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This Week in Highlands

Through Sun., July, 19.

• At Highlands Playhouse, *Arsenic and Old Lace*. For tickets, call 526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Fri, Sat, Sun., July 17-19

• The Highlands Playhouse 2009 Showhouse. Tickets are \$30. Call 526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Fri. & Sat., July 17-18

• At the Hen House on 488 E. Main Street, Potter Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery signing work from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

• At Vivace on S. 4th Street on the hill, a Paul Mayer trunk show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Fri., July 17

• Free Mountain Music at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 P.M. and concerts begin at 7:30. This week, gospel music band "Blue Ridge."

Sat. & Sun., July 18-19.

• Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show at Highlands Rec Park. 55 artists. 10-5. Free admission.

Saturday, July 18

• At Cyrano's a book signing by author William Forstchen, 1-3 p.m., "One Second After."

• Bob & Cathy Fisher garden tours for Kids4Peace. Tickets are \$25. Call 526-2968.

• Greenway volunteers needed to work at the Rec Park lower loop trail Call Hillrie Quin at 526-2385.

• The Macon County Soccer Club registration 10am - 12pm at the Highlands Recreation Park.

Sundays, July 19 & 26

• "Much Ado About Nothing" by the Highlands Playhouse, at Pine Street Park. Bring a picnic. 7 p.m. and it's free.

Mon. July 20

• The Macon County Soccer Club registration 10am - 12pm at the Highlands Recreation Park.

Wed., July 22

• Summer Interlude at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Free.

Thurs., July 23

• At PAC, Judy Collins in Concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Dress Circle \$200, General Admission \$100.

Town Board agenda jammed packed

With only one Town Board meeting a month now, a lot of issues were discussed at the July 15 meeting.

• A rezoning request by the Highlands United Methodist Church to change the zoning of the property behind the church from B3 to B1 was denied on the grounds that B1 allows for any type of business without parking or setback requirements.

Town Planner Joe Cooley said he had suggested conditional use zoning, but church representatives wanted to try for rezoning first.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the board didn't have enough information concerning the reasons for the request. The church will be asked to make a presentation to the board in August.

• The board discussed the flood plain ordinance the town must

adopt now that the state has released its new Flood Hazard Maps.

For residents to get FEMA flood insurance, which costs less than private insurance – the town must adopt a flood plain ordinance like the county. Since Highlands only as two flood zones – a 100-year and a 500-year zone – its ordinance won't be as comprehensive as the county's but it will still outline what

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Study shows link between childcare and economic growth

Childcare and its availability in the county are high on the priority list for the current MC Commission Board as a component to economic development.

The county recently hired Trevor Dalton as the Economic Development Commission Coordinator. The Economic Development Commission's mission is to attract new businesses to Macon County.

And, according to Kristy Carter with the NC Dept. of Commerce Division of Community Assistance, available and affordable childcare is a huge component of economic development.

Some months ago, Chairman Ronnie Beale started looking into the possibility of the county financing or subsidizing childcare to off-

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'Wicked' farce now on stage at The Playhouse



Even if you've seen "Arsenic and Old Lace" before ... go see it again, this time at Highlands Playhouse. See review pg. 19.

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Community grieves over Elizabeth Coram death

Tuesday afternoon, friends and family filled the Community Bible Church in Highlands beyond capacity at the memorial service for Elizabeth Coram, who died Thursday, July 9.

At 6:50 p.m., Adam Hicks, of 121 Sassafras Gap Road, called 9-1-1 and reported coming home and finding Coram dead.

Officials haven't released any details concerning the exact time or cause of death.

The Macon County Sheriff's Department deputy got the call from Macon County dispatch while en route to the Highlands station from Otto, and asked the Highlands Police Department to secure the scene until she could get there.

According to the Sheriff report, Elizabeth Preston Coram, 22, of Scaly Mountain, was found dead upon arrival. A LG-Verizon cell phone and an empty prescription

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

NC Democrats responsible for rising taxes

Dear Editor,

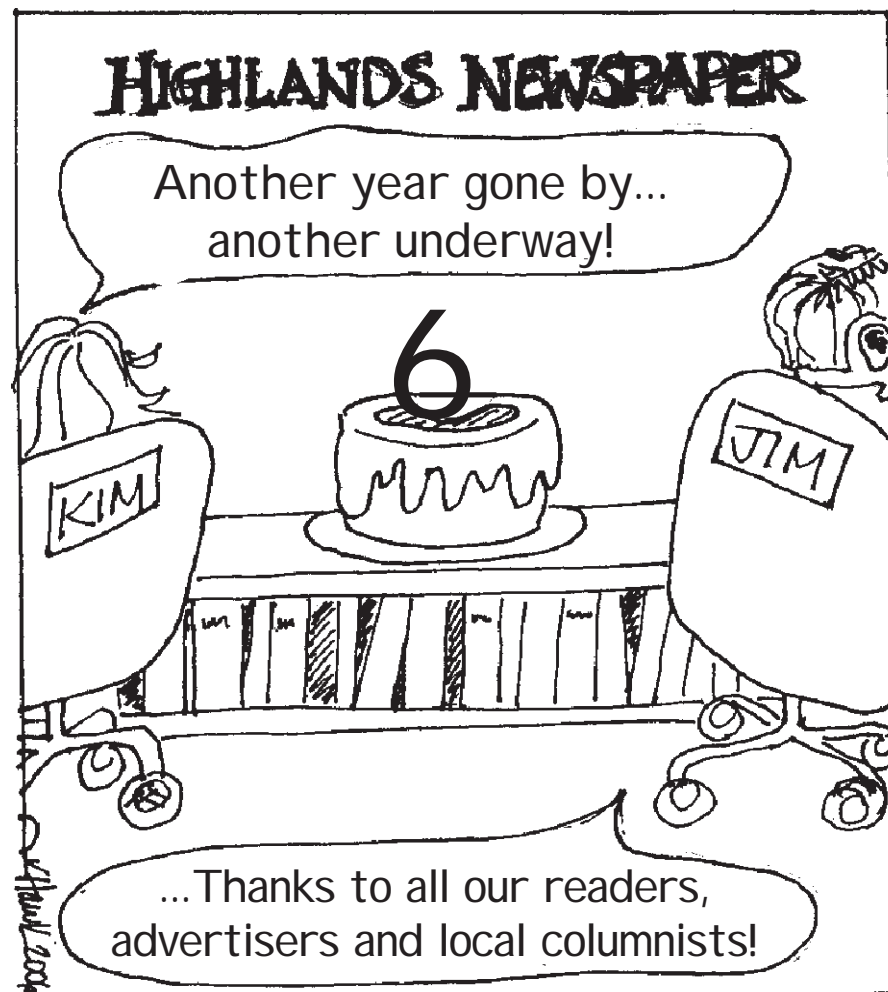
When state and federal governments need money, what is the easy way out?.....raise taxes. This is what the North Carolina Democrat majority is doing right now in Raleigh.

Democratic Legislative Leaders are now meeting, in closed door sessions, to craft a final state tax and spending plan; there is no open debate, no public input, and little opportunity for the media to give the public accurate or detailed information.

According to news reports, Democrats are in agreement to raise state taxes by \$1 billion or more; it appears the debate now centers on which taxes will go up and which North Carolina families and businesses will be paying more. House Republican Leader, Representative Paul Stam said, "When Democrats debate taxes and the budget solely among themselves, taxpayers are rarely heard. It is like committing lambs to the wolves to be devoured. This should end." Some of the most egregious tax and fee increases in the proposed Democratic budget are:

- Increase Upper-Income Tax Brackets - Jobs "killer"; disincentive for new economic development; wrong prescription during recession
- Increase Sales Tax – Regressive and places greatest burden on lower income citizens
- Sales Tax on Repairs- Burden on consumers who can afford it least
- Sales Tax on Digital/Click Throughs- Harmful to economic recovery; probably unconstitutional
- Sales Tax on Local and Interstate Courier Services: Costs passed on to consumers/small businesses
- Franchise Tax on LLCs - Inhibits growth of new jobs (most small businesses are LLCs)
- Sales Tax on Amusements/Movies – Regressive; harmful to families
- Increase Fees for Deeds of Trust and Mortgages for Emergency Mgmt Division Use - this fee completely unrelated to Emergency Management
- Increase Marriage License Fee – A burden on families at the time of life when they are least able to pay
- Radiation (X-Ray) Inspection Fee - Increase medical costs and there is no evidence that more inspection is needed
- Electricity Tax - Regressive, non-deductible -tax on all electric consumers –

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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residential and business- Harmful to stressed families in time of recession

State Republican leader Senator Phil Berger states, "Adoption of a state budget that adequately funds North Carolina's priorities does not require busting the budgets of North Carolina's families and businesses."

I appeal to all citizens and taxpayers to oppose increased taxes by contacting your state legislative representatives. Now is the time to break the cycle of tax-and-spend policies embraced by North Carolina's Democrat leaders. No one, especially legislative leaders should expect North Carolina's citizens and small businesses to pay the price for Democrat mismanagement.

Carol C. Adams
Glenville, NC

On Arrogance

Dear Editor,

There is something attractive about extremes. We yearn to feel certain about our Goodness and our Rightness. Yet fundamentalism — Muslim, Jewish, Christian or other — is dangerous. It leads us to justify inhumane acts, brutalizing others, leading some to target women, Blacks, Jews, gays, Hispanics, Christians, Catholics, Muslims, atheists etc. Violence serves hate through fear.

For those who paint others with a broad stroke, life must be easy. There are no contradictions, no gray areas to distract them. For those who use their voice, publicly and privately, we have a responsibility not to incite fear and hatred, a responsibility that comes with the freedom to speak our minds. By stoking resentments, stereotypes and distortions, we tap into primal fear, with terrible results.

As a human being, as a male in this culture, I am not immune from slipping into the mindset of If I Think or Say Something, It Must Be Right. I make a conscious effort not to, and pray about it. On the other hand, to believe, say and do nothing in this swirling cascade of human events, is a waste and at times a crime.

There are things that are worth standing up for, and those things worth standing against. But we must not dehumanize those we disagree with. Now more than ever, we need to build bridges, not destroy them. We must include, not exclude. We must love, not hate. We must help, not hurt.

I didn't invent this philosophy, this way of living. It's been around for over 2,000 years. When it's lived and implemented on a daily basis, it has borne out amazing results. It's far from easy, but anything worth achieving is difficult. Are you up to a positive challenge?

Dan Kowal
Franklin, NC

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• OBITUARIES •

Elizabeth Preston Coram

April 26, 1987 - July 9, 2009

Elizabeth Coram, 22, elder daughter of J. B. and Susan Coram, died unexpectedly on July 9, 2009. She was born in Atlanta, GA, on April 26, 1987, where she lived until 1994 when the family moved to North Carolina.

Having been homeschooled and having attended The Highlands School, Elizabeth was in her fourth year of study at Wofford College in Spartanburg, SC, where she was a member of the English Honor Society. She was a member of Community Bible Church in Highlands.

She is survived by her parents and her younger sister, Jenny Coram, of Scaly Mountain. In addition, she is survived by her paternal grandmother, Augusta Buie Daniel, of Edison, GA, and by many aunts, uncles and cousins. Her maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Preston, Jr., of Atlanta, GA. Her paternal grandfather was Jennings Bryan Coram, of Edison, GA.

A memorial service was held at Community Bible Church on Tuesday, July 14 at 3 p.m. The family received friends afterward in the fellowship hall.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Lloyd William (Bill) Wagner, Sr.

Lloyd William (Bill) Wagner, Sr., age 85, of Tuscaloosa, AL went to be with the Lord on July 4, 2009. Services were held at Calvary Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 7 at 11 a.m. with Dr. Tim Lovett, Reverend Frank Jones and Reverend Martin Wagner officiating.

