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On-going

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

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

Mondays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays

• Live Music with Brad Vroom at Fire-side Restaurant in Wright Square from 6-9 p.m. with Tapas Menu.

Friday & Saturday

• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

Saturdays

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

Sundays

• Live Music with Brad Vroom at Fire-side Restaurant in Wright Square, noon-3

Friday, April 25

• The Operation Hope Relay for Life Team at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital ice cream social on Friday in the surgical lounge at the hospital from 1:30-3:30 p.m. All benefits will go toward this year's Relay for Life, set for this August in Cashiers.

Saturday, April 26

• Spring Gorge Road Clean Up is from 8 a.m. to noon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 526-5841

Sunday April 27

• Open House at the Hudson Library from 2-5 p.m. to celebrate the design team, see the plans, and share some refreshments.

Thursday, May 1

• Open House & 20-Year Celebration at Wayah Insurance Company on Carolina Way from 4-6 p.m.

• Community Bible Church will host a time of prayer during the National Day of Prayer, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Bldg. Feel free to bring your lunch.

• Rotary SuperBingo will be Thursday at the Highlands Community Building (next to the ballpark) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
68-49°F	65-45°F	69-48°F

Decision about 'display' ordinance lingers

What to do about the displaying of outdoor merchandise is a question that continues to plague both the Town and Planning boards.

Instead of ruling on an amendment to the current "Display of Outdoor Merchandise"

ordinance exempting the B5-ETJ areas, following an April 14 public hearing on the issue, members voted to table their ruling pending further study.

"I don't think ETJ is any different from other zoning districts," said Jerry Moore of Kilwin's. "Just

exempting B5 and holding other zoning districts to limitations is unfair. You are jumping ahead instead of studying the issue – with the issue being you should be protecting the town's interests and its businesses at the same time."

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Highlands to be included in birding guide

Highlands to adopt songbird protection ordinance

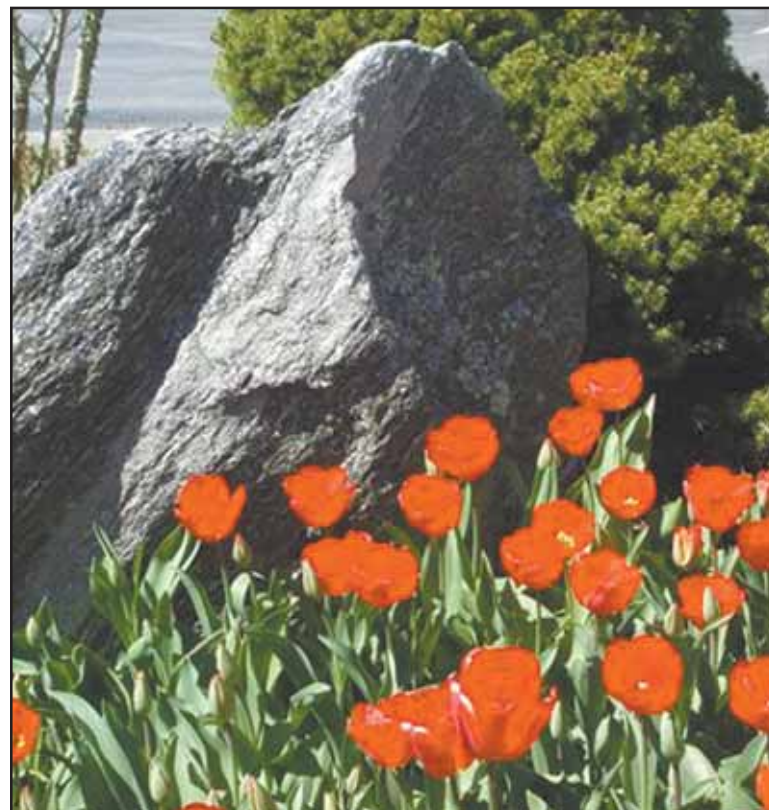
With every season, Highlanders have long known and appreciated the array of bird species that populate the plateau. Now with the backing of the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society, all the nation will know.

"The Audubon Society has recognized the esthetic appeal of songbirds to the area and recognized how important Highlands and the Highlands Plateau is to the survival of the neo-tropical song bird," said Dr. Doug Landwehr with the society.

Noting a decline in neo-tropical songbirds – those birds that return to Highlands in the spring – at the April 16 Town Board meeting, Landwehr asked the commissioners to adopt an ordinance making it illegal to kill or harm any wild bird within the town limits unless the bird is designated a pest with the N.C. Wildlife Game Division.

Without much ado, the board directed Town Attorney Bill Coward to draft an ordinance for inclusion in the town's code of ordinances. Because the protection ordinance is considered a code and not a zoning ordinance, it will be enforced by the Highlands Police Department and a public hearing isn't necessary.

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Tulips growing outside the Hudson Library front door salute spring.
Photo by Susan Andres

New parking regs means library renovations can begin

Before work can begin on the Hudson Library renovations, parking requirements needed to be addressed.

At the April 14 Planning Board meeting, members discussed changing the library's parking requirements from parking requirements of a "retail" establishment to that of a public building.

"Our code doesn't have section for the library as most other areas in the county do," said Planning Director Joe Cooley.

The Planning Board agreed to recommend amending Article 300

Off-Street Parking and Loading, Section 302 Parking Schedule to add the following: Required Parking: Libraries One (1) space for each five hundred (500) square feet of gross floor space.

With the new parking requirement scenario and the renovated library configuration of just under 14,000 sq. ft., five parking spaces will be freed up, and another five added so the total number of parking spaces will actually exceed what would be needed under the amended ordinance.

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Commission backs tourism and economic projects

The Franklin Main Street Program has devised a way to revitalize the Franklin downtown district and The Folk Heritage Association has devised a way to entice tourists to come and stay in Macon County. In both instances, the county commission is ready to help.

The Franklin Main Street Program

At the April 14 Macon County Commission meeting, Janet Gillespie, chairman of the board of directors for The Franklin Main Street Program, asked commissioners to help fund a project that will rekindle and reinforce the economic vitality of the downtown district of Franklin.

"Instead of focusing on one street, the entire business district of downtown Franklin is part of this program," said Gillespie. She said the group hopes other towns in the nation will see The Franklin Main Street Program as a model and a way to focus on revitalizing an entire district rather than just a single street or neighborhood.

In her presentation, Gillespie said as an independent nonprofit, The Franklin Main Street Program is bringing together public and private interests in an objective environment unhampered by the constraints of local politics; establishing an agenda exclusively for the revitalization of the pro-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Keep Pinky Falls natural

Dear Editor,

I just read that the Land Trust is planning to put a bench at Pinky Falls, and I'm wondering why. It was approved by the Greenway Trail Committee, but I wasn't aware that the Greenway Trail went anywhere near Pinky Falls.

My family lives off of Flat Mountain Rd. and we frequent Pinky Falls. There seems to be only a handful of people who do. There is an unwritten rule that says if there is a car in the single parking spot, you just keep driving and come back another time. Pinky Falls is a haven for only a few visitors at a time. There is plenty of natural seating on smooth, open rock face and in the six years I've been driving by, I've never known anyone to spend the day there or more than an hour really.

I am a supporter of land trusts and natural preservation, but I don't see how a bench could possibly improve upon nature untouched. If Pinky Falls gets a bench, what's next, a garbage can? a sign? more parking?

Katy Calloway
Highlands

Random thoughts

Dear Editor,

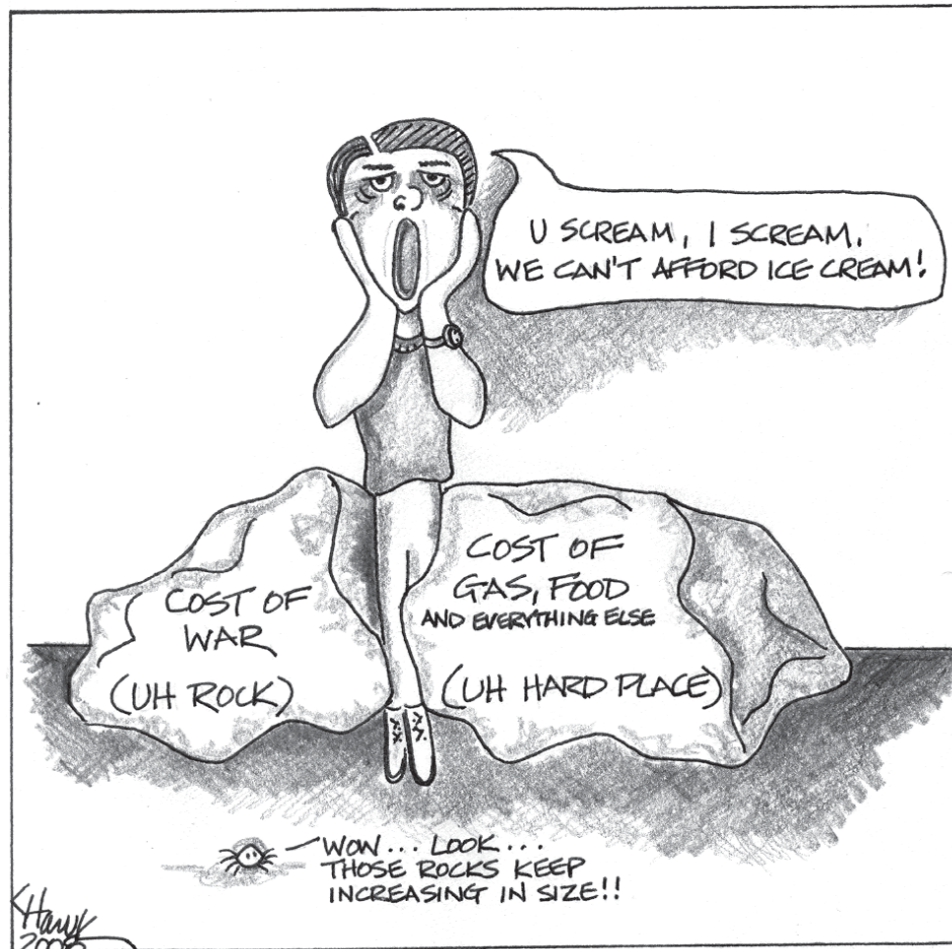
With your indulgence, there are a few random and miscellaneous thoughts I'd like to get off my chest.

Restaurant Parking: I don't see why we need any ordinances or rules viz a viz this parking. If you refuse to dine at a place that you can't park right in front of, stay home. Walking a block or two or even three is not only pleasant and good for you, but might help combat the much publicized increase in national obesity.

Pine Street Park: I hope there will be a bench or two where a person can sit a spell and chat with a friend, or just sit and ponder the universal imponderables. I hope the park won't become a constant venue for "big events," but will actually, occasionally, be a "park" in the traditional understanding of that word.

Harris Lake Development: While I am the first to acknowledge that I am a reactionary and don't particularly care for or agree with the modern definition of "progress," and in spite of being sorry that the lake is being developed in the first place, I would at least like to compliment Mr. Bill Nellis on the choice of materials and colors being used on his town houses.

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



Hickory Hill Road Paving: Don't even get me started, except for this question; before paving, why don't they widen those roads to 45 feet and cut down all the big trees, rhododendron and laurels along the banks to make the roads as beautiful as the new and improved Bowery Road?

D.O.T. Road Cutting Method: An unholy butchery, and blatantly anti-environmental. It's not actually a method, but a case of doing what's quick and easy, not smart.

Presbyterian Church: With the old Fellowship Hall gone, what a pleasure to see that grand old church, in all its glory, from all sides. The light now coming in from the newly exposed east side must be beautiful inside the church. I hope it won't be blocked out again by the new structure.

