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This Week in Highlands

Thursday, June 4

- Taize services at 5:30 pm, at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.
- Bingo 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building. Proceeds for Food Pantry.

Friday, June 5

- At Cyrano's, a book signing with John Hart from 1-3 p.m. The Last Child.
- Class of '99 reunion alumni dinner Friday night at 6:30 at High Country Cafe. Email: hhsclassof99@gmail.com.

Friday & Saturday, June 5-6

- Lynn Loosier at PAC at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at \$20. Charge by phone at 526-9047.

Friday & Saturday, June 5-7

- At Acorn's Charme Silkiner Jewelry Trunk Show.

Saturday, June 6

- Benefit for Joe Geoghagan Family, 4:30 p.m. at the Rec Park. BBQ, Live Music, Auction and Raffle.

Sunday, June 7

- Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Accomplice" at PAC on Sunday at 3 p.m. Call director Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.
- The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival gala at Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro from 5-7 p.m.

Monday, June 8

- The Highlands Audubon Society program at the Civic Center beginning at 7:30.

Tuesday, June 9

- "Amazing Animals" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. Call 526-2623.
- "Owl Pellets" at the Highlands Nature Center. 3 - 4 pm.
- Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Accomplice" at PAC on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Call director Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

Wednesday, June 10

- "Owl Prowl" at the Highlands Nature Center. 8 pm, all ages. Call 526-2623.

Highlands subject of county 2009-'10 budget worksession

With state funding drying up, revenues down and interest rates at an all-time low, county commissioners have been tweaking the 2009-2010 budget to keep it lean.

Even with revenues down, commissioners hope to keep the fund balance intact — at a minimum of 25% perhaps even 27.9%.

At the Wednesday May 27 budget worksession, borrowing \$500,000 at 3.3% for Sheriff Dept., EMS Dept. and IT Dept. capital expenses not previously considered in the budget was a point of contention, with the end vote 3 to 1. Commissioner Davis voted no; Commissioner Bob Simpson was

absent.

Just as the company who sold the county the control panel in the jail in 1999 when the jail opened announced it will no longer sell, repair or supply parts of the panel — the panel needs to be replaced.

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Booster Club future uncertain for 2009-10 season

By Ryan Potts

A round of recent resignations, as well as possible departures within the Executive Board has created a cloudy outlook for the status of the Highlands Booster Club for next season.

In recent years, the Highlands Boosters have provided valuable funds for Highlands School to support athletics, contributing over \$20,000 this year alone toward Highlands School sports. The majority of the funds raised by the Highlands boosters come from concessions and banner sales, both of which must be organized and run by the executive board of the Boosters.

The recent resignation of two members of the Executive Board, as well as the possible departure of

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HS Val & Sal named for 2009



At Wednesday morning's Highlands School Awards Ceremony held at the school, Class of 2009 Valedictorian and Salutatorian were named. Above is William Edwards, Salutatorian and Casey Jenkins, Valedictorian. Edwards will be attending Clemson in the fall and Jenkins will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill. For more Highlands School award photographs, see page 17.

Photo by Stephanie McCall

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A gentle nudge from your library:

Library system to use collection agency

The Fontana Regional Library Board enacted a policy at its September 2008 board meeting to use a collection agency to help encourage patrons with overdue materials to return them to the library. The Library Board voted to pass the cost of this service on to each patron whose account will be handled by the collection agency.

This new policy was developed with fairness to all library patrons in mind. Materials not returned are not available for others to use or borrow. Also, if materials are not returned, in most cases, money from the library budget is used to replace them. This same money could much better be used to purchase new items for patron use instead of replacing non-returned items. Nearly \$143,000 worth of

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Stay home, Fred

Dear Editor,

I like Fred Woolridge. Honestly. He occasionally graces the Highlands Writers Group. When Fred is not trying to make everyone laugh with his sometimes questionable humor, he can be an entertaining and thoughtful person. I even think he's kind of cute. Fred's latest column, 'Fu Ku,' was way out of line, however, and I'd be remiss not to call him to task on it. Mind you, I realize I'm taking my life into my own hands. A SWAT veteran, Fred is one of those people who can probably kill you with one thumb. You don't want to rile those folks.

His opening comment "Paris would be a great place to visit if it weren't for all those dad gum Parisians" was a real slap in the face. My mother was born and raised in Paris. I don't know where Fred's mother was born, but I can't think he'd take it very kindly if someone made that kind of blanket statement about the city of her birth. So, Fred doesn't think that Paris should be populated by Parisians? Just who does he think it should be populated by? The Chinese? Lithuanians? Texans? Yes, I suppose Fred would like Paris to be populated by Texans. Or Californians. Or Vermonters. Anyone, in fact, but the French.

Oddly enough, Fred then goes on to say, "Actually we never went to Paris because we didn't want to endure the six-hour trip bus ride from Le Havre with everyone coughing and sneezing [Fred doesn't enlighten us as to the nationality of those coughing, but one presumes they cannot possibly be Americans] on us just so a French chef could spit on our salads."

Gee, Fred. Saying nasty things about a place you have actually been to is one thing. Saying nasty things about a place you've never even bothered to visit is another. And why would anyone want to spit on his salad? Well, I have a suggestion for that one. In France, we eat the salad at the end of the meal, so if Fred had been particularly obnoxious during the meal....no, I won't go there.

Years ago, a wonderful history teacher of mine at Mary Washington quipped, "If you're going to bitch about history, get your facts straight first!" Fred's comment, "...just come and get the statue [of Liberty] because we're choking to death on our huddled masses." The Statue of Liberty was officially unveiled in 1886. Emma Lazarus, a 34-year-old poet and member of a prominent New York Jewish family wrote her poem "The New Colossus" in 1883

(since Emma was American, I'm sure Fred has no quarrel with her). The bronze plaque with the poem was not mounted on the Statue until 1903, funded entirely by a private donor, and the poem did not gain national prominence until the 1930s. The French did not wage a one-country conspiracy to flood the USA with people Fred thinks shouldn't be here. Perhaps Fred is simply one of those numerous Americans who feel that immigration to the United States should have ceased and the drawbridge pulled up five minutes after his own family arrived. I know a lot of them.

But back to France, and Paris, and why so many American have such a problem with the country, the city, and their citizens. Over the years, a number of people have felt it necessary to unburden themselves to me on this issue, and I'll give you just a few examples of their comments.

Example #1: "I hate France!" grumbled Charlie. "That damned metric system!" he continued. "After all, who uses that thing anyway?" Well, Charlie. Lots of people. The USA is one of only three countries in the world who hasn't gotten on the metric bandwagon. The other two are Liberia in Africa and Myanmar (formerly Burma) in Asia.

Example #2: "I'll never go back to Paris!" fumed Debbie. I could only assume some dreadful fate had befallen our dear downtrodden Debbie to be so categorically hateful about the City of Lights. Finally, after much fussing, she finally told me the reason for her disgust. "Can you imagine? They charged me \$8 for a Coke! And they didn't even give me a free refill! Boy, see if I ever set foot in that place!" I asked her why she hadn't thought to have another drink, say something that French people might choose, but, oh, no, Missy had to have her Coke. Also, Debbie had drunk her Coke in a café, where you can sit and indulge your people-watching for as long as you want. In this situation, you aren't just paying for the drink; you're paying to park your bottom in a nice, pleasant location for as long as you want. She thinks you get that for \$1.39?

Example #3: "I hate France!" grumbled Tony, through gritted teeth. "At least when you go to poor countries, the natives are falling all over you for your money. You can come back with all sorts of cheap stuff to impress your family and friends. In France, I can't afford the jewelry, the fancy clothes, the expensive restaurants. Have you seen how little you get for the dollar these days?"

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• MILESTONE •



Gasca graduates with honors

Felicia Courtney Gasca, granddaughter of Gary and Wanda Drake of Highlands graduated May 23rd from Seabreeze High School in Daytona Beach, Florida. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and also received the Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction based upon completion of Advanced Placement classes throughout her high school career which resulted in a 4.40 grade point average. Felicia has been awarded a full scholarship to the University of Florida and she plans to enter the field of medicine studying pediatric oncology.

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• OBITUARY •

Stanley Phillip Meyerson

Stanley Phillip Meyerson, 93, of Highlands, died Saturday, May 23, 2009 in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, with his wife and some family members by his side. He was a native of Spartanburg County, SC, the son of the late Louis and Ella Levison Meyerson.

He was a retired attorney with the law firm of McGee and Oxford in Atlanta. He was a US Navy Veteran of World War II. He was a former member of Highlands Country Club and a former member of Mountain Laurel Tennis Club. He was an avid tennis player and played tennis at Cherokee Country Club, where he was a member for decades.

He is survived by his wife of 13 years, Sherry Maxwell Meyerson; three daughters, Marianne Martin, Camilla Meyerson and husband Jerry Jimmerson; Margot Ellis and husband, Mark; one son, Phillip Meyerson. Three step-children, Stephanie Maxwell Train, Louise T. Speirs and husband, Verne; Robert Train, III, and wife, Tonya; one sister, Janet Wetstone of Sarasota, FL, one brother, Gerald Meyerson and his wife Jane of Charleston, SC. Eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren also survive.

He and Sherry enjoyed traveling, crossword puzzles, dancing and bird watching. He became known at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for his "stanerisms." Witty and wise, he will be missed.

A small memorial service was held last week in Atlanta. No other services are planned.

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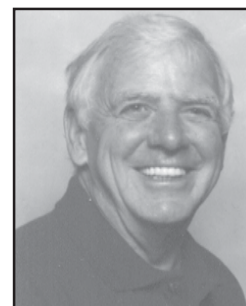
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

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Fred Wooldridge

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Once again, Highlands has come alive with seasonal folks and tourists. Let's hope they brought their thousand dollar bills with them. It's also time for me to be out and about, checking the area and reporting my findings.

Let's begin. There's no truth to the rumor they will change the name of Highlands Plaza to Ghost Town Plaza. Where did that rumor get started? What? Not me.

I was thrilled to learn Mountain Fresh Grocery has a restaurant serving daily lunch. Highlands is running a little short on places to eat. I was not happy when they advertised limited take-out. I think as many customers who want should be allowed to leave the store with their lunch.

God bless our Town Board for supplying good stuff for me to write about. Remember the Bowery Road paving dilemma ... fiasco ... debacle.

Wasn't that fun? Now it's the park.

Oh, come on, you know what park. The Kelsey Hutchinson, Pine Street, Postage Stamp, Dog Poop, Everyone Hates Park....that park. Rumor has it some folks want to call it "Stick in the eye Park."

Now, when the park is about to become a reality, it turns out practically no one wants the dad-gum thing, including some folks who were for the project at its inception. I think the Town Board should follow the lead of our new president. Listen politely to what everyone has to say and then do as they damn well please. What, there's an election in November? Who cares?

On second thought, the Town Board should not only be concerned with an election in November but also with some of the powerful people who are against this project. Father Dean, for one, answers to a greater authority and I don't think I'd want to get the Lord's shorts in a wad. Depriving folks from being able to park to attend church is something I want no part of. I get chills thinking about it.

John Cleaveland, our retired mayor, is another guy you don't want to mess with. He doesn't cotton to the park's location either. He wants to call it "Stupid Idea Park." Hmmm, that name has merit. Regardless of what they call it, John's not buying it and answers to no one....well, I take that back. There is Wynn, his wife, but she doesn't want the park either.

Anyway, with Father Dean and John Cleaveland against the idea, if I were a

Town Board member, I'd be very, very afraid to put a bulldozer on the site. If lightning doesn't strike, a lawsuit will.

Here's my suggestion. Dump the whole park idea and open a drive-in post office. Ta Da! There would be no need for additional parking, just drive-in windows. You simply pull up to a window in your car and do business with your friendly post office person. (Yes, we have one.) To keep the ole park huggers happy,

we could call the place "The Kelsey Hutchinson Pine Street Postage Stamp Park Post Office" Where do I get such brilliance?

Moving on, don't ya just love the way it was casually mentioned that town employees would have to work elsewhere while asbestos is being removed from the second floor at Town Hall. Am I the only person in Highlands freaking out? Hello....does anyone in this town know it was determined almost 20 years ago that asbestos in a building causes Mesothelioma, a form of lung cancer. Is it that they didn't know (DUH) or worse, didn't care? Hey, I've been going in there, off and on, and paying my power bill for the last 38 years. Scratch that, I'm sticking with chewing on lead based paint for my dose of poison.

