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Thursday, July 26, 2007

On-going

• Live music every night at 7:30 p.m. and during brunch on Sunday at ...on the Verandah restaurant.

• Nantahala Tennis Association: Meets Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. -noon for Round Robin at Highlands Recreation Park. All levels of play welcome.

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.

• Hal Philips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.

• Pilates classes with Sandi Trevathan on Level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Mon. and Wed. at 4 p.m. \$10 per class.

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

• Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass. Call 526-4340.

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

• Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church. Summer series on 1 & 2 Peter. All women are invited

Every Thursday

• At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.

• Al-Anon Meetings, noon in the First Presbyterian Church basement at Fifth & Main Street.

Every Saturday

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

Through Saturday, July 28

• The Instant Theatre Company presents "Art." For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197.

Thurs.-Sunday, July 26-Aug. 12

• The Highlands Playhouse, "My Way." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

Thursday, July 26

• Block Party on 4th Streeton the

hill starting at 5 p.m. featuring all the shops on the hill and Hurricane Creek.

• "The Hitchhiker's Guide to Biological Dependence" at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. It's free.

• Rotary's Bingo Night at the Highlands Community Center. 6:30 until 8:30.

Fri. & Sat., Sun, July 27-29

• At Acorn's a Planet Clothing Trunk Show.

Fri. & Sat., July 27-28

• At the Hen House at the corner of Main and 5th streets, Potter Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, July 27

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, a booksigning from 5-7 p.m. M.C. Hensen will sign "Unwritten."

• Mountain Faith — McMahan Family performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts. 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at 5th and Pierson.

Saturday, July 28

• Volleyball tournament at the school. \$75 for a team of six to eight players. If interested call 526-2147.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, a booksigning from 1-3 p.m., Rozetta Mowery will sign "Tragedy in Tin Can Holler." Also, from 3-5 p.m. Ron Rash will sign "Chemistry and Other Stories."

• Courtenay Collins and Robert Ray's "Jukebox Journey at the Martin-Lipscorn Performing Arts Center will be "hoppin', boppin' and rocking" every Saturday evening at 5 and 8 p.m.

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy homemade pancakes, patty sausage, orange juice and bottomless cups of coffee prepared and served by club members at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and NC 106.

• Live Music and Country Supper at High Country Cafe from 5-9 p.m. \$12.95.

• Tour the Fisher Estate gardens 9:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202

July 30-Aug. 3

• Vacation Bible School and day camp at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 5 p.m. for those parents who need day care. Call Andrea Chalker 526-2968 x 206.

Monday, July 30

• Art League of Highlands monthly meeting at the Rec Park is at 6 p.m. For information call Bill Richardson at 828-524-6070

Wednesday, Aug. 1

• At the Historical Museum, Richard Gantt, will discuss artist Henry Ossawa Tanner's visit to Highlands at 7:30. p.m.

HS gets Asst. Principal

An assistant principal for Highlands School has been named.

At the July 23 Macon County School Board meeting, the board agreed to employ James Draheim, formerly of Gwinnett County Public Schools Shiloh Middle School, as Assistant Principal at

Highlands School. He begins Aug. 1.

"Mr. James Draheim is an outstanding school administrator who will quickly prove to be an asset to Highlands School and the community," said Superintendent Dan Brigman. "I welcome Mr.

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Saying 'good-bye' to one of their own



The Highlands Fire & Rescue Department turned out in full regalia to honor and say farewell to Lonnie Lynwood Manley, father of Fire Chief James "Popcorn" Manley. Manley died Wednesday, July 17, five weeks after he was diagnosed with cancer. He was Assistant Chief at the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department from 1987 to 1991.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Riverwalk building phases 1 & 2

Motorists traveling down U.S. 64 east have undoubtedly noticed a change at the Riverwalk subdivision. The main entrance is paved.

Paving hopefully culminates an on-going battle with soil ero-

sion and officials at the local and state level.

Town Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward says the controls put in place to prohibit erosion "seem to be working." "But since

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Bond to be set at \$64 million

At two work sessions – one held Thursday night and one held Sunday afternoon and evening – Macon County Commissioners prioritized facilities requests to determine the bond referendum that will be on the ballot in November.

Though a \$70 million bond referendum was planned, by the time facilities requests were tallied the figure jumped to \$85 million. But once commissioners prioritized needs, it fell to \$64 million.

The facilities expenditures represent the future of the county five to 10 years out with a pay-off in 25-30 years.

If the referendum passes Nov. 6, it's likely the bond will be issued twice – the first issue within seven years as required by law, the second issue later, as needed.

"It's best to pack as much as possible in the first issue," said County Manager Sam Greenwood.

As commissioners discussed each item on the list learning exactly how the funds would be used, personal opinions as to the necessity of expenditures surfaced.

With that came a warning.

"This board needs to be in agreement," said Commission Chairman Charlie Leatherwood. "If not, the public won't back anything and will use our opposing opinions to tear this thing apart. This is about the greater good for the future of Macon County and

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
78-59°F	79-60°F	75-58°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

Let's call it like it is



Kim Lewicki
Publisher

Following cries of "How dare the county appoint Allan Bryson to the town's planning board?" and, after cries of "How dare the town dismiss Doug Campbell from the planning board," it's time to call a spade a spade.

Both governmental entities have agendas.

The Town Board dismissed Campbell because it wanted to appoint its own ETJ representative – a representative with a softer, pro view of ETJ – likely due to Campbell's voting record aligning with county-appointed ETJ members Mitch Gurganus and Mike Bryson who are against ETJ.

The town replaced Campbell with Thomas Craig, who was on the county's original list of candidates for ETJ appointments and who has gone on record saying he's for ETJ.

With that move, and upon Gurganus' resignation from the town's planning board, the county countered by replacing Gurganus with a "like" voice – that of Bryson.

Why didn't the county appoint King Young or Katy Calloway – the other two names on its list of candidates? Because it's likely, given their reputation and interests, they would have a softer, pro view of ETJ, planning, and property rights than Allan Bryson, Mitch Gurganus and Mike Bryson.

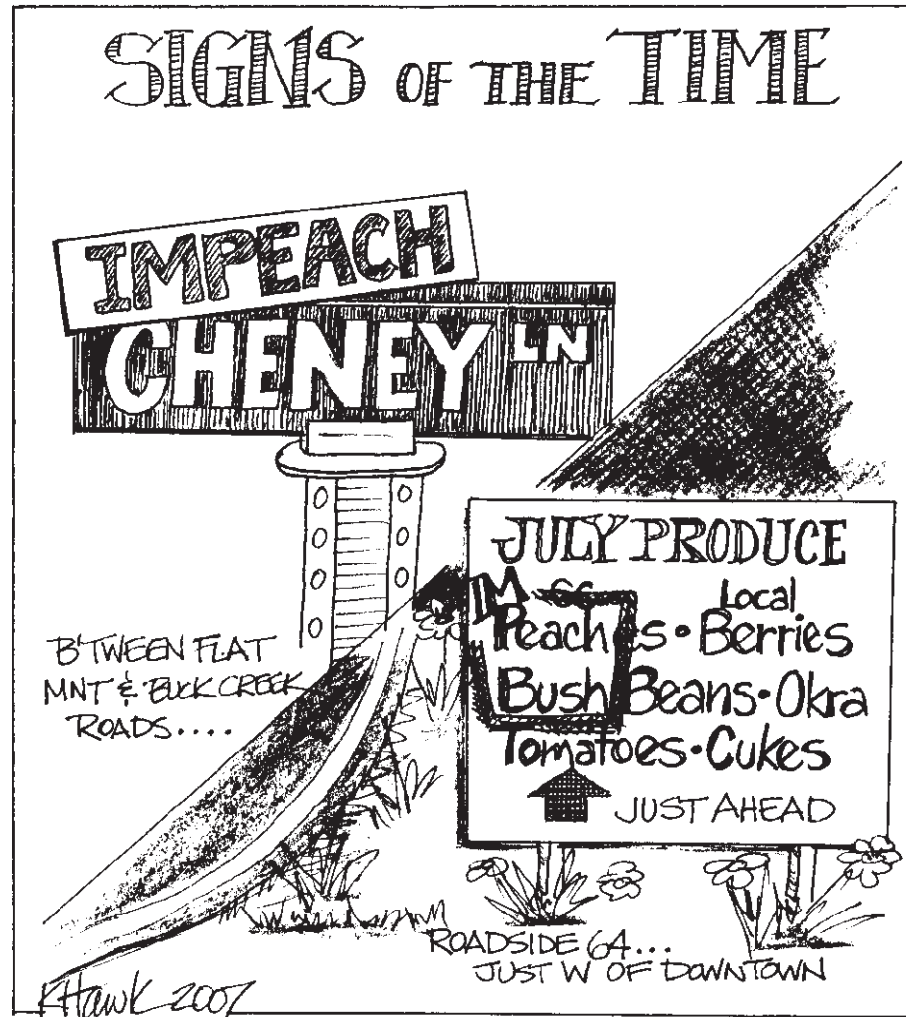
The truth is there are factions in Highlands – both those who live in the ETJ and those who don't – who hold diametrically opposed views about planning, zoning, development and ETJ.

To truly represent constituents, the make-up of county and town boards should represent a balance of those mind-sets. Does it make arriving at a consensus harder, stickier, even aggravating? Sure. But that's life in America – and thank goodness for it.

Had the Highlands Planning Board

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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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• LETTERS •

Impeachment off the table?

Dear Editor,

It seems the "I" word is growing in popularity and no one is afraid to use it these days. That's a good thing as the founding fathers, knowing how "power-mongering" can disrupt a system of Democracy, built in a mechanism to remove the President, Vice President, or any other civil officer (note that!) who engages in high crimes or misdemeanors. The Constitution gives this responsibility and authority to the House of Representatives (Congress). There is a bill before Congress (HR 333) that has 15 co-sponsors to date, calling for the impeachment of not Bush but Richard Cheney. Bravo, this man can't seem to decide if he is part of the executive branch or not and most likely doesn't care as he believes that not only is the Constitution a worn out, worthless piece of paper but the UN Charter seems to matter even less. (Chk. out www.kucinich.house.gov for transcripts of these claims) This bill cites Cheney's systematic deception concerning WMD to citizens and Congress, corruption of intelligence documents, and openly threatening Iran with military force which is a violation of International law (ch.1 article2 & ch.7 article 5) and the Constitution (article VI) and thus calls for impeachment.

Impeachment is not just brewing in Washington DC but fervently supported around the country. Veterans for Peace and Cindy Sheehan are spreading the word from Texas to DC and will hold an impeachment rally. Our own little town of Carboro, NC (outside of Chapel Hill) has a request to the Alderman to adopt the name "the Cradle of Impeachment" because the movement is so strong, and there are few states forming their own petitions for impeachment of both Cheney and Bush. So Speaker Pelosi, I think you may have to go back to the table and finish your plate and uphold your Constitutional oath. The people are speaking.

Lee Hodges
Highlands

• MEMORIAL •

Florence & Edward Foley

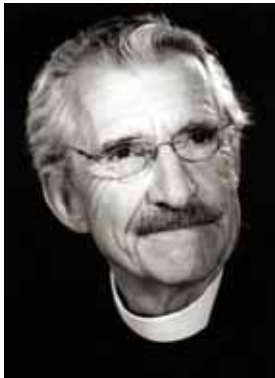
A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 4 at 2 p.m. at Highlands Memorial Park cemetery. All friends of Forence and Skip are invited to attend.

• OBITUARY •

John D Riley

John D Riley, 78, died peacefully on July 15th due to complications following a fall. He was born in Slader, Missouri, and graduated from William Jewel College. After a year in the family business, he received his Master of Divinity from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkley, California. He was ordained as an Episcopal Priest in 1954.

Father Riley served in churches in Idaho and California prior to coming to South Florida where he created, developed, and directed an Educational Affiliate of Planned Parenthood. He then came to Jacksonville to be the Canon for Social Ministry at St. John's Cathedral. In 1979, he was called to be the Rector at All Saints Episcopal Church where he served for 18 years until his retirement. A twinkle in his eye was always present, and he used his wit and humor to foster ecumenical unity and an appreciation of diversity. In addition to serving in traditional parish ministries, he developed a street ministry in San Francisco, served a Blackfoot congregation in



John D Riley

Idaho, marched with Martin Luther King, was a chaplain at San Quentin, and was the first Episcopal priest to have a private audience with a Pope.

He is survived by Janice Miller, his wife of 32 years; his son, Michael Miller-Riley; three daughters, Jessa, Kate and Karen Riley; three grandsons, Sean Mauk, Justin Parker and Kristoffer (Stephanie) Parker; and two great-grandsons, Jayden and Chayse Parker.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at St John's Cathedral, 256 E. Church St., Jacksonville, FL, 32202. A graveside service with interment of ashes will follow on Monday, August 6th, at 11:00 a.m. at the City Cemetery in Highlands, North Carolina.

Contributions in John's memory may be made to the All Saints Endowment Fund, 4171 Hendricks Ave., Jacksonville, FL, 32207.

Arrangements by Hardage-Giddens Hendricks Avenue Chapel

Highlands School grads excel

Highlands School class of 2006 graduates Claire Frederick and Jacqueline Reed were both named to the Chancellor's and Dean's lists for the spring 2007 semester at UNC-Greensboro. They both earned a 4.0.

Students with 30 or more semester hours at UNC-G and a cumulative grade-point average of 3.65 or higher earn placement on the Chancellor's List. Students who earn a grade point average of 3.50 or better and who have no grade below B- for the semester earn placement on the Dean's List.

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Highlands School class of 2006 graduate Megan Hyatt Lewicki earned placement on the Chancellor's and Dean's lists for the spring 2007 semester at Appalachian State University. She earned a 4.0.

Highlands School class of 2006 graduate Callie Marie Rawlins earned placement on the Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester at Appalachian State University.

To qualify for the Chancellor's List, a student must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 hours of academic credit and attain a 3.85 grade point average. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must attain a 3.45 grade point average or be enrolled in 15 or more hours of academic credit and attain a 3.25 grade point average.

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The following Highlands School graduates, some from the class of 2006 and prior earned placement on the Western Carolina University Dean's List for the spring 2007 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 on a regular semester's work of not less than 12 hours

Rosalind Ashburn, Robert Edwards, Thomas Hanson, April Hicks, Erick Knapp, Christopher Mouchet, Erin Munger, Matthew Neely, Joshua Northrup, and Victoria Ryan.

Ritchie Watts at The Hen House

Ritchie Watts of Jackson, Mississippi returns for a visit and demonstration at the Hen House Friday, July 27th and Saturday, July 28th. His pottery is featured and is very popular in the Highlands area.

At the heart of his work is his love of clay. Color, design and technique are the sciences that mold his clay into functional art which is then transformed into a unique, durable and practical line of dinnerware.

Richie produces some of the strongest pottery available, manifesting itself into one of the most beautiful and fine quality lines of dinnerware to grace your table.