His parents, Carl Herman Wagner, Sr. and Esta Hutto Wagner, preceded him in death along with a brother, Carl Herman Wagner, Jr., and a daughter, Cathy Jo Wagner.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Marian Goellner Wagner, sons Lloyd William Wagner, Jr. (Debra) of Highlands, NC, Tommy Wagner (Cindy) and daughter Melinda Wiggins. Seven grandchildren, Dr. Will Wagner (Berkley), Curri DiChiara (Neal), Matt Wagner (Meredith), Denny Wiggins, and David Wiggins, all from Tuscaloosa, AL, Michael Wagner (Mary Beth), and Martin Wagner (Hallie), from Birmingham, AL and five great granddaughters, also from Tuscaloosa, AL.

Mr. Wagner was born in Indianapolis IN. He served in the U. S. Army during WWII in the European Theatre and participated in The Battle of the Bulge. He graduated from St. Louis University after his return. He moved to Tuscaloosa in 1953 and purchased Powe's Shoes and renamed it Wagner's Shoes. Always known for his customer service, Mr. Wagner grew his business to be one of the largest independent shoe store chains in the southeast. In 1975, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the National Shoe Retailers Association and in 1979 was name the National Children's Shoe Retailer of the Year. He provided quality customer service to several generations of children and adults, with stores in Tuscaloosa, Alexander City, Montgomery, Birmingham, AL and Columbus GA, and Columbus, MS. He served for 15 years on the Alabama Retail Association's Board of Directors and Alabama Workmen's Comp Board of Directors.

Bill Wagner was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church for over 40 years. He served as a deacon and chairman of numerous committees, including work with the senior adult ministry. He was active in numerous organizations, including Cairos prison ministry, Emmaus Walk, Tuscaloosa Chamber of Commerce and the Y's Men's Club.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Dr. Will Wagner, Michael Wagner, Matt Wagner, Denny Wiggins, David Wiggins and Neal DiChiara.

Lloyd and Debra Wagner wish to thank their friends in Highlands for their heartfelt prayers and phone calls.

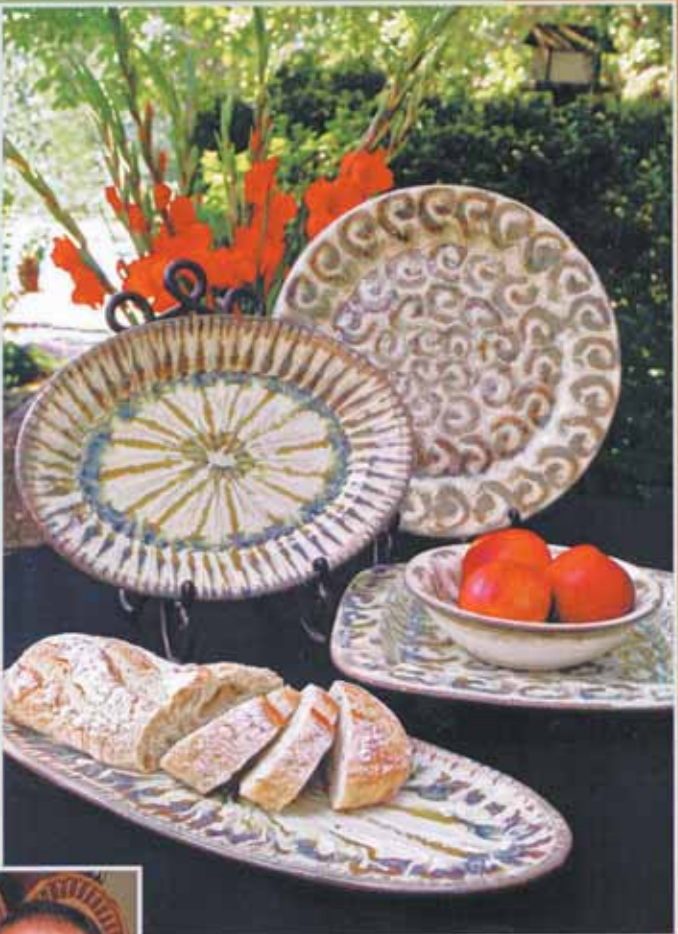
• MILE STONES •


Vos honored at graduation

Scott Vos of Highlands recently graduated from Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School, during the awards Ceremony on May 29, 2009, Mr. John Marshall awarded Scott with the "Crystal Eagle Award" the Criteria: for the award- 1 boy and 1 girl (grades 9-12) who exemplify the greatest amount of school (eagle) spirit. To be determined and voted on by faculty & administration. Scott's Parents are Tim and Sandy Vos of King Mountain Club, and Sandy is the Administrative Assistant to the Office of Student Life at Rabun Gap. Scott will be attending UNC Charlotte in the fall.




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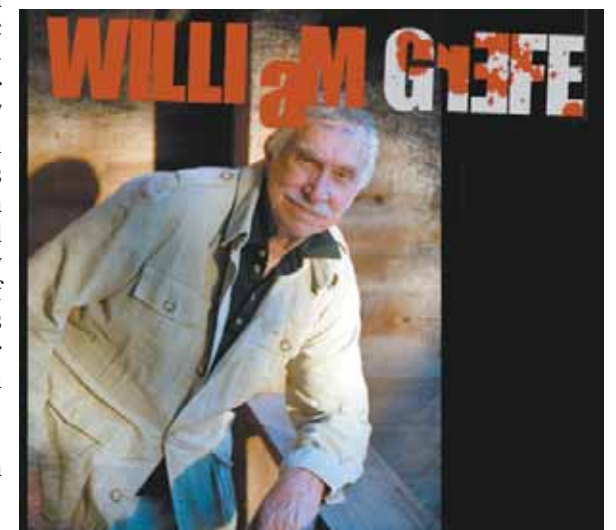


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• MILE STONES •

Grefé named '2009 Film Florida Legend'

30-year Scaly Mountain second home owner, William Grefé, was honored at the 2009 Film Florida Legends recently for his prolific and pioneering film, producer-director career. Best known for building the low budget action/thriller genre in Florida, his film career spans 50 years and he's worked with Mickey Rooney, Rita Hayworth, William Shatner and Richard Jaeckel among many others. A rare combination of businessman and artist, Grefé's career began as a television writer which segued to feature film writer and quickly into director. Some noted films include Stanley, Mako and Cease Fire with Don Johnson.



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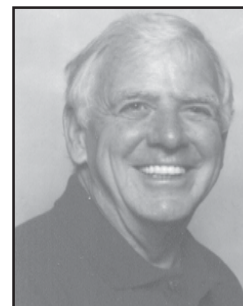
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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

Hey Palin, Break the mold...get a life

Writer's Note: This piece was written just after Palin resigned.



Fred Wooldridge

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Can you remember back before the national election when "Mr. nice guy" John McCain announced Sarah Palin as his running mate? If you're like me, you said "Sarah who?" I heard the name before I got a look at her. I pictured a frumpy Madeleine Albright or Hillary Clinton type. Then I thought, *Nah, I'll bet she's got Eskimo in her blood and killer fish breath.*

Eventually I plopped down in front of a TV and got a look at "wet behind the ears" Sarah Palin. Whoa, a hot babe! I rubbed my eyes. Could this be true? Am I looking at a politician....a governor with looks that speaks whole sentences without a teleprompter and hunts moose in the wilds of Alaska? Shut Up! Usually, a woman runs for office when she's so ugly she has small marks on her body where guys hit her with a 10-foot pole.

Other than being a hot babe, loved by 80% of the people in Alaska, I had zero feelings about this woman. Soooo, cha-ching: I gave her five points just on her looks. End of story, I thought. Then I learned she's not liked by Alaska's good ole boy Republican Party because she doesn't play the "politics as usual" game. Cha-ching again: I gave her another five points. Just so you'll know, I dislike the Republican party a lot, thank you, George Bush. And don't even ask me about Democrats. So, sue me.

Later, I learned she had a Downs Syndrome baby she could have easily and legally killed but chose the road less traveled. Cha-ching big time: She gets 500 points for respecting human life.

As the political race progressed, I watched the media attempt to make her into a bimbo. It didn't work. Late night shows were having a field day with her and it was fun to watch. Sarah played along. Cha-ching: She gets another five points for having a sense of humor. I love "sense of humor."

Then, as the election progressed and her popularity grew, it started to get ugly. The media turned on her in a vicious way seldom seen these days. Democratic hopeful Joe Biden tried to end it by declaring "family is off limits." Thank you, Joe, but the media continued to be ruthless and relentless. They made fun of her family and worse, her new baby. Rumors started that her "special needs" child was really her daughter's. It wasn't

funny anymore. Cha-ching: Ten points for Sarah hanging tough and fighting back.

And so the election came and went and the losers went home, as usual, to continue their lives and fight another day. But not with Sarah. Her own party turned against her. There were ugly rumors about her extravagant wardrobe, her spending and other nit-picking issues. Sarah fought back. Cha-ching: I gave her another 10 points for perseverance.

And this was just the beginning of something bigger. David Letterman disgraced himself on national television, accusing Palin's 14-year-old daughter of getting "knocked up" by a baseball player. They called it a joke.

Scores of frivolous ethics violations were lodged against her. She had to hire a lawyer who fought for her and had them all dismissed. Both political parties, along with the media, were in full attack. Bloggers, columnists, and radio talk programs made fun of her Downs Syndrome baby, saying horrible, cruel things. *What is going on?* I thought. The election is over. Why is everyone still attacking this woman? Then it hit me. Sarah Palin is a serious threat to the American political system of good ole boy business as usual. Both political parties are terrified of her. Otherwise, she would have faded into oblivion after the race. Be very afraid of Sarah Palin.

Last week, Sarah resigned her position as governor of Alaska and the media says she's washed up. Then she reminded the country of something she said at her acceptance speech. Her priorities in life are God, family and work. She couldn't take the cruelty anymore. For her family, she quit. She'll write a book and give speaking engagements in the lower 48.

In my mind, Sarah has gone from an unknown nobody I could care less about to a person I admire and respect, not as a politician, but as a strong female human being. I love a fighter. Now I beg you, Sarah, dump the Republican Party and start a new, exciting political system based on old American values of honesty, religious faith and patriotism.

By 2012, our country will be in economic ruin. Sarah, make your move and you'll have instant support from hundreds of thousands of people starving for leadership. It'll seem as if the whole political system is against you, but don't forget about all the people who are fed up with the politics of both parties. Sarah, get a life, break the mold and start something new.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

On the Nation's Mall

I searched among the crowd
For someone to thank,
Thank him for his bit
In the great struggle.

The old veterans are growing scare.

Scarcer still are those hale enough
To make the trip.

None was here today,
To view the tribute
To their triumph
And struggle
So great was their victory, so pure their

cause.

They did not need a memorial
To commemorate it,
still they visit,
To recall youth and remember
fallen comrades,
To relive the greatest of their
lives.

My father's gone and his five
brothers,
Along with millions more.

Visitors bathed their feet in the
sacred pool,



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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And rode bikes around the
solemn walk,
Despite signs begging for
respect.

Decades have dimmed the
vision of the young
More than that of these old
soldiers.

A walk the length of the
reflecting pool
Took me to a ghostly squad
trudging forever
Through low junipers,
forgotten warriors

Of a forgotten war.

Another walk and I found cousin Ray,
Panel 10 E, line 69.
And two old Marines from Korea,
Sitting on a bench
But no heroes of the Second War.

I returned to the Memorial and asked the
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If they still came,
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Recession or not, Highlands is OK

This summer has been unusually special to all of us in Highlands. During this time of what has been called a "Great Recession" in which we find ourselves, we have been blessed to have many people come to our fare town, and we thank them all. We expected the worst, but we have been pleasantly surprised. But, of course, what do you expect! We live in a place that anyone would want to come, either permanently or for just a visit. The beauty and the weather has been especially incredible this year. I cannot remember a time when the greenery and the flowers have been so beautiful, and I go back over seventy years either living here or coming here.

And once again we invite those who live within driving distance to make a visit to this wonderful little place in the mountains of North Carolina.

