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This Week in Highlands

- The Bascom is offering a host of art classes for preschoolers to pre-teens from now through the end of the school year. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

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- Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. Call Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

- Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

Mon. & Wed.

- Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. For more information please call 526.3556.

Mondays

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

Wednesdays

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

Thursdays & Fridays

- Live music at The Rib Shack from 7-10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

- Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

- At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturdays

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

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 24-25

- At the Instant Theater, The Second Lady at 8 p.m. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

Fri-Sun., Oct. 24-26

- HCP presents the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns" at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Call 526-8084 for tickets.

Friday, Oct. 24

- Eastern Star turkey dinner on Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Rec Park. Tickets are \$7 for teens and adults and \$5 for children under 12. There will be music and entertainment.

Saturday, Oct. 25

- At The Bascom's new Oak Street site, a hard-hat tour 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 526-4949, ext. 8#.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Stephanie Burt Williams will sign copies of "Haunted Hills: Ghosts and Legends of Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina" from 1-3 p.m.

- Fall colors on a guided Nature Walk on Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Community Bible Church. Lunch will be served following hike. Meet at the church. Call 526-4685.

- The Highlands Plateau Greenway trail construction work trip on Saturday at 9 a.m. Call Hillrie Quin at 526-2385.

- Highlands United Methodist Church Fall Festival 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with breakfast for the Bolivian Mission Fund, and a sale of "Tossed out Treasures," furniture, home furnishings, pictures, lamps, and all kinds of goodies. There Silent Auction of a Grandfather Clock and a raffle for a pearl necklace.

- Harvest on the Hill at the shops on the Fourth Street hill from 2-6 p.m. Fabulous shopping, special sales, door prizes at participating shops, live music with Hurricane Creek and festive fall activities. Hot dogs and beverages, too.

- Last pancake breakfast until next year at the Scaly Mountain Community Center located in the historic Scaly School House at N.C. 106 and Buck Knob Road. 7:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

Sunday, Oct. 26

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Thomas L. German will sign copies of "The Dakota Vine" from 2-4 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27

- Highlands Art League meeting at 5 p.m. at the Rec Park featuring Emmy and Academy Award sculptor, Wesley Wofford.

Wednesday, Oct. 29

- Flu vaccination clinic for adults age 19 and older. 2 pm – 6 pm at the Highlands Civic Center. Appointments are not needed. First come, first served. The cost for the vaccine is \$25.

Thursday, Oct. 30

- Halloween "Enchanted Forest" Nature Trail at the Highlands Nature Center. Group tours leave every 15 minutes from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Bring a flashlight. \$1 per person. Call 526-2623.

Weekend Weather:

Mama bear bites woman & dog

When Chris Globus saw the photo of a black bear on the front page of Highlands' Newspaper last week it took her back to the horrifying and scary morning of Thursday, Sept. 18.

Around 6:30 a.m., Chris opened the door to the front stoop of the house she and her

husband are staying in on Big Bearpen to let Sam, her 100-lb. black German Shepherd out for his morning ritual.

The dog ran off to the right between the house and the garage. Almost immediately it was on a scent of some kind.

Then about 15 feet to her

left Chris saw a bear cub sitting at the base of a tree.

Chris is from northern Minnesota and has lived with black bears all her life and right away she knew a mama bear was nearby. "That's when I realized Sam was on a bear scent. I began

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Youngsters learn about fire safety



Fire & Rescue 1st Lt. Robbie Forrester gave children in Andrea Chalker's preschool class a lesson on fire safety last Wednesday. So far this year, Forrester has worked with 400 children in the community explaining what to do if there is a fire in their home and what to expect when the fire department arrives.

Photo by Bob Houston

MC Commission candidates talk openly at League forum

Candidates Jimmy Goodman (Rep.) and Bobby Kupperts (Dem.) are both running for the only seat to be vacated on the Macon County Commission Board this election, that of Chairman Charlie Leatherman of District III.

At the League of Woman Voter's candidate forum

Thursday, Oct. 9, those in attendance got a rare chance to ask questions up close and personal.

Why are you running, what are your qualifications, what do you hope to accomplish?

Kupperts: I teach civics at Franklin High School and I always tell my students how

important it is to get involved. The higher the percentage of people who vote, the better we will be. I've lived in Macon County since 1960. I'm home-grown. I grew up here, played here, went to school here, played Franklin High School sports here, graduated from the U.S.

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Jury rules in favor of 'buyer'

It threatened to tear a community apart, initiated a moratorium and then an ordinance curtailing high-rise construction in Macon County and turned neighbor against neighbor but finally the verdict is in.

On Oct. 23, a 10-wom-

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Soccer field funding secured

It started as a "feel good" meeting between the three government entities in Macon County but since it was also a Macon County continuation meeting, some work was done Tuesday night.

In January 2008, Mayor Don Mullen asked the county to reinstate the practice of the Highland and Franklin town boards and the Macon County Commission coming together to break bread, socialize and air common concerns. "We're all

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Dr. Mark Wagner closing practice; Dr. Debra Wagner staying

Dear Editor,

It is with a great deal of sadness that I announce that I will be closing my medical practice in Highlands as of Friday, Nov. 21.

I have come to this decision with a heavy heart and after much hand wringing. The Highlands community and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital have been nothing but generous, kind, and supportive during the four years I have been here. Unfortunately, the winter population drops off to such an extent that a full-time internal medicine practice is not financially feasible. Additionally, as a physician in private practice who is not part of a large group, I have no one to be on call for me when I must be out of the office or away.

I will soon join the staff of Oconee Medical Center, a 150-bed hospital in near-by Seneca, SC, where I will have a hospital-only practice. In the months to come, our family will be transitioning to our lake house near Salem, SC. However, my wife, Debra A. Wagner, MD, is working with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to restructure her practice to allow her to commute from Salem and continue serving her patients in Highlands.

I would like to thank the many, many patients who have entrusted their medical care to me during the past four years. Patient medical records will be available from Wagner Medical Associates until Nov. 21, and subsequently from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Anyone wishing to obtain their records or have them transferred after Nov. 21, should contact the hospital at (828) 526-1492 (there may be a charge for copying your records).

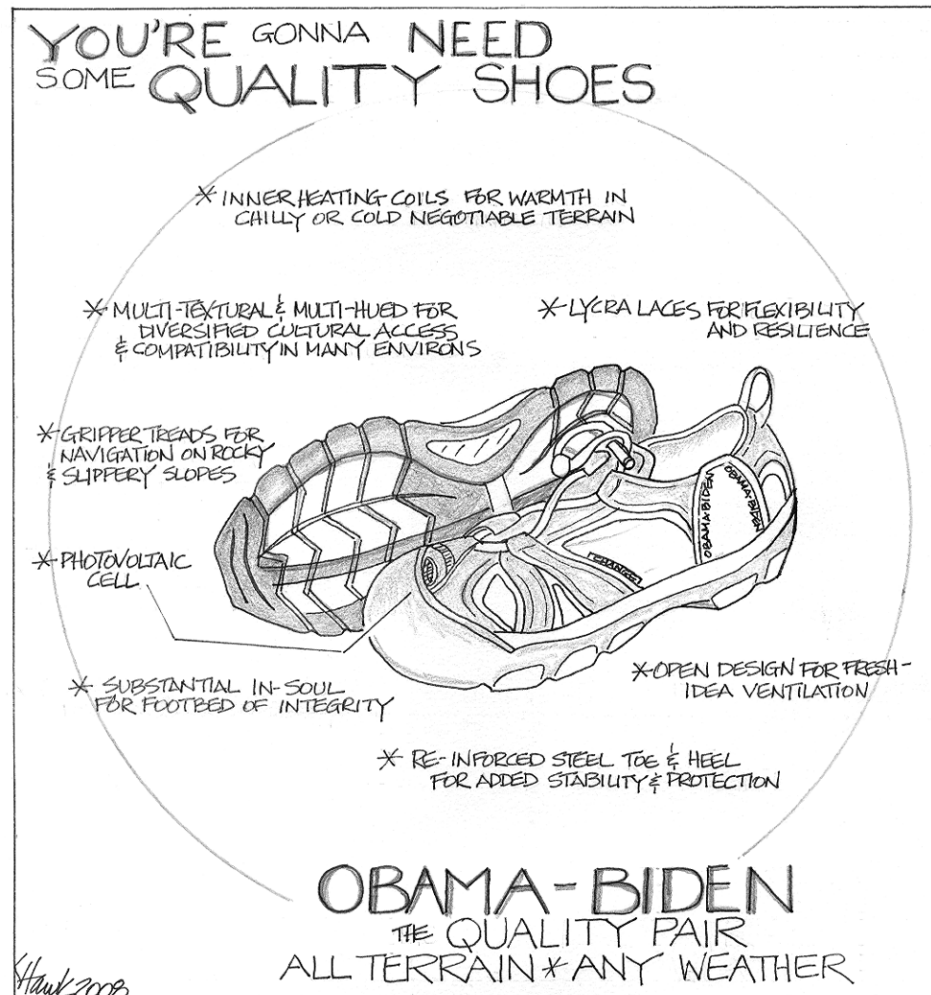
In conclusion, I wish all of you, the hospital, and the Highlands community the very best in the future.

Mark Wagner, MD

Explaining the 'Single-Payer National Health Insurance' plan

Single-payer national health insurance is a system in which a single public or quasi-public agency organizes health financing, but delivery of care remains largely private. For answers to all your questions go to:
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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



• LETTERS •

Brugger and Obama not for the working man

Dear Editor,

This letter is aimed right at Ms. Brugger and her Oct. 9 column entitled "Paying taxes is patriotic." There are some things that need to be said about this.

First of all, she should take a look at some of the liberties in the other countries she is talking about. The personal liberties! Nothing like ours!

Second, the Republicans have not said they want to do away with government or taxes, however, they do want to restrict mandates put on the American people by the government. Right now the national debt is around \$10 trillion dollars, The IRS costs about \$3 trillion a year to operate and if we supported the fair tax, then we would save this much money that could be applied to the debt. Also under this system everyone would be a taxpayer. Right now there are around 300 million people in this country and about half of them pay taxes. Under the Obama tax plan that she is so very proud of everyone who makes over \$200 thousand dollars a year will get their taxes raised.

Ms. Brugger, if you have any kind of common sense then it would scare you to hear this because only a small few people make that kind of money each year. Most of those are businesses, which means that my income tax will go up, because it is passed on to the working people and income tax is unconstitutional because you are exchanging one part for another part. Constitutionally, exchanging one part for another part with no profit gained. So you exchange your labor for wages! BUT it is shoved down our throat as INCOME TAX when we pay for the business's profits.

Now having said this, when Obama carries out his tax plan, I will pay for this. Also he wants to give money to the people that aren't even paying taxes, what part of the infrastructure is this? Isn't it funny that we hear them saying we are running out of the social security money for our seniors, but you never hear them say that they are short on welfare checks? So, Ms. Brugger, who is going to give this money to the people that doesn't even pay taxes? The common man is going to, that's who. Income tax and taxes are passed on to the customer — that is how it will work — there is no other way. Unless we use the fair tax?

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LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. No anonymous letters will be accepted. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper.

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I also don't want the government to tell me that I have no choice but to have health insurance, but Obama will also mandate that. He said in his debate that there would be no fines imposed on businesses if they do not have this, yet how then do you mandate it? He did say it would be a mandate. He says he does not want to punish people for their successes, yet he will raise their taxes, thus raising ours too!

You are right, paying taxes is our duty and we should pay them, but there is a way to pay them that is fair to everyone. If you have the fair tax, then you are taxed on what you buy, so if you buy a condo on the beach because you can afford it, you will pay tax on what you have spent. But if you buy a tent because this is all you can afford, then you pay tax on that. Then every person becomes a taxpayer and the government will then get much more revenue, cut the cost of the tax system and hand us back some of our freedoms. Democrats do not want this because it would of course take much of their power over the people away from them. Do you want the government more involved in your life?

Proof of what Obama's plan will do for us is California. They are abd have been doing just what he is wanting to do and they are \$8 billion dollars in debt. Once again we will have to bail them out, too.

Giving free stuff to us isn't a way to help us, it is a way to trap us. Once we take part and become used to it we soon become beholden to it — then you belong to them. A government big enough to give you everything is big enough to take everything away!

Johnny Owens
Highlands NC

Highlands Playhouse lease and rental Information explained

Dear Editor,

First, let me thank everyone who helped make our 70th Anniversary the great success that it was. Thank you to all of our advertisers, sponsors, patrons and everyone who attended the Highlands Playhouse during our 2008 season. Thank you also to all who contributed through volunteering and those who made generous donations to keep us operating.

We hope to continue to bring quality, professional theatre to Highlands and the surrounding communities for years to come.

It was of concern to all of us involved with the Playhouse to learn that the Town Board discussed our lease and has reservations about its renewal. Had any of the board members or myself been aware

that this was on the agenda, we would have attended the Town Board meeting. I believe many of the Town Board's questions could have been easily answered.

In my 30-plus years of affiliation with the Highlands Playhouse, I cannot remember anyone being refused use of the theatre when it was available and did not conflict with our summer season. I have on many occasions come in, set up lighting,

and been here for a number of civic groups, school groups, and other local and charitable activities.

We do have a rental fee that is meant to offset the cost of electricity, water, sewage, garbage pickup and 'wear and tear' on the lighting and sound equipment. That fee has always been waived for local groups and to my knowledge no one has ever paid a fee

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• OBITUARY •

Robert P. "Bobby" Marshall

Robert P. "Bobby" Marshall, 74, of Franklin, NC died Sunday, October 19, 2008 at an Asheville Hospital. He was born in Alamance County, NC, the son of the late George Dewey "Buck" and Nellie Maude Wornack Marshall. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a member of the Franklin VFW Post #7339. He was a meat cutter for Bryson Food Store and was a member of Union United Methodist Church and attended Newfound Baptist Church. Mr. Marshall enjoyed repairing TV's and watching baseball.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Edith Kraus Marshall; one daughter, Donyela McCall and her husband, Mike of Cashiers, N.C.; one son, Ralph Marshall of Franklin, N.C.; one sister, Deweyetta Nealis and Daryl of Hampton, GA; five grandchildren, Justin Hicks, Joseph Marshall, Jamie McConnell, Jackie Marshall and Patricia McCall; one great-grandson, Colby James McConnell; two nephews, Bobbie Nealis and Rusty Nealis; one niece, Leisa Phillips.

Memorial services were held Saturday, October 25 at the Prentiss Church of God with Rev. Tim Hayes and S.J. Waters officiating. The Franklin VFW Post #7339 and the American Legion Post #108 conducted full military services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Prentiss Church of God, 59 Church Hill Lane, Franklin, NC 28734. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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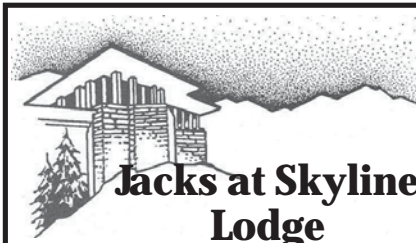
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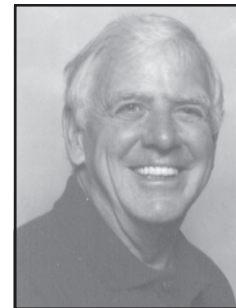
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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

Swat this knot!

A man's story

Note: I thought Highlands' Newspaper readers might enjoy an inside look into the inner workings of the Miami SWAT School. Few people, including police officers, ever experience this kind of specialized training. Also, few officers came as close to flunking as I did. This is my true story.



Fred Wooldridge

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residents, remember your weapon is unloaded. Your instructors are responsible for your safety. Now, move out."

Flunking was not an option and the pressure was intense. I was no longer a kid with great energy. I had just turned 40 and was the oldest person in my class. Not only was I facing the rigors of this school, but would have to learn to lead SWAT teams afterward.

Rain or shine, we started each morning with a 3-mile street run in cadence

through the streets of Liberty City, one of Miami's toughest neighborhoods. The uniform was combat boots, bloused camo pants and departmental SWAT shirt. We would sing during the run. Occasionally, we would have objects thrown at us from upper windows and there was always lots of verbal abuse from citizens as we passed through the streets of downtown Miami. We would ignore it all and sing obscenities at them.

By the middle of my second week of training, I could dismantle and reassemble an M-16 automatic weapon in total darkness in less than two minutes. I could burst a balloon the size of a man's head from two football fields away using a sniper weapon and I could turn and kill a person in total darkness using only my senses. The shoot/don't shoot course was even more intense than the FBI's Hogan's Alley course I experienced at Quantico, Va.

I learned to rappel upside down, throw a flash-bang into an open window, enter it and kill everything inside, all in a matter of seconds. I did it so many times, it became instinct. The training was so intense, there were times when I felt I wouldn't make it. I threw up often.

Then, during assault tactics, I thought my career had crashed. Using a double bowline knot to attach two sling ropes together, I was pulling a fellow student up a wall onto a roof when the knot came untied and the officer fell to the ground. I had tied the knot. All training came to a halt. After determining the fallen officer was only bruised, the instructor inspected the two ropes and asked, "Who tied this knot?" I hung my head in shame.

The class was reassembled and I was made to stand before 50 of my fellow students, officers from all over the country. The head instructor explained to the class what happened and ridiculed me for

Until I joined the police department, the toughest physical training I had received was when Uncle Sam, during the heat of the summer, put me through eight weeks of Army boot camp at Fort Jackson, SC. Fortunately, I was a kid and had youth on my side. Not only did I survive the ordeal, I enjoyed it, proving I am the crazy person you have come to know.

I had always found police training a breeze and was fortunate to be on the fast track throughout my career, quickly climbing to the rank of Lieutenant. I had found my calling in life. I was born to be a cop.

One day the chief called me to his office and said, "We have to change our emergency response team. The good-ole-boys we are currently using are no longer adequate. Being a deer hunter and expert shot is not enough. I need men physically fit who are tactical minded and well trained. I want to send you to SWAT school and then on to SWAT leadership school. We must catch up with other major departments. What about it, Lieutenant, are you up for the challenge?"

My answer was easy and required no pondering. I should have run it by the li'l missus before accepting, but, like everything with my career, she would have kept her feelings to herself. She always accepted my work and training without complaint. I felt I had the best wife in the whole world.

At the time, the two most proficient SWAT schools in the nation were Los Angeles and Miami. The choice was a no-brainer.

When you attend this school, you leave your rank in your locker. Everyone may know the other's rank, but it's not respected. On the first day of class we stood at attention in the assembly area and listened to opening remarks by the head of the school.

"We don't care who you are or where you came from. Here, you are lower than whale dung. You are on probation...each day...every day...until we run you off or you survive. By graduation, 40% of you will be gone, so get it right or get out. Now grab an M-16 rifle and prepare for the morning cadence run. If you are attacked by area

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

When will race cease to be the issue?

In July Reverend Jesse Jackson said, "I wanna cut his nuts out." He wasn't talking about a colt in need of castration. It was Barack Obama's testicles that he coveted. He claimed that Senator Obama was talking down to black people. Obama's offense? He implored African-American fathers to do their duty to their kids. He asked black kids to stay in school, to forget about careers as professional athletes or entertainers. Sounds like pretty good advice considering the odds of making it in sports. Similar rhetoric led to Bill Cosby being labeled an "Uncle Tom." It is difficult to understand why Reverend Jackson finds it objectionable for Senator Obama to challenge black men to honor their parental duties, or to suggest that black students study and strive for attainable goals.