Richie Watts will be appearing at the Hen House at 488 E. Main Street in Highlands on July 27th and 28th, 11 a.m to 6 p.m. Plan to stop by during his visit to discover for yourself how his love for clay and color can transform your personal dining experience. More information can be obtained from The Hen House by calling (828) 787-2473.



Richie Watts will be at
The Hen House on 488 E. Main Street
Friday, July 27 & Saturday, July 28
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 for a
Pottery Showing and Signing.



Decorator furnished Apple Mountain home with 3 BR, 2.5 baths, home theater with surround sound. Features include: 2 masters; hardwood floors; newly re-done kitchen with Zodiac counters; great room with vaulted ceiling, stone fireplace and built-ins; screened porch with mountain views; plenty of storage. Price includes quality furnishings, art, Oriental rugs and antiques. Just bring your toothbrush - you'll find spa towels and robes, pretty dishes and stemware, high-end linens and more. \$659,000.



If you missed out on the Village Walk Condos & don't want to spend \$900K at a Cottage @ the Cove, then don't pass up these Bearfoot Cottages. Developed By Nellis Communities of Village Walk & Cottages @ the Cove are these 6 new homes with the same finishes & quality. Popular bark, stone pillars, mountain views and one car carport. Granite tops throughout, hardwood floors, covered decks. Starting at \$725,000.



Incredible home located on a Lot and a half with a great view of Whiteside Mountain and the valley. Built by B. A. Miller and then renovated in 2000 by B.A. Miller, this home is in pristine condition. Fabulous kitchen with island and granite countertops. Separate dining room which opens onto screened porch. Large open deck. Master suite is huge with private deck and gracious bath plus his and her closets. A must see. \$1,395,000



Newly remodeled open and airy home on the 4th tee at HFCC features bright Kitchen-Aid kitchen w/ skylight and light cabinets & Corian countertops, 2 bedrooms & 2 baths upstairs, a large family room, 1 bed & 1 bath downstairs. Living room with vaulted and beamed ceiling, separate dining room, covered deck, 1 car garage and lots of storage. \$695,000



A rare find in town on Big Bear Pen Mountain. This home has a great mountain view from the covered front porch. Very private, situated behind a thicket of dense rhododendron. Master on the main level, new granite kitchen with SS appliances, 2 bedrooms and 1 bath upstairs. Wonderful front & back yards. In terrific condition, this home has a great back yard as well. \$775,000



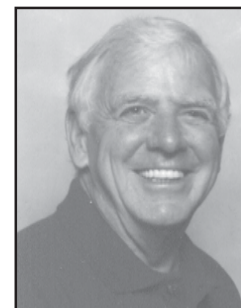
Amazing historic home located about 3 miles from Main Street. Own a piece of Highlands history - the home of local botanist Thomas Grant Harbison. The owners have made application to the National Register of Historic Places for certification. The woodland character of the grounds have been lovingly cared for and improved on by the current owners. The Shingle and Colonial Revival Style of the home has been preserved while adding many convenience features to the home. \$1,598,000



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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

'Duh' Mission



Fred Wooldridge

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I considered it an important assignment even though the li'l missus thought it was trivial and stupid. Once I had my strategy on paper, I let her review it but she laughed and threw it away. I was not disheartened and, in fact, it only hardened my resolve. I dug it out of the garbage and ironed it. Once I had my papers in order we jumped on a plane to D.C.

Even though my son-in-law is a big muckidy-muck working for the Joint Chiefs at the Pentagon, I would bypass him and all the red tape that would be involved with such a mission. I would go straight to the man.

Our daughter picked us up at Reagan and wised us to her home at record speed. Upstairs, in a darkened back room, was the target of my mission. I looked him square in the eye and, even though snot was running from both his nostrils, I did not lose my focus. He smiled, exposing his large split front teeth, but I didn't smile back. This mission was much too important to be clowning around. I stared at the scar on his forehead between his eyes and wondered if it was from a past mission.

His name is Jake, code name "The Jakester," and he is a tough guy. He would also be one-year-old in four days which made the mission more pressing. My goal was to teach him to say "duh" before the candles hit the cake. In the 361 days he had been alive, not one detectable English word had passed his lips, although he had said a few things that sounded like French troops surrendering.

It was important to me that his first word should be "duh" because, at the Pentagon where his dad works, a lot of that goes on and he will need this in the hard life that faces him. I would teach him "duh" voice inflexions later on in his second year, like "duh?????" is so, so different than just "duh."

We met the next morning in the upper room and were left alone to get better acquainted. We decided to break the ice by throwing toys at each other. I was winning until I got distracted and he snuck up behind me, clobbering me

with an Old McDonald's tractor. While my daughter applied ice, Jake sat staring at me with his thumb in his mouth and his other hand twirling his hair. Then I stared at the hand with the thumb in his mouth. Was he shooting me the bird? Nah, can't be.

The second day went better than the first. We met in the upper room again and I decided the soft carpeted floor was the best place for us to begin. Lying on the floor, I pulled myself close to him and said, "Duh." He smiled and

threw a toy but I was ready, knocking it aside with a tennis racket I found in the garage. After hearing me repeat the "duh" word several hundred times, Jake crawled close to me again, pulled himself up on two feet and made clicking sounds with his mouth. Will someone please wipe this kid's nose?

The next morning I used a more cerebral approach after realizing this little guy was not putting his tongue to the roof of his mouth. It's impossible to say "duh" without shoving your tongue to the roof of your mouth. Write that down, and then try it yourself. I laid on my back with Jake hovering over me. I opened my mouth wide and shoved my tongue upward so he could see, then I said "duh." He was fascinated and stared down into my mouth. Feeling I was making progress, I did this several times until Jake grabbed my tongue and pinched it hard. Then he made clicking sounds.

I was losing hope. His birthday was the next day and there were no signs he was learning a thing, although he had taught me how to make clicking sounds. Subsequently, we got on the plane and I was a defeated man with a runny nose. The next morning my daughter called laughing. Jake woke, went to the bed where I had been sleeping and finding it empty, looked at his mother and said "duh." I'm not sure I'm comfortable with that because now, when he sees my picture, he throws a toy and says "duh."

• Have you read Fred's book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars?*

• HIS & HERS •

Shut up! Really.

When I lived in New York, I was completely addicted to the television show, *What Not to Wear*. Not only did I find the two hosts, Tracy London and Clinton Kelly, very entertaining, I occasionally picked up fashion tips which helped me make better decisions.



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What I didn't like about the show was Tracy London's trademark expression, "Shut up!" meaning "Come off it!" or "You've got to be kidding!" It always sounded so rude to me. I never thought I'd ever use the expression. Until now.

As much as I am enjoying living in this neck of the woods, I am finding it hard to deal with the constant stream of chatter. Chatter during concerts, chatter during movies, chatter on cell phones, chatter in the library, chatter during theater performances, chatter during church services. Don't get me wrong; I like a good conversation as much as the next person. What I'm talking about here is people who can't keep their mouths shut in circumstances where their talking affects the enjoyment and appreciation others get of an event, especially an event they have paid money to attend.

Let me give you two recent examples. John and I recently went to see the movie, *Ratatouille*. I had my doubts about attending the 4:15 p.m. showing, but we didn't want to get back home too late, either. Big mistake.

I thought that the constant stream of talking would end once the film began, but if anything, it got worse. In front of us, in back of us, and to the side, people were carrying on conversations as if they were in their own living rooms. In some cases, they were barely looking at the screen. And I'm not just talking about children here, although the children were the worst offenders.

Doesn't anyone ever teach children when and where to talk anymore? My parents taught me. "People aren't paying to listen to you talk," "Keep your voice down!" and "Do you think you're the center of the Universe?" were just a couple of the statements tossed in my direction. I learned that there was a way to behave in public, and it revolved around not selfishly ruining the enjoyment of other people.

Please don't give me all that baloney about "oh, the poor children." I was both a babysitter and nanny, and can attest to the infinite trainability of children. Children just need to know what's acceptable and what's not. Unfortunately, these days, folks are much more interested in being

their kids' best friends than in being good parents. No one wants to be the bad guy, and lay down the law.

I leaned forward in my seat, and said to the brother and sister chatting in front of me, "Excuse me, but I paid to watch the movie, not to hear you talk". They were quiet for the rest of the movie. Their mother didn't even look in their direction. To the little girl sprawled in her seat, bored after the first hour, and repeatedly kicking the back of my chair, I said "Stop it!" and she did. Her mother didn't even look in her direction. I turned and glared at the father and his young son in back of me. "Don't talk!" said the father to his son. "But I want to talk!" said the little boy, and he proceeded to yak through the entire movie in a little high-pitched whine. Oh, the blissful days when unruly children were removed from theaters and church, to keep from spoiling things for other people!

Jump ahead to last Saturday night in Franklin. John had been telling me about the summer event, "Pickin' on the Square," where folks performed live music to an audience sitting around in folding chairs in front of the town hall in Franklin. We got a nice viewing spot, unfolded our chairs, and armed with some fine ice cream, prepared to enjoy the event. Three good ole boys rolled up, and proceeded to set up shop on the cross walk, impeding the flow of folks coming and going. It should have been a sign. The music started, but you wouldn't have known it. The men on our right talked on and on, not even lowering their voices. They didn't even look at the folks on stage, playing and singing their hearts out, plagued by windy conditions and a faulty sound system. We struggled to hear the music, but all we heard was the constant stream of chatter from the gentlemen.

Finally, John leaned over. "Um, could you guys kind of keep it down during the

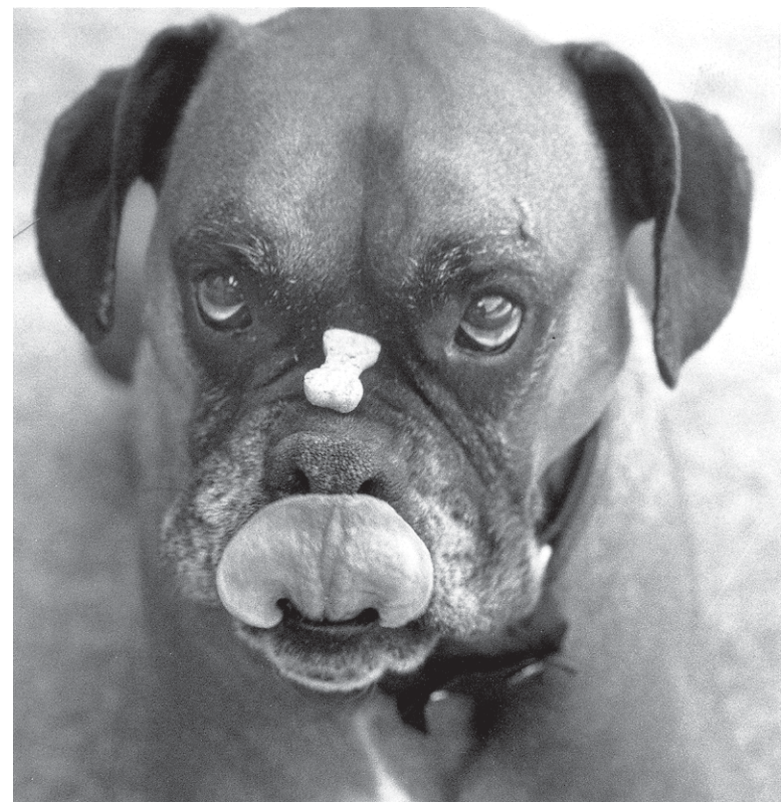
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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Collective Intelligence

I heard of an interesting concept last week: collective intelligence. Collective intelligence emerges from the collaboration and competition of many individuals. It can be seen in the insect world, for example in the complex societies of bees and ants.

The body of knowledge we call "physics" is an example of human collective intelligence. There have been incredible geniuses through history, but even someone like Einstein could not comprehend and develop all the strands of knowledge that make up physics.

Technology is another good example. I once saw a film about human flight and it showed one flying machine after another crashing until finally the Wright Brothers took flight. One hundred years later humans fly into space, and that achievement took the collective intelligence of countless individuals, eminently including those brave souls who "failed" so long ago.

Collective intelligence could be described as the deeper understanding that comes from integrating multiple points of view.

MIT has set up a Center for Collective Intelligence to address this question: "How can people and computers be connected so that — collectively — they act more intelligently than any individuals, groups, or computers have ever done before?" <http://cci.mit.edu/>

In a speech launching the center, the director gave these examples of collective intelligence:

"Google takes the collective knowledge created by millions of people making websites for other purposes and harnesses that collective knowledge — using some very clever algorithms and sophisticated technology — to produce amazingly intelligent answers to the questions we type in.

Wikipedia, at another extreme, uses much less sophisticated technology but some very clever organizational principles and motivational techniques to get thousands of people all over the world to volunteer their time to create an amazing on-line collection of knowledge.

"A lot of companies today — Hewlett Packard, Eli Lilly, Google and others — are now beginning to use things called prediction markets where people buy and sell predictions about future events (like sales of their products) in ways that lead to more accurate predictions in many cases than traditional market research or



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polling or other techniques."

In other words, instead of collective intelligence being a passive accumulation of human knowledge, these companies are using modern communication technology to actively focus the power of collective intelligence on problems.

Prediction markets are speculative markets in which assets are created

whose value is tied to a particular event (e.g., will the next U.S. president be a Democrat) or parameter (e.g., movie box office success). The market values can then be interpreted as predictions of the probability of the event or the expected value of the parameter.

There are lots of different prediction markets, from the Hollywood Stock Exchange where you can buy movie futures and trade actor stocks, to the Influenza Prediction Market run by the University of Iowa which is using the observations of health professionals to more accurately predict the spread of the flu.

There is evidence that these markets are more accurate than individual experts. "The most successful media prediction market is the Hollywood Stock Exchange, in which traders collectively forecast the box-office performance of Hollywood films, Oscar nominations and results, and the performance of individual actors, with striking accuracy. The market on average picks more than eighty percent of Oscar nominees correctly, and hasn't missed more than one Oscar winner in the past four years. More important, it has also done a good job of predicting box-office performance. According to a study by Anita Elberse, a professor at Harvard Business School, the market's forecasts are off, on average, by sixteen percent — far from perfect, but a track record that most studio marketing departments would be proud of." "The Science of Success," James Surowiecki, *The New Yorker*, July 9, 2007

Mark Rubinstein, a professor at University of California, Berkeley, Haas School of Business tells this story to illustrate the power of prediction markets: "At 3:15 p.m. on May 27, 1968, the submarine USS Scorpion was officially declared missing with all 99 men aboard. She was somewhere within a 20-mile-wide circle in the Atlantic, far below implosion depth. Five months later, after extensive search efforts, her location

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

The Islamists are coming

Sometimes I wonder if I'm crazy and everyone else is sane, but then I get over it and reaffirm that the reverse is true. I have watched for decades Islamists attack U.S. interests all over the globe and our officials treat these incidents as offhand as mosquito bites. Perhaps it can be rationalized that up until the first attempt to destroy the World Trade Tower, these attacks occurred overseas. Why they should have been ignored as they were, no matter where they happened, is beyond me.

