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Thurs., Aug. 26

- Board of Education candidate forum, 6-8 p.m. at the Community Building in Highlands. After introductions there will be a Q&A period.

Fri.-Sun, Aug. 27-29

- HCP's production of "Dearly Departed" at PAC. For tickets call 526-8084.

Sat. Aug., 28

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-10:30 pm. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m.

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing at 10 p.m.

Sun., Aug. 29

- Fiesta Grande celebration at the Community Building from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets at the door. \$10 adults, kids under 12 free. Food, music, pinatas, raffles and prizes. To benefit the International Friendship Center.

- A benefit auction by Scudder's at the Playhouse, at 6 p.m. The auction will be held in the Playhouse auditorium and wine and heavy appetizers will be served

Mon., Aug. 30

- Highlands Art League meeting from 5-7 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

Wed., Sept. 1

- \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryson's Food Store.

Thurs., Sept. 2

- Open House at the renovated Town Hall from 3-6 p.m. 210 N. 4th Street.

- Rotary Bingo to support the Highlands Historical Society from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Building. \$15 to play 1 card all night.

UDO draft consolidates ordinances

Monday night's Planning Board meeting finished one task that had been on the back burner and started another.

Amendments to the Sedimentation and Erosion Control Ordinance were finally put to bed with the board voting unanimously to amend the ordinance to include a surety bond which basically mimics the county's ordinance.

The amendment to the ordinance revolved around requiring developers to put up a bond to make sure there is money to fix erosion problems – should a developer go bankrupt.

The idea is to keep the town, i.e., taxpayers, from having to pay to fix problems incurred by developers

Over the last several meetings,

the board wafted on the amendment – some members not believing the bond was necessary on the grounds that such a situation has never happened before; other's questioned the amount of land it would affect and also the amount of the bond.

Finally, the board decided to make the bond apply to disturbance

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Consistency urged for tuition and drug testing

Drug testing and out-of-state tuition were the hot topics at the Board of Education meeting this week.

Over the years, the BOE has changed its tuition policy – from not charging for generations, to charging, to not charging and now considering charging beginning July 1, 2011.

For families who live over the line in Satolah, GA, and who traditionally work in Highlands and send their children to Highlands School, not knowing if their children are eligible for admission or if they will have to pay tuition causes considerable concern – mentally and fiscally.

Lamar and Melanie Nix who have three children attending Highlands School spoke at Monday night's meeting on behalf of the 14 Satolah families in the same predicament. There's also a family in Sky Valley, GA.

"We feel more connected to

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Photos by Kim Lewicki



Macon County Schools opened Wed., Aug. 25 with about 4,400 students enrolled. Final enrollment figures are taken 10 days into the school year. At Highlands School, four new teachers were on board – Spanish teacher Kaycee Cashion, Middle School Math teacher Ashley Ward, Elementary EC teacher Meg Mileti and Art teacher Kara Faust.

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MC Public Health on alert for 'bad' eggs

Egg brand not sold in Highlands grocery stores

With the national recall on eggs, the North Carolina Environmental Health Division, and all local health departments across the state are on alert for Salmonella-related illnesses due to egg consumption.

In Macon County, local health inspectors are checking food establishments to make sure none of these potentially contaminated eggs are present or in use.

According to Environmental Health Supervisor, Barry Patterson, the eggs that are subject to the recall have primarily been distributed in the Midwest section of the country.

Currently, only one of the recalled brands, Glenview Farms, has the potential for distribution in North Carolina.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Dear Jane ... oh how I hate to write!

Dear Editor,

This is really a letter to Jane Woodruff.

Dear Jane,

I know you can't see me as I write this, so you'll just have to close your eyes and try to imagine what I'm doing at this moment.

I'm on my knees with tears in my eyes, begging you not to build a post office for a totally ungrateful US Postal Service that could care less about the safety of Highlands' citizens. If the post office were truly concerned about its citizens, they could have, years ago, closed all NC 28 parking to customers and made it available for employees only, forcing customers to park in the over 100 parking places at Highlands Plaza. End of problem with only minor incontinence.

If it weren't for junk mail, the US Postal Service would have been bankrupt years ago. The Internet has replaced snail mail as a means for paying bills and communication, etc. Just like books, the postal service, as we know it, is on its way out, like it or not.

We have never met and that's unfortunate. I remember, years ago, you tried to build a magnificent Performing Arts Center for an ungrateful Highlands Town Board who also turned you down. I'm still smarting from that experience.

Now I beg you, keep your eyes closed and try to envision a mountain styled Jane Woodruff Performing Arts and Cultural Center instead of a an unwanted and unneeded post office.

A Performing Arts Center would be something Highlands, and you, could be proud of. I have a feeling that the town wouldn't turn you down this time. Do it, please.

Fred Wooldridge
Highlands

About a post office at NC 106 & US64

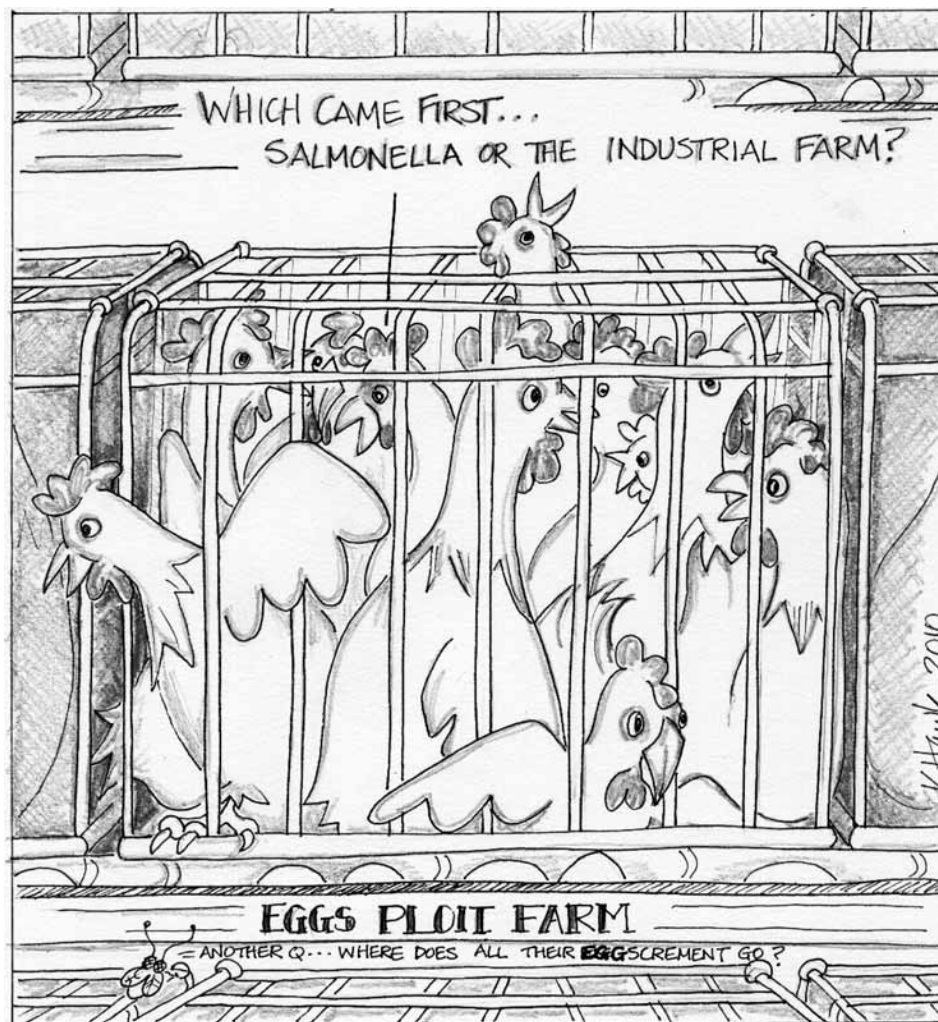
Dear Editor,

Jane Woodruff has requested some thoughts on the proposed Post Office complex. Here are a few of mine.

Current Federal policy is to lease Post Office property and thus the owner is responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Will ms. Woodruff retain ownership or will she deed the property to the town, making us taxpayers then responsible for upkeep and maintenance? If the latter is the case, I say thanks, but no thanks.

Parking. If parking on NC 28 at the

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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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current site bothers people so much, then don't park there. Duh! In all the 19 years I have been a "year-rounder" I have never had a problem or an incident when parking in the front area of the building.

Accidents> I would like to see a chart comparing the number and severity of accidents at the NC 28 parking area and the number and severity of accidents at the NC 106 and US 64 intersection. Of course the traffic at the US 64.NC 106 intersection will increase if the complex is built.

Volume. With the rise of use of UPS and FED EX and the advent of email postal volume is decreasing annually - down 13% in 2009. five years from now, when the Federal Postal Department decides to move our unit back to a smaller building, maybe a super Wal-Mart will grace our town.

Elaine Johnson
Highlands

Judge for yourself what is right

Dear Editor,

In response to the August 19, 2010 *Spiritually Speaking* column by Reverend Jim Murphy in "Disappointment with God?"; how sad it is to read his diminutive view of "human intellect" and his insults toward another justified by his "straight-jacket-like" approach to religious faith.

It's difficult to detect if he aims his insults toward those who have experienced "doubt" or if he is merely venting his disapproval of the Bishop.

In any case, Mr. Murphy seems to want to hold a beacon for his followers, who then should oust others by using the Bible as a weapon to criticize others and their viewpoints. "Why do you not judge for yourselves what is right?" (Luke 12:57, RSV)

J. Royce
Highlands

Planning Board restricts free speech!

Dear Editor,

Macon County, you have NO idea what is headed your way with the proposed steep slope ordinance or how your Macon County Planning Board is operating. You hear all the "happy talk," traveling to all communities for public input, transparency, openness etc. Well get this!

