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• Playhouse fundraiser Cabaret Concert at 10:30 p.m. (right after Dames at Sea) "Pay What you Can."

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Sat.-Sun., Aug. 11-12

• Sapphire Valley Arts & Crafts Festival. US 64 east, 3 miles east of Cashiers. Free admission and parking.

Saturday, Aug. 11

• At Shakespeare & Co. author Jean Benedict Raffa is signing her book "Healing the Sacred Divide" 4-6 p.m.

• Relay for Life. "Bean Bag Toss Tournament" at the Highlands Rec Park. Practice starts @ 10am, Tournament starts @ 12pm. Call 526-9716 to register.

• At The Hen House on Main Street, Robert Rothchild Farms Gourmet Foods - Sampling Demo, 10:30a-4:30p.

• Dance for Life 7-11pm Highlands Community Building. DJ, snacks. Music targeted for 15 and older after 9pm). \$5 admission.

Beginning Mon., Aug. 13

• After School program at the Highlands Rec Park. Call 526-3556 for details.

Monday, Aug. 13

• B.E.A.R. Talk at 7 pm, Hudson Library.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

• Story Swap on Tuesday, 30 pm, at the Ugly Dog Pub at 294 S. Fourth St. in Highlands. Theme-Summer Fun.

Wed., August 15

• A free Interlude concert at 2 pm at the Episcopal Church. Bryce Westervelt, tenor, Robert Henry, piano.

Fire & Rescue teams had busy weekend

The crowds lining up for fire truck rides and hotdog plates at the annual Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House Saturday, were beginning to thin as the last truck filled with excited children returned to the station. Then at 2:45 p.m., a

stark reminder of the department's purpose.

The call was about a "10-50," a vehicle accident on at 9139 Buck Creek Road with two occupants injured.

Frank and Hattie Holloway,

in their 80s, were returning to Highlands from a shopping trip in Franklin when for some reason Hattie's vehicle crossed the yellow line and up the embankment

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Highlands School welcomes new faces

By Ryan Potts

While there will be many familiar faces at Highlands School today as students return from summer break, there will be some new Highlanders eager to introduce themselves to their new students. Highlands School has employed five new teachers and one new Administrative Assistant to replace retirees and departures from the previous school years. Among the new faces are folks from right here in Highlands and Cashiers as well as educators from as far away as Michigan and Ohio who have come to work here on the plateau at Highlands School.

New PE Teacher Brad Bergman comes to Highlands from Botkins, Ohio and will be replacing longtime coach and teacher Butch Smart. Bergman matriculated from Miami University in

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Trysten Stanely in the driver's seat of a Highlands F&R firetruck soon after he was released from the hospital ... the first time. His brother and life-long pal Ayden looks on.

Family of critically ill child desperate for help

Today, Thursday, Aug. 9, excited, first-time kindergartners arrived at Highlands School, tiny bookbags slung over their shoulders.

It's a bittersweet milestone every parent experiences. It means their child is growing up, slowly

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Updated watershed plan may lead to funding

By Jason Meador
LTLT

On Monday, July 30, the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) held a public presentation at the First Presbyterian Church in Highlands to reveal the results and recommendations of two-year grant project from the North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) awarded in 2011.

The money received was part of a federal grant to the state of North Carolina for pollution control stemming from Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

The LTLT, in cooperation with the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association (UCWA) has undertaken the revision and update of the 2004 Upper Cullasaja Watershed Action and Strategy Plan to address new planning elements.

By addressing these additional planning elements, it is hoped that eligibility for receipt of EPA Section 319 implementation funds for beneficial restoration

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Still think he's the Antichrist?

Dear Editor,
In response to Don Swanson's column "Still think he's the Messiah?" in the Aug. 2 edition of Highlands Newspaper, I have a question -- still think he's the Antichrist?

Since you are still trembling with fear with the notion that President Obama is the Devil incarnate, I doubt that anything I say will change your mind. And I'm not even going to try - minds closed as tightly as yours cannot be changed.

Personally, that irrational fear missed me, but I suppose he was campaigning against Hillary at the time so I wasn't sucked in to that dark hatred. Being a strong believer in our Creator and Her sovereignty, my system doesn't allow for the fear-mongering negative hatred of a self-professed editorialist or anyone else.

Let's do a little analysis of the situation, shall we? When Obama took office, we were on the precipice of the worst financial disaster in our lifetimes. EVERYONE was about to lose everything. Now, just a few short years later, the rich are richer than ever, the poor are still poor, and the middle class is still struggling - but we survived and are moving forward. Anyone who thinks it only takes a few years to recover from such a financial calamity is...well, you know. Is unemployment still too high? Of course. Is it getting better? Of course.

Thanks to Obama, we are now for the first time in our nation's history on the verge of providing basic healthcare for all. Don, here's a news flash for you. We (the govt./taxpayers) have NOT been providing health care for the poorest among us since you were a toddler, or ever. But you are so insulated from that part of society you would never realize it. At least you admit you "don't know what's going on because [you] haven't read the law." You have awfully strong opinions for someone who admits he doesn't know what's going on.

Is the Healthcare Act perfect? Not by a long shot. But it is a desperately needed start for millions who had no access to basic healthcare. Why not work together to refine it, and start to work on the REAL problem - the cost of healthcare?

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE



Thanks to Obama, our war in Iraq is largely over, our war in Afghanistan coming to an end. Started by misguided and dishonest Republicans and Democrats alike, Iraq is in worse shape now than before the war. Same goes for Afghanistan. We will see what moral obligation we now feel toward those countries to help fix what we broke. But everyone knows that the two things that are easiest to start and hardest to end are a love affair and a war.

Osama bin Laden is dead. Do I feel safer because of that? Well, I certainly don't feel less safe. Do you, Mr. Swanson?

Why are you so scared of "illegal immigrants?" The vast majority want to be legal immigrants, work hard, and would pay more taxes than the soon-to-be Republican Presidential candidate - if we'd let them. Last I checked, our country is made up ENTIRELY of...immigrants...including, yes, your ancestors, Mr. Swanson.

Obama has done all of this, and more, with 99% of Republicans having vowed to "just say no" to anything - ANYTHING, even if it is in Republicans' best interests - that Obama supports. Imagine if the minority who voted against Obama in 2008 threw off their fear and hatred and worked together with him to try to make things better, for the good of our country...

Spare us the quotes from RedState.com, Rush Limbaugh or Sean Hannity. It might give you a headache at first, but try thinking for yourself for a change.

Do I still think he's the Messiah? Never did. Never met anyone who did. The inconvenient truth for you is that he is a good, smart, fair and honest man who wants to do his best to continue to make this country the very best in the history of mankind - with fairness, liberty and justice for ALL, not just for those who can afford it.

What a shame that he could not solve every problem we face in his 3 1/2 years - the worst problems ANY incoming President has ever had to face. I guess you think John McCain could have, and that Mitt Romney can. You will have to look inside, Mr. Swanson, to figure out why you have such fear and hatred of Barack Obama. If you can ever admit why, let us know.

I'm not supposed to talk about politics or religion in public, but I couldn't resist. As Jackie Gleason used to say..." I've got a BIIIIIIIIIG mouth!"

