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This Week in Highlands

Thursday, Sept. 17

- Mark Twain (Marvin Cole) at PAC at 7:30. Tickets are \$15. Call: 526-9047.
- PTO General Dinner-Meeting-Book Fair at Highlands School beginning at 5 p.m.
- Taize service at the Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 18

- 'Grand-Rounds' H-C Hospital Tour. Morning sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. and include free breakfast. Call 526-1434.
- Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Fundraiser at the Highlands Community Building all day. HUGE yard sale, lemonade stand, bake sale, hamburgers, hotdogs, live music, auction and more.

Saturday, Sept. 19

- Parent's Night Out at the Methodist Church from 5:30-8:30. Call 342-1674.
- At Cyrano's Bookshop, authors Overton and Isabel Chambers to sign "Remembering Highlands" from 1-3 p.m.
- Benefit for Desiraya Drummond, daughter of Trysta Green and Ryan Drummond, granddaughter of Gene and Ann Green, 5-9 p.m. at the Rec Park. Turkey dinner, live music and more. 3-year-old Desiraya has Blounts Disease and needs surgery.
- Harvest Bazaar at the Lodge of Sky Valley, in Sky Valley, GA, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 706-746-2358.
- Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Highlands Community Building from 1-2:30 p.m. and at the Scaly Mtn. Post Office from 3-4 p.m. \$5 (cash only) per pet.
- The Audubon Society field trip to look for fall migrating birds. Meet at Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. It's free.
- Greenway Trail Construction Trip. Call Hillrie Quin at 526-2385. Meet at the lower parking lot behind the Rec Park on Foreman Rd. at 9 a.m. for a brief orientation session.

Sunday, Sept. 20

- "On a Mission" will be performing at Macedonia Baptist Church on Sunday at 7 pm.

Monday, Sept. 21

- Mirror Lake Improvement Association 6 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway to look for fall migrating birds. Call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. It's free.

Zoning, dredging easements hot topics

A couple of months ago the United Methodist Church requested a zoning change from B3 to B1 for its property behind the church on the grounds that parking requirements in the B3 zone would eat up the property earmarked for future church expansion.

Commissioners weren't comfortable granting the request or sending it to the Planning Board until they knew exactly what the

church wanted to do with the property.

At the Sept. 16 Town Board meeting, architect Jeff Weller, representing the church, explained the church's conceptual plans, and requested conditional-use B1 zoning rather than a straight B1 zoning designation as requested before.

Conditional-use zoning enables land owners to put projects not normally allowed in a specific

zone but more importantly it allows the town to dictate stipulations.

Conditional-use zoning was first instituted in Highlands on property zoned single-family next to the ballfield where multi-family units have been built and again on residential property on Harris Lake.

"Conditional-use makes it a separate district and gives the town the opportunity to limit what can

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H1N1 flu and Hudson Library topics at county meeting

The county's health department is bracing for the flu season and for the H1N1 flu which is the culprit citizens are falling prey to now.

At the Monday night Macon County Commission meeting, members of the health department briefed the commission on the flu in the county.

"Since it's not flu season yet, the flu cases and flu-like symptoms we're seeing now are 98% H1N1 flu," said Dr. Jim Villiard with the Macon County Health Department.

Jim Bruckner, director of the health department, said the CDC has stopped tracking anything but deaths and area hospitals aren't required to report anything except hospitalizations due to H1N1 flu, which are verified by testing, but said the H1N1 – or swine flu – is in Macon County for sure.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital officials agree.

"Our emergency room is see-

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Highlands School Teacher Assistant of the Year Cindy Reed and Teacher of the Year Chris Green.

Photo by Carol Bowen

HS teachers honor their own

Each year teachers in Macon County's 12 schools, select co-workers as Teacher- and Teacher Assistant of the Year.

This year Highlands School picked Teacher Assistant Cindy Reed and high school social studies teacher and boys soccer coach, Chris Green as Teacher of the Year.

Cindy Reed is a graduate of Highlands School and has been a Teacher Assistant for 18 years – 17 of those with Great Beginnings Teacher Jane Chalker.

"This is a job I love," said Cindy. "I feel very fortunate to be able to work with these precious chil-

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Expert Mackey explains US link to Middle East affairs

– part one –

On Thursday, Aug. 27, veteran journalist and award winning author of multiple books on the Middle East, spoke at the Center of Life Enrichment and gave an update on America's linkage to the current political situations in the Iran and Afghanistan.

This is the first of a multi-part series made possible by Time Capsule Video.

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This has been an astounding summer if you look at the International scene.

What's going on in Iran now and this past summer is a perfect example of the complexity of running foreign policy in the 21st century.

To fully understand the situation, we must go back to the 20th century and the cold war. Those of us who remember that period well,

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• LETTER •

USFS Dry Falls 'park' blemished

Dear Editor,

I have been a summer visitor to Highlands for over 40 years, and for the past 17 years, I have had the pleasure of owning property here. During this time, I have enjoyed visiting Dry Falls and showing my friends the beauty of this lovely area. This past week, I was able to once again head up to our property in the mountains and spend some time in my favorite place in the world. To my great delight, Dry Falls was open again, so my husband and I decided to visit the newly renovated spot. The parking lot and the viewing area from the top were fantastic – how nice that people who cannot manage the stairs and steep descent can now enjoy the beautiful falls. The picnic tables were a very nice addition as well.

As I was waiting for my husband, who had ventured down to walk under the falls, a mini bus filled with teenagers pulled into the parking lot. Two of the boys made a run for the restrooms. Just as quickly as they had run to the restrooms, they were running out – yelling and gagging. I thought it was just teenage theatrics, until my husband came up to get a paper towel to wipe the dogs feet with, and he came out of the men's room with a look on his face that was indescribable. He started coughing and

gagging and almost lost his lunch. He explained that the restrooms are no more than outhouses, without the benefit of lye to help with the odor or view. He said the holes (seats) were so large a small child could fall through. I took him at this word, as I had no desire to investigate.

My question is why would the parks department put such a thing in an area where you are only minutes from toilets that flush in Highlands. At this point, I wonder how long it will be before someone renames this lovely site to "Dry Heaves" – so if you are visiting the area, I would recommend holding it until you can reach town.

Judy Clifton Steighner
Melbourne, FL and Highlands

Zoning Board update

At the last week's Zoning Board meeting, the board granted the SUP to Highlands Pharmacy so renovation to the bottom floor to house the pharmacy and barber shop in Wright Square can begin.

The setback variance requested by a Bowery Road owner was continued until the October meeting when proper documentation outlining property and setback lines is presented.

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. **NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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• OBITUARIES •

Loretta Baty

Loretta Baty, age 65, of Highlands, NC, died Sunday, September 13, 2009 at her residence. She was a native of Macon County, NC, the daughter of the late James and Ethel Wilborn Jenkins. She was married to the late Clarence Baty, who died February 27, 2005. She was a homemaker and a Baptist by faith.

She is survived by two daughters, Tammy St. Germain of Highlands, NC and Pamela L. Maloy and her husband Steve, of Sylva, NC; one son, Timothy D. Baty of Franklin, NC; three sisters, Mary Baty of Highlands, NC, Effie Hunnicutt of Franklin, NC and Phyllis Pearson of Westminster, SC; four brothers, Louis Jenkins of Wahalla, SC, Junior Jenkins of Highlands, Billy Jenkins and Donnie Jenkins both of Seneca, SC; six grandchildren, three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, September 16 at 11 am in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands, with Rev. Oliver Rice officiating. Burial was at Blue Valley Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Chris St. Germain, Cody St. Germain, Jeffrey Baty, Michael Baty, Jason Thompson and Ryan Bush.

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

Kenneth Gerald Smoak

Kenneth Gerald Smoak, age 75, of Highlands, NC, died Sunday, September 13, 2009, at his residence. He was a native of Dade County, FL, the son of the late Kelley Fulton Smoak and Effie Estelle Dooley Smoak. He was a Supervisor for a Construction Company. He was a US Navy Veteran serving during the Korean War, and a member of the Highlands American Legion. He was a member of Community Bible Church in Highlands, and started the interspersory prayer.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda Lott Smoak, a daughter, Suzanne Roweton and her husband Kenneth of Highlands; a son, Thomas Kelly Smoak and his wife Kimberly of Melrose, FL; five grandchildren Kenny Rowenton, Jr., Christina Leigh Mohammed, Andrew Kenneth Everson, Kenneth Christian Smoak, and Karleigh Christian Smoak; one great-grandchild, Julian Ramon Mohammed. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lila Kay Smoak.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 19 at 11 am at Community Bible Church, with Rev. Gary Hewins and Rev. Walter Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Picklesimer Cemetery. The American Legion Post #108 and Franklin VFW Post #7339 will conduct complete military graveside rites.

Pallbearers will be Kenny Roweton, Jr., Michael Gillett, Bill Vernon, Larry Smoak, Glen Smoak, and Christopher Smoak. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Friday evening at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands, NC.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9956. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Jean McCord Boone

Jean McCord Boone, 91, died Sept. 5, 2009 at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center in Highlands, NC. She is survived by her son, Thomas Foster Boone, Jr. of Sawyers Bar, CA; her daughter, Martha MacMillan of Highlands; two brothers: Guyte P. McCord, Jr. of Tallahassee, FL, and James E. McCord of Dowling Park, FL; two granddaughters, Shannon E. Yaskowicz and Chrystal Boone Davis; one grandson, Foster B. Boone, and three great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Foster Boone, a daughter, Jane Boone Eldridge, and a grandson, David Foster Eldridge.

A schoolteacher and homemaker, Jean was devoted to her family, giving heart and soul with great joy to the raising of her children. She was active in her two beloved churches, Faith Presbyterian in Tallahassee and Highlands First Presbyterian.

A fine seamstress from childhood, she completed a variety of sewing projects for her church and its missions, as well as for all her extended family. Jean was a faithful member of the Presbyterian Women and of the Seekers study group.

She was a consummate reader and enthusiastic international traveler, and throughout her life maintained an open mind and heart, ever receptive to new ideas and experiences... a genuine seeker of truth. Her warm smile and gentle, wry wit endeared her to friend and stranger alike.

A graveside service was held at Oakland Cemetery in Tallahassee on September 9. A memorial service will be held at Highlands First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 20 at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Highlands First Presbyterian, the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, or MemoryCare of Asheville, N.C.

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Margaret Mitchum Cole

Margaret Louise Mitchum Cole, 65, of Highlands, NC, formerly of Burke County, GA, died Sunday, September 13, 2009 in Highland-Cashiers Hospital.

Mrs. Cole a beloved mother was born August 12, 1944 to the late Dorothy Long Rushton, was a former employee of Plant Vogtle and former bookkeeper for Peel & Bailey, CPA. Mrs. Cole was a member of the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frederick Walter Cole, Sr.

Funeral services were at 4 pm Wednesday at the Bethlehem Baptist Church in Girard, GA, with Rev. Dan Bowen officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

She is survived by her daughter, Michelle (Jody) Cole Crews of Franklin, NC; her son, Frederick W. (Mona) Cole, Jr. of Otto, NC and three grandchildren, various half brothers and sisters, and a niece and nephew.

Crowe-Fields Funeral Home of Millen, GA was in charge of arrangements.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

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dren and watch them grow from age five to graduation and be able to keep in touch with them all along the way.

"We have the best administration, faculty and staff at Highlands School. We're like one big family and we work well together as a team for our children. These co-workers are not just my colleagues, but my friends and family. Everyone of them should receive this honor because they all do a tremendous job.

"Each day I announce "Happy ... whatever day it is" ready with a smile on my face to embrace the day.

"I am grateful to the Highlands community, parents and volunteers who put in numerous hours each year and offer a very special thanks to the Macon County Commissioners and the Macon County School Board both of which have supported Highlands School all these years.

"I must also give special recognition to my late grandmother Irene James who as a life-long teacher taught me so much. Receiving this honor has been an indescribable blessing and I've been very fortunate.