I was pleased to learn our mayor, Don Mullen, will run for office again. I thought ole Buck Trott (pronounced Trout) was "King of Schmoozers" until Mayor Mullen hit the scene. Ole Don can con a wino out of his last drink of whiskey. I love to watch him work a crowd. He's the best schmoozer we've ever had. Sorry John and Buck, you've been out schmoozed. Good luck on your re-election, Don. I love the material you provide.

Our mayor has also enlightened me on why people come to Highlands. I didn't know. Silly ole me thought it was the 4000+ elevation that was the main attraction. Now I learn it's not that or the awesome shopping in Highlands. It's the small parks that draw them here. Whodathunkit! I learn something new every day.

And finally, I want to report Buster Hopkins has severe fluid on his knee. He's had it drained three times this week. While doctors are not certain why the fluid keeps reappearing, it is rumored that Buster spends a lot of time sitting in small parks. What, you don't believe me? It's better than the reason people come here is for the small parks.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Ever read 'The Shack'?

I made peace last week, and it felt good. It stills feels good. I have to go back several years to lay the groundwork. I'll omit the details. Details aren't central to this story and it wouldn't be fair to my old enemy. I have a forum that he lacks. Besides, the past is past. It's enough to say that a number of years ago, he tried to destroy me. He wounded me, but I survived. We had no contact for several years, until last week.

Like so many things, that is not quite true. Although I had not seen nor heard from him since 2001, he was always around, lurking at the edge of my consciousness. Things started to change a few years ago. It was probably 2002, but it might have been 2003. I'm not a particularly religious person, but I try to help out in a pinch, so when my church asked parishioners to keep a Good Friday vigil, and I learned that there were no volunteers from 4- 5 AM, I signed up. Jesus asked his disciples if they could not watch one hour with him. I answered, "No problem." I'm not much for praying, so I sat in the dark, empty church, watching. The church was dark. Icons were shrouded in purple. Candles flickered. I was alone, except maybe for God.

I sat there and looked forward to a big breakfast at Steak and Waffle in Seneca, a reward for arising even earlier than usual. With an extra hour before surgery began, I was thinking more of steak and eggs than the suffering of Christ. At some point during my vigil, I thought of my old nemesis. A peaceful feeling engulfed me, far different from rage that inevitably accompanied any thought of him. My anger and hatred dissolved in the pre-dawn darkness. I didn't plan it, or even particularly welcome it. I felt at peace, but a little foolish for forgiving a person who, I was certain, did not deserve forgiveness.

It was years before the resolution seemed incomplete. In the spring of 2008, I felt a need to go to him and tell him that I had forgiven him. No late night vigil preceded the thought. The idea jumped into my mind and I felt no need to resist it. I went to his office that day, but found it locked. I raised and spread my arms, much like a triumphant boxer, right in the middle of his parking lot. "Well, I tried," I said aloud and gave no further thought to the matter. Not until last week.

On Tuesday night, I finished reading a book, "The Shack." Those who have read it might guess what happened on Wednesday.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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It was no longer enough that I had forgiven him. It was unfinished until I told him, face to face. I went to his office without an appointment. When I found it open, I had mixed emotions, but told myself, "You've come this far. What the hell?" I don't know if he has changed. He welcomed my statement and claimed that it was the high point of his year. Maybe. It doesn't matter. He said that he wants to get together. I don't think

that I do. He offered me a professional opportunity, but I told him I was too busy to consider anything else right now. I wish, in a way, that I had told him the truth. The truth is that I don't want to go into business with him, that I don't trust him, that although I have unloaded the baggage that accompanied our relationship, I don't want to take on a new load.

I think I did the right thing. It's been several days and I still feel a glow. That's a pretty good sign. If he calls, and suggests lunch, I might accept. It depends on how it feels. I've come a long way, but I may not have reached the end.

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Though the county doesn't want to borrow more money than it has too, with a healthy fund balance – estimated at 27.9% for 2009-2010 – commissioners agreed they could raid it if necessary to pay off the \$500,000, if revenues for the county don't increase.

"We can't go to the well too much and can't plan on using it all the time, but since we have it we can use it to pay off these types of things," said Commissioner Bobby Kupperts.

Davis said he appreciates all the departments and understands the importance of their financial requests, but he just doesn't want to borrow money to finance those expenditures.

In addition, School Board representatives, Superintendent Dan Brigman, Finance Officer Betty Waldroop and Chairman of the Board Jimmy Breedlove were at the worksession to request an extra \$710,000 for current expenses for the upcoming year.

County Manager Jack Horton has presented a budget without an increase in current expenditure for the school system.

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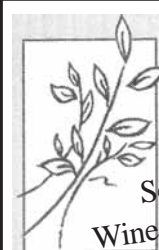


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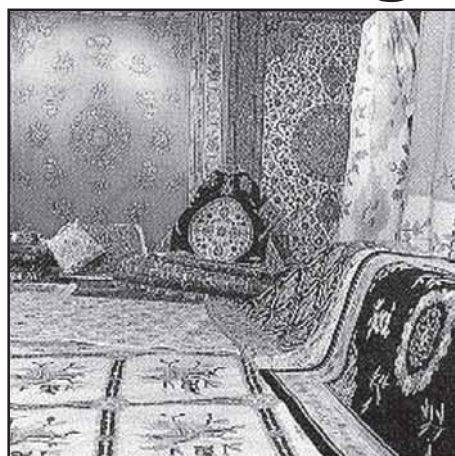


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• HIS & HERS •

Keeping abreast of art

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

I like to think I put a bit of myself into everything I do. This was never more the case than in my freshman year at Mary Washington.

Most of the freshmen were put into the older dorms. I wound up in the oldest of these buildings, Frances Willard Hall, named for the noted suffragist. The subject of many snickers was the plaque we passed by every day which read "Frances Willard, Erected in 1911." What can I say? We were young. It didn't take much. The dorm rooms would have been fine for one student; we were three to a room. My roommates were a nightmare from Day One. The first, Karen, was a chunky, spaced-out brunette from New York. "Hi, I'm Karen. I just got busted for pot!" gushed Roomie #1. Roomie #2 was no better. A pale, skinny dirty-blond from Middleburg, VA, she looked down her skinny nose, and drawled "Hi, I'm Paige. I have five horses. How many do you have?" I looked at this pair of airheads, and knew in my bones that it was going to be a long, hard first year.

This untenable situation resolved itself fairly quickly. My roommates held open house every night, smoking and making such a ruckus that I couldn't study. When I complained to the house mother, Karen and Paige's crowd threatened to douse me with boiling water. Before I knew it, I was moved into one of the few empty rooms available on campus, sharing a room this time with Debbie, another miserable freshman who had also wound up with the Roommates from Hell. As the only two freshmen on our floor, we had a hard time making friends with the seniors, who had already formed comfortable friendships years ago. Still, as time wore on, tensions let up, and the seniors realized that they could swear like sailors and talk about sex without "the two kids" swooning dead away. Some of the nicest seniors were Art Majors – funny, colorful ladies in paint-smeared jeans and t-shirts. We must have made a good impression with some of them because they asked us to participate in what was going to be the biggest art project of the year.

That year, Mary Washington had as their artist-in-residence a wildly eccentric Japanese artist, whom I will refer to here as Mr. Honda. Mr. Honda had thick, black-rimmed glasses, grey/black hair which stuck straight out from his head, and he



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spoke no known language. He wandered around campus like a man in a fog. The Art Majors swore he was a genius, and who was I to say any differently?

Let me sneak in a word here about women's colleges, since both colleges I attended – Mary Washington and Goucher – were single sex women's colleges when I attended them (both are now co-ed).

Among the professors who taught at these bastions of womanhood were a collection of odd birds. One professor arrived married, divorced his wife, married a student, divorced the student, married another student, divorced the student, and married another student. Some of the teachers were flirts, delighted to have a fresh pool of young, vulnerable women on whom they could ply their charms. Some professors were timid and meek – the kind of teachers who would have been made mincemeat of in front of a classroom full of hulking male football players, but who were fine with women. Other teachers – the best – simply enjoyed the company of bright young women.

It was hard to figure out which category Mr. Honda fell into, but I came to the conclusion that he fell into flirt category when his masterpiece project was announced. As the crowning glory of the academic year, Mr. Honda was going to create a wall mural made up entirely of women's breasts. Yup. Wall to wall boobies. The Art Major seniors were going to help out with this project. Their job was to round up volunteers, and make the individual molds. Debbie and I were recruited by the Art Majors in our dorm. Feeling rather sheepish, we were herded into the Ladies Room of the Art Center, where we stripped to the waist, and were doused with Mazola (you can't make this up!). Liberally basted, we then had one of our "girls" covered with plaster, and had to sit around, drinking Coke and looking bored, waiting for the goop to set. The molds were then whisked away, to be masterfully prepared for the mural by the inscrutable Mr. Honda.

The Art Department was a beehive of activity for weeks. Special invitations were sent out. The Japanese ambassador and his wife were invited to attend the Grand Opening, along with their entourage. In a gesture of kindness, the models were

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Good times roll in Highlands

A six-month project at Dry Falls is taking almost two years to complete. Like so many people in Highlands are thinking, it seems like the Forestry Service has hired amateurs who work only part-time trying to complete this relatively simple project, and we are not getting what it started out to be in the first place. The big plans which they had to begin with two years ago will only partially be completed by July 15 (maybe). We all have reason to be very disappointed. However, the USFS is doing the best they can to complete this important project. Dry Falls is an important attraction which draws people to the Highlands plateau from all over the South. And in doing so they visit our town, our restaurants, shops and sleeping establishments. Let us hope this situation will be resolved soon. It seems the more we complain, the slower they get.

Saturday a week ago the new Bascom art center celebrated the dedication of the new Will Henry Stevens Bridge which connects the Franklin road to six acres of park and visual art facilities. All of this will be used for teaching, displaying, and practicing the visual arts. Most of this beautiful piece of property has been left open for outdoor enjoyment. The covered bridge is the second oldest of its kind in the world and was formerly the Bagley Bridge across the Warner River in New Hampshire. It remained there for almost 150 years from the early 1800s until 1960 when it fell into disrepair and was almost destroyed until Mr. Arnold Graton bought it for a dollar, took it apart and stored it until two years ago.

The Bascom people discovered it, brought it to Highlands and restored it to its initial splendor. It now is a wonderful historic addition to our community and hopefully will be with us for another 150 years. Thanks to Bob Fisher and the Bascom for creating such a great facility. And thanks to Dian and Tom Winingder along with Dian's mother Dorothy Coleman for their part in bringing the bridge to Highlands. We look forward to utilizing the Bascom for years to come as we also attract many people to our area for enjoyment of the visual arts. The Bascom will be shifting into full gear this summer with something for everyone.

With Memorial Day being a great kickoff to the summer in Highlands, we have many events coming up which bring joy, information and excitement along with many visitors to our town. We have events from jazz singing at the PAC to



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ecumenical Taize Prayer Services every Thursday evening at various churches around town throughout the summer.

World renowned theologian John Dominic Crossan spoke this past Monday night at the Episcopal church on "Jesus and Roman Imperial Theology," a discussion of church and state relationships along with violence in society then and now. Dr. Crossan

challenges us in his unconventional approach to Christianity. Whether we agree with him or not, he gives us food for thought and stretches us to think outside of the box, something many people are not used to doing.

And, of course, we cannot forget the Rotary sponsored Bingo event Thursday evening at the Community Center to benefit the Highlands Food Pantry. So come one, come all to benefit those less fortunate than most of us. And please do not forget the dozens of Center for Life Enhancement programs throughout the spring, summer and fall.

And I know everyone is looking forward to the Walk in the Park series which will be presented June 26 and 27 at the Memorial Park Cemetery. Six historical figures from our past will be illustrated. This is always a popular event enjoyed by all who like learning from the past. The Chamber Music Series in July and August and the many plays at the Playhouse and the Performing Arts Center are also centerpieces of activity throughout the year.

It should be a great summer for fun and shopping in Highlands which also includes some great events at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Park such as the Automobile Show in September and several other artistic events. Contrary to recent perceptions, I love our many shops and restaurants in town and visit them often. All of the above events along with our beautiful area will attract many people to the Highlands plateau which will benefit us all.