William Ransom
Atlanta GA
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Franklin Youth Basketball Sign Ups

Mon.-Fri. during business hours and Sat. from 10a - 2p at Twice Played Sports.

Players must be 6 by first game / Younger than 16 on August 25th. \$75 per player covers: league costs (officials, gym rentals, etc) and fitted uniform that player will keep once the season is complete. Try-outs will be held for ages that have more than 12 signup).

The FYB league is a competitive Macon County league in addition to the traditional community league of Macon County.

This is a county league and all county residents are eligible for participation.

This is a competitive league that plays on Saturdays starting in November.

Games are played in the following locations: Franklin, Waynesville, Canton, Clyde, Cherokee, Sylva, Hominy Valley, Bethel.

Anyone interested in coaching in the

• OBITUARY •

Hattie Othel Holloway

Hattie Othel Holloway, age 82, of Highlands, NC, died Saturday, August 4, 2012 at an Asheville hospital. She was born in Hillsborough County, FL the daughter of the late Henry Holland and Hattie Cooper Tyler. She was the youngest of nine children and her main joy in her life was her grandchildren who called her Mom-Mom.

She loved to sew, loved meeting new friends and traveling with her husband to different jobs all over the country. She had worked as a legal secretary and was a member of Highlands First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Frank Harris Holloway; her daughter, Lisa Maselli and her husband John of Evans, GA; two sons, Lamar Brown and his wife, Malinda of Hampton, SC and Rick Holloway and his wife Carolyn of Tomball, TX; one sister, Thelma Glattli of Highlands, NC; four grandchildren, Anthony Maselli, Angela Maselli, Tyler Holloway and Leigh Anna Brown.

Funeral services will be held Friday, August 10 at 11 a.m. at the Highlands First Baptist Church with Dr. Charles H. Harris officiating.

Lamar Brown, Rick Holloway, Anthony Maselli, Tyler Holloway, Joe Simmons and Joe Powell will serve as pallbearers. Burial will be held at the Highlands Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Thursday, August 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands where the body will remain until placed in the Church thirty minutes prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 6520 North Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309 or the Lupus Foundation of America, 1850 Lake Park Drive Suite 101, Smyrna, GA 30080.

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Catch and Release

No, no, no, this is not about our failed criminal justice system but I can see how you would think that way. And it's not about our failed immigration policies either. No, this is a sad story about the poor fish in the pond at Mitchell's Lodge in Highlands.

Last week, a small army of our grandchildren (4 of our 9) with accompanying parents arrived in Highlands from the flatlands of Florida. They always stay at Mitch-

ell's since it's close to our home and the price is right. Since we don't have room at our humble but comfortable abode, Mitchell's is perfect for our visiting families.

Each year there's a different adventure for our li'l guys. This year, after rappelling, high speed tubing from the back of a pontoon boat and sliding down Sliding Rock thousands of times, they discovered something new. Ta Da! There are fish in Mitchell's pond. Even better, Mitchell's allows its guests to catch them as long as they are released, kinda like our criminals



with Fred Wooldridge
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and illegal immigrants. After purchasing live worms and a few cane poles from a close-by market, the kids set out to snag some fish.

Things were clicking along pretty good until our youngest grandson, age six, actually caught a fish. Now who will hold the fish to get the hook out of its mouth? Answer- nobody.

"I'm not touching that slimy thing," my daughter announced. They decided to allow the fish to swim around the pond until they could find ole dad to remove the hook. Again, things were clicking along

pretty good with dad as the chief hook remover. But then ole dad got called back to his naval base at Jax. and had to hurriedly leave his family which is typical navy conduct. Now there was no one to pull hooks out of the fish. They all looked at me (poppy) but I had to wash my car, then do my nails and hair....ha. Soooo what's a mother to do? Ta Da again, enter the scissors. Whack...off went the fish back into the pond sporting a brand new only used once shiny fish hook. It's like pierced jewelry for fish. At last count, there were about 18 fish wearing shiny fish jewelry in their mouths at Mitchell's' pond.

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• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Maybe it was all about branding



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Judas a fictional character and referenced biblical stories in the Old Testament which closely parallel the betrayal. He found a traitor who betrayed with a kiss and another who received 30 pieces of silver for his treachery. Bishop Spong postulated early Church leaders invented Judas to demonize Jews. The name "Judas" is awfully similar to Juda. The "why" and "how" of efforts to demonize the Jews make sense; to distant the Christian Church from its Jewish roots and blame Jews for the death of Christ. In honor of the always iconoclastic Bishop John Shelby Spong, here's how it might have sounded if early Church leaders had gone to a 21st century ad agency.

Chairman: gentleman, we have a problem with expansion. We need to broaden our appeal, sever our Jewish ties.

Account executive: I don't know how we can do that. We are Jews, most of us, anyway.

Chairman: Shelly, baby, look at the numbers. The Gentiles love us, but this Jewish thing is holding us back. Nobody wants to be a Jew, at least nobody outside Judea. Sure, we had our day, David, Solomon, but that's old news. In case you haven't noticed those are Roman soldiers out there.

Shelly: Boss, those Romans, the ones you want to cozy up to, they're the same pagans who killed the Christ.

Chairman: Shelly, Shelly, Shelly. That's yesterday's news. Let's try to think outside the box. What I am saying is our appeal is beyond Judea. Look at the numbers. There are lots

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Abortion is
murder

Dear Editor,

Many years ago when I came in from School with all my new education concerning the theory of evolution, my uncle just asked me a simple question which I could not answer. "Which came first the chicken or the egg?" This simple question makes you realize that something had to be created. My uncle was not a educated person but he used common sense.

Pastor Sam Forrester made the

point In his column "The Spirit of Molech lives with us" in the July 19 edition, I believe common sense can be used here also. The people that worshiped Molech had an excuse for what they did because it was part of their religion which must be tolerated. We have no such excuse for killing living human babies today. Maybe we do!

Now here comes more common sense. If the baby comes to life only after the Doctor spansks the back and the baby takes the first breath why does the Doctor that performs the abortion kill the fetus. Notice the word "kill". How do you

kill a fetus that has no life to begin with. Many babies are killed after the first breath and some are killed after the head is completely exposed. Common sense says "This is murder of human babies." You do not need to be a Christian to understand that this is MURDER. You don't have to write a book or be a highly educated person to know that this is MURDER. Yet this crime is being committed every day The Spirit of Molech does live with us today. Thank you Pastor Forrester for your concern for our aborted babies.

Charles Montgomery
Highlands

Why do those
with plenty
hate those
without?

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Fred Wooldridge's column in the Aug. 2 edition, "The Wicked witch of the west."

First, Hilary Clinton, did the right thing by not divorcing her husband. Giving up a personal history with someone, even for the illusion of good, lustful, love

is always a downer. That is why the vast majority of relatively long married individuals just keep divorcing over and over again after the First Divorce -- no personal history.

Her performance in her Position as Sec of State is second to none, in achievement. This takes a bit of reading, but she has done extremely well.

