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On-going

• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

• Oak Street Café is donating a portion of its revenues to the Playhouse from meals purchased prior to show time. Park your car, have a meal, then walk across the street to the Playhouse production!

• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mon., Wed., Thurs.. \$5 per class.

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

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

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.

Friday & Saturday

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

• Piano music at Oak Street Café.

Saturdays

• At the Nature Center, Featured Creature 11:30-noon, all ages: come and learn more about one of the Nature Center's live animals up close.

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

Sundays

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

Through June

• At the Book Worm in the basement of The Peggy Crosby Center, most hard cover books are \$1. The Book Worm is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21

• At The Instant Theater, "The Return of Herbert Bracewell" at 8 p.m. For reservations please call the ITC box office at 828-342-9197. Advance tickets are \$20 and \$25 at the door.

• At Vivace, a Sue Blankenship Trunk Show 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Thurs.-Sun., June 19-July 6

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Always Patsy Cline" at 8 p.m. For reservations, call 526-2695.

Thursday, June 19

• At Cyrano's, a book signing by Sandra Mackey "A Mirror of the Arab World" from 3-5 p.m.

• At CLE, author Sandra Mackey will present "What you always wanted to know about the Middle East." Call 526-8811.

• Audubon Field Trip: Meet at the public parking area next to the Highlands Town

Hall at 7:30 a.m. Call leader Brock Hutchins at 787-1387.

• Summer art camp at The Bascom for children ages 5 to 13. Call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

Fri., June 20-Sun., June 22

• "A Walk in the Park" 6-7:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat. and 4 p.m. at PAC. Call 787-1050 for tickets.

Friday, June 20

• At CLE, Author Ron Rash will explore "The Role of Place in Fiction Reading." Call 526-8811.

Sat., June 21-Sat., July 5

• A Silent Auction at Mountain Findings on Spruce Street featuring artwork from five local artists including Mary Spitzer, Ann Harbison, Jan Shields and Mary Kelly DeWees. Proceeds from all sales support local charity organizations.

Sat., June 21-Sat., July 12

• "Middle of Nowhere," a digital media exhibition, at The Bascom. A free opening reception will be held Saturday 5-7 p.m. Call (828) 526-4949.

Friday, June 20-Sunday, June 22

• At Acorn's Jan Barboglio Trunk Show. Hand-forged iron accessories.

Saturday, June 21

• At Cyrano's Bookshop a book signing from 1-3 p.m. with Peter Barr "Hiking North Carolina from the Lookout Towers."

• Annual Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park at 10 a.m.

• Shortoff Baptist Church Vacation Bible School at the Buck Creek Field from 9:30 a.m. -3 p.m. Call 787-1788.

Sunday-Thursday, June 22-26

• Vacation Bible School at Clear Creek Baptist Church. 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24

• At Cyrano's Bookshop a book signing from 2-4 p.m. with John Hart "Ride For Justice."

Wednesday, June 25

• A meet-the-candidates reception at the Highlands Community Building on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Candidates Bobby Koppers running for Macon County Commissioners and Jim Breedlove running for a seat on the Macon County School Board.

• Owl Prowl 8 p.m. observe live owls in captivity and stay for a night hike to look and listen for owls in the wild. (Bring flashlight).

• At CLE, Dr. Randolph Shaffner, "The Early Highlanders." Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.

Thursday, June 26

• At CLE, Alice Schleusner Oriental Rug Retailers of America "The ABC's of Oriental Rugs." Call 526-8811.

• Robert Ray in a "new Musical Review," "Route 66," at 8 p.m. at PAC. From Sinatra to The Beatles - this show promises "favorites" for all ages! Call 526-9047.

Zoning Board hears 4 cases

Of the four Special Use Permits heard by the Zoning Board this week, two were granted, one was postponed and another was granted with contingencies.

As a result of the four-hour meeting, owners of High Creek Village were granted their SUP to change the use and thereby the

parking requirements in the complex. They will be dividing the former Great Things furniture store into smaller retail establishments and designating the unused bottom units as storage areas.

Zoning Administrator Joe

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Fisher recipient of school's service award



The Highlands School Service Award is presented to the community individual, club or organization that has consistently been supportive of Highlands School throughout the years. At the Highlands School June 4 awards ceremony the prestigious award went to Betty Fisher. For many years Fisher has worked with kindergarten, first- and second-grade students in fundamental reading skills. The students make tremendous progress under her guidance, and their achievement in their classrooms supports her excellent work. The Highlands School faculty thanks Betty Fisher for her dedication to Highlands School and students. (Fisher was out of town on the day of the presentation.) Pictured with Fisher is Assistant Principal Jim Draheim.

BB&T awarded county loan

At last, the county's 2008-2009 budget has been adopted.

At the final meeting concerning the issue on Monday, June 16, commissioners voted to award the \$20 million school expansion loan package to BB&T which of-

fered a 4.59% interest rate for 20 years.

Now BB&T carries two loans for the county – the \$20 million needed for the East Franklin expansion and the new 5-6 school

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House bills detrimental to county

Several bills were introduced in Raleigh which if passed could have a major impact on county finances.

With that in mind, Commissioner Jim Davis, who Chairman Charlie Leatherman appointed "Acting Chairman" for June 16 Macon County Commission meeting, encouraged his fellow commissioners to send a letter to Macon County's legislative delegation and to the N.C. Association of county Commissioners outlining the county's dismay.

"I have never been contacted by our legislators on what I think about these bills they are proposing and this just reinforces the opinion held by them that all wisdom and experience comes from Raleigh," he said.

House Bill 1889, which was co-sponsored by Macon County Representatives West and Haire, would give landowners with 10-100 acres a 95%-98% tax break if the land is set aside for wildlife habitat.

"This covers a lot of land in Macon County and though it would give a significant tax break

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Weekend Weather:

| FRI | SAT | SUN |
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| 74-54°F | 72-53°F | 76-55°F |

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

War of words of columnists Brugger and Armor

Dear Editor,

To oppose the concept of war philosophically, and to support a particular war as justified, doesn't necessarily make a pacifist of the former or a warmonger of the latter. The human ability to "reason" should tell us there must be every effort made to continue on a quest for a lasting peace.

While it is questioned by some citizens of Japan today, it is worth noting that the only country in the world that has endured the horrors of the nuclear era, has a constitution that states Japan would give up the use of war as a political weapon forever. Was that naïve on their part or were the Japanese making the giant step for mankind by taking the leadership position of trying to save the planet from total annihilation?

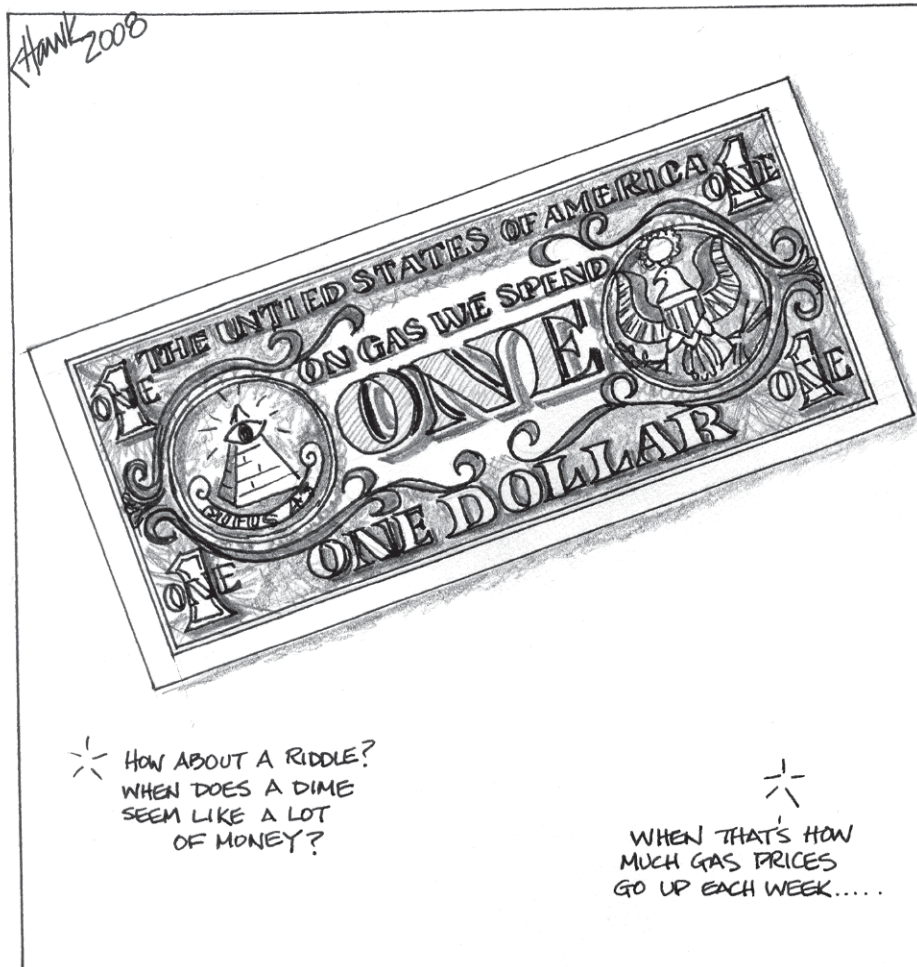
Three of my first cousins were helicopter pilots serving in the Vietnam war and when of them came home on brief leave to bury his father (who had served in the Pacific during WWII), he said a prayer as we saw him off headed back to Vietnam, that I will never forget. He said simply, "God, please let the next generation of my family not have to go to war." Sadly, that has not happened yet. From ancestors that fought in the Revolutionary War, to two cousins now in Iraq, (the generation of my children), my family, like many other American families stand in a long line of history of war.

To look for a better way to deal with man's inhumanity to each other, to "turn the other cheek, to love our enemies," I feel, does not dishonor those who have gone to battle, but does help to move us a little closer to a generation that does not have to go to war.

In closing, I quote John Adams who declared in 1782..."I must study politics of war, that my sons may have liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, geography, natural history and naval architecture, navigation, commerce and agriculture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture...." Wonder what he meant?

Rosemary Clark Stiefel
A delinquent member of that great Sunday school discussion group at the Episcopal Church

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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• LETTERS •

County commission should be commended

Dear Editor,

The County management should be commended for their diligence in creating the 2008-2009 budget.

The numerous budget workshops indicted significant commission involvement.

It was gratifying to see the General and School Board fund balances tapped to help finance current spending needs.

We suggest that some of the \$5.5 million balance in the self-insurance fund be unlocked to meet future requirements.

For the Membership
Don Swanson
Macon FreedomWorks

• THANK YOU •

Community responds to blood drive

Thank you to all who came out and gave blood in the Otto community on June 14. Without your help, the drive wouldn't have been a success. Thanks to Betty Rogers from Angel Medical Center for volunteering to help with the drive. Watch of the next drive. Thanks, too, to all the businesses and churches that put up announcements.

Phyllis S. Castle
Otto Secretary & Red Cross
Volunteer

HUMC Vacation Bible School June 29-July 3

Highlands United Methodist Church invites all children to ride the wave of God's love at its summer Vacation Bible School, "Beach Party: Surfin' Through the Scriptures." The fun begins Sunday, June 29 and ends Thursday, July 3 from 5:30-8 p.m. Come early for supper at 5 p.m. Dinner is \$2 per child per night.

Activities are for children in pre-school through 5th grade.

For more information, call the church office at 526-3376.

• OBITUARY •

George J. Sorge

George J. Sorge, a long term resident of Cashiers and Highlands, died at the age of 96 in his residence at Chestnut Hill. A native of New York City, he was reared in the suburb of New Rochelle. Shortly after Pearl Harbor he enlisted in the Army as a private and was assigned to the Field Artillery at Fort Bragg, N.C. He qualified for OCS and at graduation was appointed an instructor at the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he headed up the Department of Public Speaking/Methods of Instruction & Training. He was subsequently assigned to the 742nd Field Artillery Battalion as Battery Commander and served combat duty in the European Theater. At discharge he was Battalion Commander of the 190th F.A. Bn. and was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service.

After the war he joined the management team of the Durkee Famous Foods Division of the SCM Corp., where he served as National Sales Manager and National Account Manager. Retired in June of 1974, he and his former wife of 25 years, Pearl, who predeceased him, took up residence in "Valley High" in Cashiers, NC as a real estate broker. Local civic activity began with his election as Chairman, Building & Grounds Committee of the Cashiers Community Center Board, then Chairman of the Board, in which role he initiated the formation of the Cashiers Community Council. He chaired the fundraising activities of the American Cancer Society for a period of three years, served on the Board of Trustees of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for eight years, was elected Vice-chairman and subsequently Chairman of the Board. His love for the hospital was evidenced in his continuing role as a volunteer until his passing.

As a member of the Cashiers United Methodist Church, he served as Lay Preacher, Lay Leader, Chairman of the Administrative Board, Chairman of the Worship Committee, Teacher/Discussion Leaders, Member of the Choir, Member of the Church Building Committee and Chairman of the Parsonage Expansion and Fundraising Committee.