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about \$200,000 more than expected – due to a new allocation formula decided upon by the state. They got an extra \$159,000 for 2008-2009.

With that money and they money the school district expects to have in its fund balance for the upcoming year – about \$500,000 – commissioners suggested they take the extra money they need from that.

That will leave the school system's fund balance between \$150,000 and \$200,000 – a

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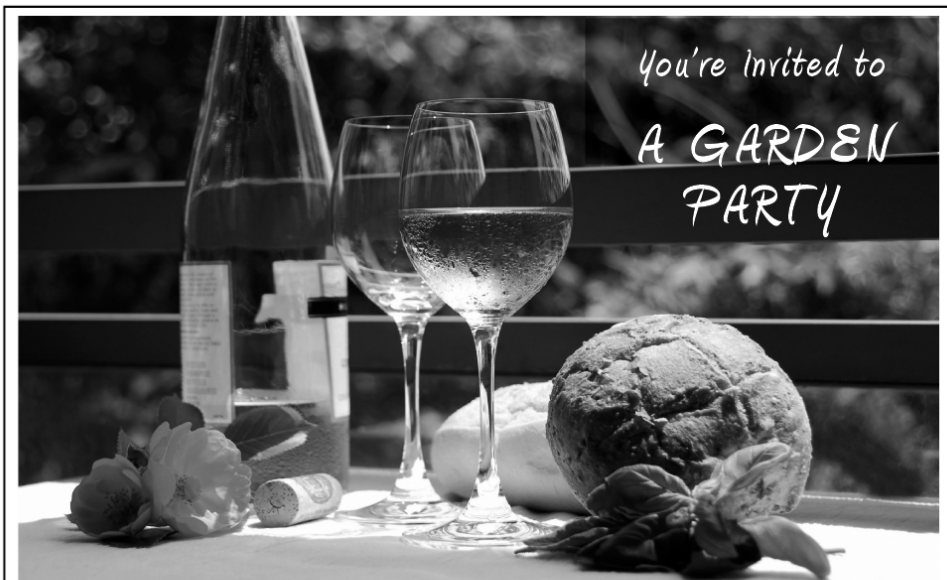
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lion as was reported.

"We obviously created this surplus for them," she said. "It appears that one-time money the county gives each year for current expenditures has been going into the fund balance."

Commissioners agreed that the school system should use as much of its fund balance as it dares – leaving the \$100,000-\$200,000 cushion.

Waldroop said the state has recently re-

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• HIGHLANDS ART GALLERIES •

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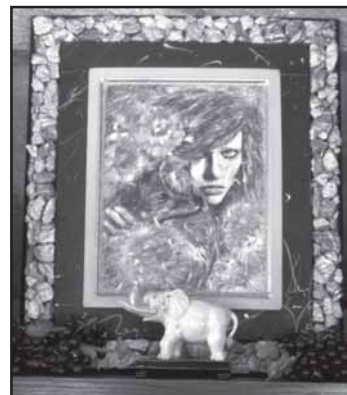
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included to join in the festivities. We were silly and embarrassed, trying to recognize that part of our anatomy which we normally didn't see from quite that angle.

Finally, the day of the Grand Opening arrived. We volunteered to help out, passing out champagne and hors d'oeuvres on giant platters. Several machines had been specially placed in the main gallery, to make sure the humidity level would preserve the integrity of the masterpiece. School officials and other dignitaries arrived, dressed to the nines. The wife of the Japanese ambassador was particularly exotic in a stunning kimono. We were all rather overawed. And then disaster struck.

The humidity machines would have done their jobs under normal circumstances. Unfortunately, the opposite problem occurred. The sky, which had been particularly blue and clear, suddenly clouded up and the heavens opened. As people came and went, the doors to the outside were almost constantly open, flooding the mural room in waves of humidity. The catastrophe was announced by a weird sucking sound, rather like a large suction cup coming unstuck in the shower. *Slupp!* We watched in horror as one of the boobs came unstuck from the mural, and hit the floor. In an effort to minimize the incident, we made lively conversation, passing around more champagne, and trying not to look at the mural. It was no use. *Thwack!* Another one of the "girls" kamikazied onto the floor. Followed by another. And another. It was a Blitz of Boobs, a Torrent of Tatas, an Avalanche of A cups (and B's and C's).

Horror gave way to stunned silence, and then to barely repressed giggles. Debbie and I barely made it to the Ladies Room before we collapsed in a heap, laughing so hard our tummies hurt. We never found out what happened to Mr. Honda, but he didn't

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Health care reform I

Sixteen years ago during President Clinton's first year in office there was an effort to bring about health care reform in this country. The Clintons made some major strategic errors and the medical-pharmaceutical-insurance industries ran a very effective media campaign using scare tactics to manipulate public opinion. Reform went down like a stone.



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get? Will it be real reform or just the appearance of reform to mollify the rubes — I mean the citizens of this country?

Obviously, health care costs need to be brought under control. What is the best way to do this?

Physicians for a National Health Program (<http://www.pnhp.org/>) is a non-profit research and

education organization of physicians, medical students, and health professionals who support single-payer national health insurance. Their mission statement on their website reads: "The U.S. spends twice as much as other industrialized nations on health care, \$7,129 per capita. Yet our system performs poorly in comparison and still leaves 45.7 million without health coverage and millions more inadequately covered. This is because private insurance bureaucracy and paperwork consume one-third (31 percent) of every health care dollar. Streamlining payment through a single nonprofit payer would save more than \$350 billion per year, enough to provide comprehensive, high-quality coverage for all Americans."

Why do I say reform is essential? A BusinessWeek article from last year reported that "the average dollar amount employees must pay per year for family health coverage went up by 30 percent from 2001 to 2005. During that time, incomes increased by just 3 percent... In 2007, national health-care costs are estimated to have risen by 6.9 percent — or two times the rate of inflation, according to the nonprofit National Coalition on Health Care (NCHC)... Employers, meanwhile, have seen their out-of-pocket share per family policy rise 28 percent, to a 2005 average of \$8,143. The result: 30,000 fewer employers offered their workers health coverage in 2005 than in 2001, translating into more than 4 million fewer private-sector workers with jobs that offer health benefits."

Premiums for employer-sponsored health insurance rose to \$12,680 annually for family coverage in 2008 — with employees on average paying \$3,354 out of their paychecks to cover their share of the cost — according to a study by the Kaiser Family Foundation and the Health Research & Educational Trust. In addition, employees are being forced into plans with higher deductibles — 18 percent of all covered workers in 2008 had a deductible of \$1000, up from 12 percent in 2007.

The cost of health care is making U.S. businesses less and less competitive in the global economy. Famously, GM says that health care costs the company somewhere in the order of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per car manufactured.

Medicare is a ticking time bomb with the Baby Boom generation set to retire.

So it's become clear to almost everyone that we need reform. The only question is what kind of legislation will we

get? Will it be real reform or just the appearance of reform to mollify the rubes — I mean the citizens of this country?

An organization called Families USA, which is an advocacy group in favor of extending health care coverage to all of the 50 million Americans who are now uninsured, hired the independent actuarial consulting firm Milliman Inc. to find out what the cost of all of these uninsured people was. The report says health insurance premiums for an average family are \$1,000 a year higher because of the costs of health care for the uninsured.

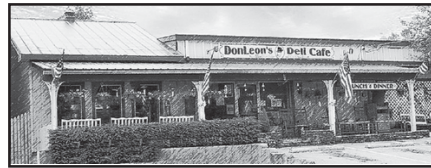
Recently Arnold S. Relman and Marcia Angell, both medical doctors and former editors in chief of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, wrote a letter to the editor of the *New York Times* in response to an article that said the solution to the health care problem was to control costs:

"Runaway costs are due largely to high overhead expenses throughout the system, and to the excessive use of expensive technology. Both of these result from a health care system that is organized like a profit-seeking industry instead of a social service. If we want health care to be a universal entitlement, it cannot be controlled by market forces and the financial interests of insurers and providers. Some kind of government-regulated single-payer insurance plan and a reorganized nonprofit medical care delivery system may be 'off the table' for

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Please, Tony. Do stay away. Go spend your hard-earned dollars bringing back cheap shell necklaces and straw hats from sunny shores. I'm sure the folks at Dior and Hermès won't even miss you.

Example #4: (And this really is my favorite!) "I hate France," said Vinnie the Legs, my UPS delivery guy in New York. "We should have left those French to the Nazis, that's all I have to say!" Boy, I was really curious about this one. It was sure to be a doozie. Well, it seems that Vinnie's brother had taken his family on vacation in France. On their first night in Paris, they had gone to a fancy restaurant, and ordered the best of everything – expensive wine, the most succulent dishes, the richest desserts. "And then you know what those damned frogs did?" he fumed. "They had the nerve to hand them a bill! To us, Americans! After all we've done for them!" It seems that Vinnie's brother had it all worked out. He and his family thought they were going on vacation, all expenses paid by the French people. All they would have to do is pay for the airfare, and the rest would be free. Hotels, restaurants, sightseeing, you name it – all they would have to do was mention that they were Americans, and doors would open for them. Of course, they had a rude awakening, and were furious when they had to pay for their own vacation, charging everything on credit cards. They came back to New Jersey to a mountain of debit that it took them years to pay off.

We live in the era of Political Correctness. Gone on the days when it's cool or acceptable to tell jokes about blacks, Jews, the handicapped, or women. I'll admit I do miss all those jokes that begin with "a minister, a rabbi and a priest walk into a bar." Somehow, it's still OK to talk trash about France and the French, and no one seems to call people out on it. I'm sure there are lots of people who found Fred's most recent column a hoot. Shame on you!

Next time you decide to take in Europe, Fred, do yourself a favor. Leave France off your itinerary. They won't miss you. Really. And do keep your fingers to yourself - especially those thumbs.

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The new military-industrial complex

For nearly all of my entire adult life, the term "military-industrial complex" has

lurked in the shadows of my consciousness. To me, it meant the business of the Congress determining the need for certain arms, equipment and services as requested by the military and purchased from industrial suppliers. It seemed like a reasonable process to me, and I never understood the continuous outcry that rattled around the country with the suppliers being the target of the whining.

Maybe I missed the memo, but I was under the impression that Congress authorized the purchase orders and authorized payments for whatever was bought, so how is it that Halliburton, the principle villain, is held responsible for what Congress authorizes? Sure, Halliburton, Boeing and others develop product in tandem with the military's expressed needs, but isn't Congress the final arbiter in pulling the trigger (pun intended) on purchases? Why isn't it the military-industrial-congressional complex? Actually, originally it was, but President Eisenhower, the originator of the term, removed the "congressional" in order to placate the members of the legislative branch.

I have pounded the table for years as to the perils of the global warming movement. I have pointed out Al Gore's brilliance in snowing the world and profiting big time while doing so. I have pointed out the environmentalist's agenda in loudly supporting the theory. And finally, I have made known the UN's using global warming (or is it climate change?) in its effort to level the playing field (i.e., redistribute the wealth). And now the train is screaming down the tracks.

To steal a headline from a recent Wall Street Journal column, we are now faced with "The Climate-Industrial Complex." The column opens with "Some business leaders are cozying up with politicians and scientists to demand swift, drastic action on global warming. This is a new twist on a very old practice: companies using public policy to line their own pockets." Maybe I was a bit naive about the MIC.

Evidently, history doesn't give Eisenhower credit due him as an oracle. Back to the WSJ column, "The tight relationship among weapons makers, researchers and the U.S. military during the Cold War. Pres. Eisenhower famously warned about the might of the 'military-industrial complex,' cautioning that 'the potential for the disas-



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trous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.' He worried that 'there is a recurring temptation to feel that some spectacular and costly action could become the miraculous solution to all current difficulties.'

"This is true of climate change. We are told that very expensive carbon regulations are the only way to respond to global warming, despite ample evidence that his approach does not pass a basic cost-benefit test. We must ask whether

a 'climate-industrial complex' is emerging, pressing taxpayers to fork over money to please those who stand to gain." Whodathunkit?