Second: Sarah Palin, is unintelligent, lacking in deep

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• COACH'S CORNER •

An open letter to the Yankees

Dear Yankees,

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I write to you today not to bury you, but to damn you with faint praise. You have the best lineup money can buy, and while your pitching staff is once again subpar after CC Sabathia-it will not matter if you can throw guys like Granderson, Texiera, A-Rod, Cano and the like out there day after day. Anyway, I am writing to thank you for the charitable contribution you have made to one of the poorest teams in the league, the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Back in the winter, you traded the Pirates a guy who had become one of the biggest villains in all of New York, his name is AJ Burnett. Burnett signed a huge contract with you, and despite winning a few big playoff games for you largely was mediocre-especially considering the huge deal he signed. Burnett was criticized for not hustling, feuding with Joe Girardi, and underperformance while in the Bronx, but since arriving in Pittsburgh, Burnett has emerged as something a lot of people never thought he could be.

It began in April when Burnett was having one of the worst games of his career. As he was being hammered by the St. Louis Cardinals, he told manager Clint Hurdle that he would stay in if needed to save the team's already overworked bullpen. Burnett gave up 12 runs that day-a beating that would have most pitchers



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throwing coolers in the dugout. However, Burnett remained calm, and it quickly became apparent to his teammates, as well as the fans in Pittsburgh, that Burnett was a devoted teammate. Burnett soon became a fan favorite in Pittsburgh, and the admiration of the fans has only served to prove the difference between life in the 'Burgh and life in New York.

Perhaps the fact that the fans have shown so much love has been one of the biggest reasons for Burnett's performance this season. He is currently 14-3 with a 3.19 ERA and the Pirates are 16-4 in games that he has started. In your city, Burnett would have been booed off the field for going 3-0 to a batter or giving up a home run. Other than Andrew McCutchen, there has been no player as important for Pittsburgh this season than Burnett, and the Pirates and their fans have no one to thank but AJ and you, the Yankees. Charity is kindness in any form, but by sending your castoff to Pittsburgh, you have truly helped both a player and a city.

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There's panic in The House

You have undoubtedly heard and seen many political commercials explaining why Obama's approach to the economy is superior to his predecessors and that the trouble we are in is all Bush's fault. Well, with 3 ½ years in command, Obama's blame game no longer works and the Dem schemers know it. So, the tune has been changed.

To digress, from the Examiner.com: "Barack Obama has witnessed his share of presidential 'firsts.' His, for example, is the first administration in history to preside over a \$16 trillion-plus national debt, \$5 trillion of which was added on his watch. It is the first administration under which the nation's AAA debt security rating was downgraded by Standard & Poor's. In August of 2011 Obama became the first chief executive since World War II to preside over an economy where net zero jobs were created in a given month.

Now he is able to add another notch to his belt of firsts. He recently became the first



Don Swanson
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president in U.S. history to announce plans to run on the coat-tails of a predecessor. He told supporters on the stump last week that we 'tried their plan'- meaning the Republicans - and then 'we tried our plan, and it worked.'" WHAT?

"Obama had something else in mind when he said 'our plan.'"

Obviously, he couldn't have meant our as in his plan, which has been an abject failure. He meant our as is Bill Clinton's plan, which, with the help of Re-

publican majority in both the House and Senate, created a dynamic and growing national economy. To Clinton's credit, he just got out of the way and let Congress work. What that has to do with Obama exists only in his dreams.

The Obama campaign is gasping for air and grasping for anything to overcome his miserable economic policies, which seemingly are meant to either destroy our economy or to weaken it enough for a government takeover. I've worn out writing about Obama's unemployment promises, but I can't fail to mention that the rate ticked UP to 8.3 the other day. Wrong way for the Prez. I don't believe there is any way to turn around the unemployment picture in a significant way prior to the election.

Pop quiz. Who was the Democrat candidate for the presidency in 2004?

Give up? It was the unforgettable John Kerry (Lurch to his friends), don't you remember? (Neither did I.) Hasn't it been a pleasure not hearing from Kerry for months/years? Well, the joy is over - John has spoken.

From the Blaze: "Sen. John Kerry (D-Mass) declared that climate change 'is as dangerous' as the possibility of a nuclear Iran. Speaking on the Senate floor in what was billed as a 'major address and current assessment of the global climate change challenge,' the 2004 Democrat presidential nominee called skeptics members of a 'flat earth caucus' and part of a 'concerted assault on reason.'

'I believe that the situation that we face, Mr. President, is as dangerous as any of the sort of real crises that we talk about,' Kerry said. 'Today we had a hearing in the Foreign Relations Committee on the subject of Syr-

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Yes, readers, there are people that have no clue what they've done. Betty saw the sign in the yard, and thought she should call the number on the sign. It never occurred to her to do anything else. At this point, Broker is feeling a bit queasy and heads back to the office. The first thing he/she does is alert the Broker in charge in their office, then call the selling office.

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moving away from them while embarking on an adventure that promises to get better and better.

But for Trysten Stanley and his family the first day of school is extra special simply because he lived to see it. He attends Ms. Holloway's kindergarten class at South Macon Elementary.

It all started in June 2009. Trysten was two-years old, and had been having some swelling around his eyes. At first, it was assumed he had some allergy issues. They didn't swell constantly. A lot of times it was just when he woke up. Or if it was really hot. He was active and outside a lot, so it didn't seem too abnormal.

In July 2009 the family went to the beach for a week. During the entire trip Trysten's eyes were swelled beyond recognition. Thinking it might be a mixture of allergies



A swollen 2-year-old Trysten with his mom Stephanie.

and exposure to salt water, his parents administered allergy medicine. He opened his eyes under water a lot. Sometimes that can cause irritation. The sand blew in the breeze. There were countless explanations for it. He didn't have any other symptoms.

Sunday July 19, 2009, Trysten wasn't feeling well. He was crying because he said his legs hurt. His mom, Stephanie McCall Stanley, thought he might be experiencing growing pains, or maybe his muscles were sore because he had been active that morning. Thoughts every mother has had.

She laid him down for a nap and gave him a dose of Tylenol for Allergies. About two hours later she heard a horrible gurgling cry that sounded like Trysten was drowning. She ran to his room and pulled him out of bed. His face was completely swollen over, he was running a fever and as soon as she picked him up he began to projectile vomit.

Thinking it was a reaction to the medicine, they rushed him to the ER at Angel Medical Center. The doctor that night was a pediatric doctor doing a fill-in rotation. Blood was drawn and the family waited.

Not too long after the doctor came in. Trysten's labs showed that he was nearing kidney failure and the doctor said he needed to be flown by helicopter to Brenner's Children's Hospital at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. He told the family straight out that it might be the last time they would see Trysten alive.

It was storming outside so the helicopter couldn't fly. After an hour of waiting for the weather to turn, the doctor said they couldn't wait any longer. An ambulance to the pediatric ICU in Mission Memorial in Asheville was the only option.

Stephanie rode in the back of the ambulance with Trysten. "He looked so small on that stretcher. He slept the whole way, only opening his eyes a little when the EMT asked if he was OK," she said.

When the ambulance pulled up to Mission, there was an extreme sense of urgency. "Lab techs, x-ray techs, doctors, everyone was surrounding my son. I stood there in shock," she said.

Trysten was immediately hooked to numerous wires, IVs, fluids, and monitors. "Possibly the scariest moment of my life," said Stephanie.