His loving wife, Simone, died in October 2007. He is survived by his son, G. Jeffery Sorge of Huntington, N.Y, his daughter, Allyson Sorge of Ghent, N.Y, 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at the Cashiers United Methodist Church, 894 Hwy 107 South, on Saturday, June 21, at 2 p.m. Memorial gifts may be made to the Church or the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

• MILESTONES •

Meadows wins 2nd in nation in Lincoln Douglas Debate

Blake Meadows, 16, a high school sophomore, son of Mark and Debbie Meadows, competed with 550 other students in the NCFA speech and debate national championships. He qualified to attend as a result of his win in North Carolina and his fourth place finish in Florida.

Some 5,000 speeches were given during the four-day event. After 10 rounds of debate, Blake finished second in the nation for the Lincoln Douglas debate title.



Blake Meadows

He has also been selected as one of 48 students from across the country to compete in the debate leadership program during the week of August 3 at OCU campus in Oklahoma City where students will debate current event topics to develop their skills and vie for a \$2,500 dollar scholarship. The finals will be nationally televised. More than 3,000 schools were solicited for nominations.

Local students named to Deans' List

The following students were named to the Western Carolina University Dean's List for the Spring semester: Mark Andrew Salisbury, Pamela Gail Ward, Allison M Winn, Robert Davidson Edwards, April Dawn Hicks, Teodora Ivanova Krasteva, Matthew Preston Neely, Gina Dahl Billingsley.

Darin James Keener was named to the Spring semester Dean's List at Appalachian State University.

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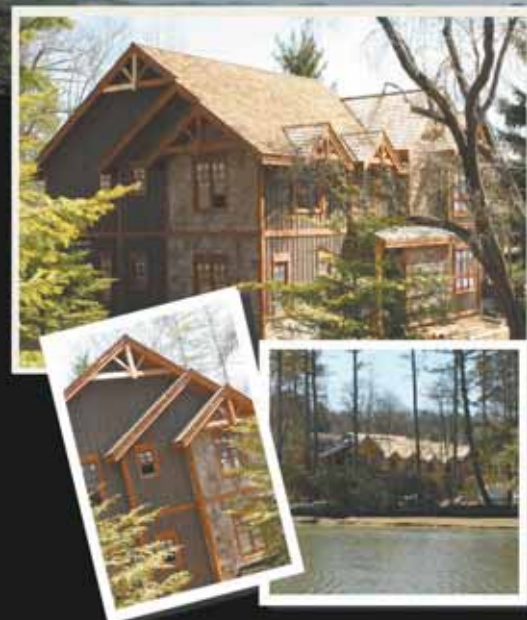
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Random thoughts from a troubled mind

In 1972 songwriters Irwin Levine and L. Russell Brown read a newspaper story about a criminal who had just finished serving three years in the penitentiary and was coming home on a bus. He hoped his wife had tied a yellow ribbon around an oak tree in the town square in White Oak, Ga., that would signal him to get off the bus. I am sure the town folks weren't happy about having a felon move back to White Oak and would have probably removed the ribbon if they knew.

So, as the story goes, the crook closed his eyes and asked everyone on the bus to look for the yellow ribbon. When they saw yellow ribbons everywhere, they all cheered, happy to get this dirt bag off their bus.

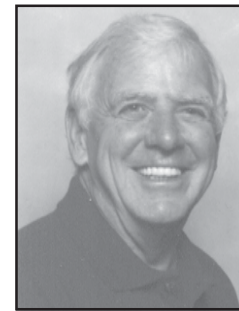
Levine and Brown, seeing dollar signs in their eyes, wrote a song about the incident. In 1973 Tony Orlando and Dawn, also seeing dollar signs in their eyes, sang it for the first time, making millions singing *Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree*.

The 23 people whose lives and credit were ruined by this creep writing bad checks on their bank accounts are now looking for a songwriter to compose a song about how they would have tied a yellow ribbon around his neck and hung him from the ole oak tree.

The felon's name is a mystery but if he followed national criminal patterns, he was back in prison within one year and his wife, on welfare, divorced him, remarried, had two kids by another man and is divorced again while Orlando, Dawn, Levine and Brown are all millionaires. Is this a great country, or what?

None of this, by the way, has anything to do with our brave soldiers returning home from war. It's all about criminals and making money. Sorry.

Moving on to bigger issues. You know I feel our country is going through perilous times. (Read the May 1st issue) Regardless of where you live or what your lifestyle may be, you had better be busy planning an exit strategy. That plan should include the ability to move rapidly. You will also need a system to keep your savings safe. If you think Highlands is safe from a collapsed economy or a terrorist attack, then you need to rework



Fred Wooldridge

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your thinking. Personally, I'm heading to Dubai in the Middle East where everyone speaks English, where interest rates on savings are awesome and the streets are so safe, you can walk at any time of the night. Are you sitting down? They actually punish their criminals. Also, there are no taxes. Hello, no taxes. When the dust clears, I will return to America.

Moving on to lesser issues: Apparently Barack Hussein Obama is going

to be our next president, especially now that I realize John Sidney McCain can't put two sentences together without stammering. I love to use Barack's middle name because it freaks out the ultra liberals who are begging him to get a name change. I say leave the guy alone. His middle name could have been Hitler.

I know there are massive amounts of ultra conservatives, bigots and rednecks out there hoping someone will put a bullet in Obama but I don't believe it. Did the ultra liberals put a bullet in Bush? If you're wondering, the li'l missus and I are independent moderates who lean slightly to the right. We probably won't vote for Obama but intend to keep our options open and make an educated decision based on facts, not fiction. We realize that's tacky, but we can't help ourselves.

I'm not worried about Obama being our president. Once he is in office and has a chance to sit down and get educated by the NSA, FBI, CIA and Homeland Security, he will panic and design his national security programs much like McCain's. Remember, the terrorists couldn't give a hoot about who our president is. They are equal opportunity offenders out to destroy us.

Moving on to fantasy, if there were a magic system in place where the police could instantly identify and arrest everyone driving around with no insurance or driver's license, there would be no one left in Highlands to cut grass? Is that funny, or what? Maybe not. If the person who cuts your grass is American, hang on to him 'cause when our economy collapses, immigrants will all go home where life is better. Will Mexico build a wall to keep Americans out?

• Are tree rats (squirrels) invading your bird feeders? Read Fred's book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars*

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

The enemy of good is perfect

I'm hoping for a scholarly column this week. What better start than to quote a philosopher? I thought about Nietzsche's statement, "What does not kill me makes me stronger." I wasn't sure how to spell Nietzsche, and when I Googled it I got Ray Nitsche, Green Bay Packer linebacker. It actually sounds more like a linebacker than a philosopher, especially a Packer linebacker.

It reminds me of "When the going gets tough, the tough get going," or "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog," or the most famous, "No pain, no gain."

I started to think that maybe the linebacker had said it after all, and that in some obscure bookshop was a collection of essays by Ray Nietzsche. In my mind Germans and philosophers don't go together, except maybe in a biergarten. The Germans are capable enough, but seem more suited to concrete tasks like building buzz bombs or Beemers, brewing beer, or carrying a Volkswagen up the Matterhorn. The steam engine should have been invented by a German.

I've never read Nietzsche, or Nitsche, for that matter, or any linebacker or philosopher, unless you count Kahlil Gibran. I don't know whether he counts or not, but in 1967 San Francisco, no apartment was complete without a copy of "The Prophet" on a brick and board bookcase.

Even before 1967, when I was very young, I learned to avoid trying to look smarter or better than I am. I had an older friend, a recent college grad. He had good job with General Motors, a Chevy convertible with a Sigma Chi sticker on the window, and he spoke French. I asked him to teach me a few French phrases. My course in Greek and Latin medical phrases wasn't getting me anywhere with the chicks, and French seemed more promising. He declined, but for some reason neglected to tell me that my pipe and ascot were just as phony. I collected four or five silk ascots and smoked Mixture 79. I don't know what happened to the scarves, but Bull found the pipes. Sometimes he puts on a bath robe, affects an English accent, puffs imaginary smoke, and says, "My good man, why have you come?"

I don't know if suffering actually makes a person stronger, but I know that it can make you weaker, if you let it. I see a lot of patients with chronic pain in my practice and many of them have been laid low by pain. Most pain is very useful, our ally rather than our enemy. If it weren't



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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for pain we'd walk on a broken ankle until the bone was sticking out through the skin, cook our hands on a hot burner, or chew off a fingertip going after a hang nail. That's not the kind of pain I'm talking about. I'm talking about pain that serves no useful purpose, does not warn us of tissue injury, but is just a pain in the neck, in the back, or where ever.

Treatment of chronic pain has become big business. Not many people are willing to listen to a doctor

say, "You'll just have to live with it." Patients come to my office expecting not only reduction in their pain, but elimination of it. And for the most part, expect to be cured without participation on their part. Lots of what we do can provide is short term relief. Lasting improvement often depends on the patient, but that is a message that while delivered with compassion is often accepted with scorn.

I stress the importance of weight loss, exercise, and smoking cessation. Many patients actually claim that they can't lose weight because they can't exercise because of their pain, as if everything was fine until the pain started and will be again as soon as I eliminate it. I must admit that I have trouble accepting that sequence a 300-pound smoker.

Patients abdicate responsibility, but the medical industry, which has promised a fix for all ailments, must share the blame. There are a number of high tech treatments available for sufferers of chronic pain. These include implanted electrical stimulators to prevent pain messages from reaching the brain and computerized pumps which dole out a fixed hourly dose of morphine or other narcotic directly to the spinal cord. We inject powerful steroids into the painful area, and sometimes resort to surgery. Minimally invasive, endoscopic surgery is being touted by some, and remarkably is often performed by practitioners without training in spine surgery. That makes sense. If you are not a neurosurgeon, then do neurosurgery through a keyhole.

Employ the simplest measures rather than the most complex in the treatment of pain. Advance to the more invasive, expensive and dangerous treatments only if simpler measures are ineffective. Learn and practice good habits to prevent the development of chronic, recurrent, and perhaps debilitating pain. And remember that "the enemy of good is perfect." Years ago I was on the faculty at the University

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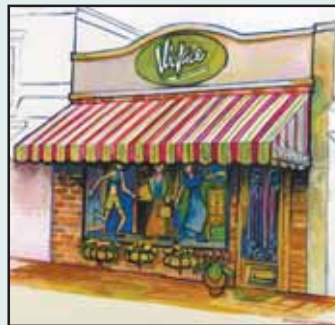


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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Just what is Habeas Corpus anyway?

We all have something to celebrate this week: the U.S. Supreme Court strongly reaffirmed the right to habeas corpus when it ruled that those held at Guantanamo Bay have a constitutional right to challenge their detentions in federal court. Some of those prisoners have been held without charges for more than six years. The court, in *Boumediene v. Bush*, struck down a provision of the Military Commissions Act of 2006 that prevented detainees from challenging their designation as enemy combatants. I say we all have something to celebrate. But, you might wonder, what is so important about a bunch of accused terrorists having access to the courts? I wrote a letter to the editor in 2006, back when Congress was working on that



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piece of legislation, back before I started writing this column. I think habeas corpus is so important I'm going to write about it again.

This is from my letter two years ago: "It's easy to misunderstand the importance of habeas corpus. Just what does it mean anyway? I think of it like this: habeas is "have" or "possess", and corpus is "body." It means: possess the body. The right of habeas corpus means you own your body. In order for the State to possess it, the State must charge you with a crime, present evidence that you can inspect, try you before a jury of your peers, and convince that jury of your guilt. Then and only then can the State deprive you of possession of your body, in other words,

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• HIS & HERS •

Gravity: Not just a good idea, it's the law

On TV this week was a senior Member of Congress whom I knew from way back when, talking about "the gas crisis" and "what Congress should do about it." I recall him from when he was a member of the Baltimore Jaycees, a young lawyer hustling for clients. Now he was on TV saying things that your average child would know was balderdash, with minimal thought about it.

This gentleman thought that additional taxes on the oil industry would somehow lower the cost of gasoline. He also claimed that drilling for additional oil in the US in places where it exists, had nothing to do with the price of gas and would do no good.

He had the effrontery to say that "if we drilled in ANWAR (in Alaska), the additional oil wouldn't come on line for ten years." This same gentleman voted, repeatedly, ten years ago to prevent the drilling of oil there, and in most coastal areas of the US.

There are laws of nature and laws of economics which are absolutes. No one - not even a high-fallutin' politician who is surrounded by staff who tell him daily that he can walk on water - no one is immune from those laws. That's why I began with the quip about gravity. Too few people realize that the law of supply and demand is equally inexorable.

I suggest strongly to anyone who hasn't read this book, that you get and read Thomas Sowell's Basic Economics. Not only should citizens and teachers be familiar with this book, so should reporters, candidates, and even Members of Congress who talk about such things as prices.

Let's review some basics:

Whenever demand goes up faster than supply, prices go up. The world, not just the United States, is demanding more oil per month than suppliers are providing. So the price of oil, and of all products made from oil, MUST go up. This is before the influence of a weak dollar is cranked in. The dollar is tanking due to certain policies of the federal government. That makes everything we buy from other nations, cost more. Including oil.

The only way to force the price down is to subsidize it. Some of the oil-producing countries actually sell gas at home for 25 cents a gallon, or so. That doesn't mean that the value of a gallon of gas in



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Iran, for instance, is only a quarter. It just means the government is taking money from other people to subsidize gas prices and keep car and truck drivers happy.