Chamber of Commerce/Town Hall: On whether the Chamber of Commerce should occupy space in the new Town Hall, the Forum on the subject in the April 10 issue of this newspaper was an articulate and enlightening discussion of the pros and cons. It raised valid questions and offered some practical suggestions. If the conclusion was that the Chamber should not be located in Town Hall, then I agree. Some truths are self-evident.

Last but not least, Dr. Salzarulo's April 17 column was stunning. Concerning his comparisons of Christian Fundamentalists and radical Islamists, I haven't heard any reports lately of Christians taking hostages and imprisoning them, of Christians kidnapping individuals and beheading them and videoing the event, of Christians strapping explosives around the chests of their children and sending them out into crowded public places as homicide bombers, or of plants piloted by Christian Fundamentalists deliberately flying into any mosques in Mecca. I don't plan to dust off my burka anytime soon.

Alice Nelson
Highlands

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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Vote for change on May 6

Dear Editor,

As another election cycle draws near, (May 6 primary), it is important that you go vote for the candidates of your choice.

In the race for county commission in the Republican Primary between Charles Leatherman, currently chairman of the MC Board of Commissioners and challenger Jimmy Goodman, there is a clear choice.

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• OBITUARY •

Charles Randall Tingen

Charles Randall Tingen, age 53, of Cashiers, NC, died Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in the Highlands-Cashiers hospital. He was a native of Person County, NC, the son of Mary Oliver Clayton of Roxborough, NC and the late Ira C. Tingen. He was owner of Tingen Construction, and a member of Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Roxborough.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two children, a son, Lane Randall Tingen and daughter, Caitlin Ann Tingen both of Sapphire, NC; one sister, Wanda Brasswell of Emerald Isle, NC; two brothers, James Edward Tingen and David Thomas Tingen, both of Roxborough, NC; three nephews and two nieces also survive.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 19th at 2:00pm at Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Roxborough, with Rev. Freddie Braswell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, PO Drawer 190, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

• MILESTONES •

Douglas to graduate

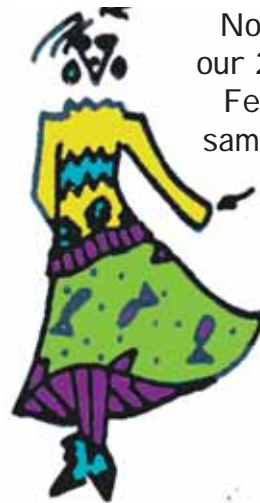


Attended Highlands School as a youngster

David C. Douglas will graduate from Halifax County Senior High School in South Boston, VA, May 30, 2008.

He is the son of Mary Jo Stevens, grandson of Kent and Ellen Henry formerly of Highlands, and great-grandmother Lina Marie Reese of Highlands. He will continue his education at Danville Community College in Virginia.

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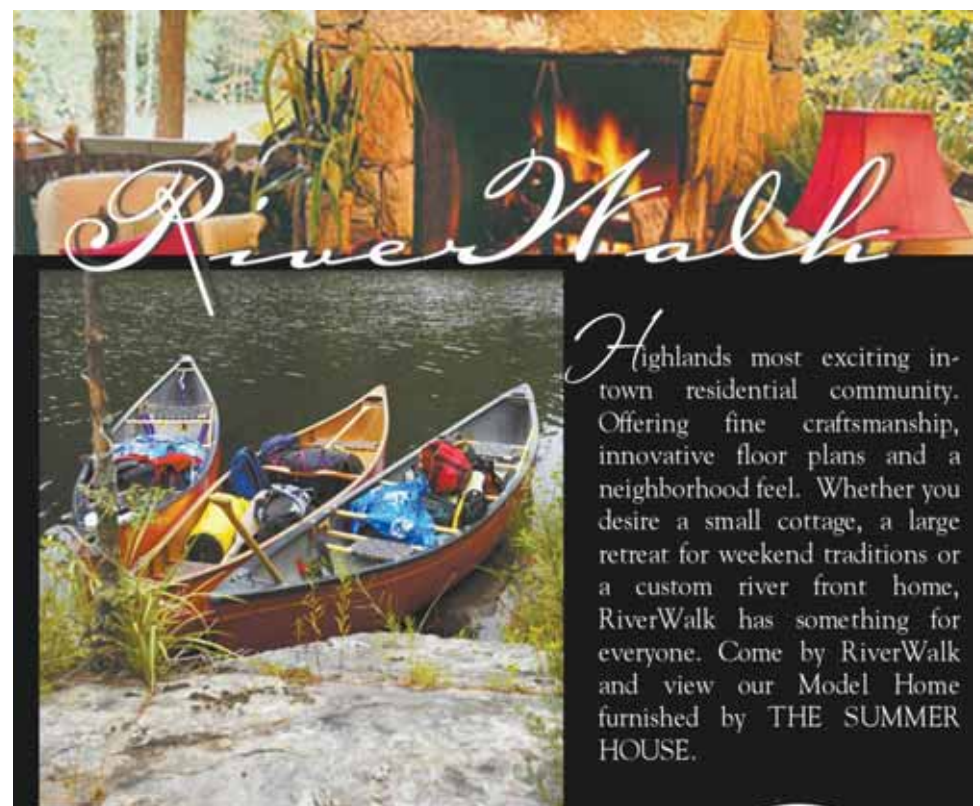
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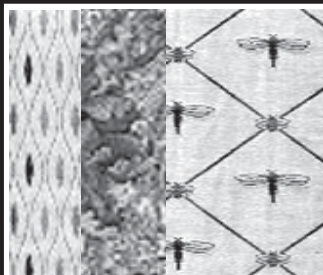


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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

The Chamber of Horror

At the risk of sounding like a brownnoser which, of course, I am, I was ecstatic to see my boss jump all over the current Chamber of Commerce issue. As a matter of record, my readers know I never respond to things she writes in "The Forum." I'm no dummy. Doing that could get me fired. But this was too good to pass up. I stared at her column for a whole week before I decided to take action. Then Bob Kieltyka, (common pronunciation) Executive Director of our chamber, responded with a letter to the editor and things got juicier.

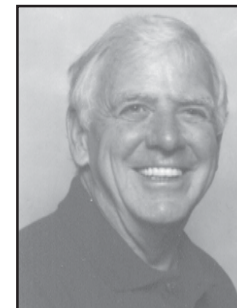
I've never had the pleasure of meeting Bob but I am told he is a really, really nice guy. Well, of course, he had better be a nice guy 'cause he's running a @*#&@% chamber of commerce. You can't have a personality like Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (also common pronunciation) runnin' the place.

But maybe Bob has been to one too many "after hours" parties because he actually wants our leaders to give him 1,500 sq. feet of free space at the new Town Hall. The key word here is "give." For starters, raise your hand if you know how much 1,500 sq. feet of prime Fourth Street office space rents for in the town of Highlands. How about six trillion dollars! Now keep your hand up if you knew the chamber of commerce was a private enterprise. Wow, look at all the hands that fell. (Go, Kim, go!)

I didn't even know the commissioners were giving away free office space. Just to let you know, Bob, I have already submitted my request for 1,000 feet of free space at Town Hall for my new massage parlor and tattoo bar. I think I have the edge over you because I'm offering free rubs for all the commissioners. My motto will be "We don't rub you the wrong way." Is that good, or what? See if ya can beat that, Bob. And each commissioner will get a free "You Can Trust Me!" tattoo.

Okay, okay, I know I'm getting a little cynical, but that's what I do. Chamber folks shouldn't get their shorts in a wad. I really do have a good news/bad news story to tell.

Nineteen years ago I came to Highlands and opened a new business called *Mountain Down Adventures*. I would actually charge people money to teach them



Fred Wooldridge

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how to jump off cliffs, if you can believe that. This is called *rappelling* and it's a sport only for the stout-hearted. On my list of things to do was join the Chamber of Commerce.

With checkbook in hand, I marched into the postage stamp-sized office behind (Are you sitting down?) Town Hall and introduced myself to Jean Wright, an unassuming lady who was working for peasant wages. Like everything in Highlands back then, life was simple and so were salaries. We shook

hands and I was told where to put my brochures and that was about it.

In a short time, my phone began to ring...and ring...and ring. "I found your brochure at the chamber and want to know how to sign up," callers would say. My business and my reputation began to grow. Later, Christy Kelly took over and, because of her leadership, my business continued to increase. Whodathunkit! The one thing that Christy and Jean had in common was their deep dedication to their work and their love of Highlands. It certainly wasn't the money. There was a sense of belonging and it showed in their work.

Unfortunately, my story has an unhappy ending. (Chamber employees should stop reading right here.) Ms. Kelly went to work one morning and BINGO; her key no longer fit the door to her office. She was shocked to find outside raiders had stolen her job. From that moment forward, my referred chamber business began to slide...and slide...and slide.

I am not making this up. Customers would tell me, "You sure are hard to find. You should join the Chamber of Commerce; a merchant on Main Street finally told us how to find you." After that occurred a half-dozen times, I marched into the chamber with a chip on my shoulder and found an office full of strangers. "Excuse me, I want to go rappelling. Is there such an activity in Highlands?" I asked.

The nice, polite lady behind the desk stared at me for a while and then said, "Tell me what rappelling is?" After I gave her a short explanation, she was shocked and said, "Oh my, we certainly don't have anything like that around here. Try Bryson City."

• ANOTHER VIEW •

Don't be an accident waiting to happen

I had an interesting voice mail Sunday afternoon. It was a beautiful day for getting out and cleaning up, and I guess that's what my neighbor had in mind. The message went something like this: "I just wanted to warn you that there will be a single shot gun blast from my house. There is a hornet's nest in a tree that is uncomfortably close to my deck. A friend is coming by to shoot it down."

It was so polite, so matter-of-fact, that is almost seemed reasonable, certainly cheaper than calling ORKIN. "Bull's not out selling gift wrap, is he?" I called anxiously to Lizzie.

I've made some dumb decisions in my life. When we lived on a farm in Seneca, Lizzie described me as a "farm accident waiting to happen." That was true most of the time. The rest of the time I was a farm accident happening. So the idea of shooting down a nest was not altogether unappealing to me. In fact, I might well have asked permission to stand under the tree with a plastic trash bag to catch the nest before it crashed to the ground and was damaged. Those nests are cool. I wonder if the plan was to shoot the branch, Annie Oakley style, and let the nest fall to the ground, which would have hazardous to the guy below, the one with the big black trash bag and can of insect spray, or to blast the entire nest, Iraq style, and jeopardize not only the wasps, but everybody in the neighborhood.

I'm sure glad my neighbor didn't find chipmunks in his retaining wall. The seismic shock from that extermination might have been detected in Evansville, Indiana, and mistaken for an aftershock. I might have received this message, "A friend is coming by to blast out some chipmunks. Cover your windows with blast resistant fabric. That pounding on your roof isn't hail. You might want to keep Bull inside for a few minutes. You did say that your house was anchored to bed rock, didn't you? Sorry for any inconvenience, but those rodents can damage a wall." Well, I guess so, but so can dynamite. If swifts nested in his chimney, the whole neighborhood might be treated to an eruption rivaling Mt. St. Helen.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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I heard a thunderous blast the other day. It might have been thunder. Then again, a nice missionary family handing out "Watchtower" might have knocked on a neighbor's door. It is spring clean up time. You might witness brush fires gone wild or see old mattresses flying out of pick-up trucks. There are sure to be home owners riding mowers up and across impossibly steep slopes. Watch out for guys with new chain saws.

They're all farm accidents waiting to happen. I should know. You might even find a fine hornet's nest at the flea market, if the darned thing didn't smash on impact. Have a happy spring clean up, and be careful.