At Mission, the doctors diagnosed Trysten with a severe form of Nephrotic Syndrome. This is where large

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amounts of protein are present in the urine. Treatments for this are ACE inhibitors and corticosteroids which quiet the immune system. He was also prescribed high cholesterol and triglycerides medicine to reduce heart and blood vessel issues, put on a low salt diet, administered diuretics, vitamin D supplements, and blood thinners to prevent clots.

Complications for Nephrotic Syndrome include acute kidney failure, atherosclerosis and related heart disease, chronic kidney disease, fluid overload, pulmonary edema, congestive heart failure, infections, malnutrition, and renal vein thrombosis.

The doctors at Mission called pediatric specialist Dr. Lorentz from Brenner's Children's Hospital and took orders for treatment from him over the phone.

Trysten was pumped full of IV albumin. His stomach was quickly distended and he became extremely weak and pale. He lost so much weight that at one point, he only weighed 19 lbs. The longest he could get out of bed during the day was a little over an hour. He would take IV albumin, then Lasix, then steroids. He had two x-rays a day to make sure he wasn't building any fluid in his abdomen or around his heart. Because of all the IV medications, he was also blowing veins left and right. He was getting a new IV each day. Bruised from head to toe, there wasn't a place on him that a needle hadn't been.

Stephanie said the staff at Mission was amazing and supportive. They set her parents — John and Julie McCall — up at the Rathburn Center, in case Stephanie and her husband Justin needed a break to sleep or shower.

The nurses would wheel Trysten around the pediatric ward in a little buggy so he could pick out toys from the playroom since he couldn't stand long enough to play. His half-brother Ayden, who was five at the time, would lie in the bed to keep him company during the day. He's been at his side ever since.

Trysten got visits from peo-



Trysten's "wheels" while at Mission.

ple with dogs who visit sick children, people that sang, people delivering blankets they had made, new pajamas and even a kindergarten class made him a coloring book. Churches that didn't even know the family brought fruit baskets and little toy buckets for him.

"The extension of love and support made everything so much easier," said Stephanie. "It was the longest three weeks ever."

Finally Trysten was stable enough to go home under close watch. He wasn't better by any means, and there was a long road of doctor appointments ahead, but at least he was home.

The first week home was a regimen of medications, sterilizing toys and anything Trysten regularly came in contact with. With such a weakened immune system, caution was critical. Visitors were kept to a minimum.

Then one day, while Stephanie lay with him on the bed, they heard a loud noise in the driveway.

"My mother yelled for me to come quick and bring Trysten," said Stephanie. "I was brought to tears when I came out on the porch."

That Saturday was the Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House where kids get free rides through town on the firetruck — this took place this past weekend in Highlands. Normally, the Stanley fam-

ily would have participated — after all, Grandpa John was a veteran 20-year volunteer fireman — but Trysten's condition made that impossible.

"When I went to the door, I was completely humbled to see a fire truck sitting in our driveway."

Since they knew how sick Trysten was, the men at the fire department decided to bring the truck to Trysten.

"Here were all these men, traveling all the way to our house on Goldmine to make sure my little guy got his firetruck ride. He got a personal seat and "a button pushing session" in the truck. It was probably the first time I had seen him smile in a long time. It still amazes me today that they did that for him. They'll never know how much it meant, or how much a difference it made. Three years later, Trysten still talks about it."

Back to reality.

The family's first appointment at Mission with Dr. Lorentz was not what they had hoped. With the advances in modern medicine they expected a cut and dry explanation of the disease — answers, a cure. But there is none.

Doctors say there is no reason why children get this disease; no known cause. There are no cures. Only treatments.

Trysten began his first round

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Highlands PD log entries from July 6. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

July 5

• At 11:10 p.m., damage to property was reported at Highlands Inn Lodge where the curb had been broken.

July 6

• A little past midnight, Arthur Scott Reynolds Potts, 23, was arrested for contempt of court, perjury and court violations in the court of New Hanover Court House in Wilmington, NC on Helen's Barn Ave.

• At 5 a.m., officers were called to Buck's Coffee Cafe concerning larceny and damage to property where \$784 was reported missing as was the cash register and a glass window was broken.

July 11

• At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and 3rd streets.

July 14

• At 6:10 p.m., Christopher Dekle Coney, 16, was arrested at a residence on NC 106 for larceny and of possessing and concealing stolen property.

• At 5:50 p.m., shoplifting and possessing and concealing stolen property as reported at Bryson's Food Store.

• At 2 p.m., a person reported losing their wallet at a grocery store.

July 15

• At 5 p.m., an incident of vandalism with damage

estimated to be \$400 was reported at Manley's Auto Repair.

July 16

• At 3:25 a.m., an open door was reported at a residence on Bowery Road.

• At 4:16 p.m., Macon Bank reported an incident of vandalism that resulted in losing \$350.

• At 11:08 p.m., officers responded to a call from a resident at Highlands Mountain Club claiming someone was going to commit suicide.

July 17

• At 7:50 p.m., officers responded to a two vehicle accident at N.4th and Spruce streets.

• At 10:13 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Cullasaja Drive and Foreman Road.

• 4:05 p.m., officers received a call about a bear on Riverwalk Drive.

• At 9:25 p.m., officers received a call about a suspicious person on Oak Lane.

July 18

• At 3 a.m., officers were called to The Lost Hiker on Carolina Way concerning an intoxicated person.

• At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a call at the ABC Store concerning harassment and disorderly conduct.

July 19

• At 1:09 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle

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ia, and we all know what's happening with respect to Iran, and nuclear weapons and the possibility even of a war'

He continued, 'Well, this issue actually is as significant a level of importance, because it affects life itself on the planet. Because it affects ecosystems on which the oceans and the land depend for the relationship of the warmth of our earth and the amount of moisture that there is and all of the interactions that occur as a consequence

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thoughts, refuses to study up on anything, is vindictive and mean to anyone who refuses to agree or stand in her way. She may stir up a crowd but it is only with platitudes, i.e., "We love America, Guns, the Constitution, We need to return to the Past;" all this is fluff, no real details, just words. I ask: What would you or I do if we had been picked as VP, knowing we did not have a firm knowledge on policy, history, geography, civics, etc. I would have got myself the best tutor in the world, and started to read, get a handle on the policy in place, and what went on before, the eight years prior. NOT PALIN! She just winged it, and figured she would bluff her way thru, SHE FAILED! Now I grant you she turned herself into a wealthy, Fox News, commentator because she knows how to stir the pot! But she is an egg head! She cannot admit it! I believe any thinking person knows the truth! Snooki is well off too!

Bill Clinton, killed the Welfare System, with republican assistance, as we think of it. What is left is Food Stamps, and Medicaid. Let me state, I struggled coming up from the bottom to a good mid-range financial existence. Along, the way I met many, many individuals through no fault of there own, living in terrible housing, neighborhoods with no real ability to improve their living, majority were working more than one low unpleasant job. Sure there are those who just give up, stop trying, the human spirit needs encouragement. Sixty-five percent (65%) of food stamps go to good old White Folks.

Lastly I ask, why is it that we for whom shelter, food, clothing, medical attention, relative safety are common facts of life get so angry, and hateful about helping those who cannot help themselves? We have enough to share!

Taxes are paid by all, ALL! They pay taxes every time they buy something. The only tax they do not pay is Income Tax because, the total is below the chart! I am extremely saddened by the GOP!