As a Burningtown resident and member of "Property Owners Of America.org," (POA) a group opposed to the steep slope draft but NOT opposed to "reasonable" reg-

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• OBITUARIES •

Cindy Belle Carver

Cindy Belle Carver, age 50, of Highlands, died Friday, August 20, 2010 at a Sylva Hospital. She was a native of Macon County the daughter of the late Constance (Connie) Elizabeth Baty Jenkins and James Junior Jenkins of Highlands, NC. She was a house-keeping supervisor for Highlands Country Club and was of the Baptist faith. She loved her grandchildren, job, cooking and gospel music. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

In addition to her father, she is survived by her husband of 35 years, David Carver; one daughter, Amanda Carver Woods and her husband, Dean of Lake Toxaway, NC; one son, David Wayne Carver of Highlands, NC; three sisters, Ann Jenkins and Holly Higgs of Highlands, NC and Angela Passmore of Sylva, NC; two brothers, Bob-



by Jenkins and Robert Jenkins of Highlands, NC; three grandchildren, Corey Baldwin, McKenzie Woods and Bradley Woods. She was preceded in death by a sister, Shirley Webb.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 23 at 4:30 PM in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in FranklIn with Rev. Berlis Powell and Rev. Matt Shuler officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Corey Baldwin, Bradley Woods, Justin Passmore, William Passmore, Sam Jenkins, Jimmy Jenkins, Jeffrey Carver and Scotty Cooper served as pallbearers.

Online condolences can be made by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Annie Maude Prewitt Strickland

Annie Maude Prewitt Strickland, age 99, of Cashiers, NC, died Thursday, August 19, 2010 at her residence. She was a native of Griffin, GA, the daughter of the late Robert Edward and Lois Hand Prewitt. She was married to the late James Everett Strickland. She had worked as a weaver at Cannon Mills. She loved being with and cooking for her family and she loved canning. She attended Pleasant Grove Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Anne Roberta Brown of Kannapolis, NC and Carol Ellen Foster and husband Stephen of Cashiers, NC; one son, James Oliver Strickland and wife Lois of Cashiers, NC; four sisters, Mary Ellen Brennan of Chatham, NJ, Lois Crawford of Concord, NC, Dee Ledbetter of Forest City, NC and Lee Cope

of Chester, SC; one brother, Robert Prewitt, Jr. of Spartanburg, SC; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Paul Prewitt, Ernest Prewitt and George Prewitt.

Funeral services were held Monday, August 23 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, with Rev. Sherrill Hubbard and Rev. Don Waters officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Stuart Foster, Clifford Ammons, Nathan Ammons, Gram Poole, Harold Neely, Jerry Prewitt, Jimmy Strickland and Gary Prewitt.

Memorials may be made to Westcare Hospice, 132 Sylva Plaza, Sylva, NC 28779.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David "Mack" Tallent

David "Mack" Tallent, age 64, of Franklin, NC, died Sunday, August 22, 2010 in a local hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Hiram and Gladys Edwards Tallent. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He was a self employed painter, he enjoyed the outdoors and being with his granddaughters. He attended First Alliance Church and Iotla Baptist Church. He was a US Army Veteran, serving during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, June Brock Tallent; a daughter, Gina McDonald and husband Eddy of Highlands, NC; a son James Brock of Franklin, NC; a brother, Dewey Tallent of Franklin, NC; two grand-



children, Ashley Brock and Sara McDonald also survive. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Downs.

A private graveside service will be held at Iotla Baptist Church Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held at his residence at 320 Airport Road, Franklin, NC, Thursday, August 26, at 11 am, with Rev. Steve Reeves officiating.

Memorials may be made to Angel Hospice, 170 Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734 in memory of Mack Tallent.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

John Charles Armor

On Friday morning, August 20, 2010, John Charles Armor passed away unexpectedly from complications following successful colon cancer surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville.

He was born on January 11, 1943, in Baltimore, Maryland, and grew up there, and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. John graduated from Gilman School in 1960. He went on to attend Yale University, and received his law degree from the University of Maryland. He had nearly completed his PhD at American University.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Maxwell Armor, Jr., and Annie Linn Henley Armor, his brothers Walter Henley Armor and George Maxwell Armor, III and his son John Charles (Jamie) Armor, Jr.

Mr. Armor was an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands where he was an usher and served on the Bell Tower Endowment Board.

John was a consultant for the American Civil Rights Union, and was regarded as a leading Constitutional scholar. His eighth book, "These Are the Times that Try Men's Souls," was the culmination of 10 years of work, and was released only weeks before his death.

John was an Eagle Scout, a member of the Highlands Mountaintop Rotary, and the Maryland Bar Association. He was a former adjunct professor of political science, and practiced in the United States Supreme Court for 33 years. Throughout his career, he was a prolific contributor to national publications,

radio, television, and online forums, most notably FreeRepublic.com. He and his wife,

Michelle, have been writing the column **His & Hers** for Highlands' Newspaper in Highlands, NC and members of the Highlands Writers' Group.

Mr. Armor was a true patriot who loved the Constitution, and was devoted to his country. In recent years, he delighted in portraying Benjamin Franklin, appearing at numerous educational, civic, and political events.

In September, he was scheduled to walk up Constitution Avenue with other persons portraying the signers of the Constitution.

John was married too briefly to the love of his life, Michelle Annette Mead, whom he married on June 7, 2008. He is survived by his daughter, Dorigen Linn Watson and her husband Bill, and their children Jamie and Mackenzie of Baltimore; daughter Karen Ruth Boodée, her husband Mark, and their children Anna and Grayson of Raleigh; and son, Jonathan Maxwell Armor, and his fiancée, Erica Abdulla, of York, PA. He is also survived by his beloved cats, Orion and Weasel, and will be particularly missed by his Tuesday night poker buddies, "The Coots".

A memorial service is planned for Saturday, September 25, 2010, 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of Incarnation, Highlands, NC. A memorial service is also planned in Baltimore, MD, for October 14, 2010.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Pierce's Park in Baltimore, Gilman Class of 1960 or the Bell Tower Fund of Incarnation in Highlands.



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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

'Tell us you're sorry...or else'

This true story has nothing to do with Highlands. Sorry, but this wonderful town doesn't generate enough foolishness for me to poke fun of it every week. So this will be a real story that happened years ago when I was a young police manager.

I was conducting an FTO school for my department. FTO stands for Field Training Officer and it's those officers who are selected to train rookies who graduate from the police academy. Not only do these FTO officers have to look out for their own hides but also the safety of the rookies who will do stupid things if not watched.

Each morning, 15 wannabe FTO's would line up in the street in front of the police department for roll call. Uniform for each morning, rain or shine, was shorts, t-shirts and running shoes. You see, back then, police officers were actually required to keep physically fit so we started each morning with a cadence run out to the South Beach Pier and back. I increased the run by one block each day to the chagrin of the officers. Singing, if an officer could muster enough breath, was encouraged. When we reached the pier, the fishermen would complain our singing was scaring the fish.

For reasons I can't remember, we had to conduct one day of training at the police academy. That's when I got in trouble. The huge breezeway in front of the academy made for a perfect echo chamber. When we ran through the breezeway, we sounded like 100 men singing. I was shocked to hear how loud our singing was magnified. It was so incredible, I headed the class through the breezeway once more just for fun. The FTO's loved it... kinda. The next morning I found a note in my mailbox to see the chief.

"Were you at the academy yesterday?" the chief asked.

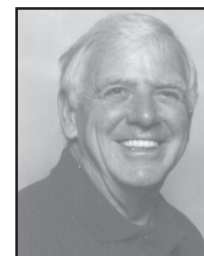
"Yes sir," I responded.

"And was your class singing in the breezeway during your run... twice?"

"Yes sir," I proudly said again.

"Well, don't do that again. I got a call from the academy complaining you disrupted every single class in session... twice. Call and apologize." The chief smiled, signaling he had little concern I had momentarily disrupted classes.

On FTO graduation day, we met, as usual, in front of the police department



Fred Wooldridge

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for our morning run. I knew something was up because two of the officers in my class were also on my SWAT teams and I knew them well. These guys had that look I had seen before. There's a bond between SWAT officers that would take three columns to explain so I won't.

One of the class members informed me that today was an FTO's birthday and they wanted me to

present a cake. I became even more skeptical but played along. When I presented the cake, complete with candles, he tried to shove it in my face. I was ready and the result was cake went all over everyone, including me, the birthday boy and officers on each side.

During our run, I was unaware of what would come next. I thought the cake gag was all they planned. As we approached the end of the South Beach pier, the class broke rank, attacked me and lifted me over their heads. I was taken to the edge of the pier. "Tell us you're sorry for running us so hard," they demanded. "If you don't, in you go."

The fishermen went wild and urged the officers to toss me over. Everyone waited. I looked down at the sea, then at the officers and the cheering fishermen. I screamed out an obscenity and insulted everyone's mother. Over I went, a 20-ft. drop into the Atlantic.

There was a strong undertow with 10-ft. swells but no one was concerned because they knew I was a strong swimmer. I tied my shoes around my neck and swam toward shore, then realized I was losing ground and was being swept out to sea. When the officers saw this, they freaked and started throwing me anything that would float. I had been in this position once before and knew to swim at a 45-degree angle toward land. When I reached shore, the class was waiting for me in perfect formation as if nothing had occurred. There was little singing on the way back as everyone, including me, was relieved I hadn't drowned. Hey, at least I didn't smell like cake anymore.

PS - This story was re-created with the help of several retirees with better memories than I. The only things I remembered was being covered with cake, then hitting that cold water.

Have you read Fred's book, *I'm Moving Back to Mars?*

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

How times have changed

"I can't talk right now. I'm getting a manicure. Dude, I'll call back when she starts on my feet."

That's what I heard when I called a buddy in Boston. I was amazed not only that guys go to manicure parlors, or whatever they're called in the northeast, but that he lacked the cultural sensitivity to ease me into the reality; like saying he was in a barber shop. For all I know they may have nail shops for men with flat screen TVs and dead deer hanging on the wall. Let me be clear. This is absolutely no reason why a man shouldn't get a manicure, or a pedicure, for that matter, I guess. Jewelers have been having their nails done forever. Nobody wants a hang nail to foil a sale.

So much has changed. Look at body piercings. There is nothing wrong with piercings, although personally I could do without tongues and eyebrows, especially on, or in, my waitress. I have trouble concentrating on her recitation of the chef's specials when the little ball on the end of her tongue bobs up and down. And I can't help wondering if her eyebrow is in constant pain. It looks painful. Nothing looked as painful as the first pair of nipple rings I ever saw. I'd lived in Houston about a week, when I saw this guy walking down the street, stripped to the waist, with brass rings that looked like door knockers dangling from his nipples. I thought maybe I should move back to Oxford, Ohio.

