself just outside our window.

The bottom line is I snore and she lies awake and listens to it while thinking of new ways to shut me up. We have all the literature and I have been to the "Snore r Us" store several times.

One evening at dinner, the missus informed me she had read a letter-to-the-editor from a lady about her husband's snoring. She found that placing a pillow over his face and pressing hard for about 5 minutes permanently stopped his snoring. She waited patiently for my reaction and I avoided eye contact. I could feel her stare, watching every line in my face to

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A burning issue

For several years Republicans in the U.S. Senate have been trying to get another one of their politically-motivated constitutional amendments approved. This time they succeeded. The flag burning amendment was passed by the required two-thirds majority, with a dozen or so Democrat cowards joining the Republican majority.

It isn't that I approve of burning the U.S. flag. I don't approve of any flag getting burned, or, for that matter, arson in general. It's just that this annual exercise in fake patriotism exposes the worst side of a representative democracy.

It is pure pandering to "popular" prejudices, the idea that those who would burn the flag are a bunch of long-haired, filthy radicals whose hatred of the United States must be punished. In fact, more often they are our own children or grandchildren, awkwardly protesting some injustice perpetrated by the government.

The Supreme Court has ruled (ergo the alleged need for the amendment) that flag burning is a form of speech, and is therefore protected by the first amendment. The Senate is trying to do an end run around the ruling. Three-fourths of the state legislatures will have to approve it before it can become part of our constitution.



Dr. Alex Redmountain

Given the current political climate, it will probably make it through the states, and no permanent harm will necessarily have been done to our Bill of Rights. But it will be one more victory for the boobousie, H.L. Mencken's designation for homo ignoramus, the typically uninformed American voter, who often votes his prejudices or habits and leaves his brain at home.

Along with the proposed constitutional amendment banning gay marriage, the flag-burning amendment will mark the first time other than Prohibition (and this was later rejected) that our constitution was changed to restrict our freedoms rather than expand

them. That's a sad commentary on the agenda of the senate and the religious right.

The flag burning issue is just one facet of a general misunderstanding about patriotism. Patriotism isn't purely a blind faith in flag and nation, nor is it "my country, right or wrong." It certainly is not allegiance to a particular president or Congress. It isn't unconditional. The true patriot, I believe, loves his country the way we love any exalted idea.

This implies expansiveness not constriction, love grounded in some greater vision. The idea of America has always meant a land of many freedoms and relatively few limits. Mighty struggles have been waged to win greater freedoms, from voting rights to the rights of workers. No one has ever fought much for constriction.

Mark Twain wrote that "patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel." It was true in the nineteenth century and it still is. We call them gangsters rather than scoundrels, but the point is identical. When politicians wave the flag, keep your hand on your wallet.

I saw recently on "60 Minutes" an estimate that as much as \$10 billion has been "misplaced" in Iraq. Most has been clearly stolen, some by individuals but the majority by corporations. The



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woman on the police
force!

Welcome, Erica!
I'm DonLeon and that's
MY opinion.

former second-in-command civilian in Baghdad, a financial expert, said that cash was distributed in huge amounts and not accounted for. All this under a

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normally served by the arts. Grants are awarded on a funds-available basis and must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant organization; awards generally range from \$200 to \$500.

Contact the Macon Arts Council at 524-7683 or e-mail arts4all@dnet.net to discuss your project and request forms.

• ANOTHER VIEW •

In defense of snakes

I was turning onto my road Sunday evening following a work weekend at Edisto Island where my brother-in-law and I are renovating a house.

I had considered staying at the beach and returning Monday morning, but I have a Monday afternoon deadline for this column and had neglected to bring my laptop. Do you have any idea what it is like to be without a laptop? It would have been easier to return on Monday, but what would you have read on Thursday?

There are no Internet cafes or sushi bars on Edisto, no place to write a column or eat raw fish, which is much of the charm of the island. I spent most of the trip home either listening to the Nextel Cup race or thinking about this week's column.

I dismissed the urge to comment on rising tensions in the Middle East. I toyed with the idea of writing about tattoos, a column which has been bouncing around in my head for several months.

It was while entering my road that I saw a rattle snake soaking heat from the asphalt road. He hadn't been hit by a car. There probably hadn't been a car on my road since Friday. Earlier in the day he would have lounged on a rock soaking up warmth, but as evening shadows lengthened, he leached residual heat from the black surface.

Most people hate and fear snakes. I admit that I would rather see a rattler on a hiking trail than in my drive way, but his incursion seemed inadequate justification to harm him or decapitate him with a hoe. The hoe seems the weapon of choice when dealing with snakes, perhaps because the meeting often takes place in the garden.

I briefly considering capturing him and putting him in a vacant glass tank from which Bull and I recently released a yellow slider turtle. Lizzie and Bull are spending the week at the Outer Banks and would have been surprised, but not delighted, to find a snake on the breakfast bar.

I don't exactly like snakes, but I respect them, and it bothers me that they are nearly universally hated because of myth, ignorance, and Genesis. People who do decapitate a snake rarely bother to first identify him, to ascertain if he is a potentially harmful viper or a harmless black snake, just looking for a mouse for dinner.

Most would argue that I should have killed him to protect my family. After all, my son Bull and my dog Sadie play not far from where I spotted him. We have lived here for over five years



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

and this was the first viper I had seen, thus I would answer that the chances of injury, or even a meeting, are remote. I have no idea how many rattle snakes live in the acres surrounding my house, but I'll bet the number is more than one. What would killing this one have accomplished?

If I were a good husband, father, and pet owner I would move my

family to an apartment in New York City or the even greater safety of a cottage in Ireland.

I don't like killing, although I know many people enjoy it immensely, and even consider it a "sport." We had trouble with raccoons damaging the roof of our beach house and moving into the attic. We solved the problem by pruning overhanging branches and repairing the roof. We laced the attic with poison, but if any of the coons took the bait, they went elsewhere to die.

A mother raccoon and her three offspring have since taken up residence in a drainage pipe that, in wetter seasons, serves as an overflow drain for our pond. I enjoy watching Mom and her three young ones navigate the tricky entrance. I enjoy watching them disappear into the pipe. And I enjoy watching them walk in file around the pond and across the yard. I enjoy life.

I was saddened when I heard my 10-year-old nephew ask his father how much he would be paid for each raccoon he killed. My God! A 10-year-old bounty hunter. The answer was three dollars. The little guy beamed. He had recently bagged his first squirrel and had savored the experience.

No, I'm not a vegetarian, and yes, I have some vague idea of conditions in slaughter houses. And, no, I don't believe that either my diet or my knowledge makes me a hypocrite.

When I was 10 or 11 and an acolyte, a new priest, Father Ryan, came to our parish. Father was flawed, perhaps deeply so. He had entered the priesthood late in life, following a career in international law. He took a liking to my brother and me and one summer regularly picked us up and drove us to a swimming pool in a nearby town. We swam while he conducted whatever priestly business he had to conduct.

Father Ryan was an alcoholic, a fact which escaped me, but was recognized by my older brother, Pete, who told Dad about Father's intoxication, dangerous driving, and stop by a Highway Patrolman. Dad forbade us from ever riding with him again. Years later, allegations of sexual abuse of kids

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detect the beginnings of a smile or even a frown.

After an appropriate amount of silence, I proclaimed, "Crickets." "Crickets, what about crickets?" she asked. "I have noticed that in mid-August, I snore less because the crickets are rubbing their little legs together. We'll buy a cricket tape. End of problem." She stared at me in disbelief. "You have forgotten that cricket rubbing keeps me awake most of August and September," she responded. Oh, well.