Last week Reverend Jackson struck again. Remember, this is the same guy who once called New York City "Hymietown." Jackson said that Obama's presidency would end "decades of putting Israel's interests first," and that "Zionists who have controlled American policy for decades," while remaining strong would lose much of their influence. Senator Obama has said nothing of the kind. He has publicly and repeatedly stated his support of Israel. Jackson declares himself a strong Obama supporter. I am at a loss to guess what Jackson would say if he opposed Obama.

The only explanation that I can imagine is that Jackson does not want Obama to become the President of the United States. I think that Jesse is just plain jealous, envious of Obama's broad appeal, angry that his own efforts to secure the presidency are barely a footnote in history. It is hard to imagine such a petty position for it is well known that Obama's rise was made possible by the dedication of those who went before him, including Jackson. For more than 150 years successive waves of immigrants have followed a familiar pattern. They have taken whatever menial jobs were available, worked hard, saved, suffered and stressed the importance of education for their kids. Part of the "Dream" is that my kids will be better off than I was. The success of their children has been a source of pride, rather than of envy.

It is hard for me to envision a single Black American voting against Obama. Call it racism if you wish, my racism for suggesting it, or the racism of Afro-Americans who will flock to the polling places around the country and proudly vote for Obama. Obama's triumph, his upcoming election to the nation's highest office is the culmination of



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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a dream that began in chains in Africa and aboard slave ships, that endured being bought and sold like cattle, suffered vile discrimination even a century after emancipation. It was a dream that was tested in America's slums, that suffered teen pregnancies and absent fathers, adulation of rappers who advocated violence, and vilification of leaders who demanded responsibility and accountability.

If I were a Black American I would march with pride to my polling place, confident that I wouldn't be confronted by thugs with baseball bats, certain that my vote would count as much as a white person's. I would vote for Barack Obama, even if I were a conservative or supported the war, or thought that our current economic crisis should be traced to Bill Clinton. I would not risk the chance of not sharing his victory, to make history.

Having said that, I must add that I hope this is the last election in which race is a

factor. Voters should vote neither for nor against a candidate because of color. Catholics were proud of John F. Kennedy and voted for him in large numbers in 1960. Seventy eight percent of Catholics cast their votes for the first Catholic president. I suggest that you read Kennedy's address of religion to the Greater Houston Ministerial Association on September 12, 1960. Kennedy repudiated the idea of a religious test for political office. He

insisted on the absolute separation of church and state. Members of the politically active Religious Right might do well to read his words. If we substitute the words Black, White, and Brown for Catholic, Protestant, and Jew we might find a path to national unity.

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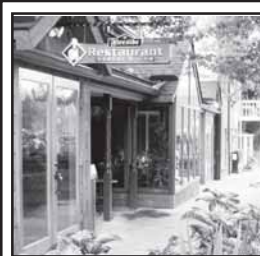
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Group setting up college tours for students

The Macon County School Board has had to cancel field trips due to fuel costs, but members of Highlands community don't want juniors and seniors who are looking toward the future to suffer.

With that in mind, Coordinator John Dotson, the Highlands United Methodist Church and Highlands Rotary have figured out a way for students to take fact-finding trips to area institutions of higher learning with no strings attached.

"We want to make sure that Highlands School students get 'the feel' for college in enough time to plan for it," said Dotson. "Touring schools is a great way to do that."

Dubbed the "Highlands High School Student College & University Tour" the program will allow students to travel with chaperones to area colleges and universities, in-state and out-of-state within 300 miles of Highlands.

The Highlands United Methodist Church has offered the use of its 15-passenger van and a driver and Highlands Rotary has given \$500 for gas.

Now all that's needed are students who want to go!

Day trips are planned for Saturdays beginning Nov. 8. Juniors and seniors have been given a packet listing colleges and universities 75 miles away and up to 300 miles away. Dotson said he'll take them wherever they want to go. "Hopefully, several will want to tour the same school," he said.

Since the transportation is provided by the church, trips can cross state-lines which is important given the proximity of Highlands to Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Dotson has called several institutions which are ready to give Saturday tours and give students an admission packet so they become familiar with the application process as well as the financial aid process which is a huge part of attending any institution of higher learning these days.

Each week, the upcoming college or university tours will be posted in Highlands' Newspaper so families will know which tours are planned for upcoming weeks.

The first trip is set for Nov. 8; Dotson is waiting on a consensus before deciding the destination.

The trips are free to students - only money for a meal is needed - but a permission slip must be submitted prior to the tour.

All interested students are encouraged to call John Dotson at 536-5587 for a list of schools, for a permission slip and to sign up for upcoming trips.

"This is an opportunity for juniors and seniors of Highlands School to make a personal visit to a local, regional and state university or college campus for information, inspiration and guidance in pursuing their education and personal enrichment," said Dotson.

Though students may also contact Principal Brian Jetter and Guidance Counselor Tom Jessup for a list of potential schools and the permission slip which have been supplied by Dotson, the trips aren't sponsored by the Macon County Board of Education or Highlands School.

- Kim Lewicki

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Local internist closing medical practice in Nov.

Mark S. Wagner, MD, who specializes in internal medicine, announced this week he plans to close his practice here next month and become a hospitalist at Oconee Medical Center in Seneca, SC.

Wagner, who opened Wagner Medical Associates with his wife Debra four years ago, will be employed by the 150-bed South Carolina hospital and will see only patients that are hospitalized. Debra A. Wagner, MD, who is also an internist, plans to continue her part-time practice here in women's health.

The couple and their triplets will eventually to move to their lake home in nearby Salem, SC, which is within commuting distance to both hospitals.

"We understand Dr. Wagner's decision to leave us, but we are nevertheless very sorry to see him go. He has been a key member of our primary care medical community, but more than that he has played an important leadership role for the hospital over the last several years," said hospital President and CEO Ken Shull. "As chief of the Medical Staff two years ago, and even since rotating out of that post, Dr. Wagner's wisdom, leadership, and loyalty to the hospital have been invaluable during what was a difficult period. He has continued to play a major role in our efforts to recruit new physicians to the area."

Shull said recruitment efforts are already underway to find a replacement primary care physician to serve the Highlands community. Preferably, the hospital would like to find another internal medicine physician, but Shull said the number of internists who want

to have a patient-based practice is declining, in part because many are becoming hospitalists. A hospitalist sees only those patients who are admitted to a hospital, temporarily taking over the patient's care from their regular primary care physician.

Wagner said the decision to take the position at Oconee was a difficult one that involved several factors.

"I have come to this decision with a heavy heart and after much hand wringing," Wagner said in a letter released earlier this week. "The Highlands community and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital have been nothing but generous, kind, and supportive during the four years I have been here. Unfortunately, the winter population drops off to such an extent that a full-time internal medicine practice is not financially feasible."

Other factors in the decision involved having a schedule that will allow him to spend more time with his family and not having to worry about who will take care of his patients when he is on vacation or away visiting family. He will be one of approximately eight other hospitalists, all of whom work regular shifts without having to take call.

Shull said Wagner's decision to leave private practice and become a hospitalist is indicative of a major trend occurring all across in the nation, in part driven by mounting financial pressures on independent physicians in private practice. That trend is making it harder to recruit internal medicine physicians, Shull said. Compounding the

problem is that significantly fewer medical school graduates are deciding to opt for careers as internists in private practice. That number is just 2 percent.

Shull said it may be easier to recruit family practice physicians (family physicians treat people of all ages, while internists treat only adults). In addition to recruiting a physician to replace Wagner, the hospital is also looking for two additional primary care physicians – one to replace Mark Heffington in Cashiers, and another to accommodate the growth in population that is occurring in southern Jackson County and the Sapphire area in neighboring Transylvania County.

"We hope to have good news on that front in the coming months," Shull said.



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an and two-man jury ruled in favor of defendant Sanders Dupree, one-time owner of a 19-acre parcel of land next Linda and Kenton David's property on U.S. 64 east.

During four days of deliberation, the jury was to decide if the Davids and Dupree agreed before closing that certain restrictive covenants concerning the property would follow the property indefinitely – covenants that were to resemble in some form those at another subdivision Dupree had developed called Highlands Point.

What compounded the case was Dupree's sale of the property in 2007 to Florida developer Bill Shepherd who planned to build condominiums on the site.

When the Davids sold the property to Dupree for \$700,000 it was their understanding, and it was Dupree's original plan, to build a single-family, 11-lot residential subdivision called Old Highlands Cove.

However, Dupree's plans to develop the property changed several times over a two-year period because he wasn't able to secure buyers for any of the lots. So in 2007, he sold the property to Shepherd for \$1,675,000. Shepherd's original plan involved several duplexes, but changed to a 10-story high-rise

and then to one or two four-story condominium buildings, which is still the plan today.

When the Davids learned of Shepherd's plans to build condominiums and not single-family residences, they called into question the restrictive covenants they believed had followed the land. However, the covenants were never recorded with the Macon County Register of Deeds which initiated the subsequent lawsuit.

To further complicate matters, Attorney Creighton "Zeke" Sossomon represented all three parties – the Davids, Dupree and Shepherd in their real estate transactions. Now the Davids and Dupree are suing Sossomon for damages.

In March 2008, Sossomon's license was suspended by the N.C. Bar Association for one year but he has appealed that ruling.

Dupree said he is seeking upwards of \$220,000 in damages from Sossomon. That case is supposed to be heard sometime in February.

Attorney for the Davids, Fred Jones said although the deeds with covenants hadn't been recorded, the sales contract and other

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Jimmy Goodman, who is running for County Commissioner, would be a breath of fresh air and a conservative voice for voters who are concerned with the tax-and-spend policies of the current board.

After the failure of the bond issue, the board has ignored the wishes of the voters and has borrowed tens of millions of dollars.

In a down economy, is this wise?

In the non-partisan school board Districts I and IV, the clear choice is **John Shearl** in District 1 and **Allen Allman** in District IV. These men are deeply concerned about the falling test scores, teen pregnancy and 40% drop-out rate in our schools.

There is a distinct possibility that the Macon Middle School will be taken over by the state next year.

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These men will be committed to finding solutions to the critical issues facing our schools.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

The perfect storm

Over many, many years, I have come to a realization that should be obvious on its face. When something happens that defies logic, something that seems to be beyond earthly understanding, something that would be described as not a natural occurrence, that would make it supernatural, wouldn't it? I believe it does.

There have been several recent major events/conditions that I believe could be described as supernatural. One is the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center and other targets. I don't have to recount the horrors of that day. The hole in the ground that remains in lower Manhattan gives silent testimony to the "success" of that heinous effort.

You say there is nothing unexplainable about that. It was planned, executed and resulted in mammoth destruction. That's true. Let's dissect the plan. The five years in which the attack was planned were enabled, to a degree, to the disarray of our intelligence agencies. MSNBC, the liberal news network says, "Attorney General John Ashcroft," while testifying before the 9/11 commission "blamed what he called the refusal of the FBI and the CIA to work together during the Clinton administration for the failure to detect the plot for the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks."

"Ashcroft said that the 10 years before Sept. 11, a snarled web of requirements, restrictions and regulations... prevented decisive action by our men and women in the field. Government erected this wall. Government buttressed this wall. And before Sept. 11, government was blinded by this wall." I thought at the time the condition of our intelligence was beyond explanation. The plan required this condition.

The execution. Terrorist pilots, with minimal training, carried out the hijackings nearly flawlessly. They flew the planes into the targets with precision, with the exception of the Shanksville, PA crash, created by the heroic actions of passengers. The results. Records of conversations among surviving planners indicated that the damage inflicted on the World Trade Complex, the billions in property losses, the nearly catastrophic business disruption far exceeded their fondest expectations, far beyond reason.

Then there was Katrina. Without boring you with the meteorological details, the conditions that existed that allowed Katrina to gain the size and power she did were extremely unusual. Even though



Don Swanson
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Hurricane Rita, which followed Katrina, was slightly more powerful, the damage inflicted by Katrina was much more devastating. It exceeded everyone's worse-case scenario.

It took many variables to align to produce its cataclysmic results. Conditions in the Gulf, tides, point of landing, storm surge, all had to be precisely as they were to flood New Orleans and environs to the

destructive extent that occurred. I happen to believe that God controls weather conditions everywhere and all the time. I don't believe a puff of wind or drop of rain happens without His hand on the wheel. Believe what you will, the recent increase of natural disasters is not a coincidence.

Currently, we have a worldwide systemic financial structure collapse to deal with. The response of the government is to throw trillions of dollars of our money, which is really debt that we and future generations will repay, at the problem. Whether or not all these bailouts and costly remedies are really necessary and helpful is another matter for another time. The fact is, for better or worse, the pot is in the process of being divvied up.

For those of us who viewed Merrill Lynch, General Motors and other giants in various stages of demise as indestructible icons, it feels like the ground is shifting beneath our feet. In my finite mind, what is happening to our country just couldn't happen. When I understood from scripture that the U.S. will be irrelevant at the end times, I couldn't process the thought. How could we be brought to the point of irrelevancy?

I guess now we know. Throw God out the Public Square, destroy the education system from within, put power and profit ahead of the public good and voila, here we are. The confluence of greed, lust for power and utter disregard for the future of the country has created the perfect storm. With the soulless media beating the drums for the destroyers, and the undereducated masses eating it up, small wonder we are looking down the barrel of socialism or worse.

I don't believe for a minute that the increased levels of misery we are enduring is anything but punishment inflicted by a God who has been scorned by His ungrateful children. Killing the innocents, tolerating smut and filth, banning prayer, worshipping nature. You can love Mother Earth but we will all answer to Father God.

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A Shuler, Bethany
AB Barnes, Erica
AB Garcia, Sandra
AB Gilbert, Abigail
AB Ingate, Eden
AB Mathis, Danielle
AB Satterwhite, Seth
4th Grade – West
ASchandolph, Madison
AB Billingsley, Kelise
AB Crowe, Emily
AB Hedden, Wesley
AB Houser, Ryan
AB Johnson, Tucker
AB Mathis, Emily
AB Miller, Benjamin
AB Moss, Katlin
AB Murphy, John
AB Schiffler, Adam
AB Vinson, Megan
AB Vroon, Jackson
AB Vroon, Taylor
AB Walsh, Jamie
AB Webb, Gabriel

5th Grade – Archer

A Gilbert, Chance
A Harris, Chase
A Henry, Sarah
A Kennemore, Ahzah
A McClure, Carrie
AB Gabbard, Kyle
AB Iannacone, John

AB Potts, Carter
AB Walker, Lincoln

5th Grade – Hedden

A Billingsley, Whitney
A Pair, Carson
A Vinson, Dylan
A Weller, Colin
AB Adrian, Remy
AB Moss, Michael
AB Walsh, Ali Mae
AB Wilkes, Allie

6th Grade

ABolt, Allison
A Brassard, Grace
A Lewis, Kenan
A Moss, April
A Satterwhite, Ivy
AB Billingsley, Valarie
AB Crowe, Ann Marie
AB Garcia, Veronica
AB Murphy, Philip
AB Owen, Kirstyn
AB Pair, William
AB Tilson, Jessica

7th Grade

A Beavers, Ellen
A Gabbard, Emily
A Palmer, Jessie
A Shuler, Emily
AB Dorsey, Emily
AB Forster, Craig
AB Moss, Paige

AB Munger, Tyler
AB Parks, Rebekah
AB Smolarsky, Cali
AB Vinson, Ryan

8th Grade

A Johnson, Rebecca
A Palmer, Brett Greg
AB Billingsley, Kalyn
AB Christy, Caroline
AB Crumley, Spencer
AB Fleszar, Cheyenne
AB Flowers, Chase
AB Hawkins, William
Corbin
AB Ruiz-Frias,
AB Laura Cristell
AB Sims, Parker
AB Wagner, Lindsay
AB Wagner, Sydney

9th Grade

A Beavers, Isaac
A Murphy, Emily
A Roman, Cai
A Shomper, Danielle
AB Dunn, Clayton
AB Hunter, Taylor
AB Lewis, Kaitlyn
AB Munger, Emily
AB Renfro, Brian
AB Scott, Sarah
AB Smart, Stephanie
AB St. Germain, Cody
AB Webb, Delania

10th Grade

A Graham, Avee
A McCall, Marlana
AB Bates, Tucker
AB Buras, Taylor
AB Lassiter, Clayton
AB Nix, Bridgette
AB Power, Sarah
AB Puchacz, Stephanie
AB Schiffler, Bevan
AB Thompson, Mary
AB Wheeler, Samuel

11th Grade

A Nix, Beverly
A Parks, Kate Marie
A Talley, Bobbi Jo
AB Burton, Aaron
AB Durham, Katie
AB Gagne, Jessica
AB Johnson, Shelby

12th Grade

A Herz, Ezra
A McClellan, Luke
A McClellan, Matthew
A Nix, Michael
A Reese, Danielle
A Ruiz-Frias, Lucitania
A Sanchez-Velasco,
Griselda
AB Billingsley, Andrew
AB Brown, Caden
AB Lica, Michael
AB Parrish, Taylor

• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SOCCER •



At the Monday, Oct. 20 home game against Blue Ridge at which Highlands won 11-1, senior players were honored. From left is Luke McClellan, Hunter Leffler, Mikey Lica, Ezra Herz and Tay Parrish.
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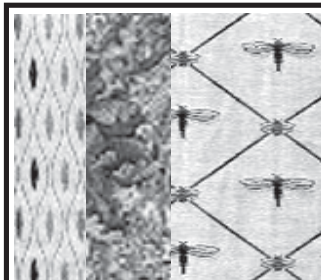


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Lawn Mowers

- Before doing any lubricating, cleaning, or other maintenance, disconnect the spark plug wire and ground it. Remove the plug with a spark plug wrench. Most spark plugs need to be replaced after every 100 hours of use. Clean the plug using a wire brush and spray it with plug cleaner. If the spark plug is very dirty or cracked, it's time to replace it.
- Fuel left in the gas tank can gum up the carburetor, requiring a costly tune-up next spring. Siphon out as much fuel from the tank as possible into an approved container, such as a metal coffee can. When finished, start the engine and let it run until all of the fuel is used. (If the gas is difficult to get out, add a fuel stabilizer to fresh gasoline to prevent build-up.)

For riding mowers, a few extra steps are needed.

- Remove the battery and charge

it completely with a charger. Store it in a dry place until the next mowing season.

- Remove the wheels and store your tractor off the ground on blocks if possible, to prevent air-filled tires from going square. If it has pneumatic tires, park the mower on cardboard to keep the tires off the cold concrete.

- Protect the mower with a covering that breathes, like a painter's drop sheet or heavy burlap. This lets condensation evaporate naturally, minimizing the possibility of rust.

Other Power Tools

- If any of your tools have carbide-tipped blades, they must be professionally sharpened. A sharpening service can return most blades to like-new condition. Call to see if they can handle the type of blades you have, and to get a price estimate.

- String trimmers. Sharpen the cutoff blade at the head of the trimmer with a file. Inspect the spool and replace if it's worn out. If it's a gas trimmer, clean the air filter and change the spark plugs.