Whether it was the Beirut barracks bombing in 1983, the hijacking of Pan Am flight 73 in 1986, the embassy bombings in Africa in 1998, the attack on the USS Cole in 2000, or whatever, the response has been tepid or non-existent. Reagan pulled the Marines out of Beirut because "we didn't understand the Arab mind."

That may have been the case then, but we certainly can't use that excuse now.

Radical Islam has made clear, in no uncertain terms, that they are the enemy and that we infidels must convert to their way or die. Their actions support their words. Attacks on New York, London, Madrid, Bali, and elsewhere demonstrate that they have the will and the means to create chaos, death and destruction. So why are the liberals so dead set on trying to make it more difficult to face up to the reality that we are at WAR.

Whining about the treatment of prisoners held at Gitmo, dismantling the Patriot Act, passing resolutions to undercut Bush's effort to clean up the mess in Iraq; I have a difficult time following their reasoning.

Pre- and post-9/11, we are told by every vocal politician, foreign and domestic, that Saddam had WMD's and must be taken out. Then we diddle in Congress for months while he ships his weapons to Syria, we give the UN inspectors more and more time to chase their tails, we finally storm Bagdad, help the Iraqis form a democratic government, chase down Saddam in a hole, he's tried, convicted and hung by his own people and the libs want a change in direction.

I know this is not a popular subject and I am not disrespecting those who have given their lives to further freedom in Iraq, but this mantra which says "we're not going to send one more of our best and brightest to die over there" as an argument to withdraw before the job is



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done doesn't fly with me. Where is the outrage over 1,300,000 annual deaths due to abortion? Why do we allow people to smoke when it kills 400,000 every year?

According to the best information available, 823 US Military personnel died in Iraq in 2006. According to the most recent information available, in 2005, 874 people were murdered in New York state, 883 people were

murdered in Florida, and in Los Angeles and environs, over 1,000 were murdered. The ongoing effort to end murder hasn't been all that successful lately, but do we clamor to send law enforcement personnel home? Of course not.

So why do many of our brilliant legislators insist that our troops must be withdrawn? Why do others suggest that we need to sit down and seek advice from Iran and Syria? Why did Neville Chamberlain come back from a "talk" with Adolph Hitler proclaiming everlasting peace six months before it hit the fan? Because he was a fool just as those who advocate "talking" or "negotiating" with our enemies are fools.

These people are out to kill us. You and me. It is their religion, it is in their blood, it is in their hearts. Their entire existence revolves around dying for the cause, that is, killing the infidels. You and me. They teach their small children to chant "Death to the US" - "Death to the UK" - "Death to Europe". They teach their children to hate you and me. They will lie to achieve their goal, they will lie to stall us so they can build their strength, they lie because it's accepted in their culture.

For years, President Bush heard "we need more troops on the ground, send in more troops, our manpower is stretched to thin". Upon the advice of his top military advisors, he agrees to send more troops to Iraq, with a specific measurable purpose, and is met with widespread opposition in Congress. We must change our "stay the course" strategy, they cry, so Bush increases troop strength and they say it won't work. It seems the only choice left is to cut and run.

We tried that in Viet Nam, and we should have learned the consequences of letting Washington politicians run a war. Didn't work then, won't work now. Iraq is the focal point of the war at this point, but it is far from the only place where we should be concerned. We are facing World War Three, and being in denial is suicide.

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culverts at U.S. 64 were unclogged, they're getting more water than normal during rain events, but they've set up a catch basin to handle it," he said.

Ward said developers are working directly with the land and water quality divisions at the state level to make sure their soil and erosion plan continues to work.

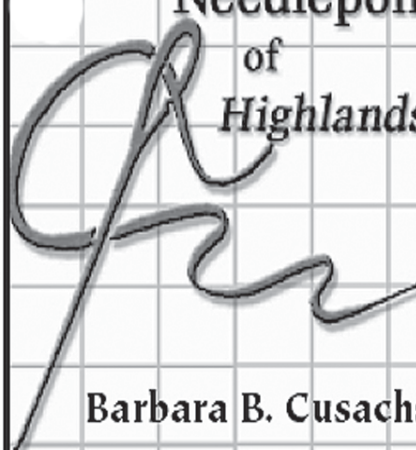
"The state is also requiring them to remediate three plumes of sand reaching into Cullasaja River at three points," said Ward. "They will use a remote-controlled dredge and then will have to remove the sand by hand, as well."

Work on the plume removal is set to begin late August or early September.

After hearing Ward's report and reading Town Engineer Lamar Nix's report on

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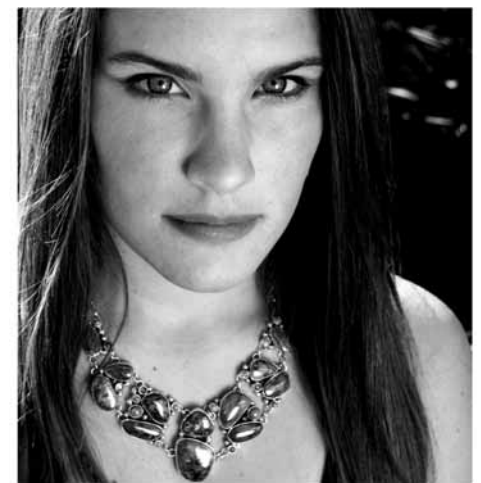
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• ANOTHER VIEW •

Driving manners on mountain roads



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We must share the road. Unfortunately. We have to share it with residents of Florida and other flat states — unfortunately. I get that. I do wish they would pull over and let those of us who are more at ease on winding mountain roads pass them.

There are a few guys, usually lifelong mountaineers or retired NASCAR drivers, who want to pass me. I look for a place to pull off and let them by. They are usually driving pick-up trucks with a Confederate flag on the bumper, a sticker displaying the Flag along with a pithy message for outsiders. Favorites include "Pride, not Prejudice," "Heritage, not Hate," "You wouldn't understand, It's a Southern Thing," "If you like the way they do it up North, why don't you go back" may appear with or without the flag.

I'm going to produce a sticker for the front bumper in which "pull over, stupid" will be printed backwards so the driver ahead can read it is his rear view mirror, just before I drive up his tail pipe.

I think we need a universally accepted signal to alert the driver ahead that we are not retired, are at home on mountain roads, and don't want the trip from Scaly to Bryson's to take 30 minutes. NASCAR style bumping is not an option. It is dan-

gerous, expensive, and definitely inhospitable. Flashing head lights is pretty non-confrontational. It assumes that the driver ahead is aware that the driver behind would like to pass. It assumes that the driver ahead is aware of his surroundings. Approaching dangerously close to the rear bumper of the leading car is definitely threatening. Any sane visitor might legitimately fear that the crazed Appalachian American in his rear view mirror might actually try to mate with his car or bump him off the mountain in the next corner.

The terrified guy, holding his steering wheel tighter than a red neck holds a chicken's neck, whispers to his blue haired wife, "My God, he's so close, I can see where his teeth used to be." The flashers don't seem to convey the message. Living in Florida for extended periods seems to diminish auditory acuity to the point that the horn doesn't do much good. I know these people pay taxes somewhere, and are entitled to their part of the road, but I prefer to share left to right rather than front to back.

I don't know a signal that might be universally understood and to which everyone would respond. One is tempted to consider the universal salute, the one finger salute, the bird, as in flip the bird. I think it's understood widely enough, but it is as likely to evoke defiance as compliance. I experienced a variant of the bird earlier the week. It is what I call the inverted bird. Some might call it the up side down bird, or diving bird. I was between Long Creek and Westminster at 6:30 a.m., driving to work.

There aren't many places where it is legal to pass, so I often follow for several miles before I can get around a slower vehicle. When I finally get the chance, I go. I had followed a beat-up pickup for a few miles. He was driving slightly below the speed limit, but slowing painfully

around curves. I signaled to pass him. He increased his speed to prevent the pass. That's something I don't understand. If he didn't want to be passed, he should have bought a faster truck. I'm not a qualified Freudian, but I think some drivers feel emasculated when passed. Incidentally, for anyone who doesn't know the word, "emasculate" refers to the process by which steers and eunuchs are made. I guess if I felt that way, I'd try to prevent it, too. For what it's worth, I've never experienced a woman trying to race me back to the double lines. As I pulled alongside, he thrust his arm out the window, and presented me with the inverted bird. It was one angry gesture. Muscles, tendons, and veins stood out clearly on his forearm. I was so close that I could see where his teeth used to be. It was a safe and legal passing zone. I had ample room to pass, without interfering with his progress, even after his pathetic attempt to block me. I guess I ruined his day, and for that I would apologize here, if I thought he could read.

The Highway Department must accept partial responsibility for the problem. When U.S. 76 in Georgia was paved last year, several long straight sections, where passing had been permitted, were repainted with double lines. The highway department once had a paint machine that could paint a single line. I guess it's broken, or lost. Or maybe they are too lazy to get a consultant to determine safe passing areas. For that reason, I don't pay as much attention to double lines as I should. In those areas where I can see a reasonable distance, but the line is double, I consider it more a recommendation than a prohibition.

There is no place to pass between Scaly and Highlands, and only one short stretch between Highlands and Walhalla. Maybe the Highway Department wants to be Big Brother, or maybe it's a lot of trouble to paint a single line. And maybe the guys who refuse to pull aside and those who increase speed to prevent a pass are just trying to protect us from our reckless selves.

I don't have an answer, but the situation is an unhealthy one. The four-year-old daughter of a friend recently, out of the blue, told her Mom, "Mommy, I don't like people from Florida." The Mom, trying to teach a lesson against prejudice, answered, "Sara, you can't hate a group of people. What is it about Florida people that you don't like?" Sara answered, "They drive too slow."

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actual performance, and just talk during the intervals?" He'd asked me to say something, but I thought a bunch of good ole boys wouldn't take too kindly to being told off by a mere woman. Well, sure enough, the three men actually nodded, and kept their voices down for the rest of the time we were there. It seems that men, like children, are trainable, after all.

Unfortunately, we weren't out of the woods. Three people in back of us (a husband, wife and mother of one of them) started up, chattering in voices loud enough to be heard over the music. You would have thought they were in their own home, watching TV, instead of in the audience of a live performance. Here these musicians were, trying their best to entertain us, and folks in the audience were treating their music as if it were musak, background elevator noise. I turned around and glared at the people in back of me. Several times. That New

York glare we develop that says, "Eat dirt and die, pond scum". I don't use it much around here. Finally, the three packed up, and as they were leaving, one of the women shot off a parting insult. "If you want to hear, go sit up at the front!" Oh, sorry. I hadn't realized that there were "music listening" and "non-music" listening sections of the audience. My mistake.

So, folks, I love living here, and I like most of y'all. But when the circumstances call for it, could you kindly shut up? Please?

• About the Author: Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. Michelle does not talk during performances, so don't be offended if she only smiles and nods in your direction. She is a member of the Highlands Writers Group.

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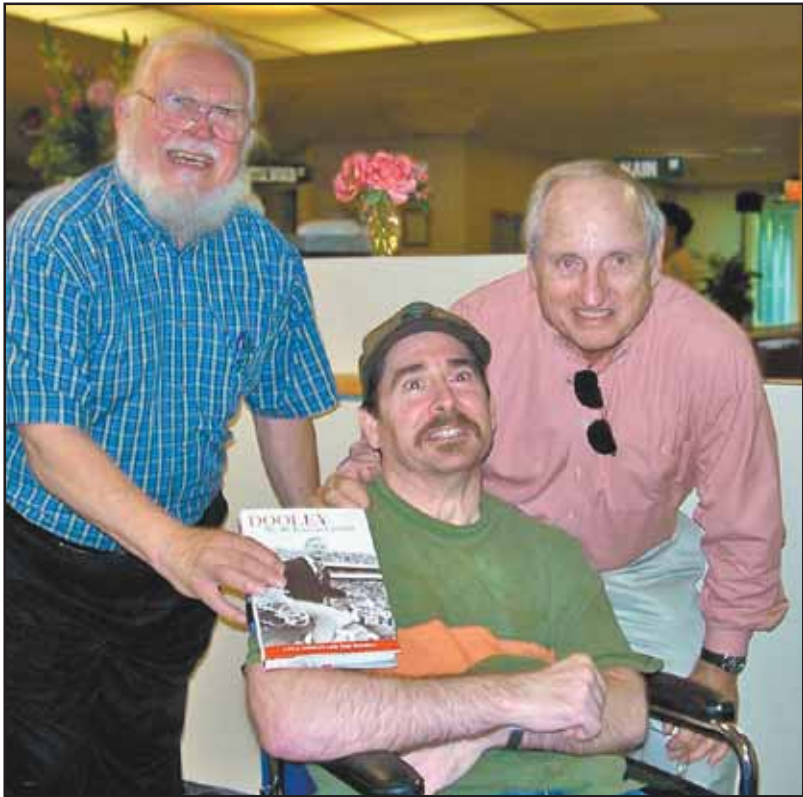
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Draheim to Macon County and am confident that he will bring a tremendous level of knowledge and experience to Highlands School and the Macon County School System.” Draheim has worked within in the Gwinnett County Public School system since 1983 where he began as a fourth-grade teacher for Berkely Lake Elementary. From 1984-1986 he taught fourth grade at Knight Elementary School; from 1986 to 1991 he taught sixth and seventh grades at Shiloh Middle School and in 1991, he became Assistant Principal at Shiloh Middle School – a position he’s held until now. He earned his B.A. in Secondary Education from the University of Evansville in Indiana in 1971; his M.S. in Elementary Education from Indiana State University in 1976 and his Ed.S. Supervision and Administration degree from Georgia State University in 1985.



Jim Draheim

“Highlands School is pleased to welcome Jim Draheim as assistant principal. He has been in education for over 28 years. He has been an assistant principal since 1991,” said Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter. “We look forward to Jim joining our team at Highlands School.” Draheim said he’s been coming to the Highlands and Cashiers area off and on for about three years “just to spend a few days at a time.” “It’s a vibrant little community and I’m impressed with the community spirit in Highlands. There is a strong sense of community and I’m looking forward to being a part of it,” he said. “I’m coming from a large school system and I don’t think people connect in large systems the same way.” Draheim said he’s looking forward to meeting the staff, faculty and parents and is anxious to listen and learn about how things are done in Highlands School.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

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Linn places third in NYC triathlon



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Each luminaria requires a minimum \$10 donation

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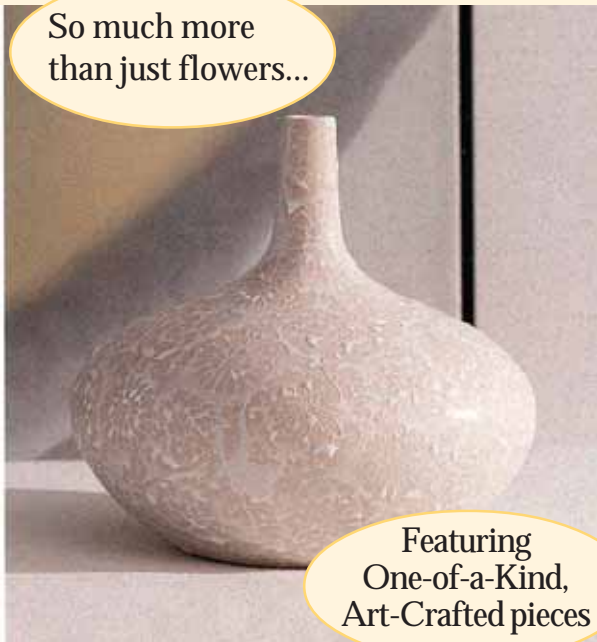
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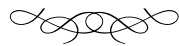
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Party for the planet



Progressives and activists gathered for a "Party for the Planet" sponsored by Untie/Unite, a grassroots community group. Attendees watched a "town hall" forum with presidential candidates answering questions about global warming and then tuned into the "Live Earth" concerts that were held around the world to raise awareness and action to reverse global warming. Watch for more Untie/Unite events!