President Bush, the 43rd, coined a phrase in his 2002 State of the Union speech, "axis of evil." He was referring, of course, to Iraq, Iran and North Korea. Seems like the latter two are in a weapons race as we speak. I see a current day axis of evil consisting of Gore, Jeff Immelt, Chairman and CEO of General Electric, and Henry Waxman, another of California's gifts to the nation and Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

These three are planning to hijack the economy of this country for the sake of corporate and personal profit. They are currently constructing and promoting cap-and-trade legislation. This would be a blow that, combined with the national health care legislation being formulated, would

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Cut Lebron a break

Despite the real story being the underdog Orlando Magic reaching the NBA Finals for only the second time in its history, the main story this week has been the OUTRAGE over Lebron James and his behavior after Cleveland's game 6 loss in Orlando.



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James walked off the court abruptly after the final buzzer without congratulating the Magic, and quickly earned the ire of national columnists everywhere due to his disappearance.

Thus far I have seen the words petulant, childish, crybaby, whiner and disappointment to describe Lebron's vanishing act after game 6. I have also read where Lebron is immature and selfish, and that Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson and assorted other basketball royalty would have never acted in such an inappropriate manner.

Before I delve any further into my opinion, let me note that I am not condoning Lebron's behavior. I think everyone can agree that what Lebron did was not the height of sportsmanship. However, I am willing to give James a free pass on this one for two reasons.

The first is that despite the fact that Lebron is a man in physique, he is only 24-years-of-age. Considering that Lebron is younger than I am, I find that James is extremely mature compared to the majority of NBA players. Despite his apparent maturity, it is perfectly normal for a young man to act like a young man in the heat of a competitive moment. It is normal to want to hold James to a higher standard than the majority of other 24-year-olds, and for the most part, he has lived up to the lofty expectations. It is unfair for the fans and media to jump all over this the way that they have because it appears to be an isolated case and not a suggestion towards a pattern of behavior.

Secondly, James blamed anger and frustration for his disappearance after game 6, and it would be impossible to blame him for being upset after playing a quality Orlando team 1 on 5 for the majority of the series.

Despite averaging 39 points, 9 rebounds and 8 assists for the

series, Lebron's teammates were unable to step up and help Cleveland reach the finals. Being a mature individual, Lebron did not criticize his teammates, and was a positive leader throughout the finals despite the poor play of his teammates. There are times in life where pent-up frustration can lead to

an outburst, and if simply walking off the court in silence is considered an "outburst" for Lebron James, then he will have a leg up on 99% of the current athletic world.

Critics may say that James is a role model and should provide a better example for our young people. I would not agree with this assessment, mainly because I think that expecting our sports heroes to be perfect actually provides a worse example for younger generations.

Lebron's behavior, while not appropriate, can still provide a teachable moment for kids in that sometimes making a mistake can be a positive learning experience. Kids need to learn that they do not have to be perfect to be a star, but they can also look at Lebron and realize why people are criticizing him. Then, when they see Lebron in the future correct his mistake (as he undoubtedly will) they will see the importance of sportsmanship, even at the highest level of basketball and hopefully learn something positive.

While I realize that some of this sounds "pie in the sky," it's important to me because we are getting ready to enter the age of "Lebron backlash" in which our media and fans turn on a star because of his constant media presence.

In the age of 24-hour sports coverage, we get saturated with the coverage of certain athletes (especially the "positive" ones) and turn on them like virtual Benedict Arnold's. Soon the quest is to find something wrong with our heroes, rather than trumpeting what is right. My biggest concern about this non-issue with James is that his extraordinary play in the Eastern Conference Finals will be diminished in the light of his perfectly ordinary behavior in defeat.

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put us in the position of a second-rate nation on our way to banana republic status. How's that for hope and change?

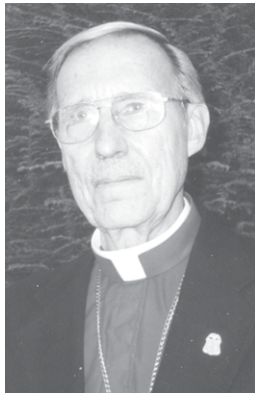
Just last week, Gore delivered the opening keynote address at the World Business Summit of Climate Change in Copenhagen. The organizers, the Copenhagen Climate Council, hope to push political leaders into more drastic promises when they negotiate the Kyoto Protocol's replacement in December.

Again from the WSJ, "The world's largest wind-turbine manufacturer, Council member Vestas, urges governments to invest heavily in the wind market. It spon-

sor's CNN's 'Climate in Peril' segment, increasing support for policies that would increase Vestas' earnings. A fellow Council member, Gore's green investment firm Generation Investment Management, warns of a significant risk to the U.S. economy unless a price is quickly placed on carbon." Gore's decades-long campaign against the use of fossil fuels is living proof of the quote credited to Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda director. "If you tell a lie big enough, and keep repeating it, people will come to believe it." Follow the money.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

A Godly father



The Most Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding
Archbishop
Senior Pastor, The Chapel of Sky Valley

On March 4, 1905, amid the thunder of marching bands and the roaring tribute of crowds, Teddy Roosevelt was inaugurated President of the United States. On this, the most triumphant day of his life, the lively young president danced, laughed, and celebrated. But his joy was mingled with sorrow; and, at the end of the day, Roosevelt could be heard saying quietly, "How I wish Father could be here."

When we read of fathers like Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., we admire them for their qualities of moral leadership. But when the young Teddy Roosevelt spoke of his father, what he remembered were good times shared, moments of family fun.

Today, in public parks and backyards, in fields and lakes and mountain trails, we see them: fathers playing with their children, throwing a Frisbee, splashing in a pool, or wrestling in the grass with their children. Family fun. Acts of love.

Nowadays, fathers' roles have expanded even further.

Fathers change diapers, sew on a button, bake cookies, comfort a whimpering baby in the dark hours of the night.

A father's love can be seen in quieter moments as he reads stories to his children and then tucks them into bed. And fathers can set a spiritual example as well, kneeling down with their children and directing heartfelt prayers to the Father of us all.

The shoulders of strong fathers can shut the door tightly against the many enticing evils of the world by teaching through example the importance of thrift, of chastity, of integrity, and of hard work.

Wise fathers invite children to help build a bookcase, tune an engine, weed a garden, bake a cake. One son, now grown, tells of how his father could fix almost anything with a roll of duct tape and of the lessons of self-reliance duct tape always symbolized for him.

But in the evenings, fathers have another important role — a role that fills the place where love and fun intersect.

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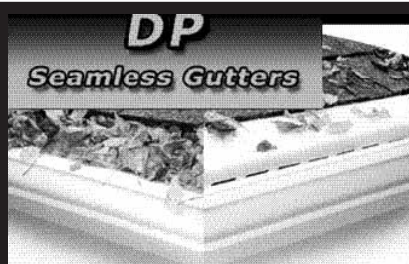
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The Bascom's Collective Spirits weekend brought crowds to new campus

The lobby of The Bascom sports lofty vistas and open spaces perfect for exhibits and gatherings. Right is the silent auction table.



Above patrons admire the hand-blown and crafted glass exhibit while other patron bid on wine-themed goodies at the silent auction set up in the lobby.



Left, scores of wine vendors and about 12 of Highlands' finest dining establishments were represented at Friday night's affair. Above are chefs from The Log Cabin and Ruka's Table.

Photos by Kim Lewicki

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New Bascom offers education and visual sensory pleasure!

Dear Editor,

The Town of Highlands and residents of the entire Highlands Plateau can once again be proud of what it can accomplish when its year-round and seasonal residents get behind a project. This past weekend the marvelous new 6-acre campus of The Bascom was first displayed to the public during Collective Spirits 2009 Wine Festival. While the official grand opening celebration will occur in a few weeks later this year, approximately 700 patrons attended Friday's wine tastings and silent auction, and Saturday's symposium and seated dinner with live auction. They bore witness for the first time to the fruits of many years' efforts of the Board of The Bascom chaired by Bob Fisher; a dedicated staff led by Executive Director Linda Steigleder; and the first artistic exhibition in the new Bascom Art Center, curated by Artistic Director Kaye Gorecki, featuring the art of glass with a focus on wine goblets as fitting for this event.

Events Director Donna Woods led and mentored a dedicated Committee over several months to pull this event all together. The preeminent chefs of Highlands featured their most creative hors d'oeuvres and samplings at Friday's wine tastings. In case you missed it you can taste their fare at: Cyprus, Highlands Smokehouse, The Kitchen Carry Away (and Caterers), Lakeside, Log Cabin, Madison's, Millstone Inn, Oak Street Café, ... on the Verandah, Rosewood Market, Ruka's Table and Wolfgang's. The major wine distributors serving Western North Carolina displayed and promoted the wines from their leading vineyards. Samplings ranging from \$10-\$3,000 per bottle were tasted and available for purchase. Olfactory nerves were stimulated and conversation was lively among the purveyors and patrons. Silent and live

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reappear the next year. There is no record of how the Japanese embassy delegation fared, either. The incident has disappeared in the mists of time. Still, I have to chuckle every time I attend the opening of a new gallery. As much as I may enjoy the exhibits, it will never quite equal the day when I truly gave my all for art.

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, where the removal of clothing is neither required nor expected.

auction lots, the latter on Saturday evening led by volunteer auctioneer, Atlanta attorney and part-time Highlander, Jim Landon, created lively and brisk bidding on a wide variety of wines and wine related events, trips and activities.

The success of this event could not have been possible without our generous corporate sponsors led by BNY Mellon as presenting sponsor, and Old Edwards Inn & Spa as the premier hospitality sponsor. First Citizens Bank, Harry Norman Realtors (Bert Mobley & Pat Allen brokers), Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop (who also

served as the wine retailer for the event), The Laurel magazine and WNC Magazine were our remaining corporate sponsors. They contributed their time and their purse to see that this event would be successful and we are very appreciative. We hope all Highlanders will return the favor by supporting and patronizing these excellent businesses.

The goal for this event was set very ambitiously and we are pleased to have met it even in a difficult economic climate. Again, the commitment and dedication of

the volunteers, staff, sponsors and patrons made this all possible. As co-chairs for this year's Collective Spirits 2009 Wine Festival we are proud to have played a minor role in its success and, as a result of this and other similar events, we all can look forward to many years of arts education and visual sensory pleasure that The Bascom will provide to the residents, students and visitors in the communities located on the Highlands Plateau. Thanks Highlands!

Harriet & Dick Boger
Atlanta and Highlands

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Above, Art and Angela Williams welcome members at the grand opening of the Old Edwards Club at Highlands Cove on Staurday. Right, Art inaugurates by shooting from the first tee. The course has been completely renovated. Far right, Angela prepares to cut the ribbon stretched across the first tee. Below a lavish buffet awaits in the renovated club house.



On Saturday, the community turned out for BBQ and music with Hurricane Creek at the Rib Shack.



A much-needed pool has been added.

Photos by Jim and Kim Lewicki

• HS AWARDS & ACADEMIC BANQUET •

The end of the school year marks endings and beginnings for students and their parents and at Highlands School it's an extra big deal.

On Tuesday night, Highlands School Honor Roll students in grades 4-12 were recognized at the annual Academic Banquet sponsored by Highlands Rotary. Each year a member of the community is asked to deliver an address and this year it was Susie deVillie Schiffli, herself a graduate of Highlands School. Pastor Paul Christy of the Highlands United Methodist Church delivered in the invocation and Principal Brian Jetter and Assistant Principal Jim Draheim presented awards.

Wednesday morning Highlands School had its annual awards ceremony, where students are acknowledged for hard work, dedication, spirit and service to the school. This year, three seniors received the Highlands School Highlander Pride Awards -- the McClellan twins Luke and Matt, and Griselda Velasco-chéz. A community member is also awarded the HS Highlander Pride Award and this year it went to John Shearl. Over the years, Shearl has demonstrated outstanding Highlands School pride and spirit dedicating time and resources to school landscaping, the softball field, the playground, the Booster Club and much more.



Above, John Shearl and Principal Brian Jetter. Shearl received the Highlander Pride award. Right, Haley Chalker joins her classmates in her first "walk" and left, twins Luke and Matt McClellan with their Highlander Pride Award. Not pictured is the other senior recipient, Griselda Valasco-chéz.



Photos by Stephanie McCall



Above, the Jackson-Macon Alliance with Beta Club president Carolyn Hornsby and school sponsor Ann Porter. The club was recognized for its recycling program. Far right: a proud moment at the Academic Banquet. Center, Bevan Schiffli and Marlee McCall display their academic awards. and right, Susie deVillie-Schiffli delivers the address on stage with Pastor Christy, Rotary president Derek Taylor and Principal Jetter and Asst. Principal Draheim.



