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Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007

## On-going

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

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

- Hal Phillips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.

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

## Every Thursday

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

## Every Saturday

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

## Through Friday, Sept. 7

- A Revival at Blue Valley Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Featuring Rev. Shane Jenkins from Victory Baptist Church in Clarksville, GA. Special singing every night!

## Through Saturday, Sept. 8

- At Instant Theatre "Copenhagen" featuring David Milford, Ellen Greenwald and Ralph Stevens. 8 p.m. Call The Instant Theatre at 828-342-9197 for tickets.

## Wednesday, Sept. 5

- "The Bible Tells Me So" study at the Methodist Church. In the Fellowship Hall at 6:15 and will last one hour.

## Thursday, Sept. 6

- 2007 Studio Dinner Series. Theme: Caribbean Lively-Up at 6 p.m. Call 526-2673.

## Friday-Saturday, Sept. 7-8

- Native plant landscaping and gardening conference. Call 526-2602. Cost is \$100 for the two-day event or \$150 per couple.

## Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-10

- At Acorn's Coralia Leets Trunk Show. Jewelry with precious and semi-precious stones, gems and pearls in 14k and 18k gold.

## Saturday, Sept. 8

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, authors George Ellison and Thomas Rain Crowe beginning at 1 p.m.

- Rabies Vaccination Clinics 1-2:30 p.m. at Highlands Conference Center and 3-4 p.m. at Scaly Mountain Post Office. \$5 (cash only) per pet.

## Monday, Sept. 10

- The hospital auxiliary will have its annual luncheon meeting at Chestnut Hill on Monday at 12:30.

- The Highlands Community Christian Chorale Rehearsals 7 p.m. at the Methodist church.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Ron Rash signing "Chemistry and Other Stories" 1-3 p.m.

- "Missed Highlands, 2007" All Male Beauty Pageant at the Highlands Playhouse at 8 p.m. \$50 or \$100 for reserved seats on first two rows. Call 526-3605.

- At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, 6-course wine dinner with Reynold's Family Winery at 6 p.m. Call 526-3807.

- There will be a ladies Bible study at Highlands School Monday afternoons at 3:45 in the Media Center. Call Carol Bowen at 526-5168.

## Citizens to vote on 'liquor by the drink'

Come November the citizens of Highlands will decide whether liquor by the drink can be sold at restaurants in town.

At the Sept. 6 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted 4-1 to ask the Macon County Board of Elections to include the ques-

tion on the Nov. 6 ballot. If a municipality makes the request, a petition of signatures of 35% of registered voters isn't necessary prior to considering the "liquor" referendum on a ballot.

However, the referendum has to be requested within 60-120

days of the election. There are 64 days left.

Currently, only establishments owned by the Old Edwards Hospitality Group can sell alcoholic drinks due to its classification as a sports club. "This is no

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## Highlands and Franklin tie



Highlander Greg Porter races Franklin opponent for the ball during the Thursday, Aug. 30 game played at Franklin. The teams tied, 2-2. Highlands plays Franklin at home tonight, Thursday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

Photo by Noel Atherton

## OEI Group to assume ownership of Highlands Cove golf course

Old Edwards Hospitality Group, LLC announces a contract with Highlands Cove, LLC to purchase the Highlands Cove

### Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
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golf course, clubhouse and recreational amenities, closing scheduled in 60 days. The 6,699 yard, par 71 mountain course was designed by Tom Jackson of Greenville, South Carolina.

Lou Miller, former Director of Golf at Pinehurst Resort, NC, Johns Island Club, Vero Beach, FL and owner of the University Club, Columbia, SC will be managing partner responsible

for all operations.

Plans include a significant renovation of the golf course, the clubhouse, restaurant and food service, the golf pro shop, and the fitness center to bring it in line with other Old Edwards properties.

"Our future plans are to convert Highlands Cove to a private golf club; a first class club in line

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## Town firming up pole contracts

With Highlands Cable Group wanting to attach to town poles, commissioners want to expedite the contracts set forth by McGavran Engineering.

At the Sept. 6 Town Board meeting, Commissioner Alan Marsh urged the board to go over the contract submitted by McGavran – particularly the rate schedule – so McGavran can establish contracts with Verizon, Northland and Highlands Cable Group.

"Once we agree to the contract McGavran outlined it can be sent to the attachees and Ed Sullivan can set up negotiations," he said.

The suggested contract reads: "As of January 1, 2008, all public or private corporate entities that have telecommunication facilities attached to any poles owned by the Town of Highlands will have a signed agreement with the Town of Highlands to permit those attachments. All those entities that enter the Town of Highlands with the intent of attaching to the same poles will be required to have a signed agreement approved by the Town of Highlands prior to placing attachments on any town poles. All terms and conditions set forth

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Show support and display our flag

Dear Editor,

On Tuesday, September 11, 2007, an American flag should be displayed outside every home, apartment, office, and store in the United States. Every individual should make it their duty to display an American flag on this anniversary of our country's worst tragedy. We do this in honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11, their families, friends and loved ones who continue to endure the pain, and those who today are fighting at home and abroad to preserve our cherished freedoms.

In the days, weeks and months following 9/11, our country was bathed in American flags as citizens mourned the incredible losses and stood shoulder-to-shoulder against terrorism. Sadly, those flags have all but disappeared. Our patriotism pulled us through some tough times and it shouldn't take another attack to galvanize us in solidarity. Our American flag is the fabric of our country and together we can prevail over terrorism of all kinds.

Action Plan: So, here's what we need you to do...

Fly an American flag of any size on 9/11. Honestly, Americans should fly the flag year-round, but if you don't, then at least make it a priority on this day.

Thank you for your participation.  
God Bless You and God Bless America  
Linda Light  
Franklin

### Remembering Mary

Dear Editor,

I just read Fred Wooldridge's column on "Fish Mary" in the Aug. 30 edition and it brought back some old memories.

Yes I have met Fish Mary and even bought her a drink or so. I was a teacher at Miami High back in the early 1960s and a good friend and fellow teacher lived on a house boat on the Miami River near the 22 Ave. bridge.

When the weather was too bad on the beach she would find her way to the bridge and fish. She would sell her catch to persons stopping either on the

bridge or just around the corner to the west on South River Drive. My friend of course used to frequent (with me in tow) some of the sleezy water-front bars and yes, I have met her. On one occasion I remember buying her two drinks with the idea that she would move away so that my friend and I could continue our talk in private.

On another memorable incident I bought her a drink and immediately excused myself to go to the foul-smelling john to get some fresh air. When I returned to the bar my beer was gone. I asked the bartender why he had taken my half-finished beer as I was not through with it. He told me that he hadn't, but Mary had because she thought I was leaving.

Oh yes, how I remember Fish Mary. Thanks for the memory, Fred.

I retired from Miami High School in 1994 after 34 four years there. I don't know if you have ever been there but it is the most beautiful school I have ever seen and even though I went to school in Illinois, I feel that I am actually an alumnus of Miami Senior High rather than my own alma mater.

Vern Jared  
Highlands

### Accusations against Northland Cable Group unfounded

Dear Editor,

I feel I must respond to the accusations made against Northland Cable Television in a recent letter to the editor. First let me say that I do not work nor speak for Northland Cable Television but I do have a business relationship with them as a broadcaster.

The charge that Northland Cable Television has a "monopoly" insinuates that Northland is somehow responsible for being Highlands' sole cable provider. This is not true.

A few years back Highlands did indeed have two cable systems. Then one cable company had its franchise revoked by the Town Board for not upholding his end of the franchise agreement. This can be verified by Town Board minutes. This was not the fault of Northland. A little research by the letter writer should fully enlighten her on this issue.

As to "local" coverage being limited to Asheville's WLOS, I must mention that my wife Katie Brugger and I have produced hundreds of hours of very local programming on Northland Cable Television's Channel 14 programming which is devoted to what's happening

right here in Highlands and Cashiers! Now in our fourth season (May-December), our ability to broadcast was entirely the result of Northland's willingness to give us a chance to produce a local television show.

I can think of no other town the size of Highlands that can boast its very own TV channel! Most "visitor channels" (in larger towns) are little more than thin excuses for wall-to-wall advertisements. Katie and I have restricted advertising to make our shows "content-heavy." See the "show indexes" on our web site [www.heartofthehighcountry.com](http://www.heartofthehighcountry.com) for a glimpse of just how much we've covered over the years. We have enjoyed consistently positive feedback from viewers on our production quality, the content of our programming, and the service our shows provide to the community. Channel 14's "Heart of the High Country," "The Visitor Information Program," "Mountain Home Showcase," and nature scenery exist because Northland Cable Television was willing to put us on the air. And of course our very fine advertisers keep us on the air!

I should also mention Northland's live broadcast of the Episcopal Church service every Sunday morning on Channel 14...another benefit to the community.

Katie and I have seen (with our own eyes) Northland's ongoing efforts to make their service even better with expensive new equipment upgrades, the addition of high definition channels, their highly-praised internet service, etc.

Sometimes we can overlook the positives when we're upset by a negative. Almost everyone has a bad experience with their cable provider once in awhile. I live outside of town and have satellite and I can tell you some war stories too!

I just talked to a Northland executive and WLOS should be back on the air by the time this letter is printed. It was never Northland's intention to drop WLOS, the station was off the air due to technical difficulties (a lightning strike).on the WLOS tower.

Arthur Hancock  
Time Capsule Video

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### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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## • OBITUARIES •

### Fred Green

Fred Green, age 86, of Highlands died Friday August 31, 2007 at a Highlands, NC hospital. He was a native of Habersham, GA, but had lived in Highlands most of his life. He was the son of the late Hannibal Impsie and Nancy Norris Green. He was married to the late Eula Inez Wilson who died in 2004. He was retired from the town of Highlands as a water and street superintendent. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by four daughters Susie Beck and her husband Gilbert, and Louise Burrell and her husband Mike of Highlands, NC, Helen Bowman and her husband Morlan of Franklin, NC, Debbie Brown and her husband Dan of Norcross, GA; two sons Milton Green and his wife Pat of Clayton, GA and Jerry Green and his wife Marie E. of Highlands, NC. Nineteen grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Sept. 3 at Flats of Middle Creek Baptist Church in Scaly Mountain, N.C. at 11 a.m. with burial in the church cemetery. The Revs Oliver Rice, Ricky Potts, Johnny Head and Dwight Loggins officiated. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Mary Louise Staley Black

Mary Louise Staley Black, age 105, formerly of Golden, IL died Saturday, September 1, 2007 in Highlands, N.C. Born December 25, 1901 in Centerville, Iowa, she was the daughter of Bingham S. and Mary Belle (Mollie Smith) Staley. She married Orin R. Black on September 25, 1926 in Centerville, Iowa. Orin had a funeral home for 45 years in Golden, IL, as well as a retail business, insurance agency and real estate business. They were married for 67 years before his death in 1993. Mary Lou was also preceded in death by her five brothers.

Surviving are her two sons and their wives: Rev. Howard I. (Joyce) Black of Souderton, PA; Dr. Paul W. Black (Dr. Rebecca Schilling) of Highlands, N.C.; four grandchildren: Jonathan (MaryLynne) Black, Anna Mary (Jon) Vogt, Paul W. (Kerrin) Black II, Mary Elizabeth Black (Chaz Hornyak); and eight great-grandchildren: Christopher Vogt, Sarah Vogt, Emily Vogt, Regan Black, Kiera Black, Marissa Kemperman, Hannah Kemperman, and Elena Black.

Mary Lou Black was a graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri and attended University of Missouri-Columbia and Colorado State University-Fort Collins. After marriage she helped her husband in the funeral business. She was an accomplished musician. She taught piano, organ and voice and was a public school teacher -- all of which she dearly loved. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Golden, IL. She was a lifelong avid reader and kept up with current events and world affairs. She was an inspiration to her family and friends.

After cremation, burial will be with her husband in Golden, IL. Memorials may be made to the Illinois School for the Deaf, 125 Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, IL 62650, or to Trinity Lutheran Church, PO Box 160. Golden, IL 62339.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Robert Zahner

Robert Zahner, 83, died on September 1, 2007. He died peacefully in his bed in the home he built himself 50 years earlier.

Bob was born October 5, 1923 in Summerville, SC to Kenyon and Loyer Lawton Zahner of Atlanta, GA. His family began spending summers at Lake Sequoyah in Highlands in 1925, moving to Billy Cabin Mountain 15 years later.

Bob served in the Army Air Corps in WWII, returning safely to complete his education at Duke University. He worked as a research scientist for the U.S. Forest Service and became a Professor of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Michigan and Clemson University.

Throughout his life, Bob expressed his deep love of Highlands by devoting his time and energy to the conservation and preservation of our natural resources. He was a trustee of the Highlands Biological Foundation and President Emeritus of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Glenda Schwerer Zahner; son Jeffrey Zahner and his wife Jodie of Highlands, NC; son Daniel Zahner of Boulder, CO; daughter Norma Jean Zahner of Key West, FL; son Robert Zahner, daughter Regina Slater and her husband Ed; son Michael Pittenger and his wife Donna, all of Durango, CO; and sister Harriet Van Houten of Newport News, VA. Bob has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his sister Cissie Ager and his brother Kenyon Zahner.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Highlands Biological Foundation (828-526-2602), the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust (828-526-9938), the Land Trust for The Little Tennessee (828-524-2711), or the Chattooga Conservancy.

A memorial service is planned for September 30 at the Highlands Biological Station Amphitheater, with details to be announced. See tribute to Bob Zahner page 13.



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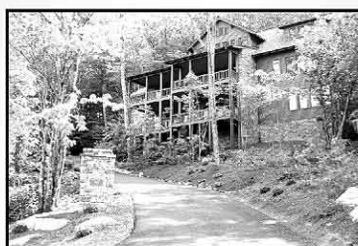
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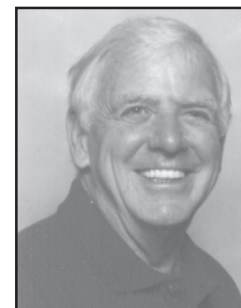


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## • LOOKING AT LIFE •

### We've only had sex three times

Har, har, don't you just know there are whole bunches of folks in Highlands with their shorts in a wad and their hand on the phone right now calling my editor to ask that I be thrown out of Highlands for even mentioning the "S" word. It's something we all love but don't want to talk about or, even worse, read about.



Feedback

is encouraged!

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Then there's another whole bunch of different kind of folks in Highlands who are feverishly reading ahead to find out why we have only had sex three times. Har, har again.

The remaining down and dirty Highlanders, like maybe 80%, skipped right to the bottom of the column to see if we tell who the three persons were we had sex with. Eat your hearts out, gossip mongers, 'cause there's nothing there.

One thing for certain, whenever you write the "S" word, you have everyone's attention for a myriad of reasons. I once suggested to my boss she insert the "S" word in the title of any article she wanted to be sure every Highlander would read. For example, the title might read, "Town Commissioners Agree to Pine Street Park (sex) Plan" or how about "Annual Watershed (sex) Report." You know that would capture everyone's attention, especially the annual watershed reports, 'cause nobody reads that stuff.

My "sex three times" story started long ago with my three grown children visiting us. Here's how it works. They all arrive, usually for holiday festivities, and the laughing starts. Tissues are provided for those who cry during laughter. Once, my daughter stuck very realistic looking fake cockroaches around the dining room when the li'l missus wasn't looking. When she spotted them, she freaked, thinking they were real. While she stood on the bed, I had the bug spray out, drowning each one in poison while my kids rolled on the floor in laughter. DUH!

I am telling you this so you can get a feel of the circus-like atmosphere of our gatherings. On most occasions, the talk starts with each kid making fun of another family member about some bone-headed thing they recently did. Sometimes that takes awhile.

Next, the theme turns to toilet humor. My entire family, except for the li'l missus, is hooked on toilet humor. She

usually sits quietly, but sometimes it's so funny, we catch her laughing. Once, I made the mistake of telling my kids we were thinking about buying the new super duper "Toto" electronic toilet with remote controls. Minutes later, I had to leave the room with stomach cramps from laughing.

Finally, the conversation turns to sex and that's when our children expect us to sit quietly. But this is when I start to really get warmed up. I am not sure

how our kids got so prudish when it comes to their parents having sex, but we are only allowed to admit to having done the deed three times, once for each child.

From our daughter: "Don't even go there. It grosses me out to imagine the two of you having sex. You are my parents. Act like it." And from my youngest son, "I would like to think you never had to have sex to create me. To think I was somehow involved in that procedure is disgusting." Then, just to torture him, I blurt out, "I remember when you were conceived. It was one of those...." #3 child runs from the room with his hands over his ears shouting "stop, stop." (More circus music, please)

Everyone who reads my stuff knows the li'l missus is a much kinder, proper person than moi. So, when the topic of sex starts, she is more respectful of their wishes. I, on the other hand, wait like a leopard in a tree, ready to insert a little personal sexual tidbit that grosses them all out. From my oldest son, "Dad this might be more information than we need."