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if we have an agenda rather than what's good for the county, then that's wrong."

Leatherman said like everyone, he has opinions and there are things he opposes greatly. "But it doesn't matter what I want," he said, "it matters what the voters want."

County Manager Sam Greenwood agreed.

"You have to decide which items are worthy enough of public purpose to take it to the public for consideration. You have to prioritize the pieces and see if they meet your test," he said. "You have to think of current needs and future needs. You five guys have to rise above just being citizens. Public service is about the citizens. You have to shelve your private opinions so the voters have an unbiased platform to work from."

He said above all, commissioners must believe the items are legitimate and will serve a public purpose for the future of Macon County so they're comfortable about putting the items on the referendum.

Though the five "questions" on the ballot for the bond referendum won't be itemized with corresponding expenditures, Leatherman said starting in September the commission will go before the people numerous times to present, explain, and educate about the reasons and price tag of each "question" listed. "And we will do it again and again and again," he said.

By Sunday night, the commissioners had paired down the facilities list from eight categories or "purposes" to five which will be put in the form of questions in Nov.

There will be five questions on the ballot – one each for schools, public building, parks & recreation, library services, and community colleges.

The ultimate reason for the bond referendum is school expansion and it carries the heaviest price tag — \$42.1 million for a K-4 school in North Macon County, a 5-6 school, renovations and expansion of East

Franklin, plus the infrastructure.

Public building encompasses social services, senior services and emergency services for a total of \$6.5 million. This includes the possible expansion of the human services building or a new building to house health-related services separate from what's currently in the building, a proposed full-service health clinic, an upgraded senior citizens center and the relocation of Emergency Services from downtown Franklin to somewhere off Hwy. 441. Currently, to respond to an emergency, ambulances have to thread their way through busy, congested downtown Franklin.

Parks and recreation – with a price tag of \$9.4 million, would include an indoor recreation center in Franklin on Siler Road, property acquisition and ballfield construction in Highlands on Buck Creek Road and a multi-use recreation/library building in Nantahala. The Franklin indoor recreation center amount was cut by \$1.4 million.

Library allocations for \$3 million would involve expanding or a new building in Highlands which would be under the county's umbrella.

Under community colleges, \$3 million as been allocated for the SCC Macon Campus building #2 only because funding involves a match and the county already has credit toward the project.

The "purposes" of the bond, which will be put in the form of questions, will be lumped together in a category representing projects for various parts of the county.

Consequently, if the bond referendum for recreation is voted down, then every penny earmarked for recreation whether it be in Franklin, Highlands or Nantahala will be voted down – even if people are for recreation funding in Highlands but against recreation funding in Franklin.

That's why commissioner feel its imperative the public be educated as to the

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intricacies of the bond.

Since the county's credit is so good, the bond could be issued at either four or five percent, with a payout in 25-30 years.

For \$64 million, voters would see a tax increase between 4-5 cents depending on the interest rate. One cent will bring in \$875,000 per year.

Commissioners pared down the list when they realized that some issues would be dealt with regardless of the bond outcome – though they did agree that schools would be built and expanded regardless of the outcome.

"Some of these items we can absorb and handle so we might as well take them out," said Commissioner Brian McClellan. "If we know we're going to do them no matter what, and we don't really need the referendum to do them, especially if there's a chance they'll be voted down so let's not include them."

For instance, commissioners agreed that the animal control problem and an animal shelter needs to be dealt with as soon as possible and the price tag isn't that high. A solution could involve a county-operated shelter or some sort of arrangement with the Macon County Humane Society.

Macon County voted on bond referendums twice in the past – once in 1982 when a \$9.4 million bond slated for schools passed and again in the early '90s also for schools, but that referendum failed.

Commissioners agreed unanimously to put the \$64 million bond on the ballot but if it doesn't pass, facility needs for Macon County's future will have to be financed on a yearly basis, "which means a tax increase on a yearly basis," said Greenwood.

If it passes, then the voters authorized a tax increase for capital improvements for the future of Macon County.

Greenwood said if commissioners had agreed to the 30 cents rate rather than the revenue neutral rate of 24.5 cents, the county could have self-financed \$6 million a year.

"We may not have had to go to a bond but could have financed in a limited sense on a piecemeal per project basis," he said.

In April, commissioners passed a resolution allowing the county to legally reimburse itself for expenditures from bond money for expenses made prior to its disbursement.

Thursday, they passed a resolution allowing the county to pursue financing to reimburse itself for expenses made, if the bond doesn't pass.

Some months ago, the county agreed to begin funding school renovations, improvements and repairs. The resolutions ensure the county can be paid back for funds it has already spent.

If the bond passes, disbursements won't begin until fiscal year July 1, 2008.

The commissioners will vote on the bond amount and allocations at the August meeting when a public hearing will also be set.

– Kim Lewicki

• A REVIEW •

'Art' is a gem

If the purpose of art is to evoke discussion and emotion, then "Art" the production now playing at the Instant Theater hits the mark.

"Art" produced by Stray Productions in collaboration with The Instant Theater, is a first-class production crafted with care and polish.

Some say it's hard to describe the show, but it's really pretty simple.

A piece of overpriced artwork is the catalyst that propels a trio of 15-year friends to question their friendship, themselves and life in general.

Set in three apartments in Paris, the audience watches as if peeking from behind a curtain, how three men in their early 40s interact with each other as they march through life attending to their jobs, love lives and hobbies.

Their guy-talk banter is consistently engaging and very much like girl-talk; something most of us think guys just don't do. "Why did you say that? Did you really mean this? You don't like her? Why not?" and on an on.

Women in the audience laughed the hardest probably because we can relate to such discussions. What's funny is watching how the actors pretended they really didn't care what each other thought or said, but really did.

The performance was seamless, fast paced and fun to watch.

It's not silly, not a laugh a minute. Instead it's sophisticated, engaging yet very funny throughout.

Stray Productions, which has dedicated to producing intellectually and emotionally engaging modern and contemporary plays fulfilled its mission with "Art" and The Instant Theater, which offers theater-goers a unique theater experience is the perfect venue.

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– Kim Lewicki



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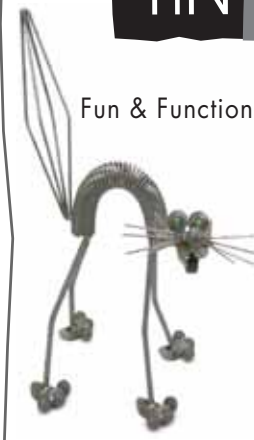
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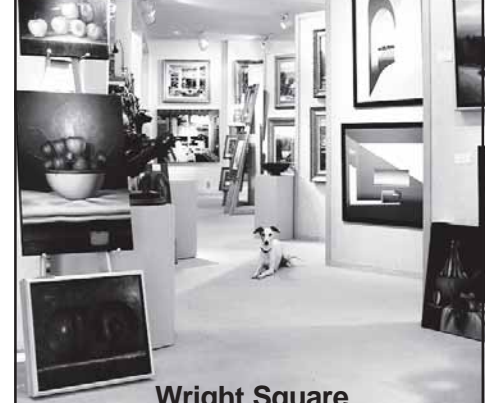
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Angie Jenkins to publish book 'Highlands, N.C....The Early Years'

Several years ago, as local Highlander Angie Jenkins thumbed through the pages of her grandmother's worn photo albums, the idea came to her to compile a book of pictures of her native Highlands – the way it was long ago – for everyone to enjoy.

At the time, she was busy raising her three children and put the idea on hold. Finally, after months of hard work, this dream is about to become a reality. The book has just gone to the printer and is expected to be available in August.

Seventh-generation in the area, Jenkins' great-great-great-grandfather, Barak Norton, settled in Whiteside Cove around 1825. The family has enjoyed a continuous history in the area since that time and has been very instrumental in the development of Highlands.

Jenkins approached Ran Shaffner, former owner and founder of Cyrano's Bookshop and current archivist for the Highlands Historical Society back in November of 2006 asking if he would be her consultant for the book. To her surprise, Shaffner told Jenkins that he could publish the book.

Therefore, the 12"x12" coffee-table book, which will contain 200 pages of full-size pictures with captions, will be published by Faraway Publishing. Some of

the photos will be familiar, some are from Jenkins' mother's and grandmother's private collections. A few were provided by other long-time Highlanders.

The book will include an introduction telling the history of the family through the generations, photos of the nine generations (with the exception of the first two); sections featuring street scenes and buildings, churches, inns, homes, recreation, roads, miscellaneous and early settlers.

The book will conclude with a short family album section.

Jenkins' children and grandchildren comprise the family's eighth and ninth generations.

Angie Jenkins is an active musician in the Highlands area. She has been organist at

the First Presbyterian Church since 1976. She also serves as music and concert coordinator at the church, accompanist for the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Male Chorus, teaches music classes at the local preschools and plays piano at area restaurants and country clubs. She is the mother of three and the grandmother of six.

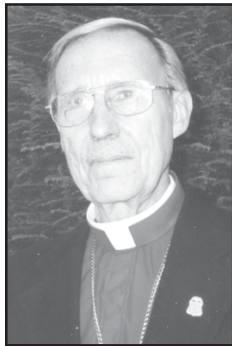
Highlands, North Carolina...The Early Years will be priced at \$49.95 and will be available in August. The date of publication to be announced soon.



Angie Jenkins

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Watch what you pray for



+The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling
Senior Pastor, Chapel of Sky Valley

Over the years I have encouraged members of my congregations to pray as Scripture tells us, "without ceasing" for those things that are needed most in their lives. I have also cautioned them that God answers all prayer in His way and in His time. I think a great example of this is the following story I will be using in my sermon this week.

The pastor of a church had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed the kitten and offered it warm milk, but the kitten would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten. That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. Finally, he almost had it; he figured if he went forward just a bit further, the tree would bend down enough for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air — out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood searching for the kitten and asking people if they had seen it, but nobody had seen a stray kitten, so he prayed for God's protection for the kitten and went back to work.

A few days later when he was at the grocery store, he met one of his parishioners. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging for a cat for a year, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child begged again, so the mother finally said, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She shook her head in disbelief and said, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her. You can bet that now my daughter is a firm believer!"

Unfortunately, we as human beings find that we are "just too busy to pray" until it is the only thing left for us to do. But a word of caution. God will answer your prayer, and please watch out for the cat!

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Elk are thriving in Cataloochee Valley.

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Visit the elk in all their splendor

By **Susanna Hearn**

Reporter

Cataloochee Valley is for the elk,
and for those who come for a
little dose of elk-watching
especially in fall – a special time in the
valley.

Cataloochee Valley, not to be
confused with skiing, was chosen as the
experimental reintroduction area for elk
back in February 2001. When the
Cherokee hunted elk and buffalo in the
valley they called it Gad-a-lu-tsi, which
means "standing in ranks." The elk
disappeared from North Carolina back in
the late 1700s and by 1900 many
conservationists were concerned the elk's
numbers were so low it was headed for
extinction.

Amazingly, the elk is back in its own
backyard, and close enough for curious
visitors to get up close and personal. The
elk are all radio-collared, and monitored
closely by park officials. If the animals
upset the natural balance of the park then
they would most likely be removed — a
good reason to go to Cataloochee for a
glimpse into our ecosystem's past before
it disappears again.

In fall the male elk begin making
their bugling calls, which can be heard
all over the valley. The call is meant to
challenge other bulls, and attract females.
Sometimes the bulls spar, but this is
mostly for show and rarely results in
injury. The best time to see the elk is
usually early morning and late evening.
The park warns all its visitors to keep their
distance from the animals. The elk are
large, and have been known to charge
people who get too close.

Of course, elk aren't the only reason
to visit Cataloochee Valley. The valley has
a rich history that can still be seen today.
A church, a school, a barn, and a house
are still standing — left behind by the
settlers who called Cataloochee home.
Visitors can tour these buildings
unsupervised, and get a taste for life in
the early part of the 20th century. The
Caldwell house, which sits off the main
road, was built in 1906 by Hiram

Caldwell.

Three cemeteries are also located in
the valley and offer a wealth of history
about the inhabitants that lived and died
here. The graves are testimonies to the
difficulties settlers faced — many of them
are young children. They are marked by
small signs along the main road. If you
are willing to venture off the beaten path
Little Cataloochee Trail offers four other
homes that can be toured. All the homes
in the valley were occupied until the
1930s when the Park purchased the land.

To reach Cataloochee Valley take
Cove Creek Road. If you are on interstate
I-40, exit at North Carolina exit 20 and
travel 0.2 miles on route 276. Then turn
right onto Cove Creek Road and follow
the signs 11 miles into Cataloochee Valley.
The valley is 39 miles from Cherokee, and
65 miles from Gatlinburg, TN.

No matter how far you are from
Cataloochee the trip is well worth it. The
drive is beautiful, the valley is
educational, and the elk are unbelievable.
If you get a chance this fall, don't forget
to schedule a visit to this glimpse into our
Appalachian legacy.

Elk Update:

There are approximately 75 adult elk
in the Smokies elk population in addition
to newborn calves this year.

Although the final count is not in, at
least 14 calves have been born this summer
— 10 of which that are still alive. The survival
of newborn calves increased in 2006 to over
75 percent. So far this year, it appears that
survival of newborn calves will be similar.

The experimental phase of the elk
project is slated to end in 2008. Then,
additional field data will provide
researchers the information they need to
better predict the long-term survival of the
herd.

Since 75 percent of the elk born were
male, the future population will be slow. If
possible, officials would like a third batch
released sometime during a requested two-
year extension to the project, preferably a
group made up mostly of females.

Vacation Bible School

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

July 30—August 3

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation invites all children ages 3 and over to join Son Force Kids – God's courageous team of disciples standing side by side to serve Him. As Son Force special agents, we will follow in the words of Joshua 1:9; *Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

We will begin our mission on Monday, July 30 at 9 a.m. Our morning session will last until 12:00noon. We will also have an afternoon session from 12-5 for parents who are in need of additional child care due to the Rec Camp being closed. We will work together all week to prepare for our five daily missions: Trust! Unite! Train! Follow! Lead! Throughout VBS, we will have the opportunity to grow in our understanding of what it means to serve God with courage as we advance from Level 1 to Level 5 agents.