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policy makers right now, but we will never achieve affordable universal coverage without major reform that deals with the real causes of medical inflation. We don't need more money; we need a new system."

Right now our representatives are negotiating the content of health care reform. The most contentious element is whether there will be a public option, like Medicare but available to anyone. President Obama has hinted that he is willing to do without this, and the medical-industrial complex will be doing everything it can to prevent this, so if you want to see public insurance, the first step towards a single-payer system, now is the time to act. Call Senators Burr and Hagan and Representative Heath Shuler (visit house.gov and senate.gov to get contact

info).

Conservatives will be fighting against this option tooth-and-nail because they say government is too incompetent to run anything. But these same conservatives say they are opposed to government-sponsored health insurance because it would be unfair competition with private insurers. If such a government enterprise would be, by its nature, inefficient and incompetently administered, how could it be unfair competition and a threat to private enterprise? Which is it?

You probably noticed this is called "Health Care Reform I." I am sure I'll be writing about this again.

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

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two more members has created a need for more volunteers to step in and fill these positions for next season. If the Boosters are unable to find people willing to volunteer, it is possible that the Boosters could fold, leaving a gaping hole in the Highlands athletic program.

HHS athletic director Butch Smart says he doesn't want to think about the possibilities if the Booster Club were to cease operations. Smart remains optimistic that people will come forward to support Highlands School, however, as he lists the accomplishments of the Boosters throughout the recent years, it is hard to imagine Highlands being able to support the current athletic program without assistance.

In recent years the Boosters have helped to fund the resurgence of both baseball and fast-pitch softball at Highlands, and have also provided supplemental funding to other sports such as soccer, volleyball and basketball. Also, unlike some other Booster Clubs in various counties, 100% of the Highlands Booster Club donations go entirely to items used by the athletes themselves, such as uniforms, bags, equipment, and field maintenance.

Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter echoed the need for contributions from the Booster Club. "Our Booster club does a tremendous job for a school our size because they are so involved, they are so committed, and they give so much," he said.

While Macon County does provide some money for athletic budgets, the amount budgeted is rarely enough to cover the various expenses that come with organized sports. In the event that the Highlands Booster club is unable to contribute to athletics in the manner that they have in recent years, the cost of athletics will be passed on to the students themselves.

According to Smart, "without the supplement from the Booster Club, we will have to become a pay-to-play school like Blue Ridge or Murphy." Passing the costs associated with athletics on to the students could result in decreased participation in athletics at Highlands, which could be devastating to a school that consistently ranks as one of the smallest in the state.

Last week at the Highlands School athletic banquet, Booster Club board member Noel Buras gave a "State of the Booster Club" address to those in attendance highlighting the role that the Boosters play in the community as well as the upcoming need for volunteers.

This announcement came prior to the recognition of HHS student athletes who received letter jackets with the help of the Booster Club in 2009.

Smart is still hopeful that the 2010 class will be able to have the same type of recognition in 2010. "We are gonna get it done," said Smart with his characteristic grin, "I just need some people to come see me."

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books haven't been returned to the library. So far this fiscal year, there are 935 books that haven't been returned, at a cost of nearly \$17,000.

The Library Board hopes this practice will encourage all library borrowers to return items by the date due. Many library items may be renewed by calling the library, bringing the item to the library's circulation desk, or by logging on to the patron's account using the library's online catalog. Be sure to have the patron's library card available for renewal of library items. Also, book depositories for returning material when the library is closed are conveniently located for patron use.

The library will still notify patrons that their materials are overdue and patrons will have ample time to respond prior to being turned over for collection. Unique Management Services has been selected as the collection agency for the library. Unique Management works with libraries throughout the United States, Canada, and United Kingdom. They specialize in the recovery of overdue materials and have an excellent record of treating patrons professionally.

The library is serious about recovering overdue materials. Patrons who do not return materials are stealing from the library. Fortunately, only a very small percentage of patrons using the library do not return materials as agreed. This new policy will not affect the vast majority of patrons who return materials on time.

The Library is committed to provide excellent service and has materials available that patron's desire. Fontana Regional Library serves the people of Jackson, Macon and Swain Counties with libraries in Bryson City, Cashiers, Franklin, Highlands, Nantahala, Sylva, and with its Reading Rover bookmobile. Visit the Fontana Regional Library website at www.fontanalib.org for more information about your local library.

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American Legion spokespeople said most non-veterans do not recognize the importance of the day honoring their fellow Americans killed in war; that Memorial Day has just become simply another day off from work to many Americans. The local American Legion Post representatives said they will always be the standard bearer to carry the torch of remembrance. With two wars under way, there is no excuse for anyone not to remember the true meaning of Memorial Day. At Saturday's ceremony, speeches and prayers were spoken with the ceremony ending with a bugle call. Above John Schiffli, Sr., reads during the ceremony.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

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Swanson's weekly column disrespectful of the President

Dear Editor,

I take issue with columnist Don Swanson's piece May 28 entitled "He's not lying... he's selling" in which you criticized President Obama's for attempt to return the United States to being the world leader in human rights.

We reached a new low under Bush-Cheney as a self righteous torture state. A human being will say anything to stop torture; this is a barbaric way of obtaining intelligence and puts us on the same level with the people we're trying to defeat as well as all others who preside over torture states.

President Obama has not advocated coddling any terrorists who are a proven threat to the US; he has only steered the US back toward honoring the long accepted and respected terms of the Geneva convention. The world approves; only the minority radical right continue to spew the sort of rhetoric that you predictably prepare weekly.

Yesterday, even Cheney admitted there was no connection between 911 and Iraq!

4,000 dead US servicemen, scores of thousands of dead Iraqi civilians, the US justifying torture, billions to Cheney's Halliburton and the Bush administration leaves us broke for what? Yet, Bin Laden and the small group of radical Muslims responsible for 911 are still free.

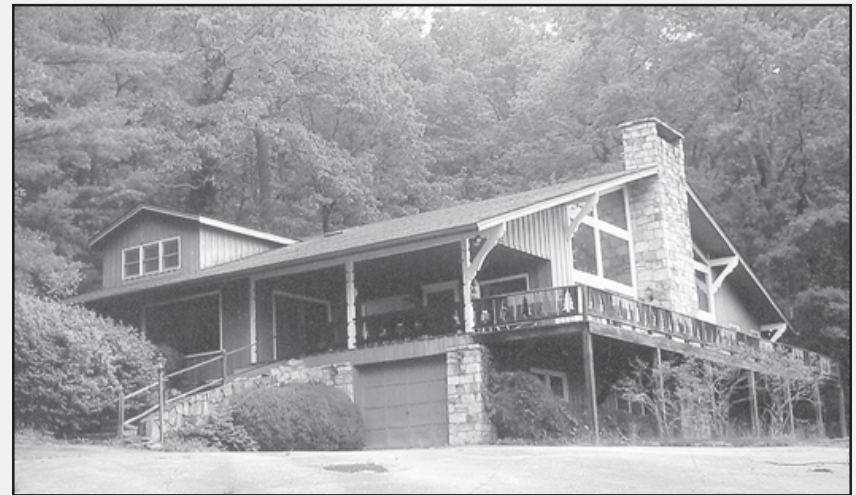
Now Obama is to blame for everything, at least from your view. Your weekly disrespectful tirade against the President would have been called unpatriotic during the Bush years, if it had come from the left.

In fact, those of us who opposed the Iraq war were called exactly that. Obama has tried as hard as one can in this age and environment to be a centrist, to avoid partisan divisive rhetoric, & to unite, even if we disagree. Limbaugh, Hannity, et al and in Highlands, Swanson, prefer to divide, on every issue, every single day. America will become weaker if we don't unite. Why not try?

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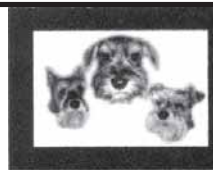
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- Registration is now open for the 2009 summer nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five different camps are offered. Call 828-526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs.

- 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).

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

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodruff room 201, 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

- Yoga Classes Tues/Thurs 4:30 to 6pm and Saturday 9:30 to 11am, Moonrise Yoga Center, 464 Carolina Way in Highlands, 828-526-8880.

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.

Mon. & Wed.

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

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.

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

Tuesdays

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

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

- 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 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

- 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.

- New Yoga Class 4:30 to 6 pm, Advanced Beginner, All Levels Welcome. Moonrise Yoga Center 464 Carolina Way. For more info call Diane Levine, 526-8579

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 7p.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 Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.

Saturdays

- 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.

Through Saturday, June 6

- Cheers! Handcrafted Glass Stemware exhibition at The Bascom in conjunction with the Collective Spirits wine festival. Public viewing for non-ticket holders will begin June 2. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Thursday, June 25

- Instruments of Appalachian Music exhibition at The Bascom in conjunction with the Collective Spirits wine festival. Public viewing for non-ticket holders will begin June 2. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Thursday, June 4

- Highlands' summer residents Teri and Mose Bond are sure to delight you with the history and process of dismantling, moving and lovingly restoring an 1820s Farmhouse. A portion of the house dates back to the late 1700s. The class, "Preserving the Past for the Future: The Journey of an 1820s Farmhouse" will be at the farmhouse off Hicks Road from 10-12.

Owl Prowl at the Highlands Nature Center



Would you like to see an owl up close? Or listen to its calls? Do you want to learn more about their biology? Then come to Highlands Nature Center's annual Owl Prowl, Wednesday, June 10.

Meet at the Nature Center amphitheater at 8 p.m. for a presentation given by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls. This popular program will last approximately one hour and is offered in collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Please note that for the welfare of the owls, seating must wait until time for the program to begin.

Following the presentation, visitors may stay for the "Owl Prowl" led by several members of Audubon. Learn the different calls of local owls, and then split into small groups and venture to various locations to listen and look for owls in the wild. Bring your flashlight!

The Owl Prowl program is free to the public, but contributions for the Carolina Raptor Center are greatly appreciated.

Visitors are encouraged to carpool due to limited parking. Parking is available behind the Nature Center, across the street at Sunset Rock, or next door at Valentine House dormitory. The Nature Center is also within walking distance of downtown parking.

Other owl-related events are also planned for the week. The Tuesday, June 9, Family Nature Activity will feature an examination of owl pellets. Owl pellets contain the bones of the owl's prey, such as mice, shrews, or small birds. The fee for this activity is only \$1 per person. Meet at the Nature Center at 3 p.m. and see what you can find in yours!

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Jazz singer at PAC this weekend



Lynn Loosier returns to the stage of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday, June 5 and 6, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. Audiences who heard Ms. Loosier sing jazz and blues at PAC last summer were dazzled by her versatility and vocal range. Tickets are on sale now at \$20.00 each. Charge by phone at 526-9047, or visit www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org.

(\$20 for members, \$30 non-members). Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register.

- Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

- The Friends of the Albert Carlton – Cashiers Community Library movie series for June will be shown at 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays in the Library Meeting Room. "Marley and Me" (2008) features Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson. When a dog wriggles his adorable self into a human's life, the human will never be the same. As Marley grows up, the film follows his escapades and the lives of his owners. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

- "Loaves & Fishes Bingo" will happen on Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Highlands Community Building – next to the ballpark at Hwy 64 and Poplar Street. The cost to play is \$1 per card per game and there will be 15 games with Game 15 being an extra money game.

Friday, June 5

- CLE Lecture by popular presenter Martha Porter has graciously agreed to offer a second session of the popular Joy of Baking 101 on Friday, June 5. (the June 3 class is sold out). Attendees will learn to bake yeast bread, cookies, quick breads and cakes. This is a true "hands in the dough" class. Participants will enjoy a nice lunch and go home with some of the

results of their labor. (Friday, June 5, 10-2:30, Private Home, \$50 for members, \$60 for non-members of CLE). Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register

Friday & Saturday, June 5-6

- Class of '99 reunion. Alumni dinner will be held on Friday night at 6:30 at Wolfgang's on Main and Friends and Family Cook-Out will be held on Saturday at noon. For details please contact Erika at hhsclassof99@gmail.com.

- Lynn Loosier returns to the stage of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Audiences who heard Ms. Loosier sing jazz and blues at PAC last summer were dazzled by her versatility and vocal range. Tickets are on sale now at \$20.00 each. Charge by phone at 526-9047, or visit www.highlandsp PerformingArtsCenter.org.