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• COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

It's Spring! Think fresh, think healthy

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Mediterranean Penne Salad is a delicious way to have your pasta while still being mindful of what you eat. Made with Dreamfields Pasta, you get the authentic old-world taste and al dente texture of traditional white pasta, but with twice the fiber and only five grams digestible carbohydrates. Plus, the unique high fiber, low digestible carb combination won't spike your blood sugar and keeps you feeling fuller longer.

The recipe brings together a combination of favorite Mediterranean ingredients –olives, feta cheese, capers and pine nuts –accented with a hummus, olive oil and lemon juice “dressing.” Penne rigate is a short, tubular pasta with quill-shaped ends (penne) and ridges (rigate). The hollow center and ridges of the pasta perfectly capture the hearty hummus dressing, enhancing every scrumptious bite.

For more recipes and information about healthy eating, visit www.DreamfieldsFoods.com.

Mediterranean Penne Salad

Preparation Time: 25 minutes

Chill Time: 2 hours

Makes 4 servings.

8 ounces Dreamfields Penne Rigate
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1 cup red and/or yellow cherry tomatoes, cut in half
2/3 cup hummus
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1/3 cup black and/or green pitted Greek olives, cut in half
1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon capers, drained
1/2 teaspoon each salt and ground black pepper
2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts

1. Prepare pasta according to package directions. Rinse in cold water and drain well.

2. Gently toss remaining ingredients except pine nuts with pasta. Refrigerate, covered, to chill. Sprinkle with pine nuts.

Nutrition information: 440 calories; 14 g protein; 55 g total carbohydrates; 23 g digestible carbohydrates; 22 g fat; 4 g saturated fat; 8 mg cholesterol; 1154 mg sodium; 9 g total dietary fiber.

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Mango Cherry Avocado Salad

Makes 4 Servings

8 cups spring mix lettuce
3 tablespoons tart cherry juice
1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon coriander seeds,
coarsely cracked
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon olive oil
Salt and pepper to taste
1/3 cup diced red onion
2 ripe avocados, peeled, seeded and sliced thin
1 large, ripe mango, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 1/3 cups dried tart cherries

Divide lettuce evenly onto 4 salad plates; set aside. In small bowl, whisk together cherry juice, vinegar, mustard, coriander seeds, honey, olive oil and salt/pepper; set aside.

Layer red onion, avocado, mango and cherries evenly atop each plate of lettuce. Drizzle dressing over top and serve immediately. For more cherry recipes, visit www.choosecherries.com.



• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Origami packaging

This winter my husband and I bought a new camera and as we were unpacking it I was amazed to find no styrofoam, just cardboard intricately cut, folded, and tucked to form compartments around the central space that perfectly and safely enclosed the camera. "This is just like origami!" I thought. The technology of the packaging was almost as marvelous as that of the camera.

As I was struggling to fold the packaging back together (I needed instructions for that too!) I remembered having read not too long ago about a pioneer in a new field of mathematics that utilized origami, so I got online to do a little reading.

Robert Lang learned origami as a child and has been folding paper for forty years and designing his own models for thirty-five. He received a doctorate in physics from Caltech and spent twenty years as a laser physicist; now he's a fulltime paper folder. His book *Origami Design Secrets: Mathematical Methods for an Ancient Art* is considered the seminal work in the new field.

In the early 1990s a few people around the globe had the idea that paper folding, besides being an enjoyable pastime, might also have mathematical properties that could be analyzed. Lang, among others, began devising mathematical tools to help with designing folds, all of which enabled the development of increasingly complex folding techniques. Lang wrote a computer program called Treemaker which allows him to design and calculate crease patterns for a wide range of origami models—including intricate insects, crustaceans, and amphibians (view some at www.langorigami.com).

The Japanese have been folding paper recreationally for hundreds of years. For most of those years, designs were limited to a few basic shapes: boxes, boats, hats, cranes — all made of white paper; the only kind traditionally used — was thought to bring good luck. Traditional origami patterns had at most thirty steps; the new patterns devised by mathematical analysis can have hundreds. The Japanese weren't the only people folding paper. Leonardo da Vinci made the first known paper airplane. (The library has a book called "Origami Paper Airplanes," [J745.592 B] with designs for paper planes, windmills, frisbees and other flying objects.)

It didn't take long for scientists to realize that this new field of "computational origami" could be useful for more than just making paper spiders. Engineers began applying these folding techniques to all sorts of things—medical, electrical, optical, and nanotechnical devices,



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and strands of proteins and DNA—that had a fixed size and shape but needed to be packed tightly and in an orderly way.

Lang has been involved in some very interesting projects: A medical manufacturing company hired him to figure out how to fold a heart implant — a mesh heart support designed for people with congestive heart failure — so that it was compact enough to be implanted via a tube but, when released, would unfurl properly around the heart (you can see an origami stent at theiff.org/publications/cab17-lang.html). Lawrence Livermore National

Laboratory had him solve a similar folding problem but on a different scale: a telescope with a lens a hundred meters in diameter had to be packed into a rocket so it could be sent into space.

In an interview, Lang talked about a project involving airbags: "A German firm was developing a software tool for simulating airbags so that automotive manufacturers could figure out whether a certain airbag design would work without having to actually crash a bunch of Mercedes. They came to me because I had published some papers about algorithms for folding things flat and it turned out that one of these algorithms was right for their needs."

Origami is even being used to build temporary housing! Folded Homes is the name of a company that "is particularly focused on addressing humanitarian shelter needs at the same time as it offers shelters for personal use." (From the company website www.foldedhomes.com)

The houses are constructed from flat sheets made of a rigid material that have been stamped with fold lines. To put the house together you just fold the sheets along the crease lines and then bolt the elements together to create a sturdy, rigid-walled shelter.

Many years ago my dad gave me a book called

Polyhedron Models and I spent many happy hours as a teen-ager cutting and pasting construction paper to make shapes like an "icosidodecahedron," a three-dimensional form made up of triangles and pentagons (I'm weird that way). Now these intricate shapes have been analyzed and turned into origami — although you do some cutting and pasting. You can download an icosidodecahedron pattern and build your own at this website: korthalsaltes.com. I printed the pattern out and had a plain-paper model made in 20 minutes (see photo). Now I might even tackle some of the stellated polyhedra that defeated me all those years ago.

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



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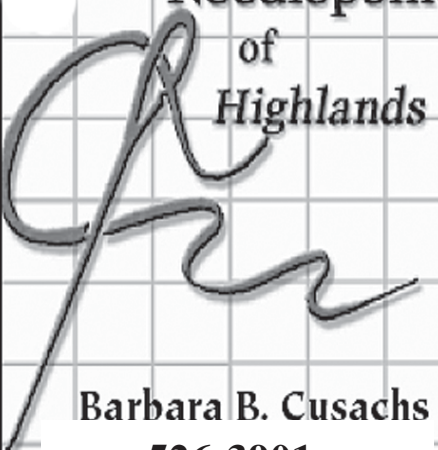
their offer or superficially accept it just to end the awkward confrontation. The power of forgiveness, which releases a person from needing to pay for their deeds, even when offered freely, will not be applied to my life if I don't understand my need and humbly accept it.

There are two ways to approach Jesus on the cross. One is a way of pride, in which a person may indeed understand details and want to avoid death, but does not look at the cross and think, "Yeah, I deserve to die there." This way does not lead to life because it only accepts forgiveness as a token act, but doesn't believe the personal need for the blood shed and the forgiveness offered. This is how I approached Jesus for much of my life.

The second way to approach Jesus' cross is with humbleness, understanding that Jesus was blameless and we are guilty. This way leads to Paradise because it admits personal guilt and accepts the forgiveness offered with gratitude and sincerity.

Good Friday will always remind me that I am that thief on the cross with only a desperate plea. And I will praise Him for dying in my place until I can thank Him face to face, one day in Paradise.

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• HIS & HERS •

The ultimate, inside baseball – the 2008 Democrat Convention

You may be unfamiliar with the website, Politico. It is popular on the Internet, but only with political junkies. People who want to read stories about the inside baseball of politics, the little steps behind the scenes which wind up controlling the visible, public results. If you find that subject as dull as ditch water, skip this column. Otherwise, read on.

Today (19 April) Politico ran an article by Avi Zenilman, entitled "The Dean 25 could decide Clinton's fate." The article points out that the Credentials Committee of the Democrat National Convention will first get the issues of seating the Florida and Michigan delegations. (In case you forgot, Florida and Michigan both violated Democrat National Committee rules by setting their primaries too early. Only Hillary Clinton was on the Michigan ballot. None of the Democrat candidates campaigned in either state.)

The DNC penalty for these states' violations was to declare, in advance, that their delegates would not be seated at the Convention. Are you with me so far?

The Credentials Committee has 186 members, of whom 161 are chosen based on the primary and caucus results in the various states, and 25 are appointed by Howard Dean, former candidate for President himself (remember the Dean Scream after Iowa in 2004?). Zenilman's article then states that it is "virtually impossible for Clinton to win enough of the 161 members" to have a majority in her favor. He also writes that it is "highly unlikely" that Barack Obama will get majority control of the Credentials Committee, either.

Lastly he points out that the 25 Dean appointees to the Committee will dominate the majority on the Committee. Therefore, they will control the Committee's conclusion about seating some kind of Florida and Michigan delegates.

Without going into chapter and verse, I agree with all those statements and conclusions. It is only his final conclusion, that the Dean 25 therefore have the election fate of Hillary Clinton in their hands, which is flat-out wrong. There have been numerous articles in the Mainstream Media with the same conclusion. Because Politico is a student of inside baseball in politics, I expected they would get this story right. They did not.



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As a former parliamentarian for a national political convention, and participant in quite a few other political conventions, I can describe how the delegate seating process actually works: All delegates whose elections or appointments are not contested, are seated. Disputes over any delegation or individual are submitted to the Credentials Committee. Meanwhile, the main Convention, through its non-contested delegates, chooses its officers and sets its rules of operation.

In due course, the Credentials Committee reports its conclusions about disputed delegates or delegations to the floor of the Convention. The essential point is, however, that the Committee decision is not final. The Convention must act on those proposals. It can accept or reject them, do what the Committee recommends, or do the exact opposite.

So, it does not matter who controls the Credentials Committee. It only matters who controls the floor of the Convention.

Whoever has the majority of the votes on the floor BEFORE the Michigan and Florida issues come to the floor, will still have the majority AFTER those issues are decided. If the Credentials Committee recommends any alternative which would reverse the existing majority on the floor, its recommendation will be rejected. Anyone who doubts this need only read the history of the 1968 Democrat Convention in Chicago. It refused to seat the entire, elected Mississippi delegation, and seated in their place a group of citizens from Mississippi who were more politically correct, in the eyes of the Convention.

In 2008, this is hardball politics at its highest. Unless Hillary Clinton both wins Pennsylvania strongly, and then pulls a highly unlikely upset in North Carolina, Barack Obama will go to the Democrat Convention with a majority of the uncontested delegates (not counting Florida or Michigan). Therefore, the "compromise" his delegates on the floor will allow for those two states will be to divide those delegates between him and Clinton so his majority remains intact.

There is only one number you should watch to know the outcome, committed delegates going into the Convention.

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Garden club's plant sale supports scholars

Buy a plant. Send a kid to college. That's been a strong theme at the annual Mountain Garden Club plant sale for over 12 years.

"Come join us at our sale this year on Saturday, May 24, and we'll do it again," said Dixie Barton, past president of the Mountain Garden Club.

"When you purchase plants at our sale, you are helping to provide scholarships for students in our area to go to college," said Barton. "Our scholarships are for students who want to study horticulture, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, marine biology or related fields."

Since 1996, the Mountain Garden Club (MGC) has provided more than \$34,000 in college scholarships.