But then, there are also very special people in Highlands. There is a very special man in our town who thinks he is retiring, or at least closing his office practice. But, knowing Dr. John Baumrucker, we never know quite what to expect. Thank goodness he will continue to work in the Emergency Room of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital. He tried to retire way back in 2003 after 33 years of practice but that did not last long. And we all know that Dr. John's real love is the mission work he has led over the years in Bolivia — still spends several months every year there. We are indebted to Dr. John not only for the work he has done amongst us caring for us but for the sacrifice he has made to make others in a far of country feel like they have someone who truly cares about them. Thank your, John Baumrucker. We are indeed glad you



Mayor Don Mullen

are amongst us and we can claim you as one of our own here in Highlands..

week or so ago I had a meeting with an interesting young man. His name is Trevor Dalton. Trevor is the new economic development commission coordinator for our county of Macon. This is a new commission whose mission is to attract new businesses to Macon County. A native of Macon

County, Trevor has come home to help the economic development program for expansion and recruitment of new industries into our area. Our county is a very special place we all want to make known to people out there in other parts of our country who are looking for a great place to relocate.

There are many possibilities for development in Macon County and Highlands wants to do its part in helping grow our county and help develop new businesses amongst us. Trevor Dalton will serve the county board and the new 12 member economic development commission in our county which is strongly supported by the Highlands Board of Commissioner. Highlands Commissioner Hank Ross is a member of that commission along with local business leaders Thomas Craig and Steve Chenowitz. Trevor Dalton is a 2007 graduate of Appalachian State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in business administration. If anyone has any ideas to help the development of our county, give him a call. In these times of challenge and change we all need to work together in these mountains to make it a place where we can all thrive as a family together.

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Nuclear disarmament

While President Obama was in Russia last week he signed an agreement with President Dmitri Medvedev to cut American and Russian strategic nuclear arsenals. Obama would like this to be just the first step of many towards the goal of complete nuclear disarmament.

Has it ever occurred to you why it's okay for the United States, and Pakistan, and Israel, and China to have nuclear weapons but it's not okay for Iran to have them? The western world says Iran can't have nuclear weapons because of something called the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Signatories to this treaty agree that if they don't have nuclear weapons they will not acquire them. Iran is a signatory and we're trying to hold them to their agreement.

But there is more to that agreement. Signatories to the treaty that do have nuclear weapons agree to reduce their numbers of nuclear weapons to zero. If you'd like to know more about this, see the article I wrote in June 2007, "A Non-Nuclear World."

Ninety-five percent of the world's nuclear weapons are owned by the United States and Russia. How can we credibly demand that other nations live up to their part of the treaty if we aren't living up to ours?

I am pleased to see that we finally have a president who thinks the same way I do about this. In Russia he said that it would be difficult for the U.S. and Russia to provide leadership in the effort to deter nuclear programs in Iran and North Korea "unless we are showing ourselves willing to deal with our own nuclear stockpiles in a more rational way."

Joseph Cirincione, president of the Ploughshares Fund, said during a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, "Obama came into office with the most comprehensive, integrated, detailed nuclear policy of any candidate ever to assume the presidency." Among the key points of Obama's platform: negotiation of significant cuts in the nuclear arsenals of the United States and Russia; taking all U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger status, which enables them to be fired within 15 minutes; ratification of the treaty banning all nuclear test blasts; a halt to development and production of new nuclear weapons; and the prevention of nuclear terrorism. Most importantly, he agreed to work toward the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons.



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In April in Prague President Obama spoke in detail about nuclear weapons. He called disarmament an issue that is "fundamental to the security of our nations and to the peace of the world." He said, "First, the United States will take concrete steps towards a world without nuclear weapons. To put an end to Cold War thinking, we will reduce the role of nuclear weapons in our national security strategy, and urge others to do the same..."

"To achieve a global ban on nuclear testing, my administration will immediately and aggressively pursue U.S. ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty... And to cut off the building blocks needed for a bomb, the United States will seek a new treaty that verifiably ends the production of fissile materials intended for use in state nuclear weapons..."

"Second, together we will strengthen the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty as a basis for cooperation. The basic bargain is sound: Countries with nuclear weapons will move towards disarmament, countries without nuclear weapons will not acquire them, and all countries can access peaceful nuclear energy. To strengthen the treaty, we should embrace several principles. We need more resources and authority to strengthen international inspections. We need real and immediate consequences for countries

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from the history guy....

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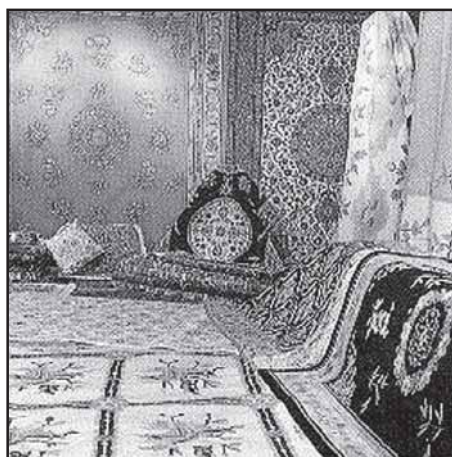
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May he rest in peace

The media hysteria involved the coverage of Michael Jackson's death, after death, before the memorial service, the memorial service, after the memorial service and speculation over possible criminal medical involvement staggers the imagination. Fortunately, I was driving most of the time and was spared the visual image of Al Sharpton and friends taking advantage of the opportunity to turn matters into a racial feeding frenzy. I was bumfuzzled to hear that Fox News, along with all the other pathetic networks, covered the proceedings. Fair and balanced can be carried too far.

On the scene, the feared crush of humanity who have nothing to do other than to show up at the Staples Center at midday failed to materialize leaving 3,900 police persons and a like number of media types to wonder where is everybody? Oh well, what's \$4 million down the drain when your state is teetering on the brink

of a fiscal abyss? Around the world, the tragic news affected folks in various ways, causing some curious behavior.

In North Bend, WI, the crew that meets every Tuesday noon for lunch drowned their sorrow by knocking down shots of tequila every 15 minutes for the full length of the coverage of the memorial service. The good news is there were no fatalities. Boy Scout Troop 74 in Artesia, NM formed up at the flagpole in the Town Square and mooned passers by until the sheriff put an end to their demonstration.



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The weird goings-on spread across the seas. In Alice Springs, Australia, a bunch of the boys were so distraught they went out, corralled a large crocodile, tied the beast up and beat it with willow rods. The folks from PETA showed up and suffered the same treatment.

Outside of Chittoor, India, to demonstrate their grief, a group went up a hill and sat staring at the moon. I don't know why. And finally, in

Germany, a coven of Wiccans, all over 80, felt that sky diving into the Black Forest would ease the pain of their loss. It didn't.

In other news, the tragic deaths of seven American military personnel in Afghanistan was overshadowed by the asinine hoopla over the passing of, in my opinion, one of the most unnecessary humans that ever moonwalked this Earth. How shallow can we possibly get than to elevate this demented pedophile to god-like status? I'm sickened and saddened at the thought.

Just when you thought that the stupidity of Congress had reached the maximum possible level, the necessity of a second stimulus is being floated. 80-90% of the first porkulus legislation is still unspent and not generating (or saving) a solitary job. Why not take the \$500-600 billion unspent, add it to the \$170 billion in left-over TARP money, and eliminate payroll taxes for the rest of the year. That would create some real stimulation.

Let's talk cap and trade, shall we? I

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• HIS & HERS •

Stompin' the Yard

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

“We could always put the rattlesnake in the freezer,” John said calmly. All things considered, it wasn't that crazy a suggestion. The snake in question was, after all, dead. Was it my years in the Big City that made the request seem, well, kind of yucky? “No, I don't want the rattlesnake in the freezer,” I replied. “Why not?” John countered. I was prepared to rough it at Kettle-rock. I could live every summer, watching the dwindling water coming out of the standpipe, waiting for the day when nothing came out. I could stand it every winter, when afternoons meant remembering to load up the log racks with firewood. What I couldn't stomach was going to the freezer on the porch, and facing a frozen rattlesnake curled up between the croissants from Williams Sonoma and my brother's Christmas present from Omaha Steaks. The yard had been a complete jungle, so we'd phoned Jerry, the handiest of handymen, who has been working for John for almost 15 years. Jerry is one of those amazing people who have the country equivalent of “street smarts.” Jerry knows just about everything about everything – trees, plants, building - all seem to hold no secrets from him. We were a little sheepish about the state of our yard. The tallest of the weeds was almost waist high. While we were delighted to know the yard was going to look more civilized, I knew I was going to miss the wild strawberries and black-eyed Susans growing rampant there.

Jerry's buddy, who often helps him out, saw me walking across the yard, and called out. “I'm gonna show you something that's gonna upset you a lot at first, and then make you really happy after,” he grinned. “Oh, boy,” I thought. “I've heard THAT one before.” He'd turned off the lawnmower, jumped off the machine, and walked over near a border of daylilies. Bending over, he picked up the body of a rattlesnake of impressive size which he'd encountered while mowing that particular bit of lawn. It was sobering to think that such a creature was living right next to the wisteria I water on a daily basis. I hated to think how easily things could have taken a nasty turn. That said, it was fascinating to see the rattlesnake up close and personal. It was a stunningly beautiful animal, its skin a patchwork of patterns and colors. John thought that the skin might make a nice belt, which is why



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he suggested the freezer solution until we could take the rattlesnake to the taxidermist. My lack of enthusiasm on this subject seems to have been duly noted, however, and the topic has been dropped.

The problem with folks living in such close proximity to wild creatures is that often they cannot live together without endangering either the humans or the

animals. John and I do our best to leave the wild things outside our home alone. The exterior part of the house has nooks and crannies which are home to numerous birds and bees. A family of birds has adopted a bush near the front porch. Our comings and goings make the mama and papa birds frantic with worry. It may be silly, but we often try to soothe the birds by saying, “Don't worry! We won't hurt your babies.” I don't know if they understand a word of what we're saying, but I hope they do.

Last year, we developed a marvelous crop of thistles. While they are supposed to be a menace, taking over the yard by leaps and bounds, when they actually bloom, they are glorious. I'm hoping that someone from the Presbyterian Church is going to wander up the road, and ask for some plants. If they'd give them a good home, they could take them all.

The thistle is one of the symbols of Scotland, and comes with a history. According to legend, the thistle became the symbol of Scotland during the reign of Alexander III. In his attempt to conquer the Scots, King Haakon of Norway landed with his army on the coast of Scotland at Largs. So that they could creep up on the Scots without being discovered, the Norsemen took off their footwear. Fortunately for the Scots, one of the invaders stepped on a thistle, let out a yell (or more likely, a string of Norwegian invective), thus alerting the Scots to the presence of the invaders. The Scots won the day. The thistle symbol appears all over Scotland, often with the motto, “Nemo me impune lacessit” which is usually translated as “No-one harms me with impunity.” The Scots usually translate it more affectionately as “Wha daurs meddle wi me,” which is more like “You don't mess with me, and get away with it.” Feisty folks. Still, it's difficult to think of this hardy symbol of Scotland without a Keystone cops image of a raiding party of warring Vikings, slinking through the underbrush,

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First, the patron saint of conservatives, Ronald Reagan, shocked the world when he called for the elimination of nuclear weapons at the Reykjavik summit with Soviet General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev in 1988. Reagan called for the abolishment of "all nuclear weapons," which he labeled "totally irrational, totally inhumane, good for nothing but killing, possibly destructive of life on earth and civilization."

More recently a call for the elimination of all nuclear weapons has come from the most unlikely of sources: Henry Kissinger, Secretary of State under Nixon and Ford and George Schultz, Secretary of State under Reagan. Writing in January 2007 in the *Wall Street Journal* with ex-Senator Sam Nunn (Democrat of Georgia) and William Perry, Secretary of Defense under Clinton, this quartet urged the complete elimination of nuclear weapons from earth. They outlined a series of concrete steps towards that goal, and finished with these words: "Reassertion of the vision of a world free of nuclear weapons and practical measures toward achieving that goal would be, and would be perceived as, a bold initiative consistent with America's moral heritage. The effort could have a profoundly positive impact on the security of future generations... We endorse setting the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons and working energetically on the actions required to achieve that goal."