You never know who might have a tattoo, if you know where to look. We recently had a patient who had come for bunion surgery. I happened to know her and her husband, Dave, so I was shocked that she had "Barry" written on her foot. I don't think it's a breach of confidentiality to mention we see a lot of tattoos in the operating room that aren't visible out on the street. Our nurses take one of two approaches. They either ignore them completely and prep as if they aren't there, or they engage the patient in conversation, something like, "What a beautiful humming bird; have you thought about adding a trumpet flower?" In extreme cases, it's like a private showing at an art gallery. There was a time when nobody but World War II veterans and bikers had tattoos. When I was in medical school in Indianapolis, I searched "tattoo" in the yellow pages. The single entry was "tattoo removal." Today, most of our younger nurses have at least a tiny lady bug or butterfly somewhere on their bodies.



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Clothes have changed. The label used to be on the inside. I remember my introduction to alligator shirts, another major cultural shock in my life. I'd seen rich guys wearing them but didn't actually believe you could just go to a store and buy them, at least not without proof of country club membership.

A guy in my residency, a rich kid from Gross Point, Michigan, wore them, along with Sperry Topsiders and Drumohr sweaters. He took me

to a fancy men's shop in Philadelphia and hooked me up with a preppy wardrobe. I felt like a fake. Prior to that, my labels had been Penny's and were hidden inside the garment. Today we look like walking billboards.

Tee shirts have evolved from the utilitarian undershirt. I met a guy who

claimed that he invented the printed tee. I don't remember the details, but it might have been a rock concert in Austin. The best shirt I ever saw, a fusion of history and rock music featured a Viking ship on the front. The back read "Viking World Tour," just like the Stones World Tour or "Kiss World Tour," and under that heading chronicled the Viking sweep through Europe and North Africa.

Music has changed, and comedy. Most of our employees have no idea who Jack Benny, Milton Berle, Mort Saul, Shelly Berman, and Art Linkletter were. Bob Newhart and Bill Cosby bridge the generational gap, but only as reruns of comedy series. The kids have no idea of the genius of their standup routines. I try to accept change. I really do. I use ball point pens and owned a front wheel car. It's just that the world is so different than when we were young.

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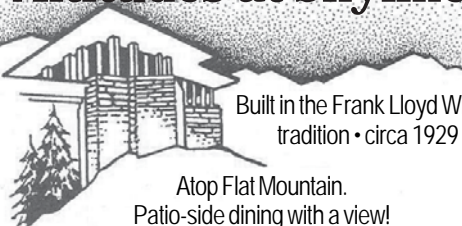
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• COACH'S CORNER •

Highlands Soccer success breeds high expectations

When you talk to Highlands Men's Soccer coach Chrs Green about the accolades that the Highlander soccer program has received over the past decade, he gets a little shy. You see, most coaches prefer not to brag on past successes but to look ahead toward future ones. Green is no different, preferring to talk about the upcoming season as opposed to the decade of dominance that Highlands soccer has had over the Smoky Mountain Conference.

The aforementioned "decade of dominance" has consisted of 9 straight conference championships and one lone conference loss in those 9 years. That kind of success can build momentum for a program, but it can also bring a bit of added pressure. As Green said to me, "we are expected to win, so naturally there is some pressure -- but we usually don't



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think about those things on a day-to-day basis." Rather than settling for just another conference title, this year's group of Highlanders have their sights set on something much larger.

It doesn't matter which group of players you talk to, from the defenders to the forwards, from the seniors to the underclassmen -- the State Championship is the

common theme when the subject of success is brought up. "Our goal is to win state," says senior captain Samuel Wheeler. "We bring back 9 seniors and we definitely feel like this is our year to compete." Wheeler also talked about returning 3 all-conference players amongst those 9 seniors, something that no other team in the SMC can boast. He also mentioned the depth of the Highlanders as probably their greatest strength. Coach Green agreed with that sentiment, pointing out that the Highlanders can go deep into their bench without losing any production, something that will allow them to compete with larger powerhouses such as Hendersonville. Depth can also protect against minor injuries that tend to occur over the course of the season.

Another factor that has allowed Highlands to establish success has been the growing popularity of soccer as a youth sport in and around the area. With a varsity soccer roster that exceeds 20 players, there is a large enough talent pool to sustain a successful program year in and year out. The middle school program has also been quite successful in recent years, and looks to do much of the same under coach Jeff Weller. The winning ways of the program have also contributed to the popularity of the sport here in Highlands, and the support of the community has been tremendous. This year the Highlanders will play on a brand new field on campus, and the players have really been looking forward to their new digs.

The Highlanders are currently ranked #13 in the state 1A soccer poll, a number that is likely to increase as the season progresses. The Highlanders will travel to Franklin this evening after hosting Tallulah Falls last night. If you get a chance, take a walk over to the school to check out the brand new field, but also to support a group of young men who have a legitimate shot at some unparalleled success this season.

...on this day

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The United States Congress declares August 26th as an annual Women's Equality Day.

When you consider that about half of us are of the distaff' seems you really should not fail to count those that are female, cause the world is positively swimming with people who are actually women, so I think we ought to address those who often wear a dress. Don't we think our sisters and our mothers are worth as much as our fathers and brothers? It's easier, less categories, easier to assume all people, are, at there base, essentially equal. So now we've decided that idea's a winner, get out to the kitchen and make me some dinner.

• HIS & HERS •

My Sweet Babbu

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

On Wednesday, August 11th, John went in to have surgery for colon cancer. He had a wonderful, talented doctor, and a highly skilled medical team. It was going to be a tricky operation, but we had high hopes. John was in surgery for longer than expected and in recovery for many hours. I'd been up since 5:00 that morning, so I was exhausted. At 7:30pm, I went to the hotel. John hadn't come out of post-op yet.

The next few days were tough for John. He was in a great deal of pain. The pain killers made him nauseous, so he tried to do without them whenever possible. They had to put a tube down his nose to clear things out. He was reduced to eating ice chips for almost a week. The first day, he couldn't get out of bed; the second, it took two nurses to hold him up while he struggled with his walker to make it out the door of his room, across the hall and back again. His back was hunched; he could barely stand up. The third day, he walked with strength and assurance. When he got to the end of the wall, he even clogged a bit. He insisted on wearing his broad-rimmed summer hat. With the long hair, it made him look Amish.

The days were filled with minor victories, which took on major proportions. The catheter came out – hallelujah! On every trip past the nurses' station, John would beg for strawberry ice cream. Finally, the day came when the tube came out of his nose. He got his strawberry ice cream, and later on, a single scoop of mashed potatoes. John ate them as if they were prime rib.

The days ran in together, hour after hour. I would arrive at 9 or 10, and stay until 7 or 8. Not always a patient patient, John would ask for ice chips or tissues or his urinal. I was part wife, part nurse. It was often tiring work, and I marveled at the skill and dedication of the medical staff who attended to him with humor, kindness, and efficiency. Sometimes John was cranky, sometimes almost mute with pain and discomfort. The nurses and I would plead for him to take more pain meds, if only to get him a decent night's sleep. He fought us on many things. He was rude one day, charming the next. I never knew when I walked in the door in the morning, which John I would find. Slowly, he began to improve, even recovering his sense of humor. Friends came to visit; three lovely gentlemen from our church brought him communion.

The day before my birthday, hospital staffers saw I was very down and depressed. We'd hoped to be back in Highlands by then,



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and the thought of turning 60 in a hospital and hotel room was a grim one. One lady, Jackie, volunteered to come to the hotel, pick up my laundry, and do it for me. She returned it the next day with a card, and two gifts. Cheryl in the cafeteria saw to it that they baked me a huge birthday cake – chocolate. Several ladies got me cards, flowers, and balloons. Cheryl made me a lovely pendant and matching ear-

rings. The folks in the cafeteria – mostly a group of strangers – joined in the spirit of the day, and sang me “Happy Birthday” with gusto. John was overjoyed and overwhelmed by such an enormous outpouring of caring consideration, and touched that people would go out of their way to take care of his wife.

Finally, it looked like things were really making a change for the better. John was walking well, eating a few soft foods – we made plans for bringing him back to Highlands. And then, things started getting a bit strange. John became moody, fretful. The pain was back big time, and he dreaded the nausea that made him gag, and pulled on his stitches. Reluctantly, I left him to go back to the hotel, vowing to put my alarm on early. On Friday morning, I was just about to get

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into the shower when the call came. John had taken a turn for the worse. Could I be in the hotel parking lot in 5 minutes? I jumped into my clothes from the night before, grabbed my knapsack, my handbag, and the carrier bag with all of John's medical records.

A van from Mission Memorial was waiting in the parking lot, motor running. Michelle, a nurse who had first taken care of John, was in the back seat to keep me company. We rushed to the hospital, through the lobby, and into the elevator. When we arrived at the 9th floor, I saw the crowd of doctors and nurses standing around, looking dejected. "Tell me the truth," I begged. "Is he dead?" His surgeon looked at me, and I knew. "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry. I don't know how it happened. We did everything to save him." The theory was that John had aspirated some fluid, and his heart had stopped. Upon hearing the heart monitor beeping, the medical staff rushed in, and did everything they could to save him. Unfortunately, their best efforts failed. John died around 7:30am on Friday, August 20th. I refused an autopsy. Why put his poor tired body through any more?

John was still warm and pink. His hair had been washed the day before; he'd insisted on shaving himself, too. His face was handsome and peaceful, as if all the pain he'd gone through was a distant memory. I pulled up a chair, and stroked him arm. On the suggestion of my dear friend, Jill, we put lotion on his fingers, and pulled off his Gilman School ring, and the wedding band I'd been so proud

to put on his finger barely two years ago. Hospital staff came and went in a sad ballet – all kindness and loving concern. Friends started arriving from Highlands. Clergy members appeared, prepared to comfort and support me. "Do you want to be alone with him?" people would ask, and I'd spent my time holding his hand, and lean over and scoop him up in a huge bear hug, just like the ones he was so famous for giving. I could almost swear he hugged me back.

They didn't need the room yet, so we held on until my step-daughter, Karen, could drive in from Raleigh. John's daughter from Baltimore and son from York, PA would fly in the next day. We talked, we hugged, we cried. Eventually, Stanley came from the funeral home, and prepared John, placing a beautiful blue quilt all around him. We walked to the service elevator, a sad parade of shocked and grieving people. At the elevator, I pulled down the quilt, and gave one last kiss to the Love of My Life, my sweet Babbu.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Build it and they will come?