The scholarships are called Dorothy Wertzler Memorial Scholarships in memory a former MGC president. Dorothy Wertzler taught high school chemistry in Chicago before moving to Highlands in 1980 with her husband, Dick. Dorothy loved hostas and loved to see students get a college education. She died in 2003 but her legacy lives on.

During the 2007-2008 academic year, Katy Betz and Allen Shearl each received a \$3,000 Dorothy Wertzler

Memorial Scholarship from the Mountain Garden Club.

Katy Betz, who graduated from Highlands School in 2004, is majoring in Environment Studies at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill. This semester she has worked part-time as an intern with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority (OWASA), a non-profit organization that provides water and sewer services for Chapel Hill, Carrboro and the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Katy will be working with OWASA full-time this summer.

Allen Shearl, who graduated from Highlands School in 2005, is completing his bachelor's degree in Natural Resource Conservation & Management from Western Carolina University this spring. He will graduate with honors May 10, 2008.

"This scholarship has meant everything to me," said Shearl. "It has allowed me to continue my education and receive a degree in a field of study that I really love and enjoy. After graduation I will be helping with the operations and management of J & J Landscaping Service [in Highlands], and we are in the process of opening a second office and nursery in the Franklin area."

The Mountain Garden Club plant sale will be held



Katy Betz and Allen Shearl at 2006 MGC plant sale.

Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 1p.m., at the baseball park on the corner of Highway 64 East (North 4th Street) and Hickory Street, in Highlands. Rain date is Sunday, May 25, from 1-4 p.m.

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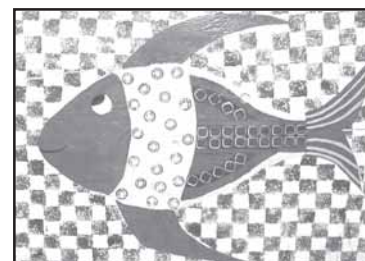
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Highlands-Cashiers Hospice honors volunteers

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Hospice volunteers bring companionship to people in the final months and weeks of life and respite for families and caregivers. These dedicated volunteers are integral members of the interdisciplinary team of professionals who provide care at the end of life.

Here in the Highlands-Cashiers area, more than 16 volunteers provided more than 650 hours last year to help care for patients and families in our community. Many people become hospice volunteers after experiencing firsthand the compassionate care hospice provided to a dying

loved one.

Volunteers play an indispensable role in enabling Highlands-Cashiers Hospice to offer the best care possible to people in our community.

"Volunteers bring compassion, caring and love to patients and their families who are going through one of life's most difficult times," said Monica Crook, hospice director. "We are grateful to our volunteers during National Volunteer week and every week, and pleased that this celebration of volunteers allows us to remind everyone that hospice volunteers are angels working among us."

If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, contact Highlands-Cashiers Hospice at 526-1402 or email hospice@hchospital.org.

• CONSERVATIVE POV •

CBS – Oh, how the mighty have fallen

I've got to admit, I am enjoying CBS's slide down the slippery slope into oblivion. If any corporate entity deserves a fall from favor, the aptly named network is it (two out of three ain't bad). To tell the truth, I only watch CBS when they carry a sporting event (the NCAA playoffs, for example) certainly not the drivel they pass off as entertainment and never the news. Walter Cronkite cured me of that many moons ago.

Their current problems center around their evening news anchor, Katie Couric, who has failed to deliver the juice necessary to pull CBS out of the ratings cellar among the biggies. To the contrary, Katie has continued to lose viewers. The show's plummeting Nielsen ratings have created pressure from shareholders on the corporate moguls to do something to right the financial ship. Getting some value from Couric's five-year \$75 million contract is the area receiving current attention.

When Walter Cronkite was in the anchor chair of CBS news, I didn't have much time for TV. Even though he became a legend, I never felt comfortable with his message. I don't think I was conscious of what it was that bugged me about him, but something did. In addition to being a Clinton supporter during the impeachment process, Cronkite received the 1999 Norman Cousins Global Governance Award. In his acceptance speech, he said:

"It seems to many of us that if we are to avoid the eventual catastrophic world conflict we must strengthen the United Nations as a first step toward a world government patterned after our own government with a legislature, executive and judiciary, and police to enforce its international laws and keep the peace. To do that, of course, we Americans will have to yield some of our sovereignty.

That would be a bitter pill. It would take a lot of courage, a lot of faith in the new order."

Now I know what I didn't like about him. Strike One.

Thence cometh Dan Rather. Now, I have no problem understanding my disdain for this guy. He is transparently liberal and reported the news in that vein. When he took over from Cronkite in 1981, CBS held a big lead in news viewership over NBC and ABC. By 1991, Rather had taken CBS news to a distant third place, where it remains to this day. Why it



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took management 24 years to dump this guy is a mystery to me, but they were the same bunch that gave Katie that fat contract, so I guess it figures.

If his blatant liberality wasn't enough, his willingness to shade the truth (obscure it is more like it) to suit his needs, as a journalist, is more than contemptible. The most glaring example of this are the Killian documents. Shortly before

the 2004 election, Rather reported on "60 Minutes" that a series of memos that contradicted George Bush's version of his Air National Guard service record had been discovered. They were allegedly uncovered in the personal files of Lt. Col.

Jerry B. Killian, Bush's former commanding officer. A number of bloggers noted

the format of the documents was produced by word processing software that had not been developed at the time they were allegedly produced. This led to accusations of forgery over mainstream media outlets including The Washington Post, The New York Times and the Chicago Sun Times.

Rather, being the stand up guy that he is, and CBS, in the face of incontrovertible

evidence to the contrary, vehemently denied such a thing. We are faultless and without blemish, they said. We've got experts who defend our story. Until it was discovered a guy named Lt. Col. Bill Burkett had lied about how he had obtained them and then the experts reversed their defense.

As head of CBS news, Rather was responsible for the veracity of all information put out as news. He, in particular, was directly responsible of the truthfulness of the Bush/Air National Guard story that he broke. After the public pressure on him persisted to fess up, CBS fired Mary Mapes and three other of the shows producers. Evidently, Rather was untouchable.

About a year later, however, CBS chose to not renew Rather's contract. He took it personally and told the world CBS did him dirty and would take his immense talents elsewhere. On Oct. 24, 2006, he resumed his career with HD-Net, whatever that is. Strike two.

Why should we be surprised that Katie couldn't deliver? Getting the news from a person named Katie? Who's next? Taffy, Candy, Bimbette? I don't think so. Strike three.

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Shuler focuses on Farm Bill

By Representative Heath Shuler
U.S. Representative 11th District

Last week the House of Representatives debated and voted on several pieces of legislation to help working families with the costs of college and dealing with their taxes.

With the recent turmoil in the U.S. Credit market many private lenders have cut back on their lending to students and parents of students. To address this looming problem, we took up H.R. 5715, the Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act of 2008. This bill will provide a stable source of student loans to ensure that every student who wants to attend college can find the resources they need.

Specifically, HR 5715 increases the amount of federal student loans undergraduate students can borrow over their time in college. Additionally, it gives parents more time to begin paying off federal PLUS college loans they take out to pay for their children's education. Currently parents begin to repay the loans 60 days after the loan is

disbursed. Under HR 5175 parents would have the option of deferring repayment until six months after their child has graduated.

The Ensuring Continued Access to Student Loans Act passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, 383-27. It now moves to the Senate for further consideration

The House also considered HR 5719, the Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act of 2008. This legislation repeals the authority of the IRS to use private debt collectors to protect taxpayers from harassment and strengthen government accountability. In addition to the charges of harassment, the private collector program was costing the federal government millions of



Rep. Heath Shuler

dollars. According to recent reports since 2006, the IRS has used three companies to go after unpaid taxes. Those three companies have collected only \$49 million, barely more than half of what the program costs. That is not a wise use of taxpayer dollars.

The Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act also closes loopholes that allow government contractors to create sham businesses in foreign countries to avoid paying Social Security and Medicare taxes. Law-abiding American businesses and citizens

pay their fair share; large corporations that receive government contracts should not be able to avoid their share.

Finally, the legislation improves IRS outreach to individuals to make sure that they know they are entitled to tax refunds or to payments under the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). In 1999 nearly 25 percent of households eligible for the EITC did not claim it on their returns. We must ensure that working Americans are fully aware of all the tax credits to which they are entitled. The Taxpayer Assistance and Simplification Act passed the House 238-179

I also continued to actively participate in the conference committee creating the final version of the Farm Bill. We have made significant progress on many issues, but some issues still remain to be addressed. I continue to be committed to forming a Farm Bill for the 21st Century.

Senator Snow named most effective sophomore in NC Senate

Makes Largest Jump in Senate — Moves 10 Spots Higher in Rankings

Sen. John Snow is the most effective second-term member of the North Carolina Senate, according to the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research.

Snow is ranked 22nd out of 50 in overall effectiveness, 10 spots ahead of his ranking in 2005. The Effectiveness ratings, which are released every two years, were started by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research in 1977.

"It is my goal to provide the best representation possible for the people of the 50th Senate District," Snow said. "I promise to continue to do

the hard work that it takes to serve all the people of Western North Carolina."

Snow is Co-Chairman of the Appropriations Sub-Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The committee oversees funding for North Carolina's court system, Department of Corrections, and disaster preparedness.

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Changing times in Highlands

Thanks to our new Planning and Development director, Joe Cooley, and the Planning Board, we finally have a restaurant parking ordinance although it barely passed the Board of Commissioners by a 3-2 vote. I think it is a good compromise to the many different ways it could have gone. So after over a year of discussing this subject in great detail, we have an ordinance that everyone can live with. It certainly was not a rush to judgement, and the decision simply had to be made before the big summer season begins. Further delay would have caused hardship.

However, the process did indeed point out the real need for a parking and traffic study for the town. Joe Cooley is looking into that and will soon come to the board with a recommendation as to who will do this. It looks like the cost will be between around \$25,000 to \$40,000 and may result in changes in the ordinance just passed, but we simply could not wait on that study to do our duty to our town and the restaurants involved.

The town board has also begun the process for moving from a Mayor-Council form of government to a Manager-Council method. This will be facilitated through our



Mayor Don Mullen

town attorney, Bill Coward, because it requires a change in the town charter. We have struggled over this decision now for almost a year, but after consultation with the NC League of Municipalities and the consultation firm Management and Personnel Services (MAPS) and others, including town personnel, the town board elected unanimously to proceed with the process.

The Town of Highlands is a full service community with over 60 employees. We have an electric department, a sophisticated sewage treatment plant along with a town garbage department, street department, state-of-the-art water treatment system and a planning and code enforcement department. Any town with more than 25 employees which is experiencing growth, as we are in having new projects continuously coming to us, should strongly consider going to a manager form of government we were advised by both major consultants. We did not take the decision lightly.

A manager takes more responsibility from the board but the board still sets policies. The manager has the ability to hire and fire employees which formerly was the responsibility of the town board under the advisement of the town administrator. The status of the elected mayor will be unchanged.

I am sad to hear say that the director of the Literacy Council, Breta Stroud, will be leaving us at the end of this month, headed for the eastern part of the state, near her original home. We will miss Breta for she has been a tremendous asset to our community. She not only has done a great job in emphasizing literacy in our area but has been a wonderful advocate of the "greening of Highlands" as well and initiating the town's involvement in supporting the Kyoto agreement which was meant to slow global warming by cutting back on carbon emissions into our atmosphere. We thank Breta Stroud for being a leader among us and welcome her back to Highlands anytime. I hope Beaufort, NC, knows they are getting a very special person.

Dr. Doug Landwehr of the Audobon Society has requested the Town to adapt an ordinance designating Highlands a bird sanctuary which would make it unlawful for anyone to kill or harm any wild birds unless they were designated as pests. He stated that a habitat in Highlands is crucial to the survival of many songbirds and that the plateau had received a designation as an important bird area. The board heartily approved the beginning of the process to make Highlands a bird sanctuary. In fact, many of us thought it already was. We thank Dr. Landwehr for bringing this to our attention.