That brings us to two more absolute rules of economics. If you raise the taxes on anything, you will get less of it. The higher

prices on alcohol and tobacco have reduced consumption of those products, especially by those with the least money to spend. Yes, I know that both of those products are addictive. But all products are price elastic to some extent.

This is not a new concept. The Supreme Court said in the McCulloch decision in 1819 that "the power to tax is the power to destroy." It is beyond me how a long term Member of Congress who is also a lawyer, and to my personal experience is not a stupid man, could fail to understand this point. By the way, I am not naming him because there are thousands like him, including some who are candidates for President or covering such candidates who are equally ignorant of economics.

The opposite rule to taxes, concerns subsidies. If you subsidize anything, you get more of it. Witness "free" health care. Whatever is free to the users will still have a cost to someone else who is actually paying the cost. That would be you and me, whom my sainted Uncle Charlie always called, "the grateful taxpayers."

Whenever something is free, or close to it, demand will go through the roof. Then, the government which created the problem in the first place will have to engage in rationing. That's why people are dying on waiting lists to get life-saving surgery or other treatment in places like Canada and England.

Any child who has ever run a lemonade stand or played the game of Monopoly better understands the economic laws of supply and demand than your average voter, or professor, or candidate, or Congressman, or reporter. And when all that economic ignorance by adults is brought to bear on "high gas prices," nothing either positive or competent will result.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

And then there were...several?

Just when you thought you understood where the Presidential race stood, you don't. At least I don't. Well, I guess I really do, but there is a lot more going on than meets the eye.

For example, Ron Paul's campaign is more or less still alive. His people have been extremely tenacious throughout the campaign and will not go away. The day before John McCain is officially named at the Republican Convention on September 3, the Paulites are holding their own event, probably at Williams arena on the University of Minnesota campus, where I played intramural hockey at 6 o'clock on Sunday mornings.

'Paul is evidently smarting from being excluded from certain Republican debates and I don't blame him. He is likely to be shut out of speaking at the real Convention as well. While I am not a big backer, he had sufficient support to have been included in my estimation. Maybe it's my imagination, but being a Rep. from Texas, he'd know and care about the Trans-Texas highway and wanted to make it a campaign issue. That never happened for reasons I'm suspicious of.

Hillary "hit it out of the park" according to some when she gave her speech of support for Obama recently. The Mrs. and I were on a quickie road trip at the time of her speech and the only station we could get was carrying it, so it was she or nothing. Nothing would have been better. Two things were clear. Her appeal was totally feminist inspired and I think it cost her. Second, she elevated the gay community to a voting block worthy of being pandered, even after the fact.

While I don't know her motivation, she did not withdraw from the race; she 'suspended' her campaign. This may have use of campaign finance implications or leveraging her delegates for power at the convention, or reasons I can't explain. The 'beast' is going down hard. While we're on the subject of the Clintons, Bill must be turned inside out. His designs on world kingship have vaporized before his very eyes.

So much for the major party candidates. If there ever was a year for a third party candidate to gain traction, this should have been it. Not that there aren't several who are trying, it just isn't happening. Probably the most legitimate of the others is Bob Barr, the choice of the Libertarian Party. In researching Barr's



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past, my mind was twisted like a pretzel. He takes strong stands and not infrequently reverses his position.

Barr has strong conservative leanings and will doubtless take votes away from John McCain. As is typical of Libertarians, he is a strong constitutionalist. He has had strong objections to privacy issues and other civil liberties after 9/11 that evidently drove him out of the Republican Party.

Contrary to libertarian ideas on the subject, he vigorously supported the War on Drugs.

He worked for the CIA for several years, left to practice law in Georgia where he was named U.S. Attorney for North Georgia. He ran for Congress and was elected in the 1994 sweep and among other things, was instrumental in the impeachment proceedings brought against President Clinton. Recently, Barr has become a prominent member of the ACLU. Quirky.

The most interesting of the remaining candidates is Cynthia McKinney running on the Green Party ticket. They must be very proud. Ms. McKinney served in Congress, elected from Georgia. Among her grandest moments was her support of Robert Mugabe's despotic rule in Zimbabwe.

And then there was her accusation that the Bush administration knew in advance of the 9/11 attack. She tried to initiate impeachment proceedings against Bush and charges against Dick Cheney and Condoleezza Rice that went nowhere. She suggested that Cindy Sheehan should replace Nancy Pelosi. She slugged a Capitol cop when he tried to stop her from running a check point. Finally, she moved from Georgia to California, hoping they may take her seriously. Ralph Nader is running for the fifth time, this time without party affiliation. He preaches consumer rights, environmentalism and democratic government, and evidently hardly anybody cares. Hopefully, he will take enough Obama votes to make the difference. There are others, but you don't need to waste your time reading about them. On to more important issues. By the time you read this, the vaunted University of Miami Hurricane baseball team will be in Omaha participating in the college World Series. They swept their regional playoffs and beat Arizona to win their way into the Series. If they win I'll let you know. If they don't, you won't hear it from me.

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and the loan the county took out to purchase the 5-6 property some months ago. "This means we don't have to refinance," said Finance Director Evelyn Southard.

Furthermore, after some haggling, County Manager Jack Horton and Southard were able to negotiate BB&T's origination fee from \$19,200 to \$7,500.

"We thought \$19,200 was a bit high and that was the only thing holding us up

from awarding the package to BB&T because they had the best interest rate," said Southard.

With BB&T's interest rate, Horton said the tax rate will only increase 1.9 cents.

Commissioners thanked Horton and Southard for saving the county \$12,000.

This finalizes the budget processing step for Macon County and the budget was adopted.

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to some, it would result in a tax rate increase of 7-10 cents across the board," he said. "This puts everything on the backs of residents, penalizing those who don't have 10 acres or more."

Commissioner Ronnie Beale said the regulations to meet the wildlife habitat criteria are much more restrictive than the current forestry management tax break scenario, anyway.

House Bills 2692 and 2706 attack the taxation on motor vehicles and this has county management concerned.

H2692 would take motor vehicle taxation back to pre-1993 system which had a

50% collection rate and would ultimately cost Macon County \$500,000 a year.

H2706 would eliminate the new law under which taxpayers would pay their property taxes at the time of purchasing their tag for which \$20 million worth of software has already been purchased for this purpose across the state.

"If we go back to the old system under this bill, Macon County would continue to lose \$50,000 a year as uncollectible and \$134,500 of lost revenue," said County Manager Jack Horton. "The new software is set to go into effect in 2009. The plan has

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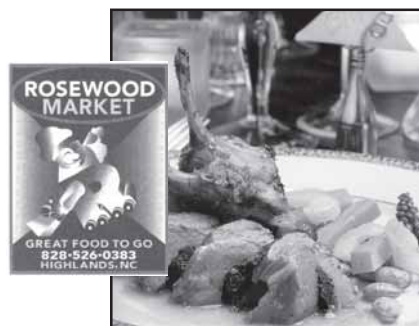
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• ANOTHER POV •

The best of times, the worst of times

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness we had everything before us, we had nothing before us." This is part of the opening of Charles Dickens's *A Tale of Two Cities*.

In one of the classics of literature, Dickens described the parallels and contrasts of the French Revolution. *A Tale of Two Cities* is a moral novel of the historical fiction variety, that strongly deals with the themes of revolution, imprisonment, shame, redemption, social injustice, self-sacrifice, and of course patriotism. I studied it in high school as did just about everyone my age, but I didn't understand it and definitely didn't see the relevance of it. Oddly, I see it now.

Here we are in America, in the best of times; medical advances enable us to live longer and better, manufactured goods give us a life of comfort, patriotism is high, huge strides have been made for social justice, and our food production power is the envy of the world.

Here we are in America, in the worst of times; our consumption of fuel has reached well beyond our capacity to supply, home foreclosures are out of control, the dollar is so weak it has driven the cost of international trade through the roof, our reputation around the world is at an all time low over our involvement in Iraq, and while millions cannot afford health care or food our corporate executives have taken a step up the greed ladder, where "Golden Parachutes," which paid them millions, has been one-bettered by the their latest exercise in greed, "Golden Coffins," in which the executive's estate receives millions *after* they're dead. Our economy seems to be in the crapper — and the war drags on.

I met a man last Sunday up on Sunset Rock; he is an 84 year-old WWII veteran who was here with his daughter. We chatted and parted ways. The following day, and as fortune would have it, I met him again downtown and we sat and talked for an hour about all manner of things.

I discovered he was member of the crew of a patrol boat, PT 459, and served during the Normandy Invasion. His boat and its crew of 11 men from all over the country spent the Invasion



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picking up the dead from the sea, ferrying agents to and from the beach and patrolling the dark and dangerous inlets. His crew survived the war; he was part of what we now call "Our Greatest Generation."

Otis was born a Virginian Democrat and strict conservative; moved to Wilksborough, PA after the war where he said he became even more conservative. This veteran, this political conservative,

this man who has more than earned his right to an opinion on the war in Iraq believes this war "was unjustified from the beginning." Otis is the last surviving member of his PT boat crew. He remembers the terror of his war and couldn't imagine returning to the war after having come home. He somberly said to me, "These boys returning three and four times is madness."

Senator McCain's POV is that we can stay in Iraq 100 years, and last week he responded to a question from Matt Lauer, who asked him, if he (McCain) had an estimate of when American forces can come home from Iraq. "No, but that's not too important," McCain said. He went on to say that the only thing that matters is casualties. I can't imagine such a response. I can only think that McCain's response has been blinded by a consuming desire to stay the course no matter how bad the storm gets. His response strikes that same chord with me as "Even if the war be wrong we are in it and must fight it out: we cannot retire from it without dishonor."

Other than the sterling performance of our military, their response and their sacrifice, I find no honor in this war. Some people are saying that those of us who want to end this war are not strong enough, that we are weak, or lack the stomach for battle. I for one can tell you I have grown tired of that shallow argument. You may doubt my metal but you cannot doubt Otis and men like him.

I can clearly see the futility of this engagement in Iraq, as does Otis; two generations of soldiers see it. It even looks like the Iraq government sees it as they are refusing to sign a security agreement that will allow our bases in their country. I am hoping you can see it too. Vote to bring our soldiers home.

Next week I will express Another POV.

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"The right of habeas corpus is a fundamental human right that people struggled for a thousand years to obtain. It is enshrined in our Constitution: 'The privilege of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus* shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.' [Article One, section 9]. I don't think there's a rebellion or invasion going on right now, so I think this suspension of habeas corpus must be unconstitutional.

"Read the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution. Five of the ten are concerned with restraining the power of the State in the particular area of arbitrary or unfair imprisonment. The people who wrote our Constitution understood the importance of safeguarding the right to a public trial."

After this recent decision the *San Francisco Chronicle* editorialized: "This 5-to-4 ruling cuts to the essence of American values and the rule of law. Habeas corpus is the centuries-old legal principle that an individual has a right to go to court to challenge the legality of his or her detention. This is one of the basic standards that separates free and totalitarian nations." I believe habeas corpus is the cornerstone of all of our civil liberties.

This is the third time the Supreme Court has struck down the Bush administration's attempts to keep the prisoners of Guantanamo Bay out of our courts. In June 2004 in the first of these cases, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote: "A state of war is not a blank check for the President when it comes to the rights of the Nation's citizens."

In this year's decision, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote the majority opinion. Kennedy gave a little history of habeas corpus, quoting from Alexander Hamilton's *Federalist No. 84*, which in turn quotes English jurist William Blackstone: "[T]he practice of arbitrary imprisonments, have been, in all ages, the favorite and most formidable instruments of tyranny. The observations of the judicious Blackstone . . . are well worthy of recital: 'To bereave a man of life. . . or by violence to confiscate his estate, without accusation or trial, would be so gross and notorious an act of despotism as must at once convey the alarm of tyranny throughout the whole nation; but confinement of the person, by secretly hurrying him to jail, where his sufferings are unknown or forgotten, is a less public, a less striking, and therefore a more dangerous engine of arbitrary government.'"

That is, it is bad enough for a country to kill a person or take his property without a trial, but to confine that person secretly is a much more dangerous act of tyranny because it is easier to hide.

Remember the "disappeared" in Latin America?

Who could be opposed to habeas corpus being extended to those imprisoned in Guantanamo? Unfortunately, there are plenty, and they are mostly conservatives. There are almost enough on the Supreme Court to have caused this ruling to go the other way. The decision was 5-4, with Justices Scalia, Thomas, Alito, and Chief Justice Roberts all against the idea that people imprisoned by the United States are entitled to contest their imprisonment.

Justice Scalia said "the nation is at war with radical Islamists" and the court's decision "will make the war harder on us. It will almost certainly cause more Americans to be killed. The nation will live to regret what the court has done

today."

One of the hardest things a democracy/republic must do is balance freedom with security.

Senator John McCain said that the Supreme Court "rendered a decision yesterday that I think is one of the worst decisions in the history of this country." If

McCain wins the presidency, the Supreme Court will almost certainly change to a conservative-dominated court and we can kiss some of our most basic civil liberties good-bye.

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The Center for Life Enrichment

June 26

The ABC's of Oriental Rugs

Alice Schleusner, established The Kings house Orientals in 1973, and now serves as a consultant. She has been a member of the Oriental Rug Retailers of America since 1979. Join us and explore the history and methods of this art and learn what factors impact the price and value.