They followed a year later with another article in the same paper, which ended: "In some respects, the goal of a world free of nuclear weapons is like the top of a very tall mountain. From the vantage point of our troubled world today, we can't even see the top of the mountain, and it is tempting and easy to say we can't get there from here. But the risks from continuing to go down the mountain or standing pat are too real to ignore. We must chart a course to higher ground where the mountaintop becomes more visible."

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- Our volunteer bank, which consisted of over 85 docents, 40 drivers, flower show judges, artists in the garden, ticket sales, sales assistants and volunteers at all the events.

- Our exhibitors from all over the South who came to participate in our new Home and Garden Shop, our local merchants who generously donated to the shop and to the event.

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- The wonderful and dedicated staff of The Bascom for their tireless efforts, working day and night, in helping to put this event together while still in the process of getting settled in their new home.

- And thanks to the 2,000-plus purchasers of tickets who came from all over the South and beyond, including garden clubs and floral and garden lovers.

- And lastly, to the media in the Highlands area and all over the South who helped to publicize this event.

These generous donations of time and money enable The Bascom to provide the gift of free, universal general access to its new campus and exhibitions.

As Chairman of Mountains in Bloom 2009, I want to thank those whose support ensures the educational and artistic programs for all Highlands plateau residents and visitors, and the opportunity to enjoy all of this in the grandeur of our mountain setting.

Gail Jones
Highlands

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Swanson is angry, highly opinionated person

Dear Editor,

I was enjoying a pleasant trip to Highlands and while enjoying the beauty of your fair city when I chanced to read the Column "Conservative POV: 'It's over....or is it?'" by Don Swanson (Highlands' Newspaper, Thursday, July 9, 2009, p.8).

My pleasant day was destroyed by the anger and demonizations expressed in the article. Rarely have I read in a local newspaper such biased ramblings and hurled insults and condemnations as were stated throughout the article mentioned above. Goodness, he is apparently one angry and highly opinionated person.

The article stated in the headline "feedback is encouraged." Feedback follows as well as my comments to the Editor.

I was most annoyed by the absurdity of the Swanson's claim ".....Anybody who can't see the relationship between the removal of God from the Schoolhouse and the decline of scholastic results has blinders on and is a denier of the obvious." I wonder how any writer of your newspaper can make such an uninformed and malicious statement. A non sequitor at best and at worst rather senseless.

You must understand that I am a deeply religious person, a person of Faith, and in addition, an Episcopal priest. I am also an educator, and come from a long line of educators, several of whom are currently educators within public schools. While I cannot speak for my family members who are educators (and I might add, people of faith as well), I can speak for myself. I resent Swanson's accusation that I have "blinders on and am a denier of the obvious", because I can see no possible relationship to the "removal of God from the Schoolhouse" and "the decline of scholastic results" as Swanson so forcibly states, nor could I envision such a proposition by my time spent as an educator. The only relationship is one of strong bias and misinformation in Swanson's writings.

In a lighter note, it would seem to me that the Almighty would be most surprised that he had been "removed from the schoolhouse." The Almighty might also express sorrow that his "absence" caused the decline of scholastic results. I suppose his "removal" means one cannot pray personally to God in the schoolhouse? Or one cannot find God in a schoolhouse? Or perhaps God is just "gone" from the schoolhouse? Or that if one offers a prayer in the schoolhouse, God cannot hear it because he has been banished? I am sure it comes as news to the Almighty.

Swanson is lacking the notable qualities of charity of speech and nobleness of expression. I would hope his next article might be less strident, less biased, more gentle and expressive of reasonableness of thought. Perhaps the Editor could gently suggest such to Swanson?

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The next big thing...again?

Sometime around my senior year of college my buddies and I were watching WWE wrestling when all of a sudden this absolutely giant dude came out of the crowd and tossed three guys around like ragdolls. While professional wrestling is certainly predetermined (or fake, if you must) the raw power and athleticism of that guy stood out even amongst the other guys in the WWE. There is simply no way to "fake" the type of strength and agility that this particular guy was putting on display. Soon we learned that the man's name was Brock Lesnar, and he was to be the "next big thing" in the ranks of professional wrestling. Lesnar's amateur background as a collegiate wrestler in Minnesota was part of his gimmick, in that he was not only able to use his athleticism and strength to overpower people, but he could also wrestle technically.

Flash forward to 2009-after several years at the top of the WWE, Lesnar left to pursue an NFL football career (didn't work out) and then a career in mixed martial arts. After a few bouts in the K-1 promotion, Lesnar signed with the Ultimate Fighting Championship, and quickly made a name for himself due to his incredible size and athleticism. In his debut with the UFC, Lesnar was defeated controversially by former UFC champion Frank Mir after Lesnar was penalized for a blow to the back of the head and Mir was allowed to return to a stance. Since Lesnar's defeat at the hands of Mir, the two men shared quite a bit of animosity and traded insults through the media before it was finally announced that Mir would have a rematch with Lesnar at UFC 98. The rematch never took place at UFC 98 due to an injury to Mir, but eventually took place last weekend at UFC 100. There was tremendous build to the main event, and it did not disappoint. Lesnar's size and strength was once again the difference, as he took down Mir repeatedly and finished him with a series of shots to the face and head.

While Lesnar's victory over Mir was



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not necessarily shocking, his behavior afterwards was noteworthy, as he provided an obscene gesture towards the booing crowd before proceeding to insult UFC's main sponsor. These particular events earned Lesnar major criticism from both the founder of UFC (Dana White) and writers

covering the fight. However, it seems obvious to me that Lesnar is using his time in the limelight to perfect the "heel" character that he used in the WWE. Lesnar was a monster heel in the WWE, but he had a manager do most of the talking for him while he simply did his thing inside the ring. The UFC is a totally different arena, but many fans of WWE are also fans of UFC and they recognize and appreciate Lesnar's act. Everyone loves a good villain, and if Brock Lesnar can be a super villain and gain attention for UFC and mixed martial arts in general then it is going to be a bonus for all involved.

Lesnar's actions after UFC 100 gained more media attention than his actual victory, but now that he is the undisputed heavyweight champion in UFC there looks to be a short list of challengers that could possibly create huge media attention. The foremost of these potential challengers is Fedor Emelianenko, who is considered by many to be the best heavyweight in the world. While he is currently signed to a rival company, if Fedor comes to UFC then a match with Lesnar could usher in millions of PPV buys. Another interesting challenger for Lesnar is fellow former WWE wrestler Bobby Lashley. Lashley is roughly the same size as Lesnar, and both were amateur wrestlers. While there is no guarantee that Lesnar will remain at the top of the UFC heavyweight division, it would be hard to argue about the impact that he has had during his short tenure with UFC. Diehard UFC fans may be a bit turned off by both Lesnar's background and theatrics, but it is impossible to deny that he is bringing new fans to the sport each day.

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and then leaping around yelping, and holding their sore feet.

We just got back from town, having had two serendipitous encounters. First, John and I had lunch at **The Sports Page**. Since it was full of hungry tourists and locals, the nice lady asked us if we'd be willing to share a table. Of course, we said "yes." In these days of cell phones, it's a rare occasion when you can sit down, and get to chat with perfect strangers, face to face. In this case, they were perfect – interesting, sociable, pleasant folks, on their third year in the area, staying near Toxaway. What a great way to spend lunch!

Then, on the road home, we stopped at the Highlands Country Club to finally read the swan plaque on the rock by the lake. John and I had been promising ourselves we'd do that for months, and it had always slipped our minds. I got to meet the incoming head of security for the country club, Bill Brooks – a charming and helpful man with an intriguing accent. My 12 years in New York told me this was someone I could have run into there. Sure enough, Bill hails from Staten Island, but has completely fallen in love with the Highlands area. Better still, he fell in love

with, and married, a Crunkleton. Folks who are regular readers to **His & Hers** may remember that John did a wonderful piece a while back called "Annie Crunkleton's Dahlias." That's the neat part of living in a small community – everyone is connected in one way or another. Oh, and about those swans? They are a gift from the Des Champs (English and Bette) who are members of our church, Incarnation. What a small world!

Filled with good food and good cheer, we drove up the driveway, only to find several huge buzzards circling over our house. "They're probably after the snake," I mused. "Well," quipped John. "I sure hope they're not after my career!"

• About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband live on top of a mountain on the Continental divide near Highlands. They are members of the Highlands Writers Group. Michelle prefers wildlife to nightlife.

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bottle for Vyvanse, a drug used to treat ADHD, were found on scene.

The body was transported to the Bryant Funeral Home for a brief viewing by the family at which the Highlands Police Department was asked to also attend by the Medical Examiner.

A subsequent autopsy has revealed no foul play

"The criminal investigation is completed," said MC Sheriff Dept. Attorney Brian Welch. "The medical examiner, Dr. Sam Davis, said the cause of death will likely be revealed through toxicology which could take as long as two months or longer to complete."

Sheriff Robert Holland said his department is still looking into the case.

"We are conducting an investigation but thus far there is no suspicious activity related to her death," he said.

At the memorial service Tuesday, J.B. and Susan Coram, Elizabeth's parents, said they didn't want anyone associated with Elizabeth's last days to harbor any guilt of any kind.

"We forgive you and we forgive Elizabeth," she said.

Elizabeth was 22 and a rising senior at Wofford College in Spartanburg where she was an English major and a member of the English Honors Society.

She was both homeschooled as a student and attended Highlands School.

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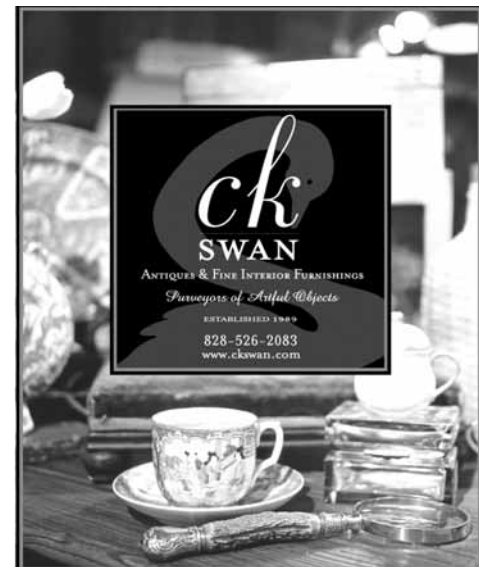


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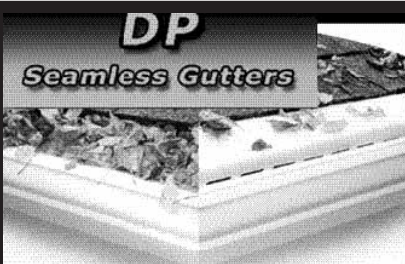
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won't bore you with the gory details since I've done it in this column at least twice in the past. The short version is "it is a fraud based on a hoax." The belief in the hocus-pocus global warming thing, oh, excuse me, climate change, and the scheme to fix it is proof that our education system has completely failed. The fact that the House passed cap and tax legislation and moved it along to the Senate indicates there are at least a couple of hundred people in Congress are willing to destroy our economy to please the environmentally unsound, I guess.

Obama himself says that energy costs will "skyrocket" as a result of this thing becoming law, yet Pelosi and her minions rammed it through without reading it or knowing what's in it.

Speaking of minions, I discussed in the past Pelosi's strategy of letting some of her pawns vote against certain legislation, if it would enhance their re-electability and the outcome was not in doubt. Our Representative, Heath Schuler, is one of those Democrats who would like you to believe he is a principled conservative because the electorate in his district leans that way. When push came to shove, however, as in the cap and trade vote, he fell in line with the radical leftists and voted in favor of the most damaging and unnecessary piece of legislation I can recall. Whether or not it gets through the Senate, Schuler has demonstrated his true colors and we deserve better. Remember his vote when election time comes along.