"I thank Jane Chalker for the job I do and I give her thanks for teaching me so much

throughout the years.

"If we can see the world through the children's eyes, what a wonder we would see!"

Social Studies teacher Chris Green has been teaching six of his nine-year teaching career at Highlands School.

"It's a great honor to have been chosen Teacher of the Year," said Green. "Especially since it's the faculty here at the school who chose me. I am very honored that our faculty respected me enough to choose me for this

award."

Green said Highlands School is a wonderful place to work with great students and a talented and dedicated faculty. Green graduated from UNC-Asheville in 2000 and is currently working on his Masters in Social Studies Education at Western Carolina University. Prior to coming to Highlands, he was a social studies teacher in Columbia, NC on the outer banks.

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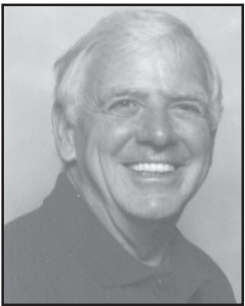
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Has the world gone mad?

Did the wicked witch sneak her secret potion into my well water? Have I gone mad and don't realize it or am I completely sane and the whole world is wacky? When I was a policeman, my nickname was "Mad Dog." Why did they call me that? Was it because I had gone mad or was it because I was more than mean to criminals? More study is needed.



Fred Wooldridge

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I just celebrated the thirty-fourth anniversary of my thirty-ninth birthday so I'm definitely qualified to be several clicks off center. Age doesn't necessarily bring on insanity....or does it? The world moves on, sometimes not for the better, but we geezers usually don't like it. We get stuck in the past.

For example, I long to be seated in the driver's seat of my "55" Olds with my girlfriend, soon to be my forever wife, snuggled next to me. She's blowing in my ear and it's distracting me from paying the cashier at the drive-in movie. Whatever happened to forever spouses and drive-in movies? Now everyone has throwaway spouses. There was a time when people got married and, for better or worse, in sickness or good health, for richer or poorer, stayed together and toughed it out when hard times came. What happened to that? Yep, maybe I am a wacko!

And why don't they make cars anymore where couples can snuggle next to each other in the front seat? A gear shift box has become an evil barrier between lovers. It has forced them into motels. And please put the dimmer switch back on the floor because ya can't dim your car lights with one hand on the wheel and your other arm around your girlfriend. Is this a conspiracy to purposely separate people or is it a plot by the motel industry? Or could it be my convoluted thinking?

If a man pats a girl on the fanny and she slaps him, the slap is acceptable behavior and he deserved it. But if a man pats a man on the fanny and the recipient slaps him, he's homophobic and needs counseling. I hate going for counseling so I just put a wash rag between my teeth and endure the pat. Yikes, maybe I have gone mad.

I can't go to the movies anymore because the movie industry has gone completely wacko. Now, people can actually fly without capes. Will someone please tell me how that's possible?

Because of widespread world news pumped into my living room 24/7, I realize there's not an honest person with any morals left in Washington, DC. I defy you to name one. Whatever happened to statesmen? Or does anyone

even know what statesmen are?

And whatever happened to the white man. I'm a white man but who cares? Unless you're black, Asian, Hispanic or Indian, you're a big nothing....you're toast. If you happen to be a geezer white man, ha, you're lower than whale dung.

Has the world forgotten about the white man's contributions to America? It was the white man who originally came here and killed off half the Indians and swindled the rest out of their land. I never got thanked for doing any of that. And it was the white man who brought black people to America as slaves to work for free. I never got thanked for that either. Also, it was white men who wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. In there, it says all men are created equal but the writers all owned slaves. The wicked witch had definitely visited their well.

When I can't take any more of this insanity, I head for the mountains of North Carolina to join my fellow loonies. Thousands of feet high, the world up here seems more normal....maybe not.

Each morning the li'l missus and I take brisk morning walks. We pass other walkers doing the same except they're carrying long poles. Not walking sticks, mind you, but long six-foot poles. I can only assume this is to keep bears away. Why else would anyone lug those stupid things around? You can tell when a fellow walker has had a bear encounter because their pole has been shoved up their....well, you know. I hear the pole also keeps elephants and rhinos away.

PS - If reading this has made you....well, a little crazy, drop by the house and I'll blow in your ear.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

People can and should make their own end-of-life decisions

In recent columns, I've written a lot about the end of life. We have considered the dying person's decisions, his choice to pursue palliative care or aggressive care. We touched on claims by terror mongers that health care legislation funds "death panels." We've even suggested that at some point, we must prioritize and ration care.

I don't believe that terminal patients should be granted or subjected to futile, aggressive, and expensive care. Their key word is futility.

I asked you to consider if your enthusiasm for aggressive, end-of-life care, might be tempered if the tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars came out of your pocket

or your estate. I raised a point that too often goes unrecognized, that procedure-based reimbursement creates a conflict of interest.

A patient approaches a doctor as a professional, while the fact is that he may be more a businessman than care giver, with a motivation that differs little from a commission salesman. Do any of us think the guy in the appliance department at Sears, the Ford showroom, or the jewelry store in the mall really has our interest uppermost in his mind?



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

Feedback is encouraged.
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Today, we are discussing another, rarely considered, end-of-life possibility. Assisted suicide is legal in the European nations of Netherlands, Switzerland, and Belgium, and in the United States in Oregon and Washington. There is strong opposition to ending life and it evokes disgust, perhaps a result of a universal desire to survive, and perhaps conditioned by moral lessons we learned in childhood.

I hope I live my life so that when I die, I've left no loose ends. I

hope that my affairs are in order, that those I love will be fully aware of my love. I trust that I will have forgiven those who have wronged me, and will have made amends to any I have injured. If such is the case, I will need no warning of my impending death, and I can hope for a painless, sudden demise without warning.

It is more likely that I, like many others could benefit from a little advance notice. If such is the case I hope that I can be a source of strength and inspiration, that I can impress friends and family with my courage. I'd like to be a model for others.

Unfortunately, it is at least as likely that I will be a frightened, angry old man, who

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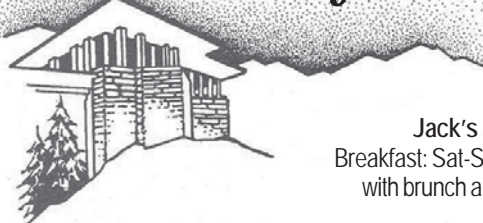
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ing sporadic cases of flu-like symptoms — seven in August, for example — but none have been hospitalized, hence they were not tested for H1N1 in accordance with CDC guidelines,” said Skip Taylor, community relations director with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Bruckner reported 198 confirmed cases of H1N1 in North Carolina and nine deaths. “There have only been two confirmed cases — via testing — in Macon County and no deaths,” he said.

The CDC and pharmaceutical companies are working overtime producing seasonal flu vaccine as well as H1N1 vaccine which are two different vaccines.

“It’s important that citizens of Macon County know that the seasonal flu vaccine will not protect them from the H1N1 flu and they will need to get both shots, when available,” said Villiard.

The health department has scheduled flu shot clinics across the county for the seasonal flu. The first one was in Nantahala last week. “We saw 130% more people come in for the flu shot this year than ever before in Nantahala,” he said. “But that one vaccine will not protect against the swine flu,” he said.

There is a seasonal flu clinic in Highlands on Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 2-6 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

Bruckner said there won’t be a shortage of seasonal flu shots like in years past. “It’s a clogged system because the CDC is trying to get the seasonal flu shot out first, but there’s plenty to go around and it’s comforting to know it will be here.”

The H1N1 vaccine is expected at the end of September or beginning of October.

For both types of flu, the health department is setting up flu shot clinics in each of the 12 Macon County schools to inoculate as many people in one contained place as possible. Permission forms will be sent home with students and must be signed and returned before students can receive the vaccination.

Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter said the county has not supplied the permission forms yet, but expects them soon.

Currently, health department officials don’t know if the H1N1 vaccine will be a one- or two-dose inoculation. But said all health care workers and employees in health care facilities — will be required to get the vaccine.

“Initially, the CDC said just health care employees who actually work with the ill would have to get the H1N1 shot but then they realized that the clerical staff and administrators walk the same halls and touch the same door knobs as everyone else,” said Bruckner.

Whereas the seasonal flu typically affects the elderly over 65 and the very young, 67% of the population affected by the H1N1 flu is 24 years and younger.

“The thought is that the elderly are more immune to the H1N1 strain because over the span of their life they have unknowingly been exposed to numerous and various flu strains,” said Bruckner.

When the H1N1 vaccine becomes available the first to receive it will be those in the

health care business and 18-year-olds and younger, he said.

Because of rising H1N1 flu rates in the region and throughout North Carolina, Mission Hospital in Asheville is asking the public to help prevent the spread of flu within the hospital by limiting visitation. In some areas of the hospital where patients are especially vulnerable, visitation restrictions will be enforced.

Children and teens are asked not to visit the hospital at all, because of the high rates of H1N1 flu among younger people. Adult visitors should be limited to the patient’s immediate family or the patient’s designated care-giver.

People who do not feel well should not visit the hospital at all. Those who do visit are asked to use good cough etiquette — cough or sneeze into a tissue or into the elbow, NOT into the hand. Wash hands thoroughly before and after visiting in the hospital.

The request also applies to pastors visiting members of their faith community, except in end-of-life and critical situations, they said.

However, Taylor said Highlands-Cashiers Hospital isn’t limiting visitation to either the hospital or the Eckerd Living Center at this time.

“We are asking folks to avoid visiting if they aren’t feeling well and especially if they have flu-like symptoms and/or a fever. Signs have been posted most of the summer to that effect,” he said.

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be offering a follow-up seasonal flu clinic but the Macon County Health Department will be handling all the H1N1 flu vaccinations, said Taylor.

Hudson Library

Members of the Hudson Library Board were at Monday’s meeting to solidify the relationship with the county — namely that the library board continue leasing the library property to the county for \$1 a year, that the county continue footing the bill for operation and maintenance costs and that it allocate \$106,250 from the fund balance to renovate the space previously occupied by The Bascom.

The current lease had run out and Attorney Lesley Moxley presented the new lease for discussion.

In addition, the board discussed the future relationship with the county which involves further expansion of the facility — by pushing out the back and adding a second floor — and complete integration into the Fontana Library system. However, given the current economy, all agreed this was not the time to address future expansion.

Macon County crews will be doing the renovation work which will only cost about \$34 per sq. ft. — a bargain, especially in Highlands, said commissioners.

The board agreed unanimously contingent upon the library board agreeing to the new lease.

• COACH'S CORNER •

Vengeance, real or imagined will come this Saturday

All week there has been talk of vengeance in this weekend's match-up between the Florida Gators and Tennessee Volunteers. Columnists from all walks of life around the nation and in the south have been playing up the battle between new Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin and his would-be judge, jury and executioner, Florida coach Urban Meyer.



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The talking point this week is not whether or not Florida is going to beat Tennessee, but by how much, and in what fashion Kiffin will get his comeuppance.

This hubbub over a game that holds little of the significance that it once did is mainly due to two things.

The first mainly stems from the brashness of the young Kiffin, who not only boasted that he would "sing Rocky Top all night long at the Swamp," but also because of his false accusations of cheating embarrassed both himself and the University of Tennessee.

The second stems from Urban Meyer's willingness to show vengeance in wins last year over both Miami and Georgia. Meyer ordered a late FG against Miami as punish-

ment for Hurricanes boasting to the media earlier in the week. Meyer also called late timeouts in last year's blow-out of the Dawgs in response to Georgia's creative celebrations the year beforehand.

This once proud rivalry has been reduced to Meyer-Kiffin due to the decline of the Vols as national title contenders.

Last week Tennessee managed just one TD against UCLA, and will certainly have even more trouble against the nation's best defense. However, the real question Saturday is not the extent to which Tennessee will be defeated, but how badly, and what would constitute "victory" for the Vols?

Will a score of 40-14 be considered a good thing amongst Rocky Top Nation? By playing into this "vengeance" storyline, has Kiffin actually managed to put pressure on the Gators?