The phrase originated in the film, "Field of Dreams" a baseball fantasy about a cornfield in Iowa turned into a baseball diamond where ghosts of old-timer ball-players displayed their prowess. The phrase dealt with the success of a hair-brained idea. A ballpark in the middle of a cornfield? Really?

It seems to me a current day analogy might be the plans to build a Muslim Civic Center replete with a Mosque, within spitting distance of ground zero. So close to the World Trade Towers that the landing gear assembly of one of the flying bombs went through the roof of the building which the proposed project would replace.

Obama parses words about the American Way, religious freedom and all that. "They have a right to build it and that's that." New York mayor Michael Bloomberg echoes the sentiment. Why aren't these two leaders outraged at the effrontery of the bombing instigators thumbing their noses at the relatives of those who died nearby? I have no idea. Their attitudes are so perverse that they defy imagination.

For two successful (if measured by their past ability to be elected) politicians to take such a constitutional, but unpopular stand confuses me. A CNN poll was just released that says that 70% of independents are against building the Mosque where it is threatened. Since the only hope for the Dems in November is to somehow woo the undesignated voter to their side, why would Obama keep from trying to placate Americans on the issue? Is his attachment to the Muslims stronger than his political ambitions?

The Conservatives seem to be conflicted about it. Yes, the Muslim nation has the right to build a house of worship on private property. Land use rights are uppermost in the Conservative belief system. But not in this case?? After a great deal of thought, I have to defend their right to do what they have set out to do. What fries me is that Obama, preaching Americanism to the choir, won't say it's a thoughtless, insensitive, disrespectful, rotten, low-down, thumb-in-your-eye thing to do.

Lost in the furor created by his statement was the setting in which it was made. The White House was entertaining a crowd of Muslims at an iftar, which, evidently is a meal having something to do with the



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Muslim observance of Ramadan. What was the President of the US doing defending the Mosque when it is obviously a local issue. Perhaps speaking to a room full of Muslims has a bearing on the matter.

So, here we have the President saying grace over a New York City issue, when Harry Reid and Howard Dean both publicly denounce the idea. They think it's in bad taste.

Then Madam Pelosi (she's 70; whoda thunk it?) feels the need to embarrass herself and others, and lets us know she thinks there should be an investigation into who is financing the outrage over the objection to the Mosque. WHAT?

Evidently my check is in the mail, because, as of now, I thought I was doing it for nothing. Now, would Nancy like to investigate Harry or Howard or whom? Here we have four National figures, all tangled up with themselves concerning an issue about which they have no skin in the game.

I was rather surprised that I hadn't heard more substantive objections to the erection of this building. Finally, from the NY Daily News, "A growing number of New York construction workers are vowing not to work on the mosque planned near Ground Zero. 'It's a very touchy thing because they want use to do this on sacred ground,'" said Dave Kaiser, 38, a blaster who is working to rebuild the World Trade Center site.

The grass-roots movement is gaining momentum on the Internet. One construction worker created the 'Hard Hat Pledge' on his blog and asked others not to work on the project if it stays on Park Place. 'Thousands of people are signing up from all over the country,' said creator Andy Sullivan, a construction worker from Brooklyn. 'People who sell glass, steel, lumber, insurance - they are all refusing to do work if they build it there.'

When I started this piece, I was going to suggest, If they Build It - I could see a never-ending stream of folks coming to do whatever they could to sabotage the project. It may not get that far. It is estimated to cost \$100 million; there has been less than \$20,000 raised so far.

As I finish this, there are demonstrations going on at the proposed site - thousands opposed, 75 against. Obama seems to be on the wrong side of another issue.

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ulations, I was charged with distributing and explaining a four-page, POA created flyer at the Planning Board meeting in Burningtown Aug. 19.

We created and wanted to discuss a reasonable solution to the steep slope issue via this four-page flyer. It also outlined the problems with the current proposal featuring an actual engineering quote proving that the proposed geological testing could cost a person wanting to build on a 22-degree or greater slope in excess of \$25,000! This was only one of several SERIOUS issues.

With olive branch in hand, I went to sign up to speak. At the top of the sign-in sheet was a statement something like: “If you have spoken out previously on steep

slope you are not allowed to speak again.” Chairman Lewis Penland also verbally related that point then cautioned board members NOT to engage or get into a debate with speakers no matter how hard it may be to resist. Since I spoke in May, I was prohibited from speaking again. So were several others who had spoken previously. WOW!

Even weirder: Only half of the MC Planning Board members attended, liaison / Commissioner Bobby Koppers, representing Burningtown was not there and for the first time I can recall, no news media. This is not some mediocre, obscure issue. Tom Riles was allowed to speak but only after Penland grilled him as to whether he had

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However, as a member of the Top 5 in Real Estate Network®, I have seen many a client successfully rent a retirement home instead of selling it. Author Christine Karpinski, director of Owner Community for HomeAway.com (HomeAway.com), offers some good reasons to consider renting your second home:

1. Circumstances have changed. Maybe grandchildren have arrived on the scene and you can't bear the thought of moving hundreds of miles away from them. Or your parents are in poor health and need you nearby.

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4. Your fixed income hasn't kept up with your lifestyle. Your 401K has dropped in value. Even when you're happy to give up the daily grind of your job, losing the paycheck that comes with it can be pretty painful. Factor in inflation, rising taxes, and unexpected "new" expenses, and you may find that what seemed like a manageable cost of living five years ago doesn't seem that



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way anymore. Your second home, even if it's paid for, may start looking like a liability due to property taxes, homeowner's association dues, and maintenance costs. Not if you rent it out, says Karpinski. Then it becomes a source of new income.

So don't give up and seek to unload your second home just yet! There are still many ways to make this investment pay off. For more information on renting or

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spoken before. The Board discussed among themselves if they should allow Tom to speak. After careful discussion they allowed his comments. Everyone in attendance was appalled at the disturbing actions of the Planning Board. It is difficult to engage in a one way conversation. These actions indicate that they are not really interested in public comments despite the "happy talk."

Steep slope must now become an election issue. I call on ALL of the Commissioners and Candidates to come forward (editorials are free) and give the public a straight YES or NO. Do you support steep slope or not? If you do, please answer the ongoing question; why do we need it?

Keep in mind, by the board's own admission, steep slope WILL NOT prevent another Peaks Creek. We've asked multiple times but continue to be ignored: Show us the problem? Show us the people being killed or injured. Show us the homes sliding off the mountains. Show us why we should add tens of thousands to construction costs greatly expand local government and ask taxpayers to pay for it. Remember, taxpayers just got a 6% increase in property taxes this year.

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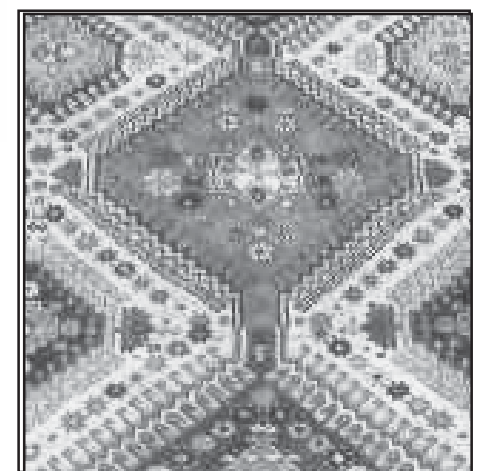
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The Planning Department Administrator – in this case Joe Cooley – will determine if a bond is needed and the price because a level 1-acre lot that wouldn't likely have run-off is different than a sloped 1-acre lot.

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Cooley said problems with erosion and sedimentation control at River Walk brought to light the need for the amendment even though River Walk developers didn't walk from the job before fixing all erosion problems.

The other issue discussed was the long awaited Unified Development Ordinance – now in final draft form.

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Neither of the main grocery stores in Highlands — Bryson's Food Store, Mountain Fresh Grocery or Dusty's — carry the eggs responsible for the salmonella break outs.

Both Terry Watson, manager of Bryson's Food Store and J.T. Fields owner of Mountain Fresh Grocery said their grocery purveyors don't carry or supply the contaminated eggs

"We buy our eggs from two suppliers," said Fields. "The industrial eggs (standard retail eggs from a hatchery with regional distribution) all come from our main grocery supplier, Merchants Distributors, Inc. (MDI). MDI does not purchase from or have any eggs from Wright County Egg Company in Galt, Iowa, which is the subject of a voluntary egg recall. Wright-produced eggs are shipped under several labels. We do not sell any of those labels or Wright County egg products."

Likewise, Watson, manager of Bryson's Food Store, said the purveyors at Bryson's don't offer any of the Wright County egg products, nor does Bryson's have any.

Fields said his second egg supplier is a local farmer, six miles from town, whose chickens aren't just cage free "they literally wander around in an open grassy field."

The recalled eggs allegedly come from "chicken warehouses."

Officials at Bi-Lo in Franklin and the Ingles in Cashiers said they aren't involved in the recall either, because none of their eggs come from those distributors.

Salmonella in healthy people often causes fever, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain. Salmonella can cause serious infections in young children, elderly, or people with weakened immune systems.

There are ways consumers can reduce their risk of getting Salmonella Enteritidis from eggs. Some of these include the following: thoroughly cook all eggs; don't eat raw eggs; don't use any cracked eggs; refrigerate unused or leftover egg-containing foods promptly; and always wash hands, cooking utensils, and food preparation surfaces with soap and water after contact with raw eggs.

For additional information, contact Macon County Public Health at 349-2081.

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• At The Bascom, Do Tell environmental sculpture: Patrick Dougherty. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

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Tues & Thurs: 2:15, 7:15, 9:30

THE OTHER GUYS
rated PG-13
Daily: 4:30

• At Scaly Outdoor Center, Summer Dry Tubing. Call 526-3737.

• At Scaly Outdoor Center, Trout Fishing. Call 526-3737.

• Hospital Tours: "Grand Rounds" at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be providing small group tours to interested area residents. Tours will be held periodically each month, through October. Tours begin at 7:30 a.m. and will include breakfast with HCH's doctors and a meet and greet with the new CEO, Craig James. Call the Foundation Office at 526-1435 as space is limited. Or RVSP by email at info@hchospital.org.

• Join us for lunch at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, where from May through October, you can enjoy an hour long *Lunch and Learn* educational seminar, on a variety of health topics, followed by Q&A session. Lunch provided; seating limited. Call 526-1313 or (828) 526-1250 today to make your reservation.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1F1T.

• Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.

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'Dearly Departed' continues this weekend



Jim Schulte as Norval, Jody Read as Veda, his wife, and Jenny King as Mama Raynelle in a scene from "Dearly Departed."

By Virginia Talbot

This is, without a doubt, one of the funniest plays the Highlands Cashiers Players have ever produced. The comedy centers on the Turpin family of Timson, GA, as they try to get organized for Daddy Bud's funeral.

Can a funeral be funny? Audiences last week laughed without restraint night after night at the hilarious, sometimes touching, efforts of the characters to get themselves together for the event.

If I were to try to give the praise they deserve to each one of the 15 cast members, this article would become a book. Not only are the principal actors outstanding and beautifully suited to their roles, but also are those playing cameo parts. For example, Jody Read, playing Veda, and Jim Schulte, her wheelchair-bound husband, Norval, provide one of the funniest moments in the play as Veda describes the extraordinary care she gives Norval daily and Norval mumbles his responses.

Another small role—that of Clyde, owner of Clyde's and Body Shop,—is played by Ron Leslie, who has such an amazing and authentic Southern accent that he brings the house down with his first line and continues to draw laughter throughout his scene. Ron, nothing like his backwoods character, is in real life Dr. Leslie, professor of Education Research and Psychology at Piedmont College.

Faye Siegel excels in a short scene, playing the pregnant mother of a passel of children, all named for celebrities. Ken Knight has a brief moment on stage as the soon-to-be deceased Daddy Bud, later playing the indispensable role of stage hand, changing the scenes.

Then there's Judy Maner, who hasn't been in a play since high school, but gives a wonderfully supercilious performance as stuck up Cousin Juanita, former Yam Queen of the county. And new to the stage, Stephanie Dalton, with her million dollar smile, gives a delightful performance as Delightful, the younger daughter of the Turpin family. Tom Wise gives his first performance with HCP, but I can't spoil the surprise by giving the name of his character.

I wish I had time and space to describe all the other major characters, but people will just have to see them in action on this final weekend of performances. If you enjoy fun coupled with good acting, don't miss "Dearly Departed." The Players presented this play in our first season, 1995, and again in 2005. It will probably be quite awhile till we revive it again.

The play runs Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28, curtain at 7:30 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, August 29, at 2:30 p.m. and an additional Sunday performance at 7:30 p.m., added due to the play's popularity. Call the box office for tickets, 526-8084.

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The Bascom's Educational Workshops and Art Academy courses shine in September



Registration is going on now for the 2010 calendar of workshops and Art Academy at The Bascom. Pat Fiorello, whose work is pictured above, will teach three watercolor workshops: "Watercolor for Non-Artists", "Watercolor Landscape", and "Watercolor/Color Workshop," from Sept. 8-11. Call (828) 526-4949, ext 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.

The quality of educational programs through The Bascom's Workshops and Art Academy provide students marvelous opportunities to work with first rate instructors in an inspiring, professional, and enriching environment.

Upcoming workshops in through September include:

- Phillip Garrett, artist-in-residence, "Fresh Paint: Acrylics like Oil", August 31-Sept.3. Learn how to create rich, saturated, oil-like glazes, thick impasto-like grounds and evenly blended colors once thought only possible with oils. Tuition: \$475 members/ \$500 non-members.

- Pat Fiorello - Three Watercolor Workshops

- "Watercolor for Non-Artists", September 8. Students will be shown how to execute a painting together, step-by-step. Try watercolor in a supportive and fun environment! Tuition: \$125 members/\$150 non-members.

- "Watercolor Landscape," September 9-10. Join Pat Fiorello, on location at The Bascom's campus, for a workshop that will provide all the essentials for painting successful landscapes in watercolor. Tuition: \$200 members/\$225 non-members.

- "Watercolor/Color Workshop", September 11. Understand how to better achieve color and clarity in your paintings. Tuition: \$125 members/\$150 non-members.

- Debra Fritts, "Surface Workshop," Sept. 8-10. Focused on firings and presentation of a final piece, students will explore the surface by adding oxide washes, more underglazes and textured glazes to achieve a painterly surface. Tuition: \$300 members/ \$325 non-members.

- Adrian Deckbar, Two Drawing Workshops

- "Secrets to Drawing What You See," Sept. 14-17. Learn devices, insights and secrets that trick the eyes and brain to disregard generalized information about what we see. Tuition: \$350 members/ \$375 non-members.

- "Secrets to Drawing The Human Figure/Clothed and Nude," Sept. 14-17. Draw the human figure in very short gestural poses, mid-length poses and long poses. Learn the secrets of the use of sighting and how to draw the reclining or seated figure in perspective. Tuition: \$350 members/ \$375 non-members/\$40 model fee.

- Harriet Shorr, artist-in-residence, "Still Life: Inside-Outside," Sept. 21-24. Gain a fresh look at the potential of still life with Harriet Shorr's unusual and contemporary approach. Tuition: \$495 members/ \$520 non-members.

From Sept. 6 – Oct. 2, grow your interest in art through The Bascom's Art Academy Fall Session I. For four weeks, an amazing talent pool of local artists/instructors will teach courses in ceramics; design and composition; art history; painting; loom weaving; pastels and watercolors.

The Fall Session Art Academy I courses include Knight Martorell's "Design and Composition," "Ceramics: Beginning to Intermediate Wheel Throwing" and "Ceramics: Advanced Wheel Throwing Skills" both led by Joe Frank McKee; Loom Weaving with Neal Howard; and two courses led by Robin Swaby, "Pastels" and "Watercolors." Each of the Art Academy instructors brings their own unique insight to each course.

Workshop and Art Academy registration is going on now. Pre-registration is required. For information or to register, call (828) 526-4949, ext. 100 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Ongoing and Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

• **YOGA** – Moonrise Yoga -- The Dedicated Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Wed., 10 a.m.; Sat., 9:30 a.m. All Levels. Mats provided. 526-8880. More info at www.yogahighlands.com (10/28)

Sundays

• Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God at 6201 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC. Contact youth ministers Seth & Sarha Henegar at 828 369-7540 ext 203.

• Old Fashioned Hymn-Sing at the Little Church of the Wildwood in Horse Cove. 7-9 p.m. Sundays through Labor Day. Kay Ward – 743-5009

Mon. & Wed.

• Pilates Classes at the Jane Woodruff Clinic, 1st floor, at H-C Hospital taught by Sandie Trevathan at 4 p.m. A mat class for all levels. For info call 526-5852. (7/29)

Mon., Wed., & Thurs.

• On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. Upper Level Jones Hall. Mon. & Wed/ at 7:30 a.m. and Thurs. at 10:4. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (7/30)

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

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

First Mondays

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

• See **EVENTS** page 16

McMahon and Nistico: stars of Bel Canto



This year, the 18th Annual Bel Canto Recital will feature two outstanding young performers – Sarah Jane McMahon, soprano, and Marco Nistico, baritone. As in the past, Dr. Stephen Dubberly will accompany on the piano.

Hailed by The New York Times as “bright, active, and fastidiously musical,” and by Opera News as having “a golden sound,” Sarah Jane McMahon is recognized for her “beautiful vocal sophistication” and “sparkling stage presence.” She recently sang a Gala concert opposite Placido Domingo on his newly dedicated stage in New Orleans, and made her debut at the Wiener Konzert Haus and Bremen’s Die Glocke in their concert productions of *Candide*. She opened New York City Opera’s 2008 spring season in Purcell’s *King Arthur* and was lauded for her “silvery-voiced soprano” and “real star presence.” In 2007, she performed Mabel in a new production of *The Pirates of Penzance* and was described by The New York Times as “the most polished and flexible singer in the cast” and “a deft comic actress.” Sarah Jane made her debut with the New York City Opera as Galatea in Handel’s *Acis and Galatea*, for which she received their coveted Kolozsvar Award.

Selected by Maestro Placido Domingo to join the Los Angeles Opera, she sang with the celebrated tenor as the Fifth Flower Maiden in *Parsifal*. Sarah Jane also performed Donna Clara, the Infanta, in Zemlinsky’s *Der Zwerg* at Bard

SummerScape Festival for which Opera News wrote: “Sarah Jane McMahon laughed and danced as the glamorous Infanta, making a golden sound with an alluring light vibrato that evoked the young Pilar Lorengar.”

Marco Nistico joined the roster of the Metropolitan Opera in the Season 2009-10. Marco became a Resident Artist at the New York City Opera after a successful debut in the role of Morales in *Carmen* (Bizet) followed by performances of Prudenzio in *Il Viaggio a Reims* (Rossini), Schaunard in *La Bohème* (Puccini) and Morales in *Carmen* (Bizet). In the season 2006/2007, also at New York City Opera, he performed the roles of Le Dancairo in *Carmen* and Sharpless in *Madama Butterfly*. He made his Carnegie Hall debut in June '07 with Mid America Productions as solo baritone in Fauré’s *Requiem* and Schubert’s *Mass in C*.

Both artists are rising young stars and Highlands will get to hear them early in their respective careers. As in the past, proceeds from the performance will benefit the permanent collection of The Bascom and the music programs at Highlands School and the Highlands Community Child Development Center.

Put Sunday, September 12 at 4PM on your calendar now and plan to attend the Eighteenth Annual Bel Canto Recital! To contact Bel Canto and get on the mailing list and purchase tickets, please call 828.526.1947.

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Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Mondays

- Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Tuesdays

- Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center at noon.
- Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Tuesdays & Thursdays

- Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Baldwin at 5:15 p.m. Fast moving free weight kinetic chain movement for 30-40 minutes. \$8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4959 to reserve a spot.

Wednesdays

- \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryson's Food Store.
- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 a.m.
- Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.
- The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

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. Call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

Thursdays

- Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.
- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series every Thursday at 7 pm at the Highlands Nature Center May 13 through Aug. 5 It's free.

Friday & Saturdays

- Live Music at The Downhill Grill at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center 7-9 p.m.. BYOB.

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 526-9938 (ext 258).
- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club monthly Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast is served in the remodeled historical school house from 7:30-10:30 pm. \$5.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children. Call Susan Bankston 526-9952 or email sfbankston@gmail.com

Saturdays

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 pm. Great values in wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.
- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.
- Highlands Knitting & Needlepoint Guild meets to knit, crochet and needlepoint on the terrace at the Bascom. Questions? 526-1741.