Intellectually, my kids know we have had sex more than three times but like some Highlanders, it's something they don't want to think about. It's kind of like eating a fig newton. If there's a cockroach leg in there, you don't want to know about it.

Since my kids will eventually read this column, let me go on record and say, "Attention Wooldridge children: We have only had sex three times....in one night, that is!"

• Going to your other home? Read Fred's column all year at:  
<http://www.highlandsinfo.com/newspaperdownload.htm>



## • ANOTHER VIEW •

### Candidate questions loom

I haven't followed the Republican nomination process closely but it looks as if Fred Thompson is almost ready to announce his candidacy. Aides announce that he will enter the race on Sept. 6.



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

**Feedback is encouraged.  
email:**

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Where's the suspense?

Like a lion stalking a wounded wildebeest, he seems to have decided that his rivals can be brought down and is ready to pounce. Rudy Giuliani is the leading candidate but his liberal views and personal life make him a May Pole that the party faithful find difficult to dance around. We will see if his leadership in the wake of 9/11 is enough to carry him to the nomination, even in a post 9/11 world. My guess is that it is not. Mitt Romney is carrying the heavy load of position changes on abortion and gun control between his time as governor of a liberal state and quest for the nomination of a conservative party.

I can't predict what, if any impact, his Mormon faith will have outside of Utah, Idaho, and a few western states with lots of Mormons but few votes. My guess is that it will cost him a few votes, if for no other reason than the polygamist past of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. This, despite the fact, as Mrs. Romney has pointed out, that her husband is the only major candidate on the Republican side who has been married only once. Sequential marriages are not polygamy, but seem so to some of the more conservative Christian Republicans.

Romney has lot of money, but at least as of now, seems to have little mass support. Even his victory in the Iowa straw vote demonstrates more about his ability to organize and spend money than about his popular appeal. John McCain seems to have doomed himself with his stubborn adherence to principle. He has continued his battle for immigration reform and his support for the Iraq war, even if not in its current form. He has said that he would rather lose an election than lose a war. You may remember his refusal, in 2000 to condemn display of the Confederate flag in South Carolina.

He was engaged in a battle for the nomination with George W. Bush, and in an effort to avoid alienating South

Carolina voters and losing a key early primary, he dodged the issue and declared the flag flap a states rights matter. He lost the primary anyway, and his reputation for integrity suffered a blow. He later said that he got what he deserved for refusing to condemn the flag, which is viewed as a symbol of hatred and division in most of the country. He sounds like a pretty good guy to me, but we certainly can't go around electing a

man to the presidency who has admitted that for one brief moment he lacked political courage, even with overwhelming evidence of a lifetime personal and political courage.

That pretty much covers the serious Republican candidates. Sam Brownback casts himself as a true conservative. Mike Huckabee is a Baptist minister, and was a pretty good governor of a small state, who lost a ton of weight. Ron Paul is a gynecologist who refused to participate in the Congressional retirement program and who previously sought the presidency as a Libertarian. Any politician who rejects even a little of special privilege which Congress has voted itself should be applauded, if not nominated. There are a few other candidates in the race, or more likely out of the race, whom I won't bother to mention. I would rather be criticized for incompleteness than lose readers at this point in the column.

Newt may eventually engage, but I doubt it. This seems to leave Fred (aka Arthur Branch) Thompson, who reminds me very much of Ronald Reagan. They share an actor's presence and both have demonstrated the ability to memorize their lines. Both seem strong and in command. Both seem presidential. We were comfortable entrusting the future of our country to Reagan, and Thompson seems to engender similar confidence, even if we don't quite know why. An actor's voice is a powerful tool. The popular image of Thompson is that of a sage District Attorney. Why that is the perception rather than of a puppet reading lines, I have no idea. I guess it's just human nature. But add that persona to lingering hysteria about the War on Terrorism, mistrust of Hillary, fear of Barrack, and a laundry list of conservative positions, and you might just have a winner.

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surprise," said David Wilkes of the ABC Board. "OEI serving drinks has left the playing field uneven, so give it to the people to decide. This is a way for small independent establishments to have the same options as bigger establishments."

"We respectfully request that the Town

Board of Highlands call for the Macon County Board of Commissioners to place a referendum on the November 6, 2007 Town of Highlands ballot allowing for the sale of spirituous liquor, malt beverages and, the continued sale of fortified and unfortified wine products within the town limits of Highlands," wrote Marlene Alvarez, owner of ...on the Verandah Restaurant in the request to the Town Board.

Alvarez cited several reasons why the liquor laws in Highlands should be revised and updated.

Tax revenue would increase and extra surcharge would be placed on establishments serving mixed drinks and beer, with 45% of the tax revenue going toward ABC board programs and a variety of local initiatives because by law liquor has to be purchased from the ABC store, thereby increasing its profit.

If restaurants can sell liquor by the drink, proprietors can control how much patrons drink. "Put the control of how much people drink while dining back into the hands of the establishments that are ultimately responsible and liable for alco-

hol consumption," said Alvarez. "By law I'm supposed to take a bottle of liquor away from someone who is too intoxicated to drink, but by law I can't touch the person's bottle because they brown bagged it."

Buck Trott said brown-bagging is also allowing the town's visitors to violate state law by taking out-of-state alcoholic beverages into Highlands' restaurants. "Very few are purchasing the liquor they brown-bag at our ABC store," he said. "They're buying it down in Georgia where the tax and liquor is cheaper."

"Every properly licensed establishment – through the rules and regulations of the North Carolina ABC Commission and the local Highlands ABC Board – should have the option, if they wish, to serve mixed drinks, beer and wine," said Alvarez.

She said the fear that liquor by the drink will bring chain establishments to Highlands is unfounded

"Highlands is a destination you have to choose to visit. You have to make the turn to come up the mountain. We do not have the annual traffic – and chains require minimum numbers of expected traffic – we can't provide these types of numbers," she

said.

Also, the town's limitation on "big box" footprints of 15,000 sq. ft. would likely also deter chain restaurants from considering an establishment within the town limits or the extraterritorial jurisdiction area.

Alvarez said by law, the referendum wording will be constructed to insure that 51% of establishment sales come from food and could also define the times when liquor can be sold, as prescribed by the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Commissioner Herb James voted against the motion saying if the Town Board OK'd the referendum people will think the Town Board is advocating liquor by the drink. He wanted people to sign petitions.

But Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Amy Patterson said it's not fair to make someone sign a petition about the issue. "This way people can vote the way they want in the privacy of the voting booth and no one has to know how they feel," said Patterson.

Years ago the referendum to sell wine at restaurants was also put on the ballot with a Town Board decision rather than a petition.

Last year, citizens of the Town of Franklin voted to allow liquor by the drink sold in establishments.

Town Attorney Bill Coward began investigating the wording for the referendum immediately. He didn't know if the question Franklin's ballot last year was dictated by state law or by town preference.

Since there's a chance ABC store profits will increase if the referendum passes, Wilkes also gave commissioners a breakdown of how proceeds from the Highlands ABC store are spent.

"There seems to be some confusion about where the money from the ABC store goes," he said. "After all expenses are paid, the remaining is distributed and that's set by the ABC Commission and the Town Board. Our distribution is our net profit."

By law the ABC Commission requires that 5% of proceeds go to Law Enforcement and 7% go to Alcohol Rehabilitation. After that, the Town Board agreed that 4% should go to the Scholarship Fund, 10% to Recreation, 15% to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the remainder to the town's General Fund.

The ABC stores' first distribution of funds was in July 1979 in the amount of \$12,000. ABC liquor sales for the first 20 years was \$16.9 million, \$1.4 million was distributed and the money borrowed to build the store was paid off in the first 10 years of business.

In the last 10 years, sales were \$11.8 million with about \$1 million was distributed. After the first quarter of 2005-2006 aside from the state required law enforcement and alcohol rehabilitation allocation, commissioners allowed the store to retain money in a capital fund to fund expansion or relocation of the store.

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in those contracts regarding attachments to town poles supersede those requirements in the existing ordinance.

"Any existing attachees that have not signed contracts and had them approved by the town by said date will be subject to a \$1 a day per attachment fine assessed at the discretion of the town as approved by the Town Board. Any new attachee having attached to town poles without an agreement will be subject to the same fine with the start time of the penalty length determined by the town's best assessment based on both attachee and town records that show accurately when the unauthorized attachments were made."

McGavran Engineering's business contract with the town involves three phases: fee negotiation, inventory, and remediation.

Bill Staley, Northland District Manager asked the board to consider its fees carefully.

"Within the area of Highlands, Cashiers and Oconee County we are paying the highest rates to the town. We pay the Bell Company less than \$4 per pole. We pay Duke \$7 per pole. If pole rates go up, it's like a tax on our subscribers. They will end up having to pay for the increase."

Currently the town charges \$10 per pole. McGavran Engineering says on a six-year sliding scale beginning 2007, the town can get \$9 per attachment maxing out at \$15 per attachment by 2012.

Recently the state took over telecommunication franchises giving companies quick access to the franchise market. This took control away from municipalities, though they can still execute contracts authorizing permission to attach, levy fees and dictate their own clearance dimensions.

In March 2004, the town amended its Pole Attachment Ordinance requiring attachees to provide 52" of clearance on poles rather than the National Electric Safety Code (NESC) 40-inch requirement to ensure an additional 12 inches of room would be on each pole for an additional cable company — like Highlands Cable Group.

"Nin Bond contacted us in February and informed us he had a franchise and would be attaching to town poles, and asked for a copy of our pole attachment ordinance," said Betz. "We replied promptly with ordinance and permit, told him what the National Electric Safety Code and DOT clearances were for telecommunications cables, and expected him to proceed. All he needed to do at that time was submit a permit and he was good to go. We have not heard from him since then," said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

But at Wednesday night's meeting, Mayor Don Mullen said Bond told him earlier that day that he wants to attach to town poles right away and would be in on Thursday, Sept. 7, to discuss it with Betz.

Betz said Bond has already been given written notice as to requirements and the town will require a contract with Highlands

Cable Group, just as it is with Northland and Verizon before Highlands Cable Group can connect to town poles.

Commissioner Alan Marsh agreed. "We have to have a contract before we let anyone new in," he said.

Commissioner Herb James suggested a bond be required of Highlands Cable Group in particular.

"If we don't get a contract and a bond, he's going to do like he did last time and attach to wherever he wants to," he said.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said that both the new contract and the town's current ordinance requires permits, plans and a bond, anyway.

Commissioner James voiced concern over Bond trying to hook on to town poles before the new contracts were negotiated or the town's ordinance amended.

But Town Attorney Bill Coward said either way, with the new contract or the current ordinance it's a violation to attach to a town pole without a permit. "With the pole attachment ordinance in limbo, it's not unreasonable to withhold consent to attach," he said.

Highlands Cable Group's recent state franchise makes franchise number three for

the company concerning the Town of Highlands.

The first franchise was granted on October 3, 1979, when Nin Bond, owner of Highlands Cable Group, constructed the first cable system in Highlands which he later sold to Northland Cable.

The second franchise with the town was granted in 1998 with the construction schedule expiring in 2003. Because he still hadn't moved into town, Bond then requested the franchise be renewed which would give him the time he needed to proceed.

On July 2, 2003, commissioners granted Bond an extension of his construction schedule contingent on submittal of make-ready plans, workers' compensation certificate on file with the town and payment of pole attachment fees.

However, within the first two weeks of September 2003, Town Engineer Lamar Nix learned that Bond was running cable in town disregarding the contingencies outlined in July.

"I contacted Mr. Bond by telephone, and when he came into the office he stated that he had "misunderstood" the letters he had received," said Nix. "I reviewed the

letters with him again and asked him to stop work until the information had been provided."

Soon after, the town learned he was still running cable and that the required NESC clearances on the poles of 40 inches was not being met.

Bond said the other attachees on the poles put him out of compliance but industry standards dictate that the last man on the pole must do what it takes to ensure compliance. The town has admitted that based on today's needs, the poles are too short. The town has changed out 100 poles and is working on changing out the rest, hopefully with help from its attachees.

On September 26, 2003, Bond was informed that the town would, under the authority of the Pole Attachment Ordinance, begin cutting cables that were out of compliance — both because he was out of compliance and because he hadn't satisfied the contingency agreement to attach in the first place.

After prolonged dealings with the town — as evidenced in Town Board minutes of Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15, Nov. 15, 2003 — finally in March 3, 2004 Bond's

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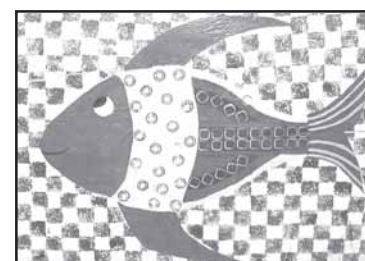
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## • COACHES CORNER •

### History was made on Sept. 1

Normally, to see that Appalachian State Mountaineers on the winning end of the scoreboard is not anything unusual -- their 15-game winning streak is the longest in the nation. However, last weekend a funny thing happened in Ann Arbor, Michigan -- as 109,000 Michigan fans in the Big House went home to the sight of Appalachian State on the winning end of the scoreboard 34-32.

While some folks may not understand the magnitude of a victory like this in the college football landscape, some perspective may be in order. Appalachian State plays football in the FCS -- otherwise known as the Football Championship Subdivision, and formerly known as Division 1-AA. The Mountaineers are at the top of the FCS landscape, having won the past two championships. However many accolades you want to throw their way, they were still facing the Michigan Wolverines last Saturday -- only the winningest program in college football history and ranked fifth in the AP preseason poll.

While Saturday was truly supposed to be David vs. Goliath -- the result was supposed to be Goliath by a mile. Michigan paid out \$400,000 for ASU to come to the Big House -- a small price for what was supposed to be a scrimmage game for Michigan. While Michigan and their fans may have been expecting a light workout -- it was ASU that looked like they were using the Michigan defense for practice in the first half.

Unprepared for Appalachian's spread offense and QB Armanti Edwards' running ability, the Michigan defense looked shellshocked as the Mountaineers put up 28 points in the first half and moved the ball at will against the Wolverines on the way to a 28-17 halftime lead.

The second half looked more like it was supposed to be for Michigan, as their defense tightened, Appalachian made some 1-AA type errors, and Mike Hart began running wild. It looked as if Michigan would survive after Hart scored on a spectacular 56-yard TD run and Edwards followed with an interception, but ASU never quit, and after a blocked field goal set the stage, ASU managed to drive the length of the field and took the lead for good with Julian Rauch's 25 yard FG.

While the college football landscape



Ryan Potts

was forever changed by this upset -- and it was an upset -- it is important to note just how good Appalachian State's program is.

Those who watched the game can attest that Appalachian had little difficulty moving the ball against Michigan's defense. Their coaching staff committed to the spread offense in 2004 because of former quarterback Richie

Williams' running ability -- giving ASU one of the best offenses in the country at any level. QB Armanti Edwards has made remarkable development in this offense and RB Kevin Richardson and WR's Dexter Jackson and Koko Hillary give the Mountaineers some playmakers on offense. While App. State may not have the recruits and the profile of larger schools, their offense can put points up against any defense in the country.

From here Michigan will have to move forward as they host Oregon next week, whereas App. State will return to the 1-AA landscape to face Lenoir-Rhyne.

While the sports world will likely stop buzzing about this after next weekend and move on to a different topic, I know that the folks in Boone and all of the Mountaineer fans will cherish September 1<sup>st</sup> for a long time, as it was the date of the greatest upset in the storied history of college football.

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theme. Now we have the War on Terror.

But I think people are starting to realize that the us-vs.-them fear-mongering of a Cold War or War on Terror has a lot to do with financing a military-industrial complex and keeping an elite in control and that whatever the danger really is, it is greatly inflated to keep the populace quiet and compliant.

Modern media -- particularly television, film, and the Internet -- and modern transportation is shrinking the planet. It is harder to sell the idea today that people from another country are in any fundamental way different from us.

The natural progression of humanity's evolution is larger and more complex societies. We have gone from tribes of a few dozen people to nations of a billion people. One day we will see ourselves as one world and one people.



# • CONSERVATIVE POV •

## These must be dog-days

Here I sit without a thought in my head. I haven't done any traveling for a while

so I've had no input from the right-wing radical talk-shows. I haven't read any national newspapers lately and the TV news shows have been totally uninspiring.

Mercy me, what to do? No ballgame tonight so I was about to resort to Law & Order when this creepy little guy comes on and starts touting some outfit that will get your tax liability reduced. I don't know what his shtick is but that is neither here nor there. The commercial lit my bulb.