How will Florida respond if they are only up by a touchdown at halftime? These are questions that will be answered on Saturday, and I will bet that I will not be the only one watching.

Chamber forms subgroup to promote Highlands

The Winter Arts and Business Group has been formed in Highlands to promote business and tourism here during the winter months.

The group of 16 local business leaders is a sub-committee of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce's business and community development committee.

Currently, the group is developing a calendar of activities highlighting the events planned by all businesses and nonprofit organizations in Highlands with the idea of marketing these events under a common umbrella to maximize awareness of the town. Event submissions are still being accepted and may be submitted to

president@highlandschamber.org or mailed to the chamber marked

Attn: Business & Community Development at P.O. Box 404, Highlands, NC 28741. Please include contact information on all submissions.

Once the calendar is finalized, the group plans to develop other activities that support the brand of Highlands and its arts, heritage, culture and nature. The calendar will be provided to businesses to distribute to their own customers as well as posted on the Web site

and available at the Visitor Center.

Some ideas for the upcoming holiday season include: Children's Culinary

Christmas with activities such as decorating gingerbread ornaments; ice skating; a sip and stroll; extended shopping hours with events and activities that encourage visitors to go to the shops; and a Highlands After Dark initiative with music venues and other entertainment.

This Holidays in Highlands calendar would then be provided to all businesses to market to their own database and audience.

Because the objective of the group is to bring business to Highlands during all of the winter months, other events are being planned for January through April.

The committee hopes to involve more members of the community by identifying ideas and activities. If any community member has an interest in contributing to specific areas such as music, culinary, heritage or the arts, this is a great opportunity to become involved in shaping these growth areas in Highlands. Those interested are asked to contact Highlands Chamber Executive Director Bob Kielytk

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Hedge against catching the flu

I hope everyone had a chance to get out to the Car Show this past weekend. It was spectacular with almost 100 classic cars which were over 30 years old. I remember the first car I bought was a 1950 Chevrolet coupe. I wish I still had that car. It was a beauty. Last year the car show, which was held at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park, a 1951 Chevy won the best of the show award and it was there again this year. The show raised over \$3,000 for the Hudson Library last year. I do not have the numbers yet from this year but I am sure they did well in attracting a thousand or so people to Highlands.



Mayor Don Mullen

Just a word about the threatened H1N1 flu outbreak. Thus far we have been fortunate in Macon County. I talked to an official at Western Carolina University in Jackson County where over 60 cases occurred when the students returned to school. They handled this outbreak in a way that prevented any further spread by confining the affected students to their rooms and most cases were very mild. As a physician let me just say that the best ways to keep from getting a disease like that are several very simple activities. Wash your hands thoroughly

with soap and water often is the best thing you can do. If you do get fever, cough or GI symptoms, stay home and away from people to prevent spread. So far the strain has not been severe but the fear is that the virus will mutate into a much more lethal form. Taking precautions will help reduce spread and mutate. When the flu shots for H1N1 become available, get them. In the meantime, get your regular flu shots which are now available at the health department.

Let me thank the citizens who came out to the Rec Park this past week to give the town some input in which way they would like to see the Recreation center go in the future. Putting together a 10 year plan is important and we want to follow the lead of the public as to what they want. If you did not come to that meeting last Wednesday, it is still not too late to let us know what you think about the activities offered at the recreation center and what you would like to see happen in the future. Call Selwyn Chalker at 526-3556 and let him know what you think. We have a great facility there and want to utilize it in the best ways possible.

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The Hudson Library is celebrating the freedom to read with this display about censorship and the importance of intellectual freedom to our democracy.

Celebrating the freedom to read

The Harry Potter books have been banned from some libraries in this country because, it is alleged, the books advocate witchcraft. The author of the series, JK Rowling, commented, "I have met thousands of children now, and not even one time has a child come up to me and said, 'Ms. Rowling, I'm so glad I've read these books because now I want to be a witch.'"

Every September the American Library Association celebrates our nation's intellectual freedom with "Banned Book Week." The public library historically has been the institution that has safeguarded the public's access to ideas and information.

Intellectual freedom is the right of every individual to seek information from all points of view so that any and all sides of a question, cause, or movement may be explored. An important component of the freedom to think is the right to read the free expression of others. Intellectual freedom is the basis of a democratic system.

This right to free thought is under continuous assault; every year books are challenged (in an attempt to have them removed from libraries) or banned as dangerous or offensive.

This month Hudson librarian Karen Hawk has put together a fascinating display in the library foyer, combining banned books and articles about censorship with arresting graphics.

The list of books that have been banned is long and often surprising, and includes childhood classics. *The Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm* has been banned for being too violent, containing negative portrayals of women, and for being anti-Semitic. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, by Mark Twain, has been banned for many reasons, including for being racist. *Little House on the Prairie*, by Laura Ingalls Wilder, was banned in South Dakota because it

contained statements deemed to be derogatory to Native Americans.

The books on display are from the Hudson Library collection, all of which have been challenged or banned in other libraries, including *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*, *It's so Amazing: A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Family*, by Robie H Harris, *Creationism on Trial: Evolution and God at Little Rock*, by Langdon Gilkey, and *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, by DH Lawrence.

Judith Krug, the founder of Banned Book Week and a librarian, said, "Some users find materials in their local library collection to be untrue, offensive, harmful or even dangerous. But libraries serve the information needs of all the people in the community — not just the loudest, not just the most powerful, not even just the majority. Libraries serve everyone."

The Hudson Library is celebrating 125 years of library service to the people of Highlands. On Sunday, September 27 from 2-5 pm the library trustees are throwing a birthday party and the entire community is invited. Refreshments will be served, and at 3:30 storytellers will recount some amusing and intriguing anecdotes from the Hudson Library's past. For example, have you ever heard what was hidden behind the green curtain from the tender eyes of Highlands' youth?

During the party there will also be recognition of the many volunteers who make both the Hudson Library and the library's used bookstore, the Bookworm, possible.

The Hudson Library is located at 554 Main Street and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call the library at 526-3031.



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In the darkness of pre-dawn we set sail up I-77. Soon, it became painfully obvious that our driver, had hauled us around the country for years, was off his game. Going from shoulder to shoulder, then unsuccessfully trying to ride the center line, then nearly plowing into the rear of a well lit 18-wheeler, we exited the highway at Fancy

Gap and enjoyed the hospitality and fine dining at the BP truck stop.

After an hour or so, our replacement driver found us and we were off again at 9:30. Evidently Joe, our original driver had a very negative reaction to a new medication he just started taking and didn't realize that he was impaired. 50 folks on the bus had no problem reaching that conclusion. The rain stopped, the fog cleared and he we had clear sailing.

We arrived in DC in mid-afternoon in time to perform our initial purpose, that was, to disburse to various congresspersons' offices for scheduled appointments. A group of us had a little time to spare, so we

dropped in on a friend, a Congressman from Georgia who welcomed us into his office. During our conversation with him, we learned that Speaker Pelosi told House members to leave town early irrespective of scheduled appointments.

It came time for our 4:30 visit to Rep. Shuler, an appointment that had been confirmed the previous day. We arrived at his office to find he had left town a few hours before. His staff person really didn't make any excuses for him but claimed she had called the guy coordinating the trip to move the meeting up. A review of his Blackberry showed no attempt to reach him. While we had a conversation with his Legislative director, we did not learn Shuler's intentions concerning health care reform legislation. So the "transparent government" promised by Pelosi continues to run and hide from the people he supposedly "represents."

On Friday morning, while others bussed to the hill to meet with staffers, wifey and I stayed in the hotel and were able to watch the 9/11 ceremonies at the Pentagon where Obama appeared to speak. It was pouring. It poured on him as he spoke, uncovered in any way, getting soaked to the bone. No raincoat, no nothing. Speech over, one would have thought he and Michelle would head for cover. Instead, they spent several minutes shaking hands with the assembled, looking like drowned rats.

Very shortly thereafter TV reporting was interrupted by breaking news of a Coast Guard fracas on the Potomac very near the Pentagon where Obama was reigning.

Reports of "shots fired," either by the CG or the suspect vessel, were called erroneous by officials. It was a training exercise, they claimed. OK, but why in the immediate vicinity of the bridge that the President had taken to get to the Pentagon and would take to return to the White House?

On Friday night, we were privileged to attend a rooftop reception and mingled with the organizers of the 9/12 March on the Capitol. The real excitement came on Saturday, when we showed up at Freedom Plaza where the March formed up. Our crew from North Carolina were volunteers to help the police with crowd control and we received our marching orders. The schedule called for the March to depart the Plaza at 11:30 after being charged up by a number of speakers.

Plans, especially when you are plowing new ground, often go awry, sometimes in a good way. Shortly after 10:00, Freedom Plaza could hold no more. People were spill-

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Birth of a new political party

by John Armor

The last time a new American political party came into being, one strong enough to elect a President, was in 1854. As you have guessed, that was the Republican Party. Its first elected President was Abraham Lincoln in 1860.

Many third party and independent campaigns have been mounted since then. The Progressive Party around 1900 managed to elect Governors and majorities in the legislature of several states. Their high water mark was in 1912, when former President Teddy Roosevelt chose that Party as his vehicle to run again when the Republicans declined to nominate him, again. (No, there never was a "Bull Moose Party." Don't send letters and postcards claiming that there was.)

What's the relevance of this ancient history to the off-year, congressional election in 2010? Well, take a look at that history and see what seems familiar.

The Republican Party began with a meeting in Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1854. Present were members of the Free Soil Party (favoring continued homesteading rights) and Conscience Whigs (northern Whigs separated from their southern members over slavery). The meeting was led by a disgruntled Democrat (who also split with his Party on slavery).

Remember this point. The new Party was created by people who had been elected under other party labels, but became dissatisfied with their current parties' stands on key issues. The current two major parties are both fractured over key issues, including taxes, public debt, growth of government regulations, and respect for the Constitution.

All new party efforts since 1854 have failed at the national level. The reason for that unbroken history of failure is because all those new party efforts sought to reinvent the wheel and create parties from scratch. All successful efforts up to 1854 followed a different path. In the successful examples, elected officials changed their party labels, and later captured the support of voters who'd made the same shifts.

In 1856 the Republican candidate, John Fremont, won a third of the votes though his Party wasn't one of the two strongest parties, going into that election. By 1858, the Republicans held a majority in Congress, not because they had elected a majority of the Senators and Representatives. They elected many. But the Members who put them over the top had been elected under other party labels, but switched to the Republicans.

All right, what is the situation of the current major parties? The Democrats are split into three groups, the hard left, the

center, and the moderate right. There is no love lost between the right and left wings of that Party. Votes coming up in Congress will probably demonstrate that the wings of the Democrats hate each other enough so they will refuse to vote together.

The Republican Party is also fractured, into the hard right, and the squishy moderates. The hatred within the Party may be less, but the refusal to hold together for votes in Congress will be equally apparent.

And where do the American people stand? They have contempt for both the Republican and Democrat Parties. On the is-



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sues, public opinion is more against the Democrats than Republicans. Experts on both sides of the aisle expect the Democrats to lose seats in both Houses of Congress in 2010. But because the Republicans are also disrespected, they will probably will not win a majority in either House.

Some Republicans talk of "rebranding the Party." Such efforts will

fail. Just because the cat has kittens in the oven, doesn't make them biscuits. However, if a majority of Republicans and a minority of Democrats all support these four issues — obey the Constitution, cut taxes,

reduce government control of lives of Americans, and support term limits — as a group they will dominate the elections and control both Houses of Congress.

What label will they adopt? The Tea Party Party is too casual. They will dump the current leaders of both Houses of Congress, assuming that Senator Reid has not already been dumped by his Nevada constituents, a preliminary shock heralding the coming earthquake.

No pundits are currently talking about this new party possibility. It is a long shot. But those who ignore the political history of American parties do not even realize this has happened several times before, and can happen again.