Saturday, June 6

- National Trail Day workshop and hike – To celebrate National Trail Day, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Asheville office will present a workshop on invasive/exotic plants on the AT followed by a 5 mile moderate hike in the Standing Indian area. Meet at the NHC Club House at 9:00am for workshop; Car pool to Standing Indian area, driving 30 miles round trip. Call leader: Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. No pets please.

- Sports physical clinics for school athletic programs are being held at the Macon County Public Health Center in Franklin. The clinics are open to rising 7th grade – 12th grade Macon County students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2009-2010 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled by calling 349-2081. There will be a \$10 fee, most of which will go to the schools' Athletic Fund.

Sunday, June 7

- National Trail Day workshop and hike – To celebrate National Trail Day, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy Asheville office will present a workshop on invasive/exotic plants on the AT followed by a 5 mile moderate hike in the Standing Indian area. Meet at the NHC Club House at 9 am for workshop; Car pool to Standing Indian area, driving 30 miles round trip. Call leader: Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. No pets please.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the nature trail at the Highlands Biological Station Nature Center where identification signs mark the plants and flowers. Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot at 2 pm or at the Nature Center at 2:30 p.m. Drive Length from Franklin: 20 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack, camera, and binoculars if you wish. Wear comfortable shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820 for reservations. Visitors and children over ten are welcome, but no pets please.

- Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Accomplice" will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands on Sunday at 3 p.m. Two women and three men are needed for the cast. Rehearsals start in June; performances are August 19 thru August 30. Copies of the play may be read at the Hudson or Cashiers libraries. For more information, call director Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

- High Mountain Squares will be having a special "WATERMELON DANCE" on Sunday at the Macon County Recreation Park Pavilion from 2-5 PM. The callers are Ken Perkins from Pelzer, SC and,

Tom Pustinger from Spartanburg, SC. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. A picnic will be furnished at the dance. Everyone is welcome, so come in casual clothes and enjoy the food and dancing. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-349-4187, 706-782-0943

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival launches its 2009 season with a lavish fundraising gala sponsored by Wolfgang's Restaurant & Wine Bistro from 5-7 p.m. Wolfgang and Mindy Green have crafted an event that pairs Wolfgang's signature dishes with exquisite Argentinian wines. The food and wine will be served up with Wolfgang's hallmark panache. The affordable wines will be available for purchase and a portion of their sale, in addition to the ticket sales, will benefit HCCMF. Guests will be serenaded by the Mozart String Trio of the Vega String Quartet, the Quartet

in Residence at Emory University. The Quartet's precise musicianship has made it a perennial Festival favorite. After it made its Lincoln Center debut in 2001, The New York Times observed, "playing that had a kind of clean intoxication to it, pulling the listener along...the musicians took real risks in their music-making." That brand of bravura showmanship will be on display at the Wolfgang's Benefit and again when the Vega String Quartet returns on August 2-3 and October 10.

Monday, June 8

- The Highlands Audubon Society will have a program at the Highlands Civic Center beginning at 7:30. The subject will be "Native Plant, Insect and Bird Connections" by Jim Costa, Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station. He will help us understand

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Two exhibitions on display this week at The Bascom's new campus



These blue retichello goblets by Kenny Pieper are included in one of the two exhibitions at The Bascom this week as the art center begins to unfold its season of excellence. *Cheers! Handcrafted Glass Stemware* (through June 6) features a grand gathering of drinking vessels focusing on the accomplishments and "voices" of individual artists such as Pieper, Wendy Besett, Jeff Crandall and other contemporary glass craftsmen. *Instruments of Appalachian Music* (through June 25) is presented in partnership with the Cashiers Historical Society Symposium. Though musical styles and instruments vary widely, music is a universal tradition. Traditions of the Appalachian Mountains are reflected in the musical instruments of Scottish and English immigrants that settled this region. 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 about The Bascom and its exhibitions, studio classes and educational presentations, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

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the value of insects and their relationships to birds, through the link of our native plants.

• Yoga and Bodywork Summer Open House, Free All Levels Yoga Class 10:30 to 11:30am. Rolling Demonstration with a Model from 11:45 to 12:15. Visit, Learn, Connect! Moonrise Yoga Center, 464 Carolina Way, for more info 828-526-8880.

Monday-Friday, June 8-12

• Old Edwards Hospitality Group will host Summer Style Week. Representing all that is stylish about the summer season, Summer Style Week is an entire week of delicious samplings, demonstrations and mini-seminars to get you ready for a stylish summer. Guests will get the season's insider tips from top experts — including culinary, spa, gardening, tablescapes and more. The largest event will be a Garden Party at the Farm on Thursday, June 11 where participants will enjoy a delicious lunch while learning the secrets of throwing their own garden party — Old Edwards Style. Call 866-526-8008 to make your reservation

Tuesday, June 9

• "Amazing Animals" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 9-12, 10 am – 2 pm daily. Learn about various animal groups through hands-on activities and field observations. Ages 7-10. \$40 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

• "Owl Pellets," a special family nature activity at the Highlands Nature Center. 3 – 4 pm. Learn what owls eat by examining the skulls and bones of prey

animals contained within an owl pellet. \$1 per person.

• Auditions for the Highlands Cashiers Players' production of "Accomplice" will be held at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Two women and three men are needed for the cast. Rehearsals start in June; performances are August 19 thru August 30. Copies of the play may be read at the Hudson or Cashiers libraries. For more information, call director Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

Wednesday, June 10

• "Owl Prowl" at the Highlands Nature Center. 8 pm, all ages. In collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Come to our amphitheater for a presentation by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls, then stay for a night hike to look for owls in the wild. Bring your flashlight. Free, but contributions to CRC are appreciated. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm for more information.

• At CLE, there are a few spaces left in the first session of the Cooking with the Chef Series on with Chef Nicholas Figel of Cyprus Restaurant will lead participants through a whirlwind tour of various regional cuisines of Exotic India. And, of course, lunch is included. 12-2:30, Cyprus Restaurant, \$40 for members, \$50 non-members. Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register.

• Owl Prowl at the Nature Center. Meet at the

Nature Center amphitheater at 8 p.m. for an educational presentation given by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls. This popular program will last approximately one hour and is offered in collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Please note that for the welfare of the owls, seating must wait until time for the program to begin.

Thursday, June 11–Friday, June 12

• Pottery workshop "Mud, Sweat and Tears: Making Fine Functional Pots," by Mark Hewitt, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for intermediate to advanced clay students. Cost is \$400/\$375 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Thursday, June 11

• The Storytelling Series continues at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center with a one-act play written by Gary Carden. The story of Nance Dude, a mountain woman accused of having killed her own granddaughter is brought to life by actress, Elizabeth Westall. Ms. Westall, a former English teacher, is recognized throughout western North Carolina for her acting ability. The performance of the Nance Dude story starts at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday at PAC. Tickets are \$15.00 each and may be charged by phone at 526-9047, or online at www.highlandsp Performing Arts Center.org.

• Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and praise.

• A free book signing featuring master ceramic artist Mark Hewitt will be 5-7 p.m. at The Bascom for Hewitt's 2005 acclaimed book co-written with Nancy Sweezy, "The Potter's Eye: Art and Tradition in North Carolina." Books available for purchase. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org presentations.

• Each year CLE offers classes on medical topics of current interest. The first of this year's three lectures

More storytellers coming to PAC



The series of storytelling will continue at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on June 11 at 7:30 p.m. Elizabeth Westall will be featured in a one-act play written by Gary Carden about a mountain woman, Nance Dude, accused of killing her granddaughter. Ms. Westall holds a masters degree in English from Duke University and taught high school English in Durham for 27 years. However, she has acted in or directed numerous plays and "Nance Dude" is one of her favorites. Tickets to her performance are available now at \$15.00 each. Charge by phone at 526-9047 or visit www.highlandsp Performing Arts Center.org.

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The Bascom offers many affordable art classes as new campus opens

The Bascom is offering a host of studio classes this season by such nationally acclaimed artists as Mary Todd Beam, Alice Ballard, Marc Chatov and Cat Chow. But what many would-be students don't know is that the nonprofit art center is also offering many low-cost classes with excellent instructors.

Of the 60 classes and workshops at The Bascom this year, 18 cost less than \$100 – and 12 of those are offered at \$25 or less. Classes are offered on varying days and times to accommodate student schedules: some on weekends, some on weekdays, some at night, some single-day and some multi-day.

"It is our goal at The Bascom to offer all levels of quality art instruction," said

Norma Smith Hendrix, The Bascom's education director. "The Bascom is a nonprofit visual arts organization, so we try very hard to make sure all people have access to a wide spectrum of classes."

Some of the lower-cost classes include "Botanical Sketching and Watercolors" with Fayne Ansley, "Figure Study Sessions with a Live Model" with Laurence Holden, "Magic Drawings" with Gail Russakov and "Hidden Self" with Jessica Stewart. A full list of classes is online at www.thebascom.org or available for pickup at The Bascom.

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will feature Dr. Virginia Templeton discusses dementia. Dr. Templeton is Associate Director of MemoryCare, a non-profit organization in Asheville caring for older adults with memory disorders. "The Many Faces of Dementia" will be held at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 11 from 10-12-. \$20 members, \$30 non-members. Contact the Center for Life Enrichment office at 526-8811 for more information or to register.

- Macon County Manager, Jack Horton, will speak about financial conditions in Macon County. He will present information on unemployment, construction and development, effects on business, the impact of the economic downturn on county spending, budget, and infrastructure projects, and answer questions from the audience. The meeting is being hosted by the League of Women Voters, and will be held at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church. Lunch is available at noon, by reservation. Call 524-5192 or email lwmacon@wild-dog-mountin.info. The program will begin at 12:15. the public is invited.

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series the Series welcomes author John Yow who will be talking about his new book, *The Armchair Birder: Discovering the Secret Lives of Familiar Birds*, which he describes as "a different kind of bird book." While most bird books try to help you identify 500 species that you're never likely to see, Yow's book is a reminder that the most fascinating birds might well be the ones right outside our window. 7 pm at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. and is sponsored by the Highlands Biological Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with numerous supporting organizations and individuals. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hbs

Saturday, June 13-Saturday, July 11

- The Three Potters: Bringle, Hewitt and Stuemple exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be June 13 from 5-7 p.m. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Saturday, June 13

- The Lady Highlanders basketball team will be having a car wash on Saturday, May 30th and from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the First Citizens bank parking lot. Donations will be going to help the team go to Orlando, Florida for a holiday tournament. Other donations can be made to the team. Make checks payable to "Highlands School Booster Club."

- A pottery-making bonanza featuring demonstrations and lectures by well-known ceramists Cynthia Bringle, Mark Hewitt and David Stuemple will be 9 a.m. to noon at The Bascom. Cost is \$45/\$30 Bascom members. To pre-register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

- A free World Wide Knit In celebration for knitters and non-knitters will be 2 to 4 p.m. on the terrace at The Bascom. Bring a folding chair along with your yarn or fiber project. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3.3 mile hike from Upper Whitewater Falls and Whitewater River Gorge to Bad Creek Reservoir Parking Area. The hike requires some scrambling over roots and rocks to get magnificent views of the highest waterfall in the eastern US, then proceeds into the gorge, offering beautiful river views and many

wildflowers. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 am; Drive 50 miles round trip. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles at 743-1079 for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- Fine art, an open bar, excellent hors'd oeuvres, and artist raffles will make for a festive evening at John Collette's Fine Art on Main Street across from Buck's Coffee Cafe. HCCMF will receive a commission from all paintings sold and the proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets.

Sunday, June 14

- At Summit One Gallery on 2nd Street, Painted Leaves Courtyard Poetry Reading with Poet Joyce Foster and Artist Jan Smithers.

Monday, June 15-Friday, June 19

- Pottery workshop "Finding Your Form Through Nature," by Alice Ballard, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced clay students. Cost is \$395/\$375 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Monday - Wednesday, June 15-17

- Community Bible Church's summer ARTS camp is for children who are rising 2nd graders - rising 6th graders. We will be specializing in teaching the ARTS through Dance, Painting/Drawing, Music, Drama and Audio-Visual. 9am - noon. 3645 Cashiers Rd., Highlands, NC 28741. For more information, visit our website: www.cbchighlands.com or call 828-526-4685.