Through Sun., Sept. 5

- At the Bascom, Heroes of Horticulture. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

Through Sun., Sept. 12

- At The Bascom, Small Works Challenge: Bascom

Members. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

Through Sun., Sept. 26

- At The Bascom, Kick-start! American Motorcycle Design. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

Thurs., Aug. 26

- Board of Education candidate forum, 6-8 p.m. at the Community Building in Highlands. After a introductions there will be a question and answer period.
- Taize is Thursday at 5:30 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.. Taize is a nondenominational service of prayer, meditation, scripture and simple, beautiful music. No offerings are taken—these services are a free gift to the community.

Fri.-Sun, Aug. 27-29

- HCP's production of "Dearly Departed" at PAC. For ticket information call 526-8084.

Fri.-Sat., Aug. 27-28

- At The Bascom, Tom Turner, "Attention to Detail." This workshop is an exposé of Turner's approach to throwing, decorating and finishing porcelain pottery. Students will delight as he demonstrates and shares his thoughts on technique, concept, design, philosophy, style, method and purpose His approach is graceful and inviting, alluring and complex. Tuition is \$200 Bascom members/ \$225 non-members.

Fri., Aug. 27

- A dance at the MC Community Center on Hwy, 441 S. in Franklin, NC, (across from Whistle Stop Mall) from 6:30 to 9 pm with music by "Swingtime Band" for more information call (828) 369-9155.

Sat., Aug. 28 - Sun., Oct. 3

- At The Bascom, Three Weavers and Artists in Residence, Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

Sat., Aug., 28

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing driving acoustics at 9:15 p.m.
- At The Bascom, Intergenerational Class: Sat. Mornings with Fayne Ansley, Rubber Stamping, 10 am-noon. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org

Sun., Aug. 29

- Shape Note Singing, old time hymn sing 2-5 p.m. at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library in Cashiers. Instructions and loaner song books available. All welcome. Information: contact Carl or Kathie Blozan 828-743-1765.
- A benefit auction by Scudder's at the Playhouse, at 6 p.m.. The Playhouse stage will be filled with a range of items from antiques to collectibles — whatever people want to donate to the non-profit organization. Donations can come from anyone and all donors will receive tax credits. The auction will be held in the Playhouse auditorium and wine and heavy appetizers will be served
- At The Bascom, Curatorial Talk: Kick-start! American Motorcycle Design, Experience the exhibition through the eyes of the curator, 2-3 pm
- Fiesta Grande celebration at the Community Building from 4:30-7 p.m. Tickets available at the door. \$10 adults, kids under 12 free. Food, music, pinatas, raffles and prizes. To benefit the International Friendship Center.

Tues., Aug. 30 - Sun., Sept. 12

- At The Bascom, selected Works from The Bascom Collection. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org. Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat.s, 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

Monday Aug. 30

- Highlands Art League meeting from 5-7 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. After a social half hour, artist Larry

Mauldin, former president of the South Carolina Watercolor Society, will be doing a demonstration of his dynamic watercolor painting techniques for the Art League of Highlands. Guests are always welcome. For further information contact Dottie Bruce, President 828-743-7673. .

- At The Bascom, Artist Talk and Demonstration: Phillip Garrett, artist-in-residence, Golden acrylic paints, 5 pm (preceded by 4:30 pm mixer and reception).

Tues.-Fri., Aug. 31 – Sept. 3

- At The Bascom, Workshop: Phillip Garrett, artist-in-residence, Fresh Paint: Acrylics Like Oil, 10 am-4 pm. Learn how to create rich, saturated, oil-like glazes, thick impasto-like grounds and evenly blended colors once thought only possible with oils. Tuition: \$475 members/ \$500 non-members. For information or to register, call 828.526.4949 or visit www.thebascom.org

Tuesday, Aug. 31

- The Highlands/Sapphire Mens Chorus in concert at the Sapphire Valley Community Center at 7 p.m. Directed by Orville Wike, accompanied by Angie Jenkins, the men will perform an inspiring "Patriotic Salute to America." SVCC located 3 miles east of Cashiers on Hwy. 64. 743-7663.
- An American Red Cross Adult CPR/AED and Child CPR/AED + Infant CPR course will be conducted by the Macon County Public Health Center. The course will be held on Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 pm at the Macon

County Public Health Center at 1830 Lakeside Drive. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay at the Macon County Public Health Center before Monday, August 30,. Call Jennifer at 349-2439.

Thursday, Sept. 2

- Open House at the new Town Hall from 3-6 p.m. 210 N. 4th Street.
- Rotary Bingo to support the Highlands Historical Society from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Community Building. \$15 to play 1 card all night.

Fri.-Sun., Sept. 3-5

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, "Not Even Brothers" playing acoustic at 9:15 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 3

- At The Bird Barn, Spirit the Bald Eagle will arrive at 2 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 4-5

- Village Square Art & Craft Show at Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Village Sqaure from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Cynthia Strain for more information. 828-787-2021.

Saturday, Sept. 4

- Robert Ray's Big Band Show at PAC at 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 526-9027.
- Castaway Cutters of Blairsville, GA and Murphy, NC will hold an animal adoption at Whiskers from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Wright to perform at First Presbyterian

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present Tenor John Wesley Wright in concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 5. Featured will be folk songs, spirituals, Broadway, and more. The concert will take place in the sanctuary.

John Wesley Wright is known for his artistic and soulful interpretations of music from baroque to Broadway. Holding degrees from Maryville College ('87) and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, ('90) his diversity as an artist has afforded him, among other things, a nationally televised concert for the Belgian Royal Family, and tours as a soloist and in professional ensembles throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan.

With a host of opera and oratorio roles, art songs, spirituals, and cabaret music in his repertoire, Wright is a member of the internationally acclaimed American Spiritual Ensemble which recently made its New York and Kennedy Center debuts.

A native of Rome, Georgia, John is a leader of workshops on African American song tradition, a member of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and has been vocal consultant for the singers and actors at Disney and Epcot Center. John served as Artist -in-Residence at the University of Dayton from 1995-2006 and has spent summers as a guest artist, teacher, and stage director at the North Carolina School

of the Arts, the Kentucky Governor's School and most recently, the Maryland Summer Center for the Arts held at Salisbury University. Wright joined the Salisbury University music faculty in the fall of 2006 where he coordinates the voice area, teaches private voice and directs the Opera Workshop.

Wright will be accompanied by Gabriel Dobner who is Professor of Piano, chamber music, and accompanying at James Madison University in Virginia. A native of Chicago, Mr. Dobner received his Bachelor's degree in piano performance from Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University, where he studied piano with Professor Ludmila Lazar. He then went on to earn his Masters and Doctoral Degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington, where he worked with Professor Leonard Hokanson, eventually becoming his

teaching assistant. Dobner has performed extensively in the United States, Canada, Japan, and throughout Europe.

He joined the music faculty at James Madison University in Virginia in the fall of 2001. Previous teaching engagements include Indiana University in Bloomington and the Nurnberg/Augsburg Hochschule fur Musik in Germany.

The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.



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"Make every effort ... to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" Hebrews 12:14

There is a work of God we call sanctification. It is where God transforms us more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. This is what we would understand as the pursuit of holiness. In Hebrews 12 the Greek Word for "Make every effort" is literally pursue.

In order to meet this goal of pursuing holiness requires a sustained and energetic effort. You cannot be slothful or indolent, there is no room for a half-hearted commitment in this search. The smallest of sins must be met and dealt with. It demands the highest priority if you are to reach toward a holy life and be Christ like. This is the purpose of sanctification, to be more and more like Christ. This is the goal of God for every believer, therefore it should hold place as one of the highest priorities of your life.

The word used for "Make every effort" means in this verse to strive for or to accomplish what is before you. Paul makes this clear in Philippians 3:12-14 "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." The word "press on" is the same word pursue. What is interesting is that throughout much of the New Testament it is translated persecute. It means to seek out in order to do harm to those sought, to find and destroy. You as a believer should seek sin in your life and pursue it with the aim of its total destruction.

But you must never lose sight of the fact this pursuit of holiness has to be tied to God's grace. Holiness cannot come without this connection to God's grace. God's grace and holiness are welded together, they cannot be separated. Jesus came into the world to do for you, the believer, what you could not do for yourself. The first thing he did in your place was to live the perfect life. You cannot live this perfect life without Jesus and you cannot now live it with Christ. The only way you can participate in holiness is by being in Christ. Christ and Christ alone can live in the holiness required to enter God's presence. You are to "Make every effort" to be holy as your Lord is holy. You must understand that unless you are fully absorbed into Jesus and his effort, you cannot enter into heaven because only Jesus' holiness is sufficient to open heaven's gate.

There are those who claim this approach to the pursuit of holiness sounds like legalism. There are others who say this idea of grace opens the door to licentiousness. You must recognize that both the pursuit of holiness and the gift of God's grace work hand in hand producing personal discipline and unconditional trust in the work of Jesus Christ. It is absolutely essential that you have both a desire to pursue and a faith to depend on Christ to have a solid commitment to a life filled with a strong and growing faith in God and all he has promised concerning both holiness and grace.

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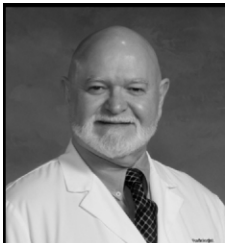
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• HEALTH MATTERS •

Specifics on Lasik procedures

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A Lasik evaluation is required for anyone seeking this procedure. This evaluation is extremely comprehensive using state of the art diagnostic equipment to give a complete look at the overall health of the eye. At Blue Laser Group, Lasik evaluations are free and will give you all of the information needed to make an informed decision about this procedure. The only way to find out if you are a great Lasik candidate is by having an evaluation with an experienced Lasik physician.

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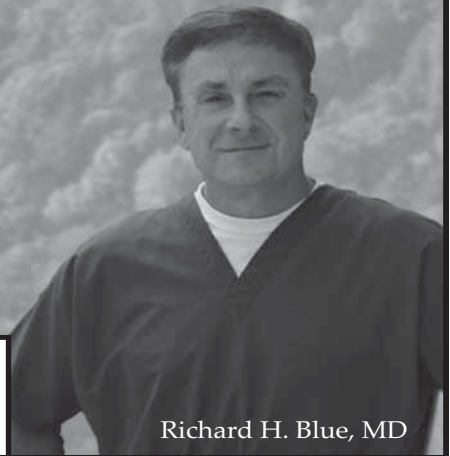
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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Doctors learn at symposium

Approximately 50 of the area's retired, semi-retired and active physicians, heard the latest on cardiology and breast cancer last week at a special medical symposium held at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH).