It's too late to do anything about the House vote but we can do something about what happens in the Senate. Call Sen. Hagan's office (202-224-6342) and let her know how you feel about cap and trade.

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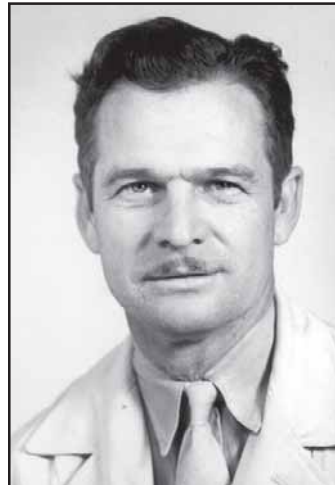
The Highlands Historical Society would like to express its appreciation to the Cullasaja Women's Outreach for its grant which has enabled us to publish three outstanding newsletters in the last year. Our newsletters, like such programs as the recent "Walk in the Park," are all aimed toward informing Highlanders and visitors of the unique history of this area. The newsletters also report upcoming events to be sponsored by HHS, such as the Tour of Historic Homes, now scheduled for August 8.

The generosity of the Cullasaja Womens Outreach has allowed us the freedom to publish our newsletter without expending funds better used to preserve our three historic buildings: the Prince House, the oldest house in Highlands; the Historical Museum, housed in the original Hudson Library building; and the "Bug Hill" Cottage.

Our sincere thanks to every participant in the Cullasaja Womens Outreach.

Elaine Whitehurst, President
Highlands Historical Society

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set the current waiting lists at Macon Program for Progress, Head Start and the rest of the privately owned and operated childcare facilities in the county.

This past week, Carter who helped Highlands with its Workforce Housing project, presented the outcome of a study based on 2000-2007 statistics which showed what it would take to shift childcare from the public sector to a public investment sector to address what is a private, public and community problem – the lack of childcare in Macon County.

“If more families could get childcare, then more family members could join the workforce, which would be good for their quality of life and good for Macon County,” said Chairman Beale.

“You need childcare for business growth,” said Carter. “Business growth means a greater tax base which means community improvement.”

To attract businesses and make the county conducive for economic development, affordable and available childcare and affordable housing must become a reality in Macon County, she said.

“Economic development means healthy business competitiveness which translates to quality of life,” said Carter.

She also outlined similarities between childcare and affordable housing.

She said typically quality equals expensive, so subsidies may be needed, for childcare and housing in Macon County, particularly rent, which is currently as high as most families with children can afford.

To complicate matters, the economic side of childcare is bleak.

• Typical childcare workers get low wages because higher wages mean higher prices to parents who can barely afford what they are paying now;

• Profits to childcare providers are typically low;

• Childcare worker turnover rates are high due to the low wages, the intensive work, the lack of training and dead-end nature of the job.

To compound the issue, the growing service sector in the county needs non-traditional childcare hours which means longer hours for childcare staff or more staff which affects the economic side of things.

Due to those factors, Carter said mothers are more likely to quit jobs if affordable and trustworthy childcare isn't available or if they don't quit, their productivity in the workplace is lower than those without children because they are often preoccupied with their childcare situation if it's not optimum.

Next week: a snapshot of Macon County housing costs, income ratios, and job and wage growth – all issues the county is considering as they apply to economic development.

– **Kim Lewicki**

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"I can still remember depositing those scholarship checks, with books or part of tuition waiting to be paid with them. Receiving the town scholarship not only helped me financially, but made me feel that my town was proud of me and expected great things. With the help of this scholarship, I was able to graduate with a B.S. in Geological Sciences from UNC-Chapel Hill. I am now working for the North Carolina Geological Survey's Landslide Hazard Mapping Program in Asheville, NC.

Through this position, I am hoping to give back to the citizens of western North Carolina by helping create county-wide maps of landslide hazards indicating areas of past landslides (like the Peaks Creek debris flow in 2004), zones where landslides might start given a heavy rain (5 inches in 24 hours), and pathways where landslides might travel.

In this position, I feel like I'm helping

others by providing a tool that they can use become more aware of landslide hazards in the mountains and make informed decisions about where they choose to live. (More information about the landslide program and the NCGS can be found at <http://www.geology.enr.state.nc.us/>.)

When I'm not mapping landslides or playing outside (my current focus is adventure racing), I volunteer with the Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (www.aegweb.org) and am currently serving as Secretary of the Association. This organization advocates for geology as a profession and provides opportunities for networking, continuing education, and public outreach.

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is allowed in the floodway and floodplain along water ways.

On July 20, Randy Mundt, outreach coordinator with FEMA will meet with the Planning and Town boards at 5 p.m. at the Community Building to explain what Highlands needs in its flood plain ordinance and how it will affect property owners and developers.

• Bids were opened for the Mirror Lake Sewer Project which will be funded 50-50 with a NC DENR Construction Grant and a no-interest loan. The town was awarded up to \$1.5 million in grant money, but since the bid came in substantially lower than expected less money is needed.

"The good news is no additional capital reserve funds will be needed," said Fatland, who said the anticipated total cost was \$3.6 million.

The bid of \$2,171,776 was awarded Stillwell Enterprises of Sylva, which the town has used before. Half that will be come from grant money and the balance will be financed. The town will also be reimbursed all preliminary design and grant application costs.

• Now that the county has an animal shelter and has adopted an animal control ordinance, its asked the towns of Highlands and Franklin to adopt the same ordinance. This way the county's animal control officers have jurisdiction over animal control problems countywide.

"This is basically a mutual aid agreement between the county's animal control divi-

sion and us which means something can now be done about nuisance or dangerous animals," said Police Chief Bill Harrell.

• The board voted unanimously to extend sewer to about five homeowners on Lynn Lane, in the vicinity of the Harris Lake Project, one of which was granted annexation Wednesday night.

The cost will be \$45,117.36 to the town, or less if no rock is encountered.

• David Wilkes, president of the ABC Board, who is also running against incumbent Mayor Don Mullen, announced that the new ABC Store in Highlands Plaza was up and running as of Monday, July 6 and one week in was already up 13% in revenues compared to the same time last year.

The 4,800 sq. ft. of space needed extensive repairs and renovations and after construction, design, fixtures, furniture, file cabinets, computers and other related expenses \$351,891.53 was spent from the \$434,818.76 in the Capital Improvement Fund. He said the balance of \$82,927.23 will be disbursed immediately and normal disbursements will continue from now on.

• Seven people applied for the one opening on the Planning Board – Richard Boger, Dick Hills, Patrick Leonard, Alan Marsh, Bob McEver, Bob Underwood, and Rick Siegel. Boger also applied for the Appearance Commission opening.

Underwood got two votes and Hills, March and Siegel each got one vote with the board unanimously approving Underwood. Boger will likely be appointed to the Appearance Commission once the board verifies his Highlands residency.

• The board also voted unanimously to fund a master plan for the Highlands Rec Park by consultant Haden Stanziale not to exceed \$44,800 plus out-of-pocket costs of \$5,000.

The master plan, which will include everything from site inventory and analysis, to Rec Park offerings, to stakeholder interviews, to a final design, will be completed by December 31, in advance of the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund application deadline for January 31, 2010.

• Town Attorney Bill Coward initiated discussion about the Town Scholarship Program guidelines. He said for years, monies have been going to college students and not just Highlands School seniors as prescribed in the legislation attached to the endowment in 1975. Fatland said it's also time to look at endowment investments to ensure the greatest return possible.

Commissioner Hank Ross suggested changing the legislation so the town can continue granting scholarships to both graduating seniors and college students. Coward said local legislation can be addressed in January 2010.

• Finally, Coward said potential litigation about Riverwalk would be discussed in closed session because Riverwalk attorneys had requested information concerning past litigation.

– Kim Lewicki

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'Arsenic and Old Lace' makes for a wickedly funny evening



The Brewster sisters, played by Regina Ress and Cheryl Chalmers, with nephew Moritimer, played by Jeff Kelly, who is desperately trying to get his head around the idea that his dear sweet aunts are murderers.

By Kim Lewicki

"Arsenic and Old Lace" currently on stage at the Highlands Playhouse through July 19, exemplifies the live theater The Playhouse built its reputation on, but has veered from in the recent past.

Through Sunday, you can enjoy a really a good play put on by really good actors on a great set reminiscent of the attention the Playhouse used to give its sets.

For years the Highlands-Cashiers Players (formerly the Highlands Community Players) have outshone The Playhouse when it comes to set design, but the "Arsenic" set holds it's own. Yes, the set is just a living room in a house in old Brooklyn, NY, but it completes the package that is "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Much has been made about the three equity actors in the play – Cheryl Chalmers who plays Martha Brewster, Regina Ress who plays her sister Abby and Jeffrey Shonert who plays Dr. Einstein.

Equity actors get paid twice as much as other cast members so this production is costing The Playhouse more than usual, but having them on stage means more than that, it may account for the professional air of the production – as every cast member has risen to the task.

The Brewster-sister duo played their parts back in 1976 and have honed their criminally-insane behavior in a perfectly endearing way only this time they didn't have to paint their wrinkles on, said Ress.

In comparison, Dillon Nelson's character, nephew Jonathan Brewster is also criminally-insane but dark, menacing and mean — kept in check only by his psychotic, pretend-doctor, partner, Jeffrey Shonert or rather Dr. Einstein, who actually steals the show.

For newcomers to "Arsenic," it's really a shocker of a show that will leave you laughing and a little freaked out at the bizarre plot and attitudes of all involved.

Add locals Stuart Armor – a veteran Highlands-Cashiers Players especially when it comes to a farce — who plays another crazy, Uncle Teddy Brewster, and Curtis Rich who was on stage at The Playhouse in "On Golden Pond" with wife Vangie and the mix is diabolically delicious.

Arsenic and Old Lace is funny and entertaining and you will have a wonderful evening of theatre.

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Business Office Manager needed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Full time position requiring a minimum of 5 years experience in hospital billing including Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial Insurances. Associates degree in a business related field preferred. Knowledge of CPSI computer system is a plus. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 60 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment

screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

COOK NEED IN THE NUTRITIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. – Full Time position available. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Experience required. Full benefits, or the option to opt out of benefits for an increase in pay, available after 60 days of full-time employment. Pre-employment screening required. Call Human Resources at 828-526-1376 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

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YARD SALES

JULY 17 & 18, FRI. & SAT. – 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 1210 Hickory Hill, Highlands. Call 526-0439. 7/16

JULY 24 & 25, FRI. & SAT. – 9 a.m. Corner of Mirror Lake and U.S. 64 west -- 855 Franklin Road. Antiques and household items. 7/23

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• Nantahala Tennis Club at the Rec Park, six days a week at 9 a.m. Public invited.

• RBC Bank Highlands (225 Franklin Rd) is selling raffle tickets to win a Weber table portable gas grill. Tickets are \$5 and raffle is limited to 100 tickets only. Get 'em while they last! Also selling American Cancer Society "Fight Like A Girl" shirts in their lobby at 225 Franklin Rd. Highlands. 100% of proceeds donated to the American Cancer Society.

• Registration is now open for the 2009 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered. Call 828-526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

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

Sundays

• Old-fashioned hymn-sing at the Little Church in the Wildwood 7-8 p.m. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. For more information call Kay Ward at 743-5009.

• 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.

• Hal Phillips on piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road during the Champagne Brunch 12-2pm.

Mon., Wed., & Thurs.

• Yoga On The Mat. New location. The Episcopal Church of Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. M/W @ 7:30 a.m.; Thurs. @ 10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128 7/30

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec

Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

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

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

Tuesdays

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

• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Wednesdays

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

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

Wednesdays & Fridays

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

Every 3rd Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian

One of today's most exciting young American quartets takes the stage this weekend at the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival



Will Ransom



Miles Hoffman

Biava String Quartet

The Biava String Quartet will headline concerts at 6 p.m. Friday, July 17th, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and 5 p.m. Saturday, July 18th, at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. The quartet will perform Haydn's "String Quartet in Eb Major Op.33 No. 2 'Joke'" and the "String Quartet #1, Op. 20 (1948) by Ginastrella. They'll be joined by pianist (and HCCMF artistic director) for Brahms' "Piano Quintet in F Minor, Op. 34."