We even went to a snore doctor who wanted to cut off that cute little gizmo hanging in the back of my mouth but I wouldn't let him. Did I mention I am allergic to bleeding? No, we have found that a combination of things has finally worked. Get out your

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Republican administration pledged to fiscal integrity.

So while their corporate buddies helped themselves abroad, you can bet your bottom million that Republicans in congress were getting their palms greased with "contributions." And President Bush was taking care of his corporate chums as well.

All of this is nothing short of miserable for anyone who cares about his country's future, not to mention its treasury. Little has been publicly written on the topic of waste in Iraq, which is again the fault of the media.

In Connecticut, voters are turning against both parties, with Republican Representative Chris Shea and Senate Democrat Joe Lieberman, former vice-presidential candidate, both in serious trouble because of their support for the president. Until recently, Lieberman still thought he had a chance for the presidential nomination in 2008.

That race, by the way, continues to be wide open in both parties. John McCain has a head start among Republicans, although many on the extreme right despise him for not being far-right enough to suit their taste. This could make his chase for the nomination...hm...history. The same applies in spades to Rudy Guiliani, former New York (!) mayor. On the far-enough right, they have the unappetizing prospect of Bill Frist and a spate of no-name governors.

Among death-wish Democrats, Hillary is miles ahead. Every other prospect in the party is chasing her, but if good sense triumphs, someone will catch and pass her. And in case you think I feel this way because I'm a chauvinist you-know-what, I invite you to ask your neighbors what they think about her.

Me, I'm waiting for 2016 and Barak Obama, even though I'll probably be waiting in my grave.

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pencil.

First, I apply a large adhesive strip across the top of my nose which flares my nostrils, making me look like "The Hulk" in full rage. Next, I spray the back of my throat with a solution that smells like Omar Khadafy's breath. Then, a special scary looking mouthpiece that prohibits my mouth from falling open and last, earphones plugged into a small tape player of crickets snoring, oops, I mean rubbing their little legs together.

At bedtime, the missus goes over her list and checks me out. Then she prepares for bed. She puts on her special "sniper one" ear muffs to help drown out the most fierce snorting and snoring. Next, a nose clip so she can't smell my bad breath. Then the eye mask so she won't have to look at me with flared nostrils and scary mouth apparatus. Finally, she places a skinny Japanese "night" stick, about a foot long, between us to poke me with when everything fails.

If a burglar entered our bedroom in the middle of the night I am sure he would run. We are a scary looking couple.

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er, or not at all, these insects can keep reproducing,” said Costa. “This has serious implications beyond their annoyance to us —many biting insects are disease carrying vectors,” he said.

Mosquitoes are carriers of West Nile Virus and La Crosse encephalitis, while ticks carry Lyme’s disease. Both can be very damaging and oftentimes detrimental to humans.

Not only can the changes in insect

Hal Phillips at Skyline



Hal Phillips returns to Skyline Lodge for the third year. He performs Friday and Saturday nights and during brunch on Sunday.

populations affect humans, they can also affect plant life and herbivores.

“Changes in insect populations affect plant life in various ways. One has to do with vectoring plant diseases, another is through an extended feeding period or herbivory,” said Costas. “The insects can start feeding earlier and continue feeding later than they could before global warming.”

In some respect, this may be a good thing for bird populations. As temperatures warm earlier in places like Highlands, the birds may return earlier to feed on these insects and keep the population down.

How is the insect population relevant to the public? According to Costa, insect populations are extremely significant in relation to us.

“Insects are the single largest group of animals — most animal species named are insects, to put that another way,” he said. “Some are agricultural pests and destroy our crops, while others are critically important pollinators of our crops. Some have medical and veterinary significance,” Costa said.

Clearly, the woolly adelgid population is more than problematic, and it is certainly not beneficial, he said.

“This [woolly adelgid] affects our area by removing key, dominant tree species from the plant communities, impacting our ecological systems in ways we don’t fully understand. Only time will tell,” said Costa.

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and fine.

Then during a downpour on Tuesday, July 11, a significant amount of silt ran into a stream that originates on the River Walk property, crosses neighboring property and empties into the Cullasaja River.

“Because the silt fences were filled, with Tuesday’s rain they overflowed into the creek and into the river,” said Gantenbein. “I fined them \$500 for that.”

A deluge of rain the afternoon Friday, July 14, made the problem much worse.

“By then two silt ponds were filled, and overflowing. With the volume and velocity of the water running into the subdivision off U.S. 64, the silt fences just blew out,” said Gantenbein. “A ‘ton of silt’ ended up in the Cullasaja River.”

Gantenbein fined the Turrentines another \$500 and has requested a revised erosion control plan for the development. He said if he doesn’t have it within 10 days, he will issue a Stop Work Order. “The current plan is inadequate,” he said.

The problem is the entrance into the subdivision off U.S. 64 east.

“No one contemplated how the River Walk entrance would affect the stormwater run off,” said Gantenbein. “The entrance acts like a funnel and the stormwater just pours in. Instead of the water falling out around the curve it goes straight down the subdivision road.”

In addition to an erosion control plan, Gantenbein has requested a hydrol-

ogy study done to quantify the amount of stormwater that comes into the subdivision via the highway entrance.

Gantenbein said it’s likely the developers will have to enlarge the silt ponds and reset the grade of the entrance so it’s tilted toward the high side away from the river side so stormwater doesn’t have a path into the subdivision but instead stays along the road.

“Drastic temporary measures have to be done right away,” he said. “They will have to hydro-seed the raw areas or spray emollients to stabilize the embankments and road ways.”

Gantenbein said the variances the Town Board recently granted the Turrentines may have added to the stormwater runoff problem because with the variances “a lot more dirt was opened up,” he said. “The curve radiuses on the roads within the subdivision were altered and the right-of-way setback was moved at the entrance.”

The variances were meant to preserve, but for some areas in the subdivision they were requested and granted after the fact which means double the initial area was disturbed, said Gantenbein.

Meanwhile, the Mirror Lake Improvement Association is keeping its eye on River Walk. The organization has measurements of both water and silt depth in the lake and it wants to make sure that nothing changes due to development at River Walk.

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'Artifact' on loan to Historical Society



The Highlands Historical Society's Museum has recently received on loan from John Schiffli a moonshine still for display. John waits with cup in hand for Jim "Red" Potts to repair the worm connection. Archivist Ran Shaffner confirms that stills were an integral part of early Highlands history. The Historical Village on U.S. 64 next to the Rec Park is open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Gantenbein said the town doesn't have a before and after measurement of silt in Cullasaja River for evidentiary purposes, but it's likely the Turrentines will be removing Friday's silt dump from the Cullasaja.

The town has also billed the Turrentines for replacing a power pole and re-hanging utility lines which came down during right-of-way clearing recently.

Riverwalk changed contractors a few weeks ago and new contractor who was "trying to do a lot of work in a hurry," said Town Engineer Lamar Nix, ran into some problems. "A tree he was cutting down got away from him and knocked down power, cable and phone lines and

actually broke a utility pole," he said.

The trees were cut down to clear the right-of-way along the roads within the subdivision. The town sent crews to the sight on a Tuesday, twice on a Friday and once on a Saturday to repair the damage and all the town can do has been done, said Nix. Riverwalk has been billed by the town for wires, labor and a utility pole.

However, Nix said the town isn't allowed to restring phone or cable lines. He doesn't know when the phone and cable companies will get into Riverwalk to restring lines properly. "I think the neighbors have service, but it's probably not pretty," he said.