August 19-20

Trip to Atlanta Aquarium, High Museum and Botanical Garden

Join CLE for an overnight bus trip to Atlanta on August 19-20 Leaving Highlands at 8:30 a.m., we travel to The Swan Coach House for lunch in their private dining room followed by a tour of the Atlanta Aquarium. Then the group will be taken to the 4-star J.W. Marriott Hotel connected to the Lenox Square shopping mall and adjacent to Phipps Plaza for an evening of shopping and dining on your own. The following morning we will tour the Atlanta Botanical Garden in small groups, each led by a docent. This includes the Fuqua Conservatory and the Fuqua Orchid Center. Later we will have lunch at Veni,Vidi,Vici with an afternoon visit to the High Museum of Art, Louvre Exhibit.

The tour is being led by John Newsome, a founding member of the Atlanta Botanical Garden and Chairman of the annual Camellia Show there. With a keen interest in horticulture, John grows, shows and judges camellia blooms all over the southeast as well as presenting lectures on the subject.

Cost includes hotel, gratuities, baggage handling, bus fare, admission fees and lunches. The deadline for sign-up is August 1. A minimum of 35 participants with a maximum of 45 is required. For more information, please call the CLE office Monday-Friday 10:00-3:00 at 828-526-8811.

• COACH'S CORNER •

Random thoughts from the doldrums

I like to refer to this period of the sporting world as the "Doldrums," mainly because it is a low period for major sports here in the United States. The NBA finals have just completed (more on that in a minute) and we are devoid of the other major US sports until the start of the Olympics/college football season in August. Therefore, this time period is one to relax and turn the eye towards the more peripheral sports such as golf, soccer, etc., as we prepare for August.

We will start with the US Open, in which Tiger Woods once again proved he is one for the ages, immortal, superhuman, healer of men, and any other superlative Jim Nantz can think of. Let me preface my comments with this fact, Tiger Woods is awesome. He won the US Open on basically one leg, not to mention doing it in come from behind fashion by sinking a long putt on Sunday to send it to a playoff. That being said, golf is going to have to find a challenger to Tiger or risk his popularity waning a bit as he runs out of amazing things to accomplish. (2009- Tiger wins the US Open while having an appendectomy...2010 -- Tiger wins the US Open while juggling 3 small kittens...2011 -- Tiger wins the US Open while simultaneously winning the war against his receding hairline...you get the idea)

The Boston Celtics closed out the LA Lakers Tuesday night to win their 17th NBA championship. Simply an amazing turnaround from a team with the worst record in the NBA last season and a testament to the role that defense plays in winning championships. Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and company played tremendous defense all series against Kobe Bryant and Lamar Odom in particular, and it paid off for them in the end. Despite all the new hand checking rules that the NBA has implemented and the rules designed to benefit offenses, it is still the best defensive team that wins the NBA title. Something to think about if your name is Steve Nash and you see your wind down to an NBA title slowly closing.

I watched quite a bit of UEFA cup soccer (or futbol) this weekend and was simply blown away by two of the matches that I watched. The first was an incredible finish at the end of the Spain-Sweden match, which saw a certain 1-1 tie turn into a victory for Spain on an extra time goal by David Villa. Despite the bad rap that soccer sometimes gets in the US for the lack of scoring, this game was proof that one mistake can lead to a goal and it



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shows the brilliance of play that causes these low scoring games. The second match was an incredible comeback by Turkey against the Czech Republic. The Czechs held a two goal lead after 70 minutes, which is the American football equivalent of a four touchdown lead in the fourth quarter or a 20 point lead with 5 minutes to play in a basketball game. How-

ever, the Turks came storming back getting a goal at 74 minutes and then netting the equalizer with only 4 minutes to go in regulation. Even more amazing was the fact that the Turks then took the lead only two minutes later to complete the stunning comeback. This was a huge accomplishment for Turkey, and one of the most amazing momentum swings that I have seen in any sport.

Finally, this week the trio of Tywon Lawson, Wayne Ellington and Danny Green announced that all three would return to school at the University of North Carolina. This makes UNC the unanimous favorite to win the National Championship in college hoops next season and guarantees a long year for Duke fans. UNC will return an incredible amount of talent along with the addition of three talented freshman. The only caveat to this situation will be if Roy Williams can find enough playing time for all of the talent that he is bursting with down at Chapel Hill. If Ol' Roy can make the minutes work, then UNC will be an easy choice for a title in 2009.

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of Texas, Houston. A Houston policeman had suffered a terrible gun shot wound to the abdomen. He was bleeding profusely from his vena cava. Surgical efforts to repair the rent had proven futile, and our efforts to replace lost blood were falling short. We were losing the battle. Considering the massive blood transfusion, I suggested to our resident physician that he give calcium intravenously. He hesitated. "Ed," I ordered. "He's got to be hypocalcemic with the amount of blood we've given him. Give the calcium." Ed complied with my order, gave the calcium, and the patient immediately suffered cardiac arrest. All attempts to revive him failed. He was dead.

"Dr. Salzarulo," Ed said, "the enemy of good is perfect." Much as I wish it were not true, we can't fix everything, but we can make almost anything worse.

Site of Work Force Apartment complex selected



This is the entrance to the site for the new 24-unit Work Force Apartment \$6.5 million complex in the works. The photo was taken from Buck Creek Road looking up the driveway. The site is about 1/10 mile from U.S. 64 on Buck Creek Road on the right, roughly across from the lower end of Shortoff Baptist Church parking lot. The site was chosen after looking at several other possibilities, and appears to be the most suitable site for this apartment complex, since it is accessible from a paved, state-maintained road and has access to city water and sewer. In fact, it's nearly perfect! It is a safe and secure site, with controlled access and limited exposure from the road, and it is not likely to be usable for any building project that the hospital might undertake. The hospital is selling the a six-acre parcel for the project for \$750,000. The complex could be completed early 2010. The Affordable Housing Task Force was appointed by Mayor Don Mullen and includes MaryAnn Sloan, Pat Boyd, Bob Wright, Dick Lawrence, Jill Montana, Christy Kelly, Lee Hodges and Bill Nellis.

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Sun. 6/29 - 5PM @ Fressers
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Tues. 7/15 - 6:30PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Helen Steward
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Low Country Boil
Thurs. 7/17 - 6:30PM - \$100/person
Hosts: Ian & Debi Dickson

Low Country Dinner
Sat. 7/26 - 7PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Tim & Gail Hughes

Night Reminiscent of the Greek Isles
Join the Concert Musicians
Sun. 7/27 - 7PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Mark & Kathy Whitehead

Country Feast with the Trimmings
Sat. 8/9 - 6:30PM - \$100/person
Hosts: Claude & Ann Sullivan

Una Cena Grande Sudamericana
Thurs. 8/14 - 6:30pm - \$125/person
Hosts: Jack Sapolsky & Richard Bordeaux

Low Country Supper in the High Country
Sat. 8/16 - 6:30PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Finley & Charlotte Merry
Sandy Cohn & Ruth Gershon

Paula's Garden: A Walk and A Feast
Thur. 8/21 - 6:30PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Barry & Paula Jones

Mountain Fresh at Apple Lake
Thurs. 8/28 - 7PM - \$125/person
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Brunch with a View at Sweet Tater Top
Sun. 9/14 - 12:30PM - \$75/person
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"Calle Ocho"
Thurs. 9/18 - 6:30 PM - \$125/person
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Hosts: Paul & Glenna Maney

Autumn Eve at Lakeside
Sun. 9/21 - 6:30PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Sandy Cohn & Ruth Gershon

Cajun at Lakeside
Sun. 9/28 - 7PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Earle Mauldin & Debbie Davidoff

Cocktail Party Buffet
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Host: Ann Abrams

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Mon. 10/27 - 6:30PM - \$125/person
Host: Dwight Bryant

Rustic Italian
Sat. 11/1 - 7:00 PM - \$125/person
Hosts: Rick & Cindy Trevathan

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already been worked out and put in motion and we would be doing what counties in neighboring states have been doing for 30 years."

Horton said there is also legislation afoot to keep counties from being allowed the option of levying a land transfer or sales tax.

"Maybe this current board doesn't want those things, but it's important to keep that door open because counties have very few options to raise money other than property tax increases and there might be a time in the future when this is needed," said Commissioner Ronnie Beale.

Years ago several counties in North Carolina were granted permission to levy a land transfer tax and the NC Association of County Commissioners have long lobbied the General Assembly to keep this avenue open as a way to take the burden off property owners.

Commissioner agreed to outline all their concerns in one letter and send it to legislators.

... ZONING BOARD from 1

Cooley said reconfigured the complex needs 75 parking spaces. It currently has 71 delineated and has a plan to add five more. The pervious built-upon ratio would not be affected by the plan which would remove a 10-ft. by 25-ft. landscape strip to gain parking. "All other changes can be accomplished by re-striping the parking lot,"

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Racers of all ages and both genders participated in the SOAR competition Saturday which began at the corner of Fifth and Main streets.

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Racers compete for good cause

The annual SOAR competition took place Saturday, June 14 in and around Highlands testing the metal of 105 participants in biking, running, rappelling and more. There were two races, an Elite Race of 50 miles and a Spring Race of 32 miles.

Participants paid a fee to race and money was raised through a silent and live auction, donations and a golf tournament. All proceeds from the Special Operations Adventure Race benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF). SOWF provides college scholarship grants, based on need, along with financial aid and educational counseling to the children of Special Operations personnel who were killed in an operational mission or training accident.

The results of the Race in Rank Order, Team Name, Racer(s) name and race time in hours: minutes: seconds after adjustments for bonuses and penalties. Of the 105 racers who began, 88 finished.

Elite Race (50 Miles)

First of 10 categories:

1. Beacham; Michael Beacham; 7:40:19

1. Basic Inner Rash; Chris Celka; 7:40:19

Single Male Under 40 years of age:

1. Beacham; Michael Beacham; 7:40:19

All Male Team Under 40 years of age:

1. Northern Lites; Ian Prince and Alex Lenzmeier; 8:34:04

All Female Team Under 40 years of age:

1. Narhi; Monica Narhi and Janice Newmyer; 11:03:14

Coed Team Under 40 years of age:

1. 4LPH4 1337; Jordon Emmorey and Laura Pell; 8:17:19

Single Male - Masters

1. Basic Inner Rash; Chris Celka; 7:40:19

All Male Team - Masters

1. Good Fellas; Steven Capace and Victor Esposito; 8:34:58

Sprint Race (32 Miles)

First of ten categories:

1. Cuttahothea; Richard Jackson and Bram Pinkley; 6:44:22

Single Male Under 40 years of age:

1. HOFMO; Forest Bryant; 7:33:06

Single Female Under 40 years of age:

1. BW Bundy; Ana Bundy; 10:32:21

All Male Team Under 40 years of age:

1. Cuttahothea; Richard Jackson and Bram Pinkley; 6:44:22

All Female Team Under 40 years of age:

1. BW Questio Victoria; Melissa Weinert and Michelle Bogo; 7:30:49

Coed Team Under 40 years of age:

1. Pain Train; Loran and Sean Roos; 8:05:19

Single Males - Masters

1. Colossus Colossus; Aaron Schmidt; 10:39:15

Male Team - Masters

1. Centdev1; Dale Tweedy and Jeff Wakeman; 8:20:19

Coed Team - Masters

1. Woolett, Roxane and Ronald Woolett; 10:41:07



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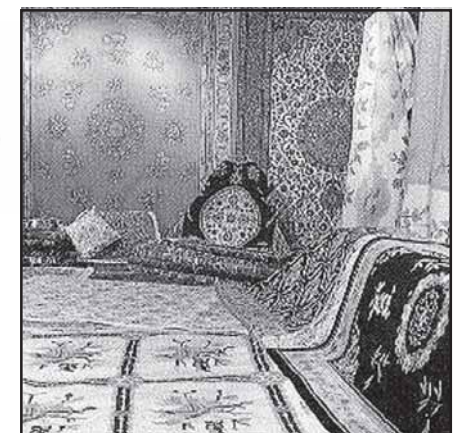
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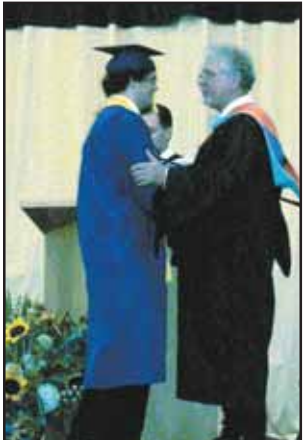
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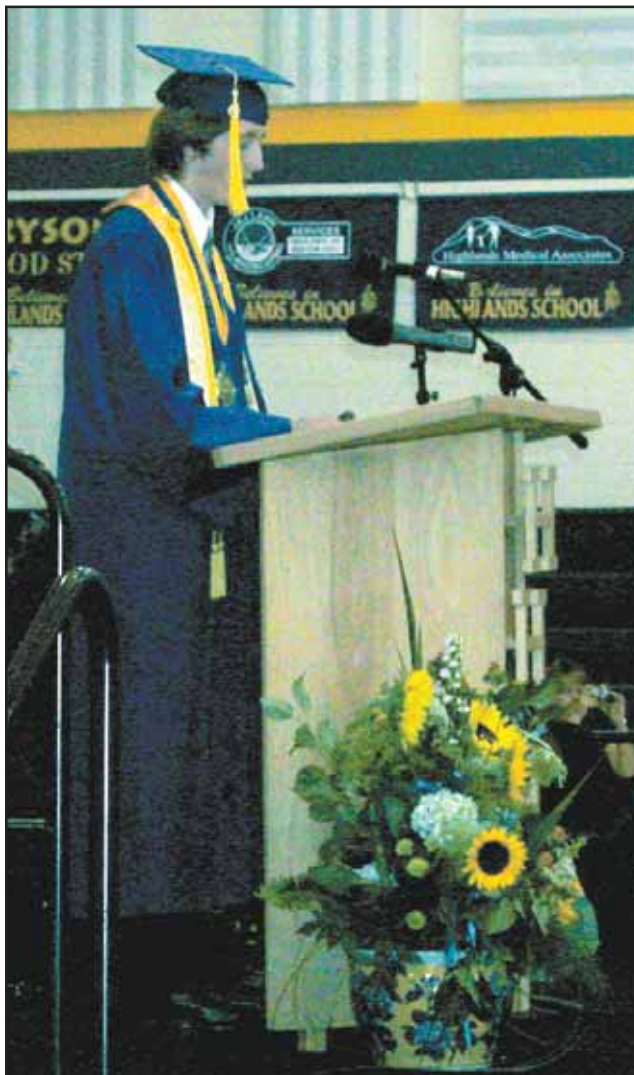
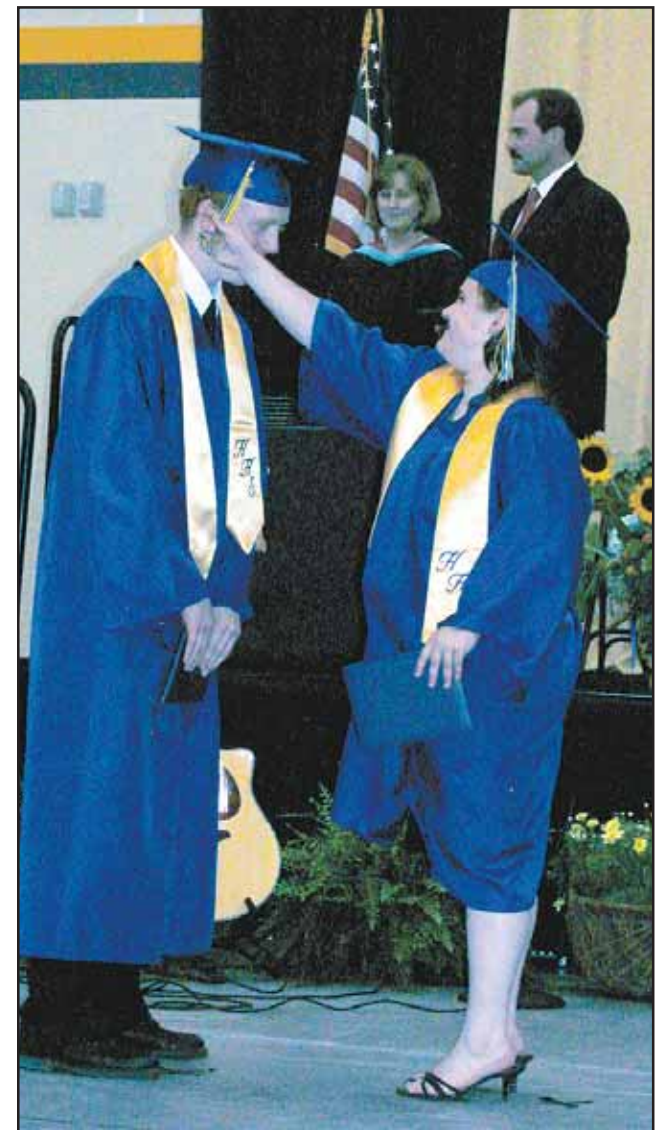
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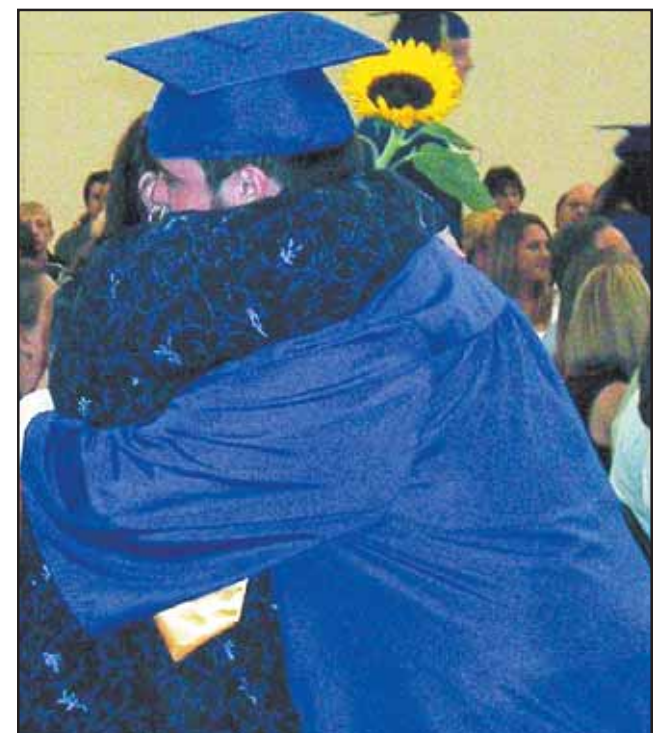
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HS Class of 2008 graduates





On Saturday, June 14, the Highlands community celebrated with the Highlands School Class of 2008 as they graduated from high school. Commencement speaker Buck Trott told the class to learn from mistakes and to never give up. Valedictorian Kyle Lassiter told his classmates that it was the "can-do" mindset that really matters and that positive self-esteem plus hard work usually equals success whether the plan is to be a nurse, a chef, or an engineer. Salutatorian Sally Wheeler reminded her classmates of how far they'd come together and to never forget each other, the community or their parents. In the time-honored tradition, graduates flipped tassels and presented their parents with flowers -- this year sunflowers. The ceremony was punctuated with bagpipes and a song by performed by Jason Aspinwall. Now it's on to the future.



• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

The Cat's Meow

By Darlene Melcher

Community Bible Church

Early each morning, a distinct sound can be heard coming from the other side of my bedroom door: a demanding meow issued from my cat, Jersey. This is not the sweet feline call you may be imagining, but an insistent order loudly blurted until some action results. Usually, the action which follows is a shooing of the annoying little dictator from the area.

On the other hand, there is Ellie. Ellie's approach is markedly different. This gray and white cat slowly cuddles up to the desired person and begins to sweetly purr. She then looks up at the person with a contented expression as if to say, "Thank you so much for the kindness you are about to bestow." It always brings a smile to my face.

These two feline personalities remind me of the two ways we can approach God. I often find myself behaving much like Jersey- anxiously whining and pleading with God. In hind-sight, I see the fear and the lack of trust this attitude displays. Do I really believe what the Bible declares about God: that He is good and all He does is good, God is faithful and kind, He works everything for good for those who love Him, His ways are not my ways, He cares for me, every good and perfect gift comes from Him, He knows my every need, He is near to those who draw near to Him, and He knows what I have need of? If I hold those things to be true, then my behavior should resemble Ellie's grateful expectation. Not that I know I will get whatever I want, but that I can trust the goodness, wisdom, and provision of my Heavenly Father. As the Bible says in Philippians 4:4-7, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

When you approach God, will your prayers be more like a frantic meowing or an appreciative purring? The different attitudes are a result of the expectation that accompanies the requests. When we remain mindful of who God is and rejoice in Him, then we can make our request with gratitude rather than making demands with fretting. We can enjoy the peace of trusting God and give thanks even before we see the answers.

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

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Dr. Dozier brings almost 30 years of experience as a general surgeon to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Prior to joining our staff, he was president of Surgical Specialists of Greater Atlanta. While in Atlanta, he was on staff at several Atlanta hospitals, including Atlanta Medical Center where he held



**F. Augustus "Gus" Dozier
MD, FACS**



**William J. "Billy" Noell, Jr.
MD, FACS**

the position of Chief of General Surgery. A former Commander in the US Naval Reserve, Dr. Dozier is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Widely known throughout western North Carolina, Dr. Noell also brings extensive surgical experience to our communities. A graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, Dr. Noell completed his surgical internships and residency training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He practiced at Harris Regional Hospital (later West

Care Health System) for 18 years, including serving six years as chief of surgery, before relocating his practice to Highlands in 2008. Dr. Noell is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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POLICE & FIRE LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for June 4-17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

June 4

- At 1:35 p.m., officers responded to a call of gunshots fired from a resident at Chestnut Walk. The call was unfounded.

June 9

- At 4:45 p.m., officers responded to call of a bear in a car. When officers arrived the bear was gone and had damaged the car.
- At 23:03 p.m., officers responded to a call about a suspicious person on Foreman Road.

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June 12

- At 7:40 p.m., a motorist on N.C. 106 and Hummingbird Lane was cited for driving without a license.

June 13

- At 1 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and S. 2nd Street.
- At 3:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the parking lot of Elephant's Foot.
- At 4:40 p.m., officers responded to a one vehicle accident in the Mountain Brook parking lot.

June 14

- At 9:10 a.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident at the Post Office.
- At 11:45 p.m., officers responded to a call of "loud music" at a home on Biscuit Rock.
- At 11:25 p.m., officers responded to a call of "loud music" at Cyprus restaurant.
- At 8:20 p.m., officers were called to The Rib Shack to where an intoxicated person was being unruly.

June 16

- At 3:05, officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at N.C. 28 and Spring Street.

June 17

- A motorist on N.C. 106 was cited for driving without a license.
- At 3:45 p.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious person at Sunset Rocks. It was unfounded.

During the week, officers issued 3 warning tickets and responded to one alarm activation.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of June 10-18.

June 10

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Ravenel Ridge. It was cancelled en route..

June 11

- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west. It was unfounded.

June 12

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call two times at a residence on Clear Creek Road. The victim was transported.
- The dept. responded to a life-line call at a residence on Wood Lily Way. No one was home.

June 13

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on S. 5th Street. The victim had already gone to the hospital by private vehicle.

June 14

- The dept. assisted with SOAR.
- The dept. responded to a call of a possible structure fire at N. 4th Street. An "energy" light had broken and cause smoke in the residence.

June 16

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers-Glenville Fire Dept. for possible fire at Wendy's. The call was cancelled en route.

June 18

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers-Glenville Fire Dept. for a structure fire.

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said representative Chris Massey.

Though not a requirement, owners have also agreed to add four 8-foot evergreen trees to the rear corner of the property near the creek to screen the complex from neighboring Shelby Place.

In the end the board granted the SUP with the understanding that the parking requirements be met and the bottom units used for storage units by complex tenants only.

The other SUP that was granted rather quickly was for the Mi Casita Mexican restaurant in Highlands Plaza. The 32-seat restaurant requires 13 parking spots which are available at Highlands Plaza.

"We have set up a running tab concerning parking at Highlands Plaza so as new businesses move in we can quickly tabulate what is left," said Cooley. "Right now there is a surplus of 56 unallocated spots and with the restaurant coming in that leaves 43 spots."

A decision on the next case for "Arbor in the Yard" which is a proposed seasonal business within a tent-like structure with a permanent foundation was postponed.

With questions about lot consolidation of the La Cagnina property pending, the board has 45 days to make a decision on the SUP.

Owner David La Cagnina has leased his back parking lot to Kim and Mike Manaut for their Arbor in the Yard which will house garden furniture, baskets, birdhouses and other garden items. A canoe-rental business will also be housed on site.

The board is concerned about the definition of "Display of Outdoor Merchandise" as it applies to the canoe storage and merchandise; and the lot delineation.

Evidently, the La Cagnina property is on two lots that Buz Dotson testified has not been legally consolidated into one as claimed by the Manauts and this could affect the impervious built-upon scenario.

In addition, neighbors Deborah Gibson and Tom Styron who own the log cabin at the back of the site are against the request.

"We are against this on so many levels," said Styron. "How can someone lease their lawn to a business?" he asked. "We are very concerned about our property value and the

detriment to the peaceful enjoyment of our property."

Gibson said it's the town's responsibility to protect its citizens, but zoning board members pointed out that the La Cagnina property is zoned B4 something Gibson and Styron knew when they purchased their property and the proposed business is an allowed use.

They also voiced safety concerns saying the egress and ingress around the property is dangerous and not conducive to trailing canoes. A decision was postponed pending further investigation.

The final case concerned the Stewart Building of Wright Square which recently housed Nantahala Realty and Southern Hands.

With six tenants now occupying the space, Cooley says the use and therefore the parking requirements have changed.

"Now there is a hair salon proposed for suite 121, construction and real estate companies in suites 123 and 125, another real estate company in suite 129 and suite 131 currently vacant," said Cooley.

With the changes in use, Cooley said all of Wright Square parking — which is considered common parking — is out of compliance and therefore in violation. He said the needed 21 spaces are available on the Wright Square property, but they aren't currently delineated. "All they have to do is delineate them and they will be in compliance," he said.

However, Attorney Zeke Sossomon representing the owner of the Stewart Building, claimed an SUP isn't even necessary because the current designation of spaces in the Stewart Building mirror the original plan even though it hasn't been in affect for the past 20 years.

Cooley didn't agree.