From the courage shown by baby Moses' family, Level 1 agents will learn to TRUST in God's Plans. Following Ester's example, Level 2 agents will be encouraged to UNITE with God's people. To help

us make wise choices like Daniel did, Level 3 agents will learn to TRAIN for God's Service. Just as Jeremiah obeyed GOD even when it was difficult, Level 4 agents will learn to FOLLOW in God's Path. Finally, like

Joshua and Caleb, Level 5 agents will get ready to LEAD others to God's Promises. We will be collecting school supplies for Haiti: bound composition books, black ink pens, crayons, chalk and erasers.

So get ready for an out of this world adventure. Son Force Kids – courageous kids on a mission for God!

To register contact Andrea Chalker 526-2968 x 206 church or 828-421-7121.

Highlands Mountaintop Rotary looking for host families

In mid-August Highlands will welcome a new resident to our mountain town. Jane Hudakorn is an exchange student from Thailand sponsored by the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary. Jane will be living in Highlands for about one year. The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary is currently looking for three host families for Jane to live with during her time in Highlands.

The Rotary club chooses three families to give the student a variety of family experiences. The exchange student will live with each family for about three months and the host family receives a monthly stipend. When a family is chosen, the exchange student is immersed in the family life and becomes another member of the family. This is a great opportunity for parents and children alike to become familiar with another culture and form lasting relationships. By choosing to host an exchange student you are not only providing a service to the visitor but you are also providing your

family with an unforgettable learning experience.

Jane is 15 years old and currently attends a Christian Academy. In the fall she will be a student at Highlands School. Besides being a cultural ambassador for Rotary Jane is interested in music and dance. She plays the piano and is also a swimmer and plays tennis and golf. She plans to attend college and major in art or advertising. She lives in Bangkok with her father and mother and 12-year-old brother.

If you are interested in being a host family for Jane please contact Bill Hogue at 526-2132 or 526-3048.

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary would also like to invite anyone who has traveled to Thailand to visit a meeting and discuss your experiences and observations on Thai culture and customs. Please contact Nick Bazan at 526-5906. Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets Wednesdays at 7:30 am at the Highlands Community Center.

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the subdivision, at its July 23 meeting, the Planning Board unanimously recommended the final subdivision plats for Riverwalk phase 1 and phase 2 be sent to the Town Board.

Some time ago, the Town Board agreed to allow the developers to begin building and subsequently selling homes in phases as long as the roads in the phases were paved and Nix gave the go-ahead.

Nix said the roadways, water distribution system, sewer collection system and electrical distribution system for Phases 1 & 2 meet town subdivision requirements.

The portions of roadway that affect phases 1 and 2 have been paved – that of Riverwalk Drive and Hemlock Ridge Drive, as has the main road into the subdivision from U.S. 64 east.

Each of Riverwalk's eight to nine phases will have to be presented to both the Planning Board and Town Board before construction can begin.



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Update from Raleigh

By Senator John Snow
50th Senate District NC

In the world of issue advocacy there exists certain levels of what I like to the "the fury."

Stage one fury can be measured by how many lobbyists come to your door and try to make their case on their issue. Stage two fury can be measured by how many phone calls, emails, letters, and people from the district are coming in and telling you what they think about an issue. Stage three fury is very rare but you know it when you see it. Stage three fury entails organizations going out and purchasing TV and newspaper ads to try to influence citizens that their position is correct. More importantly the purpose of these ads is to get people who wouldn't normally take action to do so. When all three of these tactics are used it is a site to see. However, this year the fury is absolutely ferocious because there are two organizations that are having an all out war over one issue: the transfer tax. Love it or hate it the transfer tax is what this year's budget is becoming about.

From my legislative office in Raleigh there are two clear combatants in this fight: the Realtors lobby and a new organization called The Partnership for North Carolina's Future and they have been going at it non-stop for the entire session. It looks like the final scene in what has become a nearly two million dollar ad war between the two groups and their respective comrades will soon play out. I'm sure many of you have seen or heard their political ads in the newspaper, television, or on the radio. While their political battle rages on in our public forms of communication the policy considerations of their rhetoric are being discussed, even as I write this, by the budget negotiators from both the Senate and the House.

The conversation is most assuredly a heavy one and it should be. The growth we are experiencing is by and far the largest and most unconventional problem that policy makers of this state have had to deal with in a generation. The history of our country has shown that states often have very difficult periods of transition from very rural settings to very urban ones in short periods of time. To successfully grow, policy makers need to ensure that there is enough clean water, adequate roads, proper schools, and the like to keep people coming to something good. This is the reason that some counties have asked for the ability to vote on a local option transfer tax and that the discussion is as heated as it is currently. Of course all of these needs require money and up until now our counties have been swamped with having to pay for Medicaid. It looks like there is a viable solution in place to take away the Medicaid burden

from the counties. Hopefully, once this money is freed up it can be put to use with the infrastructure needs that counties have. However, this debate will likely keep budget negotiators in the room for many more hours over the next few days as they try to figure out a way to balance the changing and difficult needs for our state. In the meantime I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you.

This Week – Finishing, The Governor's Checkbook, A New Boss, New Risk

Finishing
All signs point to the fact that this long session is quickly coming to an end. Early this week the Speaker of the House and the Pro Tempore of the Senate agreed to quit having committee meetings on the 28th of this month. So if you have a bill that you are interested in and want it heard then you need to make sure your members of the legislature know about it before this week is up. The House and Senate rules were slightly amended so that there would not have to be such a long period in between when bills get passed from one chamber to another. Finally some members stayed around Raleigh on Friday to finish some business. Put together these three things could mean that session is about to shut down. However, it remains to be seen how quickly each chamber will process the bills that it has received from its committees.

The Governor's Checkbook

Today Governor Easley ordered state educators to spend up to \$114 million in preparation of an influx of students in the fall. This did not go over well with budget negotiators who have already settled on the education portion of the budget. Easley's rationale was sound and not unprecedented. The fiscal year began three weeks ago, but budget negotiators are still working out their differences on this year's spending plan. Easley said school districts couldn't wait any longer and needed to know exactly how much money they'll receive. Easley said the money would go toward paying contracts for programs to teach 4-year-olds, as well as class-size reduction in elementary schools and poor school systems. Easley signed similar orders in 2002 and 2005. Easley has said he has the authority to order the spending based on the requirements of the so-called Leandro lawsuit, which affirmed the state's responsibility to ensure students a "sound basic education." Budget negotiators have whittled their budget differences to a couple dozen items, from creating a dedicated cancer research fund to funding project requests for universities and prisons.

A New Boss

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The State Board of Community Colleges is in the process of selecting a new president for the community college system. The next president will be responsible for leading a system that enrolls more than 800,000 students a year in 58 comprehensive community colleges. Our Community Colleges is our State's Crown jewel and is the primary provider of workforce preparation and adult education. The person that

takes over the role from current president, Martin Lancaster of Wayne County, will have not only tremendous shoes to fill but also an unbelievable job ahead of him. If you are interested in making comments about the new community college president you can google the NC Community College system and find out more information about it.

New Risk

A plan to help people with expensive illnesses afford health insurance won approval from a Senate committee on Thursday. The idea is to provide health insurance to people that have chronic illnesses like cancer, diabetes, or other illnesses because they either cannot afford it or are denied purchasing it by a private provider. A version of this bill passed the House a few weeks ago but the Senate version is much different. The Senate version relies on having the State pay for the money for the pool whereas the House version sought to assess health insurance policies. The total estimated cost of the pool is around \$16.2 million. To raise \$16.2 million, the Senate

plan would repeal a small-business tax credit the legislature passed recently that was supposed to help employers pay for health insurance. Another \$5 million in one-time money would come from the state Health and Wellness Trust Fund, and \$1 million would come from a surcharge on the state employee health plan. The legislature would pay that charge. While normally you might expect the small business community not to like the plan it seems the exact opposite. One of the executive directors for a business lobbying group NC100 endorsed the plan saying that many small businesses aren't using the current tax credit.

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Update From Washington....

By Representative Health Shuler

Last week the House of Representatives continued working on the passage of the appropriations bills that fund the various departments of the federal government. The Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Bill was the eighth of twelve appropriations that Congress will pass this year. The Labor-HHS bill, HR 3043, passed the House with bipartisan support, 276-140.

I was proud to support this bill because it made strong investments in K-12 education, helps more students attend college, and expands access to health care for millions of uninsured Americans.

In 2002 the Congress passed President Bush's No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation, which placed extensive mandates on our state and local school systems. While passing these mandates on to our local schools, the federal government promised to provide the funding necessary to meet the requirements of NCLB. However, that funding has largely failed to materialize, placing our schools in a difficult financial situation.

The Labor-HHS bill begins to correct that funding shortfall by providing an increase of \$2 billion over the 2007 funding levels. This funding will begin to reduce some of the strain being placed on our school systems by NCLB. Specifically, the bill will allow over 150,000 young children to receive extra help in reading and math, provide 163,000 students with after-school opportunities, and fund education technology grants so our students can be ready to compete in the economy of the 21st Century.

As we make strides to better prepare our students in elementary and high school, we must continue ensuring that all American students can attend college if they so desire. The Labor-HHS appropriations bill did that through several means.

First, the bill continued the efforts of this Congress to restore the purchasing

power of the Pell Grant by increasing the maximum Pell Grant award by \$390. For years, while tuition costs skyrocketed the maximum value of the Pell Grant remained stagnant. This increase, coupled with an increase passed earlier this year, would raise the maximum Pell Grant value from \$4,050 to \$4,700 in two years. The Pell Grant program provides need-based grants to low- and middle-income students and is a crucial piece of federal financial aid that helps millions of students who otherwise would not be able to afford college pay their tuition. The bill also renewed funding for the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which help one million students with extremely low incomes attend college.

Finally, with more than 46 million Americans living without health insurance, the Labor-HHS Appropriations bill takes steps to address this tremendous national problem. One of the largest steps taken was an increase of \$200 million, or 10% over 2007 funding levels, for community health centers. This increase would allow these centers to serve an additional one million uninsured Americans every year. These community health centers are essential in providing health care in many of our rural communities in Western North Carolina where doctors and hospitals are difficult to find.

The bill also provides \$75 million for a new initiative of state health access grants – providing start-up grants to states that are ready with plans to expand health care coverage to targeted groups. It also includes \$50 million for an initiative to assist states in providing high-risk insurance pools to support affordable insurance for almost 200,000 people who are medically high-risk.

Ensuring that every American has access to health care is one of the largest moral issues facing us today. We should not allow any American — especially our chil-

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dren — to go without health care.

This week the House will take up two more appropriations bills — the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations and the Commerce, Justice, and Science Appropriations. Additionally, the House expects to begin full consideration of the Farm Bill. I have already taken steps to ensure that proper attention is being paid to the farmers of Western North

Carolina. Previous Farm Bills have largely provided assistance to only those farmers who grow corn, cotton, rice, soy, and wheat. This has meant those farmers who grow anything other than these five crops are largely ignored. I am pleased with the progress we have made thus far and will continue working for our farmers on the floor of the House as we consider this bill.

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within that circle was still undetermined. John Craven, the Navy's top deep-water scientist, had all but given up. As a last gasp, he asked a group of submarine and salvage experts to bet on the probabilities of different scenarios that could have occurred. Averaging their responses, he pinpointed the exact location (within 220 yards) where the missing sub was found."

What is important for the success of prediction market is that people make their choices independently. I once heard that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. When people are in a group

they are influenced by other's opinions and often afraid to speak their minds. You get mob-think or conformity.

Prediction markets draw on the knowledge of large numbers of people, each of whom has a unique perspective and set of information about a subject, and by integrating all that knowledge you obtain a much more comprehensive "truth" than any one person or even small group could realize.

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Tony Award Winning Play 'ART' continues at Instant Theater July 25-28 at 8 p.m.

"Art" by Yasmina Reza is playing at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. Produced by Stray Productions from Athens, GA., this highly acclaimed, award winning play will run July 5-28.

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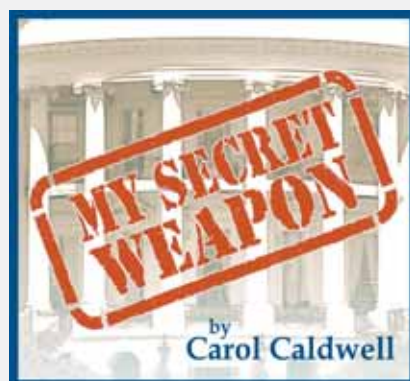
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For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197. Curtain time 8 p.m. Seating is limited and early reservations are strongly suggested.

The ITC's Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands www.instanttheatre.org

On stage at ITC Aug. 16-18 & 21-25

The Instant Theatre Company proudly presents the North Carolina Premiere of a new play bound for New York, "My Secret Weapon," by Nashville playwright Carol Caldwell. The play has had only one other production in Nashville, TN., where it won Best New Play of the Year.



"My Secret Weapon" is a dramatized glimpse inside the White House walls, where, away from the glare of TV lights presidential wives are free to be themselves and talk candidly. It is as if the audience were eavesdropping on their unguarded moments.

Rex Reed, film and theatre critic for The New York Observer says: "Proving laughter and politics do mix, Carol Caldwell's 'My Secret Weapon' peeks through the key holes of women in the White House with frank and hilarious irreverence "It's juicy, colorful, witty, and destined for the

New York stage!"

My Secret Weapon runs August 16-18 and Aug. 21-25 at 8 p.m. at the ITC's Studio on Main at 310 Oak Square, Main Street, Highlands, N.C. For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197. www.instanttheatre.org

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- 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.

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

- Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass. Call 526-4340.

- 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, 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 Woodward room 201. It is designed for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The group meets 10 a.m. until noon. For more information, call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

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Every Monday

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Every Tuesday

- 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.

- Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church. Summer series on 1 & 2 Peter. All women are invited

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Every Wednesday

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

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- As part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin's "Life-Span Learning Curriculum," there are "Wednesday Night Chautauquas" which are media enhanced study sessions at the UU 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.

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Every Saturday

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

- Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student. Mondays: For Homeschoolers, classes are from 1-3 p.m. For 2nd to 5th graders, classes are from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays: classes for pre-school are 11-11:30 a.m.; for kindergarten-1st grade, classes are 3:15-4:15 p.m. and for young adult independent study, classes are from 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays classes are for middle school students from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Through Saturday, July 28

- The Instant Theatre Company presents "Art" by Stray Productions, from Athens, Ga. For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197. Seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested.

Through Tuesday, July 31

- At Summit One Gallery at its new location on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave., exhibit "Hudson River Valley School Revisited" featuring artist Ron Williams.

Through Tuesday, Aug. 14

- Summer Art Camp is held at Bascom-Louise.

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Coming to PAC 'The Dappled Grays'



Coming to PAC on August 4 at 7 p.m. is bluegrass band and powerhouse, The Dappled Grays."