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the hopes of keeping the boating ban intact. This group consists of trout fishermen, environmental groups such as Georgia Forest Watch, the Chattooga Conservancy, hikers, residents and others. This group stands opposed to AW in the belief that the Upper Chattooga is unique and should be protected from the impacts that boating has brought to the Chattooga below Highway 28. The Friends of the Upper Chattooga have intervened in the lawsuit filed by American Whitewater against USFS to uphold the boating ban until the user analysis is conducted.

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance has followed the development of this issue with interest because it pits a number of environmental and recreational interests against each other in a war of words and legal wrangling

where opinions abound and substantive information is non-existent. JMCA has gone on record in support of the visitor use capacity study which will ascertain the impact of current and proposed uses of the Upper Chattooga. JMCA urges interested parties to learn more and participate in this debate.

An opportunity to do so is during the July 27 meeting which according to the USFS will include an "update on the user capacity analysis and an explanation on how the public can assist in data collection." Whether you are for or against opening the Upper Chattooga or just want to learn more, I urge you to attend this meeting.

David M Bates
Executive Director
Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance

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by priests surfaced and were confirmed. I have since wondered if my brother's observation and my Dad's prompt action saved us from such a fate. I'll never know, but the pattern is similar to that reported by victims. Father was flawed. He risked the safety of young boys by driving drunk. All the same, I loved him that summer. Even as a child I admired his wit and intellect. Even more, I loved the attention that my own father was too busy to provide. He may have been a sexual predator, but he may

simply have been an aging man who longed for a loving son as much as I hungered for an attentive father.

An event took place, during one of those drunken drives to Connersville that I will never forget. A snake lay on the road, sunning itself. Father didn't run over the snake or drive around it. He stopped the car and ushered the snake off the road. That act of kindness convinced me that imperfect as he was, there was good in the man.

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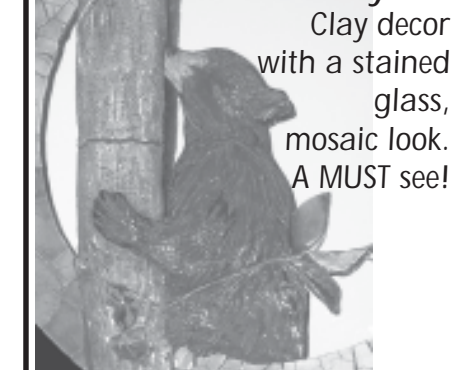
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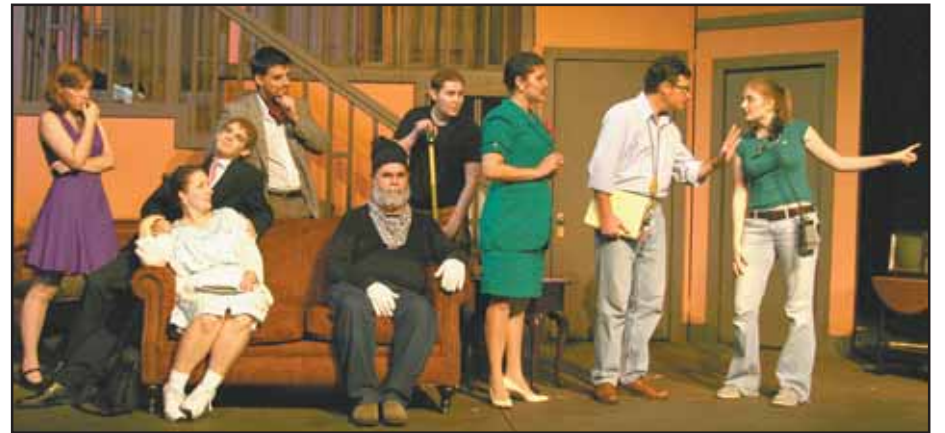
If you have Japanese Knotweed on your private property, there is help for you.

The Nature Center, Town Hall, and the US Forest Service Information Center are distributing information on Japanese Knotweed and agencies licensed to

eradicate it.

Also included is information on "Do It Yourself" eradication. For further information, contact Dr. Kenneth McCaskill at the Macon County Extension Service (828) 349-2046.

• A REVIEW •



Photos by Al McLeod

— 'Noises Off' —

Not your normal British farce

Most of you know I'm a sucker for any live performance. A show would have to really, really stink for me to tell you not to go. And, most of you know that my daughter Megan is in the Playhouse's second show of the season "Noises Off."

But what you don't know is when I tell you to go see this crazy fun-filled performance, it has nothing to do with Megan or the fact that I'm a sucker. This innovative rendition of a British comedy is worth seeing.

A few minutes into the first act of "Noises Off" you realize there's something very different about this British comedy.

It's all very familiar at first — for years the Playhouse featured a British comedy on the bill so settling in is easy — but then suddenly the audience realizes it is watching the "rehearsal" of a British comedy set to open in a matter of hours.

A lone figure in the audience begins to call for changes, lines, characters. He approaches the stage as needed, joins his actors more than once. The first act goes well — at least the audience is satisfied, even though the director continues to have minor fits during the last-minute rehearsal.

Then during a 10-minute intermission between the first and second act, the audience gets another kind of show. They watch fascinated as the stage hands literally rotate the stage to reveal the back side of the set, the part the actors know intimately but of which the audience is clueless.

Once the backside is revealed, the show really heats up. Evidently, the troupe has been on the road for some time now and the actors who played

their parts with proper British decorum during that first-act rehearsal, just prior to opening, reveal their "other" sides.

Now they're tired, cranky, jealous, completely entangled in each others lives and once "back stage," it's no holds barred. The best part is the audience gets to see it all — the backstage "soundless" fighting, and through the windows they see and hear the "on stage" show they just saw in the first act. It's absolutely crazy. There's something worth watching and laughing about at every angle.

The third act is again "front stage" but now the cast is absolutely done in. They've been on the road far too long, they know each other far too intimately and their final show basically crashes and burns. But remember, it's supposed to.

How the director Marie Bruce orchestrated this mad cap rendition of a mad cap British comedy is a wonder. How the actors keep it all straight — the lines, placement, ins and outs, ups and downs — also a wonder. But they did and it all worked.

Definitely go see this innovative, fun-filled show. They'll be no dozing off, in fact it will invigorate.

The show runs four more times — Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday for the final matinee at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

It's not your normal British comedy. If you miss it, you'll be missing a very special show demonstrating an enormous amount of talent and energy.

— Kim Lewicki



Coming up at 'Instant Theatre'



Scene at the Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. Cocktail Hour Theatre is sold out for July 21, but tickets are available for performances on July 28, August 4, 11, 18, and September 1. Cocktail Hour Theatre runs 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required and early reservations are suggested. Call 342-9197.

Saturday, July 22

Songwriter Jon Zachary hosts Songwriters-in-the-Round at 8 p.m. This series which began in the early winter of 2005 in the Studio on Main has brought to town some of the most talented songwriters the South has to offer. Jon is bringing back the popular Freddy Bradburn. Freddy writes songs like no one else in the world. His songs are like little movies with great special effects. He is insightful, touching, and hilarious. He is also warped. Wonderfully warped. Returning also by popular demand is the beautiful songstress Lisa Stevens. Listening to Lisa play and sing her passion-filled songs will resonate in your heart and soul long after the last note wafts away. For those of you who have heard Lisa Stevens you know what I mean, if you haven't, well, now is your chance. Jon has filled out the evening with, new to Highlands, Phyllis Tanner-Frye. We were lucky to get this George-

Eradicating Knotweed

The second phase of "Operation Japanese Knotweed" has begun. You will see, in different parts of town, Hillside Services hard at work spraying this invasive plant that is crowding out native plants and disrupting wildlife habitat.