Buz Dotson, who is a Wright Square tenant, testified that numerous changes of use in Wright Square over the years has caused problems with parking and the town has OK'd some parking scenarios as they came along.

In the end the board granted the SUP contingent upon the needed spaces being delineated. Wright Square tenants and owners have 60 days to agree to the new parking arrangement and to delineate the spaces or the SUP will be revoked.



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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Charity auction of local artists' work at Mountain Findings



Mountain Findings president Larry Brannan has announced a silent auction of art work by five local artists. The auction begins on Saturday, June 21 with an outstanding item — an original oil painting by Mary Spitzer.

Many of the Highlands locals knew Spitzer and are familiar with her note cards depicting friends (mostly husbands of her acquaintances) in Highlands settings.

Spitzer also worked in oils. Owners of these works display them proudly in their homes and usually have a story to tell about each painting and how they acquired it. Spitzer's painting that Mountain Findings has acquired is unique in that it is considerably larger than most of her works. Fittingly framed

in wormy chestnut, it measures 30 inches wide by 25 inches high. The painting is of a container of colorful flowers on a porch table with the local woods as the background at her home. It is in excellent condition.

Included in the auction will be three oils by Ann Harbison, two oils by Jan Shields, and two large, framed signed prints by Mary Kelly DeWees.

To see the paintings and prints and to place your bids, visit Mountain Findings at 432 Spruce Street, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. As with all other sales at Mountain Findings, the proceeds will be donated to local charity organizations. Silent bids will be taken beginning June 21 and end July 5.

On-going

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

- Oak Street Café is donating a portion of its revenues to the Playhouse from meals purchased prior to show time. Park your car, have a meal, then walk across the street to the Playhouse production!

- 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.

- Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for its annual Children's Theatre Mon.-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.

- 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.

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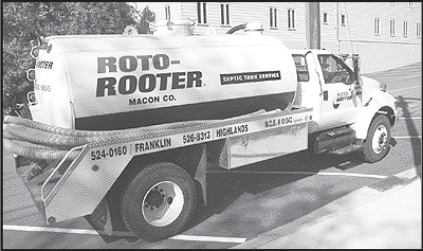
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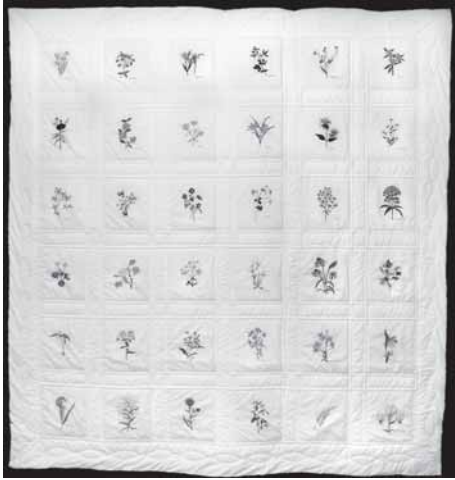
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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

**Hospital Auxiliary
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Tickets are now on sale for this year's edition of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary Wildflower Quilt. As in the past, the quilt is the combined handiwork of local quilter Hazel Miller and many local embroiders who actually stitch the wildflowers onto each of the 36 panels. And as in the past, the drawing for the much sought after heirloom will take place at the Highlands Own Craft Show, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Highlands Recreation Park. This year's quilt is currently on display in the lobby of Bank of America in Highlands. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and can be purchased from auxiliary members in Highlands, Cashiers, Scaly Mountain, and Sky Valley, or at the hospital gift shop, Bank of America or at the booth in front of Bryson's Food Store on most Saturdays. Tickets will also be on sale at the craft show itself.

**'The Best of Parallel Lives'
July 10-12 & 17-19 at ITC**

The Instant Theatre Company presents the Highlands Community Players production of "The Best of Parallel Lives" by Kathy Najimy and Mo Cafney for two week-ends in July. This wildly popular production has been sold out for the last three runs (2007 & 08). "The Best of Parallel Lives" features the vignettes most requested by audiences. These humorous vignettes chronicle the trails and tribulations of our lives and loves. The cast features all women playing all the roles...male and female. Directed by Jenny King and Mary Adair Leslie. Performance dates are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 10, 11, & 12, and the following weekend July 17, 18, 19, 8 pm; at the Studio on Main, Highlands. For tickets please call: 828-342-9197.



Seated: Diane Rossaza, Jenna Royce and Katie Cochran. Standing: Carla Gates, Bonnie Earman,

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Patriotic Mini-Concert at 1st Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present a patriotic mini concert on Friday, July 4 at 8 p.m. The free concert will last approximately 40 minutes, ensuring time to watch the town fireworks display. The concert has attracted capacity crowds the past 2 years, so come early to get a good seat. Featured will be Larry Black, trumpet, formerly with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, Angie Jenkins, organist, Stell Huie, baritone, and the Martin - Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Male Chorus led by Orville Wike. Come dressed as you are. In the event of rain, the concert will still take place. The Church is located at 471 Main Street.



First Festival Feast: Schubert's Trout and Mountain Trout

For many visitors to the Highlands-Cashiers area, a trip to the mountains is not complete without a trout dinner. William Ransom, Artistic Director of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, is one of those people. Ransom loves the trout at Fresser's Eatery, and while contemplating the 2008 season of the Festival, thought that a perfect opening celebration would be to combine a mountain trout dinner with a performance of Franz Schubert's "Trout Quintet."

"The founder of the Festival was Lucas Drew, the dean of American string bassists, and since Schubert's Trout Quintet features the bass, it has become something of a theme song for us," said Ransom.

Schubert's Quintet is one of the most popular pieces of chamber music. It was written in 1819 — when the composer was only 22 — after a summer trip to the Austrian Alps. Inspired by scenes not unlike those of Highlands and Cashiers — babbling brooks and the splash of trout — Schubert composed this piece for five instruments instead of the usual four: piano, violin, viola, cello and double bass. One of the reasons for the popularity of this work is the vivid musical imagery of a trout swimming vigorously upstream.

"Schubert's Trout and Mountain Trout" will be an elegant evening of music, wine, and fine food with the Trout Quintet performing the award-winning Vega String Quartet, joined by William Ransom on piano and Douglas Sommer on bass.

Stephen Vincent Winery is working with Ms. Grossman to pair wines with her menu of blue crab soup (or gazpacho), pan-seared trout, salad, and for dessert, chocolate caramel cake. Ed Travis of Stephen Vincent Wines will be present for the dinner.

This is the first in a series of 18 Feasts that will be held this year in support of the Festival. Feasts have become a very popular way to support chamber music in Highlands and Cashiers. Many of the Feasts are held in private homes, with themes for the 2008 season ranging from "Low Country Boil" and "Mardi Gras" to "Night Reminiscent of the Greek Isles" and "Rustic Italian."

"Schubert's Trout and Mountain Trout" will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 29; tickets are \$150 per person. Since proceeds from this event go to support the Festival you'll be helping to keep the music playing while having an unforgettable evening.

For more information, call the Festival office at 526-9060 or call Fresser's Eatery: 526-4188.



Guests enjoy their dinner at the 2007 Lobster Feast given by Dr. and Mrs. David Snyder at their home in Cashiers, in support of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

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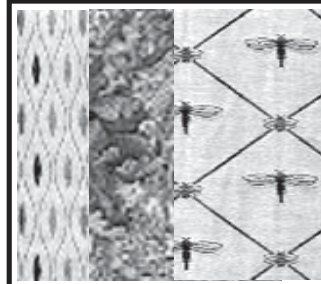
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'Big Apple' singer at PAC Fri. & Sat.

A current resident of the Big Apple, Lynn Loosier's roots are in the heart and soul of Georgia. She and a troupe of musicians will be featured in a variety of music at the Performing Arts Center tomorrow night and Saturday at 8 p.m.



You may not normally think of a soul singer as a blue-eyed redhead, but that description fits Lynn Loosier. She's not your typical Cabaret singer either, but she has performed on the PBS special "Cabaret Live." She actually sings any style of music from jazz to blues, gospel, country and rock with the effortless ability to connect to each song's story and to move her audience.

Lynn has been a featured soloist at both Lincoln Center and Jazz at Lincoln Center. She has sung with Jennifer Holliday, Sam Harris and Julian Fleisher. There is nothing fragile about Lynn

Loosier's velvety soft delivery or her cordial-smooth vocals. In fact, her colleagues describe her as "a force to behold." Her southern upbringing can be felt as well as heard in every one of her passionate deliveries from classic blues to gospel to jazz. Her soulful renditions bring to mind Ella, Billie and Sarah, yet they are firmly anchored by her undeniably southern style.

Tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are available at \$20 each at the Performing Arts Center. Charge by phone at 526-9047.

Annual 'Walk in the Park' this weekend

Friday-Sunday
June 20-21



Becky Schilling will portray Louise Bascom Barratt at this weekend's "Walk in the Park," the ninth such event sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. Louise was a writer and artist, the daughter of Henry Bascom who served as mayor of Highlands for 20 years, more years than any other mayor of the Town. Louise's husband, Watson Barratt, designed sets for New York theatres, spending his summers in Highlands. "Walk in the Park" will be presented tomorrow and Saturday at Memorial Park with shuttles from the Community Center beginning at 6 p.m., and Sunday on stage at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street beginning at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each with students admitted free. Call 787-1050 for tickets.

Mondays

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

• At the Nature Center, Animal Feeding Time 11 a.m.-noon, all ages welcome: Come and observe what each of the Nature Center's animals eat and learn how they feed.

Tuesdays

• At the Nature Center, Family Nature Activity 3-4 p.m., ages 4 and up: Activities vary, but may include critter searches, discovery walks, or nature games \$1 per person.

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

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

Wednesdays

• At the Nature Center, Nature Show & Tell/Storytime 2:30-3 p.m., all ages: Come for a nature lesson based around a children's storybook using items from the Nature Center.

• 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

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Thursdays

• At the Nature Center, Zahner Conservation Lecture Series 7 p.m., 12 and up: An evening seminar series featuring leading scientists, historians, writers and artists on a variety of environmental top-

International recording artist set for "Route 66"



Actress/Singer Shawn Megorden whose recent CD "Cover Girl" has just been purchased by a Japanese Recording Label for international distribution is set to co-star with Robert Ray in the new musical revue "Route 66."

"Route 66" opens for five shows only on June 26 at The Performing Arts Center and features music celebrating America's greatest male and female singers from the "Rat Pack era" to today's favorites.

Shawn's CD which is getting air-play from Tokyo to Greece was given the title "Cover Girl" by singing partner Ray because she "covered" tunes previously made famous by such stars as Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Diane Schur and Celine Dion.

Highlands theater goers will remember Megorden from her appearance in Ray's highly successful salute to Johnny Mercer at The Highlands Playhouse in 2005.

This past year she has performed in major Atlanta productions of "Anything Goes" and "Always Patsy Cline" and performed as a soloist with The Gainesville Symphony Orchestra.

Along with Ray she has starred in "The 75th Anniversary of The Fox Theater," "The 100th Celebration of The Girl Scouts of America," "Underground Atlanta's New Year's Eve Celebration" and The Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston.

Megorden's trademark blonde hair and bomb-shell figure have become a part of her on-stage appeal and as usual Shawn will parade a variety of designer gowns as she "struts her stuff" with fellow showman, Robert Ray.

Show times are 8 pm on Thursday and Friday, 5 and 8 pm on Saturday and 3 pm on Sunday.

Don't miss this musical journey across America's most famous highway, "Route 66."

Two authors — Middle East expert Sandra Mackey and North Carolina hiker Peter Barr at Cyrano's Bookshop this week-end

Sandra Mackey will sign copies of "A Mirror of the Arab World: Lebanon in Conflict" at Cyrano's bookshop Thursday, June 19, from 3-5 p.m.; Peter J. Barr autographs "Hiking North Carolina's Lookout Towers" on Saturday, June 21, from 1-3 p.m.

Sandra Mackey — a resident of Highlands and Atlanta — is a respected journalist and author whose articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal and New York Times, and who has appeared as an expert on the Middle East on CNN and other networks. An earlier book on Lebanon by Ms. Mackey — "Lebanon: Death of a Nation" — was praised in Foreign Affairs magazine for its accuracy and "firm grasp of the country's history and politics," as well as the author's "brisk and easy style."

In her timely new book, "A Mirror of the Arab World: Lebanon in Conflict" Mackey brings us up to date in her analyses of the small but strategic nation which is both Mediterranean and mountainous, Western and Islamic, democratic and tribal. Mackey says that "The world of the Arabs is no longer a mysterious, romanticized region lying somewhere between Europe and Asia. It is here. It is now. And it is difficult."

She intertwines Lebanon's history with that of the whole region, and — unlike some who see echoes of Vietnam in the current U.S. involvement in the Persian Gulf — demonstrates closer parallels between events in Lebanon and Iraq: "Until Iraq took a share of the title in 2003," she writes, "the most tormented of all Arab countries was Lebanon."

In its recent review of "A Mirror of the Arab World," the New York Times said, "Beirut has long been considered a gateway between the West and the East. It is also a doorway to understanding, because to know Lebanon is to know the Arabs."

"Mirror of the Arab World" is an expert depiction of both." Sandra Mackey will be at Cyrano's this afternoon (Thursday) from 3 to 5 p.m.