After the release in 2000 of their first album, "In The Gait," The Dappled Grays were named Atlanta's "best bluegrass band" by Creative Loafing Magazine. Now the Dappled Grays are back with new personnel and a whole new approach. Their latest CD "Doin My Job" combines straight-ahead bluegrass, progressive jazz, blues sensibilities and top-flight songwriting with something to delight almost any listener.

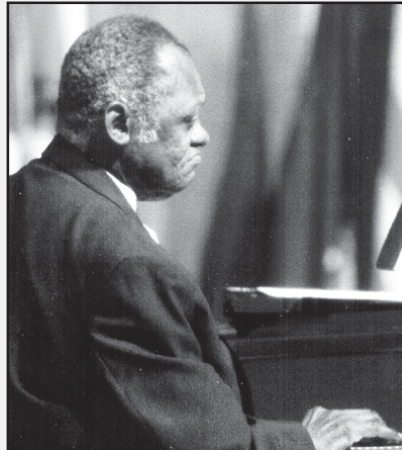
Leah Calvert is the powerhouse vocal, mandolin player is Michael Smith, guitarist is Casey Cook and on banjo is Greg Earnest, on bass is Keith Morris.

Tickets are \$15 with all proceeds benefiting PAC. Ray and Diane McPhail have sponsored the event. Call 526-9047 for reservations and ticket information.

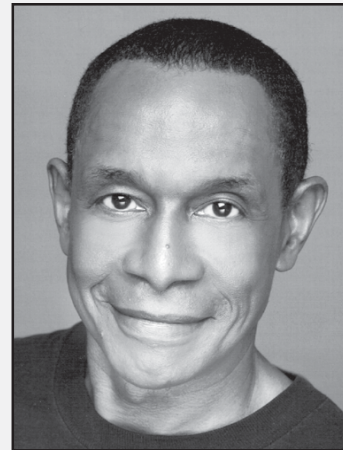
'Great Performances' to feature Spirituals



Bernice Hall



Lawrence Weaver



Darrell McGhee

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation announces a new music series featuring world-class musicians free and open to the public on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 5, at 4 p.m.

This series will present African American artists Bernice Hall, soprano, Darrell McGhee, tenor, and Lawrence Weaver at the piano in a program entitled "The Negro Spiritual" a legacy of overcoming."

Hall, McGhee and Weaver are renowned African American artists with classical backgrounds as well as varied international opera careers.

Hall holds a bachelor's and master's degree in music and has sung leading roles with Capital City Opera, Phoenix Opera and American Opera.

McGhee, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Morehouse College, has appeared as soloist with the Atlanta Symphony and toured Africa for the State Department appearing before the late Emperor Haile Selassie.

Weaver, also a graduate of Morehouse as well as the University of Michigan, was leading tenor for many years both here and abroad in Fletcher Wolfe's Atlanta Chamber Opera's perfor-

mances. He later became Wolfe's assistant director of the Atlanta Boys Choir. Weaver has been heard in Highlands on several occasions in the past and is widely acclaimed for both his piano playing and singing.

This concert, which will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, is part of the commitment by the church's fine arts committee under the direction of Music Director Fletcher Wolfe to bring to the Highlands area musical artists of the highest caliber for those not able to afford the high ticket prices usually required for such artists.

Earlier in the month they presented Sergio Blazquez, famous opera singer from Germany, at PAC where seats were only \$35. Not only was it a sellout crowd, but through the generosity of some patrons, \$15,000 was raised to benefit the Highlands-Cashiers Community Care Clinic.

The next Great Performances Concert in September will present Robert Henry, one of America's finest young concert pianists in a varied program of classical works to be performed on the church's magnificent Schimmel concert grand piano.

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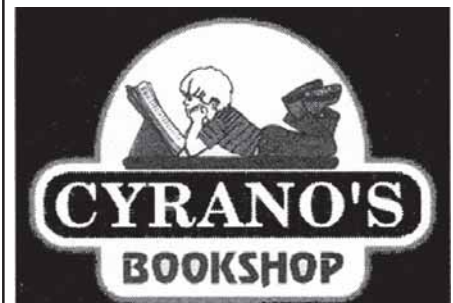
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Upcoming Book Signings

July 20

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows
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July 21

1-3 p.m.

Melanie Sue Bowles – Horses of
Proud Spirit

July 27

5-7 p.m.

M.C. Hensen – Unwritten

July 28

1-3 p.m.

Cassandra Key – Queen of Broken
Hearts

3-5 p.m.

Ron Cash – Tragedy in Tin Can
Holler

August 18

Ann Sharpteen – I Walk the Line

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Music festival has dancing, too!



Karen Bentley Pollick and Philip Thomson.

Music of Bach, Saint-Saens, and Dvorak will begin week four of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, July 27 in Highlands and 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28 in Cashiers.

Long time Festival favorite William Preucil, violin, will be accompanied by William Ransom on piano in Bach's Sonata #3 in E Major and Saint-Saens Sonata in D Minor. Mr. Preucil has never failed to electrify audiences with his virtuosity in his performances here. He will join the ever talented and entertaining Miles Hoffman, viola; Karen Bentley Pollick, violin; Paul Murphy, viola; and Christopher Rex, cello in Dvorak's Quintet for Strings in Eb Major. The fruits of a summer vacation in the Czech community of Spillville, Iowa, in 1893, were two of Dvorak's most enduring masterworks; the "American" String Quartet, Op. 96, and the "American" Quintet, Op. 97. The quartet took the composer all of fifteen days to complete. The quintet was begun three days later and completed in five weeks.

In addition to the influence of African-American music, Dvorak found inspiration in the music of the Iroquois, which he heard performed by a troupe of Iroquois in Iowa, who were attracting audiences with their music in order to sell their medicines and remedies. And so pentatonic melodies and evocations of drumming found their way into this lovely, tuneful work.

Sunday at 5 p.m., July 29 in Highlands and Monday at 7 p.m., July 30 in Cashiers will have as its theme "Invitation to the Dance" and will



Charae Kreuger

showcase the talents of Charae Kreuger and Christopher Rex on cellos; Karen Bentley Pollick on violin; and Philip Thomson, piano. Ms. Pollick and Mr. Thomson will join for three short dance pieces by Boccherini, Stravinsky and Monte. Three Tangos for Piano Trio by Piazzolla will have Ms. Kreuger join Ms. Pollick and Mr. Thompson. Liszt's Mephisto waltz will be played by Mr. Thompson. Bach will finish out the program and will bring Festival audiences a new treat – Baroque dancers Glenda Norcross and Jeff Kaplan joining the musicians Christopher Rex and Charae Kreuger on stage in the Minuet I and II and Gigue from the Suite #1 in G Major. Chopin's Introduction and Polonaise Brillante performed by Mr. Rex, Ms. Kreuger and Mr. Thompson will bring a wonderful program to a close.

For tickets or more information on these programs call 828.526.9060 or check out our web site at hcmusicfestival.org.

ise Gallery. To register, call 526-4949.

Wednesday, July 25

- The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village Nature Series presents, Bill Lea and "Understanding the Black Bear." Lectures begin at 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow. Presentation at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. FREE.

Thurs.-Sunday, July 26-Aug. 12

- The Highlands Playhouse, "My Way." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

Thursday, July 26

- Block Party on 4th Streeton the hill starting at 5 p.m. featuring all the shops on the hill and Hurricane Creek.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will feature local guide, Jim Mincey, at its next meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Jim

Mincey was born in Cullowhee and began fly fishing the Tuckasee River at age 6. He will share his expertise on the various headwaters of the Tuck as well as other local streams and rivers. In addition to guiding for Brookings, Jim ties flies and builds custom fly rods. A raffle for the Orvis waders and boots will follow the speaker. Call 743-2078 for information.

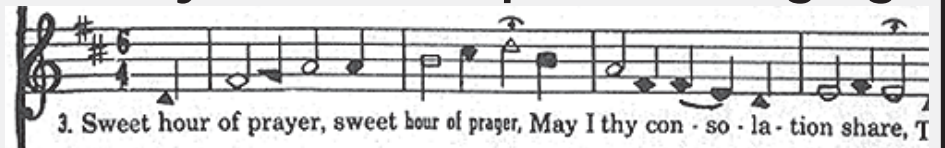
- Paul Manos (Associate Professor, Duke University), The Hitchhiker's Guide to Biological Dependency: Stories about plant and fungal interactions in the Southern Appalachians at the Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center beginning at 7 p.m. It's free.

Fri. & Sat., July 27-28

- At the Hen House at the corner of Main and 5th streets, Potter Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, July 27

Library to host Shape-Note singing



If you love singing, then this may be an enjoyable new experience for you. Come and sing a *cappella* like our predecessors in this region did a couple hundred years ago!

We all know how to hum the melody that goes along with the words "do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti-do"!! And with just a little practice, most people could hum the tune that goes "do-mi-so." But most songs are not so simple.

In the early 1800's, techniques to help those who did not read music to quickly learn how to sing were developed and taught along the East Coast, primarily in the rural South. The people of the South loved to sing, so a method of using a specific shape to designate a note's position in the scale came into common use. For example, "Do" is represented by a triangle, "So" by a circle, and "La" by a square. This notation became very popular following the publication in 1866 of the Christian Harmony song book by William Walker of Spartanburg, SC. Songbook

publishers held singing schools to teach the shape note system and to popularize their books. Reprints of this song book are still being used by modern day shape note singers.

On Sunday July 29, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library located one block south and two blocks west of the crossroads intersection of Route 107 and Highway 64, we will recreate an old-time singing. There will be reprints of Walker's 1873 revision of "Christian Harmony" available for loan or purchase.

New singers will be taught how to recognize the shapes, we'll practice singing the shapes to learn a couple melodies, and then get into some real shape note singing for the rest of the afternoon. Come and experience the enthusiasm of this 200-year old tradition.

While participating is the most fun, if you just want and come to listen, that is OK too!! For more information call Carl Blozan at 743-1765.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• Mountain Faith — McMahan Family performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You:" survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

• Music of Bach, Saint-Saens, and Dvorak will begin week four of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival at 7 p.m. Friday, July 27 in Highlands and 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28 in Cashiers. For tickets or more information on these programs call 828.526.9060 or check out our web site at hcmusicfestival.org.

Saturday, July 28

• The high school volleyball team is having a volleyball tournament July 28 at the school. It is \$75 for a team of six to eight players (three of which can be men), we will play on a men's net, two out of three, rally score to 25 win by two, double elimination tournament and start at approximately 10 a.m. The Booster Club will be sponsoring the first and second place prizes. If interested call 526-2147.

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Enjoy homemade pancakes, patty sausage, orange juice and bottomless cups of coffee prepared and served by club members. The monthly events are held at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and NC 106. For additional information about the breakfasts or club activities call DeJong at 526-0370.

• Live Music and Country Supper at High Country Cafe from 5-9 p.m. \$12.95.

• Tour the Fisher Estate gardens 9:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Episcopal Church's Outreach Programs, available at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202 9-4 Mon.-Fri.

• Kids Concert on the ski slopes at Sapphire Valley 7-9 p.m. Contribution of \$10 to raise money for kids in Western North Carolina with life-threatening illnesses. All money raised will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for WNC.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 5 mile moderate-to-strenuous hike to four waterfalls on the Horsepasture River with elevation changes of 300 feet and 500 feet. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 10 a.m. or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10:20. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes and bring water shoes, if you wish, to wade in the river. Drive 30 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

Sunday, July 29

• Folkmoot USA brings the world to Macon County as troupes of foreign dancers and musicians perform Sunday at 2 p.m., in the Macon County Community Building Gym. Each Folkmoot program features authentic folkdance and music from three different countries, performed in colorful costumes with live music played on unique instruments, many handed down over generations. Tickets are \$12 adult, \$6 child under age 13, on sale at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Town Hill Bake Shoppe, and at the Community Building an hour

before show time. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. The Community Building is on the Georgia Road, Highway 441 just south of Franklin, across from Whistle Stop Mall. Doors open at 1:15. Folkmoot USA brings the world to Macon County as troupes of foreign dancers and musicians perform Sunday at 2 p.m., in the Macon County Community Building Gym. Each Folkmoot program features authentic folkdance and music from three different countries, performed in colorful costumes with live music played on unique instruments, many handed down over generations. Tickets are \$12 adult, \$6 child under age 13, on sale at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Town Hill Bake Shoppe, and at the Community Building an hour before show time. Advance tickets are strongly recommended. The Community Building is on the Georgia Road, Highway 441 just south of Franklin, across from Whistle Stop Mall. Doors open at 1:15.

• The 11th Annual Cashiers Shape-Note Singing Sunday, from 2 to 5 p.m., at the Albert Carlton-

Cashiers Community Library. Singing from the re-issue of the 1873 William Walker Christian Harmony song book. Loaner books available, so come and listen, or, better yet, join in with Christian Harmony singers from all over western North Carolina. For information, call Carl Blozan 743-1765.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Skitty Creek and Cliffside Lake loop trails. Meet in the Bi-Lo parking area at 2 p.m. (driving 40 miles round trip) or call the leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

July 30-Aug. 3

• Vacation Bible School and day camp at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 5 p.m. for those parents who need day care. Music, crafts, games, snacks, stories and lots

of fun. It's all free. To register or for more information please visit our website incarnation.at.myvbs.com or contact Andrea Chalker 526-2968 x 206 church or 828.421.7121

Monday, July 30

• See EVENTS page 28

Reading the forested landscape



Tom Wessels

On Aug. 2 at 7 p.m., Tom Wessel will present a slide presentation showing how to interpret forest history. This slide presentation is based on Tom's book, *Reading the Forested Landscape, A Natural History of New England*. This is part of the free weekly Zahner Lecture Series held at the Nature Center.

It introduces people to approaches used to interpret a forest's history while wandering through it. Using evidence such as the shapes of trees, scars on their trunks, the pattern of decay in stumps, the construction of stone walls, and the lay of the land, it is possible to unravel complex stories etched into our forested landscape. This process could easily be called forest forensics, since it is quite similar to interpreting a crime scene.

Tom Wessels' most recent work, *The Myth of Progress: Towards a Sustainable Future* was released by University of New England Press last fall.

He is the author of *Reading the Forested Landscape: A Natural History of New England* and *The Granite Landscape: A Natural History of America's Mountain Domes, from Acadia to Yosemite*.

Tom is a professor of Ecology, Associate Chair of External Relations and founding director of the Masters Degree Program in Conservation Biology. Tom teaches in the Departments of Environmental Studies, Education and the new "Green" MBA at Antioch University New England Graduate School in Keene, New Hampshire. He is former Chair of the Robert and Patricia Switzer Foundation which fosters environmental leadership through graduate fellowships and organizational grants. He is presently on the Board for the Center for Whole Communities.

Tour of Historic homes is journey through time on Aug. 4



The 1920 home of Robert Foreman, overlooking Ravenel Lake, takes you back in time to early Highlands. The home is now owned by Sarah Freeman and Adair Freeman. The upstairs rooms of this 1-1/2 story house were built without timbers. The boards separating the rooms were nailed to one another with no studs between, there being no need to make room for electrical wiring.