For many decades, the Internal Revenue Service has collected the country's taxes. They are not beloved by most American workers and sometimes deservedly so. In 1998, the IRS was reorganized because their methods had gotten so abusive, bearing out their reputation.

In September 2006, the IRS started to outsource the collection of taxpayer debts to private debt collection agencies. While I'm normally an advocate of privatization, if the IRS doesn't go after the tough ones, does their function then become that of cashiers or accounts receivable clerks? To get past the statistics, the IRS employs 115,000 and has an annual budget of about \$11 million. Privatizing the total process sounds OK to me. A better idea might be the Fair Tax.

The FairTax Plan was first introduced in Congress in 1999 by Georgia Republican George Linder and has been reintroduced in each session since, each time with a growing number of cosponsors. It is a plan that replaces all federal income and payroll-based taxes with a progressive national retail sales tax, a prebate to ensure no American pays federal taxes on spending up to the poverty level, federal revenue neutrality and ultimately the repeal of the 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The FairTax Act is nonpartisan, abolishing all federal personal and corporate income taxes, gift, estate, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare and self-employment taxes and replaces them with one simple federal retail sales tax administered primarily by existing state sales tax authorities. All of the thousands of pages of the tax code would be made obsolete and, ultimately, so would IRS agents.

Essentially, the FairTax would impose a 23% sales tax on everything purchased. In order to protect the poor, every family would receive a monthly prebate that



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would reimburse them for sales tax paid on items up to the poverty level. Say the poverty level for a single person is \$12,000. That person would receive \$230 each month, which assumes that the person would spend and would be taxed on \$1,000.

Since there would be no tax return filed, obviously the home mortgage interest deduction would cease to exist. Some folks see this as a problem, but I don't get it.

Also, charities fear giving would suffer if the charitable deduction was lost. I would hope not but I suppose it might.

The FairTax has generated a large grassroots movement in recent years, led by the Americans for Fair Taxation. Talk show host Neal Boortz joined Linder in promoting the idea, jointly writing a best seller in 2005 dealing with the FairTax.

There seems to be increased chatter concerning the FairTax as the election draws nearer. While it seems somewhat doubtful that our gutless Congress would ever have the sense to adopt such a plan, hope springs eternal.

The advantages seem overwhelming to me. The taxes that are now lost due to business running on cash where no books are kept and no taxes are paid, amount to enough to eliminate our national deficit and create a healthy surplus. Then there is all that is spent by foreign visitors who come to the U.S. to take advantage of the weak dollar and currently goes untaxed. I have not found a reasonable estimate of that amount but I assure you, it's staggering.

By eliminating all the federal taxes imbedded in the cost of our products, overnight we would become ultra competitive in world markets. By removing payroll taxes, individual investment would go through the roof. The looming payoff disaster of Social Security, Medicare and all other unfunded liabilities would be alleviated.

Another possibility is the Flat Tax which eliminates the cumbersome tax forms necessary to be filed. A simple card would be submitted showing gross income along with a calculation and payment of 19%. The problem is being an income tax, it depends on the taxpayer to report his income and it still loses the revenue of non-reporters and misses tax revenue from foreign visitors.

What happens, if anything, remains to be seen. My vote is for the FairTax.

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### One world



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Many years ago I read *Hyperspace*, by Michio Kaku (530.1K). The book is about string theory which I don't pretend to understand. I read it because it was one of the books listed in the recommended reading list at the end of Tim Allen's *I'm Not Really Here* along with *The Game of God* (171.3H), which I co-wrote with my husband Arthur.

What I remember from *Hyperspace* is not a theory of physics but a theory of society. Kaku writes about a Russian astronomer named Nikolai Kardashev who categorized civilizations in an interesting way. A type I civilization controls the energy resources of its entire planet, controls the weather, mines deep within its planet, and has colonized its solar system.

A Type II civilization controls the power of its star — not passive solar energy but mining the sun — and is exploring its galaxy.

Type III civilizations utilize the power of an entire galaxy, have colonized multiple star systems, and have begun to explore beyond their galaxy.

I think what I loved most about this theory was that human beings haven't even made it to stage I yet. We're at zero, or maybe negative one. It seems so obvious to me that humanity's future, if we have one, is to be one people, the people of Earth, to dissolve the boundaries that divide us. Being American in the future will be like being a Highlander today — a local identifier that doesn't really signify much.

Our historical memory is ridiculously short in this country. The political entity known as a nation-state is only a few hundred years old, yet we act like our country is the complete definition of who we are — "I'm an American and proud of it!" Our nuclear arsenal says we are willing to risk ending the human race to preserve our 239-year-old nation. But not that long ago in human history there was no such thing as a nation — we were all vassals of some regional warlord, king, prince, tsar, chieftain, khan, emir, etc.

We are now witnessing the next phase of human political organization: the development of multi-nation states. The European Union is the obvious example.

Just recently I have heard of a proposed version of the E.U. for North America. Robert Pastor is a professor at

American University and "longtime advisor to Democratic presidential candidates who is often denounced by Canadian nationalists for advocating what he calls the North American Community: a sort of supersized NAFTA, this continent's answer to the European Union. Shared security, he told me, would be part of the

ideal — the borders between Canada, the United States, and Mexico would open, and the one surrounding all three would be beefed up. But for the most part his proposals were economic: that we knock down all trade barriers and together fill our wallets with 'ameros.' ("Cold Rush: The Coming Fight for the Melting North," by McKenzie Funk, *Harper's Magazine*, Sept 2007) To learn more, just google "North American Community," and especially visit the Council on Foreign Relations, a major advocate of this idea, at www.cfr.org.

There is a lot of discussion of this idea on conservative websites. Conservatives hate the idea of world government. They despise and ridicule the U.N. and do everything to hobble it. (Let's face it, they despise and ridicule and attempt to hobble the U.S. government too — except when it comes to diverting resources to themselves and their friends).

Liberals seem leery of this transcendence of nationality too, as if it is a conspiracy of the multi-national corporations to further their power over us.

But perhaps a greater obstacle to planetary unification lies deeper within the human psychology than political orientation. Warfare between competing tribes stretches back beyond humanity — scientists describe chimpanzee groups waging all-out war.

When anthropologists translate the name tribal groups have for themselves, it is often "The People." In other words, "We" are people and everyone else is something less.

I bought a map of the world when I traveled to the Soviet Union almost 30 years ago because it set Moscow in the center, and I had never seen a map without the United States at the middle. The whole world looked different.

War has been the dominant form of international relations for thousands of years — tribes, city-states, nations fighting for dominance. The Cold War was just a modern variation on an old

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# • HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL NEWS •

## Final free health screening of the season is Sept. 15 in Highlands

– Save hundreds with free tests –

Area residents have one more opportunity this season to take advantage of the free community health screenings being offered by Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

The hospital will conduct its final community health screening of the 2007 season Sept. 15 in Highlands. More than 260 residents have participated in the three previous community screenings (two in Glenville-Cashiers and one in Highlands).

Area residents from throughout the hospital's service area who are interested in registering for the upcoming screening can do so at any time prior to Sept. 13, either by calling 526-1435, or on line at [www.highlandscashiershospital.org](http://www.highlandscashiershospital.org) (click on the screening drop-down menu, and complete the registration form).

Pre-registration is required and participants will be assigned appointment windows as part of the registration process to help reduce lines and waiting times.

In addition to the basic height, weight, blood pressure, and body mass index, participants will also have their blood drawn to be assessed for glucose and cholesterol levels. Unlike screenings conducted in other areas, the hospital provides a full lipid profile, which breaks down the overall level into various cholesterol types and provides the key ratio of good to bad cholesterol. Additionally, prostate specific antigen tests are run for those men over age 50.

Due to the laboratory tests performed, those participating in the screening are asked not to eat or drink anything but water after midnight the night before. Confidential results of those laboratory tests will be reviewed by the participant's own family physician (or another local physician if no family doctor is specified) before being mailed to each participant.

There will also be a number of information stations and opportunities to talk with one or more area physicians. Members of the HealthTracks program at the hospital will also be there to answer any diet and exercise questions.

Participants will also be treated to a free continental breakfast, compliments of the hospital's dietary department.

## Hospital installs new cardiac monitoring system



To keep pace with changing medical technology and ensure quality patient care, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital recently spent \$162,000 to upgrade cardiac monitoring equipment in both its emergency and acute care departments.

The new monitoring system manufactured by Phillips Medical Systems replaced an existing cardiac monitoring system that had reached the effective end of its technological life. The new system was installed back in June and the hospital's nursing staff underwent special training to get up to speed on the new equipment.

Three new bedside monitoring units were installed in the emergency room. Three others were placed in the hospital's three monitored care rooms adjacent to the acute nursing station. All of the bedside units are linked to two central monitoring stations, one at the acute nurse's station and one at the ER nurses station. And the vital signs of patients hooked up to those monitors can be viewed by nurses in either location.

Like the system it replaced, the new monitoring system also provides telemetry monitoring for up to eight other hospital patients. Patients wearing those portable monitors will have the freedom to leave their rooms while still being monitored.

Assistant Director of Nursing Mary Kay Crandall, RN, says the new teleme-

try system has a greater range than the previous one, allowing nurses to continue electronically monitoring patients who need to go to radiology for procedures, for example. The new bedside units also have much brighter, clearer screens making it easier for nurses to read.

"It's a good system that is going to enhance our standard of patient care," adds Ellen Brawley, RN, director of nursing at the hospital.

"This was a significant investment for the hospital, one of several we are currently making to ensure that our physicians and staff have the modern, up-to-date equipment they need to provide quality care for our patients," said hospital president and CEO Ken Shull. "Thanks to the continued generosity of so many area supporters, the Hospital Foundation is in a position to fund these essential improvements."

The hospital is also in the process of installing a new \$300,000 unit that will bring state-of-the-art nuclear medicine diagnostic technology to the campus on a full time basis. Nuclear medicine scanning is used to diagnose certain heart conditions, hard to find bone fractures, poorly functioning gallbladders, and a variety of other maladies. That system is expected to be operational by early November.

## Summary of combined August meetings of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

To keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items coming before the hospital's board of directors at its most recent meeting on Thursday, Aug. 23.

Board members heard good news regarding infection rates at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. The hospital continues to have a low rate of infections, thanks to an aggressive infection control program. Infection Control And Employee Health Manager Cindy Barloga, RN, told the board during an educational presentation that all hospitals are constantly battling infections, but that this hospital has an exceptionally low-rate of hospital-acquired infections. – well below national averages. Infection rates at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center are within national norms for long term care nursing facilities, she added.

The hospital has also made progress in efforts to reduce the spread of influenza, raising the employee vaccination rate from 68 to 92 percent over the last year and a half. The hospital was already ahead of national average for employee vaccinations (only 40 percent, according to the Center for Disease Control) when it began its own vaccination initiative in February of 2006.

She also reviewed the hospital's preparations during the past year to deal with a flu pandemic, should one ever occur, saying Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is ahead of many other area hospitals in this regard. The possibility of a major flu pandemic has been a concern of both state and national health authorities who've been urging medical facilities and public health workers to upgrade their state of readiness.

Board chairman Bud Smith reported that the recent dinner held to honor hospital volunteers had been very successful. Nearly 140 volunteers, spouses, hospital managers and staff attended the annual event, held once again at Highlands Falls Country Club to honor those who give of their time to serve the hospital and the Eckerd Center. Smith pointed out to the

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## • HIS & HERS •

### Tale of Two Cities

Personally, I think it was the T-shirt that got it all started. It was the cutest T-shirt, and features in so many of my baby pictures. Embroidered on the front was a little sign, a take-off on the popular "No Fishing" signs. This one, however, said "No Kissing," which must have been a tease for grown-ups to shower the baby in question – me – with kisses. It's been a habit I've found impossible to break.

As a child, I even kissed in my sleep. Afraid of the dark, I would go to bed with my radio on. My father would come in to check up on me, click the radio off, and it seems that at the sound of the radio being switched off, I would pucker up for a good night kiss. You can't make these things up!

It was a rainy day in 1988, a few days before my wedding. I'd taken the bus to the Place de l'Opéra to run errands, and taken the wrong bus home. To compound the error, I'd gotten off at the wrong bus stop, and it was now pouring rain. I ran through the streets of Paris, my umbrella in front of me to keep the wind-whipped rain from my face. Needless to say, I was not in the best of moods. Suddenly, a man appeared out of nowhere, blocking my path. "What are you doing on Sunday?" he shouted. "None of your darned business," I yelled back over the traffic noise. Slowly, I lifted up my umbrella, and took a good look at the man blocking my path on the sidewalk. It was Jacques Chirac, the then-Mayor of Paris. He was campaigning for Alain Juppé, the former Mayor of Bordeaux, but who in those days was running for office in the 18<sup>th</sup> Arrondissement, my old neighborhood in Paris.

Now that I knew whom I was talking to, I was feeling quite mortified. I tried to justify myself. "I'm so sorry I was rude, but I'm a little bit on edge," I explained. "I'm getting married on Saturday, and will be on my honeymoon on Sunday, actually."

"Oh, so the little lady is getting married! Did you hear that, Alain? Well, that deserves a kiss!" he boomed, heartily. And with that, he scooped me up in his arms, and kissed me soundly on both cheeks. Candidate Juppé



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extended a limp hand, and gave mine an unenthusiastic shake. I bounced down the street, oblivious to the weather.

Which brings me to New York, around 1997. There was a town meeting at my local polling station, the Sutton Place Synagogue on East 51<sup>st</sup> Street.

Google East 51<sup>st</sup> Street in Midtown

Manhattan if you want to see that synagogue, which is next to a fabulous waterfall, and East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street in Midtown Manhattan if you want to see the street where I lived. My apartment was right across from the Norwegian Church, which features a big stained glass window with a dove.

The big drawing card to that event was that it featured then-Mayor of New York, Rudy Giuliani. It was impossible not to be impressed by the way he fielded difficult questions, with a combination of good sense and good humor.

When the meeting ended, Giuliani and his staff made for the exit. We wound up being practically side by side leaving the synagogue. It seemed surly not to say something.

"Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to let you know how much I am enjoying being a New Yorker." He turned, and smiled. "I gather from that you're not from around here?"

"No, actually I just moved here from Paris" I replied. "Paris," he chuckled, shaking his head. "I sure hope you don't think this is a step down!"

"Oh, no, not at all," I blurted, and then with a hint of humor, continued. "But I think I should warn you that when I lived in Paris, I was kissed by the Mayor of Paris, who then went on to become the President of the French Republic."

He let out a hoot, and smiled. Then, he put his hands on my shoulders, and gave me a hearty kiss on both cheeks. "You never know," he chuckled.

So, you see, the upcoming Presidential election means a lot more to me than to many folks. And while I can't claim his victory is entirely up to



## Free Dental Clinic in Cashiers open to all qualified Western N.C. residents

The Free Dental Clinic operating in the Laurel Plaza in Cashiers serves any qualified residents in the western part of North Carolina. This clinic has been in operation since April, 2005. In 2005 and 2006, the Clinic performed over 5,000 procedures during approximately 1,200 patient visits. The estimated value of these services was in excess of \$600,000.

Any person who has an income of no greater than two times the poverty level is qualified for this treatment. At the present time there is a waiting of over 400 persons but a great effort is made to schedule people who are experiencing severe pain as possible. There is a great need for this service in Western North Carolina.

The clinic was established and is maintained by the Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project, a not for profit organization, and is staffed primarily with volunteer workers. Dr. Thomas Smith, a retired dentist from Orlando, FL is the principal dentist but has assistance from six other volunteer dentists. These are either active or retired dentist who are willing



Open on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the present time there are 24 hours per week of dental appointments. These appointments can be made by calling the clinic at 828-743-3393.

to give their time to help with the dental health issues in this area.

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Funds to establish this clinic have come from grants, churches in our area, and from private donations. It is estimated that the clinic will cost about \$125,000 yearly to operate at the present level of care.

Donations may be sent to Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project (BRMHP) at P O Box 451, Cashiers, N C 28717.

If you are interested in visiting the clinic, please call the Office Manager, Karen Minton, to arrange for your visit

## Free Dental Clinic changes lives

On a visit to the Free Dental Clinic on a Monday or Wednesday, you will witness miracles in lives of many persons. Cicie D. has been one of the clients for the past six months and her smile says it all. Cicie had cancer 10 years ago.

The cancer treatments worked well for the cancer but left her with major dental problems. She has been receiving treatment at the dental clinic for six months and is thrilled with the outcome.

"They are like family to me. They treat everyone as if they are very special people," said Cicie. You can see Cicie and her wonderful smile when you are in Ingles in Cashiers where she works.