Winner of the Naumberg Chamber Music Award and top prizes at the Premio Borciani and London International Competitions, the Biava Quartet has established an enthusiastic following in the United States and abroad, impressing audiences with its sensitive artistry and communicative powers. Its members – violinists Austin Hartman and Hyunsu Ko, violinist Mary Persin and cellist Jason Calloway – hold the Lisa Arnhold Quartet Residency at the Julliard School, serving as graduate quartet in residence and teaching assistants to the Julliard Quartet. The Quartet previously held the same position with the Tokyo Quartet at Yale University and was the first ensemble to complete the Training Pro-

gram in the Art of the String Quartet at the New England Conservatory under the direction of Paul Katz.

The Biava Quartet has recorded for the Naxos and Cedille labels and has been heard on London's BBC3 and National Public Radio. It's been featured in "Strings" and "Strad" magazines and is the subject of an upcoming Public Broadcasting System documentary.

The quartet will appear in another pair of concerts at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19th, at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands, and 5 p.m. Monday, July 20th, at the Cashiers Community Library.

Audiences will be treated to Schubert's "Quartettsatz in C Minor, D. 703," Mendelssohn's "Viola Quintet in Bb Major, Op. 87," and Grieg's "String Quartet in G Minor, OP. 27."

Joining the quartet on the Mendelssohn piece will be violist Miles Hoffman, Dean of the Petrie School of Music at Converse College. He's the Music Commentator for National Public Radio's flagship news program, "Morning Edition," and his musical commentary "Coming To Terms" was heard weekly throughout the United States for 13 years on NPR's "Performance Today." Hoff-

man's "The NPR Classical Music Companion" is now in its eighth printing.

He's violist and artistic director of the American Chamber Players, with whom he regularly tours the US and Canada. With the American Chamber Players, Hoffman's recorded the works of Mozart, Bruch, Bach, Stravinsky and Rochberg for a series of CDs produced by the Library of Congress.

The festival's 2009 season stretches from July 5th to August 9th. Concerts are held at 6 p.m. Fridays and 5 p.m. Sundays at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 507 Chestnut Street in Highlands; and at 5 p.m. Saturdays and Mondays at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library.

The dazzling season climaxes with the Final Gala Concert and Dinner Party, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, August 9th, at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands. It'll feature The Eroica Trio playing trios of Cassado, Lalo, and Bernstein's "West Side Story Suite." The performance will be followed by a reception and dinner at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club in Highlands.

For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.hcmusicfestival.org

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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.

Thursdays

- 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).

- The Zahner Lecture Series at the Nature Center at 7 p.m. Subjects vary.

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

- Summer Reading Program at the Hudson Library for kids. Every Thursday at 10 a.m. through July 30. More info: 526-3031

Every 2nd Thursday

- NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Appalachian South support group will meet once a month through the summer on the third Thursday of

each month. The meetings will be held at 7 p.m. at the Children's Home for Family Restoration, 827 Wiley Brown Rd. in Franklin. NAMI is a grassroots organization providing support, advocacy and education for individuals with mental illness and their families. Membership is not required to attend meetings. For more information contact: Ann Nandrea 828 369-7385, Mary Ann Widenhouse 828 524-1355, Carole Light 828 226-6213

2nd & 4th Fridays

- Community Drum Circle at the Highlands Rec Park, from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information call 421-0551.

Fridays & Saturdays

- At Fressers Eatery, Cy Timmons live from 6 p.m.

- Hal Phillips on piano from 7-9:30pm at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.

Fridays & Sundays

- Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts every Friday at 6 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays at PAC in Highlands through Aug. 9. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org.

Saturdays

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

- 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.

Saturdays & Mondays

- Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival Concerts at 5 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. For tickets or more information, call (828) 526-9060 or visit www.h-cmusicfestival.org.

Through Saturday, Aug. 15

- Helen Frankenthaler and the Color Field Painters exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Sun., July, 19.

- At Highlands Playhouse, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, opening July 9 at 8 p.m. with an Opening Night Reception catered by New Mountain Events. There will be a 'Preview Night' dress rehearsal of *Arsenic*

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Fritts, Mac Kah to teach at The Bascom next month

Classes by clay artist Debra Fritts and oil painter John Mac Kah are two of the more than 50 classes scheduled at The Bascom this summer.

On Aug. 17-21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., nationally recognized studio artist Fritts will teach "The Narrative Figure in Clay" for intermediate to advanced students. In this five-day workshop, students explore the figure in sculpture using hand building techniques. Personal and narrative interpretations will allow the works created to have a spiritual

connection between the sculpture and the maker. Detail technical information on facial features and proportions will be demonstrated and explored. Student will be shown how to use found object impressions, mark-making, carving and appliqué with their work during the wet clay stage. Surface decoration will be demonstrated using a painterly approach with slips, oxides, underglazes and glazes. Some examples of Fritts' work are currently being exhibited in the atrium at The Bascom. Cost for this five-day workshop is \$450, \$425 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included).

Then, on Aug. 18-22, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 20th-century naturalist and landscape

painter Mac Kah will teach "Illuminated Landscapes: The Well-Crafted Painting" for experienced beginner to advanced students. Designed for students desiring to know more about painting on location and how to take advantage of oil paint's unique character, this course will cover the use of traditional grounds and mediums used with oil paint. Students will work on gessoed wood panel and papers. The goal will be to develop practical field experience and create artistic, well-crafted and expressive paintings. Students will learn by

working on location, through demonstration, brief lecture and hands-on experience. Tonal techniques, direct painting, under-painting and glazing will be introduced. The emphasis will be on building skills in developing a finished work. Cost is \$365, \$350 Bascom members.

To register for these and a host of other art classes in a variety of media, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

Twentieth-century naturalist and landscape painter John Mac Kah will teach "Illuminated Landscapes: The Well-Crafted Painting" for experienced beginner to advanced students on Aug. 18-22 at The Bascom.



Upcoming Book Signings

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July 18

1-3 p.m.

William Forstchen

"One Second After"

(He wrote with Newt Gingrich for Pearl Harbor and Days of Infamy.)

July 25

1-3 p.m.

Charlie Poe

"Life is a Play Ground"

(A great children's book!)

3-5 p.m.

Angela Dove

"No Room for Doubt"

(A true story of the reverberations of murder.)

Interlude Concerts continue each Wednesday

At 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, the Interlude Concert Series sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will feature Stell Huie, baritone, accompanied by Angie Jenkins. The concert will consist of Broadway Show tunes and other popular songs. Also featured will be 11-year-old soprano, Johnathon McAllister, who will sing "Paris Angelicus." The program is free. Dress is casual. Come as you are



Angie Jenkins and Stell Huie



Johnathon McAllister

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and *Old Lace* on July 8 at 8 p.m. The dress rehearsal is open to the public and any donation made at the door is greatly appreciated! Regular performances Tuesday-Sunday are at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Thurs., July 16

- An American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED and First Aid Basics course will be conducted by the Macon County Public Health Center. The course will be held on Thursday, July 16, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 pm at the Macon County Public Health Center at 1830 Lakeside Drive. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay at the MC Public Health Center before Monday, July 13, 2009. Call Jennifer at 349-2439.

Thurs.-Sun., July 16-18

- Mountain Wildlife Days at the Sapphire Valley Resort Community Center located 3 miles east of Cashiers just off Highway 64. For more information, call John Edwards, 828-743-9648 or 864-934-1935.

Thurs.-Fri., July 16-17

- Art workshop "Never Dull Mixed Media Collages," by Gail Russakov, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$110/\$100 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Fri, Sat, Sun., July 17-19

- The Highlands Playhouse 2009 Showhouse, a luxurious mountain retreat by Lupoli Construction and decorated by Tony Raffa of Raffa Design Associates, in the Mirror Lake community. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$30 and available at the Highlands

Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location.

Fri. & Sat., July 17-18

- At the Hen House on 488 E. Main Street, Potter Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery will have a signing from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- At the Village Green in Cashiers, "Joy Garden" featuring Garden ornaments, arrangements, and birdhouses and more from 9:30 a.m. – 5: pm on Friday and 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday. A portion of proceeds will go toward the Village Green fund. Admission is free.

- At Vivace on S. 4th Street on the hill, a Paul Mayer trunk show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Fri., July 17

- Free Mountain Music Concerts at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 P.M. and concerts begin at 7:30. Sponsored by Just for You Relay for Life team. Gospel music band "Blue Ridge."

- The very popular "Snakes Alive" program by Ron Cromer returns to the Cashiers Library on at 10:30 a.m. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library

Sat, July 18-Sat., Aug. 29

- *Moulthrop's: Three Generations of Woodturners* exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be July 18 from 5-7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Sat. & Sun., July 18-19.

- Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show. All original fine art: painting, hand-crafted jewelry, pottery, photography. Highlands Civic Center Rec Park 55 artists. Childrens' hands-on art room. 10-

5. Gift certificate door prizes. Free admission. Pam Haddock 828-226-4268.

Saturday, July 18

- At Cyrano's a book signing by author William Forstchen, 1-3 p.m., "One Second After."

- Bob & Cathy Fisher are opening their garden for tours for Kids4Peace with 100% of the proceeds used to continue the Episcopal Church's mission project of building a school in Haiti. Tickets are on sale at the church for \$25. Order tickets at 828-526-2968 (we take MasterCard or Visa) or you can come by the church on the corner of 5th and Main Street. Select tour times of 10, 11, 12, or 1 and purchase tickets from the church office. Everyone must meet at the Macon Bank Gazebo to get a pass for the tour.

- Greenway volunteers needed to work at the Rec Park lower loop trail and on the steps. Needed are: Trim with loppers and clear brush — 4 people; Digging treadway — 4 people; Building Rock steps — 4 people; Operating chainsaw — 1 person; Operating CanyCom tracked wheelbarrow — 1 person; Operating Yanmar mini-excavator — 1 person. Sign up for what you want to do. If you are interested in participating please register with Hillrie Quin at 526-2385 or hmqquin@verizon.net. We will meet at the lower parking lot behind the Rec Park off of Foreman Road at 10:00 AM for a brief orientation session and then walk to the trail sections for construction. 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. Please let us know how we can make these trips better for you.

- The Macon County Soccer Club (<http://www.maconsoccer.net>) is currently accepting

registrations for the Fall soccer season. Parents are encouraged to print out the registration form online and bring it with them to the registration. Children age 4 and up are welcome and will be placed on teams according to age. The registration fee is \$60 for players and a \$5 discount is available for siblings. The registration fee covers uniform (jersey, shorts and socks), state registration and referee fees. All new

Watts signing pottery Fri. & Sat. at Hen House



Richie Watts

The Hen House in Highlands, NC is the largest gallery of "The Good Earth Pottery" by potter Richie Watts in the United States.

Watts will be at the store at the corner of Main and Fifth streets from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 to sign his pottery.

The collection continues to grow with the addition of new patterns at our annual July pottery signing at The Hen House. Last year 2008, we introduced the *Highlands* pattern and this year 2009 Richie will introduce the *Blue Heron* pattern. It has already gathered extensive reviews and is being touted as one of his best patterns to date.

The new *Blue Heron* collection reflects the natural beauty and colors that are an integral part of the Highlands Plateau, and it blends with the *Highlands* pattern introduced last year.

At the heart of Richie's work is his love of clay. Color, design and technique are the talents that mold his clay into functional art, which is then transformed into a unique handmade durable piece of dinnerware.

Richie uses English clay for his pottery, because it produces some of the strongest pottery available, which then manifests itself into beautiful glazes and finishes on the dinnerware for your table.