Joe Mathis
Otto, NC

of our climate.' WHAT?

While not going after any of his colleagues by name, Kerry said there are 'a bunch of people – some of them in the United States Congress itself' who deny climate change 'against all the science' in part because of a disinformation campaign to paint it as outside the mainstream. Climate change, over the last few years, has regrettably lost credi-

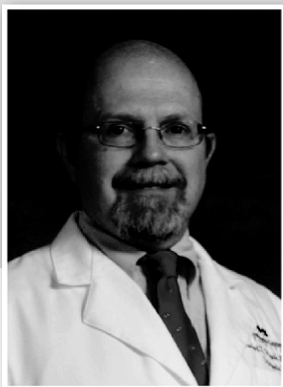
bility in the eyes and ears of the American people, because a concerted campaign of disinformation – a concerted campaign to brand the concept as somehow slightly (SLIGHTLY?) out of the mainstream of American political thinking,' Kerry said.

Recent reports have suggested that Kerry is lobbying to succeed Sec. Hillary Clinton as President Obama's Secretary of State in

Obama's second term (God forbid). Kerry's stewarding of the long stalled Law of the Sea treaty is said by some to be evidence of his intention to serve as America's chief diplomat if Obama wins in November.

Hopefully Kerry has political motives to bloviate – he certainly can't be serious about that Global Warming garbage. Or maybe he can.

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of treatments on steroids and medication whose purpose was to raise his kidney function to normal levels. The plan was to eventually wean him off the medications so he could be in a point of "remission" at least for a little while until the next relapse.

Most times, children with nephrotic syndrome can go months, or years before relapsing. But that wasn't the case for Trysten. Three different medication combinations were tried. Every time his levels would improve, the doctors would wean him off. Every time they weaned him off, he would relapse within a day or two. "It was discouraging and heartbreaking," said Stephanie. "A lot of these medications are so incredibly toxic, that the side effects seem worse than the disease." With so many relapses, Dr Lorentz decided it was time for Trysten to have a renal biopsy.

At the time of Trysten's renal biopsy he was three-years-old. The family traveled all the way to Brenner's Children's Hospital in Wake Forest, NC. The doctors put him to sleep and used an ultrasound to guide a very long, thin needle through

Trysten's back into his kidney. They took a piece out of the kidney so it could be studied under a microscope more closely. Then he was to lie on his back without moving for at least 6-8 hours. "Let me tell you, it is not easy to get a very cranky three-year-old to lie still when he comes out of anesthesia!" said Stephanie. After the procedure, he had to stay at Brenner's for two days on bed rest.

When Trysten's biopsy results came back, the diagnosis was Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)

Scar tissues that form in parts of the kidney are called the glomeruli. The glomeruli serve as filters, helping rid the body of unnecessary or harmful substances. Each kidney has thousands of glomeruli. "Focal" means that some of the glomeruli become scarred. "Segmental" means that part of an individual glomerulus is damaged.

The goal with FSGS patients is to treat the symptoms and prevent chronic kidney failure. In general the treatment includes, antibiotics to control infections, anti-inflammatory medicines to suppress the immune system, fluid restriction, a low-fat diet,



Trysten's older brother Ayden has been there for him every step of the way, offering comfort and comradery.

low or moderate protein diet, medicines to treat high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, and high Triglycerides levels, salt-reduced diet, vitamin D supplements, dialysis, and even kidney transplant.

Complications include malnutrition, infection, chronic nephrotic syndrome, chronic kidney failure, and end-stage renal disease. Unfortunately, more than half of FSGS patients experience chronic kidney failure within 10 years.

Then Dr. Lorentz retired and Trysten came under the care of Dr. Jen-Jar Lin MD, PhD and Ashton Chen, DO, who Stephanie calls "outstanding." Trysten usually takes a daily regimen of steroids and then the "drug of choice" at that time.

He has received long periods of treatment on cyclophosphamide — a chemotherapy and cyclosporine. These medications have harsh side effects including nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, weight loss, abdominal pain, hair loss, diarrhea, sores in the mouth, changes in skin color, infections, unusual bleeding or bruising, painful urinations, rash, hives, difficulty breathing, cough, swelling, chest pain, cataracts, and even development of some cancers, and many, many more.

Trysten usually goes for lab draws once a month. He keeps a regular monthly visit with his family doctor Dr. Burrell who has been more than amazing, said Stephanie. "He calls and checks on Trysten after every appointment, and sometimes he calls just to let me know that he's there."

Trysten also sees his nephrology specialist on a regular basis. This means traveling either to Hendersonville or Winston-

Salem, NC.

Trysten experiences mood swings from long-term steroid use. Sometimes he has no appetite at all and has to be spoon-fed to maintain nutrition. He has severe joint pain so some days he can't walk. He bruises easily; gets sick easily. There are lots of days where he's too tired to play and only wants to lay down. He has a lot of stomach pain, flank pain, frequent headaches and chest pain.

Luckily, much of the time he now looks like a regular kid, but those who know him see the differences. He has gone from a rambunctious, precocious, life-is-his oyster, two-year old to a toddler, preschooler and now kindergartner whose life will always be precarious.

His mom, Stephanie graduated from Highlands School in 2006 but began schooling to be a radiologic technologist while still in high school. She graduated from Southwestern Community College with an AAS degree in Radiography and works nights at a hospital in Georgia so she can be available during the days to take Trysten to the doctor.

Trysten has been surrounded by wonderful, understanding people. He has attended Macon Program for Progress where his teachers were always willing to help in any capacity. "If Trysten was sick or missed a day they always called to check on him," said Stephanie. "His doctors keep close touch with me to make sure his quality of life is good. Friends and family have been my backbone through the whole ex-

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The Center for Life Enrichment PRESENTS

MONUMENT, PIAZZA and STREET

Presenter: Doug Allen

Thurs., August 9, 10-12, PAC \$20/\$30

JOY OF WATERCOLOR II

Instructor: Knight Martorell

Tues and Thurs, Aug 14-30

10:00-12:00, Presbyterian Church

(Coleman Hall), \$100/\$115

TURKEY TODAY

Presenter: Dr.

Sarah Shields

Tues, August 14, 10:00-12:00 PAC,

\$25/\$35



SEX, DRUGS and CHOCOLATE

A Science Lecture on The Role of Pollinators in Rocking our World

Presenter: Dr. Kefyn Catley, Wed, August 15, 10-12, PAC

\$20/\$30

TAKING BETTER PICTURES WITH YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA

Instructor: Bob Sutton

Thurs, August 16, 10-12, Peggy Crosby Center, \$35/\$45

COMPUTER 101

Instructor: Bob Sutton

Thurs, August 16, 1:00-3:00

Peggy Crosby Center \$35/\$45

For more information and complete schedule:

www.clehighlands.com

or call 828 526-8811



Highlands Area Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

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 \$40 a month.

- Zumba at the Rec Park, 9:05a-10a. \$5 per calss. First class free. Call Mary Barbour for Franklin schedule: 828-342-2498.

Mondays

- Mountain View Group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be held in the Faith and Fellowship Center of First Presbyterian Church. Enter via the entrance on 5th St. and proceed a few steps down to the library.