The Land Stewards and the town of Highlands formed a partnership in 2005 to rid the corridors of this tenacious invader.

For more information, contact Dr. Kenneth McCaskill at the Macon County Extension Service (828) 349-2046, or the Land Stewards at email address landstewards@aol.com.

town County, S.C. performer who has been described as riveting and a visionary who writes and plays music in a folk, low-country style. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for 17 and under. Complimentary wine and soft drinks are served before the performance. Doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8 p.m. Reservations suggested, call 342-9197.

Tuesday, July 18

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'Interlude' series continues

More than 300 listeners came to the Episcopal Church to hear the concert of spirituals sung by soprano Bernice Hall last week. The enthusiastic audience brought her back time and time again with standing ovations. Dr. Lawrence Weaver, her accompanist who has been heard in Highlands before, said it was one of their most appreciative audiences.

Next Wednesday, July 26, Highlanders will again be able to experience one of these fine concerts which are held at the Episcopal Church. Famous trombonist William Zehfuss will present a program accompanied by pianist Katherine Palmer. Both Zehfuss and Palmer are on the faculty of the Brevard Music Center and will perform at 2 p.m. Their evening performance will be in Brevard.

Zehfuss is the principal trombone with the Charleston Symphony and frequently performs in the Spoleto Music Festival. In addition, he appears often as soloist with the Brevard Orchestra as well as the Atlanta Symphony.

Palmer, his accompanist for this

event, is a graduate of Indiana University and is a touring artist for the North Carolina Art Council.

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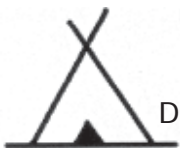
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Hospital Auxiliary donates furniture to 'Living Center'

Kitti Barber of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary and Kurt Abshire, administrator of the Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Center and manager of the hospital's dietary department, look over some new outdoor furniture that was recently donated by the Auxiliary. The new tables and chairs, which are located under the outdoor pavilion just outside the hospital's cafeteria, replaced furniture that had suffered from exposure to the weather over the last several years. For more than 40 years, the Auxiliary has helped fund a variety of needs at the hospital and its nursing center. "The Aux-



iliary's support has been an important part of making this an exceptional health care facility, and we certainly appreciate the many years of devotion to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital," said Abshire.

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caused a ground wire running over the South Franklin Substation to snap. Safety devices immediately shut off power to protect the bush hog operator and the substation equipment.

Highlanders expecting to do business in Franklin that morning were notified via cell phones, to postpone until the power came back on.

Though the cause of the power outage was not the heat wave, Duke Energy officials are urging customers to conserve power while the extreme summer temperatures continue. The heat wave has caused air conditioners to run full blast and power bills to soar in the last month.

Duke officials say that conserving power is as simple as turning down the air conditioning and using fans instead. Also they recommend customers not use large appliances like dishwashers, clothes

washers and dryers until the evening hours when temperatures are cooler.

Other tips to remember are avoid using the stove which increases temperatures and causes the air conditioner to work harder, keep blinds, curtains, or shades drawn during the day to prevent heat buildup, and turn on lamps only when necessary since bulbs are also a source of added heat.

This year was the sixth warmest year-to-date since 1880 when record keeping began. At least five states have experienced record setting temperatures, and no state has been cooler than average. The first half of the year has been the hottest on record since 1895 for the United States. The heat has caused drought conditions, wildfires, and heat related deaths across the country.

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each student subgroup in tested grades must meet certain targets. They must have a 95% participation rate in reading/language arts assessment, a 95% participation rate in math assessment, and meet or exceed the state's annual objective for proficiency in reading/language arts.

They must also meet or exceed the state's annual measurable objective for proficiency in math, and the school as a whole must show progress on the other academic indicator — attendance in grades 3 to 8.

For a high school to make AYP, each student subgroup must meet similar targets to elementary and middle schools. They must have a 95% 10th grade participation rate in reading/language arts assessment, a 95% 10th grade participation rate in mathematics assessment, and they must meet or exceed the State's annual measurable objective for 10th grade proficiency in reading/language arts.

They must also meet or exceed the State's annual measurable objective for 10th grade proficiency in math, and the school as a whole must show progress on the other academic indicator (OAI)

— graduation rate.

Highlands School performed well on the report along with six other Macon County schools — Cartoogechaye, Cowee, Cullasaja, East Franklin, Franklin, and Nantahala — who also met all their targets. Highlands met seven of its seven target goals, or 100%.

If a school contains a combination of elementary/middle and high school grade ranges like Highlands and Nantahala, all available targets are used to determine the AYP status. Progress is defined as at least 0.1 percentage point increase from one year to the next, up to 90%. Any fluctuation above 90% meets the requirement for progress.

The ABCs of Public Education is a plan to reorganize public schools in North Carolina. The plan focuses on strong accountability, emphasis on the basics with high educational standards, and maximum local control. A key component of the ABCs of Public Education is an accountability program that focuses on the performance of individual public schools (rather than school systems) in the basics of reading and math.

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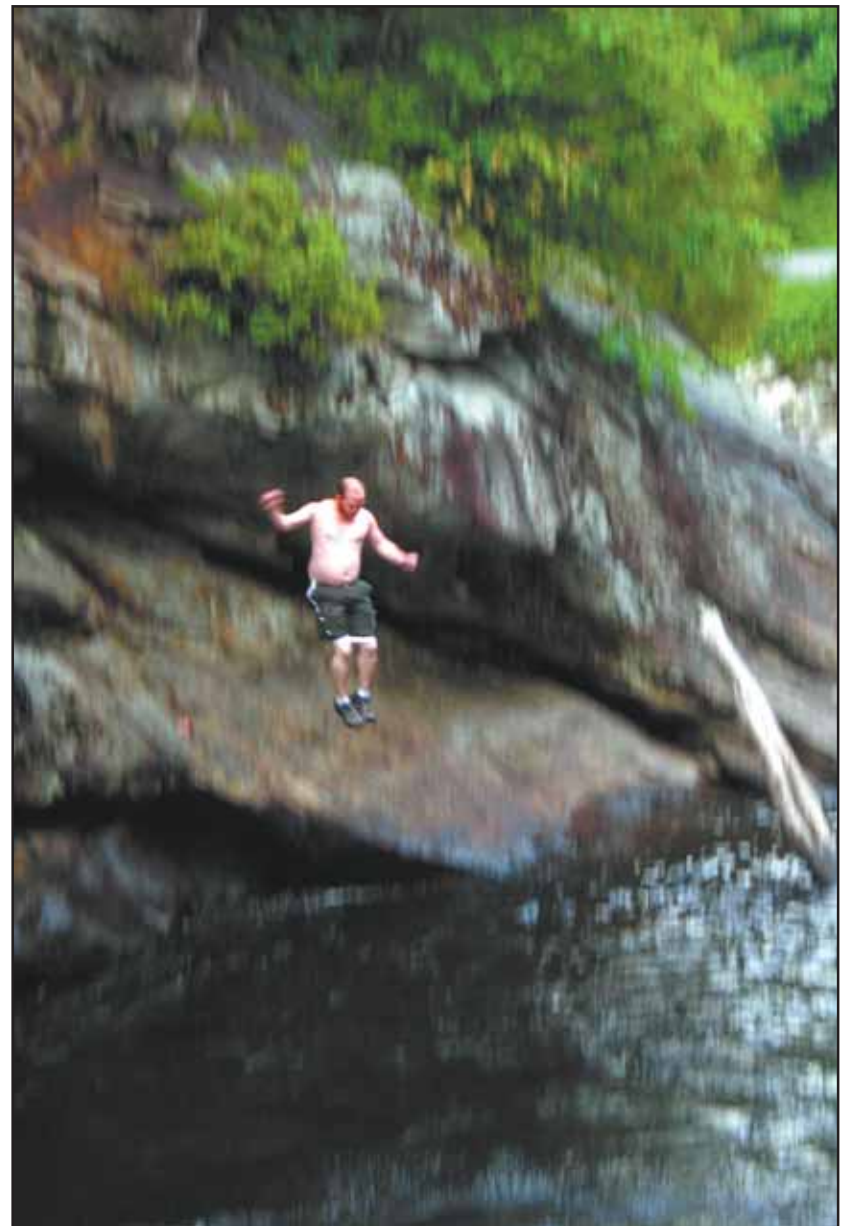
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Risking it all at 'Bust Your Butt'