All of "The Good Earth Pottery" is dishwasher, microwave, oven and freezer safe. We invite you to select a piece today and start your own collection.

CLE class to feature A. Montag & Associates on July 23

A. Montag & Associates, Investment Counsel, of Atlanta, will offer a class for Center for Life Enrichment on July 23rd.

The class will review the impact of the major changes in our economy during the last year. It will highlight the investment environment and touch on the growing national debt, interest rates and inflation, housing market inventories, unemployment, global trade, credit markets, energy prices, and other similar topics.

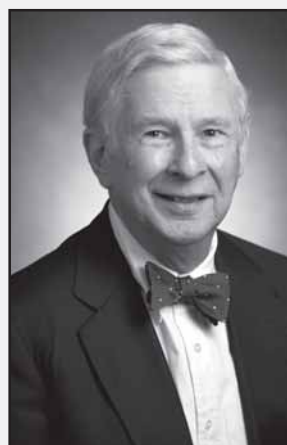
The impact on stocks and bonds specifically will be discussed, with some thoughts on strategies for individuals investing their own savings. Questions are encouraged and participants will be actively involved in the conversation to ensure the concerns and interests of the audience are addressed. Advance questions and additional topics are welcome.



Joseph Foley



Molly Guenther



Tony Montag

A. Montag & Associate staff members who will lead the class include Molly Guenther, CFA & CFP, Joseph Foley, CFA, and Tony Montag, CFA. All have more than 20 years experience in the field and all are full time investment managers. A Montag & Associates was founded in 1982 by Tony Montag.

The firm has 17 staff members and manages approximately \$750 million for nearly 200 families and individuals. All portfolio managers are engaged in direct research and client servicing, requiring each manager to remain informed about economic and in-

vestment conditions and keeping each one disciplined about how an individual investor must view opportunities and risk. The firm website is www.amontag.com.

This class will feature no solicitation by the firm and no firm products will be featured. Names and addresses of attendees will not be shared with A. Montag & Associates and any further contact must be initiated by the

participant. To register, please phone 526-8811. This class is offered Thursday July 23 from 2 to 4 at the Episcopal Church. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

After the class, A. Montag and Associates will host a cocktail reception at the Highlands Country Club from 5-7 on Thursday, July 23. Friends, CLE members and class participants are invited. Last minute drop-ins are welcome, but the firm prefers to take RSVPs at (678) 539-8227.

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players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate. The deadline for registration for the Fall season is July 20th. Registrations received after July 20 will incur a \$10 late fee and players will be placed on a wait list. Every effort will be made to place late registrants on a team. However, we cannot guarantee placement on a team before the first game. Register from 10am - 12pm at the Macon County Community Building and the Highlands Recreation Park.

Sundays, July 19 & 26

• "Much Ado About Nothing" by the Highlands Playhouse, at Pine Street Park. Bring a picnic. 7 p.m. and it's free.

Mon., July 20

• The Macon County Soccer Club (<http://www.maconsoccer.net>) is currently accepting registrations for the Fall soccer season. Parents are encouraged to print out the registration form online and bring it with them to the registration. Children age 4 and up are welcome and will be placed on teams according to age. The registration fee is \$60 for players and a \$5 discount is available for siblings. The registration fee covers uniform (jersey, shorts and socks), state registration and referee fees. All new players must provide a photocopy of their birth certificate. The deadline for registration for the Fall season is July 20th. Registrations received after July 20 will incur a \$10 late fee and players will be placed on a wait list. Every effort will be made to place late registrants on a team. However, we cannot guarantee placement on a team before the first game. Register from 6pm - 8 pm at the Macon County Community Building and the Highlands Recreation Park.

Tuesday, July 21

• "Fantasia" featured at the PAC Film Series at

the center on Chestnut Street beginning at 7:30 p.m. Free. Donations appreciated. Sponsored by Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival.

• Take Charge of Your Health Lecture Series at

6 p.m. at Chiropractic office in Cashiers. Topic: Arthritis and Joint Inflammation. Call 828-743-9070 or 828-526-3709.

Wed., July 22

• Summer Interlude at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. Stell Huie, baritone with Angie Jenkins on the piano. Free.

• See EVENTS page 30

HCP's 'Accomplice' Aug. 20-30 at PAC

This murder mystery-thriller, the fourth and final play of the Highlands Cashiers 2008-2009 season, will run August 20-30 at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) in Highlands.

The play is suspenseful and funny; the dialog has been described by the critics as brilliant. The twists and turns of the plot keep audiences guessing until the very end. The scene is Dorping Mill, the renovated moorland cottage of a London couple. Guests are expected, but the planning of a murder seems to be underway as the curtain rises. Beyond this description, particulars of the storyline cannot be revealed or the fun would be spoiled. Suffice it to say that this devilishly clever thriller won the Edgar Award for best play given by the Mystery Writers of America.

Playwright\ Rupert Holmes, who has had several plays on Broadway, including *Accomplice* (1990) and the 1986 musical, *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*, which won five Tony awards, has also written for film and television. He is a poet, a singer, and a prolific songwriter with several albums to his credit. He is also known by many as the

artist who wrote and recorded the very popular song "Escape," better known as the "Pina Colada" song.

For the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of *Accomplice*, a newcomer from Atlanta will be joining the five-person cast. Paul del Gatto, a veteran actor of the Atlanta area, who happened to be spending the summer with a friend of the director, was invited to audition and was chosen to play one of the male roles.

David Spivey of Franklin, a veteran actor who has performed in films and with

many of the regional theaters of the area — recently for HCP in *Rumors* — has been cast in the second man's role.

Kirk Howard, recently in HCP's March play, *An American Daughter*, is cast as the third man, with the talented and well-known HCP actor/directors, Ronnie Spilton and Mary Adair Leslie, are cast as the two women.

Tickets for *Accomplice* will be available in mid-August, by phone (828-526-8084), or at the Perform-

ing Arts Center in Highlands. Because it contains adult situations, *Accomplice* is rated PG 13. Audience discretion is advised.



Spivey and Leslie at rehearsal for "Accomplice."

Moulthrop's: Three Generations of Woodturners at The Bascom July 18

Some 45 turned wood bowls from the renowned Moulthrop family will be on display as The Bascom presents *Moulthrop's: Three Generations of Woodturners*.

The exhibition opens with a free, public reception Saturday, July 18, from 5 to 7 p.m., and continues through Aug. 29.

This exhibition of lathe-made bowls will convey the widely acclaimed talents of Matt and Phillip Moulthrop and their late father Edward, who comprise the esteemed family of Georgia craftsmen. Critics have long said that Ed Moulthrop (1916-2003) — trained as an architect and self-taught as a craftsman — changed the course of woodworking in America and his son and grandson carry on the tradition.



This bowl by Philip Moulthrop will be on display in *Moulthrop's: Three Generations of Woodturners*, which opens at The Bascom July 18.

The Highlands-Cashiers plateau boasts a strong concentration of private Moulthrop collectors, in part because the Wade Hampton Golf Club used to sponsor an annual golf tournament that yielded a prize of a Moulthrop-turned bowl.

The Shop at The Bascom is now carrying the book *Moulthrop-A Legacy in Wood* and will hold a book signing on Aug. 6 from 5-7 p.m. Exhibitions are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Bascom's new address is 323 Franklin Road, Highlands.

For more information, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

Playhouse 2009 Showhouse July 17-19



The Highlands Playhouse 2009 Showhouse, a luxurious mountain retreat by Lupoli Construction and decorated by Tony Raffa of Raffa Design Associates, in the Mirror Lake community. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$30 and will be available at the Highlands Playhouse Box Office soon. The ticket price includes a viewing of the home, transportation to and from the home from a central location in Highlands and light, poolside refreshments. No pets or strollers are allowed. To purchase tickets, call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location in downtown Highlands.

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Chaplain Margaret Howell
Holy Family Lutheran Church

Face it, I'm a city girl. I was raised in suburbia. My parents had small gardens for flowers and vegetables, and I once raised a bumper crop of honeydew melons after my Dad bet me I couldn't do it. I also have a 10- by 10-foot flower bed and several large containers at our home in Charlotte that I tend every year. But other than that, nada.

All I had to do was mention the idea for a community garden to my church council and one of our members had a 30- by 30-foot plot plowed up the next day. The Mountain Garden Club donated about 40 tomato plants at their plant sale last month, and so my Husband, Jon and I, two city folk, were out in the garden the next day, planting tomatoes ... and planting tomatoes ... believe it or not every one of the plants have lived — a miracle to be sure!

I attended a "Come to the Table" community gardening conference in Boone, and learned all about composting, organic gardening and more. Surprisingly, I also learned that there are hundreds of community gardens all over America, some of them in extremely unlikely places.

Many of these community gardens were carved out of vacant lots in the middle of some of America's toughest neighborhoods in the middle of some of America's biggest cities. These gardens purpose is not just to grow produce. There are gathering places for people who may live within blocks of each other all their lives, but never meet, to grow friendships as well as tomatoes, squash and peppers.

Often these gardens donate a percentage of their harvest to food banks and other places in need of fresh produce, but who cannot afford it. Within a few miles of Highlands are many people we never see. People who live at the edge of poverty. Many of them are children. Fresh vegetables and fruit are expensive, and often out of reach for a family barely getting by.

The Methodist church here in Highlands has had a wonderful community garden for years that contributes to the Highlands Food Pantry. Holy Family Lutheran is hoping that the larger community might like their own garden as well. All groups and individuals are welcome, especially youth groups. A percentage of crops are to be donated to those who need them. It is not too late to plant some summer crops, (we've got 'maters!) and we are working to prepare the plot for fall gardening. We've started a compost pile so that anyone who wishes will have good, black compost to use.

Mother Teresa wrote, "Do small things with great love." I know our little plot won't change the world, but we can improve our own little corner of it. We can gather, till the soil and work with our own two hands to take part in God's creative process.

Join us, won't you? Come to the Garden.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

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Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999

Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship

Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month

Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329

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

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Father Jim Murphy: Office – 526-2320

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.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

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Pastor Gary Hewins

3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands

Sundays: 9:30am Sunday School for all ages; 10:45am

Worship; 6pm High School Group

Tuesdays: 10am Women's Bible Study; 2nd, 4th, & 5th

Tuesdays Young Mom's Bible Study

Wed.: 5pm Dinner; 6pm AWANA, Youth Activities

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

• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977

Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.

(nursery provided)

Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.

Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children's

Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30

a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.;

Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor

Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175

Sun.: Worship – 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30 & 9:45.

Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers

Wednesdays – Choir – 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy

526-3376

Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.;

5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 7:15 – children, youth, & adults

studies; 6:15 – Adult choir

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

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

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Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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Rev. Clifford Willis

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

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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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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

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of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

• POLICE & FIRE •

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from July 7. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 7

- At 2 p.m., officers responded to the call of a larceny of a paddle boat from the dock at Mirror Lake Lodge. It is valued at \$200.
- At 10:15 p.m., officers found an open door at a business on Main Street.

July 8

- At 10:22 p.m., officers found an open door at the school.
- At 2 p.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious person on N.C. 28.

July 9

- At 11 a.m., officers responded to a call of a larceny at a residence where a hitch valued at \$300 was taken from a vehicle.
- At 12:28 p.m., officers responded to an vehicle accident on N.C. 28. There were no injuries.
- At 1:11 p.m. officers responded to an dog complaint at a resident on Gibson Street.
- At 7:15 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Sassafras Gap Road where a girl was reported dead. They secured the scene until the MC Sheriff's Dept. arrived.
- At 8:59 p.m., officers responded to a call of a domestic disturbance at a residence on Dolly Lane.
- At 10:15 p.m., at the request of the Medical Examiner, officers joined the family attended the viewing of the girl's body which was found at the residence on Sassafras Gap Road.
- At 11:27 p.m., officers responded to a call of a dog barking at a residence on Wilson Road.
- At 3:54 a.m., officers found an open door at the Civic Center.