The Free Dental Clinic serves all qualifying people in Western North Carolina. To be eligible one's income must not exceed twice the poverty level as set by the United States government.

Cicie is one of many lives that have been changed. One patient came in covering his mouth with his hands as had been his practice for many years. After dental work, he was able to find a job and became a willing worker here in our community.

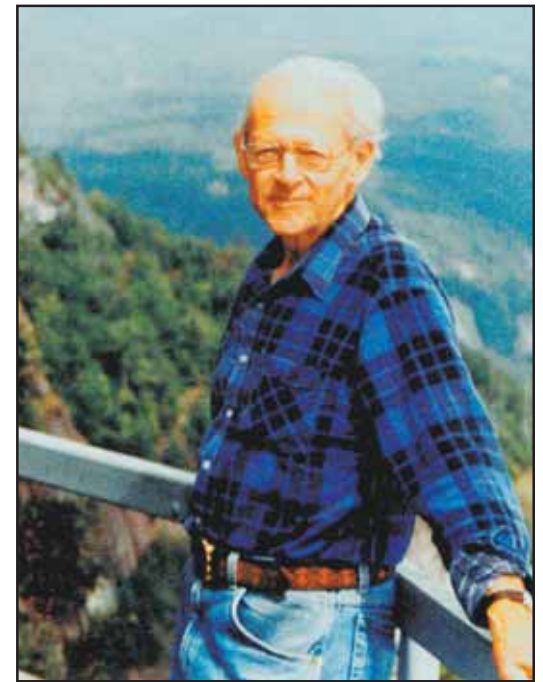
The Free Dental Clinic is located on the second floor of the Laurel Plaza just east of the crossroads in Cashiers. This clinic prides itself it not just pulling teeth but doing everything possible to save teeth. The volunteer dentists that staff the clinic are glad they are able to make major changes in not only the looks of the teeth but in the general health of the patients.

The Free Dental Clinic is operated by a non-profit group, The Blue Ridge Mountain Health Project, Inc. It receives its funding from local churches, civic organizations, individual donations, and grant monies.



Although the dentists are volunteers, monies are needed for supplies, maintenance of the offices and equipment. To see the clinic in full swing, stop by on a Monday or Wednesday and you will see what a marvelous job these hard working volunteers are doing in filling a great need in this part of Western North Carolina.

## – A tribute to Bob Zahner –



## A champion of big trees has fallen in the forest

By **Ran Shaffner**  
Contributor

American forestry was born the same year as Highlands: 1875. It sprang from the notion that a short-sighted nation was in danger of squandering its natural heritage. The great question that it struggled to answer, in the words of George Perkins Marsh, our first great conservationist, was "whether man is *of* nature or *above* her." And its underlying assumption was that the welfare of future generations mattered more than any immediate considerations, particularly economic.

Our next great conservationist, Aldo Leopold, was still arguing — 75 years later — that the basic weakness of conservation based on economics is that wildflowers and songbirds have no economic value: "Birds and wildflowers should continue as a matter of biotic right, regardless of the presence or absence of economic advantage to us."

Our own great conservationist, who passed away quietly on September 1<sup>st</sup> here in Highlands, ranks with George Perkins Marsh and Aldo Leopold as the "father of old-growth management of the forests." In his own words, "growth and development have come to be synonymous with urban sprawl, in particular, the undesirable transformation of scenic rural country sides into commercial and residential landscapes." What Robert "Bob" Zahner shared with Marsh and Leopold, almost a century and a half after Marsh and a half century after Leopold, was "an intense consciousness of land." It was inconceivable to any of these icons of environmentalism that man, the biotic citizen of land, should seek to conquer what had cradled and continued to nurture him.

I only knew Bob for the 30 years that I've lived in Highlands, which was long enough to know that he'd have laughed out loud at my calling him an icon! But in the same way that all three of these conservationists were icons, they were also iconoclasts! The Bob that I knew when I first arrived in

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

**O**ur wonderful fall season full of color and fun will soon be here. In order to prepare for this and make North Carolina even more beautiful, we hope all citizens will participate in the Litter Sweep roadside cleanup that will take place the last two weeks in September. The governor has proclaimed Sept. 15 to 29 Litter Sweep time. NC Dept. of Transportation crews, local governments, Dept. of Correction inmates, Adopt-A- Highway volunteers, churches, civic organizations, schools, businesses and concerned citizens across the state will be cleaning roadsides with us. Working together we can reach our goal of clean and beautiful communities in our part of the state.

Cleanup supplies can be picked up from our local NC DOT maintenance shed. Orange safety vests and trash bags are available. I encourage all to be

involved by calling either NCDOT or the Adopt-A-Highway coordinator, Rebecca Hartsell at 524-2517 to see what you can do to help in this important cleanup project.

Kudos go to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital which has had several free community health screenings during the past several months. Area residents have one more opportunity this season to take advantage of another screening. The hospital will conduct its final community health screening on Sept. 15. More than 260 residents have participated in the three previous



**Highlands Mayor  
Don Mullen**

community screenings. All interested people can call the hospital to pre-register. Blood work and blood pressure checks in addition to information stations and opportunities to talk with one or more area physicians will be available. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this free service the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital makes available to us.

I continue to be asked how the hospital is doing.

Although we still struggle financially because of a lack of a general surgeon, I can assure everyone that the hospital is working overtime in attempts to attract new doctors. We have come close on several occasions but for one reason or another it has not worked out. However, we now do have a part time surgeon coming October 1 and a very good possibility of a full time surgeon by the first of the year.

Indeed, it has been a struggle but we now begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The Governance Committee has completed its work of selecting new board members and we are happy to announce the reappointment of Bud Smith and Griffin Bell to the board and the new appointment of Bill Nellis, a local developer active in community affairs, and George Maloney, a retired business man, to the board. The slate of officers will remain the same for the coming year with Bud Smith, who has done an outstanding job as Chairman of the Board, remaining in that position for another year.

The Bobby Jones tournament at the Highlands Country Club was very successful this year in raising almost \$100,000 for the Hospital Foundation. Over the years this event has raised more than \$2.7 million for the hospital. We would like to thank all those folks out there who participated in this grand affair for their service to the hospital and the community, but most of all, we are all grateful for their continuing support of the hospital.

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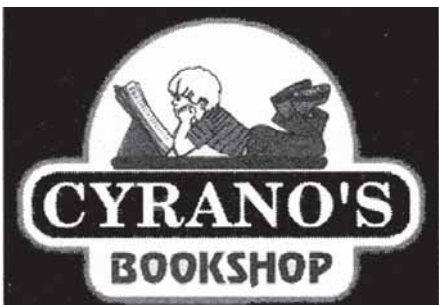
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## • VIDEO GUY •

### The Queen – The 2006 drama

**S**tarring: The brilliant Helen Mirren (from such diverse films as *Raising Helen*, *Calendar Girl*, *The Madness of King George*, and more ) Michael Sheen (*Blood Diamond*, *Underworld: Evolution*) Directed by Stephen Frears (*Mrs. Henderson Presents* *Dirty Pretty Things*), musical score by Alexandre Desplat (*The Painted Veil*, *Casanova*), who was nominated for an academy award for this soundtrack. Rated PG13 (for some language).

The Storyline: Somethings never change in the British Royal Family, but sometimes things do. 1997 was a year of such change, what with the new Labor government coming to power, fox hunting was being banned, oh, and Diana, Princess of Wales, died in Paris in a car wreck while being chased by paparazzi.

But this story is not about Diana, the People's Princess (a term coined during these events by Alastair Campbell, speech writer for Blair), but about the "back story" involving a young (well, younger at any rate ) progressive and image conscious Tony Blair (very well played by Michael Sheen) and the very private and tradition-bound Queen Elizabeth II (played by Helen Mirren, for those who haven't heard, she won an Academy Award for this performance) and their respective staffs and families.

As the queen tries to downplay the situation and distance her family from the events surrounding her former daughter-in-law's death and funeral, Blair tries desperately to convince her to make some public display of condolence for the increasingly impatient British people, whose opinion of the "Royals" was low and dropping. Blair (in fact, as well as in the film) improved his own popularity with the British people, and probably did help in salvaging some positive imagery for the royal family.

OK, I have got to admit, I never was a big fan of the English Royal family (perhaps I still harbor a little resentment over that whole Stuart vs. Tudor issue), but the story is compelling.

Mirren does a spectacular portrayal of Elizabeth, that is not just stuffy and reserved (though that is a good part of it), but also genuine in her belief that Diana's death (and the divorce) were private family matters. Elizabeth, and



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Mirren's portrayal, was genuinely bewildered by the public's reactions, both to Diana's death, and the official non-reaction to it. Something that was surprising to me, this movie is funny. Not over the top, but there is real comedy here, mostly dry and ironic, woven amongst some rather deep drama, some real tear-jerking, as well.

Very well filmed and edited, and an overall sympathetic picture of the Royals, apparently mostly historically accurate (plenty of actual film footage from news broadcasts give a documentary feel to it), but one assumes the families' personal conversations must be conjecture.

For some similar fare, give a look to *Mrs. Henderson Presents* and *Kinky Boots*, two decidedly lighter British pieces, as well as *Notes on a Scandal*, *Madness of King George*, *Mrs. Brown*, and *Secrets and Lies*. All these and more are available at Movie Stop Video, come on in and take a look.

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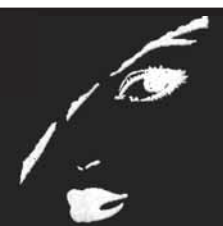
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board that volunteers are an important backbone for the hospital and nursing center, giving more than 8,700 hours of service last year.

Smith also reported that Foundation board member Bill Gaston had graciously hosted him and his wife at the awards dinner held earlier this month at Highlands Country Club for the Bobby Jones Golf Tournament. That annual event has raised more than \$2.7 million for the hospital since it began back in the early 1980s. Smith said this year's tournament had gone very well, and that when final

totals are in, it should be one of the most successful in recent years.

Dr. Jim Rothermel, who chairs the board's Physician Recruitment Committee, reported on the hospital's effort to recruit a general surgeon and several other physicians to the area. Describing the last several months of negotiations with several different surgeons as a roller coaster ride of ups and downs, he said the hospital has been close to inking a deal with a new surgeon on several occasions, only to have things break down at the last minute. However, the hospital is waiting

to hear from two other surgeons, one of whom has already indicated that he would like to practice here.

The hospital is also in negotiations with a gastroenterologist, a former member of the staff of Atlanta Gastroenterology Assoc. of Atlanta, who is interested in relocating to Highlands full time. The hospital is also in discussions with a pulmonary specialist who has approached the hospital about the possibility of opening a part-time practice in sleep disorders. The hospital has offered sleep studies for a number of years. However if current plans work out, hospital CEO Ken Shull said sleep studies could be scheduled on a regular basis and the results would be available much more quickly. Patients would also have the opportunity to consult directly with a specialist without having to travel outside the area.

Finance committee member Tony Potts and CFO Mike Daiken presented the July financial report to the board. The hospital showed slight loss in July. In its projected budget, the hospital had hoped to show a profit, but Daiken pointed out that the budget projections had assumed that a new general surgeon would be on board and generating revenue by this point. Efforts to generate more revenue this year have also been hurt by an unforeseen fall off in extended care nursing patients in the hospital's swing-bed program, due largely to the hospital temporarily being without a social worker to

place those patients. Utilization of swing beds is rebounding since a new social worker has been hired.

Chairman of the Governance Committee Don Mullen presented a list of nominees for four seats on the board held by members who terms expire Sept. 30. The full board unanimously approved the recommendations of the committee, re-appointing Bud Smith of Cashiers to another three-year term, appointing Griffin Bell, Jr., of Highlands (who had been serving out the final year of an unexpired term) to a full three-year term, and adding two new faces to the board. Appointed were George Mahoney, a retired executive of a major medical device manufacturing company, and Highlands developer Bill Nellis to three-year terms.

The board also unanimously approved a slate of board officers for the coming fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. In the interest of preserving continuity of leadership during an important transition period for the hospital, Mullen said the Governance Committee had decided to recommend keeping the same slate of officers. Bud Smith will remain chairman. Mullen will stay as vice chairman of the board, and Brenda Stewart will continue as secretary.

In other matters, Mullen said the committee continues to review suggestions to revise the board's various committees

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## • BUSINESS NEWS •

### Tastings at Bryson's Food Store



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Photo by Kim Lewicki



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to eliminate duplication and improve the efficiency of the committee structure.

CEO Ken Shull presented the Planning Committee's report, saying that the committee has agreed to meet with the ad hoc Work Force Housing Committee of the town to further discuss the hospi-

tal's possible housing needs and to see if there is interest in possibly developing a project that would meet both the community's and the hospital's needs for affordable housing for area workers.

Shull said the committee also heard an update on the plans for a new medi-

cal office building to serve the Cashiers-Glenville-Sapphire community. Shull said architects are still working on plans to present to the committee, and eventually to the board.

In other business, the board approved updates to the hospital's Performance Improvement Policy and also dis-

cussed the hospital's policy regarding providing charity care. In addition to providing charity care (based on financial need) directly to patients, the hospital has also been working with the Community Care Clinic, providing lab, radiology and

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Mrs. Hedden's fifth grade class.

On the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 27, Highlands Mountaintop Rotary President Nick Bazan and fellow Rotarian Victoria Ingate visited Highlands School to hand out backpacks to students in Mrs. Miller's and Mrs. Cox's second grade, Mrs. Archer's third grade and Mrs. Hedden's fifth grade classes. Mountaintop Rotary worked with second grade teacher Melanie Miller to acquire the bags for the students. The bags will be used by the second and third graders as book bags and by the fifth graders as gym bags. The bags have a large Highlands Highlander on the front with the saying "Highlander Pride" and "Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Supports Highlands School." All of the students were very excited to receive the bags and Nick and Victoria enjoyed meeting the kids and their teachers. Highlands Mountaintop Rotary is dedicated to promoting Literacy in our community and supporting our school is the number one way to do that. Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets every Wednesday at 7:30am at the Highlands Conference Center. Visitors are welcome.

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Highlands was a revolutionary, an insurgent, an agitator, a thorn in the sides of officials carrying out public policy. As paradoxical as it may sound, he was a conservative liberal! In a weird kind of way he was much like the Buck Creek Road through Shookville, which he viewed at the time it was being built as appropriately named, because it "shook up" anyone driving it!

Bob is still very much respected by the Forest Service, despite his having been one of its staunchest critics, an unabashed advocate of protecting every last acre of Eastern old-growth. During the late 1970s and on into the 90s he and Bob Padgett led a crusade to replace decades of timber exploitation under the aegis of the Forest Service by more ecologically conscious selective and shelter-woods methods of responsible forest management. Zahner compared the timber industry's claim that "clearcutting is necessary for a healthy for-

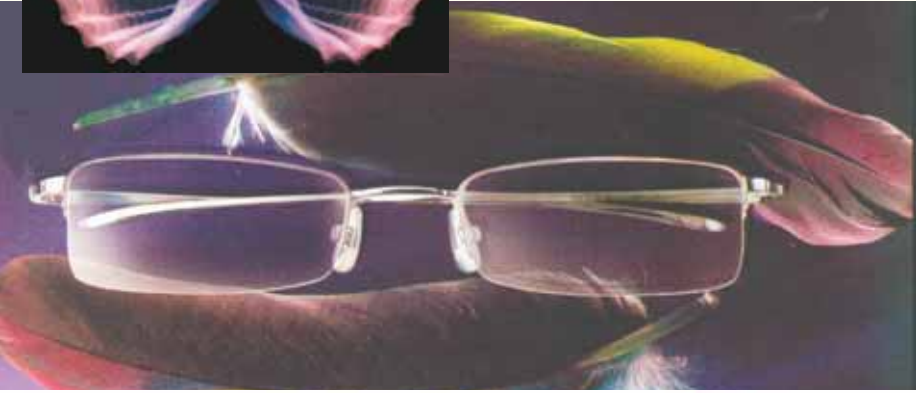
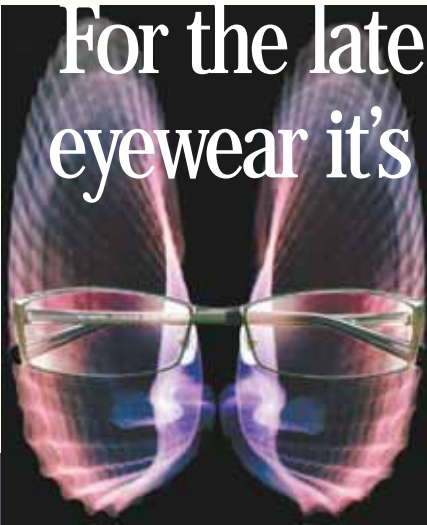
est" to the tobacco industry's claim that "smoking is not addictive." Joined by the Western N. C. Alliance, he and Padgett took their "Cut the Clearcutting" campaign all the way to Washington and won.