Sponsored by the HCH Foundation, the symposium featured presentations by distinguished physicians and lecturers Drs. Byron R. Williams, Jr., Chief of Medicine at Emory University Hospital, and Dr. Edward Copeland, Retired Chief of Surgery at the University of Florida.

Williams, who has been a member of the consulting medical staff at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital in cardiology, spoke on the topic of "Advances in Cardiology" and Copeland discussed the "Evolving Treatments of Breast Cancer". Discussions of recent advances in both diagnostic and treatment procedures were the dominant themes of both presentations.

"We are very pleased to have these two highly respected physicians come to Highlands to speak," said Don Mullen, MD, organizer and HCH Board Director. "The lectures that have been presented recently and over the last several years have all been outstanding, and I think physicians who have taken the time to attend one or more events have found them both interesting and informative. We hope even more physicians will decide to take advantage of this opportunity in the future."



Dr. Edward "Ted" Copeland discusses the latest evolving treatments of Breast Cancer to area physicians and others during a medical symposium at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Mullen explained that the yearly symposiums were created to keep retired physicians around the area familiar with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the medical services offered locally, develop comradship among all area physicians, and facilitate continuing educational opportunities for physicians.

Two symposiums are planned for next year at the hospital. They are open to any physician, active or retired, and offers a certificate to be used in filing for medical credit in continuing education to qualified participants.

If you would have an interest in making or suggesting a presentation, please contact the Foundation Office at 526-1435.

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"I have now had the privilege to perform over 25,000 vision correction procedures in my career. The two statements that I hear over and over from my patients are *"Lasik is the best thing I have ever done for myself"* and *"I should have done this years ago."* I look forward to hearing that from you.

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

HealthTracks has restorative powers

Eighty-year-old Hattie Halloway slowly pushed her walker into HealthTracks, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's Wellness Center, to begin their Cardiac Rehabilitation program just a few months ago. That was May. Today, Hattie strides in and out of our doors walker-free.

Less than a year ago, Hattie began to experience shortness of breath that gradually got worse. After a visit to her Cardiologist, Dr. Wharton, Hattie was sent to Asheville to have surgery the next day replacing two heart valves and repairing one.

After a pacemaker was implanted, Hattie traveled back to her home in Highlands and soon began the life saving rehabilitation program at HealthTracks, as prescribed by Dr. Wharton. Hattie explained that motivation was the secret for her returning to good health. "My grandson was getting married in June, and I was determined to walk down the aisle at the church. I knew it wouldn't be easy but with the help of all the highly trained staff at HealthTracks, I was able to reach my goal."

"Hattie made remarkable progress in the Cardiac Rehabilitation Program," said

Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, CDE and HealthTracks Director. "She was a joy to work with. It gives me great pride knowing we could provide the tools Hattie needed to recover as much quality of life as possible and reduce her risk of a reoccurring illness."

Smith said that since the hospital began its own cardiac rehabilitation program in 1994, it has helped hundreds of patients recover from heart attacks and cardiac surgery, and aided others in managing chronic cardiovascular disease.

The program provides continuous cardiac monitoring of patients during exercise sessions, which include a combination of cardiovascular and strength training. The program also provides education in heart healthy nutrition, stress management, evaluation by a mental health specialist, and education in all areas of the function of the



heart. In addition to improving cardiovascular health and strength, the program prepares its patients to carry on lifestyle changes and practices learned in the 12-week/36 session program.

The Cardiac Rehab Program is directed by Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, CDE and her staff of cardiac nurses, a Registered Dietician, and

exercise specialists. The team works in close conjunction with board certified physicians, counselors, physical therapists and other medical professionals to make sure all programs are safe, as well as effective. Their goal is to provide the community with the tools needed to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.

For more information on the Cardiac Rehabilitation program at HealthTracks, please call 526-1469.

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Macon County than Rabun County and we contribute both to the town and the school," said Lamar. "Both my wife and I work in Highlands and feel it's important to be near our kids during the day. It would be hard for our kids to be that far away from us and it just wouldn't be the right thing to do."

Lamar said if the board charges \$8,000 per student – the estimated amount it costs to educate each child – it would be too expensive and they would have to consider something else.

Melanie Nix said when the school system charged tuition a few years ago, they sent their son to Rabun County, but the hour- and 15-minute bus ride was not only long but winding which caused him to be car sick.

"He had to get over that before he could function at school, or I would have to give him medicine to start his day and I really didn't like doing that," she said. "It's unfortunate that this line drawn in the sand geographically separates us because we have been part of the Highlands community for generations and we contribute more to Highlands than to Rabun County."

Board member Stephanie McCall read two letters she received from other parents in the same situation. Both said their families work in Highlands and contribute greatly to the community and the school.

"We will do whatever you decide, but whatever it is please make it consistent. Not knowing one year to the next if we can go to Highlands School is very distressing for our children," said one parent.

That same parent said her son is a New Century Scholar and Southwestern Community College said as long as he stays in Highlands School he is eligible for the scholarship even though they are residents of Georgia. So if it's OK for SCC why not for Highlands School? she asked.

Suggestions ranged from allowing families over the line but still within a five-mile radius of Macon County to attend as residents, to charging the local cost of about \$1,300 per student rather than the entire amount of \$8,000 (the state pays the difference), to not charging at all.

The board agreed unanimously that if parents over the state line either in Satolah or Sky Valley also own property in Macon County and so pay Macon County property taxes, their children can go to Highlands School as residents.

Rather than deciding Monday night, the board agreed to mull the entire situation over and discuss it in January after more is known about next year's budget impact.

That means the Aug. 3 decision to charge tuition to out-of-state families effective July 1, 2011 may change.

Also discussed at length is the school system's drug testing policy for athletes.

Since Highlands School tests all athletes grades 7-12 and then randomly throughout the year, the board has decided to follow suit

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Let's be tolerant of other's views

Dear Editor,

It always pains me to hear anyone disparaging another's religious viewpoint and it is particularly painful to see one priest attacking another.

I am a great fan of Bishop John Spong and our small group has made several trips to Highlands from Alabama to hear him, with new appreciation for this fine town every with every trip. I have read many of Bishop Spong's books, heard numerous lectures, and get his regular Q&A e-mails, so I am fairly familiar with his views. He has, as

Rev. Jim Murphy correctly states, in his Aug. 19 column in Highlands' Newspaper, given up on the concept of a Santa Claus God that might give us what we need if our supplications are adequate. He maintains that that no one can tell you anything concrete about God - they can only tell you how they experience God and everyone experiences God slightly differently.

Here is a quote from one of his best books: "God is, for me, the Ground of Being seen in the being of every living thing,

the source of love found in the the ability to love present in every creature, and the source of life calling everyone everywhere into the fullness of life."

It will behoove us all if we can be tolerant of the religious views of others. Let's all try to put our differences behind us and remember that denigrating another's religion might separate that person from his God.

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Lamar Nix addresses the school board Monday night.

throughout the system.

On Monday night the board voted unanimously to amend the drug policy to mirror Highlands School's policy.

Board member Stephanie McCall said statistics show that students tend to experiment in grades seven and eight and drug testing tends to deter the urge to experiment.

So, as of Monday night, "All students in grades 7-12 who participate in interscholastic athletics must agree to participate in the Student Athlete Drug Testing program. The student athlete and his or her parents/guardians/legal custodian must sign a Consent Form and return the Form to the student athlete's coach prior to the beginning of the sport's season and the first athletic practice. The student athlete will not be allowed to practice with the team until the form has been signed and returned to the coach. The executed form shall be filed in the student

athlete's official student file and will be valid for all sports during that academic year."

Furthermore, "The student athlete or his or her parents/guardians/legal custodian may revoke the student's consent to drug testing at anytime by completing a Withdrawal of Drug Testing Consent Form; however, once revoked, the student athlete will no longer be eligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic activities for the remainder of that school year."

Though requiring the initial mandatory drug test of all student athletes in grades 7-12 will cost upwards of \$15,000 a year, the board felt it was necessary to have a consistent policy system-wide and to actively deter the use of drugs by students.

In the closed session that followed, the board extended Superintendent Dan Briggman's contract through 2014.

— Kim Lewicki

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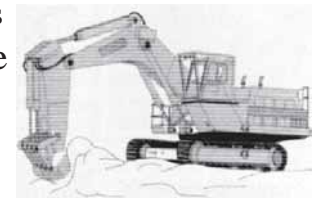
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one place and data-based by subject - complete with charts and graphs.

Though the board didn't go through the ordinance page by page, members were charged with taking it home and going through it, so they can not only discuss possible changes, but understand its layout.

Through the UDO, redundancies and contradictions which previously plagued the town's ordinances have been removed which leaves less to interpretation. This will keep the playing field level when it comes to enforcement.

The general intent of the UDO is to enable governing bodies to regulate and restrict the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures; the percentage of lots that may be occupied; the size of yards, courts, and other recreation and open spaces; the density of population; and the location, general design, appearance and use of buildings, structures and land for trade, industry, residence, or other purposes.

The zoning regulations in this Ordinance are designed to lessen congestion in the roads; to secure safety from fire, panic, and other dangers; to promote health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land;

to avoid undue concentration of population; to preserve and improve the character of development in the Town of Highlands.

The purpose of the subdivision portion of the ordinance is to establish procedures and standards for the development and subdivision of real estate within the corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction of the Town of Highlands to, among other things, insure proper legal description, identification, monumentation, and recordation of real estate boundaries, etc.

Violations, prior nonconformities and grandfathered uses - things that have plagued the Appearance Commission, the Planning Board, the Town Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment for years - are all explained in one place.

Likewise requirements as to site plans, plats, permits and applications for every situation is also categorized in one place.

There is an extensive definitions section where inconsistencies and confusing jargon have been removed and now mean the same thing in every application of their uses.

The Planning Board's recommendation is the first step to adopting the UDO which will eventually be the job of the Town Board.

- **Kim Lewicki**

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June's Place offers 'Homestyle Cooking'



Formerly the Hill Top Grill, June's Place is up and running after extensive renovations. June Webb, owner, is offering fare similar to what she offered at High Country Cafe.