Monday, June 15

- A lecture by celebrated ceramist Alice Ballard, "Discovering Form Through Nature," will be held at 7 p.m. at The Bascom. Cost is \$15/\$10 Bascom members (free to Ballard's Bascom students). To pre-register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

- Art class "Learn to Knit" by Fayne Ansley, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Designed for the whole family. Cost is \$25/\$20 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Tuesday, June 16

- "Junior Ecologists" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 16-19, 10 am - 4 pm daily. Learn what field biologists do while conducting real science such as measuring trees and mapping stream salamander communities. Ages 11-15. \$50 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip around Highlands to look for breeding birds. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7:30 a.m. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387.

Thursday, June 18-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.

Thursday, June 18

- Taize services will be held at 5:30 pm, at the Holy Family Lutheran Church. Taize is a form of ecumenical prayer that is practiced by many Christian traditions. It is a means to reconciliation and peace among the people of God. The services will include scripture readings, Taize music, silent meditation on the Word of God, and prayers of intercession and

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Flower show July 10-11 Free 'How to enter' workshop set for June 16 at The Bascom



Above is an entry from last year's Flower Show. For those interested in entering this year's July 10-11 Show but unsure how to do so, The Bascom will host a "How to Enter" workshop Tuesday, June 16. To register for the workshop, contact Minnie Bob Campbell at minniebcampbell@aol.com or (770) 955-8763. To download a Flower Show entry form or view rules, visit http://www.mountainsinbloom.com/flower_show.html. For tickets, visit <http://www.mountainsinbloom.com> or call (828) 526-4949.

Highlands' very own Flower Show will return for the second year as part of the Mountains in Bloom garden festival, and the community is urged to enter the competition, as well as attend and enjoy the beautiful creations.

Set for Friday and Saturday, July 10 and 11, at the Highlands Civic Center Gymnasium, the Flower Show celebrates "Mountain Moments" with three competitive divisions: horticulture, artistic floral design and, new this year, photography. Hours are Friday 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Docents will be on-hand, plus there will be two special exhibits on the Show floor: the art of Ikebana, and art projects from The Bascom's children's program.

To enter the Show and view the rules, pick up an entry form at The Bascom, or download a form at http://www.mountainsinbloom.com/flower_show.html. Entries will be accepted July 9, from 3 to 7 p.m.

For those interested in entering the Show but unsure how to do so, The Bascom will host a "How to Enter the Flower Show" workshop Tuesday, June 16, at two different times: 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Featuring practical and useful tips on how to

enter the Show, the workshops will be held at The Bascom's new campus, 323 Franklin Road. All are welcome; there is no charge for the workshop. To register, contact Minnie Bob Campbell at minniebcampbell@aol.com or (770) 955-8763.

"This is a true community flower show," Campbell said. "We want anyone who is interested to feel comfortable about entering an exhibit, whether it is a simple cut from your yard, a container plant, a flower arrangement or a photograph. Entering the flower show is fun. You might even win a ribbon!"

Tickets for Mountains in Bloom and the Flower Show are on sale now. The Flower Show alone costs \$15, or a combination Flower Show/Garden Tour tickets costs \$80. Prices for the other events vary and include a garden tour of seven Highlands homes, three lectures, a home and garden shop and a Giverny-themed Patrons Party. All proceeds benefit The Bascom. Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn & Spa, WNC magazine, Franklin Ford/Moss Robertson Cadillac, The Highlander, The Laurel magazine and Lupoli Construction.

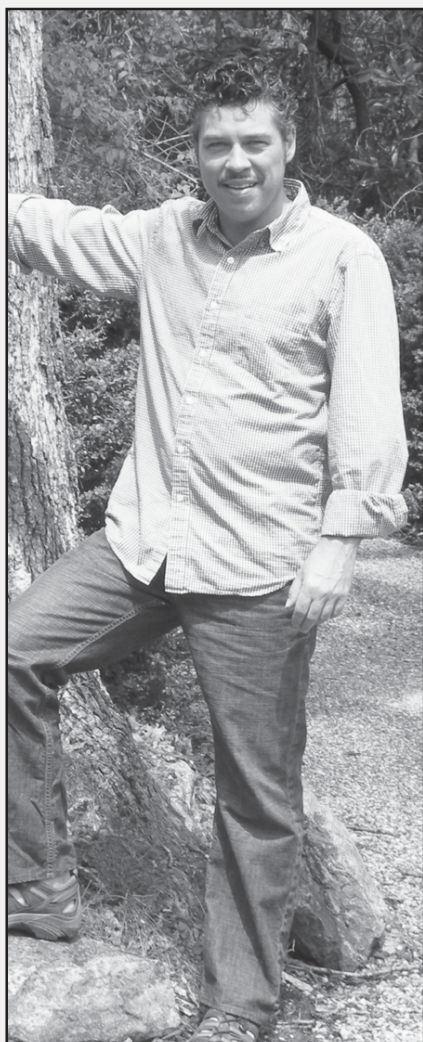
For tickets visit <http://www.mountainsinbloom.com> or call (828) 526-4949.

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praise.

• The Friends of the Albert Carlton – Cashiers Community Library movie series for June will be shown at 3 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays in the Library

Walk in the Park set for June 28



Colin Long, one of seven actors who will portray outstanding Highlands pioneers at this year's "Walk in the Park", recently visited the home on Main Street that was originally occupied by the family of Henry Bascom. The tree seen here was most likely growing there when Bascom and his daughter Louise lived in the home. "Walk in the Park," produced annually by the Highlands Historical Society, is scheduled this year for June 26 and 27 at Memorial Park, and June 28 at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Friday and Saturday performances start at 6:00 p.m. with shuttles from the Civic Center, and the Sunday performance starts at 4:00. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Call 787-1050 or visit www.highlandshistory.org.

Meeting Room. "Doubt" (2008) centers on a nun (Meryl Streep) who in 1964 confronts a priest after suspecting him of abusing a black student. The priest denies the charge. The dialog tackles the themes of religion, morality, and authority. The movies and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated.

Saturday, June 20–Monday, June 22

• Pottery workshop "Lids and How They Fit," by Cynthia Bringle, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced clay students. Cost is \$400/\$375 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Saturday, June 20

• Art class "Botanical Sketching and Watercolors," by Fayne Ansley, will be held at The Bascom from 2 to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$25/\$20 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 – 10:30 pm, ages 6 – adult. Bring a flashlight to learn about nocturnal animals through a variety of fun activities, games, and observations along the garden trails. \$2 per person, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623 or visit www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm for more information.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 6.2 mile hike on the Chunky Gal Trail to Boteler Peak, with an elevation change of 1331 feet. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 34 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Call leader Bill Van Horn at 369-1983 for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

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quested an accounting of the school system's fund balance – "They want to know how much we have in there," she said.

Commissioners said that's reason enough to spend it. "Spend it before they raid it," they said.

Meanwhile, the board wants to establish a better understanding of how the school system's bookkeeping and budget process works.

"We need to know why you need a fund balance, how much you need and you don't need to be growing the fund balance," said Commissioner Brian McClellan.

Brigman said the three years he has been in charge, he has presented this information to the board, but commissioners said they obviously didn't understand what they were reading in the school budget.

Commissioner McClellan brought up several Highlands expenditures not previously considered in the budget.

With the Hudson Library eager to move into and renovate the space previously occupied by The Bascom, but with money lacking, there has been talk about the county taking over the property.

"This could be done as a transfer of ownership, or through a lease agreement, but the county can't help out financially unless we

own the property," said McClellan.

He said relations with the Hudson Library board and the county commission have improved and the library is ready to make some changes if it means money for renovations would be available via the county.

To renovate The Bascom's vacated space, \$150,000 is needed.

"This would be an opportunity to bring the library services in Highlands in line with the services in Franklin," said McClellan. "I also think something similar should be done concerning the Nantahala library."

Commissioners took the suggestion under advisement.

McClellan also requested \$17,000 – again money not previously budgeted – for the Highlands School ballfield.

The ballfield is basically on top of a swamp and so it needs an elaborate drainage system – a project several families and community members have tried to tackle on their own both fiscally and physically.

The next county commission meeting is June 8 at 6 p.m. where the first budget hearing will be presented during a public hearing segment of the meeting.

There was no final word at the worksession concerning newly requested expenditures.

• Reese Family Reunion at the Rec Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring covered dish. Call Ann Wilson at 864-888-1111 for more information.

Sunday, June 21

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 2-mile hike on the Jack Rabbit Trail at Lake Chatuge (64 W) with 1/3 of the way uphill. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2:00 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Tuesday, June 23–Tuesday, July 28

• The Bascom's Young Artist Program Summer Camp for beginning to advanced students ages 5 to 13. Projects include crafts, clay, painting, mixed media and more. The camp is held Tuesdays at The Bascom, in Highlands, and Thursdays at Highlands Recreation Park from 1 to 2 pm (ages 5 to 8) and 2 to 3 pm (ages 9 to 13). Cost is \$30 for a 6-class session or \$5 per class.

Tuesday, June 23

• A lecture on North Carolina pottery by Dr. Charles (Terry) Zug, a prolific author, collector and lecturer, will be 7 p.m. at The Bascom. Cost is \$15/\$10 Bascom members. To pre-register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

• "NatureWorks" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center. June 23-26, 10 am – 2 pm daily. Learn about the workings of "mother nature" through interactive play and nature activities. Ages 8-11. \$40 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

BBQ, Music, Auction, Raffle To Honor Joe Geoghagan

Saturday, June 6
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at the Rec Park

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chicken or pork, including
baked beans, slaw, roll, drink
and dessert.

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Children's Plate
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and
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with Bobby Newton

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Group -- a \$2,450 value or a
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• POLICE & FIRE •

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

May 22

- Officers responded to a call from the Speckled Hen reporting that every day at noon a sports bag is left behind the building and retrieved later. Officers inspected the bag and found sneakers and a soccer ball and have determined a juvenile leave it there everyday and picks it up later.

May 23

- Officers were called to the Rec Park to ensure two juveniles left the premises.

May 27

- Officers conducted a traffic check and issued three citations. One for NOL, one for no NC license and one for an expired registration sticker.

May 29

- Officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang up from a residence on Spring Street. There was no problem.
- Officers issued a parking ordinance violation on Oak Street.

May 30

- At 10:25 p.m., Samuel Webb, 23, of Mills River, NC, was arrested for DWI on U.S. 64. His bond was for \$750.
- Officers issued a parking ordinance violation.
- Officers responded to a call about lights going on and off in the basement of an unoccupied house.
- Officers assisted a motorist on N. 4th Street.

May 31

- Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street. There were no injuries.
- Officers responded to a call concerning a suspicious person at the Rec Park.

June 2

- Officers responded to a call of a bicycle found on Dillard Road.
- Officers responded to two-vehicle accident on NC 106. There were no injuries.
- During the week the officers issued 27 citations and responded to 12 alarms.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from May 28:

May 28

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sequoyah Wood Drive. It was false.

May 31

- The dept. responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at a residence on Arnold Road. There was no problem.

June 1

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Buck Creek Circle where a man was lying on the side of the road. He said he was OK and just resting. There was no transport.
- The dept. responded to a structure fire on Oak Lane. The home was unoccupied and completely destroyed. It was possibly caused by an electrical problem.

June 3

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Henry Wright Road where an 84-year-old woman was unresponsive but breathing. She was transported to the hospital.

• 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.