- **Hedge trimmers.** Inspect the blades and see if they need sharpening. Lubricate with an aerosol silicon spray to prevent rust. For electric trimmers, inspect the power cord for nicks or other damage. For gas-powered trimmers, clean the air filter, change the spark plug. Check the integrity of the safety shield on all trimmers.

- **Chain Saws.** Clean the chain by removing it and dipping it in mineral spirits. When reinstalling the chain, be sure to set to the proper tension. Clean the cooling fins with a thin wooden stick. Inspect the engine on gas chainsaws, clean the air filter and change the spark plug

Taking these steps to properly power down your tools will make it fast and easy to power them up again next spring.

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- Photo Courtesy of Brett Hacker



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The Highlands Town Board hosted the third joint meeting between the Franklin Town Board, the Macon County Commission and the Highlands Town Board at Fireside Inn Tuesday night. The practice was reinstated by Mayor Don Mullen at the beginning 2008. The idea behind the meetings is keeping the lines of communication open and understanding that all three entities are part of Macon County and as such need to work together to establish common goals.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

part of Macon County and it's important that we keep the lines of communication open," he said.

At the dinner meeting held in Highlands at Fireside Restaurant, each entity tip-toed around interests special to them – issues whose final say must come from the county commission. For Highlands it was an increase of recreation funding, the reinstatement of water and sewer funding and an answer concerning the percentage of the room tax money the county withholds as a handling fee.

For Franklin it was the possibility of county-funded water and sewer lines in the northern part of the county which would be the first step toward future economic development in the area. Mayor Joe Collins asked the board to consider running water and sewer lines to the Iolta school rather than considering a package plant on the school site which would only benefit the school.

At the Oct. 13 Macon County Commission meeting, commissioners considered a package plant on the school site due to the prohibitive cost of other scenarios.

County Manager Jack Horton told the group that the transfer station is almost finished. "It's late, but we're expecting it to be on line by the end of the month or the beginning of November," he said.

He said it was important for the county to have a good working relationship with both boards. "There are a lot of issues in the county that affect all of us," he said.

Highlands Commissioner Hank Ross said that he was especially appreciative of the change in attitude between the Highlands Town Board and the Macon County Commission over the last couple of years. "This meeting is a testament to the progress that's been made concerning issues between us that have been resolved."

When the joint meeting disbanded, the county commission continued its Oct. 13 meeting with commissioners unanimously agreeing to fund \$51,118 to mitigate the stream on the site of the proposed soccer field at Highlands School and to pay the \$500 permit application fee by the first of November.

DENR officials have now determined that the stream is part perennial, part intermittent and as such, part of the channel can be tiled which will alleviate the drainage problem on the site.

Instead of 299 feet of perennial stream, the state determined that there is only 120 feet of perennial stream and 179 feet of intermittent stream which decreased the county's fees in the matter.

The \$51,118 in mitigation fees can be paid to the state after January and the state is supposed to be spend it restoring and repairing streams in the Little Tennessee Watershed in Macon County.

The Highlands School roof was bid and is in the state of repair and the covered walkway in the front of the school will follow shortly.

Commissioners said the bathrooms at Highlands School are set to be renovated during the summer and the soccer field will also be constructed at that time.

Though not in affect until April 6, 2009, commissioners also discussed the Animal Control Ordinance since people have been calling officials complaining about barking dogs.

Since it's not a "barking dog" ordinance, nor an ordinance to protect residents from kennel-like operations that have moved into residential areas, commissioners asked County Attorney Lesley Moxley to go through the county's ordinances, to see if there is anything on the books which the county can use to regulate kennels or barking dogs.

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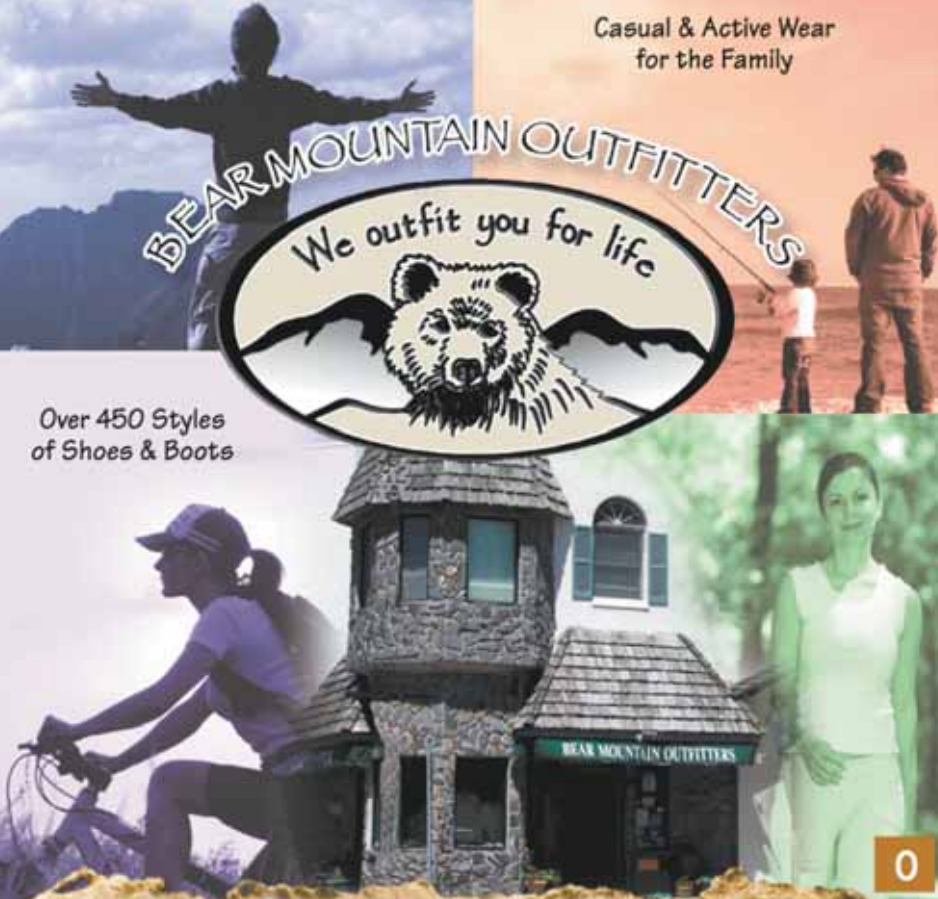
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The building is unavailable during the winter months. Yes, there is a heating system of sorts, but virtually no insulation that would help. I have been in the theatre working on numerous occasions during the winter. If the heat were turned up as high as it could go, the temperature of the building may get up to the high 40s. During fall shows in the past, it was not unusual for all of us to bring in blankets for the audience and that was in early and middle October.

Over the years, the Board of Directors has worked to make this a better facility. When I first arrived at the Playhouse, there was no office to speak of, no shop building, and no canopy or arrival court. The lighting system was severely outdated and nearly useless. The dressing rooms were a dirt pit under the stage. The seats were wooden. The restrooms accommodated one person at a time. Those are just the improvements that are visible. That doesn't include the new roof several years ago or the structural renovations to literally keep the building standing.

The Board of Directors has poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into this theatre over the years. Everyone here has worked hard to keep it going. Why? Because we love the Highlands Playhouse and want to see it continue to grow and thrive. We want to continue to be a part of the community, hopefully a valuable part. We want to continue to contribute to the unique and wonderful place we call Highlands.

I hope this answers some questions

• HIS & HERS •

Academics and Ayers, “Whatsoever things are true....”

This is now the 14th year of these weekly column. I've never used a Bible verse in these secular sermons. Here's the exception to that rule.

Today's text is from Phillipians 4:8. The King James Version is preferred for the beauty of its language:

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

The first task of every preacher who's ever mounted a pulpit is to connect the Reading with the real world. Today's sermon is about politics.

Your immediate reaction is, that dog won't hunt. There is no more truth in politics than there is tea in a tea bag that's been through nine rinse cycles at the laundromat. That negative also applies to just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy. I add with a wink, “You betcha.” But this is a slight exaggeration.

Most of my career I've working with politicians



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who've been dead for two centuries. I've represented the likes of Jefferson, Madison, Washington, Franklin in cases on the enduring meaning of the Constitution. I've read most of the writings by those gentlemen.

They did not always agree with each other. Franklin's speech on thoughtful compromise, delivered the day the Constitution was signed in Philadelphia, is one of the classic political speeches of all time. Yet despite their sometime conflicting views, the Framers were all engaged in a constant search for what was true, honest, virtuous, and just.

One area where the search for truth ought to survive, is on America's university campuses. So, today's example will be drawn from there, rather from this week's Presidential Debate. I've written long ago that lawyers are the squid of the literary seas, using a fog of words not to expose and explain, but to obscure and deflect. It is no accident that almost half of all members of Congress, and many other elected leaders, are lawyers.

Lawyers are trained in deception. It is often their task in life to present falsehoods and make them seem rational and true. Having been a lawyer for 38 years, I have earned the right to say this. Most of you have probably experienced the same syndrome.

So, let's talk about academics. Professors are given tenure under the belief, however false, that security of position will allow them to seek the truth unfettered by the tides of passion in the outside world.

There is a petition circulating on the Internet, entitled “Friends and Supporters of Bill Ayers.” Over 3,000 tenured professors from around the country have added their names to this Petition. It says that those who are attacking Ayers are seeking to “intimidate free thinking and stifle critical dialogue..”

That sounds like exactly what university professors should do, defend a colleague who is under attack for his views. An attack on one is an attack on all. It is not only possible, but in today's politics commonplace, to lie by omission. As Dr. Joseph Goebbels noted, the most effective lie is constructed of partial truths.

Nothing in this Petition mentions that Ayers and his wife formed the Weathermen. They participated in bombings that killed people. Both avoided convictions on a technicality. Then Ayers was quoted in the New York Times on 11 September, 2001, with exquisitely bad timing that “we did not do enough [bombing].”

Here's the Petition. See for yourself its bias. See if any of the professors who signed it are being paid by your tax dollars. <http://www.supportbillayers.org/>

The Petition says, “It's true that Professor Ayers participated passionately in the civil rights and antiwar movements of the 1960s, as did hundreds of thousands of Americans.” I must have missed the news that hundreds of thousands of Americans killed people with bombs in the 60s, and then affirmed those acts just seven years ago.

When it is hard to find even a pretense of truth in the halls of academia, you can reach the sad conclusion that whatever is true and just and honest and pure is in a bad

way in this nation these days. You can also conclude in reading and viewing the media that danged few people are “thinking on such things.”

Sorry the sermon ended with a downer. When you preach in the secular world, that happens. A lot.

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Sixth-grade members of The Girls' Clubhouse helped support Highlands School by selling Fall Festival raffle tickets the Friday afternoon before the festival. Pictured from left are Elizabeth Houston, Meredith Garren, Grace Brassard, April Moss, McKinley Moses, Varlerie Garcia and Ivy Satterwhite. You'll see the girls out and about most Friday afternoons doing community service projects in support of Highlands. For more information, or to join the club, call supervisor Kim Lewicki at 526-0782.

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Dreaming of a post-racial future

Once it began to look like Barack Obama might really win the presidency the media has been obsessing about the effect of racism on voting. It's been a constant refrain in the last few weeks: do people lie to pollsters, will we see the "Bradley effect," etc. I'm sure most readers have heard enough of this also, so I won't repeat any more.

I was thinking of this while I watched the third presidential debate on CNN. The debate was almost entirely presented in split-screen with the candidates' faces side-by-side. (Could they possibly just once put the Republican on the left — are we that simple-minded?)

I thought, "Why do we call Obama 'black'?" What difference was there between the two men — not in terms of politics, but in terms of humanness — other than the fact that one's face was white and the other's brown? Nothing as far as I could tell.

Many people have commented on this: Obama has an African, black father and an American, white mother. He is as much "white" as he is "black," so why is he called black? Are we still thinking like people did 200 years ago, when even a drop of black blood corrupted whiteness? At what dilution does the black blood disappear — there's a word for one-fourth, "quadroon," and one-eighth, "octoroon," but is there a name for one-sixteenth? My husband and I decided the name should be "macaroon" — creamy white center and a lightly toasted outside.

Recently I read a review of some new books about Thomas Jefferson and the children he had by one of his slaves (September 22 issue of the *New Yorker*, "President Tom's Cabin: Jefferson, Hemings, and a disclaimed lineage," by Jill Lepore). The slave's name was Sally Hemings, and what makes the story especially interesting is that Sally was the half-sister of Jefferson's wife. Sally and Martha Jefferson shared the same father. After Martha's death, Thomas Jefferson had five children with Sally, a "quadroon."

Ms. Lepore writes, "In 1815, the aging former President (who never admitted, publicly, anyway, that he was the father of Hemings's children) wrote a letter in which he wrestled with a matter — a 'mathematical problem' — that had long vexed him. Just how many 'crossings' had to happen before a child with a full-blooded African ancestor could be called 'white'?" Ms. Lepore then quotes his calculations, by which he concludes that the crossing of a white person with a quadroon, resulting in an octoroon, clears the blood.

One of Jefferson's children with Sally was a girl named Harriet, and "She was nearly as white as anybody, and very beautiful," recalled one of Jefferson's overseers, who also said that Jefferson ordered him to give \$50 to the girl, and paid for her ride, by stage, to Philadelphia. After Harriet Hemings went to Philadelphia in 1822, she travelled on to the nation's capital, where her brother Beverly lived as a white man. "She thought it to her interest, on going to Washington, to assume the role of a white woman," said Madison Hemings, the only one of Sally Hemings's children to remain part of the African-American community. "I am not aware that her identity as Harriet Hemings



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of Monticello has ever been discovered. Harriet married a white man in good standing in Washington City, whose name I could give but will not."

It seems like we are still wrestling with this "mathematical problem" almost 200 years later. Once when I was watching a news show on TV they announced that Cincinnati had done a historic thing and elected their first African-American mayor. This "black" man then appeared and he was almost as white as me. I thought to myself, this is completely ridiculous! I am more Scottish than this man is African.

The real irony is that we are all African! *Homo habilis*, the first creature in the "homo" genus, appeared about 2.5 million years ago, and relative to this time frame it was a trivial 50,000 years ago that our species, *homo sapiens sapiens*, migrated out of Africa. See my article "The Human Family," July 2007 to learn about the DNA studies that map this migration, or see this month's *National Geographic* about the demise of the Neanderthals brought about by this movement of modern humans into Europe and Africa.

Will we ever get over the belief that skin color makes any difference in who a person is? Many years ago, the TV show *SouthPark* gave me my first vision of a post-racial future. An episode called "Chef Goes Nanners," (#408, July 2000) was a satire about the struggle to remove the Confederate flag from southern states' official flags. The *SouthPark* town flag depicted a black man being lynched, and a group of white people dancing around the tree. Chef, the only black man in town, complained that this was racist, but the townspeople argued that this flag was their heritage.

The children were forced to debate the merits of changing the flag as a school project, and during the debate it became clear that they did not see the color of a person's skin as relevant to the issue: when one of the boys described the flag, he said "It's a bunch of people hanging another

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• SCHOOL SYSTEM NEWS •

Issues at Lake Junaluska conference

Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Volunteer Appreciation Conference at Lake Junaluska. This event is held each year to provide training and educational updates to individuals who volunteer their time and resources to improve education in our district and region. Our county had more than 20 volunteers present for this event including PTO officers, booster club officers, and other volunteers who participated in this full day of workshops and other activities.



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Workshop topics included Working on Math and Reading Strategies in Grades K-12, Navigating the Educational Environment, Tech-savvy Volunteers and Parents, and Urgent Issues in School-age Children's Lives. A sharing session was also conducted for participants to exchange ideas, questions, and concerns.

In addition to a large number of participants, Mrs. Diane Cotton, Reading Specialist for Macon County Schools, served as one of the presenters. Mrs. Cotton did an outstanding job and represented our school system very well as she presented a workshop entitled K-12 Reading and Math Strategies to participants. At the conclusion of the day, Mr. John Dornan, Executive Director of the North Carolina Public School Forum, addressed the audience with some very insightful remarks. In his address, Mr. Dornan noted the economic situation in our state and nation; specifically the banking industry and how it will impact state revenue in the coming months and years. He also noted the environment our children will enter following completion of high school as one this nation has not experienced since the 1930s. He also noted this to be a crucial time for strengthening parental involvement and support for education. Today, we rely heavily on the partnerships between school, home and the community to ensure every child has access to opportunities for success during and beyond their K-12 experience.

In Macon County, we are blessed with a large number of individuals who continue to volunteer their time and effort towards making our school system a great place for students. Last year, volunteers documented more than 22,593 hours of service within the Macon County School System. We appreciate each individual for

your devotion of time to our schools, clubs and other activities.

The economic condition of our state and nation is a growing concern at all levels of government. Our Board of Education and administration have been proactive during the past year to ensure each dollar is stretched and the efficiency of our school district improved. For example, initial budget planning last spring resulted in planning budget with expansion in Capital Outlay greater than 100%. Following three budget

meetings and no additional new dollars available, our school system redirected priorities and reduced the budget back to the previous allocation received for four consecutive years. In the Current Expense budget, initial budget planning based on school district priorities resulted in more than 30% expansion to support needed personnel and program improvements. The outcome for this year in Current Expense was limited to an additional \$900,000, or a 15% increase in our reoccurring revenue from county government. These dollars were used to address employee salary adjustments and mandated increases in health and benefits. We are very appreciative for this local increase and, as a result, were able to reduce the amount of dollars needed from our operational reserves to sustain the current level of programs and personnel. As noted in our school system's Strategic Plan, the Board and administration are making efforts to move away from using fund balance to cover reoccurring costs. In simple terms, it is like using a household's savings account to pay the monthly electric bill. Without a landfall of new dollars from funding sources, this situation is short-term and soon cuts will be needed to bring the level of operation within the dollars allocated.

During the coming months, the Board of Education and district administration will continue reviewing existing programs and other areas of expenditures to maximize our efficiency and proactively respond to the economic situation that may be upon us for several years to come. In Macon County, we have continued to be good stewards of each tax dollar to ensure our students receive a superior education that will carry them into the workforce, college, military or trade school.



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Naval Academy picked that instead of the Morehead Scholar. When I was 25 I commanded the U.S.S. Key West. I've held a lot of leadership positions, I have dealt with government budgets so I've seen the best and worst of government. After 25 years, I know the difference between the two.

Eight years ago, I returned to Macon County to teach and coach at Franklin High School. I'm invested in the county. I'm tied to the school, to Angel Hospital where my mother worked and I'm tied to county recreation. I'm tied to farming in this community because my family farms and I'm tied to the church as a member of the United Methodist Church. I've always been here and always will be. I'm grounded in this county and I have a vested interest in the county. But I do go my own way.

I'm running because one day I looked at a classroom of 30 kids who I was telling to vote and run for office when they grow up and they said, "Why haven't you run, coach?" So it was a matter of "put up or shut up." I'm doing this for those kids who said I might have something to offer.

While I was growing up here, I always had five people I didn't know watching my back and that was the Macon County Commission. They looked after me until I could take care of myself.

Goodman: I've lived in Burningtown for 17 years. I've owned my own cabinet shop for 14 years. I deal with sales, budgets and I know that you have to have more coming in

than going out and it's that way with the Macon County budget, too. It's about money coming in and money going out and what's left is what you have left.