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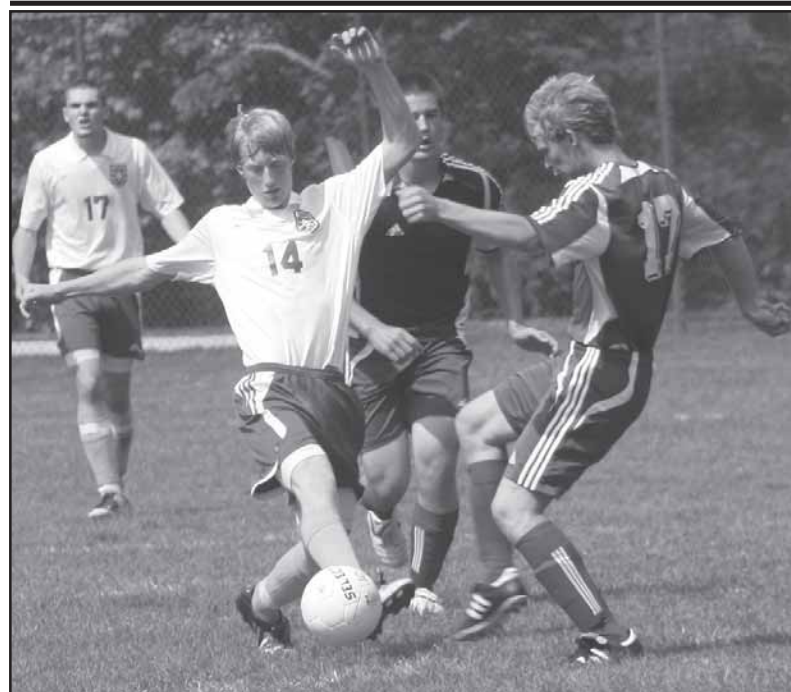
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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •



Highlands lost to Rabun-Gap Nacoochee last week, but Highlands player Isaac Beavers was on his game.

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Highlands fight hard for victory

Last week the Highlands Men's soccer team split a pair of games as they finished up their non-conference schedule before heading into conference play.

Saturday, the Highlanders dropped a tough game 3-0 to non-conference foe Rabun Gap here in Highlands. Monday, the Highlanders began conference play by traveling to Hayesville to face the Yellow Jackets.

Hayesville is a much improved team and played a great game, giving a young Highlands team all they could handle.

The Highlanders were down 1-0 at the half but showed signs of a maturing team in the second half.

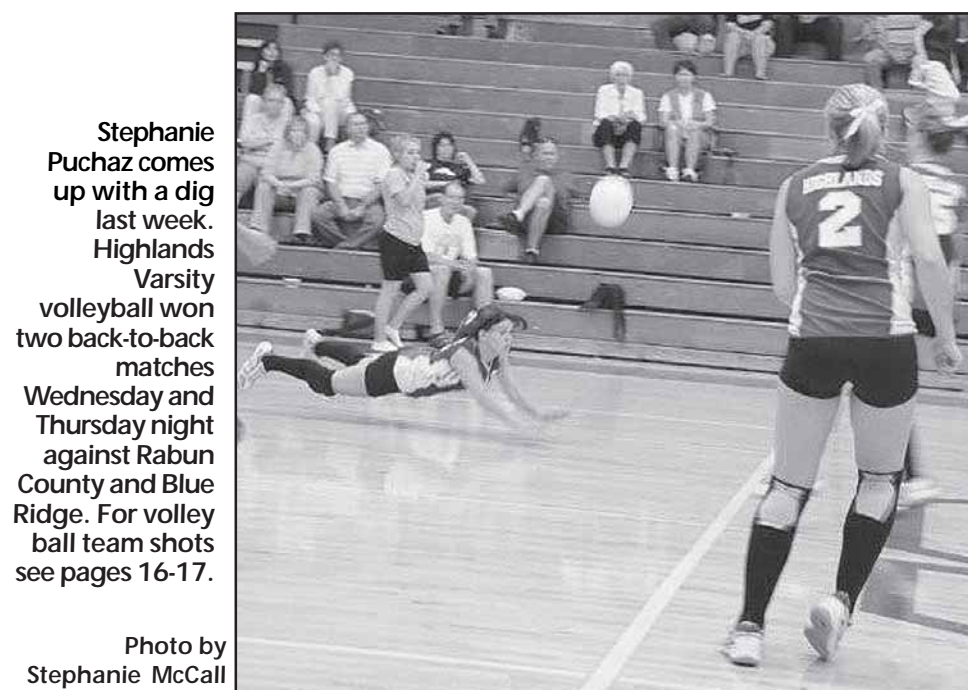
Michael Shearl came up big with a great goal off a free kick to tie the game in the first five minutes of the second half. A few minutes

later Tyler Converse gave Highlands the lead. After a great start to the second half, the young Highlanders showed some fatigue and Hayesville was able to capitalize off a free kick. The game went into overtime and our captain Will Mathiowdis came up big under pressure and scored on a penalty kick to give Highlands a 3-2 victory.

Highlanders coach Chris Green was very happy with the effort, but stressed that there was still room for improvement.

"We have to do a better job defending set plays," said Green, but "we won a tough fought game and I hope this will be the beginning of a great conference season."

The Highlanders take to the road Friday to play Madison County, and will return home next Monday to face conference rival Murphy.



Stephanie Puchaz comes up with a dig last week. Highlands Varsity volleyball won two back-to-back matches Wednesday and Thursday night against Rabun County and Blue Ridge. For volleyball team shots see pages 16-17.

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finds it impossible to deal with his pain in a dignified manner, one who blubbers like a baby and rails at his caregivers. If that is the case, I can see no reason to hang around as a burden and an embarrassment.

Once I've tied up the loose ends, and after I've lost the struggle to maintain my dignity, I'd like to choose my time to die. I don't understand why it's anybody's business.

The usual argument is that murder is murder, without exception, and that God chooses the time we die.

My understanding of history is that God has been delegating the duty of death

for millennia. The story of Joshua's victory at Jericho offers an example.

God, apparently a structural engineer with a special interest in harmonics, instructed Joshua's priests to blow their ram horns. The city walls came tumbling down and Joshua's army scaled the rubble to kill every man, woman, and child in the city, with the exception of a treacherous prostitute who housed spies of the Israelites.

We need not look so far back. Throughout history, governments and religions have declared themselves instruments of God's will in the practice of mass murder.

In the 21st century radical Muslims are

still killing for God, and let's not forget that President Bush referred to our Crusade in the Middle East.

It is time to reconsider the taboo against assisted suicide. Even where it is legal, few people exercise the option, but the option exists. I fail to understand society's interest in keeping alive people with terminal illness and who wish to hasten their death. Legislative safeguards can protect the innocent and the infirmed.

We need not fear that a law permitting assisted suicide with strict limits would lead to the kind of abuses seen in Nazi Germany. The "foot in the door" is a weak ar-

gument. It's 37 years since the Supreme Court of the United States decided Roe v. Wade, and we're still not killing deformed babies. It is time to acknowledge that every one of us will die, and under certain circumstances, it's not a bad idea to speed the process. Whose life is it, anyway?

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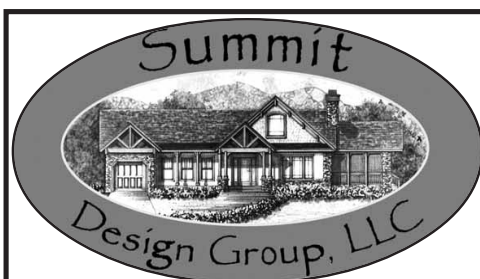
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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Hospital sees biggest revenue month ever, on pace to regain previous footing



General Surgeon Gus Dozier, MD, FACS, and team perform surgery at the Outpatient Surgery Center at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. An upswing in the number of surgeries and endoscopies performed, along with a jump in utilization is several others, has the hospital's financial situation on the rebound after a couple of down years.

Thanks to a major jump in surgeries, endoscopies, and other outpatient procedures, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital saw its largest single month of gross revenue ever this past July. That further boosted efforts to slash last year's multi-million dollar operating deficit and return the hospital to relative financial stability.

"July was a milestone month for us in many ways. Not only was it the single biggest month for gross revenue the hospital has ever seen, our gastroenterologist Dr. Richard Carter set a record for the most endoscopies ever performed here in a single month by one physician," said hospital President and CEO Ken Shull. "That not only resulted in a net profit larger than we had budgeted for, it was even large enough to cover depreciation costs for the month – something we don't see very often at this hospital."

The month, which generated nearly \$2.8 million revenue before contractual and other expenses, saw a 52 percent increase in the number of overall surgeries, an all-time record for the number of endoscopies performed in a single month (96), and big jumps in the number of laboratory, radiology (up 25 percent) and respiratory procedures (plus 40 percent). All that and smaller increases in utilization of hospital services almost across the board led to a net profit of nearly \$300,000 for the month (before depreciation).

Even before July's figures the hospital was having a much better year financially than in the previous several years, when the loss of its general surgeon and gastroenterologist significantly reduced revenues. The hospital lost a record \$3.4 million in the last fiscal

year, before figuring in any depreciation costs. The budget this fiscal year (which ends Sept. 30), slashed that deficit by more than half, and the hospital is on a pace to do even better than the \$1.5 million loss it projected.

"With only a couple of months left in the fiscal year, we are currently forecasting the deficit to be between \$1.2 and 1.3 million before depreciation," said hospital CFO Mike Daiken. "Even our auditors have been impressed at how far we've come in just one year."

If that forecast holds, the hospital's operational annual loss will be virtually what it was back in 2005.

"Ken and his administrative team, with the help of our managers, and staff, have made remarkable progress in reducing the hospital's operating deficit by holding down costs and thanks to the reestablishment of general surgery and gastroenterology services," observed Bud Smith, chairman of the hospital's board of directors. "One of the hospital's top priorities two years ago was to recruit a general surgeon and a gastroenterologist who matched or exceeded the caliber of the physicians who left, and we did that. Now that investment is paying off, not only in the hospital's bottom line, but also in the quality of care and the feedback we get from patients each and every day."

"We are all certainly proud of the progress we've made this year, but we also understand there's still more work to do," said Shull. "We would like to reduce the operational deficit still further and the proposed budget for next year will do just that. However, it is equally critical that everyone out in

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Citizens get tour of the hospital's radiology department including the nuclear medicine camera.

'Grand Rounds' tours on-going at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation kicked off a series of "Grand Rounds" Tours Sept. 9. Open to the public, the morning sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. and include a complimentary breakfast. In addition to getting a in-depth look at hospital faculties, the events provide participants with a chance to meet and chat with some of the hospital's many physicians before touring the facility.

Above hospital Director of Community Relations Skip Taylor and Alex Lane, CNMT, RT (R,N), of the hospital's radiology department show participants the nuclear medicine camera. "The tours offer excellent insight to our hospital.

The aim of the "Grand Rounds" idea is for people to understand who we are and what we are about," said Robin Tindall-Taylor. "People can better understand the scope of

what is involved in patient care from the perspective of relaxed discussion and an insightful tour rather than from the perspective of a patient, when you're preoccupied with the dilemma of your own illness." Reaction to the first event was very positive: "I especially liked hearing the doctor's perspective of the hospital," said Emily Adkins, one of the grand rounds participants. "It was interesting to understand and appreciate how doctors interact with each other, as well as about their relationship with larger institutions when it is necessary to transfer patients for more specialized care."

Other tours are scheduled on Sept. 18, Oct. 6 and 15. For more information about the Grand Rounds Tour series please call 526-1434.

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the communities we serve understands that the hospital is still dependent on contributions in order to keep its doors open. That has historically been the case."

Shull said that's because the hospital serves an area with a very seasonal population and one that is predominately covered by Medicare. "There are simply not enough year-round people who are covered by private insurance plans for a small rural hospital such as ours to ever succeed financially based on patient revenue alone. We are always going to be dependent on donations to purchase capital equipment, replace facilities, and even to cover operations unless the current reimbursement system changes radically."