Summer visitors from the lowlands enjoy frolicking in area rivers, streams and waterfalls. This member of the Highlands Playhouse cast of "Noises Off" joined others jumping off the cliff at Bust Your Butt falls on U.S. 64 west.
Photo by Megan Lewicki

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percent of those were men. Lap and shoulder safety belts reduce the risk of death for those in the front seat of passenger cars by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injuries by 50 percent. For drivers of sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and vans who wear seat belts, the risk is reduced by 60 percent for deaths and 65 percent for moderate-to-serious injuries.

The State of North Carolina and the Town of Highlands have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for DWI (driving while impaired) offenses. One of the largest costs to society is the drinking driver. In 2004, the drinking driver was responsible for 23 percent of all fatal crashes (almost 17,000) and nearly \$1 billion in health care and other related costs. The

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that three-fourths (75%) of drivers with alcohol in fatal crashes had BAC levels of .10 or .11 which is greater than the legal limit in all states. One-fourth (25%) of drivers with alcohol in fatal crashes had BAC levels of .21 which is more than twice the legal limit in all states. In 2004 there were 356 people killed by the impaired driver in North Carolina. The number of reported crashes that were alcohol-related was 1,574.

In summary, if you speed, don't wear your seat belt or drive after consuming alcohol, you're taking a chance with your life or the life of someone else. So please, buckle up, slow down and have a designated driver or call for a ride.

Art League of Highlands 'Summer Colors Fine Art Show' is this weekend



Colin Martorelli (15 mos.) has already decided that his painting style is abstract and his mother, Leslie, obviously approves.

The gym at the Highlands Rec Park will be filled to overflowing with original work by regional artists, many of whom will be demonstrating their techniques. An entire room will be dedicated to childrens' activities and their own art show will be hung at the upcoming Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show to be held at the Rec Park in Highlands July 22 and 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and there will be door prizes for kids and adults. For more information, contact Maddy Buckhannan 743-3087.



Jon Hougum of Franklin enjoys demonstrating his portrait painting and openly shares his techniques with fellow artists and the public.

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if prestige and power were the secret ingredients to happiness. I wonder if the winner of the argument at the rollercoaster really enjoyed their ride on the Donald Duck? And I wonder if winning a conflict, gaining an advantage over another, makes the rest of life really that much more enjoyable?

In the scriptures, the book of James addresses this issue when it is written, "Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures....God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

The spiritual discipline we seem to be missing is submission. The symbol of ultimate submission is the crucified Christ, the one who loved the world so much he died so that we could win. The crucified Christ doesn't sit well with us. We like to strike back and seek retribution when we have been offended. Although the religious world has misinterpreted and abused the discipline of submission, particularly as it relates to men keeping women under their control in the home, in the church and world, submission is simply the willingness to lay down our life for our neighbor, whoever

they may be. The theologian Richard Foster put it this way, "It is the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way....People will spend weeks, months, even years in a perpetual stew because some little thing did not go as they wished. They will fuss and fume. They will get mad about it. They will act as if their very life hangs on the issue. They may even get an ulcer over it." He goes on to say that most things in life are not nearly as big as we make them out to be. Our lives will not come to an end if this or that doesn't occur.

What would happen today in your life if you began your day by saying "Dear Lord, today I surrender my desire to control what happens. I give up my right to have things go my way?"

People will often die for principles we think are sacred, but in reality, are trivial, even profane. We have witnessed tremendous church splits, family break-ups, wars and rumors of wars, abuse and even murder simply because of stubborn self-will. The true submissive spirit gives us the freedom to value other people. Submission opens the door to be able to love our neighbor without condition. Submission opens the door for service of others rather than self-service.

It is not the magic kingdom that we thought it would be. But the way we respond to all of it has everything to do with the kingdom of God coming on earth as it is in heaven.

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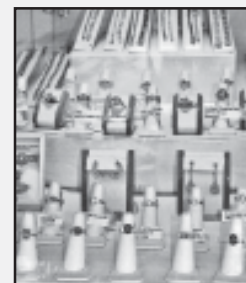
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Free Dental Clinic \$100,000 closer

At the end of June, the Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project Free Dental Clinic received a check for \$100,000 from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem, N.C., to complete the purchase of the clinic facility in Laurel Terrace. Using the grant money together with locally generated funds, the full \$150,000 purchase price has been paid, and BRMHP now owns the clinic facility free and clear.

Susan Posey, BRMHP president, said, “Paying off the building mortgage not only lowers our operating costs, but it also sends a powerful message that this fully equipped dental facility will be a permanent asset for Cashiers, the plateau and all of Western North Carolina. We are deeply grateful, as well as deeply humbled, by the financial support that has been provided to this effort by the Kate B. Reynolds Trust, as well as by local individuals, churches, and civic groups, regional church organizations, and other foundations, including the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, the Duke Endowment, and the BlueCross Blue Shield Foundation.

“I believe our success with the Kate B. Reynolds Trust was based on the quality and quantity of care provided by our dentists, Tom Smith, Michelle McDonald and other occasional volunteers, and on the Trust's recognition of the long-term dental crisis confronting many low-income Western North Carolina residents. Another key factor is the strong support we have received from the local community, which made the Trust confident that its investment would help address that problem for years into the future.”

The application process with the Kate B. Reynolds Trust extended over a year, and involved several visits to Winston-Salem and a visit to Cashiers by a Kate B. Reynolds representative. In addition to Posey, other BRMHP Board members who met with Trust personnel were Penny Johnson, Vice President David Beam, Executive Director Karen Minton, Beth McDade, and Treasurer Bill Jacobs. Brenda Acosta also played an important role in preparing the application forms and packages of supporting documents.

Including equipment, the BRMHP Clinic has a value in excess of \$300,000. But for this facility to be used at its potential will require about \$100,000 per year, even with volunteer dentists. In general, foundation funding is less available for on-going operations than for start-up purposes, so BRMHP is initiating the “Tooth Fairy Magic” Community Capital Campaign, with the goal of establishing a \$500,000 endowment. This level of endowment would provide income covering about 25% of future operating budgets.

Posey added, “The Magic refers to many aspects of this project – the effect on the health and lives of our patients, and the wondrous outpouring of volunteer and financial support. It also refers to how our clinic, with its building

and equipment paid for, and with its volunteer dentists, is able to expand each donated dollar into around \$4 of sophisticated, high-quality services. With the Tooth Fairy Magic Campaign, we hope to establish a financial base to assure that our wonderful facility will be a permanent resource for addressing critical dental health problems among our low-income neighbors.”