I was on the Macon County Planning board for three years. We tackled the High Impact ordinance, the subdivision ordinance and soil and sedimentation ordinance. I can sit down with people of different opinions and come to a solution. I've been attending Macon County Commission meetings for eight years and was personally responsible for submitting the petition to get the meeting time changed from the morning to 6 p.m. at night so more working people could attend them.

I believe we need to get Macon County citizens involved in the government process as much as we can. We need to record every meeting and put it on the website. An educated public can make educated decisions. The bond referendum was very poorly explained to the county.

I have received the county audits back to 1997. It's true that the General Statutes determines much of what the county commission can do and I have been watching that for 10 years. I care what happens in Macon County. Years ago, the county flow chart had the citizens of Macon County at the top with the commissioners under them. On the current flow chart, the commissioners are on top and the citizens are at the bottom. I want to get the citizens back on top.

Will you continue to support the new flood plain ordinance as the current com-

mission has?

Goodman: If it's on the books, the commission has to uphold it. But if something comes up we need to take a look at it so I will take every avenue to get information to represent the people of the county and to hear every side of every issue before making a decision.

Kuppers: We are obligated to follow ordinances as they are written. But it's important to know the issues and what the people of the county believe and what they want. I'll admit, I find the county commission meetings intimidating and I'm sure other people do, too.

As commissioners we need to go out to the people of the community, not wait for them to come to the commission board. There are 15 prescient and five commissioners. If we each go to a different prescient each month we can cover the county in a year. If we communicate with the citizens, we won't have to go back and explain after something is done. We should listen up front all along the way. We need to let the citizens talk to us. If no one else wants to do it, I'll go to every prescient myself.

What do you think about the Junk Yard ordinance the Planning Board is working on now? Will you support it and how will you determine what is good for most or good for the community?

Kuppers: I equate the question to "Have you stopped beating your wife?" It's about balancing the rights of the people who reside in a home and their right to look out the window without having to deal with looking at a junk yard. But it has to be balanced. Some people make their living off that junk yard. We have to weigh individual property rights

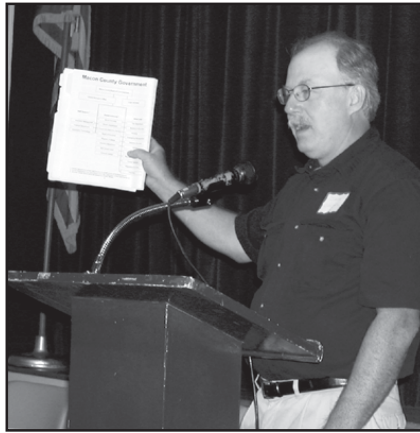
of home owners with property rights of people who own junk yards. The question also is, did you move in next to a junkyard or did a junk yard move into your neighborhood? There has to be a balance and we have to sit down and figure out what's best for both parties.

Goodman: It's about what the citizens of the county want, not what the commission wants. The commissioners forget who elected them. The ordinance has to be palatable to all parties involved. I worked on the planning board and I know this is a tough ordinance. But there is common ground; we just have to find it. I do support property rights but I also support community rights. Five commissioners and nine planning board members can't do all these things; citizens have to get involved with the county government. We need a common ground. Yes, I will support it, but not yet. More work has to be done.

What do you think about taxation for education purposes? Please highlight priorities for public schools that can be affected.

Goodman: The state must provide equal education to every student in North Carolina. We need to send non-funded mandates back to the state. I'm against mega-schools and we need parents involved in the schools. I have visited each school in the system and we have problems in our schools that need to be addressed. Cullasaja has water and sewer problems, but Iotla has water and sewer so upgrades are possible even at Cowee. I believe in the honest, hard-working people of this county and I believe in small community schools. If you move kids out of the community schools, then the parents won't be

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• COACH'S CORNER •

World Series preview

As we all predicted before the MLB season began back in April, the Philadelphia Phillies will meet the Tampa Bay Rays in the World Series. Obviously the story here is with two teams that most did not expect to make the playoffs, much less make it all the way to the World Series. The Phillies made it here due to the power of their lineup and the pitching of Cole Hamels and Brad Lidge. The Rays made it to the World Series on the arms of Matt Garza, James Shields and some timely hitting early in ball games. Here's a preview of the series that started...last night.



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defense has been shaky at times...particularly pressure situation. The Phillies are not know for their stellar defense- especially in the outfield, but the infield is very solid up the middle with Rollins and Utley.

Manager: Edge-Rays

Joe Maddon has been huge for Tampa Bay this season, mainly because he had taken a young team and pressed all of the right buttons while also being a steady influence in the clubhouse. Despite blowing a 7 run lead, Maddon never lost his cool or showed his hand, and his calmness has resulted in a World Series birth for his young club. Charlie Manuel, on the other hand, is an old baseball guy who has waited a long time for his time in the spotlight. Manuel has found a home with the Phillies and has done an excellent job in his time with them. However, in this particular venue, the cooler heads usually prevail, and Joe Maddon has proven to be the coolest of customers during this postseason.

Starting Pitching: Edge-Rays

While Cole Hamels has been terrific for the Phillies, Brett Myers did more with his bat than his arm against the Dodgers and Jamie Moyer got shelled by LA. The Rays starters have been much more solid, with Garza matching Hamels as an ace and Scott Kazmir and James Shields providing a better supporting cast.

Bullpen: Edge-Phillies

While the emergence of David Price in game 7 of the ALCS certainly gives the Rays a boost in this category, they simply do not have a closer the caliber of Brad Lidge to come in and shut the door on games. Granted, Lidge has his own demons from MLB playoffs past, but he has thus far shown no sign of those troubles in the 2008 playoffs. Tampa Bay's bullpen, on the other hand, blew a 7 run lead against Boston and almost gave away game 7 before Price delivered them from the fire.

Lineup: Edge-Phillies

While BJ Upton and Evan Longoria have been money for Tampa Bay during this postseason, they still cannot match the production of Phillies' sluggers Ryan Howard and Chase Utley. Add in the speed, power and timely hitting of Jimmy Rollins and Shane Victorino and you have a lineup that does not have many easy outs. The Rays need to continue their postseason pattern of scoring early to give their young pitchers a lead to work with and keep the big bats of the Phillies down.

Defense: Toss-up

Normally, this would be an easy edge to the Rays, who were one of the best defensive teams in baseball this season. However, during the postseason, the Rays

• HS SOCCER •

The Highlands Men's Varsity Soccer team split a pair of games this week with the Rabun Gap Eagles and the Blue Ridge Bobcats.

Last Wednesday, the Rabun Gap Eagles came away from Zachary Field with a 4-1 victory over the Highlanders. While the score may seem lopsided, the Highlanders only trailed 2-1 with 6 minutes to play before a few mental errors allowed the Eagles to build an insurmountable lead late in the match. The Highlanders lone goal was scored by freshman Byron Gordon.

Monday's match saw the Highlanders rout Blue Ridge 11-1 on what was an emotional night for the Highlander seniors. Seniors Taylor Parrish and Mikey Lica led the charge with three and two goals respectively, and seniors Luke McClellan, Ezra Herz, and Hunter Loeffler all notched goals for the Fighting Highlanders. Highlands closed out the regular season last night with a match against Swain, and the Highlanders will host a home playoff match next Wednesday at Zachary Field.

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• THE TRAVELING GOURMET •

The sites and flavors of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula

By Janet Wilson

It was my first trip to the Yucatan Peninsula and the states of Quintana Roo, Campeche and Yucatan at the tip of the boot of Mexico. My destination was Isla Mujeres, a lovely little island off the coast from Cancun. It was named the "Island of Women" for the Mayan idols of women found on the island when the Spaniards arrived.

My first thought was to contact my friend John, who I knew from high school. John was living in Cancun and had lived in the Yucatan for the last 20 years. He taught English and Spanish in remote Mayan villages, and guided anthropologist and archeologists to destinations throughout the area. Little did I know what was in store for me!

John met me on the island and we made plans for a trip to the ninth century Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza. We left early on a beautiful sunny day and drove through the jungle to the entrance of Chichen Itza. We spent the day meandering thru the ruins with John explaining the uses of the many amazing structures, the ball field and the magnificent pyramid of Kukulcan. We climbed to the top of the pyramid and what a spectacular view, overlooking the jungle. The Mayans communicated with neighbor-

ing cities by building fires on the top of the pyramids, as the top of another pyramid was almost always within distant visual range. The great Mayan Civilization covered areas of Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras and El Salvador.

One of my favorite structures was the Caracol, the Observatory of the Astronomers. The Mayans were extremely advanced in the science of astronomy, passing information and observations of planetary movement on from generation to generation. They used the Milky Way as a grid to observe planetary movement and make accurate calculation as to the reappearance of the planets as they moved past it. Through these observations they created an accurate calendar that continues today.

The Temple of the Warriors is amazing. There are two hundred columns standing at the base of the main stairway. Each of these is carved in low relief, with a different Toltec warrior on every side. At one time they had inlaid pearlescent shells for eyes. More columns fill the colonnade, bringing the total to one thousand columns!

It was late in the afternoon when we left Chichen Itza and headed into the jun-

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Janet at Mayan ruins

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calling him – firmly by softly – to come, come inside.”

Sam obeyed and was on his way when Chris noticed a black blur.

In a flash the mama bear had lunged from atop a five-foot wall along the driveway above the yard and house and was at the stoop.

“At that point, I grabbed Sam, who was almost to me and pushed and pulled him into the house. When he was halfway in – between the screen door and over the threshold – the bear went for his back end biting him where his tail meets his rump. He yelped and I went into overdrive,” she said.

She began screaming at the top of her lungs while still pulling and pushing the dog and hitting the bear with the screen door to keep it at bay so she and Sam could get completely inside.

“Then, as I turned from her, she came after me and bit me on the thigh.” Chris received four puncture wounds.

She said no amount of screaming or banging scared her. “She was very bold.”

Meanwhile, at the sound of Chris's screaming, her sister-in-law – who was staying in the garage apartment – came running to the house.

“By the time she got to me, I was inside behind the closed door having a meltdown on the floor,” she said. “I honestly thought Sam and I were going to die. I was sure the bear was going to get into the house.”

But suddenly the bear was gone. In fact, her sister-in-law saw no sign of the mama or the cub.

“Something obviously got its attention and it stopped pursuing,” said Chris.

The family took her to the hospital where she received a Tetanus shot and her puncture



Margie Potts snapped this shot of a mama bear at the entrance of Playmore on Horsecove road near Bowery. The cub was in the bushes nearby.

wounds were cleaned. Since bears eat other animals, officials starting investigating whether Chris should get rabies shots.

With a shortage of rabies vaccine, it took a conference call with N.C. Wildlife Division officials in Raleigh for the Macon County Health Department to get permission to administer the shots.

Considered an unprovoked attack, officials decided that there might be something wrong with the bear and since it can take six months for signs of rabies to manifest, it would be better to err on the side of caution.

Wildlife officials said this late in the season it is unusual for a mama bear to be that protective of a cub which was probably born in March. They surmise the mama thought the black German Shepherd was male bear after her cub. Male bears sometimes kill cubs to eliminate future competition. But no ones know exactly what provoked the bear.

Chris had 48 hours to decide whether she wanted to spend \$8,000 for the series of rabies shots. After 48 hours rabies is irreversible. She decided to do it and took her last shot last week.

The wildlife division said they would send out trappers, if Chris wanted them to, but she told them not to.

“How will they know they trapped the right bear? I don't want to be responsible for a bunch of bears getting trapped,” she said.

Chris said she has never been afraid of black bears. “At our home in northern Minnesota, they climbed all over our roof, on the decks even watched us through the windows, but we just shooed them away.” But she said that bear, the one in the photo last week wasn't afraid. “I know it was the same bear, I just know it and it didn't look afraid in the photo either.”

The photo was taken on Horsecove Road at the entrance to Playmore near Bowery Road – as the crow flies, or a bear walks – not far from Big Bearpen Road.

Chris and Sam continue to suffer from the encounter. Sam stays close to his masters. “And I'm still afraid,” said Chris. “The other night I pulled into the driveway of the house we're renovating and had to walk 100 feet in the dark to the house, but I just couldn't get out of the car. ‘I can't do this,’ I said to myself. The doctor says it's a form of post traumatic syndrome that will pass.”

Chris said one thing is for sure – her opinion of black bears is forever changed.

“I called my sister in Minnesota and told her not to let my nieces and nephews walk to the bus stop alone in the early morning hours. You just never know.”

– Kim Lewicki

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involved. We have to keep the parents involved.

Kuppers: The price of everything is going up and that includes education. It would be hard for me to say I would support a tax increase until I see something on the federal level that we can see. Education is my number one priority. Cullasaja School is landlocked and needs addressing but I'm not for mega-schools, either. But 500-600 students is not a mega-school. I lived next to Wando School in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and that was a mega-school with 1,800 kids. Schools continue to get older and unless we can immediately save them, the simple fact is it cost effectiveness may mean we need to go to a newer school.

As far as parental involvement goes. If you care about your kid when he or she is in the first grade, you care in the third grade, the eighth grade all the way to high school. You can't lay that on the county. If you care, you care wherever they go to school. Eventually they all go to Franklin High School in the this part of the county. Are you saying parents won't care when their kids go to high school?

I don't buy it. If you care, you care wherever they go to school.

What's important is that they don't go to school in a cramped trailer or in buildings that aren't up to code. Community schools are valuable and 10 kids in a classroom is a “perfect world,” but that's not where we are. We have to make sure we have facilities and technology for them to go on to Southwest Community College or anywhere in the UNC system or anywhere else they want to go. They need to go to school in a place where they can learn and it doesn't have to be in a community school. It would be nice to keep them, but I'm not sure we can afford it.

The next questions involve tax issues; the use of tax funds and the reval in light of falling home values. Can the county afford that. And, what will be the biggest addition to the budget in the next term and what should be reduced?

Kuppers: The reval is a shell game. If we do another reval right now, if have to look at where it will get us. The millage rate times the property value equals the tax rate. Tax is a funding strength. To maintain the level of

county services, then $A \times B$ has to = C. If you cut B in half then you have to cut services.

It's appropriate to reval county property values because they have dropped, but it doesn't mean the millage rate will stay the same. If it does, then the county will have to cut services. We have two choices. If the reval goes down, then the millage rate will have to increase to restore the funding stream. So decide. Which services do you want to cut? EMS? The Sheriff's Department? Recreation? Right now, salaries aren't what they should be in the public safety sector. I was amazed at how little they get paid. But I do believe we should work off a zero base budget and review all the county departments expenditures.

Goodman: I agree. The \$45 million budget won't change but we do need a zero-base budget, not “what we got last year plus 5%.” The state reval is set up for every four years now and eight-year revals would be too drastic. I don't think a two-year reval is the answer, either. In the county budget process there are always wants and needs. People have unlimited wants but there are limited

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person.” Chef realized that he had been as racist as anyone by thinking of the issue in terms of black vs. white.

In a post-racial future we will all just be human beings, of a rainbow of hues.

I think I had a glimpse of this future at last month’s Highlands Motoring Festival. I was there most of the day filming, and during the morning saw two boys hanging out together. One was white with brown hair and the other black with black hair. At the end of the day, the white boy went up to some people near me and asked if they had

seen the boy he had been hanging out with. He said, “You know, the boy with black hair.” Any adult would have said, “You know, the black boy” and we would have instantly known who he meant (this is Highlands after all). But he didn’t, and there was no other boy he could have meant.

I find myself hoping that’s who he meant.

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

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gle, taking dirt roads, bumping and bouncing for miles through thick, low growing brush and tall trees. John told me that the spider monkeys in the jungle were active in the evening and easy to spot. We came to an area just big enough for us to park. There was a trail, barely visible off to the right. We took the trail, listening to the sounds of the jungle at dusk. As we moved into the forest we looked up and there were monkeys howling and sitting on limbs watching us. We continued along the trail, craning our necks upward watching the monkeys swinging and sitting on branches and listening to the beautiful and exotic birds.

It was getting darker as we followed the trail deeper into the jungle. Then out of the darkness, a most amazing vision appeared. A palapa covered with palmeto fronds protected a Mayan Shrine, lit with candles. There was not a soul around and everything was quiet, except for the sounds of the jungle. It took my breath away and I felt a reverence for this sacred place. A carved, stone antiquity of the Mayan Water God, was sitting in the center of a huge rock. Surrounding it were candles and freshly picked orange and yellow flowers. Two large, wooden Mayan crosses stood on either side, draped with colorful and beautifully hand embroidered fabrics. There were carefully and delicately cut blue, white, and pink paper decorations hanging from the roof of the palapa. John showed me a small cleft in two rocks and explained to me that this shrine was in honor of the natural well that was formed here. It was a rare source of fresh water.

We hiked back through the jungle in the dim light with a feeling of awe. It was time to find food and libation, so we drove back to the paved road and made our way to a restaurant owned by John’s friend. By this time, we were hungry and ready for a hardy meal. The patio dining area was lovely. The gardens were filled with waterfalls, palms and fragrant, flowering plants. Candles and the sounds of a Spanish guitar made for a very relaxing setting for a traditional meal from the Yucatan.

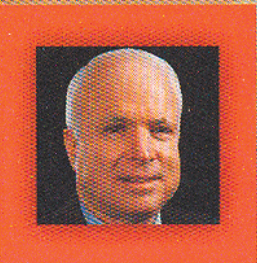
A cold Negro Modelo beer was the perfect accompaniment to, absolutely, the best bowl of black bean soup I have ever tasted. A large stack of warm tortillas is almost always served with every meal and this was no exception. A delightful and filling Pollo Pibil (POH-yoh pee-BEEL) was the next course. These are banana leaves filled with chicken, green pepper, tomato, onion, and sour orange wrapped

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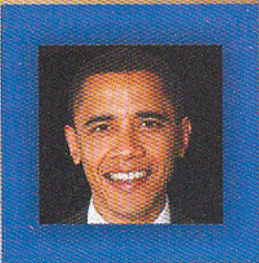


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2008 Presidential Race



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Barack Obama

Traditional Marriage in Federal Law Supports Federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)	YES	NO
Cloning Supports Human Cloning	NO	YES
Opposes Judicial Activism Supports Originalist Supreme Court Justices	YES	NO
Homosexual Education Supports Curriculum that Promotes Homosexuality	NO	YES
Energy Supports Expanded Drilling for Oil	YES	NO
Human Life Supports Protecting the Lives of Children Who Are Born Alive and Survive a Botched Abortion	YES	NO
Business Freedom Opposes Laws Forcing Business to Favor Homosexuality	YES	NO
Opposes Gay Pride Refused to Support Gay Pride Celebrations	YES	NO
Iraq War Supports Immediate Removal of Troops from Iraq	NO	YES
Youth & Abortion Supports Transporting Minor Girls across State Lines for a Secret Abortion without Parental Knowledge	NO	YES
Gun Rights Opposes an Assault Weapons Ban	YES	NO
Partial Birth Abortions Opposes Partial Birth Abortions	YES	NO
Traditional Marriage in States Supports State Marriage Amendments in CA and FL	YES	NO
Parental Rights in Education Supports Parental Choice of Schools in Education	YES	NO

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and helps explain our situation. If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me. I would love to help out in any way that I am able.