Bob fought the battles that mattered. In his history of Whiteside Mountain, *The Mountain at the End of the Trail* — a monument to Whiteside almost as beautiful as the mountain itself — he penned a heartrending lament over the loss during World War II of "one of the most magnificent forest preserves in all of eastern North America," including the Kelsey Trail. Having grown up in this primeval forest, he protested the grisly tractor skid trails, logging haul roads, silt-clogged rivers and lakes, and huge felled hemlock, yellow birch, black cherry, and red maple trees, where hundreds and thousands of interior forest birds and animals, sudden-

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Mrs. Archer's third grade class.



Ms. Miller's second grade class.



Mrs. Cox's second grade class.

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ly homeless, once lived their invaluable lives. Mature after a thousand years, an ancient hemlock forest was almost totally destroyed in what Bob depicted as "five miserable years," necessitating another millennium before its flora and fauna could be restored to their original diversity, integrity, and beauty.

In 1949, when an attempt to commercialize Whiteside Mountain meant charging a toll to travel the Cowee Gap wagon road to a parking lot at the top, Bob protested the toll by leaving his car behind and carrying his infant son up the mountain on foot.

Bob protested during the 1960s and '70s when Congress and the National Park Service sought to extend the Blue Ridge Parkway through Highlands, a proposal which would have devastated the unspoiled peace and relative solitude of Nantahala Forest but which died instead an ignominious death.

During the early 1980s he was fighting the proposed construction of 326 condo units, known today as the Shelby Place Project off the Walhalla Road, which had won zoning board approval but which an anxious public, expressing alarm over the ballooning trend toward high-density development in residential zones, effectively killed on appeal.

In 1995 he received the Western N. C. Alliance's Esther C. Cunningham Award for his role in protecting the Big Creek and Chattooga River watersheds around Highlands.

Even as late as the turn of the millennium he was opposing a new golf-course project in the area as an example of blatant sprawl hiding behind the façade of what the construction industry called "smart growth," with its unabashed violations of North Carolina erosion and sedimentation laws.

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## Pianist Robert Henry gave incredible performance

Dear Editor,

Sunday afternoon a group from Chestnut Hill and I attended a concert at the Episcopal church, "Great Performances" with Robert Henry, pianist. Never in my entire life have I ever heard a more powerful, enthusiastic and talented performance. As noted from his bio in the program, Robert Henry is a very unusual musician.

When I arrived at the church a half-hour early, all the side seats were taken where one would sit to clearly see the keyboard. I moved in the third row back almost over to the center aisle. As luck would have it for me, the piano was moved from the left side of the church to the center where I had a ringside seat to see the keyboard.

It not only was a highly emotional experience to hear his fantastic and exciting music, it was equally as thrilling to watch his hand and finger movements. What great technique this man has. His style is superb and his skill as a pianist is unexcelled. He played for an hour and 20 minutes with a 10-minute intermission and all done without the benefit of sheet music. It was all in his head. His music was filled with rhythm, melody and harmony as well as vibrant and vigorous with unity and continuity. Some

selections especially the Hungarian Rhapsody and Twenty-Five Variations and Fugue on a Theme, were simply spellbinding.

His hands and fingers danced up and down the scales like magic. It sent great vibes of energy though one's whole system. I just do not understand how he can play with such precision and accuracy. One just sits in awe without moving a muscle and becomes enraptured with it all.

I've heard concerts with music of the masters many times but none quite as moving and musically inspiring as done by Robert Henry. Even though he plays with great dexterity and energy simply oozing from his hands and fingers, he seems quite relaxed with it all. He is simply a past master himself. He is a young man probably in his late 30s. My mother who was quite an accomplished musician herself would have thoroughly enjoyed this concert. How I wish she could have been there.

I've enjoyed many pianists over the years including men like Victor Borge, Rudolph Zerkin, Jose Iturbi, Viadimir Horowitz, Ilich Tchaikovsky and others who have given us inspiring music from comedy to concert, but nothing to me as thrilling as Robert Henry's work.

I wonder how some of the great musicians and composers of yesteryear accomplished so much with their music to die in a short life span. Men like Mozart created some fantastic music but lived only 35 years of age. (After all he was a sort of vulgar fellow.) Chopin lived only 39 years. Where are these persons of talent today? The kind of music writings we have now are not worth much in my opinion. It's mostly just noise. Yet many of the great composers of the past were not fully appreciated during their lifetimes.

Oh well, we can still enjoy great music on tapes and cds.

Horace Duncan  
Highlands

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me, I sure hope he doesn't forget where to send that invitation to the Inaugural Ball. You never know.

Too bad they don't make that T-shirt in my size anymore.

• 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 is a member of the Highlands Writers Group. She is an enthusiastic and unabashed smoocher. Mayors be advised.

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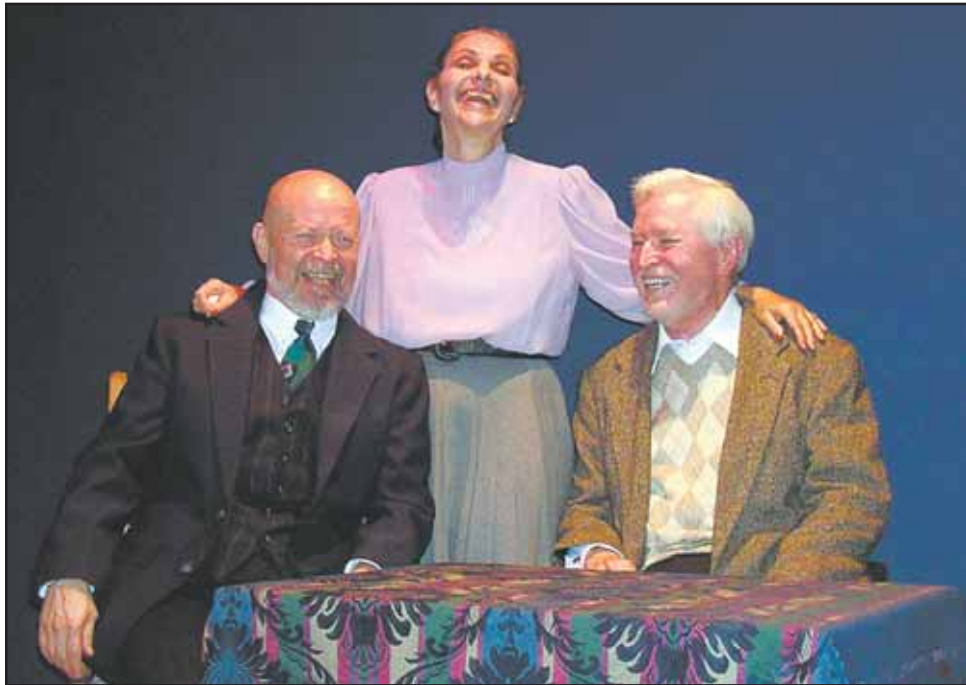
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## – A Review –



David Milford as Werner Heisenberg, Ellen Greenwald as Margrethe Bohr and Ralph Stevens as Niels Bohr in a light moment in "Copenhagen" on stage at The Instant Theatre through Saturday. Photo by Kim Lewicki

# 'Copenhagen' is intense, provoking and intelligent

Lifelong scientists whose passion for the discipline took them from modern atomic theory to Hiroshima come to terms with their science, their friendship and how both issues shaped their lives in "Copenhagen" now playing at The Instant Theatre.

"Copenhagen" features David Milford as Werner Heisenberg, Ellen Greenwald as Margrethe Bohr and Ralph Stevens as Niels Bohr – real life characters from the "Who's Who" list of global scientific minds.

Dynamic Duo Milford and Stevens, who were on stage together in the "2,000-year-old Man," are perfectly cast as the formidable real life Heisenberg and Bohr.

The men start as teacher and student — Bohr the teacher, Heisenberg the student – at Princeton University. The spark their like-minds ignite comes close to dying due to their part in world affairs prior to and during World War II. But in the end the spark is rekindled by memories and the realization that men like them, who know what they know, can become pawns in the larger scheme of things. As bright as they are, they always know what's happening, on every level and from every angle, which makes living with what they did or didn't do that much harder.

Every name in the scientific and historical realm of modern atomic theory to the dropping of the bomb on Hiroshima is tossed about on a "first-name" basis during the play as Heisenberg, Bohr and Bohr's wife Margrethe remember, discuss and decipher what has happened to them

during their lives.

The play is thought-provoking, serious, enlightening, sad and tender. It sheds light on everything that is and was "the atomic bomb." More than an instrument of destruction, it formed the lives of those who created it. Mix politics and national pride into the concoction and emerging agendas further complicated relationships.

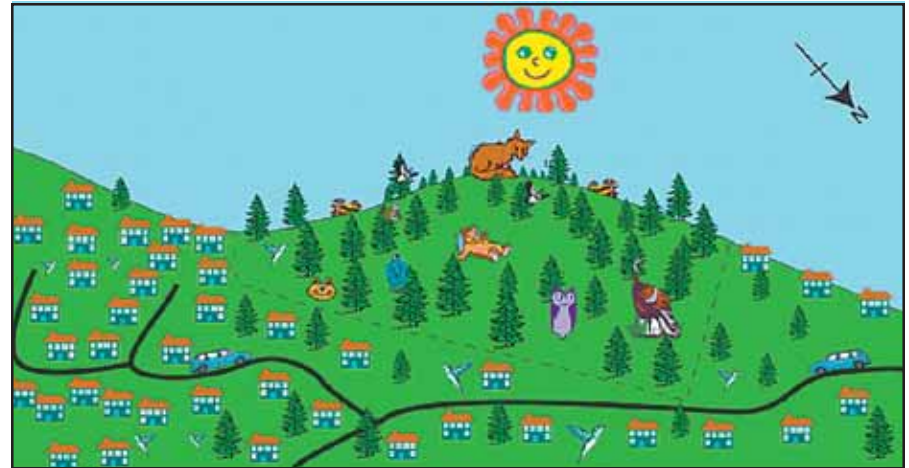
In a clear and entertaining fashion, Milford, Greenwald and Stevens manage to explain quantum theory and its evolution to the atomic bomb so that regular people with regular minds can actually understand it. The audience learns but also comes away with a profound understanding of how involvement in such thought, theory and practice is anything but simple and trouble-free.

In Michael Frayn's play, an ambitious, fiercely intelligent and daring dramatic sensation, Heisenberg meets Bohr and his wife Margrethe once again to look for the answers to work out "how we can ever know why we do what we do," and "how we learn to live with what we know we did."

"Copenhagen," playing at The Instant Theatre at 8 p.m. through Saturday, is a shining example of how theatre offerings have evolved in Highlands. Frivolous and light Copenhagen isn't. But intensely good, provocative and moving it is. David Milford, Ralph Stevens and Ellen Greenwald embody Heisenberg, Bohr and Margrethe.

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– Kim Lewicki



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franchise with the town was revoked "due to violations," read the minutes.

"In addition to the inaccurate and deceptive information provided, our electric department noted several instances where it appeared that Verizon and Northland cables had been moved," said Betz. "Both of those companies alleged in conversations with the town on Sept. 29 and Sept. 30, 2003 that their cables had been moved."

Northland Cable took Highlands Cable Group to court in Northland Cable vs. Highlands LLC and Nin Bond for tampering with Northland's Cable plant and misappropriating Northland wires to customer's homes.

They won and then discovered a third company called Highlands Cable LP so added it to the suit, too..

"We claimed it was the same company as the other two," said General Counsel for Northland Cable Paul Milan. "Bond said it wasn't — that it was the company with all the assets."

Bond won on appeal, but Northland is pursuing the case.

"We believe it is the same as the other two — it's the same people, same accounts, there's no distinction. So we are proceeding against Highlands Cable Group LP. We plan to show it is an alter ego entity without distinction from the others and it's libel for whatever the other two do. If we prove the third is an alter ego, we prevail and will then pursue damages from all three."

Meanwhile, the WLOS tower on Pisgah

Mountain has been repaired after the lightning strike that compromised Northland Cable's transmission of Channel 13.

Though transmission of Northland Cable's Channel 13 is back up, it isn't as clear as the company wants. "We're still working on transmission issues," said Staley. "The pitch quality is better and we hope to get a digital feed off the transmitter."

Now the question on everyone's mind is, how can Northland Cable's transmission of Channel 13 be affected by a damaged tower but not Highlands Cable Group's transmission of Channel 13.

Representatives of St. Clair Broadcasting, which owns WLOS TV said it can't comment on its relationship with Highlands Cable Group at this time.

Lee Johnson, Division Vice President of Northland Cable said his company has a retransmission consent contract with WLOS Channel 13. "We pay them for the right to retransmit," he said.

He said he doesn't know about Highlands Cable Group's relationship with St. Clair Broadcasting.

At the Town Board meeting Staley reiterated what Johnson said. "We have a legal contract that allows us to carry their signal off an antenna site. I can't say what arrangement Highlands Cable Group has with WLOS."

Highlands' Newspaper contacted Nin Bond but calls were not returned by press time.

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to live your life, to solve problems with your enemies, to gain everything your heart desires, even to bring peace on earth, you need simply to be Christ-like, God incarnate.

So I ask you, have you ever seen a Christian? If so you will know them, not by their rules, regulations, rituals, traditions, or name — but by their love. A love so powerful it can come face to face with a violent enemy and open not its mouth. A love so forceful its first instinct is forgiveness. A love

so resilient it makes safety secondary to self-sacrifice. A love so intense that those who dare to share it, bring all those near it into the Kingdom of God. A love so strong it knows the only way to life is death, thus conquering death forever.

If you have seen a Christian lately, you will know them by their love, by their love. Yes you'll know they are Christians by their love!

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With his background in biology, ecology, and forestry as Professor Emeritus from the universities of Michigan and Clemson and years of service as consultant to the Forest Service, as well as to such Southern Appalachian groups as the Western North Carolina Alliance, Southern Appalachian Biodiversity, Chattooga Watershed Coalition, etc., this fearless iconoclast was an icon to be feared, if not highly regarded. When he wasn't seeking to educate and advocate during the summers and falls at his home in North Carolina, this omniscient scholar was crusading during the winters and springs at his home in Arizona.

It's entirely appropriate that the Zahner Conservation Lecture Series, which the Highlands Biological Foundation and the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust spon-

sor each year, should honor this biotic citizen of the land, who sought in his own unique way to devote his whole life to promoting public awareness of the rich but threatened natural heritage of the region. He once described Highlands as "like a tiny little island sitting up on the Blue Ridge Mountains, the only rain forest in eastern North America." This tiny little island has now lost one of its most eloquently effective and steadfastly committed guardians. Bob will certainly be missed by his wife and companion-in-arms — Glenda — and family as well as by all of those — I being one — who loved him for his clear vision, wisdom, wit, charm, and courage as a friend and champion of all that is beautiful in life and worth fighting to sustain.



## You will know we are Christians, by what?



**Rev. Brian Sullivan**  
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

**Y**ou probably think you know this word: "Christian." Possibly you know this word so well, you call your self one. Even better, you know this word so properly, you are able to discern those who are one from those who are not. Or possibly this word makes your skin crawl. Whatever your relationship to the word "Christian," there was a time before this word existed. Just before this word came into existence, there was a person who perfectly personified it.

So I take you to this earlier time. It was a time when the religious authority was so involved with politics that not a single ruler would act without following orders from them. A time when the words of scripture could be summarized by saying something like, "God said it, I believe it, that settles it." Simply by following the rules, anyone could know how close they were to God. As for those who didn't follow the rules, they were simply tossed to the side with the caption "sinner."

Enter a person named Jesus. From an early age people knew Jesus was special. As a youth there were rumors that Jesus might be the one who would save the land from oppression — the Savior, the Christ. As Jesus came into his own, he began questioning the religious norms of the time.

Jesus knew scripture so well that when he spoke, the message behind the written word was clear to anyone who had ears or eyes. The height of clarity came on Jesus' journey to the city that holds all the political and religious power. By flagrantly disobeying the plain Laws and replacing them with unclear parables, he knew the end was near. He healed on the Sabbath. He ate with defiled hands. He not only talked to infamous sinners (the blind, the poor, and the crippled) he invited them to meals. He told people to give up all their possessions. He did not bring peace, but division. In the eyes of the religious authority, he had become a sinner. However, to those that followed him, he was God incarnate.

He did it all to get across his simple message, "The Kingdom of God is near." He literally showed people the truth. God is near. Simply by enjoying a glass of wine and breaking bread with those who were created in the image of God, anyone could be in the presence of God.