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was created in 1947 by the will of Mrs. William N. Reynolds of Winston-Salem. Three-fourths of the Trust's grants are designated for use for health-related programs and services across North Carolina and one-fourth for the poor and needy of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

Donations to the Free Dental Clinic Community Capital Campaign may be made by check, payable to BRMHP, PO Box 451, Cashiers 28717. Inquiries about donations of appreciated securities may be directed to Bill Jacobs, at 743-9924.

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Third show at the Playhouse



"2 for Broadway" starring Robert Ray and Courtenay Collins, July 27-Aug. 13 at the Highlands Playhouse. **Robert Ray** who produced 5 hit shows last season for the Highlands Playhouse returns for 3 weeks only in a brand new Musical Revue, "**2 for Broadway**" which will also star Highlands' favorite, **Courtenay Collins**, who appeared in both "Jerry's Girls" and "Let the Good Times Roll" last season. The singing and dancing duo, backed by a 5-piece on stage band recently appeared at The Piccolo Spoleto Festival where they were greeted with nightly standing ovations and rave reviews. The 90-minute show is broken into four distinct sections. The first section features traditional Show Tunes; the second is a salute to Broadway composers; the third and fourth sections feature all time favorites. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

Wilmington professional b-ball team announces open tryouts

The new Wilmington-based American Basketball Association (ABA) professional basketball team is pleased to announce a two-day free agent tryout scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30 at Trask Coliseum on the University of North Carolina - Wilmington campus.

Kevin Whitted, a co-owner of the newly franchised team, will serve as general manager and head coach. He played high school basketball at Laney High School in Wilmington NC, collegiate basketball at the University of Tennessee and then professionally for the Dallas Mavericks and in Europe. He is returning home from Atlanta where he coached the Atlanta Vision ABA team which won its division championship last season.

"We are looking for 12 serious ball players to come to Wilmington with a hunger to win and a desire to learn," says Whitted. "From this two-day intensive tryout, twenty young men will be invited to Vet Camp on November 1st."

Interested players may arrive at the gym as early as 8 a.m., with tryouts running from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Candidates must be 18 years of age with a high school degree or equivalent. Players should wear appropriate shoes and clothing and come ready to compete.

Advance registration is \$125 and is due by July 26. On-site registrations will also be accepted at a charge of \$150. All registration fees are non-refundable and payable by check or cash. Please be advised that participation in the open tryouts may jeopardize a player's NCAA eligibility. If you have any question about NCAA eligibility, please consult with your current basketball coach.

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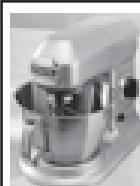
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Sunday, July 23 at 5 p.m. in Highlands and Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m. in Cashiers will bring a change of pace with the Vega String Quartet again performing.

This time it will be the music of Mozart, Bartók, Ibert, two Shaker songs arranged by long time Festival favorite Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup and the world premiere of *Nantahala for Harp and String Quartet* by Sofia Kraevska.



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Ms. Kraevska, a longtime friend of Ms. Whitcup, has visited her in her home here and was inspired by the mountains and their history in writing this piece. Mark your calendars for the Family Concerts: Young Artists from Brevard.

Come hear what the combination of talent and hard work can produce in these all-star high school performers from the Brevard Music Center. They will be in Cashiers, Monday, July 24 at 11 a.m. and in Highlands on Tuesday, July 25 at 11 a.m. These concerts are free.

There will be an Outdoor Picnic Concert on Wednesday, July 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Zachary-Tol-

bert House in Cashiers so bring a picnic and spread out on the lawn to hear the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet. This event is co-sponsored by the Cashiers Historical Society.

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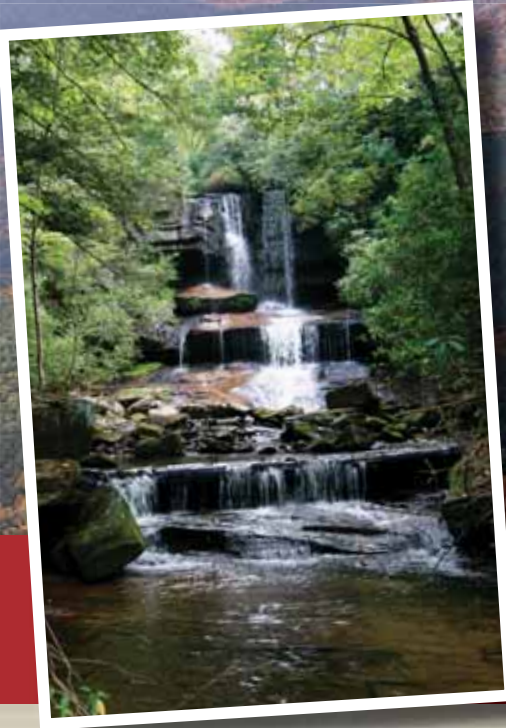
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Also, part of the Wild and Wonderful Week of Wood, Terry Daniel, prize-winning wood-turner will be guest-lecturer, July 25, 7 p.m. at the gallery. He will conduct a class in wood-turning, July 26, 10-4, at the Cashiers Community Center. This event is co-sponsored by the *Western North Carolina Woodturners Club*.

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On-going

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- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club's pancake breakfasts the fourth Saturday of each month through October from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Instant Theater in Oak Square on Main Street it's "Cocktail Hour Theatre." This unique, stylish, fun theatre event features "real" complimentary cocktails made with premium liquors. They

are "served" delicious hors d'oeuvres from either "The Kitchen" of Let Holly Do the Cooking, or by legendary chef Jerry Fifer of the Oak Street Cafe. At 6 p.m. sharp everyone gathers around and are thoroughly entertained by sharp, intelligent, clever improvisation. The antic, jocose and playful Instant Theatre Troupe is defiantly given to capricious behavior, thus providing a positive outlook on life for their audiences. Call 342-9197 post haste, your playful side deserves it.

- The "Zachary-Tolbert House" in

Cashiers will be open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 14. The house is located at 1940 Highway 107 South, two miles south of the Cashiers Crossroads. Special tours and events may be arranged by calling the Cashiers Historical Society, 828-743-7710.

- The Highlands Historical Village Museum and Archives are open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

• New Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will have Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free with HealthTracks Membership or \$8 per class for non-members. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free with Health Track Membership or \$8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$10 per session or \$8 (each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.

• First Saturday August and September "Happy Hour" an old-fashioned Hymn Sing at Highlands United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pianist: Tillie Arwood. Song Leader, Carol Shuttleworth.

• Yoga at Highlands Rec Park every Mon. & Wed. beginning June 2. \$7 per person per class or \$50 monthly pass.

• A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.

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

• Every Tuesday evening, Spiritual Cinema Circle at The Instant Theatre Company brought to you by Star-Pony Productions at 7 pm. Visionary, inspiring movies showcased at film festivals around the world are viewed. Suggested donation: \$5, Beverages and snacks available for purchase.

- Live music nightly at On the

Verandah at 7 p.m. Chad Reed plays Wednesday - Sunday night and Sunday Brunch; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Paul Scott plays every Tuesday.

• Live piano music with Hal Phillips at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night and Sunday brunch.

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn. featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m. until.

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

• Live music at SweetTreats every Friday and Saturday.

• Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.

• Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scott's Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri it's Rickey Dean on piano.

Through July 23

• "Noises Off" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

• At Acorn's, Francesca Romano Trunk Show.

July 20

• The next meeting of the Gem City Toastmasters Club will be Thursday evening at 5:30 at the Prudential Realtors Building, 144 Porter St., Franklin, NC. Guests are welcome. For more information please call Jean Logan at: 369.3022.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at Grace Community Church, Cashiers on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Rod and Matt Champion, father and son team, and owners of Champion Outfitters will discuss fishing the Holston and Watauga rivers in East Tennessee. Rod and Matt are professional guides and fly tyers and have developed special patterns for these rivers. A raffle for a guided fishing trip by Brookings will be held and all are welcome. Call 743-2078.