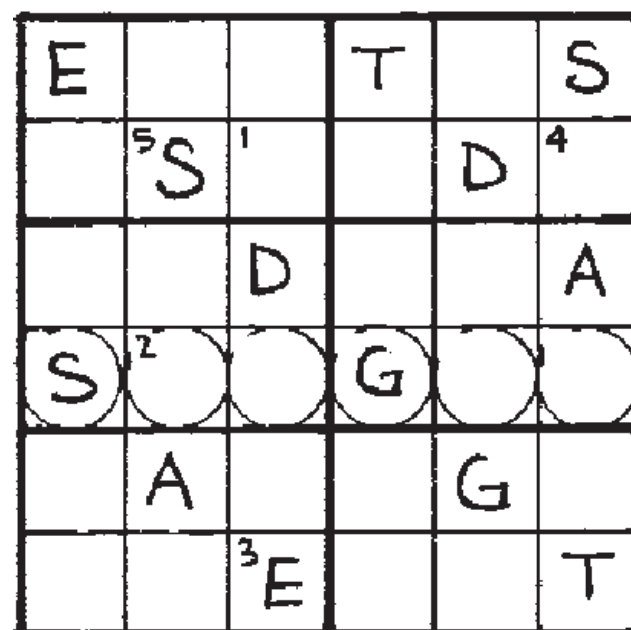
Mystery Word: In Steps (6)

Across

1. Theodore (3)
2. Label (3)
3. Opposite West (4)

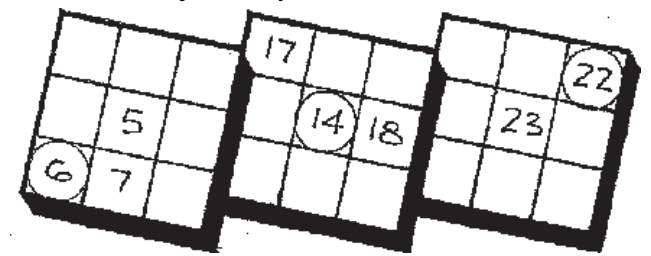
Down

4. Steel Bar (3)
5. Placed (3)



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#BN4A Level of Difficulty – Moderate

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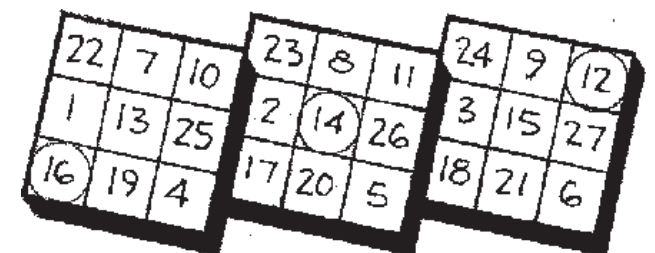
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

THE CHALLENGE:

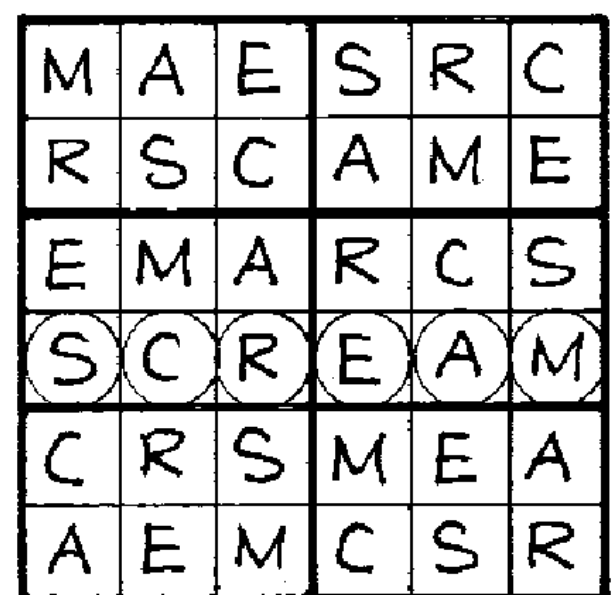
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: pseudocube8@aol.com.

Solution to #AN4A in May 28 issue



Solution to May 28 Hex-a-Ku



Warrior Foundation weekend of events set to begin June 8

You may be wondering about those Special Operations Adventure Race Volunteers manning the tables in front of Bryson's Food Store and Shiraz Oriental Rug Gallery.

They're selling tickets for a raffle for two Chinese rugs donated by Shiraz Rugs, three American Flag Jackets donated by Jolie's of Highlands and a 47-inch Vizio LCD Flat Screen TV donated by the Gary Van Flocke Family. Tickets are \$2 or six for \$10.

They're also providing information about SOAR of Western North Carolina's calendar of events, including the June 11th Silent/Live Auction at the Highlands Community Building. Local merchants, businesses and individuals have donated a treasure chest of goods and services that'll be available to the public. Tickets at the door are \$30, and early reservations are \$25. For reservations, call (828) 526-0224. This event, which starts at 5:30 p.m., will include an international tasting bar (featuring Mediterranean, American, Japanese and Asian dishes) by Chef Nicholas Figel of Cyprus Restaurant, wine, beer, soda, and music.

It'll be an evening that's an exciting start to the Highlands/Cashiers social calendar.

SOAR will use the funds raised from its full calendar of events to provide for the education of the children of Special Operations warriors who are killed in the line of duty.

The SOAR volunteers' efforts are part of a national effort to help these youngsters. For 28 years, the Special Operations Warrior Foundation has strived to have a positive impact on the children of the fallen heroes of the Special Operations Forces. The foundation gives all children of these young men who

lost their life a college education (grant, not a loan).

Local volunteers were reminded of the urgency of their efforts at their last meeting, when they were told that their efforts would help support the education of the stepson of Navy SEAL Michael Koch, who was recently killed on his eighth tour of Iraq.

Stories like that are the reason that SOAR of Western North Carolina is staging a host of fundraisers this year.

On June 8th, SOAR will host a Golf Tournament at Burlingame Country Club in Sapphire. The cost is \$100 per person, including lunch, golf, and dinner after the tournament, with door prizes, and prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

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On June 13th, it's the Special Operations Adventure Race. There are two different segments: the 7:00 a.m. Elite Race is running, biking, canoeing, rappelling, all in 7-8 hours through approximately 40 miles of our beautiful mountain trails; and the 8:00 a.m. Sprint Race, more of the same done in 5-7 hours in approximately 25 miles. For more information, go to www.soarhighlands.org. If you'd like to volunteer, call Marianne Vines (828) 743-2052.

For more information on SOAR and its many activities and the children that it serves, call Buck Trott at (828) 526-4645.



The Special Operation Warrior Foundation will sponsor an International Tasting Bar by Chef Nicholas Figel of Cyprus Restaurant, a Martini Magic Bar, music, merriment, a Silent and Live Auction and more on Thursday, June 11th 5:30pm at the Highlands Community Bldg. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$30.00. The Warrior Foundation provides full college scholarships for the children of fallen Special Operations personnel. In addition to the pictured tablescapes the Eight Flags for Eight Tours that the art students from Highlands High School created will be on display.

• BIZ NEWS •

Leadership Highlands Class of 2009 winding up

Each year, Leadership Highlands participants are required to complete a project that will benefit the community.

Just recently, the Leadership Highlands Class of 2009 announced its plan for improvement at the Highlands School playground.

To provide a safer environment for elementary school-aged children, this year's class will raise funds for the installation of a new safety material underlayment.

The current wood mulch is not as desirable as the recycled rubber material that the class will put under the playground. This new material will make the playground safer for children and assist in injury prevention.

The class is currently raising funds for the project which is expected to cost \$2,300.

If you are interested in donating to the project, please contact class member Jan VanHook Healey at the Highlands Visitor Center. She can be reached at 526-2112.

The mission of Leadership Highlands is to develop and maintain an effective network of committed leaders in the Highlands community. The current class is: Elaine Carlton, Leslie Cook, Joe Cooley, Jan VanHook Healey, Eric NeSmith, Julie Schott, Joe Simmons and Brian Stiehler.

For more information on Leadership Highlands, visit the Highlands Chamber of Commerce or www.highlandschamber.org.

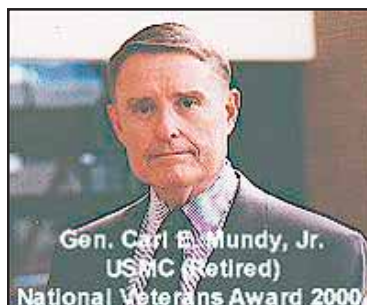
Retired Marine Commandant to 'Marshall' for SOAR 2009

General Carl Mundy, Jr., the 30th Commandant of the United States Marine Corps and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1991 to 1995, will be the Marshall for this year's Special Operations Adventure Race on Saturday the 13th of June.

General Mundy spent much of his boyhood in Waynesville, NC and

was graduated from Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, AL. Subsequently he enlisted in the US Marine Corps Reserve while in college. Rising to the top of the Corps, General Mundy earned many awards and decorations for valor and service. Retiring in 1995, General Mundy continued to serve his country: as President and CEO of the USO, as Chairman of the Marine Corps University Foundation, and as a member of several corporate boards.

Having spent time as a boy in Western North Carolina, he knew where to retire.



• BIZ NEWS •

First Baptist Church to host Summer Bible Conference, Sun., June 14 -Wed., June 17

Our guest speaker will be Richard Owen Roberts of International Awakening Ministries. A native of Schenectady, New York, Richard Owen Roberts prepared for the ministry at Gordon College, Boston, Massachusetts; Whitworth College, Spokane, Washington; and Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. Mr. Roberts has served pastorates in Idaho, Oregon, Washington and California. During the years he served the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference as Minister-at-Large, he was instrumental in the formation of two churches in the Albany Capitol district: the Bethlehem Community Church of Delmar, New York, and the Clifton Park Community Church in Clifton Park, New York.

For the past thirty-four years Mr. Roberts and his family have lived in the Wheaton, Illinois area. He worked with the Billy Graham Association and Wheaton College in the formation of the Billy Graham Center. His own private collection of some 9,000 volumes relating to movements of religious revival provide the nucleus of the Graham Center Library. From his youth, Mr. Roberts has been a student of spiritual awakenings. He has compiled a bibliography of some 50,000 volumes relating to revivalism. Much of his writing and speaking focuses on this tremendous theme.

He is the author of numerous books and pamphlets on the subject of spiritual awakening including "Revival," first published by Tyndale House Publishers in 1982; "Revival Literature: An Annotated Bibliography;" Whitefield in Print, A Bibliographic Record, (a literary history of the great 18th century awakening); "Repentance: the First Word of the Gospel;" "The Solemn Assembly," a booklet on corporate repentance; "Backsliding," a call to wandering believers; "The Legal Limit On Sin;" "Lord, I Agree: Twelve Articles of Explicit Agreement Between the Covenant Keeping God and the Reviving Believer;" "Spiritual Drunkenness;" and "Unalienable Rights." He has also edited several books on revival including "Salvation in Full Color: Twenty Sermons by Great Awakening Preachers;" "Sanctify the Congregation: A Call to the Solemn Assembly and to Corporate Repentance;" "Scotland Saw His Glory: a History of Revivals in Scotland;" "Glory Filled the Land: A Trilogy on the Welsh Re-

vival;" "The Apprenticeship of Faith;" "Campus Aflame;" "My All, His All;" and "The Event of the Century: the 1857-1858 Awakening." The latter four books were written by J. Edwin Orr.

In addition to an extensive preaching schedule at conferences, retreats, seminars, crusades, and local churches, Mr. Roberts seeks to advance the cause of worldwide revival through the antiquarian theological book business and the theological publishing firms which bear his name, and through service on the board of directors of "International Awakening Ministries, Inc."

Ron and Pat Owens will lead In Worship. During early years Ron and Pat ministered through music in many areas of the world, including directing the ministry of the *International Christian Center* in Switzerland as well as the *International Congress on Revival*. They have composed and had published many songs, cantatas, music dramas and a congregational hymnal. Their music has been translated into a number of languages. Their overseas ministry focus continues to be on the lands of Russia where they help direct the training of worship leaders and musicians for the churches of Eastern Europe. In North America, Ron and Patricia continue to minister together in conferences, churches, seminaries and colleges. Their ministry includes Ron's preaching and teaching on the subjects of Worship and Revival as well as their joint ministry through music and composition.

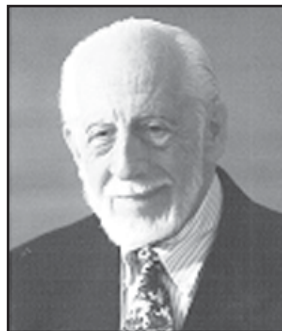
Sunday worship at 10:45 am and 6:30 pm. Richard Owen Roberts, will bring the message in the morning and Ron & Pat Owens leading the music.

Each day, Monday - Wednesday, June 15-17, there will be a 12 noon lunch with a special time of study with Dr. Roberts. Please call the church (526-4153) to make a reservation for the lunch. Cost of the lunch will be \$ 5 per person.

Each of those days will end with an evening worship

service at 7 pm. Richard Owen Roberts will bring the message at each of those services. Ron and Pat Owens will lead the music at all of the services.

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