Then Jesus walked right into the heart of the powerful, wealthy, and religious to tell them all who were first would be last and the last would be first. Just like that, the end happened without a word of defense, without a group of friends, without a proper burial.

And there it is: a Christian. As for simple prescriptions

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Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Junior & Senior Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Small groups available throughout the week.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153  
Sun.: Worship - 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;  
School - 9:30 a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir - 7:15  
Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.;  
Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175  
Sun.: Worship - 11 a.m.; Sun.School - 9:30 & 9:45.  
Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast  
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers  
Choir - 7

### HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

### HIGHLANDS 7TH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study  
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### HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults  
studies; 6:15 - Adult choir

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Thurs:12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery)

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Choir - 6 p.m.

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### SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis  
Sundays: School -10 a.m.; Worship -11 a.m. & 7  
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

### SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore  
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Evening Worship - 6 p.m.  
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m.  
For more information call 526-3212.

### SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11  
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time) 526-9769  
Sundays: Worship - 11 a.m.

### WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122  
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11



• BUSINESS NEWS •

Work ongoing  
at Fine Art  
Center site on  
Oak Street

Max Couch, the construction manager for Trehel Construction Company, checks the newly installed wire-backed silt fences for the site of the new Bascom Lousie Art Center.



Online entrepreneurship academy  
announces full scholarship contest

Carland Academy is hosting a contest for a full scholarship for its Certificate Program in Entrepreneurship as well as its Advanced Certificate in Entrepreneurship. Each entrepreneurship certificate course of study is a six-month program, delivered entirely online. Those who would like to enter may submit a completed contest form to Carland Academy via post, email, or fax by October 8, 2007. Contestants should explain in 250 words or less why they would like to learn how to become an entrepreneur. The winner may be located anywhere in the world – the only requirement is Internet access. Carland Academy will announce the winner on October 15, 2007.

Carland Academy's Chief Operations Officer, Susie deVille Schiffli, said, "We encourage everyone who has ever dreamed of starting a business to submit an entry. This is an incredible opportunity to receive a free, world-class entrepreneurship education."

Carland Academy, an online entrepreneurship academy, is based in Highlands and offers certificate programs in entrepreneurship. Designed with working adults in mind, courses cover all aspects of entrepreneurial life and will help individuals develop the skills needed to be successful in launching and growing a business.

In addition to certificate programs, Carland Academy offers Micro Modules (one-day, deep dives into specific areas of entrepreneurship) – to nascent or experienced entrepreneurs around the globe.

The lead faculty includes Dr. James

Carland and Dr. JoAnn Carland. Together, they have co-founded more than a dozen companies, and they continue to be active in venture creation and venture management. They have coauthored more than a dozen books, more than 70 articles in scholarly journals and more than 200 papers in scholarly proceedings. They are internationally known in entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education.

"We encourage nonprofit leaders to enter the contest as well," said deVille Schiffli. "Knowing how to launch and sustain a business can be vital to survival for many nonprofit organizations — both in terms of having entrepreneurial leadership skills and having added revenue potential from a for-profit side to their organization."

"Students may begin taking classes anytime and may progress through the program at their own pace. They may take their courses anytime of the day or night – whenever or wherever it is convenient for them.

Through course message boards and The Startup Loft blog ([www.startuploft.typepad.com](http://www.startuploft.typepad.com)), students will be able to connect with entrepreneurs around the block and around the globe. Academy faculty will share resources, ideas, encouragement, and crucial information for start-up success.

To request a contest form, call (828) 526-9251. Entries may be mailed to Carland Academy, Post Office Box 2280, Highlands, N.C., 28741; emailed to [susie@CarlandAcademy.com](mailto:susie@CarlandAcademy.com); or faxed to (866) 430-4301. For more information, visit [www.carlandacademy.com](http://www.carlandacademy.com).

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other services to clinic patients as needed. Over the last year and a half, the hospital has provided approximately \$62,000 in services to clinic patients.


In his administrative report, Shull told board members that remodeling work to create space for the hospital's new nuclear medicine camera is going well. The high-tech camera is expected to be installed by Oct. 15, and up and running by Nov. 1. Nuclear medicine uses very small amounts of radioactive materials called radiotracers (isotopes) to study the function of organs, such as the gallbladder, lungs, heart, and the skeletal system. For the last several years the hospital has

been served by a mobile nuclear unit, but decided last fall it was more cost effective to add its own unit.

Shull also reported that efforts to recruit nursing staff are going well and the hospital has been able to reduce the need for hiring travelling nurses, which will help reduce costs.

Reporting for the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation, Charlie Sheehan said the annual fund drive is going very well. The average amount of gifts is more than last year's successful drive and some 10 percent of donors are first time givers to the hospital.


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## • BUSINESS NEWS •

### Winners designated at Mountain Garden Club flower show

The Mountain Garden club held a flower show at its meeting on August 13, at the home of Ginny Dunwoody, who was co-hostess with Ginny Harris and Ginny Wright.

Members, either individually or in pairs, submitted original flower arrangements which were displayed for judging.

Judging the arrangements were accredited flower judges Dee Dee Austin and Susan Harrison, both from Georgia. Some of the criteria upon which the flowers were judged were placement according to designated area and planned construction

The categories judged were the Horticulture Class, the Design class, and the Creativity and Ikebana class. In addition, the members voted for "Best of the Show."

Both first place and second place in the Horticulture Class were awarded to Ann Maxwell. The entries in this class were specimens which were grown by members for at least ninety days. They were labeled as to species and placed in transparent bottles for viewing.

First place in the Ikebana and ... **HOSPITAL NEWS**  
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### Planned Giving Consulting Services to work with hospital

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation is pleased to announce that a Consultant Agreement for Planned Giving has been signed with James E. Connell and Associates of Pinehurst, NC. Jim Connell is a Certified Senior Advisor and a Fellow of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy. He is nationally recognized for his presentations on the use of the economic power of charitable estate and life income programs to increase income and decrease taxes.

Connell will work along with HCH Foundation Executive Director Russell Harris in making recommendations to donors and their advisors (CPAs, Estate Planning Attorneys, Financial Planners) about the integration of charitable giving options into the prospective donor's financial and retirement plans.

Connell's assistance is provided as a confidential Foundation service to interested individuals and professions. He will be

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Creativity Class was awarded to Jane Grimes and Candy Field. Second place went to Diana Rethorst and Pegi Willard. In the Ikebana and Creativity class, objects and accessories could be used to compliment the arrangements.

In the Basic Design Class, Linda David received the first place award and Elizabeth Motz and Becky Shilling came in second. In this class, fresh untreated flowers were used and plant materials were part of the arrangements.

"Best of the Show" was awarded to Anita Williams for a creative and lively fruit and vegetable arrangement.

Originally the idea of Eloise Richardson, the flower show was such a success that the Mountain Garden Club plans to make the show a regular event. - submitted by Janet Allison Sossomon

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### 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.

- NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satelite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: [www.ncmana.org](http://www.ncmana.org).

- Step Aerobics 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.

### First Mondays

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

### Every Monday

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

### 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.

- Open Studio Night Figure Drawing: Informal instruction available for beginners. Bring your sketch pad or paint box for a leisurely session of figure drawing/painting. Cost is \$12, \$10 for "Friends" of the Gallery.

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Classical Yoga Beginner Level Class 8:15-9:30 a.m., 464 Carolina Way. Other classes available. Mats and blankets provided. \$14 per single/\$12 package rate.

### Every Wednesday

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

### Every Third Wednesday

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

### 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.

- Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student.

### Through Thursday, Sept. 13

- "Art to Wear," the latest exhibit at Bascom-Louise Gallery, will feature an array of marvelous clothing, jewelry, and other wearables and adornments. Fiber and jewelry artists from all over the southeast will be participating. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am. to 4 p.m. Free. For more information, call 526-4949.

### Through Friday, Sept. 3-7

- A Revival at Blue Valley Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Featuring Rev. Shane Jenkins from Victory Baptist Church in Clarksville, GA. Special singing every night!

### Through Saturday, Sept. 8

- At Instant Theatre "Copenhagen" featuring David Milford as Werner Heisenberg, Ellen Greenwalk as Margrethe and Ralph Stevens as Niels Bohr. Performances are at 8 p.m. Call The In-

stant Theatre at 828-342-9197 for tickets.

### Wednesday, Sept. 5

- "The Bible Tells Me So" beginning Wednesday night at the Highlands United Methodist Church. September 5 at 6:15 p.m. The assigned readings for each week are taken from the book, "The Bible Tells Me So: uses and abuses of Holy Scripture" by Jim Hill and Rand Cheadle. This book is currently out-of-print so copies of each reading assignment will be handed out each week. Copies of the first reading assignment on slavery and racism are available at the church. The study will meet in the Fellowship Hall — beginning

## About the short story at CLE



Author Ron Rash

CLE is pleased to have renowned author and Western Carolina Professor Ron Rash return this season with his lecture on the demands of the short story. Rash's short story "Speckled Trout" won the O. Henry Prize in 2005.

He will discuss the difficulties and rewards of writing in the short story form. He will also read some selections from his work, including a new collection of his short stories from Picador.

Rash holds the Parris Endowed Chair of Appalachian Studies at Western Carolina University. His poetry and fiction have been published in over 80 journals and magazines including Yale Review, Oxford American, The New England Review and Southern Review. He is the author of three books of poetry and three acclaimed novels.

The lecture will be held at the Martin-Lipcomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands on Monday, Sept. 10 from 10-12 noon. The cost is \$20 for CLE members, \$30 for non-members. Please call the CLE office to register at 526-8811.

## First Presbyterian Church of Highlands

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promptly at 6:15 and will last approximately one hour.

### Thursday, Sept. 6

- 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: Caribbean Lively-Up at Artists Shari Erickson's & Doug Gifford's at 6 p.m. Caribbean cuisine and wines by Tim Lundy of Rosewood Market, part of art sales to benefit Cashiers Fire & Rescue Department. Call 526-2673.

### Friday-Saturday, Sept. 7-8

- Native plant landscaping and gardening conference Visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs/](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/) or call 828- 526- 2602, to get details and register for the 8th Annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants at the Performing Arts Center, Highlands, N.C. Sponsored by the Highlands Biological Foundation, the cost is \$100 per person for the two-day event and \$150 per couple. Best act now, as space is limited. Proceeds go to support the Highlands Botanical Garden.

### Friday-Sunday, Sept. 7-10

- At Acorn's Coralia Leets Trunk Show. Distinctive jewelry with precious and semiprecious stones, gems and pearls set in 14k and 18k gold.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, authors George Eilison and Thomas Rain Crowe.

### Friday, Sept. 7

- The Holly Forest Social and Dance — the last Holly Forest Social this year — is at 6 p.m. and will be a fun night of live music and dancing! Featuring "MINOR ADJUSTMENT" playing all your favorite dance tunes. Please bring a covered dish to share, BYOL, set-ups and desert provided. Bring Guests and Your Dancing Shoes! \$10 at the country club.

### Saturday, Sept. 8

- The Macon County Public Health Center will hold Rabies Vaccination Clinics throughout Macon County on Saturday from 1-2:30 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center and from 3-4 p.m. at the Scaly Mountain Post Office. Area veterinarians will vaccinate dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4 months of age, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5 (cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3.5 mile moderate hike with a 600 foot elevation change up Big Scaly Mtn. for great views to the south and west. Meet at the Osage Mtn. Overlook on NC Hwy. 106 at 10 a.m. Drive 3 miles round trip with car shuttle. Hikes are limited to 20; call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

### Sunday, Sept. 9

- Bel Canto Recital's 15th Anniversary Celebration, 4 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb-Performing Art Center with festive buffet following at the Highlands Falls Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Bas-

com-Louise Fine Art Center and the Highlands School music program. For tickets call 828-526-5252.

- High Mountain Squares will hold their 6th Annual Greenway Dance is from 2-4:30 p.m. at the Tasse Pavilion on the Greenway, Franklin, NC. Rudy Saunders from Monroe, GA will be the caller. Bring

your lawn chair and we'll provide the picnic and drinks. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. All are welcome. For more information: 349-0905, 369-8344, or [www.highmountainsquares.org](http://www.highmountainsquares.org)

### Monday, Sept. 10

- The hospital auxiliary will have its

annual luncheon meeting at Chestnut Hill on Monday at 12:30. There will be election of officers for the coming year. New members are encouraged to join and participate in this important arm of the hospital and to learn more about the many functions and importance of the hospital.

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## Highlands Playhouse Antique Show activities lining up

This year's Highlands Playhouse Antique Show will have two special lectures for your enjoyment.

The first lecture will be held 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28 at the Sapphire Valley Country Club.

Luncheon on site Friday at The Sapphire Country Club and admission to the third Annual Highlands Antique Show held at The Sapphire Valley Community Center for the remainder of the weekend is included in price of lecture, \$65.

Mary Palmer is the author of *The Early English Kitchen Garden: Medieval Period to 1800*. Continuing education has included professional courses at the Harvard School of Design. She has served on the National Advisory Committee of the Garden Conservancy, and is a former garden editor of *Charleston Magazine*. She serves on the board of the Cherokee Garden Library of the Atlanta History Center, and is a member of the Cherokee Garden Club (Garden Club of America). Mary Palmer Dargan joined the design studio in 1984; she became a principal in 1985.

As co-founder of Dargan Landscape Architects in Atlanta, Ga. with husband, Hugh, Dargan is a member of the American Society of Landscape Architecture and the Association of Professional Landscape Designers. Additionally, Dargan's award-winning projects appear in national publications such as *House & Gardens*, *Better Homes and Gardens* (July 2006 cover feature), *Veranda* and *Southern Accents*. National television channels, CNN and Home and Garden Television, also feature Dargan's work.

Landscape architect Mary Palmer Dargan reveals seven points that can help achieve order, tranquility, and formality, in even the most unkempt terrain

Dargan showcases landscape design as a visual art and provides examples in her new book, *Timeless Landscape Design: The Four-Part Master Plan*.



**Mary Palmer Dargan and Charles Faudree will lecture during the Highlands' Playhouse Antique Show activities.**



In October, 2003, Gibbs-Smith Publishers released Charles' first book, *Charles Faudree: Country French Signature*, which is now in its ninth printing with over 50,000 copies sold. He has been busy on the lecture circuit promoting his book across the country. The publication has been featured in *USA Today* as well as many shelter magazines. Charles' second book *Country French Living* is now in print as well.

Charles' interior design studio and retail shop are located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Featuring furniture and

decorative accessories with a definitively Country French flair, Charles' shop serves to showcase his signature style. In addition to his design and retail work, Charles is actively involved with a number of charitable organizations.

Charles Faudree's 35 years as an interior designer have allowed him to work throughout the United States and Europe. Charles' designs have appeared in such publications as *Veranda*, *House Beautiful*, *Southern Living*, *Southern Accents*, *Traditional Home*, *Renovations Style*, *House and Garden* and *Country Living*.

A book signing will follow each presentation.

Reservations are requested and tickets are available at The Highlands Playhouse Box Office or by calling 828-526-2695; at Bryant Art Glass new location at 216 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street or by calling 828-526-4095; at The Catbird Seat in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-6565; at Ryan & Co. in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-3612.

The antique show is Friday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Sept. 30. On Friday and Saturday the hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday the hours are 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

The day before the Antique Show opens there's a black-tie optional preview party. Tickets are \$75 for the preview party. Call the above numbers for tickets.

Dargan's presentation focuses on creating flawless landscape by utilizing four elements of art: line, color, form and texture. Proportion, scale and focalization are additional topics Dargan addresses in her new book.

Mary Palmer Dargan is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. Prior to earning her Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture from LSU in 1981, she was education director and botanist at Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Fine Art in Nashville.

The second lecture features Mr. Charles Faudree, and will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Sapphire Valley Country Club. Luncheon on site Saturday at The Sapphire Country Club and admission to the show held at The Sapphire Valley Community Center for the all three days is included in price of lecture, \$65.

Additionally, his work can be viewed in a variety of decorating books including *Garden Style*, *Country Living*, *Country Kitchens*, *Creative Ideas for Decorating*, *Decorating by Southern Living*, *Southern Accents Christmas*, *House Beautiful Christmas*, and *Provencal and Holiday Homes*. Charles has been featured as one of eight designers in *Traditional Homes Signature Style*. In 1995, Charles received the *Traditional Home Designer of the Year Award*. Most recently, he has been featured in *House Beautiful's* "Top Designers in America" in 2002, 2003, and 2004.



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• The Highlands Community Christian Chorale Rehearsals begin Monday at 7 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

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• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Ron Rash signing "Chemistry and Other Stories" 1-3 p.m.

• "Missed Highlands, 2007" All Male Beauty Pageant at the Highlands Playhouse at 8 p.m. General Admission tickets are \$50 and reserved seats on the first two rows are \$100. For information about the fundraisers, please call 526-3605.