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He said the town should allow business owners to display merchandise particularly when they are using their property to do so. "I would encourage the council to tread carefully concerning the displaying of merchandise on private property," he said. "They have the right to use their private property to their advantage."

Moore suggested a permit system which could be handled on an administration level so the town can have some sort of control as to what is displayed.

Though Commissioner Amy Patterson is for the ordinance now on the books, she has long said she considers the B5-ETJ area different from other Highlands business districts and was for exempting that area from complying with the ordinance.

"It's more rural, more open and not part of the town like the businesses on Main Street," she said. "One rule doesn't fit all." So, now both aspects of the "Display of Outdoor Merchandise" - the B5-ETJ exemption and the ordinance as a whole has been sent back to the Planning Board.

At its April 14 meeting, Planning Board members didn't discuss it, but agreed to do so at their next meeting which is a joint meeting with the Town Board on April 28.

- **Kim Lewicki**

• COACH'S CORNER •

NBA Playoffs – It's Fan-tastic (seriously)

As I am sitting in the office this weekend watching the NBA playoffs, my lovely wife walks in and says "I thought basketball was over." My initial thoughts on this were that "basketball is never over in our house," but since I didn't feel like spending the evening at the Hotel Barcalounger (ok -- that's not true...we could never afford a barcalounger) I instead explained that it was the NBA and was met with a less than enthusiastic response.

Many folks in North Carolina feel this way about the NBA when compared to the fantastic college hoops that we enjoy in this great state. The usual argument is that the NBA is full of overpaid players who do not play hard all the time, whine about officiating, and simply walk the ball up the court all the time. While a lot of that is still true, there are some positive changes that have been made in the NBA in recent years.

First and foremost, there has been a change in style in the NBA since the grind it out basketball of the 1990s. Scoring is way up, and guards have a lot more freedom to control the game thanks to stricter rules on hand-checking and contact, which have forced teams to stop beating guards to death on the perimeter. Most people prefer to see fast-paced, high scoring games rather than physical, defensive contests.

Secondly, there has been a major foreign influence in the NBA in recent years — which has created a larger emphasis on skill and intelligence rather than brute strength. This foreign influence has brought about different styles of play and has created a greater variety of strategy for teams that in the past have simply been grinded down by more physical teams.

The third, and probably most important reason is that the NBA has seen greater parity in recent years, with teams being able to become successful quicker by adding a great player and a few pieces from a draft. The New Orleans Hornets are a terrific example, having become a championship contender by drafting Chris Paul and David West and then adding Tyson Chandler and Peja Stojakovic through trades. Another example of parity would be the Boston Celtics, who missed the playoffs last year yet with the acquisition of Kevin Garnett



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and Ray Allen now have the best record in the NBA.

While the NBA game itself has become more entertaining as of late, the biggest reason to watch the NBA players is the high level of play that you can see night in and night out from these teams.

This weekend, the San Antonio Spurs and Phoenix Suns had a tremendous matchup that saw an

inordinate amount of clutch plays from great players and coaches. The Spurs' Michael Finley hit a long three-pointer to send the game to overtime after San Antonio had clawed back from a nine-point fourth quarter deficit. Then, in overtime, after Steve Nash had single handedly put the Suns on his back and carried them to a three-point lead with 15 seconds to play, Tim Duncan hits a long three-pointer to send the game to double overtime. Never mind the fact that Duncan had not hit a three-pointer all year...it was a big shot and he came through in a big way.

Then, in double overtime with Phoenix trailing by three, Nash again came through hitting an impossible fade away three from the corner and tying the game yet again. While it looked like the game was headed for a third extra session, the Spurs' Manu Ginobili drove to the basket and hit a floater just as time expired to give the Spurs a win. This was a simply incredible basketball game that showcased the kind of excitement that the NBA can bring during the playoffs. I recommend that this weekend you check out a game on TNT or ESPN and find out for yourself if the NBA is fan-tastic once again.

'Child Safety Day'

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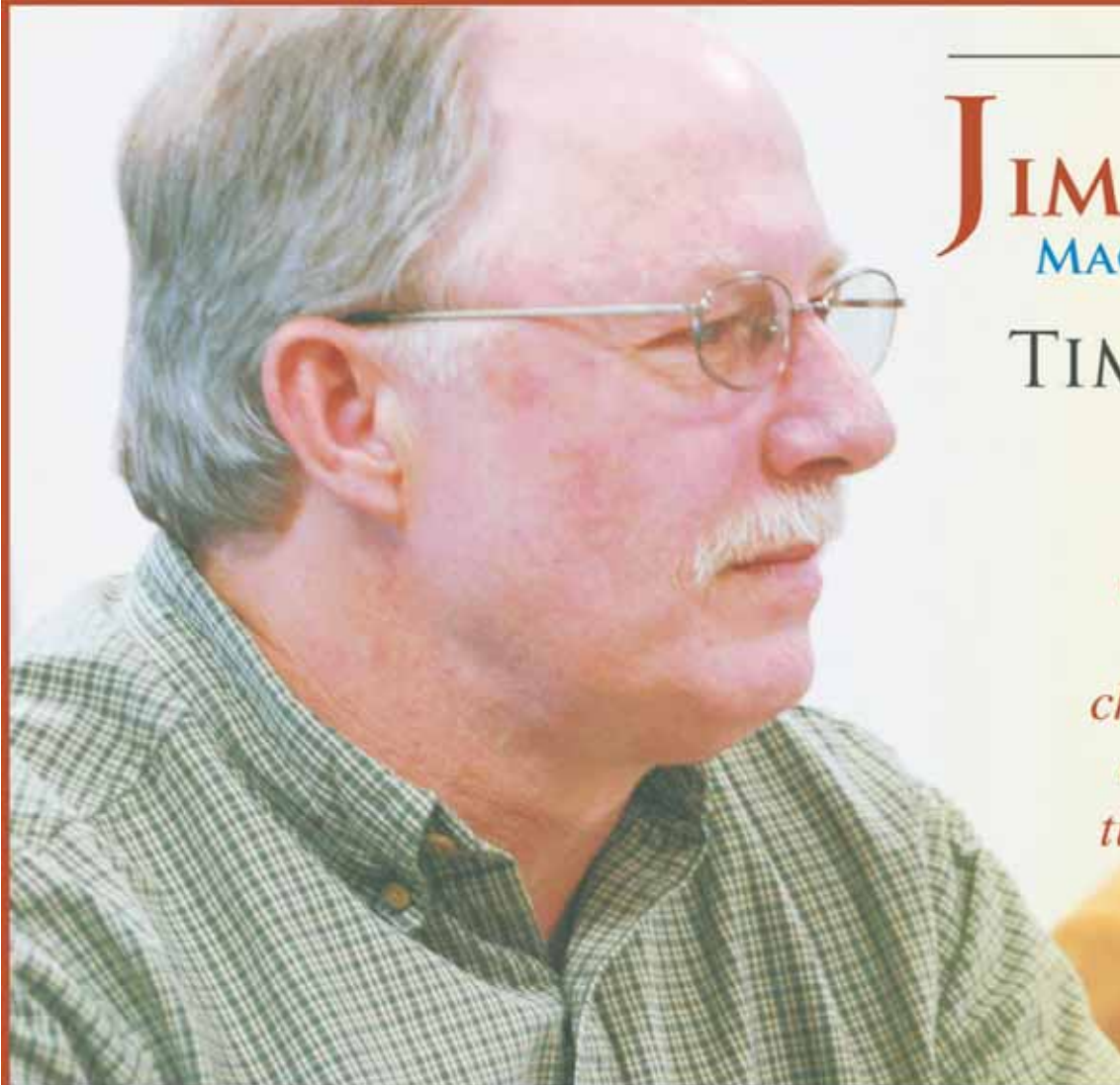
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"We assumed this was already on the books," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. Landwehr further explained the NC Birding Trail Initiative which involves Audubon promoting eco-tourism around birding.

"In 2001, \$38 billion was spent nationally by birders traveling to various areas across the country and in North Carolina that attributed to \$2.4 billion," he said. "In fact, starting in September Audubon will begin marketing Highlands as a birder destination."

Along those lines, five sites around Highlands have been nominated by the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society to be included in the North Carolina Birding Trail Guide and all five sites were accepted by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

The five sites are the Sunset Rock Trail, Highlands Biological Station, Rich Gap Road, Ranger Falls Trail and Whiteside Mountain Trail.

The mountain guide, to be published next year, establishes a driving trail linking great birding sites in the western NC mountains. The guide to the Piedmont area of the state is being finalized and the Coastal Plains guide has already been published.

There will be a dedication of the important bird areas on Saturday, May 10, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. The public is welcome. There will be light refreshments and a brief talk about important bird areas. Attendees are then



invited to a short walk to the top of the Sunset Rock Trail where local individuals and organizations will be recognized for their contribution to conservation on the Highlands Plateau.

Visit www.ncbirdingtrail.org for more information. All these sites are included in the Highlands Plateau Important Bird Area.

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Highlands School students show off talents at show



On Thursday, April 17,
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School participated in a
Talent Show in the old
gym. Anilu Diaz, who is
in Mrs. Stuble's fourth-
grade class, danced the
Mariachi Loco.

Highlands School April scholars noted



The Rotary Club of Highlands honored the Highlands School April Scholars of the Month at the club's April 15 meeting. Pictured from the left are Thomas Jessup, Highlands School Guidance Counselor, high school winner Ashley Owens, grammar school winner Katy Munoz, middle school winner Emily Shuler and Rotary President Jeff Weller.

Jenkins gymnastic champion



Highlands School Junior and New Vision Gymnastics gymnast, Casey Jenkins, advances to the 2008 Level 9 Eastern National Championships in Dayton, Ohio May 9-11. Casey and other State qualified gymnasts from the 8 states of Region 8 (North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Florida) competed in the USA Gymnastics Region 8 Level 9 Championships this past weekend in Huntsville, Alabama. Only the top twelve gymnasts from the region in each age division advance to the National competition. Anyone interested in supporting the New Vision Gymnastics Team Regional and National competitors may send donations payable to NVGGB (NVG Gymnastics Boosters), 3154 Old Murphy Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

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Planning Board members also suggested changing the zoning to G1 (government zone). The property currently is zoned B-3, which allows libraries as a permitted use. Cooley said any rezoning of the property would need to be initiated by the property owner.

The Hudson Library is having an Open House on Sunday, April 27, from 2-5 p.m. to show off the plans for the upcoming renovation of The Bascom Gallery space.

Architect, Paul Schmitt, will be on hand with drawings and a Power Point presentation with three-dimensional renderings of the plans for both interiors and exteriors. Jimmy Tate, landscape architect, and Jean Macrea, interior designer, will also be present to talk about their contributions to the library design. Members of the Hudson Library Board of Trustees and librarian Mary Lou Worley will conduct tours of the building.

Within the next year The Bascom Gallery will move into its new facility on Oak Street and the Hudson Library building will be updated to comply with current accessibility, lighting, and fire protection standards. In addition, the expansion into the entire building will allow the library to provide new services to the Highlands community. In the space vacated by the gallery will be a multi-purpose room for children's activities, author talks, meetings, and films; and a "library living room" complete with gas fireplace for comfortable reading.

The new children's area will be enclosed and have a fairytale theme, with such fun features as a stump table with toadstools and a dragon-shaped puzzle table. The young adults will have their own area with booths, and out back will be a screened reading area, a perfect place to enjoy a book on a summer afternoon.