Henry Johnson
General Manager
Highlands Playhouse

Vote your passion; vote to make America great again

Dear Editor,

Everywhere you hear and read how important this election is. This country has more often than not been blessed with foresight and courage.

This year we have the chance of voting for a black man as president of the United States for the first time. We also have the opportunity to vote for change that may once again restore some of the wealth and opportunity to the middle class of America.

I do not believe our democracy can survive without facing up to this challenge.

For about 30 years, the gap has grown wider between those who have and those who have not. In spite of lip service to equality and fraternity, we have seen the "robber barons" back in control with little regard paid to those of us in the lower and middle classes.

It is more than a change of direction that is needed, it is a facing up of the electorate to the responsibility of what each person must do if America is to have a competitive edge in the world economy.

We have the skills and we have met challenges before but now we must be doubly alert. It will require hard work and ingenuity and a real effort to be fair and honest. I know we can do it if we put our efforts in the direction of peace and tighten our extravagant natures to doing more for less.

I invite each person to look within their own heart and to vote for the person they really believe can do what it takes to turn around our economy and our role in the world. We were once admired as well as envied. Now let us do what is required of each one of us to put fairness and decency first and our fellow man as the important person to work and die for.

Pat Boyd
Highlands

Good shoes will take you far

Dear Editor,

Inspiration for this weeks cartoon is a Mark Knoffler song "Quality Shoe" from his album *The Ragpicker's Dream*. This song shares my view of the upcoming

Presidential election describing how the quality of the shoes we choose will shape the quality of our journey over the next four years. Where we (can) travel, and the comfort in which we travel will be dependent on the quality of the shoes we are wearing. Enjoy a sample of Knoffler's lyrics:

Quality Shoe

You got your toecaps reinforced with steel
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Make those tired feet feel like new
Take your pick, black or brown
Great for the country or the man in town
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You don't want no stand-by pair
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needs. It's about tough decisions and getting what you need to get the job done.

Do you support the new planning department or a stand-alone department like many other municipalities in North Carolina. Also, what should be the next task of the planning board?

Goodman: No, I don't think it should be a stand-alone separate department, it should be under an umbrella so people can get all the information they want at one stop. I also think it's time to take a hiatus on passing regulations. We've been at this for four years and the building industry is at a halt. We should take some time and see how the new regulations are doing and make sure everything that should be enforced is being enforced. The junk yard ordinance needs work.

Kuppers: I don't think the planning department needs to be a separate department. We've tried a shotgun approach to planning and land-use but the planning board should be about "planning" for the future. Planning for next month isn't enough. We need a long range view and we need to put tasks in order

for the plan to work. If we don't know what the goal is, how do we get there? Where do we want Macon County to be in the next 20-30 years? It's the commission's job to work on getting us there. But we need to let the planners plan and the commissioners execute the plan.

Closing Remarks:

Goodman: I want to be a county commissioner. I've served on the Planning Board, I understand the laws that regulate the commission and I will serve every citizen and listen to every citizen. Elect a good man to the county commission, elect Jimmy Goodman.

Kuppers: The commission serves the community. We need to identify problems in the county, identify the solutions and take them to the people and then execute. We need to come to where you are, not make you come to us. This county is your county. It's not about Democrats and Republicans, that's for Washington. It's about Macon County and I think I'm a good man, even though my name isn't Goodman.

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documents verified that the two parties had agreed that covenants for Old Highlands Cove would match those of Highlands Point.

But Dupree's attorney Fred Moody, argued that because there was no Old Highlands Cove subdivision no covenants could apply to the property nor could they be enforced.

Linda David testified that although she believed the covenants existed after the closing, she never saw any documents relating to them.

In the end, the jury ruled that a waiver that would have cemented the Davids case had never been signed or filed.

Though glad the jury ruled in his favor, Dupree said "no one has really won anything" except that Shepherd can move forward with his plans to develop the property.

Shepherd said he plans to leave much of the property undeveloped, except for two, four-story condominium buildings connected with a walkway.

• A REVIEW •

The Highlands-Cashiers Players production of "A Thousand Clowns" is an endearing and often funny look at relationships – relationships between an uncle and nephew, between co-workers and of course a man and a woman.

Father and son team Jim and Ash Gordon connect as you might expect propelling the show through its paces aided by Rick Siegel and Marsha Shmalo who hold their own as co-workers at odds, Bob Tietze who plays a perfect Chuckles the Chipmunk and newcomer Harry Bears who plays agent to his brother Murray (Jim Gordon).

The production is simple yet polished and represents what the Highlands-Cashiers Players is known for "great community theatre" and a great set – something play-goers have come to expect and enjoy.

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– **Kim Lewicki**

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and steamed for several hours. The Pollo Pibil was served with an Xni'pek (su-ne-pec) sauce and rice. The sauce, consisting of finely chopped white onion, tomato, coriander, salt and the juice of a Saville or sour orange, was the perfect compliment to the dish. It was a delightful combination of unusual flavors. A steaming pot of Mexican coffee was brought to our table with wonderfully light and creamy flan (flahn) custard for dessert. The perfect ending to an amazing day!

Yucatan Black Bean Soup

1 pound dried black beans
2 quarts water
2/3 C. olive oil
6 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
2 white onions, peeled and finely chopped
2 green peppers, seeded and finely chopped
4 t. salt
1/4 t. oregano
1 T. sugar
2 bay leaves
1 t. ground cumin
1/2 t. Epazote (optional)*
8 oz. Rotel tomatoes
2 T. dry red wine
1 1/2 T. apple cider vinegar
1/2 C. green onions, sliced
1 pint sour cream
2 C. cooked white rice

1. Soak black beans overnight in water, cover generously. Drain beans, rinse in fresh water and drain again. Cover beans with water and cook on low, about 4-6 hours. A slow cooker set on high may be used.

2. In a skillet, heat olive oil and sauté garlic, white onions and green pepper over low heat for about 10 minutes, add to beans

3. Add tomatoes, salt, oregano, sugar, bay leaves, cumin and Epazote.

4. When beans are tender, mash about a cup of the beans against the side of the pot with a wooden spoon.

5. Add wine and vinegar and allow beans to cook for another hour.

6. Cook for one more hour, uncovered, to allow the mixture to thicken.

7. Serve hot, topped with sour cream, green onions and a side of white rice.

*Epazote (eh-pah-SOH-teh) is a pungent herb and can be found at Mexican food stores. It grows in the southern United States and is known as "wormseed" or "Mexican tea".

Flan

8 T. sugar
2 C. milk
3 eggs
1/8 t. salt
1/2 t. vanilla

1. Place oven proof dish or custard cups in a pan of hot water.

2. Heat 4 tablespoons of sugar in a small skillet until a brown syrup forms. Spread evenly on the sides and bottom of the dish or custard cups.

3. Scald the milk. In a separate bowl, beat the remaining sugar, eggs, salt and vanilla and combine with the milk. Pour into the oven proof dish or custard cups. Place the pan of hot water containing the dish or cups into the oven and bake at 350 degrees, approximately 30 minutes or until a knife blade run into the center comes out clean.



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• BUSINESS NEWS •

The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary recently made a donation to the Literacy Council of Highlands with funds raised from their recent "Quickdraw" fundraiser where twelve artists completed paintings in two hours. Accepting the donation of behalf of the Literacy council was director Melody Mendez. Presenting the check were Al Bolt, owner of Mitchell's Lodge and Cottages in Highlands and President Elect of the Mountaintop Rotary and Nick Bazan, Mortgage Banker and Past President of the Mountaintop club. Both were sponsors of the Quickdraw along with fellow sponsors Gerry Doubleday, Fressers Eatery, The Highlander Newspaper, The Laurel Magazine, Peak Experience, The Rotary Club of Highlands, Tin Roof Gallery, The Total Picture, Vivace, and Bill Zoellner. Rotarian Dennis Hall donated his valuable services as auctioneer.



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endangering the life of a fellow officer. He contributed it to sloppiness and carelessness, ending his reprimand by saying, "Are you a natural screw-up, Wooldridge, or do you have to work hard at it?" I was sent home. I was finished.

What was ironic was I knew my knots long before this school. A short stint with the power company had made me proficient with most knots although they never used the double bowline. I wondered why. That evening I sat in my usual tub of hot water, soaking my weary 40-year old bones, but instead of sipping a beer, I toyed with two short pieces of rope. I made the knot over two dozen times and convinced myself this was not my mistake. How could this have happened?

Then, while playing with the knot, it hit me like a bolt of lightning. I jumped from the tub and raced to the garage wet and naked. I drug the knot over the sharp edge of my work bench. As the knot was pulled across the lip, it transformed into a slip knot and came untied. The knot had to be in just the right position for it to fail. I couldn't believe my eyes. The school was using a flawed knot.

The next morning, I arrived an hour early for class and waited for my instructors. The decision to flunk me had already been made and I sensed it. When the first instructors arrived I said, "I wish to make a formal challenge concerning the tactic employed yesterday that caused a student to fall."

As part of our initial briefing, we had been given a guide. One of the rules stated any student could challenge any segment of the training if they felt safety had been compromised. The instructors couldn't believe I had the audacity to challenge them but they knew I was desperate.

As students began to arrive for class, two of the seven instructors walked with me to where the accident occurred. I took two pieces of rope, tied the double bowline and asked them to inspect it. Then I asked an instructor to put tension on the line as I drug the knot

over a nearby garbage bin. I made sure the knot was in the correct position for failure. When the knot came untied, the instructor, leaning back, fell a short distance to the ground. Disbelieving what they had witnessed, they made me complete the exercise three more times.

After a lengthy meeting, all seven teachers walked from the police building and assembled the class. My career in SWAT and my reputation with my department hung in the balance. I simply couldn't flunk this school.

I was brought before my fellow students once again. The head of the school spoke. "Yesterday, I ridiculed this man because I was angry he had injured a student. I planned to dismiss him this morning. Now I will personally apologize to him. He has proven beyond all doubt, the double bowline is an improper knot to be used to join ropes. We have deleted the knot from our curriculum and want to thank him for pursuing this. Lieutenant, please rejoin your class."

Two days before graduation, the head instructor, in an act of kindness, invited me to join with the other school instructors for a fun jump in the Everglades. Naturally, I accepted. When I got home that evening, the little missus asked how training went. I smiled, "Today I parachuted from a chopper." She was speechless.

I eventually graduated but nowhere near the top of my class. There were younger, stronger and brighter men in that class than I. After leadership school, I commanded my department's SWAT teams for the next 10 years and my career continued to soar. I am truly a blessed man.

During the SWAT leadership segment of my training, I had the honor and privilege of working with the infamous Delta Group out of Fort Stewart, Ga. They think little of losing four or five men during an assault, a major difference between military and police. If I had ever lost even one man, I would have been hung out to dry.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Highlands Woman's Club annual craft show proceeds to benefit students and organizations in town



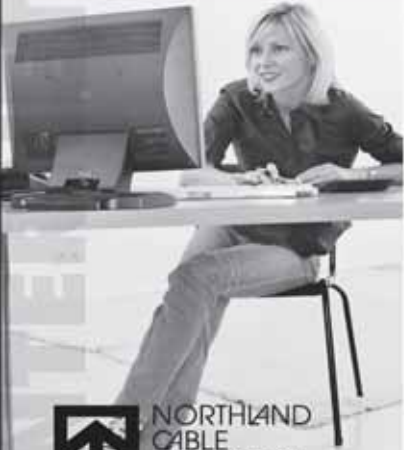
From left are Karen Boucher and Kathy Maps, co chairs of the Highlands Woman's Club and craftshow publicity chair Sara Mason with Mary Jellison, president of the woman's club. The Highlands Woman's Club is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates Fibber Magee's closet which is a clothing thrift store and it also puts on the annual Highlands Own Craft Show at the Rec Park each year. This year the craftshow brought in about \$4,000 which will be used to finance scholarships to Highlands School students and to finance other causes in Highlands.

Hard-hat tour set for Saturday at The Bascom



The Bascom will host a public hard-hat tour this Saturday, Oct. 25, at the art center's new Oak Street campus, above. Bob Fisher, chairman of The Bascom, will conduct the tour of the 21,000 square foot main building, the remodeled Crane Barn, the covered Will Henry Stevens Bridge and the nature/sculpture trail. Construction on the campus is 75 percent complete. The art center will open mid 2009. Tour times are 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. or 3 p.m. Reservations are required. Call (828) 526-4949, ext. 8#, or email jconnor@thebascom.org to sign up for a tour time.

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Designers personal home features a relaxed and comfortable environment. This home is perched on two lots with great privacy. Easy access from two separate roads and give plenty of parking for family or entertaining. 3 bedrooms. 3 baths plus a separate master suite. Huge covered porch with fireplace make a great outdoor living room. Exceptional location near Highlands Country Club off of Cobb road. Offered at \$895,000. mls #65411



BRAND NEW HOME AT WILDCAT CLIFFS COUNTRY CLUB. A great value, 4 bedrooms, 4-1/2 baths. Custom finishes with large cathedral great room that opens onto a large screened porch with a view of Shortoff Mountain. Master is on the main level, with 3 guest suites upstairs. Two laundry rooms, large two car garage. Membership is available with membership requirements. This is a great home in Wildcat! Offered at \$975,000. mls #63996



Great Starter Home Located about 6 miles from downtown on Blue Valley Road, this small starter home has loads of possibilities. It sits on 1.3 acres and features 2 bedrooms and 2 baths with an open greatroom area and large screened porch. Two car carport with storage, and a gentle yard with small pond. Offered at \$198,500.00 mls #65764



Blue Valley Falls Estates Fantastic designers home is located on 3 acres with lovely manicured grounds and a ridgeline view. Quality throughout, the interior features designer finishes with a split bedroom plan and fantastic living spaces. Greatroom with stone fireplace. Custom kitchen that has a pass through to the outdoor living room that is screened and overlooks the lower stone patio. Lower level has additional expansion area that is suitable for an additional family room with fireplace, media room, and 2 bedrooms with baths. A lovely front patio with water feature and 2 car garage round out this lovely home. Offered at \$1,188,000. mls#63331



CULLASAJA CLUB LOT #149. Brand new with an excellent location convenient to the clubhouse, private location with a wonderful stone cliff in the back yard. The dwelling features four bedrooms, four and one half baths, great room with custom kitchen that features Stainless Kitchenaid appliances and granite countertops, custom stone fireplaces and stone pillars. Landscape package with stone terraces nad spring that feeds a custom waterfall. Two car garage. Covered porch takes in the awesome mountain views. Offered at \$1,495,000. mls #60810



LOCATED ON DESIREABLE BOWERY ROAD. This charming log home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lofted living room with additional studio/family room and bath on a large wooded lot. New roof and in excellent condition. Offered at \$535,000. mls #61021



Laurel Falls, Cabin 309. Three bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large two car garage pool and tennis available. Offered at \$399,000. mls #57078



Darling 2 bedroom 2 bath Mirror Lake cabin has been completely remodeled. New kitchen, new stone fireplace, new plumbing, new electric, new bathrooms. This home is ready to enjoy. Walk to the lake and town plus an extra lot ready to build on. Offered at \$395,000. mls #66294



Big Bear Pen Mountain



CULLASAJA CLUB. Wonderful usable lot with fantastic location features multiple golf holes including the 5th and 6th just off your rear deck and a great view of a lake and the mountains in the distance. Easy access and main level living with this quality home that features 3 bedrooms and 2 -1/2 baths. Wood floors grace the greatroom with cathedral ceiling and fireplace. Nice open kitchen/dining room that opens onto a large screened porch that overlooks the 6th fairway and club lake. Two car garage with a private office to get your work done, lower level has a hobby room, storage area and an additional half bath. Additional potting shed/golf cart storage round out this exceptional package. Offered at \$895,000. mls #64581



RETREAT TO THE MOUNTAINS! This 3 bedrooms plus large den and loft, 3 and 2 half baths home sits on over an acre of land in Laurel Falls at Skyline. The main floor, with beautiful hickory floors throughout, consists of cathedral ceiling living room with floor to ceiling rock fireplace; a large commercial kitchen to bring out the gourmet chef in you; master bedroom and bath and a nice powder room for guests. The upper floor consists of a large loft area that would make a great office or pool table area; a second master bedroom and bath and a big walk in closet. The lower level boasts a den or TV watching room with a powder room for guests, laundry room, and a guest bedroom and bath. Add to this the many large decks to enjoy the wonderful stream on the property and the amenities of the pool and tennis courts at Skyline Lodge and you have found a real bargain. Offered at \$699,000. mls #57077

Big Bear Pen Mountain – Check out this great Summer home located on desirable Big Bear Pen Mountain. Lovely usable yard with lovely mountain vista. Home features 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. It has been fully updated and is in great condition. Offered at a very reasonable \$775,000.00 mls #65052

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Keep up the faith



Pastor Paul Christy
Highlands United Methodist Church

For the last several years I have been playing around with running. Most mornings I get up early and run anywhere from three to six miles and then on the weekends, I try to run a little more, between nine and 15 miles. Now part of the reason that I run is because as a preacher we tend to spend a lot of time sitting. We are sitting in the office, sitting in a car, or sitting in a home or hospital visiting. And I don't tend to eat healthy food, so I took up this thing called running several years ago. As I built up my mileage, I also decided that I should run some races, so the quest began. I ran some 5-Ks, some 10-Ks and some half marathons. I thought, once I got in shape that I would win some races, but as luck would have it, there are a lot of people who like to run and most of them are a lot faster than a 47-year-old Methodist preacher.

But I decided that it was all right to get beat at some races because after all, I was out there just to enjoy running, right? However before each race, I try to size-up my competition and I set myself some personal goals. Several weeks ago, I ran a half-marathon at Bethel, a town near Canton, N.C., and I was ready. I had the training, I had the mileage, and I was mentally prepared to do well in the race.

I set a goal of running 13.1 miles in around two hours. The first half of the race, I was on target. I was feeling good and running with a purpose. Then the race wore on and I seemed to be getting slower and slower, but I was still feeling good. In my mind, I had decided that at mile 12, I was going to pass at least 10 people on the way in because after all, I trained in Highlands and I was prepared!

At mile 12, there were not many people near me so I passed no one, but was feeling all right. Then it happened. About 300 yards before the finish line, two ladies in their 60s passed me like I was sitting still or like I was walking. I finished the race and I thought, maybe these ladies didn't realize I was a preacher and they really shouldn't have passed me because that was not in my race plan! But they passed me! I was near the finish line and they passed me.

Now why do I tell you of my smashing defeat at Bethel? Because like it or not life is like a race sometimes. We prepare ourselves mentally, physically and emotionally and something happens and our best-laid plans do not work out the way we envisioned.

So what do we do? Sometimes we pout and write about how life is unfair, other times we make excuses as to why things are not working out, or there are times we want to throw in the towel and quit.

But let this simple Methodist preacher remind us all, that while life may not work out the way we planned, it is important to keep running. An Apostle named Paul many years ago spoke about running a lot. He said that it was important to keep running because it is not how fast we are, not if we win, but that we finish the race. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have kept the faith." Paul reminds us all that it is important to keep the faith and keep running.

Don't give up because the way I read the scriptures, God never gives up on us — even if two women pass you before you cross the finish line. Maybe our quest then in life is simply to keep on keeping on, keep praying and keep the faith.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

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Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on U.S. 64 next to the ballfield in Highlands)
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m. at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

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Sundays: 11 a.m.