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 Presbyterian Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Wednesdays

- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the H-C Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 am.

- 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.

- Mah Jong games will be held, open to the public, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers- Community Library at 1 p.m.

Wednesdays & Fridays

- Open AA meeting at noon at the Presbyterian

Church at Fifth and Main streets.

Thursdays, Fri., Sat., Sun.

- Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road. Call 526-2121.

Thursdays

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

- The Highlands Writers Group meets at 1 p.m. at the Hudson Library. Call Anne Doggett at 526 8009.

- Free dinner at the Cashiers Community Center from 5-7 p.m. Mostly organic, healthy food. Donations accepted. Call 743-5706 for more information. Volunteers needed!

Second Thursdays

- The regular meeting of Highlands Chapter #284, Order of The Eastern Star is held at 7:30 p.m.. Friday & Saturdays

- Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road 7p until. Hal Phillips. Also 2:30-4 on Saturday. Call 526-2121.

Saturdays

- Simply Homegrown is a local farmers market in Rabun County, GA. Celebrating its 11th season as the area's original sustainable farm market. Open 9 am to 2 pm at the new location 0.7 mile west of Clayton on Highway 76 West. Look for directional signs on Routes 441 and 76 in Clayton. Our website has detailed directions www.simplyhomegrown.org.

- Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge, 470 Skyline Lodge Road off Flat Mountain Road, 2-4p. Call 526-2121.

- The Highlands Farmers Market 9am-12 through October at Highlands School.

- The Art Room, 45 East Main St. in Franklin is having free Make & Take Classes from 10am to 12:30. Come make a Card...Ages 15 and up please! Call Dianne 828-349-3777 or Robin 828-421-9891.

- Bascom Community Knitters welcome all knitters, crocheters, smockers and needlepointers to join us on the Terrace at the Bascom. 10 until noon. From now until Thanksgiving! Come and knit or come and watch. mscarolray@yahoo.com

Every Third Saturday

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

Through Sun., Aug. 18

- At The Highlands Playhouse, Dames at Sea. Call 828-526-2695 for ticket information.

Thursday, Aug. 9

- Candidate Forum with NC State Senator Jim Davis (rep) and contender John Snow (dem) sponsored by the League of Women voters. The forum will take place at Tartan Hall in Franklin. The program will begin at 12:15. Lunch is available by reservation. Email lwmacon@wild-dog-mountain.info

- American Red Cross, Blood Drive. Macon Bank Blood Drive. One Center Court, Franklin. Noon to 4:30 pm. Please call 524-7000 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors are auto-

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CLE celebrates 20th year with great classes

By Judy Blitch Gartside

CLE is offering the following intriguing courses for the week of August 10 – 17:

Turkey Today: From Atatürk to Erdogan: Tuesday, August 14; 10 to 12 noon; Performing Arts Center (Auditorium); members \$25, non-members \$35. The presenter is Sarah Shields, Bowman and Gordon Gray Distinguished Term Professor in the History Department at UNC-Chapel Hill, who teaches courses on the modern Middle East, the history of Iraq, the Arab-Israeli conflict and the development and consequences of nationalism and borders in the region. Her new book is *Fezzes in the River: Identity Politics and European Diplomacy in the Middle East on the Eve of World War II*. She is currently researching the long-term impact of the League of Nations on the Middle East.

Sarah Shields certainly has the expertise to lead the lecture on the 1923 establishment of the Republic of Turkey, from the dramatic changes Kemal Atatürk made, to today's Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan as he seeks to renew Turkey's ties with the Middle East, interposing Turkey in the struggle over Gaza, weighing in against his former Syrian ally's human rights violations. Shields will explore Erdogan's efforts for Turkey to join the European Union and Turkey's emerging status within its historical context.

The Joy of Watercolor II: (series) Tuesdays and Thursdays, August 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; 10 to 12 noon; Presbyterian Church (Coleman Hall); members \$100, non-members \$115. The instructor, P. Knight Martorell, is an architect and artist/illustrator, professor at the University of South Florida's School of Architecture and Community Design, whose drawings and paintings have been extensively published and have been exhibited throughout the United States and Great Britain.

While maintaining an attitude of playful experimentation, this class will explore advanced techniques, composition, light and shadow. Basic drawing experience is recommended. A supply list will be provided.

Sex, Drugs and Chocolate: The Role of Pollinators in Rocking our World: Wednesday, August 15; 10 to 12 noon; Performing Arts Center; members \$20, non-members \$30. Dr. Kefyn Catley is Professor of Biology and Secondary Science Education Program Coordinator at Western Carolina University and has worked as a Research Scientist at the American Museum of Natural History.

This fascinating lecture will explore man's favorite flavor: chocolate! It will cover the relationship of the tiny chocolate midge and the Cocoa tree, the social history of chocolate as a sacred drink and currency in the Mayan and Aztec civilizations, its 17th century introduction and uses in Europe, and current production problems in Africa and elsewhere. Dr. Catley will also discuss a subject of vital interest to the United States, the serious problems surrounding the honey bee and native bees as they impact our food production.

Taking Better Pictures With Your Digital Camera: Thursday, August 16; 10 to 12 noon; Peggy Crosby Center Board Room; members \$35, non-members \$45. Bob Sutton, retired from Bellsouth/ATT where he was on the DSL Network staff involved with advanced technologies, has taught aspects of computer and photography in the Highlands community.

This practical and informative class—with a field trip—will demonstrate tips for better photographs. Photography is an art, and those of us who just “point and shoot” need to learn the basics of how to take great pictures and even trickier shots!

B.E.A.R. Talk..... everything you wanted to know about bears and more!



On August 13th at 7 pm, Hudson Library in Highlands, come explore with Tanya Poole, NC Wildlife Resource Commission Regional Education Specialist, the exciting life of black bears in Western North Carolina. Discover what bears are up to during different seasons of the year. Learn tips on how to be prepared while camping and hiking in the woods. Get suggestions on what to bring and what not to bring into black bear habitat, proper reaction when encountering a bear, and how to understand a bear's behavior. This free public program is provided by the Bear Education and Resource Task Force of the Western North Carolina Alliance in cooperation with the Hudson Library. For more information, contact B.E.A.R at 526-9227 or bearwnc@gmail.com.



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matically entered into a drawing for \$3,000 gift card!

- The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center. James Bross, new CEO of the hospital will be the guest speaker. Light refreshments will be served. \$50 will be given away. Everyone is welcome. For more info, call 828-369-9221.
- GOP Grand Opening of the Victory 2012 office at 4 p.m. on Thursday at The Victory 2012 office is housed in the Jackson County GOP headquarters in Sylva at 58 D Sunrise Park, a retail complex located opposite the intersection of Highway 107 and the Asheville Highway. Guests are invited from all of the nine counties involved in the Victory

2012 activities. Those counties are Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain, and Transylvania.

- The August meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6p at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6p, March through November.

Fri. & Sun., Aug. 10 & 12

- The Highlands Playhouse Company of Actors and Performers is holding a fundraiser, benefit Cabaret Concert on Friday at 10:30PM (right after Dames at Sea), and Saturday at 6:30PM. The company of Dames at Sea, as well as Playhouse favorite DaMon Goff and Dames at Sea director and Rabun

Gap-Nacoochee School teacher Bill Patti will be singing their favorite showtunes from throughout Broadway history. The cost is "Pay What you Can," and the theater will be selling wine - which can be taken into the show!"