June's Place, on the corner of Spring and S. 4th Street on the hill, is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and serves breakfast all day long.

Photos by Jim Lewicki

Dusty's expands offerings




Kitty Schultz and assistant, Stacy Dye in the new addition to Dusty's on NC 106 -- The Bakery at Dusty's offering breads, croissants, muffins, breakfast breads, bownies, cookies, English Muffins, scones and pies! Coffee is also available. Dusty's also offers an expanded selection of wine and craft beer, salads and cut-to-order steaks.

Mountain Findings continues to give to the community




The Pantry is a joint mission of The International Friendship Center and Highlands United Methodist Church. Barbara Landwehr, co-director, is pictured with Dorothy Arbuthnot from Mountain Findings.



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Police & Fire Report

Highlands PD log entries from Aug. 2. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Aug. 2

• At noon, officers received a call from a Cashiers lawyer concerning the left of jewelry from his client on Main Street valued at \$76,354. The case is under investigation.

Aug. 17

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 64 and Main Street.

Aug. 18

• Officers responded to a noise complaint due to motorcycles driving up and down the driveway on US 64 west.

Aug. 19

• At 12:10 p.m., officers were requested at Highlands Pharmacy to secure the building while an employee left.

• At 1:29 p.m., officers were called to Spoiled Rotten

about a shoplifting incident valued at \$65.

• At 4:25 p.m., property found on Main Street was turned into the police department.

Aug. 21

• At 10:30 a.m., officers were called to Highlands School about a breaking and entering and minor vandalism. There was a broken jar of water-based paint in the foyer, broken light bulbs from a storage box in the old gym, and trash put out in the hall of the Middle School building strewn in the hallway. In addition, the Highlander picture that hung in the front office was taken.

• At 2:30 p.m., a larceny of property valued at \$40 was reported taken from in front of the Little Flower Shoppe on Main Street.

Aug. 23

• At 12:10 p.m., officers were called about a trespasser at a business on N. 4th. Street.

• At 2:55 p.m., a gas-drive off valued at \$83.96 was reported.

• At 10:50 p.m., officers were called to Cherokee Drive where a person was found sleeping in the vehicle on the side of the road.

Aug. 24

• At 10:10 p.m., Cira Angeles-Munos, 27, of Franklin, was arrested for driving without a license at US 64 and Main.

Aug. 25

• At 6:50 a.m., officers delivered a criminal summons to a resident on Upper Lake Drive.

• During the week, police officers responded to 8 alarms and issued 14 citations.

Highlands F&R Dept. log entries from Aug. 18:

Aug. 18

• At 7:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a lost

hiker on Yellow Mountain trail. He was located.

Aug. 19

• At 5 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at N. 5th Street.

• At 11:39 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at Cherrywood Dr. where a heavy tailgate fell on a NC DOT worker.

Aug. 20

• At 3:47 a.m., the dept. was first-responders at Hillcrest Drive.

Aug. 21

• At 2:57 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at Cobb Road where someone had fallen.

Aug. 22

• At 3:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Crisp Rd.

• At 8:01 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Hicks Rd.

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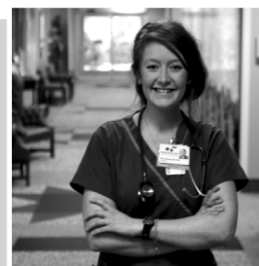
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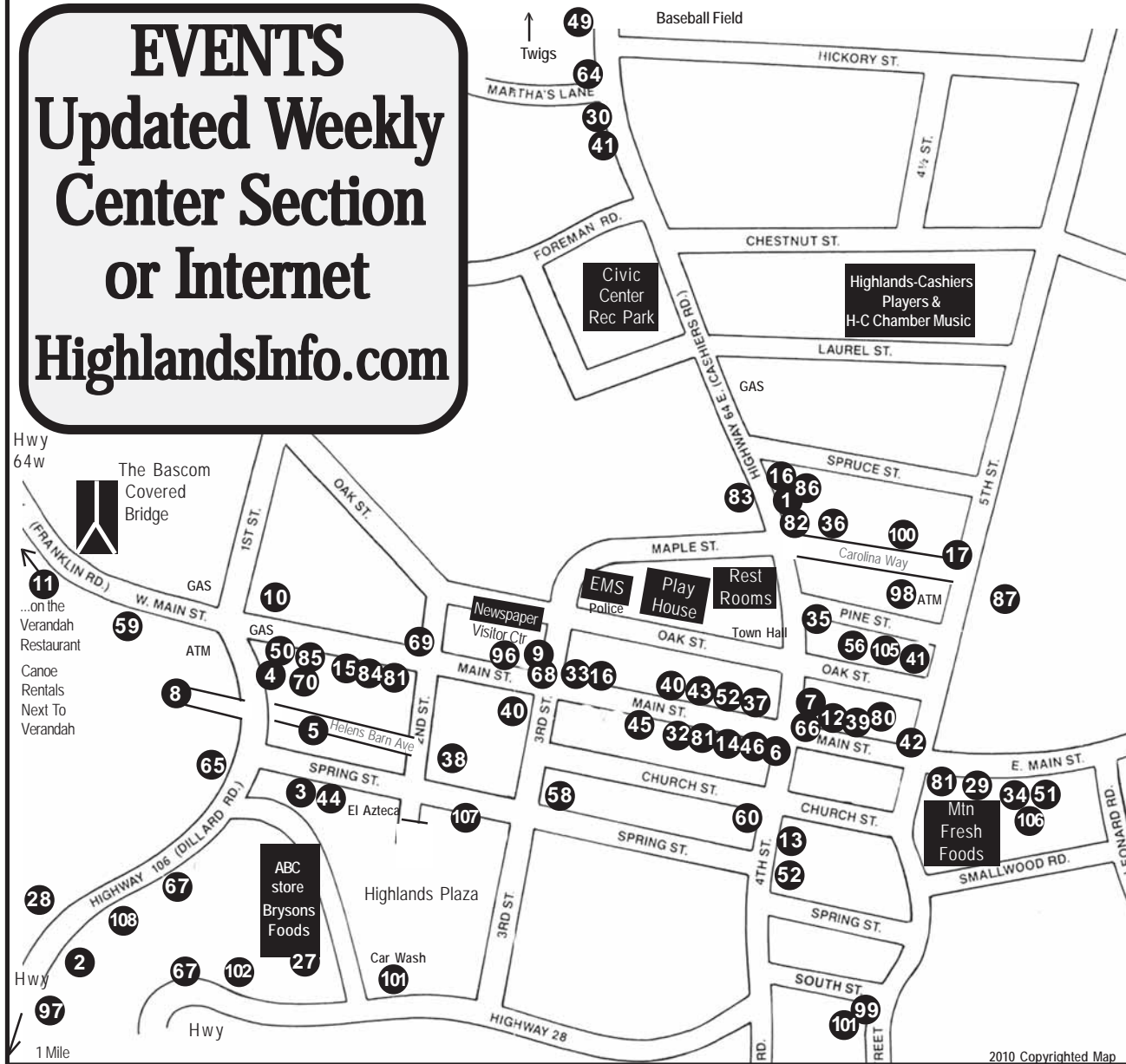
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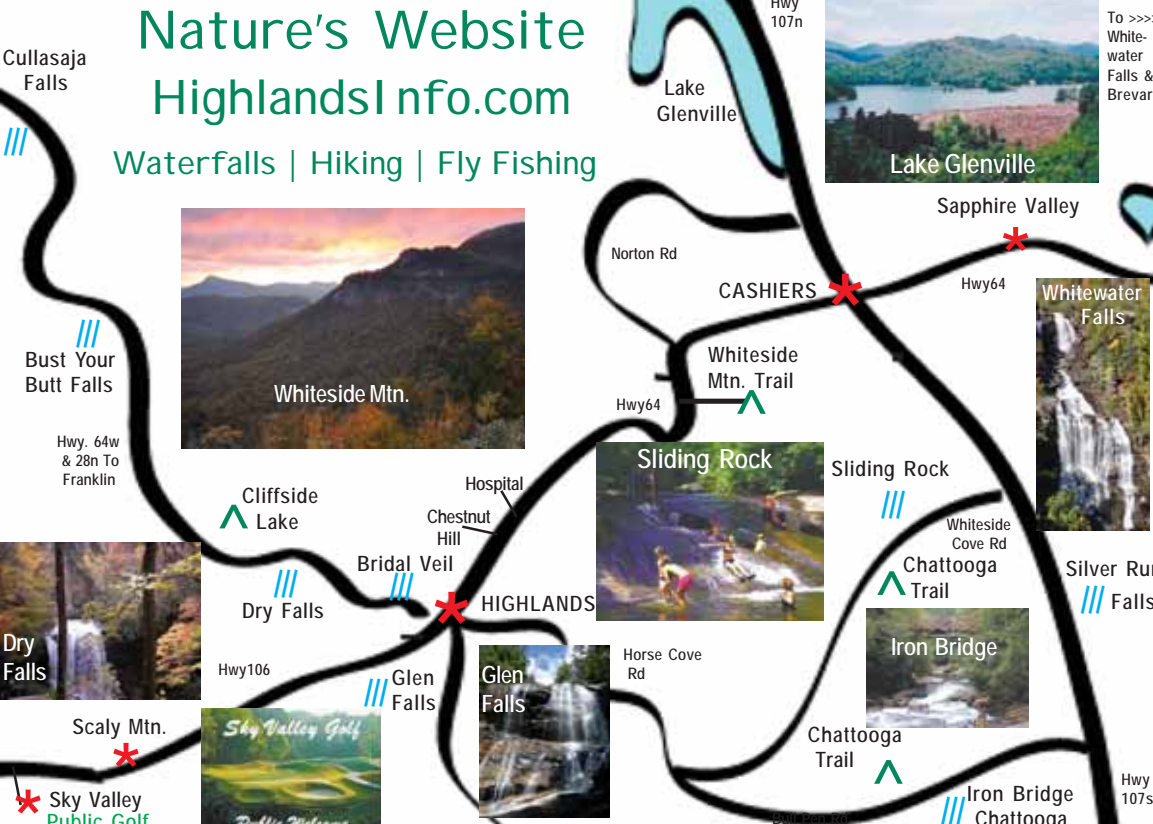



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