On Saturday, June 21, from 1-3 p.m., Peter J. Barr will autograph "Hiking North Carolina's Lookout Towers," which details 26 hikes to historic observation towers and fire lookouts in the western and central parts of the state, including those on nearby Yellow Mountain, Albert Mountain, and Wayah and Cowee balds.

Mr. Barr, a graduate of Chapel Hill, lives in Concord, N.C. and is director of the North Carolina chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association, which is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the towers, as well as ensuring public access to them.

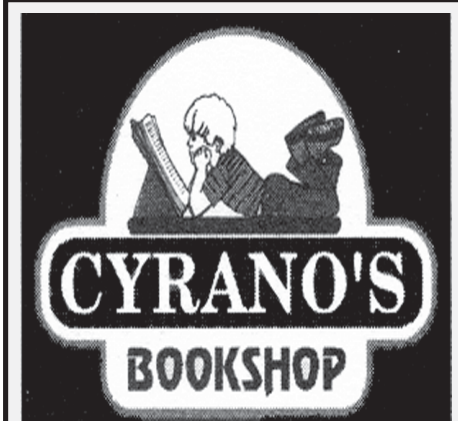
It was while still a student that Barr, hiking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, stumbled upon Shuckstack lookout, his first tower. After climbing its rickety steps he was entranced by the view at the top, which encompasses Fontana Lake and the Unicoi, Snowbird, Nantahala and Smoky mountains. Nearer to Highlands, Barr describes the successful efforts to save our Yellow Mountain Lookout. (Did you know that Asheville writer Elizabeth Kostova decided to write her best-selling novel about Dracula, "The Historian," while on a hike up Yellow Mountain?)

Barr himself has hiked just about every southeastern summit worthy of note, and is the first person to ever climb all those over 5,000 feet. "Hiking North Carolina's Lookout Towers" provides readers with a wealth of information about trails and access, as well as in-depth descriptions of the magnificent views available from their observation platforms, and includes more than 30 maps and 40 photographs. It's a great blend of history and natural history.

Thursday-Saturday, June 19-21

• At The Instant Theater, "The Return of Herbert Bracewell" by Andrew Johns at 8 p.m. This delightful, nostalgic tale which takes place on a New Year's Eve during the first decade of the 20th century, costars the exciting, new acting team of David Milford and Madeleine Davis, and is directed by Ralph Stevens. For reservations please call the ITC

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Upcoming Book

Signings

Thursday, June 19

3-5 p.m.

Sandra Mackey "A Mirror of the Arab World."

Saturday, June 21

1-3 p.m.

Peter Barr "Hiking North Carolina from the Lookout Towers."

Tuesday, June 24

2-4 p.m.

John Hart "Ride For Justice."

Saturday, June 28

1 to 3 p.m.

David Bajo "The 351 Books of Irma Acuri"

Saturday, June 28

3:30-5:30 p.m.

Ben Small "Olive Horse Shoe"

Saturday, July 19

12-2 pm

Roberts & Plimpton

"God's Invitation to More."

Sunday, July 20

TBA

Ron Rash

"The World Made Straight"

Saturday, July 26

1-3 pm

Charles Martin

"Where the River Ends"

Saturday, August 9

1-3 p.m.

Charles F. Price

"Nor the Battle to the Strong"

ics (schedule available at www.wcu.edu/hbs).

Fridays

• At the Nature Center, Botanical Garden Tour 10:30-11:30 a.m., all ages: A guided walk through the Highlands Botanical Garden, featuring the native plants of the region.

Friday & Saturday

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

Saturdays

• At the Nature Center, Featured Creature 11:30-noon, all ages: come and learn more about one of the Nature Center's live animals up close.

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

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

Sundays

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

Through June

• At the Book Worm in the basement of The Peggy Crosby Center, most hard cover books are \$1. The Book Worm is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Through Saturday, June 28

• Summer Courses offered at the Highlands Biological Station. Biodiversity and Conservation of Birds. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit <http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currentcourses.htm> or call the Highlands Biological Station at (828) 526-2602.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

box office at 828-342-9197. Advance reservations are \$20. At the door tickets are \$25.

Thurs.-Sun., June 19-July 6

• At Highlands Playhouse, "Always Patsy Cline." For reservations, call 828-526-2695.

Thursday, June 19

• At CLE, Award winning author Sandra Mackey will present "What you always wanted to know about the Middle East." Cost is \$20 each for CLE members, \$30 each for non-members. To become a CLE member and register for courses and events call the CLE office at 526-8811.

• Audubon Field Trip: The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a birding field trip to various birding hotspots around Highlands. Meet at the public parking area next to the Highlands Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. Call leader Brock Hutchins at 787-1387 for additional information.

• Summer art camp begins for children ages 5

to 13. The Bascom is teaming up with The Highlands Art League and the Highlands Recreation Park to present the camp. The day rate for Bascom students is \$5. There will be no additional charge for students enrolled in Rec Camp. Dates are Thursdays, June 19, 26, July 17, 24, and 31. Hours are 1 to 1:45 p.m. for 5- to 8-year-olds and 2 to 2:45 p.m. for 9- to 13-year-olds. For more information or to register, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 4#.

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

Friday, June 20

• At CLE, Author Ron Rash will explore "The Role of Place in Fiction Reading." Cost is \$20 each for CLE members, \$30 each for non-members. To become a CLE member and register for courses and events call the CLE office at 526-8811.

Saturday, June 21-Saturday, July 5

• A Silent Auction begins at Mountain Findings on Spruce Street featuring artwork from five local artists including Mary Spitzer, Ann Harbison, Jan Shields and Mary Kelly DeWees. Proceeds from all sales support local charity organizations.

Saturday, June 21-Saturday, July 12

• "Middle of Nowhere," a digital media exhibition, will be held at The Bascom, center for the visual arts, inside the Hudson Library. A free opening reception will be held June 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Saturday, June 21

• At Cyrano's Bookshop a book signing from 1-3 p.m. with Peter Barr "Hiking North Carolina from the Lookout Towers."

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 4.5-mile hike from Sloan Bridge to Upper Whitewater Falls. This hike offers great views from the ridge above Whitewater Falls. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 14 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; Reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

• Annual Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park at 10 a.m.

• Shortoff Baptist Church Vacation Bible School at the Buck Creek Field from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 787-1788 for more information.

Sunday-Thursday, June 22-26

• Vacation Bible School at Coweeta Baptist Church. 6-9 p.m. Call 369-7508.

• Vacation Bible School at Clear Creek Baptist Church. 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24

• At Cyrano's Bookshop a book signing from 2-4 p.m. with John Hart "Ride For Justice."

• At the Nature Center, Owl Pellets 3-4 p.m., ages 6 and up): Dissect a pellet to discover skulls and bones of an owl's prey.

• Upcoming lectures for the Take Charge of Your Health Series sponsored by Cashiers-Highlands Chiropractic and Acupuncture. Introduction to the Immune System - Laurel Terrace, Cashiers, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 25

• A meet-the-candidates reception at the High-

Tickets on sale for Bascom's annual Garden Festival set for July 8-12 AND

There's a flower show workshop, "How to Enter the Flower Show," next Friday, June 27, from 2-2:30 p.m. at the Hudson Library. There, to RSVP for the workshop, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 6#.

This year's "Mountains in Bloom" Garden Festival is a benefit for The Bas-



Eight homes in downtown Highlands to be showcased in this year's Mountains in Bloom garden festival, a benefit for The Bascom.

com, a nonprofit art center. The garden festival features garden tours of downtown Highlands, lectures, two nights of Patron Parties and a flower show.

There are two main divisions of the flower show: horticulture and artistic. The Horticulture Division features garden flowers, potted plants, hanging baskets, natives and more. The Artistic Division features flower arrangements, Ichibana, children's arrangements and more. The show is juried. A team of well-known certified flower show judges will select winners. Entries are needed to make the flower show the best it can be.

Flower show brochures and entry forms are available throughout the community - at The Bascom (inside the Hudson Library) and various nurseries and businesses, plus online at www.thebascom.org.

For more information about Mountains in Bloom and the flower show, visit www.thebascom.org, or call (828) 526-4949.

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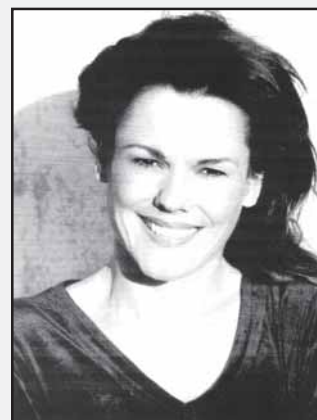
'Always Patsy Cline' now at Playhouse

Highlands Playhouse presents a song-packed production of "Always...Patsy Cline" featuring Cindy Summers in the role of Patsy Cline, Thursday-Sunday, June 19-July 6. Call the Playhouse box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

Summers' beautiful rich Contralto range give her a unique ability to emulate Patsy Cline's voice - which set Cline apart from everyone else in show business.

The Connecticut Post said, "Cindy Summers, as Cline, has the same mix of

velvet and steel in her voice, attacking the power of words with a fast fade. She can



Cindy Summers portrays Patsy Cline in Highlands Playhouse production opening Thursday, June 19-July 5.

put a tear into the top notes and cradle the low ones so that a challenge like "Sweet Dreams" with its wide range and torch lyric, is the nearest thing to hearing Patsy herself sing the song."

Patsy Cline was the first female solo artist to be elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame and her records became classics. Even though she died at 30, she was and is a huge star with stardom realized just three years before her death. She died in an airplane crash on March 5, 1963 returning to Nashville from her last concert at the Memorial Building in Kansas City, KS.

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lands Community Building on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Mingle and enjoy some wine and hor'deuvres with Q&A with candidates to you around 7 p.m. two candidates for the evening are Bobby Kuppers running for Macon County Commissioners and Jim Breedlove running for a seat on the Macon County School Board They'll both speak for a bit and then make themselves available for your questions.

• The Village Nature Series is a free summer-time lecture series co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust & Village Green. "History, Fun & Safety of the Appalachian Trail" with Morgan Somerville. Everyone is welcome. Lectures are held at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments follow. There is no charge but donations are graciously accepted.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Call HCLT for info: 526.1111.

- Owl Prowl 8 p.m. until; all ages: In association with the Audubon Society and Carolina Raptor Center, observe live owls in captivity and stay for a night hike to look and listen for owls in the wild. (Bring flashlight).

- Dr. Randolph Shaffner, "The Early Highlanders." Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday at the Albert Carlton library in Cashiers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features Scott Cunningham, head guide for "On the Fly" Guide Service located in Marion, N.C. A second generation guide, Scott specializes in Smallmouth bass fly fishing and brings 14 years of experience. He will discuss where to fish, how to fish and appropriate flies for smallmouth. Following the speaker, a raffle will be held featuring a day's fishing for two on private local trophy water. Everyone is invited to this meeting! Guide Cunningham will also discuss wade trips, float trips and overnight backcountry trips. Call 743-2078 for additional information.

- The Korean War Veterans Assoc. N.C. Chapter #265 hosts a memorial service at the Western

North Carolina Veteran's cemetery in Black Mountain at 10 a.m.

Thursday, June 26

- Alice Schleusner Oriental Rug Retailers of America "The ABC's of Oriental Rugs." Call the CLE Office 526-8811 for information.

- PAC is proud to present Mr. Robert Ray in a "new Musical Revue," "Route 66," at 8 p.m. Ray along with international recording artist, Shawn Megorden and The Tony Winston Quintet will begin this musical calvacade with songs from the "Rat Pack" era and ease on down the road with some Billy Joel, Elton John and Garth Brooks. From Sinatra to The Beatles - this show promises "favorites" for all ages! For Reservations call 526-9047.

Friday-Sunday, June 27-29

- "Foxfire" a play based on the living history of Rabun County. 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 3 p.m. on Sunday at the Dillard Playhouse, in Dillard, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 11. Call 706- 212-2500.

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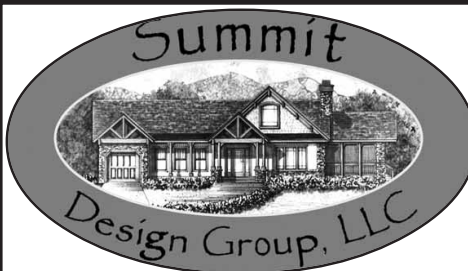
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COTTAGE FOR RENT – 1BR, 1BA in town @ Chestnut Cottages. Private, screen porch, Heat/AC, FP, extra sleeping loft, furnished or unfurnished. 6 month lease - \$750. monthly plus utilities. Call 526-1684.

VACATION RENTAL

NEWLY DECORATED AND UPDATED 1 BED/1BATH river view with access to small fishing lack. Weekly \$500, monthly, 1,700. Call 828-524-4311 or 877-682-8855. 7/19

SUMMER RENTAL — CABIN WITH LONG RANGE VIEW, 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 3 Living Areas, Immaculate, \$2,800/month for 3 months. Also available for shorter periods. See www.vrbo.com/181808. (305) 458-0033.

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

THE LODGE ON MIRROR LAKE – Fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly, monthly, 3-day min. Call 828-342-2302.