The Annual Tour of Historic Homes, sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, will be held, Saturday, August 4. This year's tour offers a glimpse into how several generations, who have all loved Highlands, have lived and vacationed in this special mountain retreat.

The tour includes three unique homes in the Playmore/Bowery Road Historic District – The home of Robert Foreman, Sam Blount's log cabin, The Sidney J. McCarty home and for an additional fee a tour of Playmore.

General admission of \$40 includes the three homes mentioned and for an additional fee of \$40, a tour of

"Playmore," the home built by the Ravenel family in 1879.

The Tour will run from 10 a.m. with the last shuttle leaving at 3:30 p.m. from the parking lot at Highlands Civic Center (Rec Park). Tickets may be purchased at Country Club Properties, Cyrano's Bookstore, Macon Bank, Highlands Country Club, or at the Rec Park on the day of the tour. Funds raised by this event go to support the Historic Village, which is open each Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. 4 pm. throughout the summer. For more information, visit the Historical Society's website, www.highlandshistory.com.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• Art League of Highlands monthly meeting at the Rec Park, Highlands. 5:30 p.m. refreshments. 6 p.m. program: Bring a work of art

from your collection and tell the group why it grabbed you. For info: Bill Richardson (828-524-6070).

Tuesday, July 31

Dance with Hurricane Creek Aug. 11 at ITC



The Kings of Rock n' Roll and Rhythm and Blues, Hurricane Creek are back in the Instant Theatre's Studio on Main. Prepare to move and groove Saturday August 11 at 8 p.m. in Highlands most popular dance hall. Call early for reservations by calling 828-342-9197.

HCP's 'How the Other Half Love' coming up Aug. 16-19 & Aug. 23-26



Rehearsals have begun for the final production of the Highlands Community Players 2006-2007 season, "How the Other Half Loves," a comedy/farce by Alan Ayckbourn. The show opens on Thursday, August 16th at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Chestnut Street, Highlands. The cast includes three couples entangled in mischief and mayhem. From left - Ronnie Spilton & David Hoffman as Fiona & Frank Foster, Marsha Shmalo & Rick Siegel as Mary and William Detweiler, and Stuart Armor and Katie Cochran as Bob & Teresa Phillips. "How the Other Half Loves" runs from August 16, 17, 18, 19, and the following weekend August 23, 24, 25, 26. Evening performances begin at 8:00pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30pm. For tickets call: 828.526.8084.

• The Franklin Women's Connection features a "Health and Wellness" luncheon and program at the Community Building in Franklin from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Carlos Vargas will share "His Advice for a Healthier You." Songs for the soul will be presented by Renee Vargas. The speaker Karen Barefoot from Greensboro, NC will share "The Future's So Bright, I Gotta Put On My Shades." Cost for the luncheon and program is \$10 inclusive. For reservations, call Susan at 369-7697 or Georgann at 369-9117 by noon on Thursday, July 26.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

• Richard Ganitt, art historian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will explain how it is that artist Henry Ossawa Tanner came to Highlands at the Highlands Historical Museum on Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited free of charge to this fascinating audio-visual presentation on a great American artist.

Thursday, Aug. 2

• The free Zahner Lecture Series held at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. features Tom Wessel will present a slide presentation showing how to interpret forest history

Friday, August 3

• Upward Bound — Bowman Family performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You:" survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

Saturday-Thursday, Aug. 4-23

• At Summit One Gallery on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave, "Go Figure" featuring Joe Adams, Betty Foy Botts, Shari Erickson, Mase Lucas, Diane McPhail, Jane Smathers, Wesley Wofford, Tom Bluemlien, Lonnie Busch, Libby Mathews, Toby Penney, Rosemary Stiefel.

Saturday, Aug. 4

• The Dappled Grays, Atlanta's premier bluegrass band will perform at PAC at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds will benefit PAC. The concert is sponsored by Ray and Diane McPhail.

• Artists Reception at Summit One Gallery on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. from 5-7 p.m. for the exhibit "Go Figure."

• Tour the Fisher Estate gardens 9:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Episcopal Church's Outreach Programs, available at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202 9-4 Mon.-Fri.

• Highlands Fire Department annual Open House featuring free fire truck rides, hot dog plates and drinks. Donations accepted.

Saturday, Aug. 5

• The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation announces a new music series featuring world-class musicians free and open to the public on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 5, at 4 p.m. This series will present African American artists Bernice Hall, soprano, Darrell McGhee, tenor, and Lawrence Weaver at the piano in a program entitled "The Negro Spiritual" a legacy of overcoming."

• Black-tie optional fundraiser for the Highlands Playhouse at the Main Street Inn on Sunday. The night will include a meal, cocktails, and entertain-

ment from the cast of *My Way*. Only 50 tickets available, \$125 apiece, which include five raffle tickets for the Highlands Playhouse annual Theatre Lover's Tour, which is an 11-day tour of Sicily this year. Call 526-2695.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

• Musical Interlude concert at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. It's free.

Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12

• Cashiers Quilters Guild quilt show at the Sapphire Valley Community Center east of Cashiers on U.S. 64. A quilt will be raffled off the last day of the show. Tickets available at Ingles in Cashiers and at Bryson's Food Store in Highlands.

Saturday, Aug. 11

• Hurricane Creek plays at Instant Theater from 8 p.m. Call 828-342-9197 for ticket reservations.

Sinatra fans will love 'My Way' at Playhouse July 26

The Highlands Playhouse has begun rehearsals for its third show of the season: *My Way*, a musical tribute to Frank Sinatra. The show offers stories about Sinatra and more than 50 Sinatra classics performed by two professional impersonators: Gabe Russo and Jim Noe. The impersonators are balanced out by actresses Allie Payton and Shannon Webber, both of whom previously graced the Playhouse's stage on the first show of the season: *Kiss Me, Kate*.

daMon Goff, musical director for *My Way* and *Kiss Me, Kate*, is excited about getting to perform Sinatra music. Growing up, Goff listened to The Beatles and rock 'n roll. He learned about Sinatra music through playing at bars and restaurants. "People would come up and request Sinatra songs and I'd tell them I didn't know any, but when they told me some of the song names I knew them because I knew the composers." Goff also mentioned that the reason for this is because "Sinatra sang the best songs that were written between the 1940s and the 1960s and these songs are undeniably classics, these songs are wonderful and enticing no matter what age you are."

In addition to the performance, there will be a black-tie optional fundraiser on Sunday, August 5 at the Main Street Inn. The night will include a meal, cocktails, and entertainment from the cast of *My Way*. Space is limited to the first 50 reservations and tickets are \$125 apiece, which include five raffle tickets for the Highlands Playhouse annual Theatre Lover's Tour, which is an eleven-day tour of Sicily this year.

Tickets for *My Way* and the black tie fundraiser can be purchased at the box office or by calling 828-526-2695. It's open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Richard Gantt to Lecture on American artist Henry Tanner

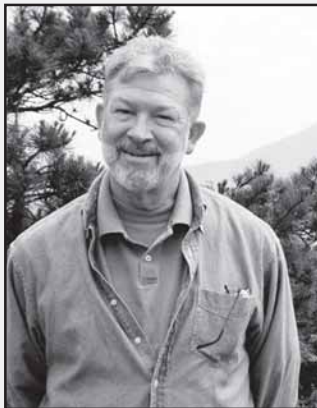
By **Ran Shaffner**
HHS

"What was Henry Tanner doing in Highlands, North Carolina?" This is the question that Richard Gantt, art historian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will try to answer at the Highlands Historical Museum on Wednesday, August 1. The public is invited free of charge to this fascinating audio-visual presentation on a great American artist, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

It was in 1889 that Henry Ossawa Tanner arrived in Highlands from Atlanta, where he had almost given up on art, photography, and life itself. Life for him, as one-fourth African-American and three-fourths white, had plunged him into "great humiliation and sorrow" until the Highlands landscapes restored his faith in both himself and his art and inspired his move to Paris, where he became "one of the most important African-American artists of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century."

He was subsequently elected to the American Academy of Design along with Mary Cassatt and George Bellows and in 1923 was awarded the French Legion of Honor for his work with the American Red Cross during World War I. His was a distinguished life for any American of the period—and for an African-American, a life of astonishing achievement. His paintings today hang in the Smithsonian, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, Hamp-

ton University Museum, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Michael Rosenfeld Gallery, and the Questroyal Gallery in New York.



Richard Gantt



Henry Tanner

Born in Pittsburgh as the son of Bishop Benjamin Tucker Tanner of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Sarah Miller, Tanner credited Highlands with his rebirth through the inspiration of nature. "I made photos of the whole immediate region [Highlands], a most lovely country, and . . . they were a success. And my hard times—very hard times—vanished as the mountain mists before the sun," he claimed.

The title of Richard Gantt's lecture, "Tanner and the American Sublime: Highlands, North Carolina, 1889," reflects Tanner's homage to Highlands but also his genius in the field of religious art, his "Annunciation," "Sleeping Disciples," "Walls of Jerusalem," and "Mary Washing the Feet of Christ" being some of his spiritual masterworks. His "Banjo Lesson" recreates the African-American male in the role of father, mentor, and sage, lovingly sharing his knowledge and wisdom with his young protégé.

But the primary focus of Gantt's talk will be on Tanner's Highlands work, his "Mountain Landscape," which locates the Sublime in the Southern Appalachian Mountains, namely, the view from Satulah toward Whiteside. Gantt sees this painting especially as the significant turning point in Tanner's celebrated life.



• Johnny Webb Band performing at High Country Café. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You:" survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

Wednesday, Aug. 15

• Loving Literacy Premier Gala. The Highlands Community Players will partner with the Literacy Council to present a special performance of "How the Other Half Loves." The gala begins with wine and hors d'oeuvres then moves to the hilarious comedy and ends with coffee and dessert and a special drawing. Tickets are \$125 per person and all proceeds benefit the Literacy Council. Call 526-9938 for ticket information.

Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 16-18

• The North Carolina Premier of "My Secret Weapon" by Carol Caldwell is at 8 p.m. at the Instant Theater. For reservations and tickets call 828-342-9197.

Thurs.-Sun. Aug. 16-19

• How the Other Half Loves, will be held at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC), Chestnut Street, Highlands. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Thurs., Aug. 16-Sun., Aug. 26

• The Highlands Playhouse, "Talley's Folly." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695.

Friday, August 17

• The ADP1 Alumni luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more information, call Emily Buskirk at 526-2458.

Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 21-25

• The North Carolina Premier of "My Secret Weapon" by Carol Caldwell is at 8 p.m. at the Instant Theater. For reservations and tickets call 828-342-9197.

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 23-26

• How the Other Half Loves, at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street, Highlands. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

• The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village Nature Series presents, Gary Wein and "Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Dummies." Presentation at the library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments to follow. It's free but donations are graciously accepted. Call 526.9938 x254.

• Musical Interlude concert at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. It's free.

Thursday, Aug. 23

• Caymus Vineyards Wine dinner at OEI's The Farm. Each dinner is \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Reception begins at 6 p.m. and guests will be seated for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are required. Call 828-787-2604.

Saturday, Aug. 25

• Health Screenings at the hospital. Pre-registration is required for all screenings. People can sign up by calling the hospital at 526-1434.

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Cassandra King and Ron Rash at Cyrano's; Local author Monica Henson and Memoirist Rozetta Mowery also signing

On Friday, July 27, and Saturday, July 28, Cyrano's Bookshop features the latest offering by best-seller Cassandra King, a new book of short stories by award-winner Ron Rash, the true story of mother-and-son murderers by Rozetta Mowery and a thriller by local writer M.C. Henson, who will sign copies of her first novel, "Unwritten," on Friday evening from 5-7 p.m.

"M.C." is better known to her friends in Franklin and Highlands as Monica, a graphic artist and professional wedding photographer who also works at the Highlands Gem Shop. "Unwritten" is the story of intelligence agent Caroline Blaine, a woman torn by her love of God, family and a man she has no right to love but cannot forget. This mystery ranges from the

mountains of Macon County—real-life home of the author—to Washington, D.C., Europe and the Middle East as Caroline finds herself in a perilous JAG adventure to recover stolen Navy property. The fast-paced plot provides a satisfying summer read.

There are three signings on Saturday: "Tragedy in Tin Can Holler" (1-3 p.m.) recounts Rozetta Mowery's investigation of her mother's murder in Appalachia. (Tin Can Holler was the name of the poor neighborhood "on the other side of the tracks" where the author's family lived in Athens, TN.) It's no secret who killed Eliza Mae Mowery — it was her own husband — Rozetta's father — Seig Mowery. But as Ms. Mowery delved into her troubled family's history she uncovered information

about her paternal grandmother Grace Sims that was even more shocking. The author now thinks that Grace Sims was herself a serial killer, doing away not just with her own unwanted, illegitimate babies during the Great Depression, but luring mail-order husbands to her farm and then killing them for whatever cash they had on hand.

Her family's "horrific cycle of hate and killings" provide a lurid tapestry for Mowery's fascinating memoir of crime and recovery.

Ron Rash will meet readers and sign "Chemistry and Other Stories" from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday. The 13 tales in "Chemistry" take place in the Appalachian Mountains and chronicle the onset of the

modern era in rural communities and the deterioration of old ways. Mr. Rash is the author of the novels "One Foot in Eden," "Saints at the River" and "The World Made Straight," which has just been released in paperback. He is also a poet and a professor in Appalachian Studies at Western Carolina University.

Rash has won many literary awards and the Los Angeles Times hailed him as "a major southern writer" while the Atlanta Journal-Constitution wrote "Ron Rash writes some of the most memorable novels of this young century...one of the major writers of our time."

And Cassandra King will autograph copies of "Queen of Broken Hearts" from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday. Ms. King's story of a therapist, Claire, who helps divorced women mend their hearts, has both Highlands and Atlanta connections.

Ms. King said that she "ran away to Highlands last summer to finish this book, and one of the few times I left the house was for my signing [of her previous novel, 'The Same Sweet Girls'] at Cyrano's last year." And it was at a Mercer University authors' luncheon in Atlanta that Ms. King met someone who told her of a real organization that helped women recover from divorce. "Queen of Broken Hearts,"

Ms. King's fourth novel, is set in Fairhope, Ala., which the author says is a sort of seaside equivalent of Highlands, founded by utopian idealists from the Midwest.

Publishers Weekly said of "Queen of Broken Hearts: "King delivers what her fans want — strong bonds, strong women characters and triumph over tragedy." Fannie Flagg declared that "Cassandra King has written a wonderful and uplifting tale, about women helping women in a small Alabama town," that is "full of romance and surprises along the way," and thriller-writer Sandra Brown (another Highlands resident) said that "this novel ... had me laughing out loud, and then moved to tears."

Ms. King and her husband, the novelist Pat Conroy, are again spending the summer here in Highlands, where each is working on their next book.