• At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, an elegant, 6-course wine dinner with Reynold's Family Winery hosted by Steve Reynolds and Kathy Simpson at 6 p.m. Call Leah for information, 526-3807.

• There will be a ladies Bible study at Highlands School on Monday afternoons at 3:45 in the Media Center. The Bible study beginning on Monday, will be a DVD series by Beth Moore from the book of Proverbs entitled Wising Up. Message titles include: A Call to Wising Up, The Heart of Wisdom, A Wise Friend, Learning Wisdom from a Fool, Wising Up at Work, Wising Up with our Money, How Wisdom Looks on a Wife, Wisdom for a Woman's Sexuality, Wisdom for Moms, Wisdom with Words, The Wisdom of Restraint, and Wisdom to go your Way in Safety. Although there are no workbooks for this series, a listening guide will be provided for each DVD message. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. For further information, please contact Carol Bowen at 526-5168.

#### Wed.-Sat., Sept. 12-15

• This year's Macon County Fair's theme is "The Barn Door is Open at the Macon County Fair." The Fair Association extends to the public the opportunity to construct an educational booth using this theme. To obtain an application please call the Extension Office at 349-2046.

#### Thursday, Sept. 13

• Highlands School PTO meeting is at 6 p.m. in the old gym.

• Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Cartoogechaye Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within

the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

• The League of Women Voters is sponsoring the program, to be held at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Franklin. Participants will hear details of what the bonds would be used for and will have the opportunity to ask questions. The public is invited. Lunch will be available at noon by reservation (call 524-5192) and the program will start at 12:15.

• Volunteers are wanted to work with The Medical Reserve Corps concerning Psychological First Aid — Dealing with Disaster Stress, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at the Macon County Public Health Center. No medical background required. All Trainings are FREE Food will be provided! For more Information call Hope Burch (828) 713-2310.

#### Friday, Sept. 14

• Now in its 11th year, Friday afternoon is the first meeting of The Girls' Clubhouse for the 2007-2008 school year from 3-4:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All 6-8 grade girls are welcome. Come have fun while serving others. For more information, call Kim Lewicki 526-0782.

#### Saturday, Sept. 15

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital FREE Health Screenings. Registration is required for all screenings. People can sign up by calling the hospital at 526-1434.

• Fall 2007 Gorge Road Cleanup. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8 a.m. Lunch & refreshments will be provided. To sign up call 526-5841.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Anne Sharpsteen with Vivian Cash signing "I Walk the Line" 1-3 p.m.

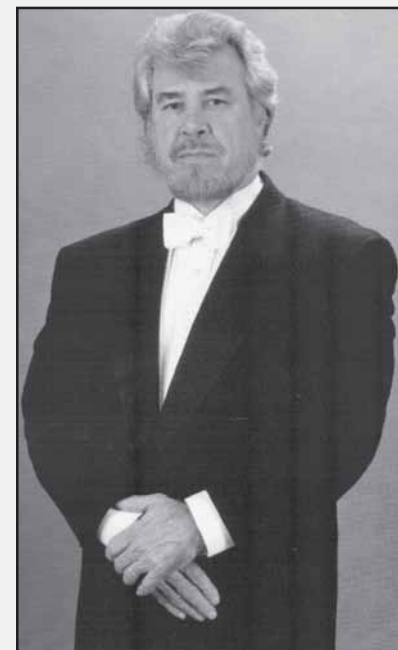
• At noon at the Hambridge Center Rabun Gap, GA, "Memories of Betty's Creek: Stories of the Early Days of Hambridge" – Gena Latimer Smith and Dorothy Dickerson. Free and open to the public.

Call Debra on 706-746-7324.

• A class on Scherenschnitte, Wycinanki and Chinese paper cuts, at the Bascom-Louise Gallery. To register, call the gallery at (828) 526-4949.

• The Highlands NC Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center announces "Star Night." The regional talent show is the cli-

### The Art of Bel Canto at CLE



Robert Lyall

CLE is pleased to present a lecture in recognition of the 15th anniversary of the Bel Canto concerts and their contributions to the arts in Highlands. Robert Lyall will present the lecture on the true nature of Bel Canto. The discussion will be devoted to an analysis, with musical examples, of the essential musical and dramatic elements of this famous operatic style. The bel canto style is most famously represented by the works of Rossini, Bellini, Donizetti and early Verdi. The lecture will complement the Bel Canto concert to be held at the PAC on Sept. 9.

Robert Lyall is the Artistic Director of the New Orleans Opera Association and the Grand Rapids Opera. He has been guest director/conductor for many U.S. orchestras as well as those in Mexico, Bulgaria and Turkey. Dr. Lyall received his Ph.D. in Musicology and Composition from the University of North Texas.

The lecture will be held at the Highlands Conference Center, Hwy 64 and Poplar Street on Friday Sept. 7 from 2-4 p.m. The cost is \$20 for CLE members, \$30 for non-members. Please call the CLE office at 526-8811 to register.



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max of the center's open house on Saturday. The all-day event begins at 11:30 a.m. with guided tours offering visitors a chance to see the facility's recent renovations, which include an equipment elevator, a dressing room, restrooms and other additions to the backstage area. Tours will be given until 1:30 p.m., and each is followed by a complimentary BBQ lunch. The "Star Night" talent competition will be judged, and cash prizes of \$200 will be awarded to the best student and best non-student acts, and \$200 to the overall winner.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6-mile moderate hike with beautiful views from Black Balsam Mtn. above Graveyard Fields on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Meet at the Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 9 a.m. Drive 80 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations or more information. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3.5-mile hike with an elevation change of 900 feet to Rock Mtn. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 4 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Eva Hansen between 6-9 p.m. at 743-1611 for reservations or more information. Visitors welcome but no pets please.

### **Sunday, Sept. 16**

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike to Lookoff Mtn. in Black Rock Mtn. State Park in Georgia. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center in Otto on Hwy. 441 at 2 p.m. or call 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. Drive 26 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

### **Monday, Sept. 17**

- Public meeting on paving Hickory Hill Road at the Rec Park at 3 p.m.

### **Tuesday, Sept. 18**

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Highlands School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

### **Thursday, Sept. 20**

- Macon County Schools' first meeting of the Western Mountains Reading Council is at the Franklin High School Media Center from 4:30-6 p.m.. The

program will be on I-Search. Email reservations for the catered meal to carol.bowen@mcsk-12. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Cowee Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

### **Friday-Sunday, Sept. 21-23**

- At Acorn's, Earthborn Pottery Trunk Show. Handcrafted pottery from Leeds, AL that is dishwasher and microwave safe.

### **Friday, Sept. 21**

- Angel Medical Center is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on from 10:30 am to 3 p.m. The hospital is located at 120 Riverview Street in Franklin, NC. Please call 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for two Delta Air Lines international round-trip tickets!

### **Saturday, Sept. 22**

- The Nantahala Hiking will take a moderate 6-mile hike up a Forest Service road to Round Mtn. for good views at the top. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles at 743-1079, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- The Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) seventh annual Conservation Celebration at the site of North Carolina's newest state park, Chimney Rock State Park. The celebration will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Guests will have a panoramic view of the "The Chimney" while visiting enjoying complimentary beer and wine and perusing silent auction items, followed by a supper buffet of applewood-smoked BBQ ribs will be served. Live old-time and bluegrass music will be provided by local fiddler Lew Gelfond and guitarist Barrett Wilson. There will also be special guided hikes offered prior to the evening's activities, as well as a complimentary shuttle trip to the top of the Park. An original, signed painting by Scott Upton, whose works of color and light are on display at Summit One Gallery in Highlands. is a special live auction piece. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased by contacting CMLC at 697-5777 or online at [www.carolinamountain.org](http://www.carolinamountain.org). Each ticket can also be redeemed for a considerable discount on an annual pass to the Park

### **Tuesday, Sept. 25**

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Cullasaja Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 26**

- The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village Nature Series presents Jim Costa and "Bugs in the Night-Exploring the Diversity and Biology of Nocturnal Insects,"

at the Albert-Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 pm. Call 526.9938 x254 for information.

- Wal-Mart of Franklin is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The store is located at 4599 Highway 441 By Pass in Franklin, NC. Please call 524-9111 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for two Delta Air Lines international round-trip tickets!

### **Thursday, Sept. 27**

- The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association announces its annual meeting

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## Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy to celebrate at Chimney Rock Park

Every fall, the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy (CMLC) invites friends and neighbors to join them in celebrating our special community of land and people. This year, CMLC is excited to hold our seventh annual Conservation Celebration at the site of North Carolina's newest state park, Chimney Rock State Park. The Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5 to 8PM. "This year's

event is exceptional in many ways and is certainly not one to be missed!", says event chair Meredith Keever

Guests will have a panoramic view of the "The Chimney" while visiting with one another, enjoying complimentary beer and wine and perusing some fabulous silent auction items, after which a delicious supper buffet of applewood-smoked BBQ ribs will be served. Live oldtime and bluegrass music will be provided by local fiddler Lew Gelfond and guitarist Barrett Wilson. There will also be special guided hikes offered prior to the evening's activities, as well as a complimentary shuttle trip to the top of the Park.

An original, signed painting by Scott Upton, whose works of color and light



An original, signed painting by Scott Upton is a live auction item.

are on display at Summit One Gallery in Highlands and in numerous collections across the country, will be a special item offered in our live auction. In Scott's own words, "I take what I see in nature and the landscape. In nature there is order and beauty, there is also chaos. How we survive life is to focus on hope and beauty as the chaos goes on around us." Scott's mixed media paintings are becoming quite

well known and are appreciating in value each year. CMLC is offering a unique bidding opportunity for someone to own a work specially created by Scott Upton for our event entitled "Lost Oasis", which is meant to portray the lost oases that CMLC strives to protect in the face of ongoing development in our beautiful mountains. This is an opportunity to make an excellent investment in fine art and to simultaneously gain the satisfaction of having made a major contribution to local conservation.

Chimney Rock Park, LLC is pleased to support CMLC as a sponsor for the event. As part of their generous support, they are donating free day-long admission to the Park on September 22nd



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of the membership at the Highlands Civic Center on Thursday from 6-7 p.m. There will be a brief presentation on Macon County's new floodplain ordinance. Free and open to the public.

#### Fri.-Sun., Sept. 28-30

• The Highlands Playhouse Antique Show is on Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center on Sunday, the hours are 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. Tickets are \$75 at the box office. Call 828-526-2695.

#### Friday, Sept. 28

• Landscape architect, Mary Palmer Dargan, presents a special lecture at the third annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Sapphire Valley Country Club at 10 a.m. Ticket price of \$65 includes a luncheon at the club and admission to the three-day antique show held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Dargan reveals seven points that can help achieve order, tranquility, and formality, in even the most unkempt terrain. Dargan showcases landscape design as a visual art and provides examples in her new book, *Timeless Landscape Design: The Four-Part Master Plan*. A book signing will follow the lecture. She will also sign copies of her book. Reservations are requested and tickets are available at The Highlands Playhouse Box Office or by calling 828-526-2695; at Bryant Art Glass new location at 216 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street or by calling 828-526-4095; at The Catbird Seat in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-6565; at Ryan & Co. in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-3612.

#### Saturday, Sept. 29

• Interior Designer, Charles Faudree presents a special lecture at the third annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Sapphire Valley Country Club at 10 a.m. Ticket price of \$65 includes a luncheon at the club and admission to the three-day antique show held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. A book signing will follow the presentation. Reservations are requested and tickets are available at The Highlands Playhouse Box Office or by calling 828-526-2695; at Bryant Art Glass new location at 216 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street or by calling 828-526-4095; at The Catbird Seat in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-6565; at Ryan & Co. in Cashiers or by calling 828-743-3612.

#### • Marine Corps Motorcycle Toy Ride.

Toys for Tots. First leg: Cornelia, GA to Toccoa, GA; Second Leg: Toccoa to Clayton, GA; Third Leg: Warwoman Road in Clayton to Highlands, N.C.; Fourth Leg: Highlands to Cashiers; Fifth Leg: Cashiers to Sylva; Sixth Leg: Sylva to Cherokee; Seventh Leg: Cherokee to Bryson City; Eighth Leg: Bryson City to Franklin. Join for the whole leg – 160 miles – or just one or two legs. For more information call 828-369-9244 or go to [ichughes@ndnet.net](mailto:ichughes@ndnet.net).

• Benefit to help Edgar and Geraldine Owens with medical bills. A Spaghetti

Supper with live music, haircuts until dark with donations accepted by Heather and Lacy from Creative Concepts. Live auction, raffles, cake walk. 5 p.m. at the Satolah Fire Dept.

#### Thurs.-Sunday, Oct. 4-7

• The Highlands Playhouse, "Forever Plaid." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695.

#### Thursday, Oct. 4

• Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at East Franklin Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

#### Friday, Oct. 5

• Collect Spirits Auction at Fine Art Center.

#### Monday, Oct. 8

• The Peggy Crosby Center Golf Classic hosted by the Old Edwards Inn & Spa 9 a.m. at the MountainTop Golf and Lake Club in Cashiers. Cost is \$250 per person, or \$1,000 per team. Call 526-9938, ext. 410 to sign up.

• Bolivian Auction and dinner at Highlands Country Club to benefit the Bolivian Mission. For information about the fund-raisers, please call 526-3605.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 9

• Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Franklin High School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

#### Thurs.-Sunday, Oct. 11-14

• The Highlands Playhouse, "Forever Plaid." 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, Oct. 11

• Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Iotla Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district

## 8th annual Native Plant Conference set for Sept. 7-8



Native plant landscaping and gardening conference Visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs/](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/) or call 828-526-2602, to get details and register for the 8th Annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants, Sept. 7-8, at the Performing Arts Center, Highlands, N.C. Sponsored by the Highlands Biological Foundation, the cost is \$100 per person for the two-day event and \$150 per couple. Best act now, as space is limited. Proceeds go to support the Highlands Botanical Garden.



## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### Male beauty pageant

The All Male Beauty Pageant will again be held at the Highlands Playhouse on Monday night, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. The greatly anticipated event was last performed in 2005 when Ida Slapser won the title of Missed Highlands. It has been reported that she will make another appearance to crown the new Missed Highlands at the end of the performance. The contestants will compete in the evening gown, talent, and lingerie divisions. Imagine the excitement as the contestants parade in their evening gowns to the music of "Mame," the 1960s musical by Jerry Herman. Other well-known songs from the musical are, "Bosom Buddies," and "You're My Best Girl."

You might ask, "Why would 12 Highlands gentlemen get dressed up for a pageant like this?" The proceeds from this one night will support the foster home in Bolivia for one year, or continue the micro-finance project in Bolivia which gives loans to 100 poor women.

The Bolivia mission also has a prison ministry, feeding programs and medical and dental clinics. Last year hundreds of people were examined and treated with free medicines in mobile medical clinics. Many times just getting to the remote areas was the most difficult task. With all the rain, many roads were almost impassable and several bridges had been washed out. Still, the joy of seeing the faces of the children getting care made it all worthwhile.

The tickets are available by phone by calling 526-3605. This is usually sold out and it may be standing room only if you wait until the evening of the performance. A free wine bar will be open at 7 p.m. before the show. All donations are tax deductible as the Highlands Bolivian Mission is a 501-C(3) corporation, and the mission will certify that you will receive nothing of value from this pageant.

leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

#### Friday-Sunday, Oct. 12-14

- At Acorn's, Mary Louise/Bijoux de Mer Trunk Show. Mary Louise's exclusive line of 18k gold jewelry has a distinctively feminine flair. Bijoux de Mer or Jewels of the Sea, specializes in pearls and precious stones.

#### Saturday, Oct. 13

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Sandra Brown signing "Play Dirty" 1-3 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 16

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Macon Middle School media center. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

#### Thursday, Oct. 18

- Steele/Shooting Star Vineyards Wine dinner at OEI's The Farm. Each dinner is \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 828-787-2604.

- Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at Nantahala School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education

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**ON MIRROR LAKE** - Charming 3 BR, 2 BA, huge sunroom, stone fireplace, 3 decks, canoe. Furnished. \$1,250 a month. Less than a mile from Main Street. 770-435-0678

**HOUSE FOR SALE WITH RENT TO BUY OPTION** – In town. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 decks. \$975/month. Sales Price: \$259,000. Ownership arrangement negotiable. Call Jimmy at 970-819-3815.

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**WAREHOUSE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR RENT.** 1,100 – 1,800 sq. ft. bays with large overhead rolling doors. Rent is \$500-\$600 a month. Located one mile from the crossroads in Cashiers off 107 S. For more information please call Josh Barber 828-743-0077.