"Our communities have an incredibly strong tradition of philanthropic support for their local hospital, at all levels, and we can all be very thankful for that," said Robin Tindall-Taylor, executive director of the hospital's foundation. "With the challenges we face here as a small critical access hospital, the MasterKey program, in which donors contribute \$1000 annually, is vital to continuing the programs, services and equipment we need to provide great medical care.

"While we're fortunate that many people here recognize the importance of main-

taining a strong community hospital, we need to renew and build on that enthusiasm to generate new donations," she added. "We hope that others, particularly new residents to the area, will come to appreciate how important it is to their own health and to that of the community as a whole, to have an outstanding hospital close by."

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ing out in the streets and more were coming with no place to go. The police told us we needed to get the March started to free up the Plaza for the next wave of marchers, so off we went. For two and a half hours, people marched down Pennsylvania Avenue, 12-15 abreast.

The West lawn of the Capitol was woefully inadequate to hold the swelling crowd.

The streets and parking lots in front of the Capitol were full of bodies for as far as the eye could see. The speaker at the podium told the crowd that people were backed up to Eighth Street (about a half a mile) on Pennsylvania Avenue and would we try and make room to accommodate more folks. It was not a scene for the claustrophobic.

Don't believe any reports you hear or read of the event unless it's from someone who was there. As I understand it, the National Park Service' original estimate of the

crowd size was 2.1 million. They had photographers taking pictures from helicopters to analyze for a more scientific count. I haven't heard those results.

Police personnel, veterans of years of gatherings in Washington, said this was the largest by far they had ever seen. They were also the best-behaved crowd they ever encountered. I saw no trash or mess of any sort left behind.

Even though most of the people, some of whom came thousands of miles, never got close enough to the speakers platform to hear or see what was going on, their being there sent the real message. The libs can continue to be in denial and claim this is just a vocal fringe element but we know better. This was a demonstration of the will of the people and it was loud and clear.

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think of it as so tidy. You had two super powers, they drew their lines in the sand, there were charts to see exactly how each team was doing, the number of nuclear weapons, the number of missiles and their throw weight, how many tanks in were in Europe and so on. Basically, the citizens of the US and USSR were left to pray that the threat of nuclear destruction would keep either government from doing anything rash.

Well, today we are faced with a whole new world and a whole bunch of other challenges, not that nuclear annihilation wasn't a threat. But now there are these various centers of power around the world, competing with each other in this era of globalization, economic integration, competition for energy and of course, nuclear proliferation.

In addition, we have the problem of non-state players like Al-Qaeda and its ideological rivals who don't operate within a state

framework so that makes them very difficult to deal with. You literally don't know what their address is or who's going to hold them accountable for their actions. So that is very, very difficult.

You also have drug networks that are growing more and more powerful and in some areas operate law into themselves as in Afghanistan.

There is also a great danger from failed states — an area which has geographic borders but where no one is in charge. And the first that comes to mind is Somalia. In a sense Afghanistan prior to 2001 was also a failed state from the stand point that there was no one there who could exercise control. We're also keeping an eye on Yemen. This is a new phenomenon that the world is facing and it's a problem for us and the Russians who have the Chechnya, and the Chinese who have the Wegers, both areas that are trying to break away from those countries. And if they do, can they actually operate as a state?

There is no better example of how complex the successful execution of foreign policy is in this new age than Iran. So, I'm going to take you through what's going on in Iran and what's the best American response.

The US sees a number of threats from Iran. It has been an implacable enemy of the US since 1979 and from the Iranian viewpoint, we have been an implacable enemy of the Islamic Republic, which is a fair assessment.

We are concerned about the present administration in Iran under Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that has been visibly trying to export the Islamic Revolution into the Arab World through Hasbalah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza.

We have seen since 2003 with American involvement in Iraq, Iran's ability to frustrate US goals in that country. They are exercising influence in central Asia which is a concern of the US because you have all these new gas lines running out of central Asia to the Mediterranean port and of course the potential for Iran to develop nuclear weapons.

Let me talk a bit about the nuclear problem. This is something we hear about in the news everyday. What is Iran's nuclear program? They claim they are developing nuclear power for peaceful uses, which they have the right to do under the non proliferation treaty. With that treaty, they undergo IAEA inspections, but there is evidence they are ultimately going toward a nuclear program from which they can derive nuclear weapons.

The problem for us is, that if they continue in that direction, we really don't have a military option to stop that, nor does anyone else. And that's something we just have to accept.

Air strikes against Iran are out because the nuclear facilities are geographically scattered and they're buried in two mountain ranges, the Zagros and Elburz, which are not nice rolling mountains but instead very big mountains. Going over a huge mountain

range and blowing it to smithereens just to reach a reactor is just not technologically very promising.

Invasion and occupation of Iran is out because Iran is a nation of 70 million people and the country is 636,000 sq. miles. This is a big country.

Iraq has 28 million people and 433,000 sq. miles and we have seen what a problem that has been for us. But the most important deterrent to military action is that the entire Iranian population is connected metaphysically by an intense sense of nationalism and the sacred soul of Iran. One military move on Iran unites the entire population.

We saw that phenomenon in 1980 when Saddam Hussein invaded Iran for the purpose of upsetting the Iranian revolution before it washed over into Iraq. And in that period in which you had the majority opposed to a clerical regime, you suddenly had everyone united behind Kolmini as the symbol of Iranian nationalism. It was under Kolmini that the Iranians endured eight years of very, very bloody civil war during which they sustained one million casualties. So we are talking about psychological factors that have real meaning in political terms and in power terms.

• Next week we will discuss what America can do under these circumstances.

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be done and makes it enforceable," said Town Planner Joe Cooley.

Currently, the church's "Wellspring" property located behind the church's Main Street property, houses the Food Pantry, parking and a cottage used for guests.

Eventually, the church wants to build a new Faith and Fellowship Center on the property including additional parking but not the amount required by in its current B3 zoning.

"All of this is being planned so the sanctuary can remain on Main Street as it has for the past 100 years," said Weller. With the Fellowship Hall moved behind the church, the sanctuary could be extended to the south which would allow it to stay where it is."

Without specifics, when the rezoning request was made, commissioners were reluctant to say "yes" because unless "conditionally" zoned — that is with contingencies attached — a subsequent owner of the property could put anything allowed in the B1 district on the property.

Though construction or changes aren't likely to occur for 3-5 years, Weller said the church wants the conditional zoning so it can plan for the future.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said it's impossible for the town to know what conditions it might want to apply to the project this far ahead, but Cooley said stipulations could be outlined and if the church wanted to change anything it would have to come back to the town for a "change in conditions."

The board sent the church's request to the Planning Board to stipulate conditions. Once the Planning Board makes a recom-

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mendation, the Town Board will hear it again, but before it makes a final decision a public hearing will be set.

Dredging Easements

With the town's drinking water supply in jeopardy due to siltation in the Big Creek Arm of Lake Sequoyah and with the permitting process underway for the \$2 million grant from the US. Army Corps of Engineers, the town has begun working with property owners along the affected waterway.

At Wednesday night's meeting, Town Attorney Bill Coward presented a letter the town has sent all property owners along the Big Creek Arm of Lake Sequoyah requesting a permanent easement agreement so dredging can be done.

The need for dredging is due to long-term, natural siltation. Due to siltation, the area around the town's drinking water intake apparatus has become too shallow. The shallow water impacts the quality and quantity of potable water that the water treatment plant produces for Highlands' citizens.

Turbidity is one by-product of siltation which increases the cost of maintenance and causes the premature replacement of pumps.

DENR and the Army Corps of Engineers have determined that the original streambed of the lake needs to be restored to its original location and that the island formed by recent hurricane which is impeding the channel be removed.

The proposed method for silt removal is via a suction dredge which will enter the lake from town property and navigate to the Big

Creek Arm where it will remove the silt without contacting citizens' property on dry land.

"The only part of citizens' property which extends into the creek will be the underwater silt portion touched in the procedure," said Coward. The silt will be removed off-site.

When the dredging begins depends on funding, permits, easements and the bidding process, but the town has its required 100% local match.

To be eligible for funding, all necessary permits from appropriate agencies along with plans, contract documents and easements must be in hand.

The problem is getting the easements from the property owners. The town is requesting permanent easements so it can do the work again if necessary, even if 30 years from now without having to ask property owners again.

At Wednesday night's Q&A concerning the project, property owners said they only want to give the town temporary easements.

Coward didn't know if temporary easements would be allowed, but the board instructed Town Manager Jim Fatland to discuss that with the Army Corps of Engineers.

So far, of about 30 property owners, only five have said yes to the permanent easement and of another 14 asked, 13 said yes to a temporary easement if that was put on the table.

Commissioner Larry Rogers said dredging the Big Creek Arm would make property along the creek more valuable. Property owners agreed, but wouldn't budge concerning

the type of easement.

They are also concerned about Randall Lake upstream, whose silt build-up was unleashed into Big Creek 10 years ago. It's a private lake and the town's only authority is that outlined in an Impoundment Ordinance which requires owners of lakes to disclose when and how their lakes will be drained for cleaning or dam repair so property owners downstream won't be surprised or affected as in the past.

The owner of the lake told Town Engineer Lamar Nix he would like it if the town cleaned the lake and repaired the ailing dam – a project estimated to cost \$1 million.

Commissioner Patterson suggested moving ahead with temporary easements with property owners. "This way we're ready to get the money when allocated and we can work toward the Randall Lake project later instead of approaching it all at once," she said.

However, since dealing with Randall Lake would offer protection of the town's water source, and satisfy the Big Creek property owners at the same time, Fatland suggested bundling the projects – the \$2 million for dredging of the Big Creek Arm and the \$1 million to clean and stabilize the Randall impoundment – and requesting funding for both projects.

The board requested him to discuss the bundling and temporary easement versus permanent easements with the Corps and also asked Coward to work up temporary easement requests just in case.

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

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Wednesdays

- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at Ruka's Table at 163 Main Street in Wright Square in Highlands at 7:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome. If you are new to the Highlands area we invite you to join us for breakfast and our meeting.

- 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.

1st & 3rd Thursdays

- NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will have a support group meeting the first and third Thursday of each month. It is for people coping with serious mental illnesses (bi-polar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, panic disorder, etc) and/or their family members. We also do advocacy and educational programs. 486 W. Palmer St., Franklin, NC, 7-8 p.m., with snacks afterwards. For information

contact Carole Light, Ph.D. at 828-526-9769 or Ann Nandea at 828-369-7385

2nd & 4th Fridays

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

Fridays & Saturdays

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

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

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

Fridays & Sundays

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

Every Third Saturday

- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

Every Fourth Saturday

- Friends of Panthertown work days, are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

Saturdays

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music

beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

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

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

Thursdays

- ZUMBA classes at the Highlands Rec Park. Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays 8 a.m. Classes are one hour long and cost \$5 per class. Also at the Cashiers Community Center at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 342-2498 for more information.

Through Oct. 10

- Exhibition *Cat Chow: Beyond Fiber Art* in the Loft Gallery at The Bascom. Admission is free. The Bascom is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (828) 526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Oct. 17

- Exhibition *Southern Landscapes by Lamar Dodd and Will Henry Stevens* in the Main Gallery at The Bascom. Admission is free. The Bascom is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, call (828) 526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Through Oct. 30

- *Dave Russell: Stacked Stone Sculpture*, an outdoor exhibition, on display at The Bascom. Admission is free. For information, call (828) 526.4949 or

Locals line up for upcoming HCP production



Kirk Howard, Lee Lyons, Donna Cochran, Rachael Hedden, Janelle Johnson, Jody Read, Ron Leslie, Victoria Clark, Gardner Davis, Christian Trevathan, Bonnie Earman, Dianne Rosazza, Stuart Armor, Faye Siegel, Marsha Shmalo, Colin Long and Kathryn Cochran.