The Hudson Library, established in 1884, is one of the oldest libraries in North

Carolina. The library has been nurtured and supported by the community all through its history. For its first thirty-five years the library occupied a room in Highlands' school, and when the books became too numerous the town undertook a campaign to raise the funds for a library building. In 1915 the townspeople raised \$553 with parties, concerts, benefits, and lectures. The library was built on donated land next to the Episcopal Church (where the church's new wing is today), and for the next 45 years the library grew until it once again overflowed its space.

The current library was completed in 1985, once again with funds obtained through donations and community fundraisers. The original library building can still be seen at the Highlands Historical Village on N. 4th Street where it was moved to house the Historical Village museum and archives.

To help pay for the renovations, the library board has requested \$120,000 from the town - \$40,000 a year over a three-year period. The request is being considered with other nonprofit requests for the 2008-2009 budget year. The nonprofit cap is typically around \$50,000. The Town Board hasn't decided if it will lift the cap this year to accommodate the library's request.

At the April 16 Town Board meeting, Commissioner Buz Dotson announced that he and Commissioner Larry Rogers who attended the April 14 Macon County Commission meeting, learned that the county commission had agreed by consensus to help fund the Hudson Library renovation. Exact figures weren't disclosed.

The entire community is invited to stop by the Hudson Library Open House, share some refreshments from Let Holly Do the Cooking, and learn about this new chapter in the history of the Hudson Library.

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Endoscopy work back on track at hospital



The endoscopy lab at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital performed its first procedures last week, marking the return of diagnostic endoscopy at the hospital after an absence of two and a half years. Richard Carter, MD, FACP, and some of the staff took a few minutes before the first procedure to pose for a photo. Team members shown with Dr. Carter (far right) are (L-R) Donna Tew, CST, Kim McCardle, LPN, and Arline Roman, RN. The team performed a total of five patient procedures on its first day back in operation. Carter joined Mountain Medical and Surgical Group in Highlands on Monday, April 14 and already had two weeks of appointments before he saw his first patient. Hospital President and CEO Ken Shull said the hospital is pleased with how smoothly the startup of the gastroenterology has gone. "The initial response shows how important it is for the hospital to be able to offer diagnostic endoscopy again," he added.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Schmitt Building Contractors goes green

Schmitt Building Contractors, Inc., has been admitted into the U.S. Green Building Council and is one of the first contractors in the county to participate.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) is a nonprofit organization composed of leaders from across the building industry working to advance buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. Driving its mission to transform the built environment is the council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, which is accessible online and supported by a robust LEED Workshop program and the LEED Professional Accreditation program.

USGBC supports a rich education and research agenda, including Greenbuild – the largest international conference and expo focused on green building. The council also supports an aggressive education and advocacy program delivered at the local level through 77 chapters across the U.S.

Since its founding in 1993, USGBC has been focused on fulfilling the building and construction industry's vision for its own transformation to high-perfor-

mance green building. Today it includes more than 14,200 member companies and organizations. In testament to its leadership, in the past five years, USGBC's membership has quadrupled and over 3.2 billion sq. ft. of building space are involved with the LEED program. The annual U.S. market in green building products and services was over \$7 billion in 2005 and is now over \$12 billion.

Industry-led consensus-driven, the council is as diverse as the marketplace it serves. Membership includes building owners, and end-users, real estate developers, facility managers, architects, designers, engineers, general contractors, subcontractors, product and building system manufacturers, government agencies and nonprofits.

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Highlands-Cashiers Hospital
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tion (not counting Florida and Michigan). That number by itself will tell you who will be the Democrat nominee for President. All the rest is smoke and mirrors as the press, and the likely loser Hillary Clinton, try to pretend otherwise.

• About the Author: John Armor practiced in the US Supreme Court for 33 years. John_Armor@aya.yale.edu He is running for the 11th Congressional District of North Carolina.

Chairman Leatherman has given us eight years of tax and spend government through two cycles of property revaluation which added millions of dollars to county coffers. Very little of it has found its way back to Highlands even though we pay at least half of county ad valorem taxes.

After being the champion of a \$62 million bond vote that failed and the real estate transfer tax that was also defeated, Chairman Leatherman did not accept defeat gracefully. Instead, citizens who came before the county board were

treated rudely and not allowed to finish their presentations. Citizens should be encouraged to participate not berated for doing so.

Chairman Leatherman's latest idea is to spend multiple millions of your tax dollars to bring water from Nantahala Lake to Franklin. There are major sources of water – the Little Tennessee and Cullasaja rivers – already running through Franklin that would be way cheaper to access. Since all public water supplies are to be treated equally, it does

not matter about the source. I was not aware that the county was in the water business.

I have known Jimmy Goodman for several years and consider him to be a decent, honorable and hard working citizen of Macon County. In closing, Jimmy Goodman will listen and work for the betterment of all Macon County citizens.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

The other crosses

By Darlene Melcher

Community Bible Church

Good Friday holds a special significance for me because it marks the anniversary of my truly accepting God's forgiveness, through Jesus' death on the cross, resulting in my growing relationship with God. However, at the time, I didn't fully understand what had taken place in my heart and mind because up to that point I had believed myself to have been a Christian. Since I was a little girl I knew about Jesus, I prayed "the prayer" asking Jesus into my heart just about every time it was suggested. I bought the idea that Jesus was God's Son who came to the earth and He died on the cross; I wanted to go to heaven.

So what happened on Good Friday in 2000 that was different than all the time in my life until that day? I think it can be best explained in the verses describing the original Good Friday, as recorded in the book of Luke (23:32-43). These verses describe Jesus' crucifixion. At the time He was dying on the cross, two other men were hanging on crosses on each side of Him. They were criminals, dying the death penalty for crimes they had committed. Then, it says that one of the criminals who were hanged there began to mock Jesus and asked, "Are you not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal rebuked the first saying, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom!" And to this criminal Jesus replied, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Those passages are usually used to point out that no act, no work, no service is required to be forgiven. That criminal was not going to be able to do anything to make up for his deeds or to prove his love for Jesus. He was hanging there and then he died. That is important, but there is something equally important portrayed through this interchange. Both men were guilty criminals, both seemingly believed that Jesus was the Christ, and that He had power enough to save. However, one understood something that the other did not. One was angry, arrogant and scared. And one was humble, with the full knowledge that he deserved to die for his actions. Notice the pride of the first criminal, He may have had knowledge about Jesus and His power, but he arrogantly believed that he did not deserve to die and pay for his crimes. He approached Jesus as if he were as good as Him.

Contrastingly, the second man, knowing fully that he deserved to die, came to Jesus humbly. Notice, he didn't even ask Jesus to spare him the pain or the death, but acknowledged Jesus' blamelessness and his own guilt. With a dying hope he asked as a desperate man, "Jesus, remember me." Not because he believed he deserved to be remembered by Jesus, but as a humble plea.

In my own life, it wasn't until another Good Friday that I realized I deserved to die and I actually understood my need for forgiveness. I had to get to the point where my illusions about being a "pretty good person" were shattered, so that I could approach Jesus humbly.

Forgiveness between God and us is similar to forgiveness with each other. For example, if someone comes to me and offers me their forgiveness, I humble myself enough to receive it and accept that I have done something that requires their forgiveness. However, if I do not believe that I have done anything needing forgiveness, I may reject

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Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

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gram district; maintaining a clear focus on issues that affect the district; serving as a visible symbol of new activity and a new future for the program district, and securing public and private funds as well as grants to further enhance its revitalization efforts.

Along those lines, Gillespie asked commissioners to match \$40,000 pledged by the Town of Franklin during the upcoming 2008-2009 budget year.

"We are asking Macon County to match the amount while we search for other fundraising sources," she said.

The consulting firm of LandDesign from Asheville has been hired by the group to assist in planning for Franklin's future. The firm is working on a master plan to include new signage, pedestrian and traffic recommendations, branding and slogan development. The cost of the project is approximately \$190,000.

With economic development and tourism high on the commission's list, the board unanimously agreed to con-

sider the \$40,000 request during the 2008-2009 budget process.

"This represents economic stimulus for Franklin, the county seat of Macon County," said Chairman Charlie Leatherman.

Folk Heritage Village

During the same meeting, the board approved the transfer of property off Siler Road near the library and SCC campus for the Folk Heritage Association.

The plan is for the Folk Heritage Village to become a Macon County destination – not just a throughway to somewhere else.

The village will feature local buildings typical of early Macon County which will be moved and restored on site. Structures will include school houses, homes, stores, furniture and a small interactive working farm with grist and cane mills and ongoing demonstrations.

Back at the Oct. 8, 2007 commission meeting, Margaret Ramsey, co-chairman of the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County, presented information and a power point presentation on plans for a Heritage Village and Farm.

The Association presented a letter of formal request for a long-term lease of a 14-acre tract of property owned by the county located between Cartoogechaye Creek and the northern boundary of the existing Duke Energy Electric Transmission Line off Siler Road, being a portion of the "Old Siler Farm."

Since then the county agreed to add about 10 more acres to the request to enlarge the scope of the project.

Ramsey said the Folk Heritage Village will be something the whole county and future generations will be proud of. "This will be a beautiful working cultural heritage farm in Macon County," she said.

– Kim Lewicki

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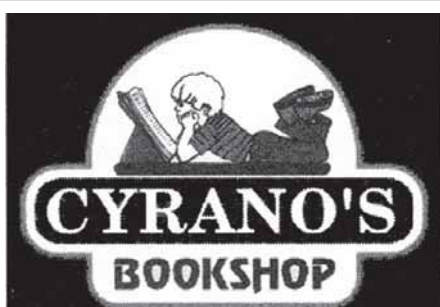
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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

• Book Sale at the Jackson County Library. Bargains galore can be found at the Friends of the Library Used Bookstore which is located at 536 West Main Street in downtown Sylva. All bargain books have been priced at 2 for 50 cents and 2 for 25 cents. The pricing is effective immediately. All the profits from the Friends of the Library Bookstore go to support the Jackson County Public Library.

• The Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for "Always Patsy Cline," Thurs.-Sun., June 19-July 6; "On Golden Pond," Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20; "70th Anniversary Diamond Review," Thurs.-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10; and "Inherit the Wind" Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 14-31. Please call 828-526-2695 or write or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.



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Upcoming Book Signings

May 10

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3-5 pm

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June 19

3-5 pm

Sandra Mackey

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June 28

1-3 pm

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July 26

1-3 pm

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August 9

1-3 pm

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• Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for its annual Children's Theatre Mond-Fri., July 7-18, taught by instructors with extensive experience in theatre education 9 a.m. to noon for ages 6-10, and 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-16. Please call 828-526-2695 or write or PO Box 896, Highlands, NC 28741.

• Registration is now open for the 2008 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered: "WOW! - a World of Wonder" (ages 4-6), "Amazing Animals" (ages 7-10), "NatureWorks" (ages 7-11), "Mountain Explorers" (ages 10-14), and "Junior Ecologists" (ages 11-15). Some camps are offered more than once during the summer. Sessions run from Tuesday to Friday each week. For complete schedules, costs, and other information, please call 828-526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

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

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

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

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

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

• "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodward room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. 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.

Mondays

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

Tuesdays

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

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

• 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.

Wednesdays

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

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays

• The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095 Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

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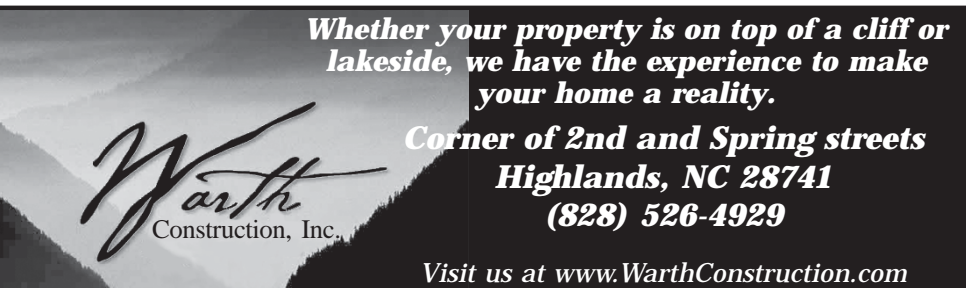
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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Three vineyard owners to keynote Collective Spirits Wine Festival

Three highly regarded vineyard owners and wine specialists will keynote the Collective Spirits Wine Festival, set for May 29-30 at Highlands Country Club. The event is a benefit for The Bascom, center for the visual arts.