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**HOUSE FOR SALE (ISLAMORADA, FLORIDA)** – Two bedroom, one and ½ bath conch house for sale at Mile Marker 86, near Founders Park on Oceanside. House sits on a 8,520 square foot lot in a great subdivision with a public boat ramp on the next street over. Founders Park, which is across the street, has a park with a boat ramp, marina, pool, beach, tennis courts, etc. Great deal — owner moving out of state. \$475,000. Call 305-852-4369 for more info.

**OCEAN FRONT** – Beautiful home in Surf City, N.C. zoned residential/commercial. Walk to pier and town. 7-bed, 4 full baths. Separate apartment. Good rental income. Call 919-340-2280.

**LAKEFRONT ACRE IN SCALY** – \$25,000 OBO. Details. P.O. Box 260789, Pembroke Pines, FL, 33026.

**COMMERCIAL FOR SALE** – Log cabin at crossroads in Cashiers for sale or lease. Call 526-4154.

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**HOUSE FOR SALE** – HFCC 2 story split, 3/2, large lot, lake, golf course, mountain views, membership available but optional. \$795,000. Call 526-4154.

**LAND BY OWNER** – 3/4 acre lot. Close to Toan. Very, very, level building lot. Community water available. \$79,000. Call Ginger at 828-526-4959.

**OCEANFRONT LOT KEY LARGO, FLORIDA** – Cleared, buildable with all services. Last unimproved lot in Silver Shores subdivision. \$599,900. For information and photos call Frank (954) 964-7649 or email [ft442@bellsouth.net](mailto:ft442@bellsouth.net).

**NC, OTTO, 38 ACRES** 10 miles from Georgia State line, high elevation, big views, driveway and homesite cleared call owner, 770-952-9100

**NEW HOME/CHALET** – 10 minutes from town off Turtle Pond Road. 2/1 with loft, .897 acres, 1,177 sq. ft. \$189,000. Call Ty at 828-577-9261.

**IN TOWN** — 3/2.5 log home. The cottages lakeside at Harris Lake. Less than 2 years old. \$329,000. Call Ty at 828-577-9261.

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**LOTS** – Exclusive RiverRock, Tuckasegee Village: 2.1 acre Lot 48, great building site, adjoins horse farm. \$364,900; and THE premier view Lot 34, best view lot develop-



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ment. \$799,900 Call HUTCH (706) 831-0892 owner/agent.

**FIX 'R' UPPER** – 2,500 sq. ft home. 2-3 decks. 2-3 bed/baths. New furnace. Walk to hospital. Interior unfinished...must have imagination. Make offer. Call 828-200-9333.

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**SMALL, DIGITAL CAMERA** on Satulah Mountain trail, Wednesday, July 25. Call with description to claim it. Call, 404-840-3020.

### ITEMS FOR SALE

**DOG KENNEL.** 10' x 10' x 6', heavy gauge chainlink. Like New. \$175, was \$270. call 828.389.2722 Hayesville, NC

**FREEZER**, medium size chest type, \$100. Portable dishwasher w/butcher block top, \$75. Deluxe vented gas heater high btu, slightly used, \$100. 524-6038

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**1991 SUBURBAN 3/4 TON**, 130K miles, 20K on Tranny, 350 V8, lift w/wheels & tires, good condition, never off-road, white/blue \$4350. Call 200-0013.

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**NEED YOUR HOME CLEANED?** Call Charlotte at Letson Enterprise for a free estimate. 828-369-9127 or Bill at 828-421-0971.

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## • BUSINESS NEWS •

### Ellison booksigning this Saturday at Cyrano's Bookshop

Esteemed nature writer George Ellison will sign copies of his newly published "Blue Ridge Nature Notes," at Cyrano's Bookshop from 10:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Issued in a handy and attractive smaller size that's perfect for taking along on a hike — or tucking in a Christmas stocking — "Blue Ridge Nature Notes" is composed of selections from Ellison's earlier book "Blue Ridge Nature Journal" and includes fascinating essays on the geology, flora and fauna of the region, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth's pen-and-ink drawings and watercolors. The delicate, almost oriental quality of Ms. Ellison's art echoes George's information on "the Asian connection": It turns out that there are more than 50 genera of plants that can be found only in Appalachia and Eastern Asia, including sassafras, sumac, persimmon, shortia

(oconee bells) and many ferns, lichens and mosses.

Mr. Ellison also writes about the return to the mountains of the panther, provides the Cherokee recipe for Yellow Jacket Soup and offers advice on what to do if bitten by a timber rattler (get in your car and drive to the hospital as fast as you can).

The Ellisons moved to the Bryson City area in 1973, and live in a cove surrounded on three sides by national forest land; Elizabeth's studio-gallery is in Bryson City itself. Her illustrations have appeared in many newspapers, outdoor and wildlife journals and in the movie "Songcatcher." George's columns run in the Smoky Mountain News and the Asheville Citizen-Times, and his biographical introductions to Horace Kephart's "Our Southern Highlanders" and James Mooney's "History, Myths and Sacred Formulas of the Cherokees" are minor classics in and of themselves. Ellison is a frequent and popular teacher at the Elderhostel programs held here at The Mountain.

And gardeners and plant lovers take note: signed copies of Bill Alexander's

"The Biltmore Nursery: A Botanical Legacy" will also be available for purchase. (Both Alexander and Ellison are taking part in the Highlands Biological Foundation's 8th annual "Landscaping and Gardening With Native Plants Conference" being held this weekend.

"The Biltmore Nursery" tells how George Vanderbilt and Frederick Law Olmsted Sr., created a nursery at Biltmore in the 1890s to propagate and rear plants on a vast scale. Mr. Alexander is Biltmore's Landscape and Forest Historian and his book provides a history of the estate that also includes an account of the gardens, park and pleasure grounds beyond the nursery. "The Biltmore Nursery" includes a complete reproduction of the Estate's 1912 nursery catalog, as well as fascinating archival images and color photographs.

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to [cyranos@nctv.com](mailto:cyranos@nctv.com); to learn more about our store please visit [www.cyranosbooks.com](http://www.cyranosbooks.com).

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to receive a vaccination against pneumonia free of charge.

The hospital has offered the vaccinations at this season's community screenings, and will be doing so again on Saturday, Sept. 15 — the final community-wide screening of the season. The screening gets under way at 7:15 a.m. on Level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Medical Building on the hospital campus.

The vaccine is recommended for those over 65, as well as others deemed at higher risk for contracting pneumonia, such as those with heart and lung disease, kidney failure, diabetes, a damaged spleen, HIV, or certain types of cancer. Those who are unsure about whether they might be good candidates for the vaccination should check with their family doctor. And those who have already had the vaccine within the last five years should not receive it again. If you have had the vaccine in the past, but are unsure how long it's been, you should also check with your primary care provider.

To receive the vaccine participants should pre-scheduled at the time of registration for the free health screening.

In addition to offering pneumonia vaccinations, the hospital will also be screening participants for height, weight,

blood pressure, and body mass index. And participants will have their blood drawn to be assessed for glucose and full cholesterol levels. Prostate specific antigen tests will also be provided for men over age 50, which is particularly appropriate since September is prostate cancer prevention month.

Area residents from throughout the hospital's service area who are interested in registering for the upcoming screening can do so at any time prior to Sept. 13, either by calling 526-1435, or on line at the hospital's website at [www.highlandscashiershospital.org](http://www.highlandscashiershospital.org) (click on the screening drop-down menu, and complete the registration form). Pre-registration is required and participants will be assigned appointment windows as part of the registration process to help reduce lines and waiting times.

Due to the laboratory tests performed, those participating in the screening are asked not to eat or drink anything but water after midnight the night before. Confidential results of laboratory tests will be reviewed by the participant's own family physician (or another local physician if no family doctor is specified) before being mailed to each participant.



### Third Annual Highlands Playhouse ANTIQUE SHOW

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## • POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Aug 30-Sept. 5. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug 30

- At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and Fourth streets.
- At 9 p.m., officers responded to call of a nuisance dog from a resident on Shelby Drive.

Sept. 1

- At 6:40 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and N. Cobb Road was cited for driving without a license.
- At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to a report of an accident on Keener Road and a motorist was cited for failing to report the accident
- At 3 p.m., officers investigated a call of injury to property at a residence on Sagee Wood Drive where a car was damaged.

Sept. 2

- At 11 p.m., officers responded to an accident on N.C. 106. The next day the driver, Brett Phillip Bortzner, 30, of Sugarhill, GA, was arrested for driving without a license. He was transported to the hospital and airlifted to a hospital in Asheville.

Sept. 3

- At 9:45 a.m., officers responded to an accident on U.S. 64 east.
- At 10:45 a.m., a motorist on U.S. 64 east was cited for speeding 60 mph in a 35 zone.
- During the week officers issued 3 warning tickets.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 30-Sept 5 Aug. 30

- The dept. responded to an accident at Fourth and Poplar streets. There were no injuries.
- The dept. got two people out of an elevator that was stuck in Oak Square.

Sept. 1

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence at Highlands Falls Country Club. The victim was transported to the hospital and pronounced dead.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. The victim was having respiratory problems and was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 2

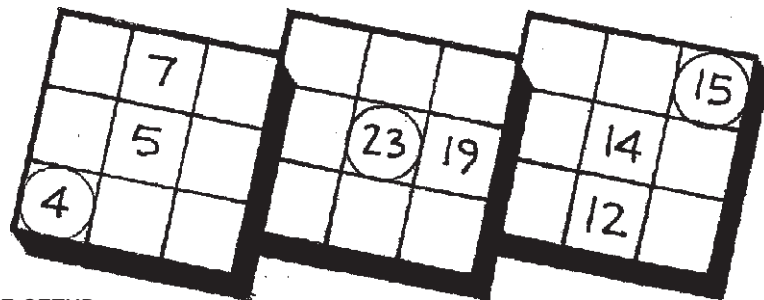
- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 east. The victim was transported to the hospital and airlifted to a hospital in Asheville.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence in Highlands Falls Country Club. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to an accident on NC 106 near Highlands Decorating Center where a vehicle was in a ditch. They helped extract the driver from the car and he was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 5

- The dept. helped a driver of a truck when it got tangled in phone wires on Wilson Road. There were no injuries.

## PseudoCube<sup>©</sup>

#BN2D - Level of EASY



### THE SETUP:

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

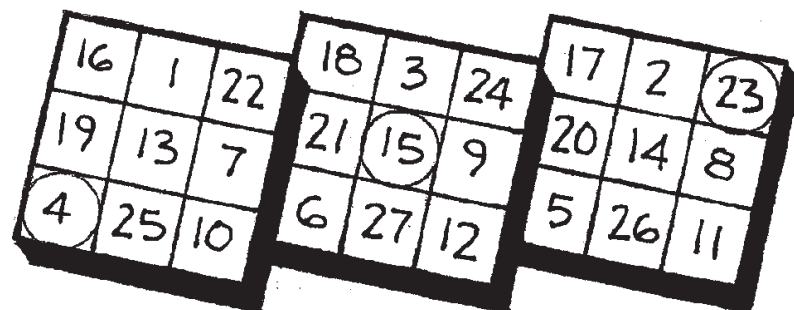
### THE CHALLENGE:

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

The first correct solution emailed earns a coupon for a FREE cup of coffee from Buck's Coffee Cafe on Main Street.

Email: [pseudocube8@aol.com](mailto:pseudocube8@aol.com)

Solution to #AN3D in the Aug. 30 paper



## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### PAC Open House & 'Starnight'

Residents and visitors to Highlands are invited to tour the expanded Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 15 starting at 11:30 a.m., followed by a complimentary barbecue lunch courtesy of Summit One Gallery. The celebration will be topped off with a talent show called "Star Night," starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Performing Arts Center, often called "PAC," is housed in the building that had been the Community Bible Church until 2000. For the last six years it has provided a facility for musical and theatrical performances, as well as lectures, movies and other events such as CLE classes. However, the building did not have backstage dressing rooms or restrooms, and scenery constructed in the workshop on the lower level of the building had to be hand-carried around the building, in the front door and from the back of the auditorium to the stage. All that has been changed this year and the board of directors of PAC wants to show off the "new" building.

Tours of PAC will be led by members of PAC's board of directors. Each person taking the tour will then be treated to a barbecue lunch, with the cheerleaders of Highlands School acting as servers.

The final event of the day will be a talent competition called "Star Night," featuring talent ranging from a rock band to a harpist from Highlands and surrounding areas. "Star Night" will start at 7:30 p.m., with Chuck Cooper of WHLC serving as master of ceremonies. Summit One Gallery will provide two \$200 cash prizes to be awarded to the best student act and best non-student act, and another \$200 to the overall winner. Several contestants have already signed up, but there is still room for more. Anyone interested should contact Mary Adair Leslie as soon as possible at 526-2673.

There is no charge for the tour of PAC and the barbecue lunch; tickets to "Starnight" are \$10 each and may be picked up at the door on the night of performance. Tickets may be reserved by leaving a message at 526-9047.

with feedback regarding the Plan.

**Tuesday, Oct. 23**

• Public forms on Macon County School System Building Plan 7-8 p.m., at South Macon Elementary School gym. Driving questions and aims to be addressed: What are our *Priorities* within

the school system Facilities Plan? Why did we establish these *Priorities*? How will the *Plan* it be carried out? Provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to provide the district leadership and Board of Education with feedback regarding the Plan.

### Bel Canto features five performers



Stephen Dubberly Kelly Anderson Mark Thomsen Phylis Pancella Stella Zambalis

September 9 at 4 p.m. in the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center will be the 15th year that Bel Canto has brought to Highlands some of America's most beautiful voices — artists who have sung in major opera houses and concert halls in this country and abroad. This year, you will hear four admirable singers —soprano, mezzo-soprano, tenor and baritone in arias, duets and quartets that give "bel canto" its true meaning. They will be accompanied by one of the most sought after recital pianists.

Complementing the beautiful singing will be an elegant reception-buffet at the Highlands Falls Country Club where the artists and Bel Canto Benefactors will gather after the performance and enjoy gourmet specialties prepared especially for the anniversary celebration.

Five artists will perform a program of both opera and Broadway favorites that has always been a crowd pleaser. This annual celebration, as always, will be for the benefit of the Bascom-Louise Gallery permanent art collection and the Highlands School music program. Last year alone the generosity of the Bel Canto benefactors allowed us to donate \$10,000 to each recipient. Over the years Bel Canto has donated over \$130,000 to the Bascom-Louise Gallery for its permanent collection. Since Bel Canto Encore in the fall of 2004, Bel Canto has donated over \$25,000 to the music program which has allowed the program to purchase some much needed instruments and music.

There is a waiting list so for more information, please call 828-526-5252.



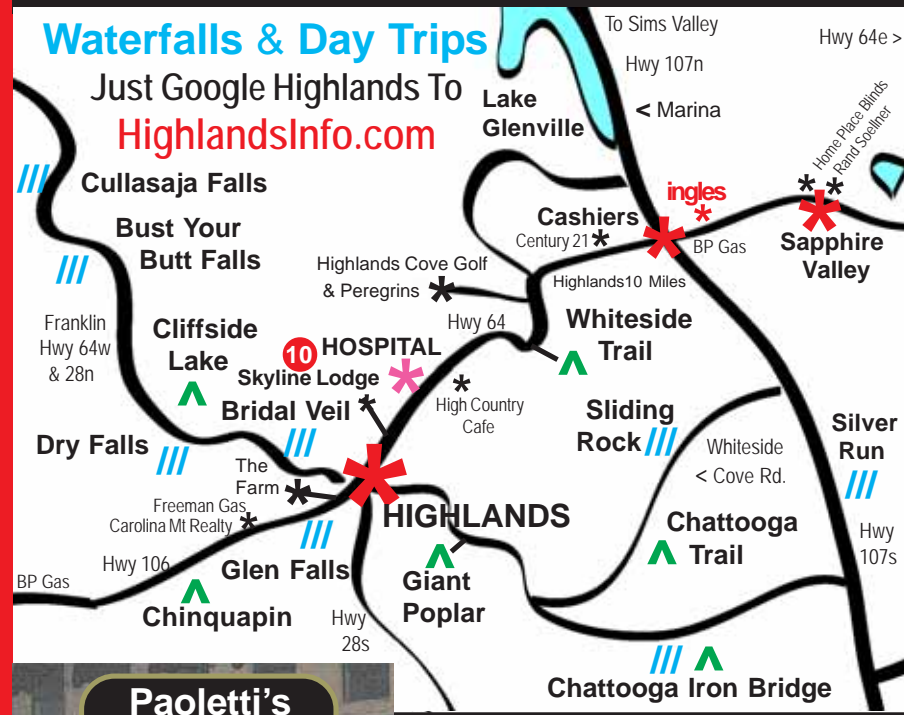
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