The Highlands Cashiers Players are kicking-off their 15th Season with a revival of A. R. Gurney's *The Dining Room*. Kathryn Cochran and Kirk Howard will direct the play. The Production Coordinator is Ronnie Spilton. The play will be performed at the Martin - Lipscomb Performing Arts Center October 15 - 18 and 22 - 25.

A delightful and charming play, the *Dining Room* was first staged by HCP in Highlands in 1997 and cast members Stuart Armor and Donna Cochran, as well as director Kathryn Cochran were in the original production twelve years ago.

The play is set in the dining room of a

typical well-to-do household, the place where the family assembled daily for breakfast and dinner and for any and all special occasions. The action is comprised of a mosaic of inter-related scenes - some funny, some touching, some rueful - which, taken together, create an in-depth portrait of the American upper-middle-class. Dovetailing swiftly and smoothly, the varied scenes coalesce, ultimately, into a theatrical experience of exceptional range, compassionate humor and abundant humanity.

A first for both HCP and the Martin - Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, this production will make use of a "thrust stage" built

out from the present stage into the PAC auditorium with the audience seated on three sides. In this more intimate setting, the audience will have the feel of being seated at the dining room table. "The Dining Room" is sponsored in part by Buck's Coffee shop and Mirror Lake Antiques.

For more information on the Highlands Cashiers Players' 2009 - 2010 season visit our web site www.highlandscommunityplayers.org or call Mary Adair Leslie at Summit One Gallery, Tuesdays thru Saturdays, 828-526-2673, 10:00 to 5:00.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Local historians pen book

Highlands is not just home to cool mountain breezes, breathtaking views and world-class shopping and restaurants — it also boasts a rich and vibrant history.

What started as the dream of two developers in 1875 has grown from a tiny hamlet into a beloved home and home-away-from-home for many. Join sixth-generation Highlands native Isabel Hall Chambers and her husband, Overton Chambers, as they share charming tales of old Highlands, from lazy summer days playing "town ball" to ice-skating and celebrating Christmas in *Remembering Highlands: From Pioneer Village to Mountain Retreat*.

Woven into this collection of articles from the *Laurel* magazine are true stories of some of the area's grand old homes, its traditions and an array of interesting residents and visitors through the years, as told by fathers and grandfathers, old postcards, letters, deeds and even tombstones. Everyone who loves this unique mountain community will delight in *Remembering Highlands*.

Isabel Hall Chambers, a Brenau graduate, is a sixth-generation native of this area and a Norton descendant through her father, Tudor Norton Hall, and grandmother, Meta Norton Frost Hall. Her memories of her family, knowledge of family history and growing up in Highlands are the basis for many of these stories. She is a founding member and the first president of the Highlands Historical Society. In addition, she was recently appointed historical archivist for the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. This, along with her interest and knowledge of Highlands' history, has caused her to be sought out by visitors looking up their roots. She is a storyteller and enjoys other storytellers.

Overton "Tony" Chambers was born in Chicago and is Isabel's husband. He came to Highlands with his family in 1936, and a year later they built a summer home in Highlands. At Dartmouth College, he majored in English. He and Isabel and their three sons returned to Highlands in 1972. He is a member of the North Carolina Writer's Network and published his first novel in 2005. His interests are writing, genealogy and history. **Meet the authors in Highlands Saturday, Sept. 19 from 1-3 at Cyrano's Bookshop, 390 Main Street; Friday, Sept. 25 from 2-4 at the Hudson Library, 554 Main Street, and Saturday, Sept. 26 from 1-3 at the Highlands Historical Society on 520 N. 4th Street.**

visit www.thebascom.org.

Thursday, Sept. 17

- Mark Twain (Marvin Cole) will perform at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands at 7:30. Tickets are \$15, and may be reserved at 828-526-9047. 9/17

- PTO General Dinner-Meeting in the school cafeteria Thursday to coincide with the annual school Book Fair. A fundraiser dinner to benefit the basketball team begins at 5 p.m. with the meeting at 6 p.m. this way people can keep eating during the meeting. There will be a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate at the Book Fair. The winning class during "class count" will receive a \$100 for their teacher/classroom.

- Taize service at the Holy Family Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.

- The Thursday Library Movie Matinee is "Confessions of a Shopaholic" which will be shown at 3 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room. The series is hosted by the Friends of the Albert Carlton - Cashiers Community Library. This romantic comedy, released only six months ago, is the story of a college grad who lands a job as a financial journalist to support her shopping addiction and falls for a wealthy entrepreneur. It is based on the book by Sophie Kinsella. The movie and popcorn are free, but donations are appreciated. Movies are among the many services provided to the community by the Friends of the Library.

- Southern Living at Home products line, is hosting a fundraiser to benefit the New Jackson County Library Fund from 3 - 7 p.m., at the United Community Bank meeting room located at 1640 East Main Street in Sylva. All profits from the sales of these products to

help furnish the new Jackson County Public Library Complex. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, please call Dale Cate at home 631-3860.

Fri., Sept. 18

- Grand-Rounds Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Tour. Open to the public, the morning sessions begin at 7:30 a.m. and include a complimentary breakfast. In addition to getting a in-depth look at hospital facilities, the events provide participants with a chance to meet and chat with some of the hospital's many physicians before touring the facility. For more information about the Grand Rounds Tour series please call 526 1434.

- Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Fundraiser at the Highlands Community Building (next to the ballpark) from 8 a.m. until. Featuring a HUGE yard sale, lemonade stand and bake sale. At 4 p.m. it's a hamburger/hot dog dinner for \$5 per plate. 4 p.m. hair cuts by stylist Lacy Jane Vilardo, live music with Oliver Rice and The Blue Ridge Mountain Band and

• See EVENTS page 26



Upcoming Book Signings
526-5488 • Main Street
e-mail: cyranos@nctv.com

Sept. 19
Overton & Isabel Chambers
Remembering Highlands
1- 3 pm

Wolfgang and Mindy Green
Of
Wolfgang's Restaurant
& Wine Bistro
Invite everyone to attend a
"Meet the Candidate"
Wine and Cheese Reception
honoring

Gary Drake
"For Town Commissioner"

Sunday, September 27th
3:00 till 5:00pm

474 Main Street

Ruby Cinema

Hwy. 441, Franklin, NC
524-2076

Sept. 18-24

**CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF
MEATBALLS**

in 3-D rated PG

Presented in Digital 3-D by Real D

Mon-Fri: 4, 7, 9

Sat-Sun: 2, 4, 7, 9

**THE SECRETS OF
JONATHAN SPERRY** rated PG
Special Shows / Group Discounts

Available

Mon-Fri: 4:10, 7:10, 9:10

Sat-Sun: 2:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10

THE INFORMANT rated R
Mon-Fri: 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
Sat-Sun: 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

BROKEN HILL rated PG

Mon-Fri: 4:20, 9:20

Sat-Sun: 4:20, 9:20

JULIE & JULIA rated PG-13

Mon-Fri: 7:05

Sat-Sun: 2:05, 7:05

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Doug and Donna Ivie. Also a live auction and much more.

- CLE presents Gastrointestinal Problems and Aging from 10 a.m. to noon at the Jane Woodruff Bldg at the hospital Dr Richard Carter will discuss the gastrointestinal issues that often occur after age 65. Call 526-8811 for more information.

Saturday, Sept. 19

- Parent's Night Out at the Highlands United Methodist Church from 5:30-8:30. Call Jennifer Forrester for more information at 342-1674.

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, authors Overton and Isabel Chambers to sign "Remembering Highlands" from 1-3 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club is providing an easy 3-mile hike for children under ten with their adult(s) on the Park Creek Trail in the Standing Indian Campground area, with an option to wade in the creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 9:30 a.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Call leaders Sharon and Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- Benefit for Desiraya Drummond, daughter of

Trysta Green and Ryab Drummond, granddaughter of Gene and Ann Green, Saturday, 5-9 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Turkey dinner with all the fixings, \$6 per plate, \$4 for child's plate. Music by Mountain Top Bluegrass, Appalachian bluegrass and Nathan Parris. There will also be a raffle and bake sale. 3-year-old Desiraya has Blounts Disease and requires extensive surgery.

- Harvest Bazaar at the Lodge of Sky Valley, in Sky Valley, GA, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from this upscale bazaar will go to the Women of the Chapel of Sky Valley "Feed the Hungry" project. There will be original and handmade gifts, holiday items, white elephant items, baked goods, homemade jams and jellies and a boutique of designer accessories as well as a raffle of elegant crafts. For more information, call Maureen Platt at 706-746-2358.

- Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Highlands Community Building by the ballfield from 1-2:30 p.m. with Dr. Amy Patterson. Dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4-months of age are eligible, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5 (cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. Call 349-2490 for a recorded schedule of other sites.

- Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Scaly Mountain Post Office from 3-4 p.m. with Dr. Amy Patterson. Dogs, cats, and ferrets over 4-months of age are eligible, as required by NC state law. The cost is \$5 (cash only) per pet and all pets should be kept in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. Call 349-2490 for a recorded schedule of other sites.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip around Highlands to look for fall migrating 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. There is no charge to participate.

- A mystery-and-intrigue lecture by Atlanta attorney Jim Landon, "Issues Affecting Antiquities and Art," will be held at 5 p.m. at The Bascom. Landon will reference the recovery of art plundered during the Second World War and the claims of countries of origin on antiquities now owned by some of the world's most prestigious museums. Cost is \$10/free to Bascom members. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org/presentations.

- From 10 a.m. to noon, The Bascom Needlework Circle meets at The Bascom in Highlands. Free. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

- 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.

- Greenway Trail Construction Trip. Lunch is being provided on this trip by Nancy Fuller and Heather Mangum. We are having homegrown tomato BLT's and cobbler. Finishing work in the Rec Park to prepare for the dedication. We will be building a bridge and doing final finishing on the upper loop. For this trip we will need the following volunteers: Finish upper loop trail with duff and final raking — 4 people; Build bridge using locust rails and posts and pressure treated decking; Operating CanyCom tracked wheelbarrow — 1 person; Operating Yanmar mini-excavator — 1 person. If you are interested in participating **please register** with Hillrie Quin at 526-2385 or hmquin@verizon.net. We will still meet at the lower parking lot behind the Rec Park on Foreman Rd. at 9 a.m. for a brief orientation session. Participants will be furnished the necessary tools, safety equipment and lunch. Participants should bring water, rain gear, and a day pack to hold them. Wearing clothes that can get dirty is advised

Sunday, Sept. 20

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 2-mile moderate hike on the Glen Falls Trail off NC Hwy. 106 near Highlands. With an elevation change of 700 feet, this steep trail offers views of three 50-foot waterfalls as it descends along Overflow Creek. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitors Center in Otto at 2:00 p.m., drive 20 miles round trip, or call leader for alternate meeting place. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

Highlands Arts & Crafts Show

27th Annual
**HIGHLANDS
ARTS & CRAFT SHOW**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2009
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**at the
Highlands Civic Center & Rec. Park
Highway 64 East - Highlands, NC**

**Sponsored by:
Highlands Woman's Club
Highlands Recreation Department**

Breakfast & Lunch will be available

FREE Admission FREE Parking

'Cat Chow: Beyond Fiber Art' opens Saturday at The Bascom NYC artist makes rare visit to North Carolina



Critically acclaimed New York fiber artist Cat Chow was in the mountains recently for the installation and opening of "Cat Chow: Beyond Fiber Art," the latest exhibition at The Bascom in Highlands. The exhibition, which runs through Oct. 10, showcases the beautiful yet eclectic artwork created by Chow that incorporates unusual items, such as zippers, measuring tapes, fish line, keys, wire and other materials.

Chow spoke about the spirituality and warmth she felt at The Bascom's new six-acre campus. "I can rightfully say that this

is by far my favorite venue to display my work," Chow said. "The concept of transplanting the building, bridge and floor from different locations in the country not only is environmentally conscious but can also be seen as an art piece in itself. I feel honored to be part of this new stage in the history of The Bascom."