Delia Viader, founder of Viader Vineyards & Winery in Napa, Calif., Michael DeLoach of Hook and Ladder Vineyards, and Vinilanda owner Martin Yolk will kick off festivities beginning at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 30.

"This is a great opportunity for people to learn first-hand what it's like to be in the wine business," said Donna Woods, The Bascom's events director. "It's a rare opportunity, and we hope you'll join us."

Founder of Viader Vineyards & Winery in Napa, Viader was born in Argentina and holds a doctorate in Philosophy from the Sorbonne in Paris and an MBA from MIT. She built her vineyard into a label that rarely receives less than top bids at auctions. In addition to raising four children, she has pursued programs in enology and viticulture at the University of California Davis to better learn the practical theory behind making fine wine.

Born in San Francisco and raised in Sonoma County, Calif., Hook and Ladder Winery principal DeLoach grew up in the wine business. He started working in the vineyard at age 11 and in the cellar at 15. After college, he worked as vice president, sales and marketing, at fledgling De Loach Vineyards, and he completed courses of study in winemaking at the Napa Valley School of Cellaring, as well as the University of California Davis. He served as president of DeLoach Vineyards from 2001 to 2004. DeLoach has appeared throughout the country on radio, television and speaking engagements, and he has been written about in a host of national publications. He also hosted a nationally syndicated weekly live radio program for

four years. He lives with his wife and children in Hershey, Penn.

Kolk owns Vinilanda, a vineyard in Italy, as well as wine stores in Maine. He is well respected as an Italian wine expert and importer.

Collective Spirits begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, with a buffet, silent auction and tasting of carefully chosen domestic and international wines. On Friday, May 30, at 11 a.m., Viader and DeLoach will speak on the state of the wine industry, while Yolk will speak on the differences in sparkling wines. A brunch and sparkling wine tasting will follow the talks. Then at 1 p.m., Dennis Hall will lead a live auction that features wines, trips, a handmade bench by Ed Bohling, and more.

Friday dinners to round out wine weekend

To round out the weekend, several Highlands restaurants will join the festivities by hosting wine dinners. On Friday night, local chefs will team exciting wines with complementary cuisine. The restaurants include Fressers Eatery, Lakeside Restaurant, on the Verandah and Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro. On Saturday night,

Cyprus will offer a wine dinner, while Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop will offer a wine tasting.

Corporate sponsors of these two-day festivities include Bank of New York-Mellon, First Citizens Bank, Harry Norman Realtors and WHLC FM 104.5.

Ticket pricing begins at \$125 per person for May 29 and \$100 per person for May 30, or \$200 per person for a two-day combination ticket. The ticket price includes the gift of a Stolze-USA wine glass per person. The Friday dinners will be on your own at an additional cost, payable directly to the restaurant of a participant's choice.

For tickets or information on becoming an event patron, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949 or email info@thebascom.org



Michael DeLoach



Delia Viader

Thursdays
• Live Music with Brad Vroon at Fireside Restaurant in Wright Square from 6-9 p.m. with Tapas Menu.

Friday & Saturday
• Live music at The Rib Shack every Friday and Saturday night from 7-10 p.m.

Fridays
• The Girls' Clubhouse meets in the school cafeteria 3-4:30 p.m. All 6-8 grade girls are welcome. Come have fun while serving others. For more information, call Kim Lewicki 526-0782.

Saturdays
• 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.

Sundays
• Live Music with Brad Vroon at Fireside Restaurant in Wright Square, noon-3 p.m.

Wednesdays, through May 7
• Sick and Tired of being sick and tired? The Macon County Cooperative Extension Service is offering a 6-week chronic disease self-management program to help you improve your health one step at a time. Wednesday mornings at the cooperative extension office 9:30 a.m. to noon. To register call Sherrie Peeler at 828-349-2046 or Mary Barker at 828-586-1962.

Wednesdays through May 14
• A series of seven classes covering the Principles and Elements of Design meets every Wednesday at the Highlands Rec Park from 1 to 4 p.m. Each class will include a brief informative introduction to an element or principle, a fun and quick exercise, and an art project using a variety of materials. Classes include instruction on a variety of painting and drawing materials, as well as Balance, Emphasis, Contrast, Proportion, Repetition, Rhythm and Harmony. Call Donna Rhodes at 828.526.4949, 4#.

Thursday, April 24
• The Gem & Mineral Society presents "Paleolithic Research Pertaining to the Origins of Man" based on Biblical Archaeology at the Community Building in Franklin on S. 441 at 6:30 p.m. Come enjoy this talk on the Pleistocene Era stone tools and culture with national educator Alex Solimine. For more info, call 828-332-0138.

Friday, April 25
• The Operation Hope Relay for Life Team at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will host an ice cream social on Friday, April 25. In addition to an assortment of flavors of ice cream and frozen yogurt, there will be the makings for sundaes and banana splits. The event will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the surgical center lounge in the hospital. The public is invited. All benefits will go toward this year's Relay for Life, set for this August in Cashiers.

• Enjoy an easy hike in the beautiful Cove Forest and learn about the native wildflowers of Rabun County. Meet at Hambidge at 10 a.m. The hike will take approximately 2 hours. Cost is \$5 per person. Free for Hambidge members. Call Debra Sanders 706.746.7324 to register for the hike or for more information

Saturday, April 26
• Catch the Spirit of Appalachia will host the Traditional Heritage Walk at the upcoming Greening Up the Mountains Festival in downtown Sylva from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. A nonprofit heritage organization, Catch the Spirit of Appalachia (CSA), will bring to this year's festival artisans who specialize in honoring and saving our local human and natural heritage through their hands. Call 828-631-4587, or go to website www.spiritofappalachia.org.

• Spring Gorge Road Clean Up is from 8 a.m. to noon. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 526-5841

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 5-mile moderate hike, with two gradual 300 foot elevation gains, to Black Mountain and Sassafras Gap in Panthertown Valley. Many pink shell azaleas should be in bloom. Call leader Carl Blozan, 743-1765, for reservations.

• Georgia ForestWatch, the premier forest conservation organization in north Georgia, and Tiger Mountain Vineyards, the award-winning farm winery, present a book and music festival 1-4:30 p.m. The "2008 Wild and Woolly Wine Tasting & Author-Fiddler Festival" will be held at Tiger vineyards. For information, call Kathy Herrygers at 706-635-8733.

• Coweeta Baptist Church is holding its annual Yard Sale at 780 Coweeta Church Road from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Through April 26
• Six North Carolina and North Georgia High Schools will take part in the 2008 Regional High School Exhibition at The Bascom, a center for the visual arts. The exhibitions are free and open to the public. The Bascom is located inside the Hudson Library, on Main Street in Highlands. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information call (828) 526-4949, ext. 6#.

Sunday April 27
• Open House at the Hudson Library from 2-5 p.m. to celebrate the selection of Paul Schmitt as the architect for the renovation of the library. Come meet the design team, see the plans, and share some refreshments.

Tuesday, April 29
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ing in the meeting room at 7 p.m. The topic will be the Macon County Schools budget process and where the construction plan stands to date. This is an open meeting and any taxpayer is invited to attend.

Wednesday, April 30

- High Mountain Squares will dance this Wednesday night at the Macon County Community Building from 6:30-9 p.m. Willis Cook of Carnesville will be the caller. Mike McDonald and Debbie McClain from Toccoa GA will cue Rounds and Lines. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-369-8344, or 706-782-0943.

Thursday, May 1

- Open House & 20-Year Celebration at Wayah Insurance Company on Carolina Way from 4-6 p.m.
- Community Bible Church will be hosting a time of prayer during the National Day of Prayer, Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. The service will be held in the Family Life Bldg. Feel free to bring your lunch. 828-526-4685.

- Rotary SuperBingo will be Thursday at the Highlands Community Building (next to the ballpark) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. SuperBingo features a final SuperBingo game prize of \$500 for a full card Bingo in 55 number calls or less - \$250 if more than 55 calls - get lucky with fives!

Friday, May 2

- Kid's Night Out from 5-9 p.m. for ages Kindergarten through 5th grade in the old gym at Highlands School. The Highlands Middle School Athletes will provide a fun night out for kids while parents spend time on their own. HMS girl athletes and their families, coaches and their husbands will entertain the youngsters in style with a night of affordable fun. There will be entertainment, open gym, games, crafts, ball games, relay races, BINGO, snacks and more. Food will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. \$15 per child.

- Join friends of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for "WILDFlowers at Whitewater Falls". This strenuous hike will include amazing views and lunch on the

trail. Contact HCLT by May 1 to sign up & for info: 526.1111, Julie.hitrust@earthlink.net.

Saturday, May 3

- Macon County Rabies Clinics at the Highlands Conference Center 1-2:30 p.m. and the Scaly Mountain Post Office from 3-4 p.m. with Dr. Amy Patterson. Only \$5 per pet. Cash only, no checks.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a birding field trip to the Franklin Greenway on Saturday. Meet at the public parking area next to the Highlands Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. if you want to car pool to Franklin. For those in Franklin meet at the Main Street Shelter at 8:15 a.m. Call leader Brock Hutchins at 787-1387 for additional information.

- Registration for the REACH of Macon County's Motorcycle Poker Run is 8:30-10 a.m. at Franklin Ford, on U.S. 441 N. The route will be in Macon and Jackson counties along scenic and curvy back roads. Registration fee is \$25 which includes one hand with riders being able to buy up to five hands for \$10 each. For additional information and advanced registration, call 828-369-0854. REACH of Macon County, is a private, community based non-profit agency serving victims of family violence and sexual assault.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3-mile moderate hike up Rabun Bald with an elevation change of 1000 feet. Rabun Bald, at 4,696 feet, is the second highest mountain in Georgia with rich wildflower terrain on the way up. Meet at the Scaly Mtn. post office on Hwy. 106 at 10 a.m. Drive 7 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904, for reservations.

Sunday, May 4

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 2.5-mile hike on the Clifftop Vista trail and Clifftop Lake loop trail. Franklin hikers meet at BiLo parking lot at 2 p.m. to carpool. Drive 30 miles round trip. Highlands/Cashiers hikers meet at information booth at the entry to Clifftop Lake State Park, 4.4 miles south of Highlands off US 64 E. Parking fee of \$2 per vehicle.

High schoolers' art wows crowd



This piece, by Highlands School ninth-grader Bevan Schiffli, is one of dozens appearing in the 2008 Regional High School Exhibition at The Bascom, a center for the visual arts. The exhibition continues through April 26 and features artwork by students in six North Carolina and North Georgia high schools. Participating schools include Blue Ridge School of Cashiers; Highlands High School, Highlands; Rabun County High School, Tiger, Ga.; Rabun Gap Nacoochee School, Dillard, Ga.; Smoky Mountain High School, Sylva; and Tuscola High School, Waynesville. A wide variety of media are represented, including woodturning, ceramics, oil, acrylic, graphics, drawing and more. The exhibitions are free and open to the public. The Bascom is located inside the Hudson Library, on Main Street in Highlands. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about this or other Bascom events and exhibitions, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 6#.

Rotary golf tourney fundraiser

On May 12 the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary will host the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Charity Golf Challenge to be held at the Highlands Country Club, one of the country's finest golf courses. The tee-time is 11 am with a shotgun tee-off.