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Wednesdays: Dinner 5 p.m.-6 p.m.; 6 p.m. programs for all students; 6:15 p.m., Adult Bible Study
Thursdays: Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan – Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.

Monday: 4 p.m. Women's Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men's Cursillo Group 4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel) 10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King
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p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

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Choir – 7

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Sixth Street
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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Thurs: 12:30 – Women's Bible Study (nursery)
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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going Events

• The Bascom is offering a host of art classes for preschoolers to pre-teens from now through the end of the school year. For more information, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 0#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

• Friends of Panthertown work days, last Thursday of every month (time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258) or friends.of.panthertown@gmail.com or online at www.jmca.org

• Four churches prepare to "Walk to Bethlehem." The Macon County Public Health Center is continuing a successful faith-based wellness program. Four local churches, with assistance from the Health Promotions Program at the public health center, are embarking on a virtual journey from Franklin to Bethlehem as a part of the "Walk to Bethlehem" program. The four participating churches include First United Methodist Church, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Prentiss Church of God, and Watauga Baptist Church. The Walk to Bethlehem program encourages church members to be more physically active and make healthier food choices. According to the Centers for Disease Control, everyone needs at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most days to stay healthy. As a part of the Walk to Bethlehem program, the public health center provided a pre-event health screening to the churches.

• Collections for men and women overseas at Chestnut Hill Retirement community. A wide variety of items currently are needed, including books and magazines, CDs and DVDs, and small pocket books, which fit neatly in the BDUs (Battle Dress Uniforms). Phone cards, lounge pants, grey or black t-shirts, and cards of encouragement are also in great demand. Consumables such as insect repellent, lotions, and other hygiene products must come new, in original packaging.

ing. Monetary donations to fund the flat rate APO shipping at \$10.95 per box should be left at the front desk of Chestnut Hill. The drop point for all items will be under the flagpole at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse on Clubhouse Trail. For any questions, or to schedule a drop-off, contact Jeremy Duke in our community office at (828) 787-2114.

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. If you are in grades 6th-12th then this is the place to be! The church is located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. For more info call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203, www.cullasajaag.org.

• Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for \$2,000 and have four different chances of winning.

• 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 with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

• 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 Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

Mondays & Wednesdays

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

• Middle School students After School Program from 3-5 p.m. at the Rec Park. The program is free and will include a snacks, homework help, arts/crafts, sports, community involvement projects, and mini field trips. Parents will be required to register their child(ren) upon their second day of attendance and children will be required to sign in daily. For more information please call 828.526.3556.

Wed., & Fri.

• Open AA meeting noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

First Mondays

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

Mondays

• Open AA meeting, 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

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

Tuesdays

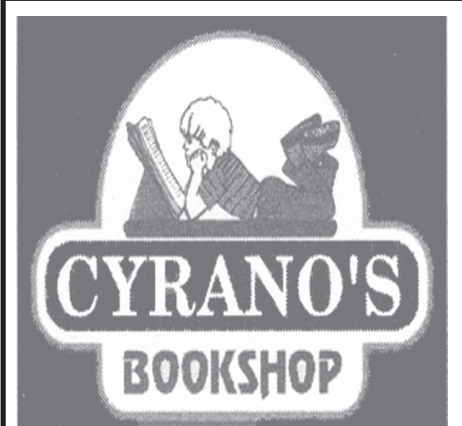
• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

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

Wednesdays

• Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club meets at

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Upcoming Book Signings

Saturday, Oct. 25

1-3 p.m.

Stephanie Burt Williams

"Haunted Hills: Ghosts and Legends of Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina"

Sunday, Oct. 26

2-4 p.m.

Thomas L. German

"The Dakota Vine"

Davis stars in 'Second Lady' this weekend at ITC

Second Lady is a very timely show for the Instant Theatre Company to be producing this October because this remarkable play

takes place in October in an election year. Mrs. Joseph Erskine, the wife of a U.S. Senator who is running for Vice President of the United States, is in Philadelphia fulfilling a speaking engagement for her husband. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections. Her stories become more and more personal as she peels away rationalizations and justifications she has accumulated over the years.

This powerful 70-minute, one-woman, show about a fictional political wife displays the very fine acting talents of Madeleine Bains



Davis. Ms. Davis has also been seen this season at the Studio on Main in ITC LIVE!, and costarring with David Milford in The Ice-

Breaker, The Return of Herbert Bracewell and Diaries of Adam and Eve. She directed the ITC's August hit show Clarence Darrow, starring David Milford and is the Instant Theatre Company's incoming Artistic Director. Second Lady, directed by David Milford, opens October 17 and also plays the 18, 24 and 25. All performances are at 8 p.m.

For reservations call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197. Tickets are \$15 with reservations

and \$20 at the door. The ITC's Studio on Main is located at 310 Oak Square, Main Street.

Father and son shine in HCP's "A Thousand Clowns" on stage this weekend at PAC



Jim Gordon and son, Ash on the set of *A Thousand Clowns* (by Herb Gardner). The Highlands Cashiers Players production of *A Thousand Clowns* continues this Thursday through Sunday at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinee begins at 2:30pm. For more information or tickets call: 828.526.8084. MC & VISA accepted.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays

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

Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

Thursdays & Fridays

• Live music at The Rib Shack from 7-10 p.m.

Friday & Saturday

• Chad Reed at piano at ...on the Verandah restaurant from 7 p.m.

Friday-Sunday

• At Skyline Lodge & Restaurant. Hal Philips at the piano, 7-9 p.m. Flat Mountain Road. 526-2121.

Saturdays

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

Through Nov. 12

• The Village Green in Cashiers, NC presents Sculpture on the Green 2008 1st Bi-Annual Invitational Exhibition. Last summer the 12.5 acre park began to integrate sculpture into the landscape and installed 5 sculptures to its Permanent Collection. Starting this summer, it is hosting a six month exhibition of 10 works from sculptors from all over the nation. Cast your vote for the sculpture to be added to the Permanent Collection at the Green.

Through Nov. 13

• "2008 Juried Art" exhibition at The Bascom featuring art from all over the Southeast. Free opening reception Oct. 11 5-7 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission is free. For information, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Nov. 22

• The Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences presents Celebrate Clay, a pottery show featuring Western North Carolina Potters. The show features mostly functional and some just plain fun pieces. Celebrate Clay opened in late September and runs through November 22. The Hambidge Center's Weave Shed Gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrate Clay includes work from artists like Stanley Andersen, Maria Andrade Troya, Anita Blackwell, Pamela Brewer, Kyle Carpenter, Josh Copus, Terry Gess, Barry Gregg, Matt Jacobs, Courtney Martin, Mickey Shane, David Ross, Michael Rutkowsky, Ken Sedberry, Joy Tanner and Mark Tomczak. Wood turner Steve Rountree is also included in the show. Hambidge is located at 105 Hambidge Court, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568. The mailing address is PO Box 399, Rabun Gap, Georgia 30568. Hambidge can be reached at 706-746-5718 or visited online at www.hambidge.org.

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 24-25

• At the Instant Theater, The Second Lady at 8 p.m. A powerful one-woman show about a fictional political wife. She has mislaid her prepared remarks and must draw on her experiences and recollections to fulfill a speaking engagement on behalf of her husband. Stars Madeleine Davis Directed by David Milford. Call the ITC Box Office for reservations 828-342-9197.

Fri.-Sun., Oct. 24-26

• An old favorite, the comedy/drama "A Thousand Clowns," is the Highlands Cashiers Players fall play this season at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. Tickets for "A Thousand Clowns" go on sale for the public beginning Saturday, Oct. 11. Box office hours at PAC, 507 Chestnut Street, are 10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Call 828-526-8084 for reservation.

Friday, Oct. 24

• Macon County flu vaccination clinic for adults age 19 and older. 1 pm - 6 pm Franklin: Community Facilities Building, Highway 441 South. Appointments are not needed and vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis. Individuals unable to wait in line may have someone wait in line for them and a nurse will take vaccine to their vehicle. For more information call the Macon County Public Health Center at 349-2081. The cost for the vaccine is \$25.

The health center will bill Medicare and Medicare replacements, BCBS, Crescent, and Tricare; but you must bring your card. Free vaccine for high-risk children and pregnant women will be available at the Macon County Public Health Center at a later date. This includes all children 6 to 59 months of age and children 5-18 years old who are high risk or do not have insurance or visit its website at www.maconnc.org/healthdept.

• Eastern Star chapters from Highlands, Franklin, Glenville and East LaPorte will be hosting a turkey dinner on Friday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park Civic Center. The menu will be turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry salad and roll. A variety of pies will be available for purchase. Tickets are \$7 for teens and adults and \$5 for children under 12. In addition there will be music and entertainment. Pecans and crafts will be available for purchase. Proceeds from the dinner will go to scholarships. Advanced tickets for the dinner are available by calling 526-9191.

Saturday, Oct. 25

• At The Bascom's new Oak Street site, a hard-hat tour 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Bob Fisher, chairman of The Bascom, will conduct the tour of the 21,000 square foot main building, the remodeled Crane Barn, the covered Will Henry Stevens Bridge and the nature/sculpture trail. Construction on the campus is 75 percent complete. The art center will open mid 2009. Reservations are required. Call (828)

526-4949, ext. 8#, or email jconnor@thebascom.org to sign up for a tour time.

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Stephanie Burt Williams will sign copies of "Haunted Hills: Ghosts and Legends of Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina" from 1-3 p.m.

• The Cullasaja Harvest Festival at Cullasaja Assembly of God starting at 5 p.m. This is for the whole

Clock auction part of HUMC Fall Festival



On Saturday, Oct. 25 the Highlands United Methodist Church Fall Festival with breakfast for the Bolivian Mission Fund, and a sale of "Tossed out Treasures" — furniture, home furnishings, pictures, lamps, and all kinds of goodies.

There will be a Silent Auction of a Grandfather Clock and a raffle for a pearl necklace. The Grandfather Clock is a "Howard Miller" brand clock, traditional style, oak finish, approximately 6 ft. tall with beautiful face and brass workings including chimes. The estimated retail price is over \$2,000. Opening bid if \$400; minimum raises of \$50.

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Ruby Cinemas will be showing special Halloween movies on both Halloween night and Nov 1st. Additional information and advance tickets are available at our box office window.

Harvest on the Hill with the shops ...on the hill of S. 4th Street

The shops on the Fourth Street hill are having a Harvest on the Hill event from 2-6 p.m. Come up and celebrate the fun of fall in the mountains. In addition to fabulous shopping, special sales and door prizes at participating shops, there will be festive fall activities for the young as well as the young at heart. Face painting will be offered (with proceeds going to the May-Bibi team participating in the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer 3-day walk in Atlanta), as well as caricatures by local artist Duncan Greenlee in addition to a photo booth— a perfect way to take your memories of Highlands home with you. You can also enjoy the colors of fall on a hayride around beautiful Harris Lake. Adding to the festivities will be live music from the area's favorite band, Hurricane Creek. Hot dogs and beverages will be available.

The merchants "On the Hill" welcome you and yours to spend the afternoon with them and experience what makes shopping "On the Hill" so exciting, different and just plain fun.

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Chamber Music Festival Fall Concerts

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival presents its annual Fall Concert on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. The program will feature a cornerstone of the chamber music repertoire, Johannes Brahms' three Sonatas for Violin and Piano, performed by violinist Cecylia Arzewski and pianist William Ransom.

Brahms' three published sonatas for violin and piano were written over a span of ten years, from 1878 to 1888. This is considered his late period, to which the adjective "autumnal" has often been applied. The calm, richly melodic yet slightly bittersweet character that permeates much of the writing in these works makes that description especially appropriate, and makes them perfect for an autumn concert.

Ms. Arzewski is the former Concertmas-

ter of the Atlanta Symphony, and Mr. Ransom is Artistic Director of the HCCMF. Come enjoy this perfect complement to the leaf season in Highlands with beautiful and exciting music performed by internationally-known performers.

On Saturday, December 20th at 5 PM at the PAC, the HCCMF will present its first ever Christmas Concert, a benefit concert for the whole family entitled "Father Christmas' Favorite Chamber Music." Santa Claus himself will be on hand to introduce some of his favorite works for violin, viola, cello and piano; and good listeners will receive a treat from Father Christmas on the way out.

The Christmas concert will be a benefit for the Highlands Emergency Council.

For more information and tickets, call 828-526-9060; online at hcmusicfestival.org.



family. We will have food, bonfire, hayride, costume contest and more. We are located at 6201 Highlands Rd. next to Exxon. This is for the whole family. For more information call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext. 203.

- Macon County Sheriff's Office "Shop with a Cop" Fundraiser Motorcycle Ride. Registration 9 a.m., at the Macon County L.E. Center, 1820 Lakeside Dr., Franklin N.C. Kickstands up at 10 a.m. Registration will be \$25 to include Ride, T-Shirt and Meal. Food Provided by Cash's Barbeque (Whistle Stop Mall) Meal and Raffle will take place immediately following the ride. All proceeds will go directly to the program.

- Everyone is invited to enjoy the Fall colors on a guided Nature Walk or Hike on Saturday at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served following your return from the trail. The cost is free and all are invited. Two separate trails will be offered. Choose between a trail of moderate difficulty or an easier nature walk. Experienced guides for the hike and walk will include a Certified Arborist and Forestry Examiner, a Wilderness Specialist, and an Avid Tree Enthusiast. It is suggested that you bring water, and if desired, an energy snack for the trail. Wear comfortable shoes or sneakers which provide some traction. Reservations are requested, but not required. Please meet us at Community Bible Church on the Cashiers Road/Highway 64 E. Transportation will be provided, or you can follow us to the trail head. For additional information call 526-4685.

- The Highlands Plateau Greenway will have a

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Wofford to speak at Art League meeting



Sculptor Wesley Wofford will speak at the Art Leagues monthly meeting Monday, Oct. 27 at the Rec Park at 5 p.m. The public is welcomed.

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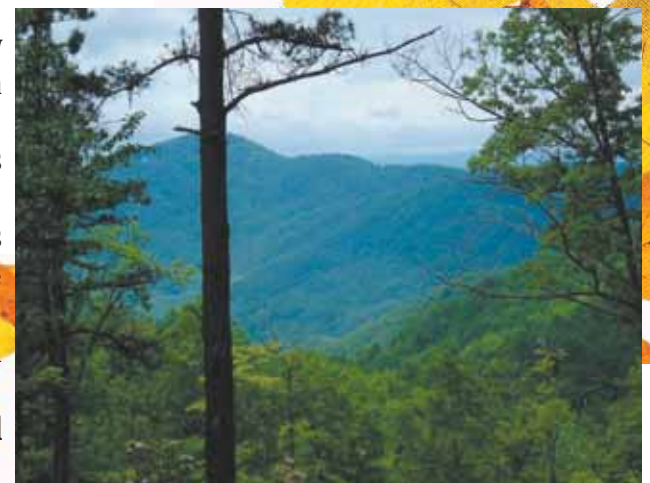
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Pancake Breakfast at Scaly Mountain Community Center Saturday



Carolyn Hixon and Stan Hummel with Freeman Gas Company of Highlands, are pictured with and new member of the Scaly Mountain Women's Club and her husband at one of the group's popular pancake breakfasts. Saturday, Oct. 25 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. is the last breakfast until next year at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of NC Hwy 106 and Buck Knob Road. For information call 526-0370.

trail construction work trip on Saturday at 9 a.m. If you are interested in participating please contact Hillrie Quin at 526-2385 or hmquin@verizon.net. Meet at the Peggy Crosby Center at 9 a.m. for a brief training session and then car pool to a trail section. Participants will be furnished the necessary tools and safety equipment. Participants should bring water, lunch, rain gear, a day pack to hold everything. Boots and clothes that can get dirty are advised. On this trip we will be led by Fred Lashley, President of Unturned Stone, who will be providing expert instruction in check steps, rock cribbing and general trail construction techniques.

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• The Satolah, (Georgia,) volunteer fire department holds its annual Fall Hot Dog Dinner and Bluegrass Benefit, Saturday at the firehouse on Route 28. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. \$5 per plate, \$3 for children. The music starts around 7 p.m., with Curtis Blackwell and the Dixie Bluegrass Boys, and Carolina Backroads. Proceeds all go toward general support

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Land Trust Historic Tellico Valley, Sat. Nov. 1

Land Trust of Little Tennessee is hosting its annual fall celebration in Historic Tellico Valley 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day includes music by the Frog Town 4, hay

rides, guided hikes, tours of the Tellico Trout Farm, and our annual conservation award presentation. All activities are FREE for the entire family, and food

may be purchased on-site from Big Mountain BB-Q. The Franklin-based Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) works to conserve the waters, forests, farms and heritage of the upper Little Tennessee and Hiwassee River valleys which includes all of western North Carolina west of the Balsam Mountains. One of the founding members of the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, Virginia Ramsey Brunner, grew up in Tellico where the Ramsey family settled the area in the early 1800s. By the late 1800s, Tellico was a small center of commerce. Virginia's father, William Robert Ramsey, ran the General Store, Post

Office, and grist mill. There was also a blacksmith and saw mill. The property is identified by the long low stone walls that line the road as well as the landmark Tahl-



e qu a h white oak where according to local legend Cherokee elders met to settle differences. Much of the original Ramsey family property is now the grounds of the Tellico

Trout Farm including the restored General Store building and the magnificent Tahl-equah oak tree. Virginia Ramsey Brunner is the author of "Tahlequah," a story of the adventures and activities of some Anglo-Scots who searched for and settled in a secluded valley high in the Nantahala Mountains. A reading from the book will be held under the oak at the LTLT Celebration. The Tellico Valley is beautiful and rich in Appalachian and Cherokee history. The LTLT Celebration on November 1 will provide a special opportunity to experience this quiet gem. For more information, contact Kate Parkerson at 524-2711.

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of this all-volunteer fire station. The public is invited.

• Last pancake breakfast until next year at the Scaly Mountain Community Center located in the historic Scaly School House at N.C. 106 and Buck Knob Road. 7:30-10:30 a.m. Full breakfast of juice, pancakes, sausage patty and coffee. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children. Proceeds are used for scholarships for local students of all ages who wish to further their secondary school education. Many area human service agencies that benefit residents of the Scaly area also receive yearly donations from the club. For information about the scholarship program contact Kay Steele at 526-3091. The club is a 501 3c organization and donations are tax deductible. For more information about the club, call membership chairman Betty Bandy at 526-4816.

Sunday, Oct. 26

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Monday, Oct. 27

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Stephanie Burt Williams's collection of 15 spooky tales, "Haunted Hills: Ghosts and Legends of Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina" brings Old Highlands back to life — almost literally!

Ms. Williams, a former journalist in Charlotte and Charleston, is now a freelance writer in Greensboro. But it was during her time as a reporter at The Highlander newspaper that she gained her insights into our ghostly history.

Fear and dread play a large role in Thomas L. German's novel, "The Dakota Vine." Rob Cooper, the novel's hero, is haunted by his WWII experiences. Back from the war, Rob witnesses a brutal biker-gang murder, and seeks anonymity in a South Dakota farming community. There he learns farming, and becomes enmeshed in the vibrant humanity of the farmers and town folk of the Bryson City (wonder where that name came from!) community. The human nature about him, from ribald and humorous to poignant and tragic, shapes his human perceptions. His battle with memories of horror takes a turn with the reappearance of an old nemesis, stoking Rob's determination to rid himself of his demons with the help of his wife, Millie, and men of the cloth.