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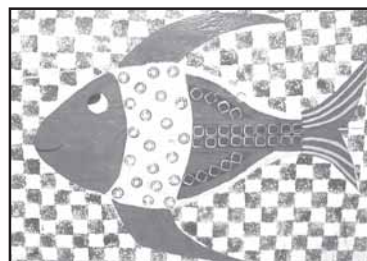
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been paying attention – or cared — members would have noticed that Gurganus had missed a few meetings in a row. It seems someone on the board could have picked up the phone and contacted him. But maybe arriving at a consensus at planning board meetings was a little easier with Campbell gone and Gurganus absent.

On the other hand, once Gurganus decided to resign, the letter he submitted to the county dated June 15, could've been copied to the town.

At the July 16 Macon County Commission meeting, as witnessed by representatives from The Franklin Press, the Macon County News & Shopper and Highlands' Newspaper, the vote to appoint Bryson to the town's planning board was unanimous. If Commissioner Brian McClellan, from District I who won the county at-large vote — was truly against Bryson's appointment or the process by which he was appointed, as he claimed in last week's article in The Highlander, he should've gone on record with a "nay" vote. But that wasn't the case. He voted "yes" with everyone else.

Regardless the process, the county doesn't have to ask the town for input about ETJ representatives on the planning board; it just has to appoint them. The town agreed to this verbally at the end of 2006 and formally in June 2007 with a resolution in which representative percentages were also outlined.

To suggest the county should have done "the right thing" and notified the town of Gurganus' resignation is ludicrous. For one thing, why should the county assume the town didn't know and for the other, the two boards have never communicated very well. Why should they start with this issue?

The fact that Allan Bryson is listed on the suit between the town and county doesn't really matter at this point — it mattered back when he was a commissioner. Perhaps as a county commissioner he should have kept his name off of the suit, simply because it complicates perceptions and has further strained the town's relationship with the county, but hindsight is always 20-20.

He's on the suit because he lives in the ETJ, he's against ETJ and he wants a guarantee that the county can forever name a specific number of appointees from the ETJ to the town's planning and zoning boards.

What better person to appoint to the planning board? He vehemently opposes the concept of ETJ and joins Mike Bryson representing those citizens against ETJ. The town shouldn't worry too much; the planning board is loaded with people for ETJ.

Talking about representation, luckily for Highlands — and for Commissioner McClellan — McClellan isn't the minority voice in the wilderness crying out for Highlands as claimed in the same article last week. That truly would be a heavy yoke to shoulder.

On the contrary, Gary Schmitt is on the Airport Authority Commission; Tony Potts is on the County Board of Adjustment; Cindy Reed and Sandy Vinson are on the Community Funding Pool committee; Thomas Craig is on the Economic Development Commission; David Hourdequin is on the County Health Board; Glenda Bell, Romney Bathhurst and Henry Durham sit on the Housing Finance Corporation; Janet Vanhook is on the Housing Advisory Board; Sue Potts represents the Highlands Senior Citizen Council in the county's Department of Aging; Cindy Trevathan and Avary Doubleday are on the Library Board; Eric Pierson and Alan Marsh sit on county planning board; Allan Bryson represents Highlands in the new Recreation Commission; Richard Betz sits on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee; James Keener, William Lowe, Bob Zoellner, Neville Bryson and Richard Betz sit on the Watershed Review Board; Dr. Amy Patterson sits on the Animal Control Study Committee; and Steve Pierson sits on the Board of Equalization & Review.

Each of these appointments were made by county commissioners to represent Highlands-area interests concerning expansion, planning, development and funding — all big, important issues facing Macon County.

Now, concerning the newly formed county-wide recreation commission that the town said it was "in the dark" about in the same article. Whoever it relies on for information, is truly misinformed and very confused.

As reported by Highlands' Newspaper, at the May 14 Macon County Commission meeting, Commissioner Bob Simpson, liaison to the recreation study committee, said the county should move forward with parts of the Recreation Master Plan which it accepted a year earlier. First off, the creation of a single countywide recreation commission and the hiring of a professional recreation administrator.

After discussion, Commissioner Simpson was instructed to get with County Manager Sam Greenwood and bring a recommendation and resolution to the board at the June meeting.

At the June 18 Macon County Commission meeting, Commissioner Simpson and County Manager Greenwood presented the requested resolution establishing a single countywide recreation commission and its by-laws.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Ronnie Beale, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the board unanimously voted to adopt the resolution and by-laws.

Recommendations for appointments to the commission were to be made at the July meeting. Commissioner Brian McClellan asked if the board minded if proposed representatives were currently on salary with a town.

The board agreed that the representatives should not be on salary and Commissioner Simpson would announce them at the July 16 meeting.

With the resolution adopted establishing the single countywide recreation commission, the county's independent Franklin, Nantahala and Highlands recreation commissions were abolished.

As reported in the July 19 edition of Highlands' Newspaper, with the single countywide recreation commission in place, commissioners named seven vot-

ing members to the commission with Commissioner Simpson at the head as ex officio. The seven-member recreation commission will oversee all recreation matters in the county. Two members are from Highlands and Nantahala and four members are from Franklin.

So, the recent claim published in The Highlander that the county only "discussed creating a committee to look at the option of countywide recreation at the June meeting" is really off the wall.

Since the Highlands Town Board chooses not to rely on factual reports from viable news sources for its information, the previous call made by this newspaper should be heeded.

It's time members of the Highlands Town Board attend county meetings to see and hear for themselves what is truly going on, because the sources they choose to listen to continue to be erroneous and flawed.

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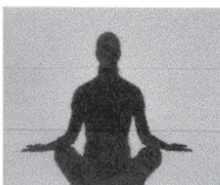
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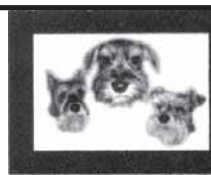
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• 1434941, 861 WILSON RD, GREEN FRED LIFE ESTATE, 6/27/2007, \$0., GREEN FRED LIFE ESTATE, \$236,510.

HIGHLANDS TOWNSHIP

• 0520608, LOT 49 WILDWOOD MTN, MARKS DAVID, 6/27/2007, \$85,000., SANCHEZ-COLON DOMINICK, \$90,900.

• 0502075, 185 STONEY CREEK RD, ZOELLNER ROBERT ALAN, 7/2/2007, \$0., ZOELLNER ROBERT ALAN, \$722,030.

• 0501334, WOODLAND DR LOT 86 BIG BEAR PEN, HOGAN ELLIE, 6/20/2007, \$79,000., MCDOWELL CHARLIE W, \$54,400.

• 0500045, 605 SHORTOFF RD LOT 103 COLD SPRINGS, AUSTIN RANDOLPH, 6/28/2007, \$0., KING ROBIN JENNIFER, \$311,760.

• 0532961, 297 FALLEN LEAF LN LOT 10 SHORTOFF BLUFFS DEV., KLACHKOU SIARHEI, 7/2/2007, \$199,000., SUNQUEST INC, \$286,160.

• 0532321, 139 WALKINGSTICK RD, GURGANUE CLYDE MITCHELL TRUSTEE, 6/20/2007, \$0., GURGANUE CLYDE MITCHELL TRUSTEE, \$1,590,280.

• 0526753, LOT 6 APPLE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, CLARK HUGH A TRUSTEE, 7/6/2007, \$0., CLARK HUGH A JR, \$138,360.

• 0543423, 15 E FOREST WAY LOT 7C WILDWOOD FOREST, DEFERRARI RONALD H TRUSTEE, 6/29/2007,

\$511,000., CIMARRON BUILDERS INC., \$118,480.

• 0525847, 1052 SKY LAKE DR HLDS FALLS, MERRY FINLEY H, 6/25/2007, \$587,500., SMITH WILLIAM DILLARD TRUSTEE, \$648,010.

• 0525848, SKY LAKE DRIVE PARCEL A HFCC, MERRY FINLEY H, 6/25/2007, \$587,500., SMITH WILLIAM DILLARD TRUSTEE, \$26,010.

• 0542757, FLAT MTN RD LOTS 13 14 & 15 TR 4 PRIMEVAL EST, LUMSDEN DONNA KAY, \$235,000., LINES RAYFIELD E, \$176,260.

• 0542760, 579 CHENEY LN LOTS 16 17 & 18 TR 3 PRIMEVAL ESTATES, LUMSDEN PROPERTIES, 6/29/2007, \$1,250,000., HELMS RAY DOUGLAS JR, \$815,560.

• 0542009, 195 LAKE OSSEROGA DR, KURFIST WENDY TRUSTEE, 7/11/2007, \$1,000,000., PAVLOVICH LESLIE ROGER, \$1,007,950.

• 0524610, 180 MCCALL RD RD, MCCALL JERRY, 7/19/2007, \$463,040., MCCALL ELSIE B LIFE ESTATE, \$480,280.

• 0523309, 24 APPLE MOUNTAIN LN, CLARK HUGH A TRUSTEE, 7/6/2007, \$0., CLARK HUGH A JR, \$660,200.

• 0504110, 451 MOON MOUNTAIN RD, FUNSCH RICHARD H TRUSTEE, 6/20/2007, \$0., FUNSCH RICHARD H TRUSTEE, \$401,930.

• 0538136, 269 BLUE VALLEY FALLS DR, DEER KAREN T, 6/25/2007, \$0., DEER KAREN T, \$854,620.

• 0503888, 690 HOLT RD, BUCKLEY L FERBER, 6/28/2007, \$0., BUCKLEY L FERBER, \$1,513,480.

• 0502790, 659 SKY LAKE DR HLDS FALLS, PARKER L MCKAY, 7/5/2007, \$397,000., SUNQUEST INC., \$504,910.

• 0502075, 185 STONEY CREEK RD, ZOELLNER ROBERT ALAN, 7/2/2007, \$0., \$462,850., ZOELLNER ROBERT ALAN, \$722,030.

• 0501820, MOON MTN RD, FUNSCH RICHARD H TRUSTEE, 6/20/2007, \$0., FUNSCH RICHARD H TRUSTEE, \$61,200.

• 0501612, 171 APPLE MOUNTAIN CIR, MCKEEL S DOUGLAS, 7/2/2007, \$0., LAKELAND LAND COMPANY, \$545,850.

• 0517043, LOT 225 CULLASAJA CLUB, TYDE STEPHEN J, 7/11/2007, \$290,000., RUSTHOVEN RICHARD C, \$248,400.

• 0516989, 61 WEST VIEW WAY CULLASAJA CLUB, MAY ROBERT V, 7/9/2007, \$0., MAY ROBERT V, \$722,150.

• 0516291, VISTA RD, MEYERS WILLIAM M JR, 7/2/2007, \$265,000., HIGHGATE LLC, \$275,000.

• 0516282, VISTA CT, HIGHGATE LLC, 6/25/2007, \$400,000., WELLONS WILLIAM B JR, \$400,000.

• 0549441, HORSE COVE RD TRACT A PLAT CARD 5314, PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS TEN LLC C/O JOHN D WOGAN LISKOW & LEWIS, 7/6/2007, \$0., PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS A LLC, \$1,605,240.

• 0549447, HORSE COVE RD PT TRACT G PLAT CARD 5319, PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS TEN LLC C/O JOHN D WOGAN LISKOW & LEWIS, 7/6/2007, \$0., PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS G LLC, \$2,035,320.

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• 0618366, RIDGEVIEW LOT 26 RIDGEVIEW, FUTRAL WILLIAM J, 7/10/2007, \$75,000., BARTRAM INVESTMENTS LLC, \$41,280.

• 0600299, 77 FOX FALLS LN LOT 31 KINGS MTN, BULLOCK E POPE, 6/18/2007, \$275,000., KINARD JERRY H & OLGA J, \$257,880.

• 0600130, LOT 14 KINGS MTN, DAVISON RICHARD, 6/19/2007, \$30,500., KING MTN CLUB INC., \$5,000.

• 0615656, 16 RITCHIE RD, BUTTS BETTY HUNTER, 7/2/2007, \$0., CRAIN JANIE ROBERTA, \$169,910.

• 0649529, SR 1622 OFF S R 1622, WELLS DAVID R, 6/27/2007, \$202,500., WILKES ALVIN L, \$85,080.

• 0649534, 870 BUCK KNOB RD, BURTON BIDD EARNST, 6/28/2007, \$252,500., CORAM JENNINGS B, \$206,430.

• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of July 17-24. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

July 17

• At 10:10 p.m., officers investigated a call about a suspicious person sleeping in an outbuilding behind Mountain Fresh Food Store. He was instructed to pack his belongings and leave.

July 18

• At 1:05 p.m. officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Oak and 2nd Street.

• At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident at Cullasaja and Foreman roads where a vehicle flipped over into the marsh.

• At 3:15 p.m., officers were called to Bryson's Food Store to investigate the passing of a stolen check.

• A little past midnight a motorist at Main and 2nd streets was cited for driving without a license or financial responsibility for the vehicle.

July 19

• At 7:16 a.m., a motorist at Spring and S.4th streets was cited for illegally operating a vehicle.

• At 9:05 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Sequoia Place Way was cited for speeding 58 mph in a 35 zone.

• At 10:05 a.m., a motorist at Mirror Lake and Cullasaja Drive was cited for driving with an expired tag.

• At 3:45 p.m., a hit and run accident was reported in the parking area of Falls on Main.

July 20

• At 9:28 a.m., a motorist at Cherokee and N.C. 28, was cited for speeding 54 mph in a 35 zone.

• At 10:33 a.m., a motorist on N. 4th Street was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone.

• At 3:53 p.m., a motorist on N.C. 28 was cited for speeding 54 mph in a 35 zone.

• At 8:25 p.m., a motorist at Foreman Road and N. 4th Street was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25 zone.

• At 8:45 p.m., a motorist at N.4th Street and Martha's Lane was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 25 zone.

July 21

• At 11:25 p.m., a motorist at Maple and N. 4th streets was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 25 zone.

• A little past midnight, a motorist on N. 4th Street was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone.

During the week officers issued nine warning tickets.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the weeks of July 18-25

July 18

• The dept. investigated a call of smoke near Sunset Rocks but it was unfounded.

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. The call was cancelled.

• The dept. responded to a call of a wreck on Cullasaja Drive where a car flipped into the marsh.

July 19

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

July 20

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Chestnut Street but it was cancelled.

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. The call was cancelled.

• The dept. responded to a wreck at Flat Mountain Road and U.S. 64 east. The victim was transported to the hospital.

July 22

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. The call was cancelled.

• The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 106 where a vehicle drove into a house. The victim was transported to the hospital.

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. It was cancelled.

July 24

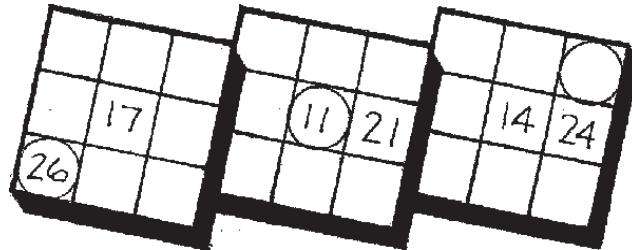
• The dept. responded to a kitchen fire at Fireside Restaurant where the gas line was burning. It's estimated about \$5,000 worth of damage.

July 25

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Black Roack Circle where someone had fallen. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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