It is the dream of many golfers to be able to play the course that Bobby Jones made famous and Highlands Mountaintop Rotary is now accepting applications for players and sponsors for the Charity Golf Challenge. The player rate is \$250 per player with four players to a team. The format is a four person scramble, but individuals or groups less than four will be grouped into teams and are welcome to play. So if you're an individual player, a twosome, a threesome, or a foursome please come on out and play, we will make you a team or part of a four person team.



All funds raised will be divided among local profit non-organizations supporting Highlands area residents. A \$50,000 cash prize hole-in-one contest will be held on the 18th hole. A registered golf pro will be judging the contest. Mulligans are available for purchase. Lunch and a fun after-party in the gorgeous club house are included.

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary would like to thank the following sponsors for the Charity Golf Challenge. Country Club Properties, First Citizens Bank and Trust, and the Laurel Magazine at the Platinum level and Scott Neumann-Attorney at Law and Ray McPhail at the Silver level. Platinum, gold and silver sponsorships are still available to sponsor individual holes and events. Slots are filling quickly, don't miss your chance to play this historic and exclusive course! Contact Rotarian Bill Zoellner to sign up at 828-787-2323.

Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

- Old-fashioned hymn sing at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday. Songs can be chosen from the 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal. The songleader is Stel Huie and Angie Jenkins will play the piano.

Tuesday, May 6

- Highlands School Kindergarten registration begins at 10 a.m. Call 526-2147 for more information.

Saturday, May 10

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society and Audubon North Carolina dedication of the Highlands Plateau Important Bird Area (IBA) at a ceremony and program Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. The public is welcome. The event will be held rain or shine.

Monday, May 12

- Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Charity Golf Challenge. If interested call Bill Zoellner at 787-2323 or visit <http://65.210.102.104/rotarygolf.html>.

Tuesday, May 13

- Join the Highlands Biological Station for a day-long foray that will focus on the Hellbender, the Southeast's largest salamander species, which can be found in the Davidson River near Brevard. Participants will meet at 9 am at the Nature Center for a short introductory lecture and then drive toward Brevard, returning to Highlands by 5pm. \$25 per person includes equipment and lunch. To register call 828-526-2602 or email ahinkle@email.wcu.edu.

- Free Take Charge of Your Health Lecture Series at Cashiers Chiropractic at Laurel Terrace. "Blood Tests: What do they mean?" from 6-7 p.m. Please call to register: in Cashiers at 828-743-9070 or in Highlands at 828-526-3709.

Friday & Saturday, May 16-17

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop at Falls on Main, an art show by local artist Tom Roddy from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16

- Join friends of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for a tour of the beautiful "Smith Gardens." A leisurely stroll through Barbara and Richard Smith's beautiful gardens. Contact HCLT by May 15th to sign up & for info: 526.1111, Julie.hitrust@earthlink.net.

Saturday, May 17

- Highlands-Cashiers free health screenings, for residents of Cashiers, Glenville, and Sapphire at Blue Ridge School.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a birding field trip to the Lonesome Valley development in Cashiers on May 17. Meet at the public parking area next to the Highlands Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. if you want to car pool to Cashiers. For those in Cashiers, meet at Lonesome Valley at 8 a.m. Call Edwin Pool at 526-2775 or Romney Bathurst at 526-1939 for additional information.

- The Summit Charter School will be sponsoring a 1 Mile Fun Run and 5-K Race Saturday.

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LOST & FOUND

CANOE FOUND IN MIRROR LAKE. Call 828-506-0308 for details

YARD SALES

APRIL 25 & 26, 10 a.m. at 238 Helen's Barn Ave.

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE Sat. May 3 from 9 to 4 at Highlands Village Square on Oak St. (behind Wolfgang's). Furniture, household goods, art, picture frames, printer/copier, books, dollhouse furn., lots of good stuff. 526-9227 4/24, 5/1

WHOLE HOUSE MULTI-FAMILY SALE May 15, 16, 17 at Sequoyah Point Way off U.S. 64 west, across from Webbmont. Furniture, fixtures, accessories, tools, clothes, linens, dishes, paintings, and much more. EVERYTHING MUST GO! Call 526-2302 5/15

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LOOKING FOR YARD WORK -- Experienced and dependable. Call 828-200-1038.

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RESIDENTIAL SPACE FOR RENT

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DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT one bedroom, living room, bathroom. Close to Town. \$700/mth, utilities included. Call 828-342-0157.

ONE BR/ONZE BATH FURNISHED APARTMENT close to town including all utilities except phone. \$750. Contact Tucker or Jeannie Chambers, The Chambers Agency, REALTORS. 828-526-3717.

1BED/1BATH 900sq.ft. \$825/month includes utilities. \$300 deposit. Unfurnished. Non-smoker preferred. Walking distance to town. (828)526-9494

ON MIRROR LAKE – Charming 3 bed, 2 bath. Huge sunroom, stone fireplace, 3 decks, canoe, furnished. Available Nov-May. \$1500 a month plus utilities. Call 770-435-0678.

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VACATION RENTAL

HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB – Sorry, golf and club privileges not available. \$2,495 a week. Call 912-230-7202.

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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.

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.

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ANTIQUE FURNITURE: Medallion Back Sofa, Louis XV substyle. \$300. Matching Lady's and Gentleman's Chairs, \$400 set. Rocking Chair, Lincoln Type, upholstered. \$175. Sold separately or all for \$750. Call Sandy at 524-7350 or 369-6263.

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ANTIQUE CHERRY DINING TABLE from Estate Sale. Double drop-leaf. Rope carved legs. Seats 4-10 people Extends to 4x10 ft \$1,500 obo 828-787-1515

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2003 VOLKSWAGON JETTA GLS SEDAN – 4-door, 5-speed, AC, Power Everything. Cruise, Premium Sound System, Moon Roof, Leather Seats, 85,000 miles. \$10,500. Call 526-3606.

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2006 SUZUKI DR 200SE MOTORCYCLE – 29 miles, only, perfect condition, 1-cylinder, 4-stroke, 199cc. \$3,000. Call 828-342-6789 or home at 828-526-5507.

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LOST

LOST DOG IN BUCK CREEK/SHORTOFF RD AREA. Australian Shepherd. Blue Merle. Female. No tale. No Collar. Needs seizure medicine. Reward. Call 704-560-2911 or 704-365-9614.

LOST DOG "SALTY" – Black and white female Lab mix. Medium-size. Missing from around Owl Gap Road on N.C. 106. Please call 828-526-4575.

LEGALS

MACON COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
5 WEST MAIN STREET
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828-349-2034

Pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1(c1) the Macon County Board of Elections will meet at 8:30 a.m. in the Election Board Office on the following dates to take action on applications for absentee ballots and other election business for the May 6, 2008 Primary Election. Tuesday April 15, 2008, Tuesday April 22, 2008, Tuesday April 29, 2008 and Tuesday May 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. The Board is not required to hold any of the prescribed meetings in said statute unless there are applications or election business to be passed upon.

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections
4/10, 4/17, 4/24

Gastroenterology is back.

Richard F. Carter, MD, FACC

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is proud to welcome gastroenterologist Richard F. Carter, MD, FACC, to its Medical Staff. Dr. Carter is board-certified in gastroenterology and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. He has more than 30 years of experience diagnosing and treating diseases of the gastrointestinal tract.

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POLICE, FIRE, & SHERIFF DEPT. LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for April 16-23. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

April 16

- At 4:35 a.m., a motorist at NC 106 and U.S. 64 west was cited for driving while impaired, and driving left of center while overtaking and passing another vehicle.
- At 12:55 p.m., a motorist at Oak and 3rd streets was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.
- At 4 p.m., Christopher Scott Flowers, 23, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI and other traffic violations at S. 4th Street.

April 17

- At 11 p.m., a larceny of items totalling \$5,100 from a vehicle parked on Main Street was reported. Taken were clothes, a VISA check card, a digital camera, a computer, cash and other items. The case is under investigation.
- At 3 p.m., the larceny of evergreen trees valued at \$400 was reported taken from in front of a house on Oak Lane. The case is under investigation.

April 19

- At 8:50 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 east and N. Fourth Street was cited for driving without a license.

April 21

- At 1 p.m., a resident called the department complaining of receiving a harassing phone call.
- At 1 p.m., a driver at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for possession of an open container.

- At 1:40 p.m., Ismael Mejia Hernandez, 38 of Highlands, was arrested for DWI and driving without a license.
- At 1:25 p.m., injury to real property was reported at a building on N. 4th Street when a trailer hit it resulting in \$5,000 worth of damage.

April 23

- At 2:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and Fourth streets.
- At 5:36 p.m., officers directed traffic on Horse Cove Road where a trailer blocked traffic at a switchback.
- During the week officers issued 5 warning ticket.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of April 16-23.

April 16

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

April 17

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

April 19

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

April 20

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 west. There was a minor injury but not transport to the hospital.

April 21

- The dept. responded to an accident where a vehicle ran into the Stop n' Shop building on N. 4th Street. There were no injuries.

April 22

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

April 23

- The dept. responded to a rescue call when a construction worker fell off the roof of a building on Buck Creek Church Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

The following is the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries for the Highlands Township for the week of April 14.

April 15

- At 5:10 p.m., Jacinto Rios Vasquez, 22, of Franklin was arrested for driving without a license.

April 18

- At 4 p.m., a breaking & entering with larceny was reported at a residence on N. 4th Street where about \$1,500 worth of items was stolen including a printer, digital camera and computer.

April 19

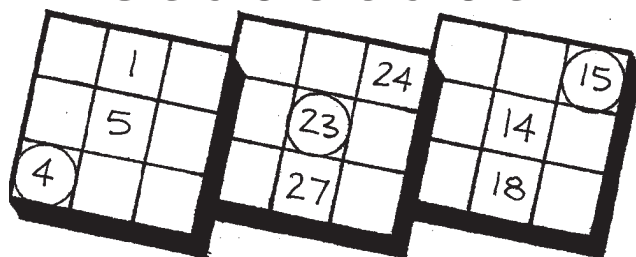
- At 4:42 p.m., Luis Omar Munoz, 32, of Franklin, was arrested for driving without a license.

April 20

- At 11:35 a.m., Jonathan O'Brien, 24, of Scaly Mountain, was arrested for possession of a revoked out-of-state license when stopped for driving left of center.

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BZ4D - Level of Difficulty - 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.

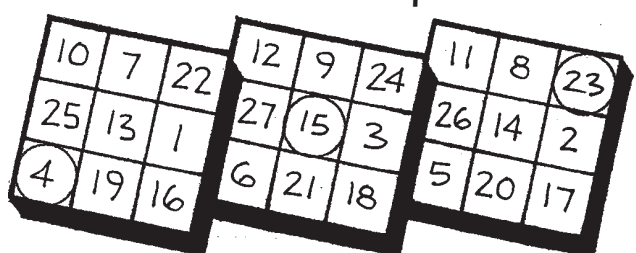
THE CHALLENGE:

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!

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Solution to #AZ3D in April 17 issue



N-Cryptoku®

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

How to Solve: Determine the nine different letters among those given. Try to solve the mystery word using the clue given and write it in. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these ACROSS/ DOWN words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in all blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or 3 x 3 cell. Email: pseudocube8@aol.com. Feedback encouraged!

Mystery Word
"Distribution Graphic"

Across

- Rest (3)
- Sail support (4)
- Edge (3)
- Chicken feed (4)
- Disgusting rodent (3)

Down

- Apparel (sing.) (3)
- Exclamation! (2)
- Thus (2)
- U.S. soldier (abbr.) (2)
- Magazine (abbr.) (3)

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Solution to April 17 puzzle

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M	A	Z	L	I	E	O	R	F
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