Friday, Aug. 10

- **SOFTBALL FOR A CURE TOURNMENT.** CO-ED teams at Buck Creek Little League field. Team registration fee - \$100. Saturday, August 11th Mens teams at Highlands Town Field. Team registration fee - \$150. Double Elimination Tournaments. \$1 Homeruns. Concessions will be served, including \$5 hamburger plates. For more information contact

Justyne Reese at towlite@gmail.com.

- **HCCMF: Linden String Quartet: Attacca String Quartet Program:** "Battle of the Bands Returns" - Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Thompson, Gade Performing Arts Center, Highlands. 6 PM. \$30, students \$15. 526-9060.

Sat.-Sun., Aug. 11-12

- **Sapphire Valley Arts & Crafts Festival.** More than 75 artists and crafters displaying work and demonstrating. Live music, food stand, drinks. US 64 east, 3 miles east of Cashiers. Free admission and parking. For more info, call 743-1163.

Saturday, Aug. 11

- **At Shakespeare & Company Books** in Highlands Village Square, the corner of 5th and Oak streets, author Jean Benedict Raffa is signing her book "Healing the Sacred Divide -- Making peace with ourselves, each other and the world" from 4-6 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 526-3777.

- **Relay for Life.** "Bean Bag Toss Tournament" (Corn Hole) Three Game Guarantee. Cedar Creek Baptist Church Team Highlands Rec Park Gym. Practice starts @ 10am, Tournament starts @ 12pm. \$10/team entry fee. \$5/ single entry fee. Hot Dog Plates \$5. (includes hot dog, drink & chips) Please call Emily Chastain to register at 828-526-9716.

- **Pancake Breakfast Percentage Morning.** 7-10am FATZ Cafe, Franklin, NC. \$7 pancake breakfast (pancakes, sausage, fruit cup, and drink). \$4 of every meal will be donated to Relay! The Wells Fargo team will be your waiters/waitresses, so all tips will also be donated to Relay! For more info call Anthony Welch at anthony.welch@wellsfargo.com or 828-526-8132.

- **All four women on the Council of State** - Elaine Marshall, Secretary of State; Beth Wood, State Auditor; Janet Cowell, State Treasurer; and June Atkinson, State Superintendent of Schools - will join Lt. Governor candidate, Linda Coleman, for two major rallies. First at the McDowell County Courthouse in Marion at 10:30 a.m. and then in the Community Room of the Jackson County Courthouse in Sylva at 3:30 p.m.

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- **At The Hen House on Main Street,** Robert Rothchild Farms Gourmet Foods - Sampling Demo Saturday, 10:30a-4:30p.

- **DANCE FOR LIFE.** 7pm-11pm Highlands Community Building (next door to softball field). DJ, snacks, and a great time for all ages (music targeted at 15 and older after 9pm). \$5 admission plus donations. For more information contact Mike Murphy at epjmcm@hotmail.com or 828-526-1841.

Sunday, August 12

- **HCCMF: Final Gala** with Linden and Attacca Quartets; Christopher Martin, trumpet; Lea Kibler, flute; Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup, harp; Eugene Izotov, oboe; Timothy Albrecht, harpsichord; Chris Pulgram, Eun-Sun Lee and Margeaux Maloney, violins; Joe McFadden, bass Program: "The Festival Chamber Orchestra" - Bach, Saint-Saens, Vivaldi Performing Arts Center, High-



H-CCMF wrapping up 2012 season

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival wraps up its 31st season with a pair of exuberant performances that showcase its rich pool of internationally-recognized artists.

On Friday, August 10th, and Saturday, August 11th, The Highlands Chamber Music Festival offers up a traditional favorite - The Battle of the Bands. The Linden String Quartet will perform Beethoven's stirring "String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, #4." They'll be followed by The Attacca String Quartet's presentation of Mendelssohn's "String Quartet in A Minor, Op. 13." Both quartets will then perform Thompson's "Alleluia" (an arrangement by Festival co-founder Lucas Drew) and Gade's Octet for Strings, Op. 17 in F Major.

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival's 2012 Season culminates with its Final Gala Concert and Dinner, Sunday, August 12th, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands. This breathtaking performance will feature Bach's Brandenburg Concert #2 in F Major, Vivaldi's The Four Seasons and

will draw upon the supreme talents of trumpeter Christopher Martin, oboist Eugene Izotov, flutist Lea Kibler, Sara McElravy, violist Amy Schroeder, harpist Valerie Von Pechy Whitcup, and The Festival Chamber Orchestra - The Attacca and Linden Quartets; violinist Eun Sun Lee, Christopher Pulgram, and Margeaux Maloney; harpsichordist Timothy Albrecht; and bassist Joseph McFadden. The concert will be immediately followed by dinner at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club.

Friday's concert will be held at 6 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands and repeated at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. Sunday's finale will be staged at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

For more information about the festival or tickets, visit www.hcmusicfestival.org or call (828) 526-9060. Tickets are available at the door for the Friday and Saturday concerts.

The show goes on at The Playhouse!

The Highlands Playhouse Production of Dames at Sea experienced a scary instance of real life imitating art on opening night. The play, after three weeks of rehearsal, opened to a standing ovation and energetic crowd. The traditional party celebrating the performance had a positive buzz and a community of patrons excited to tell their friends about the great experience they had that evening at the Playhouse. Then disaster struck!



Jessica Humphrey

Playhouse veteran Rachel Schimenti, the big voiced, curly haired audience favorite, tripped on the unforgiving Highlands terrain and broke her foot. After a long trip to the emergency room, and the advice of doctors and trainers across the United States, it was decided that Schimenti could not continue with the run of the performance. She was devastated and the Playhouse went scrambling. The traditionally short runs have stopped the Playhouse from the added cost of understudies so there was no one able to step in for her. "We were devastated," Dames at Sea director Bill Patti said, "Rachel Schimenti is not someone who is easily replaced, she is one of the most talented young performers in the country."

There were many talented members of the company who could have stepped in, but in the

end it was decided to call in veteran stage actress Jessica Humphrey. Humphrey had just ended a contract at Connecticut Repertory Theater where she closed Pirates of Penzance with a number of Broadway veterans. She was on

her way to New York City when she got the call. Humphrey was at the Playhouse for a rehearsal by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, and by Saturday evening - the show was ready to reopen. In a mere 27 hours, with little sleep, Humphrey was able to pick up a major role in such a difficult show. Several audience members mentioned they did not even realize someone had just learned the show.

"Live theater is exciting because anything can happen and you somehow have to make it work. As they say," Patti said, "the show must go on!" Although the Playhouse is lucky to have had Humphrey, the entire company banded together to make the show a success. "The actors worked tirelessly with Jessica to make sure she was ready for Saturday. I have never seen such a dedicated and talented company of performers - it was amazing," Patti concluded.

If you want to catch Humphrey and the cast of Dames at Sea, the show runs through August 18th. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695.

Highlands Area Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

lands. 5 PM \$125-includes dinner at Wildcat Cliff Country Club. Tickets for concert not sold separately. 828-526-9060 or www.hcmusicfestival.org.