July 10

- A little past midnight, officers found an open door at a business in Mallard Square.
- At 2:30 p.m., Ninian Ulysses Bond III, 27, of Braselton, GA, was arrested for indecent exposure.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from July 9:

July 9

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Maplewood Lane. Food was found burning on the stove.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Hickory Nut Gap. It was false.

July 10

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Kilwin's on Main Street, where an employee had fallen. She was transported to the hospital.

July 11

- The dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers Fire Dept. for a possible structure fire. Highlands stood by at the Cashiers station.

July 13

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Picklesimer Drive. The victim was taken to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rhododendron Drive where an 84-year-old man had fallen.. The victim was taken to the hospital.

From the Dept:

Robbie Forrester, of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., asks citizens to trim back their driveways, and foliage around their 911 numbers and fire hydrants.

Also, don't miss the department's annual Open House, Saturday, Aug. 8 from 11-3. There will be free hot dog plates and rides on the fire truck.

• FUN & GAMES •

Hex-a-Ku[©] 2009

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, 3x2 cells in the puzzle layout have the same different letters. (This is similar to 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 row, column or cell.

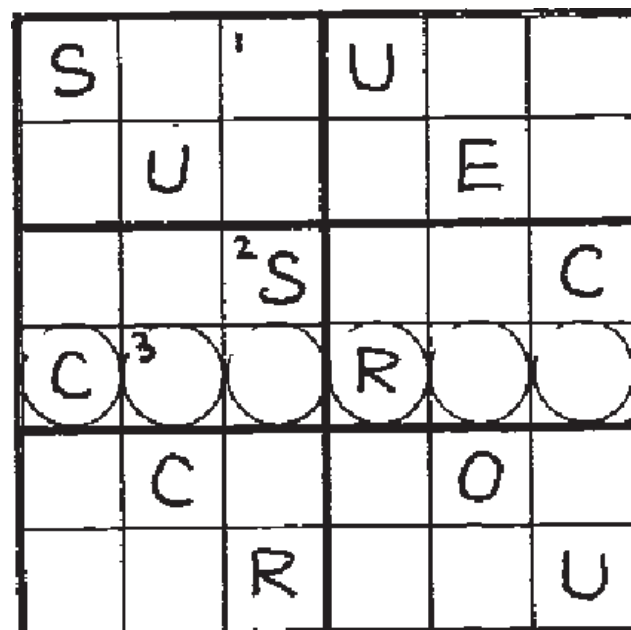
Mystery Word: Direction

Across

1. Junk Yard Dog (3)
2. French Coin (3)
3. Belonging to Us (3)

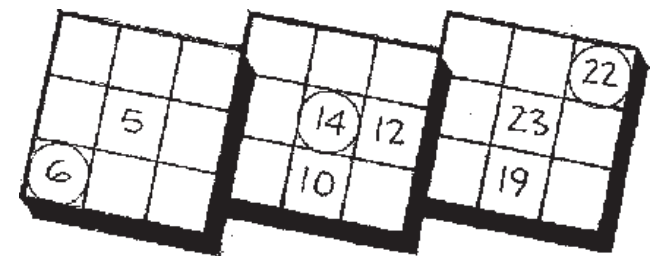
Down

4. Legal Attack (3)



PseudoCube[©]

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#BZZA Level of Difficulty – Moderate

THE SETUP:

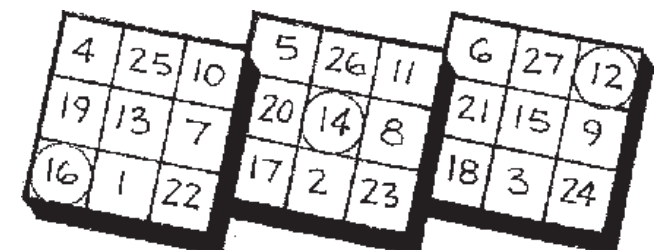
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

THE CHALLENGE:

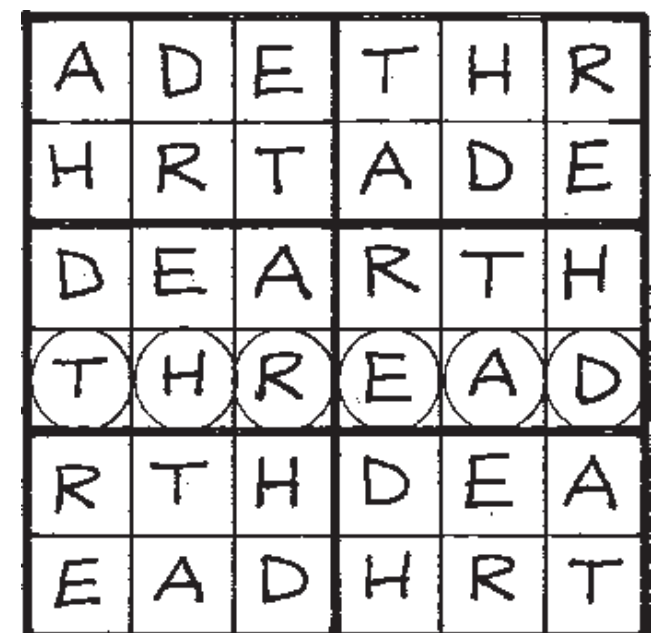
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #AZ2A in July 9 issue



Solution to July 9 Hex-a-Ku



• BUSINESS NEWS •

Mountain Garden Club beautifies HCCDC

From left, are four students at the Highlands Community Child Development Center, Hayley Bornio, Morgyn Brannon, Lexie Burnett, and Riley Nicholson, enjoying the garden at the center. The Mountain Garden Club donated more than 300 perennial plants to the HCCDC following the club's annual plant sale. The HCCDC is the only year-round, 5 days a week, 10 hours a day, licensed childcare and early childhood education center in Highlands.



• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Thurs., July 23

• At PAC, Judy Collins in Concert at 7:30 p.m. Folk-Pop icon, Judy Collins has thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of folksongs and contemporary themes. A classical pianist early in her life, she soon learned to love the guitar. Highlands is indeed fortunate to host this one-night engagement of

a songstress who creates music of hope and healing that lights up the world and speaks to the heart. Come hear one of the purist and most recognizable voices in the world in the acoustically acclaimed environment of the Performing Arts Center. Tickets: Dress Circle \$200, General Admission \$100.

• The Friends of the Library will host a free

family cookout and movie at the Cashiers library at 5 p. m. for all the families in the community. Hamburgers and hotdogs, chips, cookies and drinks will be served in the Friendship Garden. The 2008 G movie "The Tale of Despereaux" will begin at about 6 p. m.

Fri. and Sat., July 24 & 25

• Don't Count Your Chickens Folk Art Sale at the Highlands Community Building from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Last one ever!

• The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance's (J-MCA) 2009 Green Living Fair in Highlands. The 2008 event, a first of its kind for the area, was a huge success with an attendance of over 300 people and host to 30+ participants. Unsure of what the first year would bring, J-MCA was conservative with booth space and speaker/discussion sessions. Since then the response has been overwhelmingly positive and reason for the expansion of the number of eco-conscious participants and speakers able to take part in the 2009 event.

Fri., July 24

• Free Mountain Music Concerts at Highlands School old gym, dancing begins at 6:45 P.M. and concerts begin at 7:30. Sponsored by Just for You Relay for Life team. Oliver Rice and Blue Ridge Mountain Band.

Sat., July 25

• Much Ado About Nothing by the Highlands Playhouse, at Cashiers Village Green. Bring a picnic. Noon. and it's free.

• Bob & Cathy Fisher are opening their garden for tours for Kids4Peace with 100% of the proceeds used to continue the Episcopal Church's mission project of building a school in Haiti. Tickets are on sale at the church for \$25. Order by phone at 828-526-2968 (we take MasterCard or Visa) or you can come by the church on the corner of 5th and Main Street. You can select tour times of 10, 11, 12, or 1 and purchase tickets from the church office. Everyone must meet at the Macon Bank Gazebo to get a pass for the tour.

• Drake's Diamond Gallery Trunk Show 10-7pm, on Second Street. Featuring "Mia Katrin." Hors'Doeuvres & Cocktails.

• At Cyrano's two booksignings. From 1-3 p.m., it's author Charlie Poe "Life is a Play Ground." From

See EVENTS page 31

A record number of Highlands nonprofits awarded grant money in 2009

The Macon County Community Foundation has awarded \$12,000 in grant money to non-profit organizations. This year, seven Highlands organizations were awarded. This year, the Foundation was able to fulfill all or a portion of 22 out of 26 grant applications which will aid children, education, and healthcare causes.

Organizations receiving funding in 2009:

- Highlands-Cashiers Foundation, Inc.
- Blue Ridge Mtn. Health Project, Inc.
- Fontana Regional Library
- Jackson Macon Conservation Alliance
- Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center

Center

- Highlands Historical Society
- Folk Heritage Assoc of Macon County
- Highlands Community Child Development Center

Development Center

- KIDS Place
- Second Mile Ministry
- Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc.

Cashiers, Inc.

- Macon County Care Network
- Macon County Art Association
- Smoky Mountain Quilter's Guild
- Nantahala Community Development Club

Club

- The WALK Skateboard Ministry
- Macon County Historical Society
- Mountain Youth Resources
- Mountain Mediation Services
- Macon TRACS
- Angel Medical Center, Inc.

The Macon County Community Foundation (MCCF) was established in 1991 to serve the needs of local nonprofit organizations, donors and charitable causes. MCCF is an affiliate of the North Carolina Community Foundation, and joins more than 650 community foundations in transforming our nation and our neighborhoods through the power of philanthropy. Whatever your means or charitable goals, the MCCF makes it easy to become a philanthropist.

The NCCF is the single statewide community foundation in North Carolina and was created 21 years ago to build capacity through philanthropy. The NCCF sustains nearly 1,000 endowment funds established to provide long-term support of a broad range of community needs, nonprofit organizations and scholarships. The NCCF partners with 59 affiliate foundations to provide local resource allocation and community assistance in 65 counties across the state, with an emphasis on rural and underserved areas.



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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Final week of 'Arsenic and Old Lace'

Abby and Martha Brewster are the personification of helpfulness. They make broth for sick neighbors, they take care of their nephew Teddy who thinks he is Teddy Roosevelt, and they murder lovely, old men. Oh, you read it correctly-they murder old men! They see it as a service and a kindness to the community, although their nephew Mortimer isn't so sure. In fact, Mortimer isn't sure about anything going on in this less than normal household. The home becomes even more interesting when their other nephew Jonathan arrives with his friend and plastic surgeon Dr. Einstein. The house gets crowded and even more chaotic!

Arsenic and Old Lace is funny and entertaining no matter who is in cast, but take a cast with the experience and the talent that is on the stage at the Highlands Playhouse and you will have a wonderful evening of theatre. The show is a reunion of several of the cast from a past production. Regina Ress and Cheryl Chalmers reprise their roles as Abby and Martha Brewster, Jeffery Shonert plays Dr. Einstein along with several newcomers returning performers bring life to the

Brewster home in Brooklyn, NY.

The show is directed masterfully by Playhouse veteran Michael Meath. If you haven't seen *Arsenic and Old Lace*: The Reunion Tour, you owe it to yourself to do so. *Arsenic and Old Lace* runs through July 19 at the Highlands Playhouse. For tickets, show times and more information about our season, please call the Box Office at 828-526-2695 or visit the 362 Oak Street location in downtown Highlands.

Also don't miss the third annual Shakespeare in the Park production, *Much Ado About Nothing*. As always, admission is FREE and pick-nick's are encouraged! Director Jeremy Miller declares, "This will be an exciting version of *Much Ado* that people haven't seen before". The production dates are Sunday July 19th, 26th and August 2nd, 9th at 7:00 PM at the Pine Street Park in Highlands. There will also be a Saturday, July 25th performance in Cashiers on the Village Green at 12 p.m.. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and be prepared to have a rollicking-good time!

Green Living Fair

July 25, 2009

Highlands Civic Center

9:30 am — 4 pm

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