Above, Chow speaks to the crowd gathered at the Director's Circle Preview Party, a pre-opening event attended by members of The Bascom's top-tier membership category.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• "On a Mission" will be performing at Macedonia Baptist Church on Sunday at 7 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 21-Friday, Sept. 25

• Art workshop "Silk Painting," by Janet Taylor, will be held at The Bascom from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for beginning to advanced students. Cost is \$275/\$250 Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Monday, Sept. 21

• Mirror Lake Improvement Association 6 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

• The September meeting of the Jackson County Republican Organization will be at 7 PM at the Republican Headquarters, 482 West Main Street in Downtown Sylva. The featured speaker is Sheriff Jimmy Ashe whose topic is **Jackson County Law Enforcement: Security for Residences and Businesses**. All Jackson County residents are welcome. For additional information call Dodie Allen, Chair at Republican Headquarters at 828 586-9895 or visit the website www.jacksoncountygop.com.

Tues-Thurs, Sept 22-24

• CLE takes a trip to Winston-Salem, NC. A2-day bus trip. Call 526-8811 for more information.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

• The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will have a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway to look for fall migrating birds. Meet at the public parking area next to the town hall at 7 a.m. Bring your own picnic lunch. For additional information call Brock Hutchins at 828-787-1387. There is no charge to participate.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its final meeting of the season on Wednesday at the Cashier's Library. The meeting begins at 7 PM and features J.E.B. Hall, director of the Nantahala Outdoor Center, senior guide and author of "Western North Carolina

Fly Guide". Mr. Hall will discuss his favorite streams in Western North Carolina, how to fish them and his favorite flies. His book features 76 different streams and is the most comprehensive N.C. guide on the market. Following Mr. Hall's presentation, a raffle featuring the Orvis 4 weight rod and reel comb will be held. Someone will win the combo at this meeting! Prior to the meeting, at 6 PM, members will hold a fly fishing equipment sale featuring rods, reels, vests, waders and other fly fishing equipment. Everyone is invited to the sale and presentation. Call 743-2078 for additional information.

Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 24-27

• The Fifth Annual Highlands Playhouse Antique Show at the Highlands Civic Center. Preview Party Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m., 10-5 Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 on Sunday. \$12 General Admission. Call: 526-2695 for tickets.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 25-27

• A Softball Tournament Benefit for Gary Raby and family at the Highlands Ball Field next to the Highlands Conference Center. Friday the 25th will be a Women's Softball Tournament; Saturday the 26th will be a Men's Softball Tournament and the possibility of Sunday the 27th having a Co-ed Softball Tournament. All proceeds will benefit Gary, Lena and Dusty Raby. Gary is diagnosed with RSD, Reflexive Symptomatic Dystrophy and Digenetic Back Disease. Raffle tickets for \$2 each of 3 for \$5. Raffle location will be at Stop n Shop on Hwy 64 in Highlands or call Justyne Reese @ 828-342-2740 or Jay Finley @ 828-421-2434 for more information.

Friday, Sept. 25

• Isabelle and Tony Chambers will talk about their new book "Remembering Highlands: From Pioneer Village to Mountain Retreat" at the Hudson Library, free, 2-4 pm.

• Last dance of summer season. Dressy. Foxtrots, Waltz, Latins, Line Dances, Country, Rock and polkas. Friday at the MC Community Building, on Hwy 441 S. in Franklin, from 6:30-9p.m. with music by "Swingtime Band." Call (828) 369-9155.

Saturday, Sept. 26

• Satulah Club's White Elephant Sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Old Fashion Southern BBQ & Democratic Rally, 5-7pm at Blackberry Hill U.S. 64 east across from Community Building in Highlands. Take out or eat on premise. Live music! Meet your local reps.

Luxurious poncho, Greek cruise among many items to be auctioned at Oct. 2 Autumn Leaves Gala

A luxurious "moonlight" fox poncho and a seven-day Athens-to-Istanbul cruise are two of 17 lavish items to be auctioned off during The Bascom's Autumn Leaves Gala on Friday, Oct. 2.

Held at The Farm at Old Edwards Inn, the Autumn Leaves Gala also features a seated dinner from Executive Chef Johannes Klapdohr, as well as wine and spirits. Dozens of live and silent auction items will be up for bid.

McCulley's Cashmere Store has donated a beautifully woven "moonlight" fox poncho, valued at more than \$4,000, for the auction. Bids will start at \$1,000.

"This is the perfect garment for the mountains," said Donna Woods, Bascom events director. "At one size fits all, there is no reason not to surprise a loved one with this beautiful poncho."

For the travel-lover or anyone in need of a little relaxation, a fabulous Greek Odyssey seven-day Athens-to-Istanbul cruise is also up for bid. Set for May 8-15, 2010, one lucky winner will cruise for two aboard the Seabourn Odyssey, the newest of the all-first-class luxury yachts of Seabourn Cruise Lines. Sail from Athens through the sparkling waters of the Mediterranean, visiting the Greek Isles of Mylos, Rhodes, Patmos, and Khylos, as well as the ancient site of Ephesus, before arriving in Istanbul. Relax in a lavishly appointed "V1" category suite #516, with a separate sitting area, walk-in closet, DVD Bose system and your own private balcony. Gratuities, open seating dining, complimentary open bar and 24-hour room service are included. Sponsored by Mark Squillante and Danielle Berry, Business Travel Consultants, the cruise is valued at more than \$17,000. Bids start at \$8,500.

"You will enjoy the highest level of service and the finest culinary experiences, with menus designed by celebrity chef Charlie Palmer," said Beth Nellis, event chair. "Don't miss this great opportunity for the cruise of a lifetime."

All items up for auction at the Oct. 2 gala or its sister event, the casual Saturday, Oct. 3, Autumn Leaves Party, are online at www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves. Absentee bids are welcome and will be accepted through the week of the event.

Tickets to the Oct. 2 Auction Gala are

\$225 and the Oct. 3 Autumn Leaves Party are \$35 (\$5 for children 5-12 and free for children under age five). Combination tickets for both nights are \$250. For tickets, purchase online at www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves or call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.

Corporate sponsors are Old Edwards Inn & Spa as presenting sponsor, ZWJ Investments as gold sponsor, Donna Laird Graphic Design, Franklin Ford/Moss Robertson Cadillac, Highlands' Newspaper, The Hillside Shops at Cashiers Village, InMed, The Laurel magazine, The Shoptaw Group, and Zeke and Earl's Hot Dog Stand.



Modeled by The Bascom's Kathy Col-lany, this beautifully woven "moonlight" fox poncho, valued at more than \$4,000, is one of many stellar items up for bid at The Bascom's Autumn Leaves Auction Gala on Friday, Oct. 2. For tickets, purchase online at www.thebascom.org/autumnleaves or call (828) 526-4949, ext. 4.

Quilt to be raffled at 'White Elephant Sale'



This quilt will be raffled at the Satulah Clubs "White Elephant Sale" 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a Mountain Primitive Crazy Quilt of wool and velvet made from recycled clothing. All material for patches was carefully washed in Woolite and dried in the fresh mountain air and sunshine. The wide black velvet border came from an elegant evening coat.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Who do you say I am?

Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
Our Lady of the Mountain
Catholic Church



“What’s in a name?” muses Juliet about her Romeo. “That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

In last Sunday’s gospel reading from Saint Mark, Jesus put a question to his disciples. He asks first who the people say that he is. For the people, they are not so sure. Some think he is John the Baptist. This seems reasonable enough. Jesus did pick up where John left off. Certainly he went far beyond John’s baptism of repentance. Others say he is Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. This also seems like a good guess, as the Jews were expecting Elijah to return before the Messiah would come. Still others answer the question thinking Jesus is one of the prophets. He has been sent by God like the prophets; he does speak the word of God, more completely than any of the prophets.

Then he asks the disciples themselves who they say he is. It is Saint Peter who responds for the group. “You are the Christ.” This one word, Christ, sums up who Jesus is better than any other. Jesus is the anointed one of God, the Messiah, the King of Israel they have been waiting for for so long. Peter’s got the name right, but Jesus must immediately silence the disciples. Why? Well, they have his name right but they have the wrong idea about what the name means.

For the disciples, the Christ was the one who would come as a powerful, military, political king. He would expel the Roman authorities and restore governance of Jerusalem to the Jews. They would experience once again King David. They would know for themselves the prosperity and security of David’s reign. Perhaps the disciples even felt proud that they had known Jesus from his humble beginnings. They may have thought they too would share in his power and glory.

So Jesus must silence them and state openly what this word “Christ” means. As the Christ, Jesus must suffer, be rejected by his own people, be killed and rise after three days. Evidence that the disciples were not ready to receive this news is Peter’s rebuke of Jesus. So, Jesus must in turn rebuke him. Peter who for that brief instant had thought as God does, falls so quickly to thinking as human beings do.

It was a long process for the disciples to come to Jesus’ understanding of who he is. Jesus will spend the rest of the gospel of Mark trying to get his disciples to understand what “Christ” means. He likens it to denying one’s self, taking up the cross and following him.

We may not have the same difficulty understanding what is in this name Christ. We know it is not Jesus’ last name. We have almost 2000 years of reflection preceding us. We, who wish to come after Jesus, must deny ourselves, take up our cross and follow him.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Church: 706-746-2999
Pastor’s residence: 706-746-5770
Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy
Communion each service

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

Third and Spring Streets, Highlands
Sunday Service - 11 a.m.; Sunday School - 11 a.m.
Wednesday Testimony Meeting - 11 a.m.

3rd Wednesday of the Month

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Father Jim Murphy: Office – 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
Highlands Community Center
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Wednesday: Men’s Bible study at 8 a.m.
at First Baptist Church
Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685
Pastor Gary Hewins
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30am Sunday School; 10:45am
Childrens/Family Program; 10:45 Worship
Tuesdays: 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays: 5pm Dinner; 6pm Pastor’s Bible Study
Fridays: 6:30pm Re:Act Middle & High School
Gathering

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan – Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.
Monday: 4 p.m. Women’s Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men’s Cursillo Group
4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday: 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Daughters of the King
• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.
(nursery provided)
Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.
Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by children’s
Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Jr & Sr Youth Group 6:30 p.m.;
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30

a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15
Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6
p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Lee Bowman, Pastor
Dr. Don Mullen, Parish Associate 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sun. School – 9:30
& 9:45.

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

Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers
Wednesdays – Choir – 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Paul Christy
526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group

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

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs: 12:30 – Women’s Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

Chaplain Margaret Howell
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Sunday School and Adult discussion group
9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion – 10:30
HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Matt Shuler, (828) 526-8425
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.

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

MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin
828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197

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Rev. Dean Cesa, pastor
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

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

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer.
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
Child Care - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Youth from 8th - 12th grades meet the second
Sunday of each month from 5 - 7:30 p.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

POLICE, FIRE DEPT. LOGS

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

Sept. 4

• At 9:50 a.m., officers responded to a call of two-vehicle accident in the parking lot of Nantahala Tire on N.C. 106. There were no injuries.

Sept. 6

• At 5:30 p.m., Francis Long, 59, of Highlands, was arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct and misuse of a 9-1-1 call. Officers found him laying on the side of Hicks Road. He retreated into his home and became combative.

Sept. 10

• At 2:06 p.m., officers were called to do a welfare check on a resident on Horse Cove Road. She was OK.

• At 6:41 p.m., officers responded to a call for service at a retail shop on Main Street over a broken watch. They determined it was a civil matter.

Sept. 11

• At 4:10 p.m., officers were called to a retail shop on Main Street concerning two suspicious men who were playing with wigs in the store. When questioned by police they said they were comedians just fooling around.

Sept. 12

• At 8 a.m., officers responded to a call about a bear in a yard on N.C. 106 that was eating the resident's bird seed. Officers shooed it away by shooting in the flank with a bean bag.

Sept. 13

• Officers on patrol found an unlock door at a business in Highlands Plaza. They checked out the premises and secured the door.

Sept. 14

• At 5 p.m., Mark Edward Wordell, 45, of Franklin, was arrested for DWI during which an open container was found in the vehicle. He was stopped on U.S. 64 for reckless driving.