Thomas L. German was born and raised along the Missouri River in Yankton, South Dakota. His father was a cowboy balladeer, writer, and interviewer for Radio Station WNAX. In his youth, Dr. German would travel around the five-state area with him during the summer. After studies in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar, he pursued a career in medicine culminating in an orthopedic residency at Duke University. He and his wife, Georgene, after an Army stint in Nuremberg, Germany, settled into practice and raised a family in Savannah, Georgia. "The Dakota Vine" evolved from his plains experiences and writing imagination. The book's title comes from the Muscadine grape vines that have been growing along the state's streams for so long, they've become known as Dakota vines.

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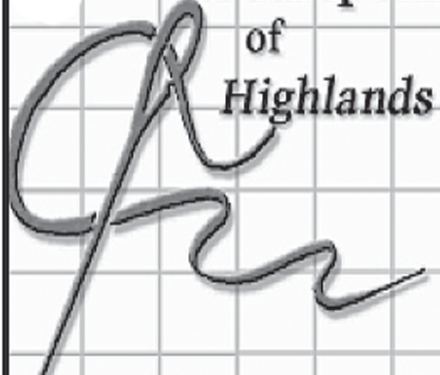


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SAT. OCT. 25 – Fax, printer, EZ Up Tent, household items and more. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Take Hicks Road to Mirrormont to Bonnie Lane to 174 Dolly Lane.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION — The Bascom seeks experienced art educator with strong academic, organizational & communication skills for management position. Develop, plan, budget & deliver studio courses (via contract faculty), artist-in-residence workshops, school age & adult programs. Required: college degree & five years related experience; PC & AV skills; master's degree preferred. Submit resume & cover letter by November 14th to: Director, The Bascom, P. O. Box 766, Highlands, NC 28741.

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HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is actively seeking a responsible and energetic individual to fill the full-time position of Director of Children and Youth Ministries. Bachelor's degree or five years related experience required. Send resumes to HUMC, P.O. Box 1959, Highlands, NC 28741. Attn: Scott Roddy or email inquires and resumes to humcsc@dnet.net.

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IT SPECIALIST – needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full time, day shift position available. Should have one year experience in minor network operations and end-user troubleshooting skills as well as Microsoft Office skills. A two year degree in an IT related field preferred. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST: at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Part time and PRN positions available. Responsibilities include taking call and being able to respond within 20 minutes. Also must be able to intubate a patient. Current registration or certification in North Carolina, along with a current BLS and/or ACLS required. Experience with rehabilitation and disease prevention preferred. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

RNs at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. Full, Part-time and PRN positions available for 12 hour day and night shifts. Excellent wage scale, with shift and weekend differentials. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 30 days of full-time employment. We are now offering part-time employees, working at least 24 hours a week, medical insurance. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

CNA OR CNA II at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. PRN positions are available. Our wage scale is \$11.00 to \$14.40 per hour, and you also receive shift and weekend differentials. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Human Resources, 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

WORK WANTED

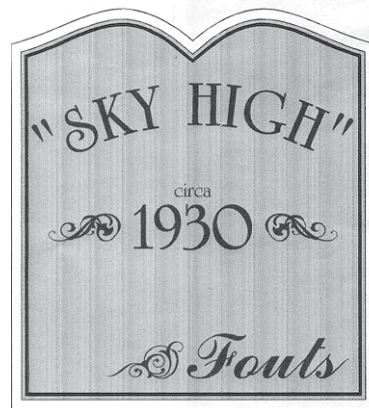
PROFESSIONALLY TRAINED CHEF – with 15 years experience in 4 and 5 star restaurants available to prepare custom menus for you and your family. Your kitchen or mine. Will travel for specialty/organic ingredients. Long-term/year around or special event catering available. Special dietary needs accommodated. Please call 743-0649 or email eleonorcrowe@aol.com for consultation or questions.

LOOKING FOR A HOUSEKEEPER? – Call Dora at 828-200-1038. References available.

FOUND

DOG – Small long haired black dog found in Franklin near old Ingles, call 828-371-1574 to claim specific identification.

CASH REWARD



**For return of our sign.
No questions asked.
Sentimental value.
Call 352-372-1543.**

CANOE – on Lake Sequoyah. Call 526-5721.

A RING – At Sliding Rock Falls in Whiteside Cove. Call Steve at 743-5470.

DOGS

FOR SALE – York/chihuahua mix puppy. Petite and sweet. Ready for a wonderful home. 11-weeks old. Shots current. \$200. Call 828-369-9391. 10/16
MOVING. 5-yr-old Jack Russell Terrier looking for a loving home. Call 828-200-9842.

FREE. A MALE LAB MIX – Please call 526-9027.

LOST

YELLOW CAT – No tail. From Rocky Hill/Raoul Road area. "April Mae" If seen please call 526-0991.

A CELL PHONE – in the vicinity of HorseCove and Whiteside Cove roads. Call Lisa Dickey at 743-3684.

RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT

DEVELOPER CLOSEOUT! – Unit at Freeman Center on N.C. 106 available for Rent/Own at \$1,995 monthly or for sale at \$379,900. That's a purchase price of only \$165 per sq. ft. Call 526-5296 or 828-421-3161.

UNIQUE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY on Main St Highlands. 800 sq ft retail/office space just in time for the season. Space includes bath & kitchen. Call for details 526-3363.

PRIME Office Space for Rent — 800 sq. ft., air-conditioned, heated, plenty of parking. Call 526-5673.

IN-TOWN COMMERCIAL SPACE WITH OPTIONAL LIVING SPACE FOR RENT. Charming and supremely convenient commercial building in high traffic district. One block off main, Walking distance to Main Street shopping at Old Edwards Inn. Loft apartment above commercial space. Commercial space \$1,700/month. Loft \$850/month. Call today to schedule a showing! 828-526-2769. Ask for Ralph.

RETAIL/OFFICE SPACE - 800 - 3,000 Sq Ft. Located in Highlands Plaza. Entrances on Hwy. 28 & 106. Great Visibility. High Traffic. Abundant Parking.

Reasonable Terms. Best location in town. Call 864-630-0808 for info.

RESIDENTIAL FOR RENT

LUXURY LONG-TERM RENTAL HOME W/ OFFICE — Convenient "Heart of Cashiers." Quiet lake. Furnished 3 bdrm/3 bath with large home office. www.nc-mountainhouse.com \$2,600/month + utilities. (828) 526-3704 or (828) 526-0169. 11/6

LOOKING FOR CLEAN, QUIET NON-SMOKER WITH NO PETS – to rent furnished 1 bed, 1 bath apartment. \$600 includes all basic utilities. Cheaper with one year lease. Call 526-0079.

HOUSE FOR RENT AND SALE – 3/2 w/ office, great roommate plan 1600 sq. ft., gated community, Scaly Mt. half way between Highlands and Clayton, access to 17 acre lake and hiking from 424 sq ft porch or watch sun rise from 424 sq. ft. deck. \$1,200/mo plus utilities. Internet and satellite available. No children, pets, or ATVs; house actively being shown for sale during rental. Call Pat 828-243-9646 re rent or Becky 828-526-2475 re sale. psherrer@mindspring.com

DOWNTOWN APARTMENT RENTAL – One bedroom (Queen), one bath, vaulted ceiling in great room, heat and air with gas fireplace. Fully furnished with W/D, cozy and comfortable. \$750 a month plus utilities. Call 526-2598 or 421-3614.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH CABIN – Laurel Falls. 2 minutes from hospital, 5 minutes from town. \$850 per month, plus utilities. Fully Furnished. Available Nov. 1. Call 787-2423. 10/30

1 BED, 1 BATH and small room with bunk beds on Lake Sequoyah. Furnished, two boats. \$1,000 a month including utilities except phone. Call Tony at 828-332-7830.

SAPPHIRE NC – 2 Story 3Bed/3 Bath, Yr round views, 2 decks, remodeled, Furnished, 2 car garage. Available yearly or seasonal. 561-626-9556

RIVER RUN II – studio Apartment, Large wrap around deck, completely remodeled, furnished or unfurnished sale or lease. 561-626-9556

3BD/2BA HOUSE IN SKY VALLEY GA. – Fireplace, nice view, huge decks, unfinished basement. \$825 month plus security deposit and utilities. Call Ann at Cabe Realty 828-526-2475.

AVAILABLE NOV 1 – 2 bdrm, 2 bath condo at Highlands Mtn. Club, next to Highlands Country Club. AC, gas logs, hwd floors, fully furnished. Deck & screened porch. In city limits. Amenities include heated pool, road & entrance snow removal. \$950 per month. 828-200-0786

TWO-STORY APARTMENT FOR RENT ON CHENEY LANE – (3 minutes from Highlands/Cashiers Hospital). One-year Lease Agreement. Recent Renovation. Fully Furnished. Available October 1, 2008. 2 bedrooms/2 baths. 3 extra large closet. Kitchen with dishwasher and new JennAire cookstove, many kitchen cabinets. Washer/dryer, dining area, living room, cable and telephone connection, native stone fireplace. \$1,000/month, includes water, sewer, electricity. Single Family. References Required. No Pets. No Smoking. Call Jim at 1-770-789-2489.

2 BED, 2 BA HOUSE – Carport, Storage, Garage. \$800 a month. In Scaly. Call 423-715-7757.

2 BED, 2 BA, COTTAGE – W/D, 2 miles from town off Cashiers Road. Garage/basement, covered deck. \$925 a month. Call 864-944-1175.

FURNISHED 3BD/2BATH HOUSE IN MIR-

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Home for Sale Asking \$185,000

**5 miles from
downtown Highlands.
Borders USFS.
Owner financing
available.
Will consider all offers.
Agents welcome at 4%.**

**Call
903-343-7318**

ROR LAKE area available for 6-12 month lease \$1200+ utilities. Call 770-977-5692.

ATTRACTIVE 2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH APARTMENT available for immediate occupancy. Desirable Main Street location features balcony, large kitchen with dishwasher, spacious laundry equipped with washer and dryer. Recently renovated. No smokers and no pets. Call John for details. 526-5587. References required.

DAYLIGHT 1 BED/1 BATH BASEMENT APARTMENT FOR RENT — One-year Lease Agreement. Available Now. (3 minutes from Highlands/Cashiers Hospital). Recent Complete Renovation. Fully Furnished, kitchen, dining area, living room, washer/dryer, cable connection, fireplace, \$600 includes water, sewer, electricity, Single Family, References Required, No Pets, No Smoking, Call Jim at 1-770-789-2489.

TURTLE POND 2 bed/2 1/2 bath, hot tub; furnished; no smoking/pets 828-526-2759.

3BR, 2BACOTTAGE NEAR MIRROR LAKE — In town. \$1250 per month. Very clean. 770-977-5692.

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

ON MIRROR LAKE — Charming 3 bed, 2 bath. Huge sunroom, stone fireplace, 3 decks, canoe, furnished. Available Nov-May. \$1,500 a month plus utilities. Call 770-435-0678.

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

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, No min. Call 828-342-2302.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

MOTORHOME, LOT and ADJOINING COACH HOUSE. Absolutely beautiful and shining 40 ft. PREVOST COACH "Liberty Lady" model by Liberty Coach. Garaged since new. 55,000 pampered (two owner) miles. Priced well below market. Gorgeous lot and coach house. Located/can be seen at the corner of Fifth St. and Chestnut St. in Downtown Highlands. Total package: MOTORHOME, LOT and ADJOINING COACH HOUSE 10/30

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 Buck Creek Road. \$329,000 Call 828-524-6038.

VIEWS, VIEWS, VIEWS! — Two Sapphire lots with some of the best mountain views in our area! 3.82+/- and 2.29+/- acres offered at \$405,000 and \$310,000. Great laying lots that are all about the view! Call now for more details...one even comes with a HUGE bonus! 1-800-526-1648 ext.#s 1328 and 1338. Offered by Green Mountain Realty Group

IN-TOWN COMMERCIAL PROPERTY — Commercial Space, Ideal for office or retail, Upper Level 2br/1ba Apt., Located at Village Square, Backs up to Pine Street Park. Call now for recorded property details; 1-800-526-1648 ext. 1488 Offered at: \$379,500 by Green Mountain Realty Group

MOTOR HOME SITE — Uptown Highlands. Upscale site and adjoining new cedar-shake cabin. HIDDEN CREEK. Corner of Fifth and Chestnut Sts. Pleasant stroll to shops and fine dining. Open for your inspection. Great site. Great investment. Pricing, pictures, all details: On-site, or call www.jtimms.com/hid-dencreek 828-526-5333

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.

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

YARD MACHINE LEAF MULCHER — purchased at Lowes. Used only a few times \$350. 526-5056.

SPICE MIX FOR BRUSCHETTA — eight different spices in packet, no salt seasoning, 50 packets for \$35. Buy entire stock. Alex. (828)332-0138.

SIX CEDAR ADIRONDACK CHAIRS — custom made. \$100 each. Call 526-3719.

LENOX CHINA "AUTUMN" PATTERN — \$125 for 5-piece place setting or sell by the piece at 20% below store prices. Call 526-0498

3-PIECE BEDROOM SET — Oak veneer. one dresser, one desk, one chest. \$300. Call 526-5772.

NEW BAUM BROTHERS CHINA. Service for 8- with serving pieces-white with gold trim, In original box \$150. for set. Call 526-3251

STONE AVAILABLE — Assorted. 14 pallets. \$200 per pallet. Call 526-9532



**My name is Buddy and I
need a home! I'm neutered
and have all my shots!
Call 526-9027**

MARTIN-C-1740 UNVENTED GAS HEATER — with oxygen depleting sensing system. BTU 40,000. H. 14 24 3/4 W. 25" D. 13". Fan blower-model B35. \$125. Call 526-5640.

ANTIQUE WICKER BABY CARRIAGE for sale \$100. Call 369-5863.

GRANDFATHER'S CLOCK FOR SALE. Key wound. \$100. Call 369-5863.

AVON CAPE COD RED GLASS — 8 piece place setting. 64 pieces. \$385. Also, accessory pieces available. Call 828-524-3614.

SET OF 4 ORIGINAL RIMS/TIRES FROM TOYOTA SOLARA — 16" x 6 1/2" with mounted Bridgestone Potenza tires 215-60-R16 M&S. \$500. Call Wolfgang at 526-8396 or 526-4603, evenings.

ANTIQUE WALNUT DINING TABLE with two 10 1/2 inch leaves, \$250; six oak pressed back chairs. Very good condition. \$300. Whirlpool upright freezer, \$100; 80,000 BTU propane central heat unit, \$100 and 60-gallon propane hot water heater, \$75. Call 526-0036 or 421-1159.

DESK (LARGE) WITH MATCHING CREDENZA, oak, leather chair. \$850. Call 743-6869.

2 ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS. 1 Pine, \$75 - can hold 27" TV, 1 dark wood \$50. Call 369-5863.

CHAIR AND OTTOMAN — oversized brown leather — excellent condition \$500 for both - 828-526-3746

4 BOARD PINE DINING TABLE - \$300. Early American New England spinning wheel - \$225. 526-2671

BOWFLEX EXTREME 2 SE home gym. New. Used 2 weeks and now it collects dust. \$1,500 obo. 706-212-7341

GOLF CLUBS CLASSIC — SET OF MacGregor Tourney 9 irons (2-9 P.W.) 1980. Persimmon Drivers, new. \$50. Used \$25. Also miscellaneous items cheap. Call 706-746-3046. (Sky Valley).

DOUBLE UPHOLSTERED HEAD BOARD with 4 matching valences. \$35 for all. Blue and yellow plaid. Call 526-3251.

MR. HEATER — 75,000 BTU. Forced Air Heater. Like New. \$110. Call 526-3206.

TABLE SAW — 9" with 4" Joiner. All one stand. \$75. Call 526-3206.

PFALTZGRAFF "HEIRLOOM" DISHES. Complete service for 8 plus numerous serving pieces,

extras and accessories. Too much to list. \$300 Call (828) 631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.

JESSICA MCCLINTOCK VICTORIAN STYLE WEDDING DRESS. Very unique. Size 11/12. \$200. Call (828) 631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.

MAN'S FORMAL (MID-LENGTH) WESTERN STYLE BLACK COAT. Size 46. Worn once. Bought at Stages West in Pigeon Forge. \$150. Call (828) 631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.

KODAK 8 inch EASYSHARE DIGITAL PICTURE FRAME with remote. New - in box. \$95. 526-2713

8 SOLID OAK, LADDERBACK dining room chairs with woven seats. \$800 for set. Call 526-3048.

UNUSUAL OLD OAK ROCKER. \$225. Call 526-3647.

1930S CHILD'S WICKER ROCKING CHAIR. \$175. Call 526-3647.

1930S WICKER DOLL CARRIAGE. \$200. Call 526-3647.

OLD OAK MIRRORED TOWEL RACK. \$85. Call 526-3647.

TWO LOW-BACK SOUTHWESTERN-LOOKING UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS. \$400. Call 526-5056.

RED WICKER CHAISE LOUNGE WITH PAD. \$250. Call 526-5056.

5-PC BEDROOM SET C.1920 Bed/Chest of Drawers/Vanity-stlye Dresser/Stool/Mirror. Rosewood inlay. Original brass hardware. Good condition. \$995. 828-200-1160 or highlandsnative@yahoo.com

CRAFTSMAN 10" RADIAL ARM SAW WITH STAND. Old but used very little. Excellent working condition. \$150. 828/787-2177.

6-FT. SLIDING GLASS DOOR SET — aluminum with screen. \$100 OBO. Call 349-4930.

HEWLETT PACKARD 15" CRT MONITOR in good working condition with all connection cord included. "FREE." Call Randy at 828-488-2193.

COLONIAL GLASS — set of 12 Sherbet Goblets, and dessert plates. \$35. Call 526-4063.

TANZANITE LOOSE STONES: I have for sale 10 gorgeous oval cut 1-carat Tanzanite stones which would make beautiful earrings, bracelet, necklace, or a cluster ring. These stones are AAA+++ quality grade. Each stone is priced at \$400 each or discounted for a multiple stone purchase. Call 828-488-2193 and ask for Randy.

WATER PURIFYING CHLORINATOR PUMP with large heavy duty plastic holding tank. Was \$75. Now \$50. Call Randy at 828-488-2193.

PLASTIC OUTDOOR TABLE: Hunter green 36"x36" in like new condition. \$10. Call Randy at 828-488-2193.

DECK CHAIR WITH MATCHING FOOT RESTS — \$20. Call 526-5367.

DRESSING MIRROR — \$5. Call 526-5367.

STEEL TYPEWRITER TABLE — \$5. Call 526-5367.

TWO TWIN CREAM COLORED BEDSPREADS — \$6 each. Call 526-5367.

3-TIERED GLASS CORNER SHELF \$10. Call 526-5367.

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.

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Excavator For SALE 2004 Kubota-KX161-3R



With 12" & 24" buckets, hydraulic thumb. 262 hours, garaged when not in use. Serviced regularly. \$34,500. By owner. No sales tax. Call 526-9532

Skid-Steer Loader For SALE 2004 ASV RC85



247 hours. Aux. Hydraulics, mechanical quick coupler, rubber tracks, forks and bucket w/teeth. Warehoused. Serviced regularly. \$35,000. By owner. No sales tax. Call 526-9532

Stone Available



Assorted. 14 pallets.
\$200 per pallet.
Call 526-9532

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

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.