July 21 & July 22

• Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Days at the Sapphire Valley Resort in Sapphire. Includes hikes, field trips, exhibits and family programs. It's free. Call 828-743-7663.

July 21

• Mountain Music Concert featuring Mountain Faith in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday 8 p.m., at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 22 & 23

• Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show will be fun for both children and adults. Its set for Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 from 10-4 at the Rec Park in Highlands. While people are enjoying the show of all original work, children will

have their own room for art projects and art show in the gymnasium.

July 22

• Memorial Service for Wistar Gary at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.

• Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Community Center at the corner of NC 106 and Buck Knob Road, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Adults \$5, children \$2.50 (blueberries extra \$.50) Full-seated meal of juice, coffee, pancakes and local patty sausage. Benefits scholarship program and area non-profits. Call 526-5657 or 526-9079 for details.

• At ...on the Verandah, the Trio Lococo will be playing four dates of jazz, soul, r&b and rock and roll from 9 - midnight in the piano bar.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to strenuous hike 3.6 mile hike, limited to 12 people. Reservations are required. The hike is to Three Forks where three streams come together in dramatic cascades to form the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Drive 20 miles round trip. Meet at the Highlands Bank of Ameri-

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ca at 9:30 a.m. In case of rain, an alternate date has been set for August 5. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call Mo Wheeler, 743-9560 or 743-9579.

July 23

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 24

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060.

• At HIARPT Professor Dorrien's second lecture at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room, entitled "Imagining Progressive Religion: The Making of American Liberal Theology."

• Heath Shuler, candidate for the U.S. Congress, will speak at the Cashiers Valley Community Center on Monday, at 7 p.m. This free event, sponsored by Mountain Area Democrats, is open to the public. Light refreshments. Music. Speech followed by Q&A from audience. For information, call 743-2558.

• A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main where cheese and crackers are paired with wines, 5-7 p.m. "Sensory Sensation" Aroma tasting with wines.

July 25

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, lecture on woodturning with Terry Daniel at the Cashier Community Center. \$15 or \$10 for Friends of the Gallery.

• The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society will hold its next meeting on 7 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Art Center, 111 E. South Second Street in Seneca, SC. The topic "Garnet, The Other Gemstone," led by Ben Smith, a gemologist.

• At HIARPT a seminar with Dr. Dorrien will be in the Jones Room at 10 a.m.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at PAC, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at PAC, Movie: "The Magic Flute." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 26

• Interlude Concert at the Episcopal Church featuring William Zehfuss, trombone, at 2 p.m. It's free.

• On Wednesday, at Highlands United Methodist Church, Robin King Austin will present a program on her ministry in Vietnam. East Meets West was born from one woman's dream of helping to heal the wounds of war between the United States and Vietnam. Today, with hundreds of

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• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Zachary-Tolbert House in Cashiers Historical House, "Outdoor Picnic Concert," Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

July 27-29

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club presents The Mountain Market Auction and Boutique.

July 27-Aug. 13

• "Give My Regards to Broadway" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

July 27

• Franklin Community Blood Drive at First Baptist Church, 69 Iotla Street, Franklin, Thursday, 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Call 369-9559 for more

information or to schedule an appointment.

• The USDA Forest Service will hold a public meeting at the Highlands Civic Center 6-8 p.m. to give an update on the Upper Chattooga River visitor use capacity analysis.

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Kefyn Catley will give a talk entitled "Spiders: Myths, Facts, and Urban Legends." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. It's free.

July 28 & July 29

• Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery will be at The Hen House on Main Street for a pottery showing and signing.

July 28

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday at 8 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 29

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery Tea with artists Philip and Matt Moulthrop. Father and son woodworkers. 1-2 p.m. Free/donation.

July 29

• "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 p.m. Bring your flashlight for a night walk to learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals through games, activities, and observations. Ages 6 to adult, \$2 per person. Advanced registration is required, please call 526-2623.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church

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• HIGHLANDS EATERIES •

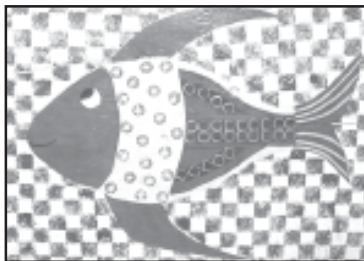


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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

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Rev. Eddie Ingram
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We had the opportunity to spend a few days this summer in Orlando with my family. We were at Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom, the happiest place on earth, where the words to "It's A Small World" ring over and over in your ears.

Standing with our two children, Katie and Andrew, a fight broke out in the Donald Duck roller coaster line between two adults. The wait to get on the Donald Duck kiddie roller coaster in the sweltering heat had been well over 30 minutes with the line mostly in the direct Orlando-in-July sun. Patience was growing thin for everyone, when through the line came two persons, making their way past all of us in an attempt to get to the rest of their family who had been saving their place in line. It was obvious they had been enjoying an ice cream cone, a nice cool drink and some time in the shade while the rest of us weary folks had followed Disney policy and etiquette by waiting our turn in line.

When they excused themselves past us, I looked at my wife, Kim and said "There is going to be a fight over that." Sure enough, around the next turn where the line doubled, two men were yelling profanities at each other in the presence of Mickey, Donald and the 100 or so young children within earshot. The tension was fierce and the anxiety was high.

I went to Disney to try to get away from this kind of stuff! A man in front of us grabbed his child by the hand and led him out of the line and out of the way of the incident. The rest of us stood in shock as we listened and tried to pretend it wasn't happening. After all, it was supposed to be the Magic Kingdom, the happiest place on earth, right?

I saw Katie's eyes fixed on the argument, and my first reaction was to take her out of there. But then I thought it best to just let Katie listen and see this microcosm of the real world from which I often seek to shelter her. The argument ended abruptly with a few finger-pointings and threats, and the jarring last words, "When I get off Donald Duck I am going to kick your \$%#&*." Kim said to me, "Everyone in this line knows who is right. But does being right really matter?"

Later on that day, Katie was recounting the argument to her grandma, who had been off with another grandchild at Cinderella's castle, a happier place, and missed the entire Donald Duck incident. I turned to my daughter and said, "Katie, if that ever happens to you, promise me that you will let the other person win."

Now as a parent or tough guy, we may not like that kind of advice. But I am completely convinced the desire to gain advantage over others, the desire to win at all costs, the desire to have our way, is one of the greatest slaveries of our time. We live in a society where the motto is "winning isn't everything. It's the only thing." I find myself constantly pushing my way to the front of the line in life, seeking to gain advantage over others as

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Tuesday: 8 a.m. - Men's Cursillo Group; 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 2 p.m. – Interlude; 6:30 p.m. – Choir
Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - Men's Cursillo Group Meeting; 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 a.m. - Daughters of the King Meeting; 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study

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in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3.5-mile hike up Chingapin Mtn., with an elevation change of 200 feet, for a nice view at the top. An optional extra mile can be added to return by way of Glen Falls. Meet at Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. Call leader Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579 for reservations.

July 30

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

- Annual Shape Note Singing at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers Sunday from 2 to 5 pm, song books will be provided. There will be a short introductory session to explain the a cappella shape note system to newcomers. Contact Carl Blozan, 743-1765 for more information.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5-mile hike to Albert Mountain Lookout Tower. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Call leader Kay Coriell at 369-6820 for reservations.