During the week, police officers responded to 1 alarms and issued 29 citations.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Sept. 10:

Sept. 10

• At 10:32 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with person who had fallen at his residence on Stoney Creek Circle. He was taken to the hospital.

Sept. 12

• At 3:51 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. A water leak had set off the alarm.

Sept. 13

• At 12:45 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle wreck at U.S. 64 east and Crowe Drive where the vehicle was off the road.

Sept. 15

• At 12:39 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Bowery Road. There was no problem found.

• At 2:16 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at OEI on Main Street. It was cancelled en route by the alarm company.

• THE PUZZLERS •

Hex-a-Ku©

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:

Pot Belly

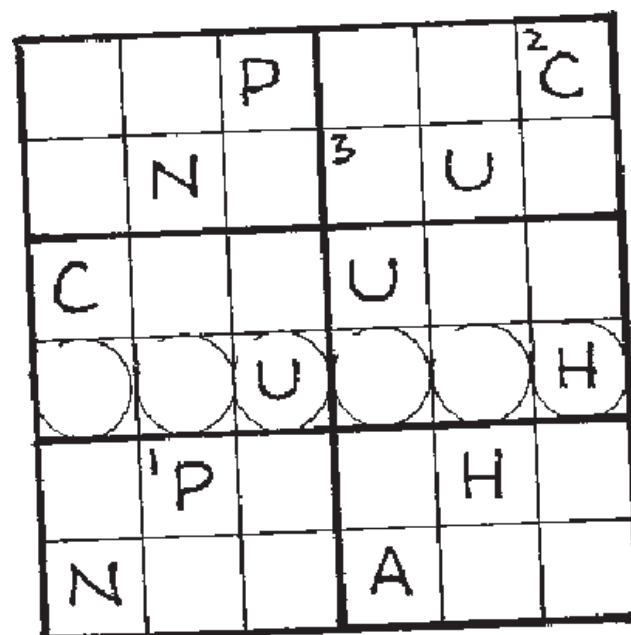
Across

1.Father (coll.) (2)

Down

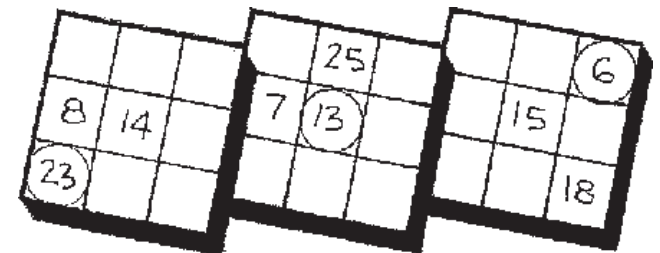
2. Head covering (3)

3. Play on Words (3)



PseudoCube©

by Pete Sarjeant and Don Cook



#xxxx Level of Difficulty – Moderate

THE SETUP:

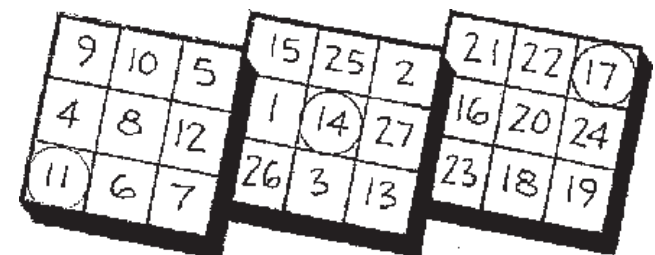
The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through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

THE CHALLENGE:

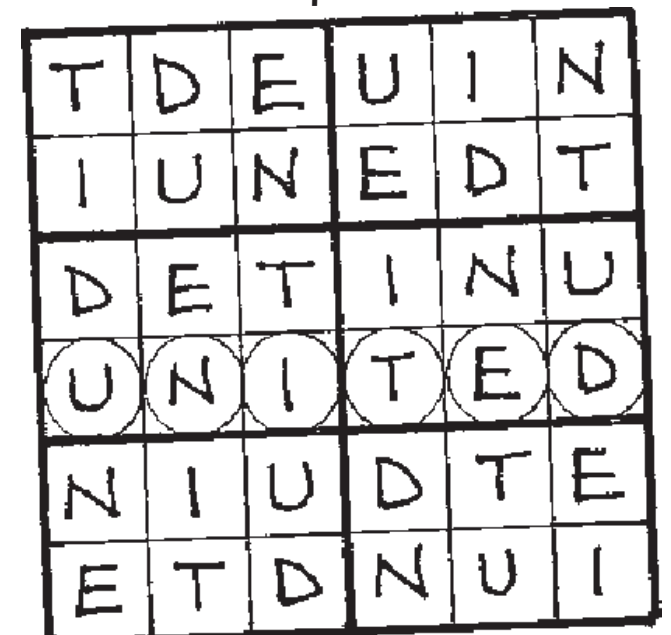
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

Email: thepuzzlers@yahoo.com.

Solution to #CZ1A in Sept. 10 issue



Solution to Sept. 10 Hex-a-Ku



• BUSINESS NEWS •



Bel Canto founder Richard Joel with Soprano Lynette Tapia and her 8-year-old daughter Ana Lynette Osborne at the dinner at Highlands Country Club following the sold-out Bel Canto performance at PAC. As always, the piano accompanist was Dr. Stephen Dubberly and for the second year in a row, opera singer and past Bel Canto performer Stella Zambalis was artistic director. This year, proceeds went to The Bascom, the Highlands School music program and the music program at HCCDC.

Bel Canto performance Sunday evening was 'over the top'



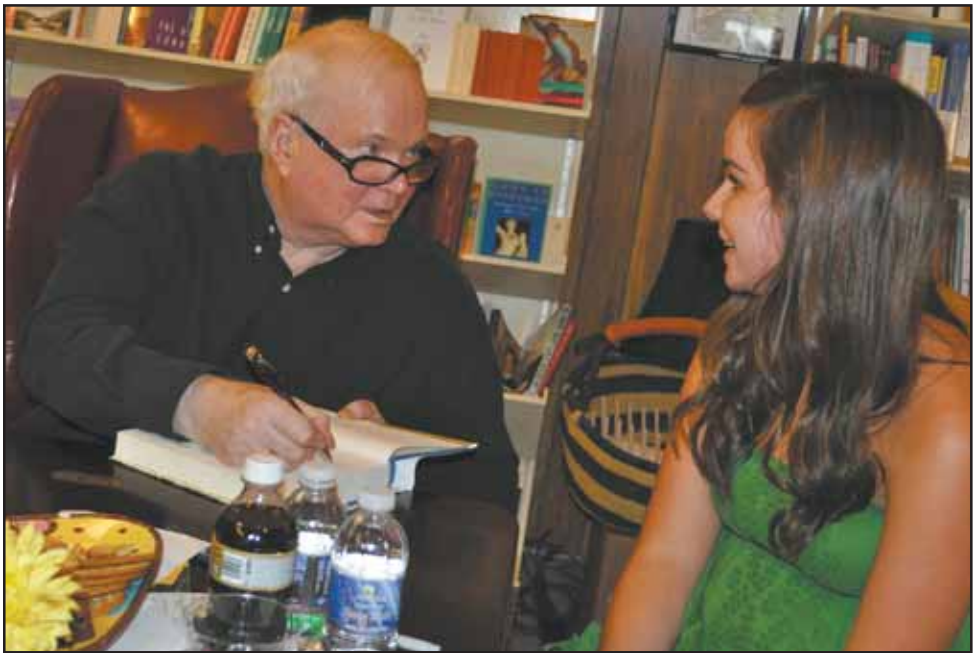
Traditionally, Bel Canto takes place the first Sunday after Labor Day at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Next years performance is set for Sunday, Sept. 12.



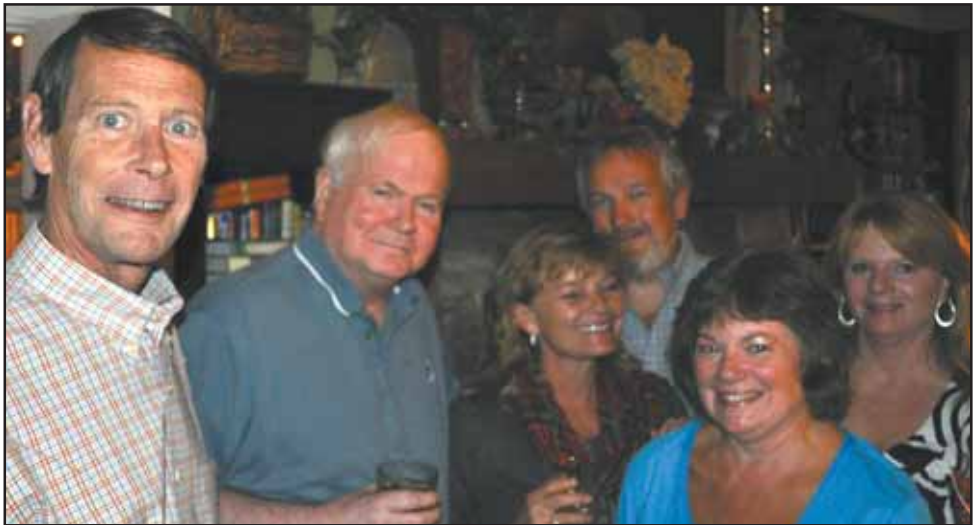
Tenor John Pickle and wife Suzanne Woods, a fine soprano in her own right, at the Bel Canto dinner reception at Highlands Country Club.

Photos by Kim Lewicki

Famous author visits Highlands



Over Labor Day weekend, author Pat Conroy and his wife author Cassandra King were guests of the owners of Cyrano's Bookshop, Claire and Arthur Simpson, at a cocktail party at their home Friday night. The next day, Saturday, Conroy signed copies of his newest release "South of Broad" at Cyrano's Bookshop. Pictured above are Conroy and Katie Pierce, daughter of Claire Simpson. Below are guests with Conroy and the Simpsons at their home Friday night.



CONTACT: STEPHANIE MCALL (828)526-4499

Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall Fundraiser

**Highlands Conference Center
864 N. 4th Street, Highlands**

The day will start at 8am with a HUGE Yard Sale, Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale.

4pm Hamburger/Hot Dog Dinner \$5 per plate.

4pm Hair Cuts by Stylist Lacy Jane Vilardo

DATE: 09/19/09
TIME: 8:00AM - 2

LIVE Music Featuring: Oliver Rice & The Blue Ridge Mountain Band (Bluegrass Gospel)
Doug & Donna Ivie (Gospel)

LIVE Auction to Follow Featuring Baked Goods, Books, Jewelry & MUCH MUCH MORE!

Anyone desiring to make a donation can make checks payable to Clear Creek Baptist Church Building Fund and address to, Clear Creek Baptist Church, PO Box 1417, Highlands, NC 28741.

If directions are needed please call or email Pastor Brewer.

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• BUSINESS NEWS •

Mountain Findings continues to give



Mountain Findings' volunteer, Richard Joel was asked to present this check to the Highlands Cashiers Players because of his interest and passion for the arts. HCP's president, Ronnie Spilton accepts with gratitude this generous donation from Mountain Findings.

Baumrucker joins morning Rotary club



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Dr. John Baumrucker inducted into The Rotary club of Highlands Mountaintop. Due to his busy schedule during the day, Dr Baumrucker felt he could better serve our community through our early morning Rotary Club of Highlands. Shown above from left to right are Al Bolt, President, Dr. John Baumrucker, and Nicholas Bazan, Vice President of Mountaintop Rotary. Dr. Baumrucker has been a member of Highlands Rotary Club for many years. The Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop was chartered by Rotary International in April 2002 by a group of business and community leaders to accommodate Rotarians who prefer to start their day early to allow for other commitments. The Rotary Club of Highlands Mountaintop meetings are held each Wednesday, 7:30 a.m. at Ruka's Table, 163 Wright Square, Highlands. Rotarians and guests are always welcome.