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

GREEN PRINT VELOUR SWIVEL ROCK-ER, 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.

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.

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.

MASSEY FERGUSON DIESEL DELUXE 35 WITH POWER STEERING. Completely rebuilt, repainted, new tires. Includes scrape blade, and an 8,000 lbs. tandem axle trailer. Sharp Package! \$6,000. Call (828) 526-1684 and leave message.

BEAMS, FLOORING AND ENTIRE STRUCTURES: HAND HEWN BEAMS. Beautiful material, large faces, \$3.50-\$4.50 per board foot. Wormy white oak flooring (milled w/ a t&g), 6-12" widths, \$8 per ft. Original, reclaimed white and yellow pine flooring, random wide widths (6-16") \$6/board ft. Wide barn siding, \$3/ft. Also historic log cabins and barns ready to reassemble. 215-529-7637. Delivery available.

ANTIQUE CHERRY DINING TABLE - drop-

leaf. rope carved legs. Seats 4-10 people. \$1,500 obo 828-787-1515

DELUXE VENTED GAS heater high btu, slightly used, \$100. 524-6038.

CUSTOM DECK SET - Painted aluminum Love seat & club chair with laminated waverly cushions. \$125. Call 526-1078.

ANTIQUE BEAMS, FLOORING AND STRUCTURES: Hand hewn beams in oak and yellow pine. Beautiful material, large faces, \$3.50-\$4 per board foot. Original, reclaimed white and yellow pine flooring, random wide widths (6-16") \$6/board ft. Also selling entire log and timber frame structures. 215-529-7637 (www.jcwoodworking.info)

VEHICLES FOR SALE

1997 FORD F250 CREW CAB - 4WD. 75,000 original miles. 460 8 CY, 5 SP, Short WB, Black, one owner. 35" tires. 3" lift. \$10,000 or OBO. Call 526-3824.

1984 JEEP CJ7 - Rebuilt 304. 10,000 miles. 8 CY, 4 SP, 4WD, Front Bush Guard. 35" tires. 6" lift. Headers. Good condition. \$10,000. OBO. Call 526-3824.

02 DUTCHMEN 27' LITE TRAVEL TRAILER. - Slidout. Queen MBR, sleeps 6. \$12,000. OBO. Call 526-3824.

2001 VOLKSWAGON CABRIO CONVERTIBLE - Leather interior. Power top/windows, seat warmers, 5 speed. 42,000 miles. 35 mpg. Shartp. \$8,600. Call 526-2848.

15-FT. DUAL AXLE TRAILER FOR HAULING TRACTORS FOR TRADE - Worth \$750. OBO. Call 526-3824.

1989 4WD BLACK CHEVY BLAZER SILVERADO convertible truck. Rebuilt engine, towing package, roof rack, nice stereo, runs great, goes anywhere and can pull anything! \$5,000 OBO. (828) 421-7922.

1994 FORD 150 PICK-UP. Cab. Low Mileage, 8-cylinders. Clean inside and outside. Dar Green. Must see to appreciate. \$6,000. Call 526-8401. 10/16

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

WORK FROM HOME WITH INC. 500, - 23-yr old Wellness Company. PT or FT income. No selling, no inventory, no delivering, no large investments. Learn the details from top Exec. in company @ free seminar Oct. 14, 7 p.m., Sapphire NC. NO PRES-SURE. Join a fun, green business & start making \$\$\$. Reserve your seat 828-226-9727.

BUSINESS FOR SALE

FITNESS CENTER - Downtown Highlands. 125+ members. Business and equipment can be purchased for less than equipment cost. \$35,000. Call 828-200-9360 or 828-506-4296. 10/9

SERVICES

HOUSEKEEPING - Saturday and Sunday mornings. Call Kim at 828-482-2105.

LANDSCAPE CLEANUP - leaves, gutters and more. Call Juan at 200-9249 or 526-8525.

HANDY MAN - Will do odd jobs. References. Call Tim Alexander at 526-3824

DEPENDABLE HOUSESITTER AND PET SITTER. Available weekdays and weekends. References Available. Call 443-315-9547. 9/25

HANDYMAN SPECIAL - Repairs and Remodeling, Electrical and Plumbing, Carpentry and more. Low prices. For free estimate call 828-342-7864. 10/9

EXPERIENCED ATTENDANT FOR ELDERLY - Full or part-time. References. Call Mila at 526-4813 or cell: 718-570-7468. 10/9

COMPLETE LAWN SERVICE - All Levels of Lawn Care at Competitive Rates. Design, Installation, & Maintenance. No Job Too Small or Too Large. 30 Years Experience. For Free Quotes, References, or Scheduling, Please Call: 526-1684.

CLOCK REPAIR - Antique or modern, complicated antique clocks are my specialty. Experienced and dependable with housecalls available. Call 706.754.9631 or visit my website at www.oldclockrepair.com. Joseph McGahee, Clock-maker.

FIREWOOD "Nature Dried" Call 526-2251.

CUTTING EDGE TREE SERVICE - "Let us go

out on a Limb for You." We specialize in tree removal, trimming, Lot/View clearing, under brushing and stump grinding. Quality work and Fully insured. For Free Estimate call 524-1309 or 421-2905.

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J&J LAWN AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES - total lawn care and landscaping company. 20 years serving Highlands area. 828-526-2251.

SHIPPING SERVICES - STORK'S WRAP, PACK & SHIP UPS Ground & Next Day Air services and large furniture shipping available. Packing services and/or supplies. Gift wrapping and fax services. 323 Hwy 107 N., Cashiers, NC (1/2 mile from cross-roads) (828) 743-3222.

HIGHLANDS SHUTTLE SERVICE - Atlanta Airport Shuttle. Drive - Away • Auto Delivery. All Out-of-Town Trips Driving Services. Call 526-8078.

AIRPORT EXPRESS - All airports, Lincoln Town Car, private car, on time, reliable, low rates, MC, VISA, AMEX. Call cell: 239-292-3623. 524-2149 or email: markcrockett98@hotmail.com. 10/9

LEGALS

Macon County Board of Elections
5 West Main Street
Franklin, NC 28734
828-349-2034

Pursuant to G.S. 163-230.1 (c1) the Macon County Board of Elections will meet to act on absentee ballot applications for the 2008 General Election in the boardroom of the Board of Elections office on the following dates. The dates are as followed:

Tuesday, October 14, 2008 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, October 28, 2008 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, November 4, 2008 2:00 p.m.

The Board is not required to hold any of the prescribed meetings in said statute unless there are applications or election business to be passed upon.

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections
10/23

Notice is hereby given that the Macon County Board of Elections will meet for the purpose of counting Absentee ballots at 5:00 pm on November 4, 2008. This will take place in the board room on the 1st. floor. Any voter of the county may attend this meeting and observe the count. The results of the absentee ballot count will not be announced before 7:30 pm on that day.

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections
10/30

Notice is hereby given that the General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The Polling Places will be open on this day from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. You must go to your polling place on

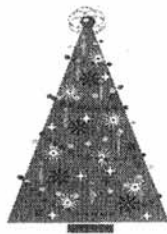
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Election Day if you did not vote Absentee by mail, or if you did not vote Absentee One-Stop. The following is a list of the Macon County polling places. There is NO voting at the Macon County Board of Elections office on Election Day.

NORTH FRANKLIN	SCC (Adjacent to Macon Co. Courthouse)
SOUTH FRANKLIN	OLD Macon County Public Library
EAST FRANKLIN	MACON Co. Environmental Resource Center
IOTLA	IOTLA Elementary School
UNION	MACON County Community Building
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ELLIJAY	CULLASAJA Elementary School
SUGARFORK	PINE GROVE Community Building
HIGHLANDS	HIGHLANDS Civic Center
FLATS	SCALY Mountain Community Center
SMITHBRIDGE	OTTO Community Building (behind fire dept.)
CARTOOGECHAYE	WEST MACON Fire & Rescue
NANTAHALA	NANTAHALA Elementary School
BURNINGTOWN	BURNINGTOWN Community Building
COWEE	COWEE Elementary School

Sara R. Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections
10/30

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Help Highlanders help their own

Dear Editor,

Last year I called attention to the great work of the Highlands Emergency Council. I mentioned the fact that it cannot hold its own fundraisers and that it offers food, fuel, clothes and household goods to adults and children who fall through the gaps in our welfare system.

In our relatively small community there are about 75 families that this year fall into that category, so far. One doesn't have to be a genius economist to see, or feel what is happening to our job market and to incomes. It is not hard to imagine after years of hard work the business you worked

for closes. Everyone is rushing to fill the few jobs that are available. Bills don't stop coming in, sickness doesn't cease to exist and fuel is hardly getting cheaper. Everyday you must decide what's more important, food, rent, medicine or heat. You don't qualify for welfare because you've made too much money. Who can help you and your family in this situation? The saintly volunteers of the Highlands Emergency Council, that's who.

Right now they need your help so they can help others, your neighbors, maybe one day even yourselves. Please consider making a donation of \$100, more if you

can afford it. If every family, every business and every organization could donate, it would make a huge difference.

The next time you have the urge to go out to dinner and a show, or to buy something you really don't need, stop and consider sending the money you were going to spend on a luxury for yourself to the Highlands Emergency Council so they can help someone in need.

Please give what you can. Your gift will be well used and is tax deductible.

Scott Paxton
Highlands

POLICE, FIRE & SHERIFF DEPT. LOG

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for Oct. 15-22. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Oct. 21

- At 4:55 p.m., officers and EMS responded to a call to rescue a dog that had fallen into a pond at Church Alley and Third streets.

- At 7:47 p.m., a motorist on N.C. 106 was

cited for speeding 55 mph in a 35 zone.

- During the week, officers issued 1 warning ticket.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 15-22

Oct. 16

- The dept. responded to a report of a vehicle assist on U.S. 64 east but it was unfounded.

Oct. 17

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

The following are the Macon County Sheriff Dept. log entries Oct. 15-22

Oct. 20

- At 10:30 a.m., the theft of heavy construction equipment was reported when equipment valued at \$350,000 was reported missing from a lot on the Cashiers Road. Tracks revealed it had been driven to the back of the building and loaded onto a trailer.

- At 8:44 a.m., deputies responded to an alarm at a residence on Clear Creek Road. All was secure.

Police and EMS rescue dog

Around 5 p.m. Tuesday, Christy Well of Chintz and Company at Spring and Third streets let her husky/lab Cally, 18, out for his afternoon romp. Cally, who is losing his sight, was a bit disoriented and ended up in the pond at the landscaping business next door.

Once in the pond he was unable to get out.

"The bottom of the pond is like quicksand so he got stuck in the muck up to his armpits," said Christy. She jumped into the pond after him but when she tried to grab his collar, he bit her. "By then I was stuck and could barely get out myself but was able to grab onto the wall."

Once on dry land, Christy called 9-1-1. Officer Mike Jolly with the Highlands Police Department and Trevor Gibson, with EMS responded. Jolly made a noose to lasso the dog and gently pulled him to the edge of the pond out of the muck.

"The dog didn't put up a fight at that

point, he was too tired to move and was starting to show signs of hypothermia," said Jolly.

Christy said when they got home, it took an hour in the tub to clean Cally. "He wouldn't leave my side for the rest of the night."



Highlands Police officer Mike Jolly and EMS officer Trevor Gibson stand by while Christy Well and dog Cally are reunited.

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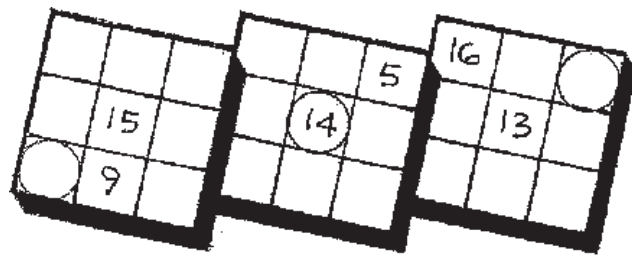
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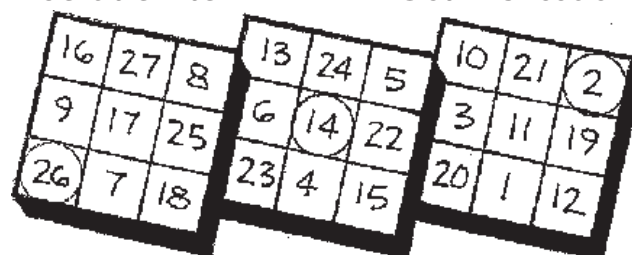
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

Solution to #DN1F in Oct. 16 issue



Sudo-Grams©

2008

by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook

OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, various cells (six, eight or nine) in the puzzle layout have the same different letters (this is like Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers).

How to Solve:

Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. 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 blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or cell.

Mystery Word

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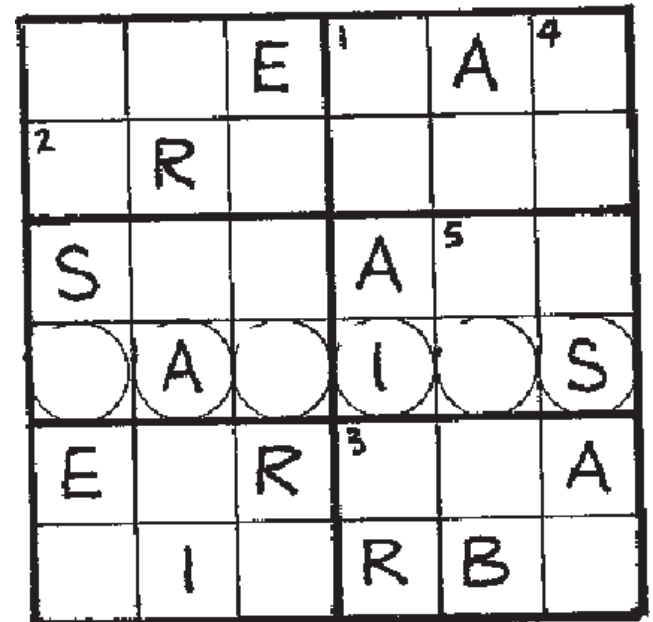
Contagious animal disease (6)

Across

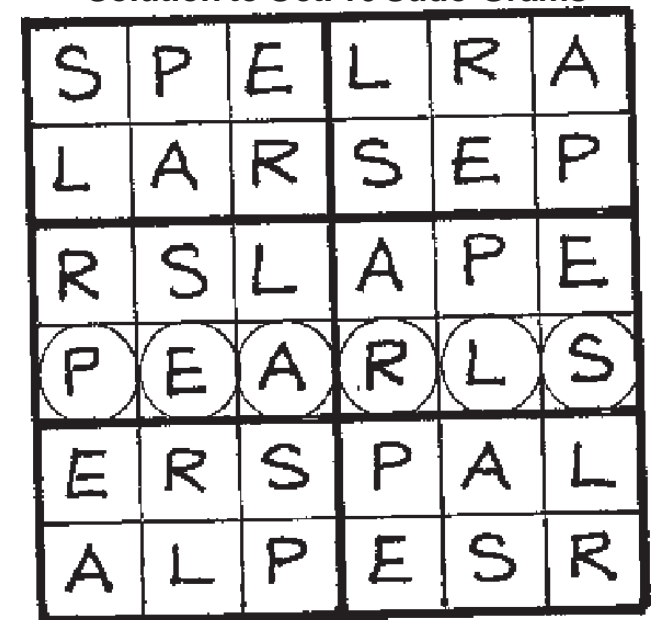
1. Cafe lounge (3)
2. Brussiere (abbr.) (3)
3. Yes! (Spanish) (2)

Down

4. Adam's ____ (3)
5. Second musical note (2)



Solution to Oct. 16 Sudo-Grams



RYAN POTTS' CROSSWORD PUZZLE

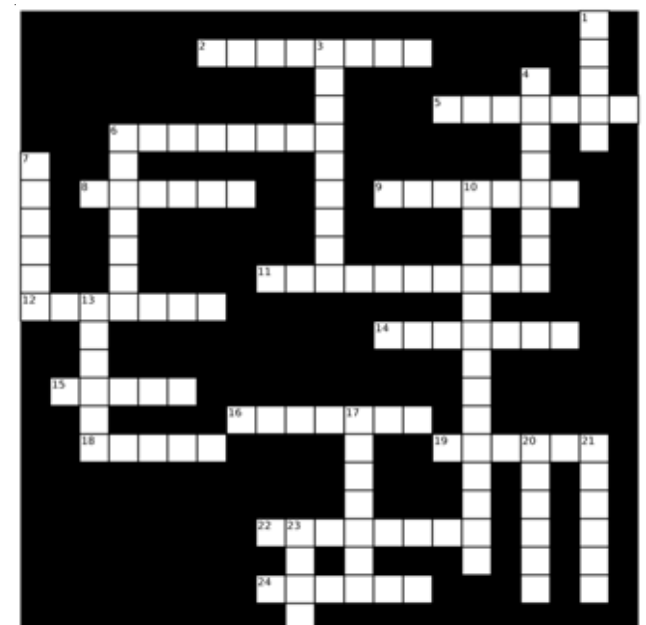
I will give the team name, and you must provide the current (as of Oct. 22) starting quarterback.

Across

2. Carolina Panthers
5. Dallas Cowboys
6. Washington Redskins
8. Baltimore Ravens
9. Jacksonville Jaguars
11. Miami Dolphins
12. Oakland Raiders
14. Seattle Seahawks
15. New York Jets
16. Green Bay Packers
18. New Orleans Saints
19. St. Louis Rams
22. Minnesota Vikings
24. New England Patriots

Down

1. Chicago Bears
3. San Francisco 49ers
4. Cleveland Browns
6. Tennessee Titans
7. Denver Broncos
10. Pittsburgh Steelers
13. Houston Texans
17. Buffalo Bills
20. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
21. San Diego Chargers
23. Atlanta Falcons



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DINING	DINING	Fashion	Antiques
1 Brick Oven	13 Nick's	1 AnnaWear	1 Acorns
2 Buck's	14 Oak St Cafe	2 Bear Mt. Outfit.	2 Chinz
3 Cyprus	15 On The Verandah	3 Bungalow Boutq.	3 CK Swan
4 Don Leon	16 Paoletti's	4 Jackson Madeleine	4 Mirror Lake
5 Fireside	17 Pizza Place	5 McCulley's	5 Scudder's
6 Fressers Eatery	18 Rib Shack	6 Needle Point	Galleries
7 Fressers Express	19 Rosewood	7 Silver Eagle	1 Bryant Art Glass
8 Golden China	20 Skyline Lodge	8 Stone Lantern	2 Drakes Diamonds
9 High Country	21 Sports Page	9 Village Kids	3 Mill Creek Gallery
10 Lakeside	22 SweetTreats	10 Wit's End	4 Tin Roof Gallery
11 Log Cabin	23 Wild Thyme	11	5 Tino Gallery
12 Madison's	24 Wolfgang's	12	6 Summit One

6 Shiraz Rug Gallery - Big October Sale

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Community Players

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8 Pro Nails
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10 The Salon

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2
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

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