July 31

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

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Aug. 1

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Aug. 2-3

- At HIARPT the play on the life of Bishop John Shelby Spong is being brought to Highlands from Los Angeles for performances at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The play, "A Pebble in My Shoe," was written and is directed by noted playwright, Colin Cox, and chronicles Bishop Spong's dedication to making religion and God accessible to all people. A contribution to HIARPT of at least \$25 per person is necessary for a reserved seat. Seats are limited. Also include, along with the check to HIARPT and the number of tickets requested, a self-addressed stamped envelope. Tickets will be filled on a "first received" basis. Send ticket requests and self-addressed envelope to HIARPT, P. O. Box 2009, Highlands, NC, 28741.

Aug. 3

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Janet Marinelli will give a talk entitled "Plant for the Planet." 7 p.m. at the High Hampton Inn in Cashiers. Admission is free.

Aug. 4

- Mountain Music Concert featuring Tugalo Holler in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Movie: "Immortal Beloved," Friday at 8 p.m. at PAC in Highlands. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

Aug. 5

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

- Bat program at the Highlands Nature Center. 8 p.m. Come for an educational program featuring live bats. After dark, stay to locate wild bats. All ages, \$5 per person. Call 526-2623 for more information.

Aug. 6

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC & Wildcat Club, Highlands. FINAL GALA & DINNER PARTY. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

Aug. 7

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Aug. 8

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Aug. 10

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, History of Southern art. Guest speaker Jay Williams of the Morris Museum of Art. 1-4 p.m. at PAC downstairs. \$15 for CLE members. \$25 for others.

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Connie Barlow will give a talk entitled "Rewilding Torreya Trees to the South." 7:00 p.m. at the High Hampton Inn in Cashiers. Admission is free.

Aug. 11

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, Zelda Fitzgerald as artist. An exploration of her life. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at PAC downstairs. \$15 for CLE members, \$25 for non members.

Aug. 13

- The Audubon Society's annual picnic at the Highlands Rec Park, Sunday at noon. \$5 for drinks and hamburgers. Bring a covered dish. Please call 526-2775 or 787-1387 for reservations.

Aug. 17-27

- "Too Kill A Mockingbird" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695.

Aug. 17

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Pottery with Pat Taylor. 7 p.m. Free/donation.

Aug. 25 & 26

- MountainTop Relay for Life begins at 5 p.m. at Cashiers Green and ends at 7 am. the next morning.

Aug. 28

- The 2006 Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament is Monday at the Cullasaja Country Club. Contributions may be presented to the Town of Highlands office any week day and designated for the scholarship fund.

Aug. 31

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, How to Draw What you Really See with Laurence Holden. 7 p.m. Free/donation.

Sept. 10-14

- Women's Wellness Retreat at Old Edwards Inn & Spa presented by The Cleveland Clinic. Call 787-2610 for package details.

Sept. 26

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Sept. 29-Oct. 1

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Oct. 1

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC, Highlands. Fall Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

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• POLICE & FIRE DEPT. LOG •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of July 13-19. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

July 13

- At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to the complaint of barking dogs at a residence on Satulah Ridge Road. The owner was notified.

- At 6:19 p.m., a driver under the age of 21 was cited for have alcoholic beverages in the vehicle.

- At 3 p.m., a woman was investigated for forgery on a check at Bryson's Food Store.

July 14

- At 10:38 p.m., officers investigated a complaint of dogs barking at a residence on Chowan Drive.

July 15

- At 1:15 p.m., officers investigated an accident at Main and Fifth where a car drove into the Hen House. There were no injuries.

July 17

- At 5:40 p.m., officers told people in the Rec Park pool after hours to leave the premises.

- At 7:52 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 31 mph in a 20 zone on Sagee Road.

- At 3:30 p.m., officers investigated an accident on Main Street. There were no injuries.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of July 12-19.

July 12

- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 east at Sherwood Forest. There were no injuries.

- The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Catamount Trail. There was no transport.

July 13

- The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hickory Hill Road where two painters fell. They were both taken to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. One was airlifted to Asheville.

July 14

- The dept. responded to an alarm at OEI. It was set off by workers.

- The dept. was called to do a river search at the Iron Bridge on Bull Pen. The people were found and the call was canceled en route.

July 18

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

- The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Chestnut Street. There was no transport.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Bowery Road. It was set off by workers.

July 19

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Chestnut Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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PIN ID # - ADDRESS – GRANTEE – DATE – SALE – GRANTOR - APPRAISED

Highlands Township

- 0503958, 53 FORREST LN, MCCALLUM LIVING TRUST, 7/5/2006, \$427,500., CHAPMAN WILLIAM, \$336,130.

- 0521542, SHORTOFF RD ON 1540, EDGENS SAMUEL BYINGTON, 7/3/2006, \$169,500., HARRISON ELEANOR ADDAMS, \$67,550.

- 0522760, 312 FAR END RD, ENGEL MARY, 7/7/2006, \$0., NASISSE ANDY S., \$172,980.

Flats Township Scaly Mtn.

- 0630345, OFF RD 1626 LOT 6 LILLIE NIX PROPERTY, NIX TRAVIS A, 7/10/2006, \$40,000., KENNEDY MARY JANE, \$53,190.

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Lake

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CYPRUS

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Wolfgang's

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SweetTreats

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Wine Garden

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Skyline's Loose Moose

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On The Verandah

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NIGHT LIFE

LODGING

01) Main Street Inn

02) Mitchell's Lodge

03) Mtn High Lodge

04) Old Edwards Inn

05) Skyline Lodge

06) The Lodge

DINING

07) Brick Oven

08) Bucks Cafe

09) Cafe 460

10) Cyprus

11) Don Leon's

12) Fressers

14) Hill-Top Grill

15) Lakeside

16) Golden China

17) Madison's

18) Main Street Inn

19) Nick's Restaurant

20) On The Verandah

21) Pescado's

22) Pizza Place

23) Rib Shack

24) Ristorante Paoletti

25) Rosewood Market

26) Skyline Restaurant

27) SportsPage

28) SweetTreats Cafe

29) Fressers Express

30) Wolfgang's

REAL ESTATE

31) Buyer's Realty

32) Century 21

33) Chambers Agency

34) Country Club Prop.

35) Houston Realty

36) John Cleaveland

37) John Schiffl

38) Keller Williams

39) Meadows Mtn.

40) Signature Prop.

HOME DECOR

41) Acorns

42) Black Bear Furn.

43) Custom Coverings

44) Dry Sink

45) Highlands Cabinet

46) Highlands Decorat.

47) Little Flower Shop

48) Radio Shack

49) Summer House

50) Twigs

51) Wholesale Down

GIFTS

52) Bird Barn

53) Christmas Tree

54) Grinning Frog

55) Needle Point

56) Shakespears

57) Speckled Hen

58) The Hen House

BOUTIQUES

60) AnnaWear

61) Bungalow Boutique

62) Cabin Casuals

63) Carolina Closet

64) Coolcats Hotdogs

65) Jolies

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67) McCulley's

68) Miss Priss

69) Nancy's Fancys

70) Shops of O.E.I.

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72) Village Kids

73) Vivace

74) Wits End

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75) Drakes Diamonds

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80) #1 Nails

81) All Seasons Salon

82) Creative Concepts

83) Images Salon/Spa

84) Mountain Magic

85) Pro Nails

86) Taylor Barns Salon

87) The Very Thing

ANTIQUES

90) Elephants Foot

91) Mirror Lake

92) Nest

93) Shiraz Oriental

95) Hubert Shuptrine

96) John Collette

97) Mill Creek

98) Robert Tino

99) The Very Thing

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100) ComputerMan

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