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1,600 SQ. FT. HANDICAPPED ACCESS HOUSE ON 2 ACRES. 3br/2 large bath w/roll under sinks; elevator, finished basement, w/unfinished workshop area, 2 car carport; new metal roof; native stone fireplace & landscaping; new hardwood floors, new Pella windows. Hi volume well & access to two springs and a fish pond. Bordered by USFS. & creek and state road. \$329,000

AFFORDABLE IN-TOWN HIGHLANDS N.C. Low maintenance, in-town, no annual fees, totally renovated, highly motivated owner An incredible deal on a cozy mountain cottage \$274,900. Would make a great vacation rental Call NOW 800-526-1648 ext. 1008 for recorded property details, Green Mountain Realty Group

STILL WAITING FOR AN AFFORDABLE MOUNTAIN LOT? Sapphire, NC. Stop waiting and start building! This .63+/- acre lot has it all for only \$32,500. Mountain views, a creek and the amenities of a private community. Call now to hear recorded property details, 1-800-526-1648 ext. 1408, Green Mountain Realty Group

RESIDENTIAL LOT – COWEE RIDGE ROAD, Highlands. (off Hwy. 64) 4,500 ft. elevation. Great Views, two acres, southern exposure. 4 bedroom septic installed. Community water, paved road, gated community. \$300,000. Firm. Owner financing available. Call (478) 741-8818. FSBO. 7/3

MOTOR COACH SITE – DOWNTOWN HIGHLANDS. Hidden Creek Homeowner's Association invites you to have your own coach site and coach house in downtown Highlands. Owners only, no rentals. Only five sites. Gated, private, heavily landscaped. Shops, dining, and golf second to none. View the property and pics at your leisure and privacy at www.jtimms.com/HIDDEN CREEK or call 828-526-5333

MILLION DOLLAR VIEW, NEW CONSTRUCTION, 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Huge Deck, Fireplace, Granite Kitchen, \$459,000. (305) 458-0033.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, PLUS OFFICE. In Town. \$249,000. Lease to own option for qualified. \$1,100 per month. Call 707-354-3011.

RV LOT FOR SALE – Lot 1 The Coach Club. Class A Resort. Downtown Highlands. 200 sq. ft. cedar coach house, landscaped, outdoor kitchen, gas fire pit, overlooking stream. Live the Highlands life. See Terryhallhomes.com click on RV lot. Call 828-787-1014 or 352-258-4187. 6/26

RV SITES FOR RENT OR LEASE IN-TOWN. Walk to Main Street. Call for details. (828)526-1684.

HOUSE FOR SALE IN WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath in adorable, quiet neighborhood 2 miles from ocean and Palm Beach Island and 5 miles from downtown. \$450,000. Call 561-379-9151. 7/31

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TWO ELECTRIC WATER COOLERS for sale. Approximately 38" tall x 12" square. Put bottled water on top. \$50 each. OBO. Call 526-3262

7 JIM SHORE LAMPS BY ENESCO for sale. Call 828-787-1292. Prices range from \$70-\$125.

ANTIQUE AND OLD HAND TOOL COLLECTION. Hundreds of tools. Entire collection a bargain at \$5,000. Call 828-526-3889. 6/19

FREE BRICK FRONT FOR BUILT-IN FIREPLACE. W-68", H-52" Call: 828-349-3320

MAGNUM AIRLESS PAINT SPRAYER. 3,000psi, 5/8HP. \$150. (828) 371-2999.

COIN OPERATED WASHING MACHINE/ dryer. \$100. each. (828) 371-2999.

ETHAN ALLEN HEIRLOOM CROWN GLASS CHINA CABINET with a bottom 3-door buffet. Call 828-526-4077. \$995

LENOX SPICE JARS, full set mint condition, original price \$45 each. Also jewelry call 369-0498 7-9 p.m.

GEISHA GIRL NIPPON TEAPOT, rattan bails handle circa 1891-1921, Creamer/Covered Sugar Set, Tea set/ rice bowls 369-0498 7-9 p.m.

ORIENTAL STYLE RUG WITH MATCHING RUNNER — Gently used Oriental style area rug, 8' X 12' and Matching runner: 2'6" X 8" **Black background with beige and soft peach accents.** Price \$725 for both/ OBO. Picture available. Can be delivered or local pick up. Call 828.787.1002 or

219.765.5879 - ask for Jim.

EXCELLENT USED BUTCHER BLOCK (Boos) Two drawers. Price: \$500. Picture available. Can be delivered or local pick up. Call 828.787.1002 or 219.765.5879 - ask for Jim

BEAUTIFUL CHERRY DESK — Shenandoah Valley Furniture (a Flexsteel Company) Cherry Desk. L shaped. Full desk with enclosed cabinets above, L wing for computer, also drawers for storage Dimensions: Single pedestal Desk on L: 69.9 in wide x 26 in. deep x 30 in high. Single pedestal return on L: 50.3 in. wide x 22.3 in D x 30 in high Hutch: 65.9 in w x 15.9 in deep x 46 in H (and it sits on the pedestal desk). Nine months old. Picture available. Move forces sale. Price: \$675. Can be delivered or local pick up (Need two to three men to move). Call 828.787.1002 or 219.765.5879 - ask for Jim

BOOK CASES — Two book cases, oak veneer, measure 48 in wide x 84" tall with eight adjustable shelves. Picture available. Move forces sale. \$150 each or both for \$275. Can be delivered or local pick up (Need two men to move). Call 828.787.1002 or 219.765.5879 - ask for Jim

LANDSCAPE SUPPLIES — Variety shrubs, trees, rail road ties, stone and mulch varieties, pine straw and soil additives. Call 828-526-2251.

AT PETRONE'S BARN — Open again, Antiques, collectibles, and Junk. Open Friday & Saturday. 4 1/2 miles down Buck Creek Road. Call 526-3288.

STUFF FOR FREE — 5-section sofa, (2 reclining ends), blue. Nice condition; 8-piece white metal

deck furniture, glass top and cushions; two-leaf wooden coffee table; 2 5-ft. shelving units, like new. Call 706-746-0011.

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BEAUTIFUL BLACK WICKER SOFA — for porch. Custom cushions. like new. 98" \$400. Call 404-314-4909 or 526-0545.

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6-FOOT DOUBLE DOORS WITHOUT WINDOW — FREE. 526-9107.

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 369-6263.

FRENCH HORN Recently overhauled Conn 6-D double, excellent condition \$1,500. 828-526-2905 leave message

GREEN PRINT VELOUR SWIVEL ROCKER, new, \$250; blue stripe club chair w/ottoman, like new, \$175; large pine armoire, like new, \$200; Simms X-large waders w/attached boots, bought at Highland Hiker, used 3 times, \$250. Call Beatrice or Dennis at 743-5600.

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JEEP RIMS — 17-inch aluminum factory rims

off 2005 Jeep Liberty 4x4. Brand new! Complete set of 4 \$800. Valued at \$265 each. Call 706-982-2254.

BARELY USED 30GB ZUNE VIDEO MP3 PLAYER. Comes with leather case. \$150 or best offer. Call Davis at 828-526-9152 for more information.

TWO SIT-ON TOP KAYAKS. Orange. Paddles included. \$500 for both. Call Lisa at 770-842-3784.

THREE "HOUSE OF DENMARK" BOOKCASES — walnut, 3' x 6', containing TV, tape player, turn table, radio/CD. Sold as an entertainment unit including 2 Advent speakers. \$550. Call 526-9273.

MISC. ITEMS — Various proof coin sets, old 78 LP, Old Walt Disney movies (never opened); Girls' bicycle; Collectible Basketball Cards (never opened). Call 526-9123.

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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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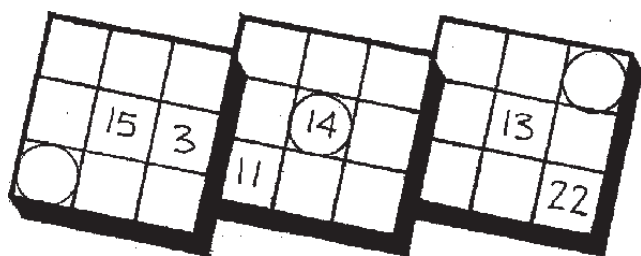
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#AN2F - Level of Difficulty - Hard

THE SETUP:

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

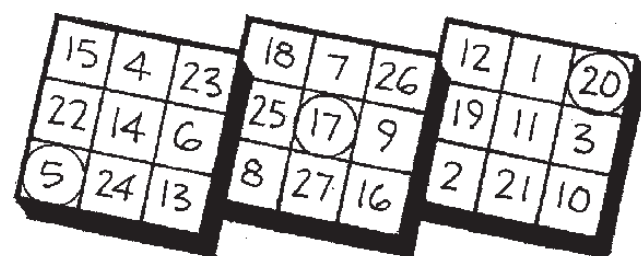
THE CHALLENGE:

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

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Feedback encouraged!

Solution to #DN3E in June 12 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 "Spring Flower"

Across

1. Rear of Ship (3)
2. Yes? SSp.) (2)
3. Drunken fool (3)
4. Asphalt (3)
5. Often (poetic) (3)

Down

6. Paddle (3)
7. Lard (3)
8. Long distance (3)
9. Very warm (3)
10. Imaginative works (3)

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Solution to June 12 puzzle

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Map of Highlands area showing waterfalls, trails, and landmarks. Includes locations like Cullasaja Falls, Bust Your Butt Falls, Cliffside Lake, Dry Falls, Scaly Mtn, Bridal Veil, Highlands Trail, Whiteside Trail, Sliding Rock, Chattooga Trail, and Chattooga Iron Bridge. Also shows highways 106, 28s, 64, 107n, 64e, and 107s.

2008 Highlands Map

FIND IT ALL ON THE MAP - EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

DINING

- 1 Brick Oven
- 2 Buck's
- 3 Cyprus
- 4 Don Leon
- 5 Fireside
- 6 Fressers Eatery
- 7 Fressers Express
- 8 Golden China
- 9 High Country
- 10 Highlands Deli
- 11 Hill Top Grill
- 12 Kelsey Place
- 13 Lakeside
- 14 Log Cabin

DINING

- 15 Madison's
- 16 Nick's
- 17 Oak St Cafe
- 18 Paoletti
- 19 Pizza Place
- 20 Pescado's
- 21 Rib Shack
- 22 Rosewood
- 23 Skyline Lodge
- 24 Sports Page
- 25 Subway
- 26 SweetTreats
- 27 Wild Thyme
- 28 Wolfgang's

Fashion

- 1 AnnaWear
- 2 Bear Mt. Outfit.
- 3 Bungalow Boutique
- 4 Carolina Eyes
- 5 Drakes Diamonds
- 6 Highland Hiker
- 7 Jackson Madeleine
- 8 Needle Point
- 9 Raspberry Fizz
- 10 Silver Eagle
- 11 Stone Lantern
- 12 Vivace
- 13 Village Kids
- 14 Wit's End

Antiques

- 1 Acorns
- 2 Chinz
- 3 CK Swan
- 4 Elephant's Foot
- 5 Mirror Lake
- 6 Scudder's
- 7

Galleries

- 1 Bryant Art Glass
- 2
- 3 Mill Creek Gallery
- 4 Tin Roof Gallery
- 5 Tino Gallery
- 6 Summit One

Inset map showing the location of Highlands within the region, with labels for Twigs At Highlands Edge, The Maps Are Updated Weekly, and Foreman Rd.

Performing Arts Center

Community Players

Madison's Wine Spectator

Paoletti's Wine Spectator

Wolfgang's Wine Spectator

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Don Leon

Country Club Prop. Fireside Restaurant Live Music

Fressers Restaurant Live Music

ATM Bank

Log Cabin

Summit One Art Gallery

Images/Spa

Dead End

Chintz Antiques

Mirror Lake Antiques

Church St.

Spring St.

South St.

Highlands School K-12

Northland Cable TV

Peggy Crosby Center

Mtn. Rayz

Live Music The Rib Shack Fri. & Sat. 7-10 p.m.

Brad Varoon

Beauty

- 1 # 1 Nails
- 2 All Seasons
- 3 Creative Concepts
- 4 Images Unlimited
- 5 Michael's
- 6
- 7 Mountain Rayz
- 8 Old Edwards Spa
- 9 Pro Nails
- 10 Taylor Barnes

Home Decor

- 1 Acorn's
- 2 Bird Barn
- 3 Dry Sink
- 4 Out On A Limb
- 5 On The Rocks
- 6 Shiraz Rugs
- 7 Summer House
- 8 Twigs The Season
- 9 Twigs
- 10 Wholesale Down

Real Estate

- 1 Buyers
- 2 Caralina Mtn Br.
- 3 Century 21
- 4 Chambers
- 5 Country Club
- 6 Green Mountain
- 7 John Cleaveland
- 8 John Schiffl
- 9 Meadows Mtn.
- 10 Prestige Realty

Lodging

- 1 Fire Mountain
- 2 Hampton Inn
- 3 High Hampton Inn
- 4 Highlands Suites
- 5 Millstone Inn
- 6 Mirror Lake Lodge
- 7 Mtn. High Lodge
- 8 Old Edwards Spa
- 9 Skyline Lodge
- 10 The Lodge

Other Businesses

Marathon Gas

Fibber Magee's

Mt Findings

SweetTreats Ice Cream & Eatery

MovieStop

Wayah Insurance

Carolina Way

ATM Bank

Bank ATM

Pine St.

Oak St.

Drug Store & Cafe 460

Old Edwards Inn & Spa

Acorns

Child Care

McCulley's Basketcase