Beginning Mon., Aug. 13

• After School program at the Highlands Rec Park. Call 526-3556 for details.

Monday, Aug. 13

• B.E.A.R. Talk at 7 pm, Hudson Library in Highlands, come explore with Tanja Poole, NC Wildlife Resource Commission Regional Education Specialist, the exciting life of black bears in Western North Carolina. Discover what bears are up to during different seasons of the year. Learn tips on how to be prepared while camping and hiking in the woods. Get suggestions on what to bring and what not to bring into black bear habitat, proper reaction when encountering a bear, and how to understand a bear's behavior. This free public program is provided by the Bear Education and Resource Task Force of the Western North Carolina Alliance in cooperation with the Hudson Library. For more information, contact B.E.A.R. at 526-9227 or bearwnc@gmail.com.

• PLAYFEST II -- fully staged readings of eight of the best 10-minute plays from around the country at the Cashiers Library at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Needed: male and female actors aged 20-70s. For more information or to receive advance copies of scripts for auditioning, please contact Ellen at waco444@gmail.com or at 828-743-1802. Performance date is Saturday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14

• Come and listen to the stories at the Story Swap on Tuesday, 30 pm, at the Ugly Dog Pub at 294 S. Fourth St. in Highlands. If you have a 3-7 minute story to tell or read, call 369-1927. Aug theme-Summer Fun, Sept.-Bear stories, Pre-registration is required.

Wed., August 15

• A free Interlude concert presented by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held at 2 pm. Dress is casual. Bryce Westervelt, tenor, Robert Henry, piano at the Episcopal Church.

Thursday, Aug. 16

• Taize service at Our Lady of the Mountaintops at 5:30 p.m.

• Movie at the Cashiers Library at 4p. Chariots of Fire.

Sat., Aug. 18

• At The Hen House on Main Street, Sallies Greatest Herbal Jams, sampling, tasting and recipes - 10:30a-4:30p.

Tues., Aug. 21

• Board Certified Plastic and Hand Surgeon Dr. Robert Buchanan will present "Turning Back the Clock - Anti-aging Secrets" at 12 noon in the Jane Woodruff Medical Clinic, Level One. Complimentary lunch will be provided and seating is limited. Call (828) 526-1313 to make your reservation.

Wed., August 22

• A free Interlude concert presented by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held at 2 pm. Dress is casual. Mountain Chamber Players: Laura Franklin, marimba, Larry Black, trumpet, Katherine Palmer, piano, at the Pres-

byterian Church.

• A Night of River Cruising, 6 p.m. at 2334 Cashiers Road, across from the Highlands Falls Country Club entrance. Learn about luxury cruising on the world's most scenic rivers. hors d'oeuvres and wine served. Sponsored by Bryan and Tricia Cox of Cruise One. 828-356-7920.

Aug. 23-26

• HCP's presents an uproarious, laugh-out-loud new Ken Ludwig comedy, "The Fox on the Fairway." The play concerns two rival country clubs who are preparing for their an-

nual golf tournament against each other—a contest which the Crouching Squirrel Club always wins. When the Quail Valley club manager attempts to sneak in a hot-shot non-member player, his deception is discovered and it looks as if the Squirrel will win again. But hey! this is a comedy and so the fun begins, complete with several unexpected romances developing along the way. Subscriptions are \$70 per person for the four plays and can be purchased by mailing a check to

HCP at PO Box 1416, Highlands NC 29741.

Fri. & Sat., Aug. 24-25

• At the Hen House on Main Street. Ray Pottery Signing 10a to 5p each day.

Saturday, Aug. 25

• PUTT PUTT FOR LIFE 9am-11am Highlands Fall Country Club. Come enjoy

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Author Raffa at Shakespeare & Co., Saturday



Author Jean Raffa will sign copies of her newest book "Healing the Sacred Divide: Making peace with ourselves, each other and the world" from 4-6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 11 at Shakespeare & Co.

This is the third in a series about thinking psychologically and living spiritually.

Her talk will be followed by a Q&A period and refreshments will be served.

Raffa's "Healing the Sacred Divide" is timely, as people become increasingly polarized around divisive issues of faith and politics. Raffa shows how to work creatively with strife and divisions personally, in relationships, and the world by first associating common dysfunctions with several popular ways of thinking about God. Then she shows how to enter the "divide," where polarized views and forces meet and mingle, as a sacred place of innovation and potential common ground.

Hott couple involved in theater and their community



Show biz abounds with couples who work together in some aspect of theater. Several couples here share their talents with Highlands Cashiers Players and one of the most active and talented is Michelle and Steve Hott, who are both involved in the upcoming HCP August play, Ken Ludwig's new comedy, The Fox on the Fairway. Michelle Hott has a wonderful comic role in FOX as the ditz blonde Louise, who works for the Quail Valley Country Club. Steve Hott is coordinating all technical aspects of the production: lights, sound, and set construction.

Steve has been providing technical services for the Highlands Cashiers Players since it began and now also furnishes these services for the Chamber Music Festival and the Performing Arts Center's productions. As an actor, he has appeared at the Highlands Playhouse, in the movie Foxfire, and in several Carolina Murder Mysteries dinner theater plays. Both Steve and

Michelle sing in their church choir and for 14 years have been singing in the Highlands Christian Chorale that performs annually in the Christmas season.

In addition to their volunteer commitments to theater, church, and community, Michelle and Steve do have day jobs—Michelle is a teller with Wells Fargo; Steve has worked as a project manager for Schmitt Building Contractors for 16 years.

Michelle will be seen very soon in her major role in The Fox on the Fairway, which opens August 23 at PAC. Steve will, no doubt, be glimpsed in the lighting/sound booth or in the audience laughing and applauding the performance of his wife as the exuberant Louise. Subscriptions for HCP's four-play season are available now by leaving a message at 828-526-8084. Individual tickets may be reserved when the HCP box office opens for the general public on Saturday, August 16.

Cabaret fundraiser at The Playhouse



Nigel Huckle will perform during the fundraiser

The Highlands Playhouse Company of Actors and Performers is holding a fundraiser, benefit Cabaret Concert on Friday, August 10 at 10:30 p.m. (right after Dames at Sea), and Saturday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. The company of Dames at Sea, as well as Playhouse favorite DaMon Goff and Dames at Sea director and Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School teacher Bill Patti will be singing their favorite showtunes from throughout Broadway history. The cost is "Pay What you Can," and the theater will be selling wine - which can be taken into the show!



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championship quality putt putt golf in Highlands! Special Fred Gehrish designed 18 hole putt putt course on the Croquet Field at HFCC. Cost is \$20 and prizes for kids,

teenager, and adult categories. For more information contact Mike Murphy at epjmcm@hotmail.com or 828-526-1841 . Bring your own putter if you have one. Putters will

be available for use.

Sunday, August 26

• Relay for Life "Live Auction" Scudders Auction House, 3-5pm, featuring fabulous one-of-a-kind items, packages and vacations. Questions? call Debbie Grossman at 828-421-2144 or Ellen Bauman at 838-787-1826.

Monday, Aug. 27

• The main fundraiser for Dr. Baumrucker's Bolivia mission, an auction at the Cullasaja Club on Monday, begins at 5:30p The \$125 cost of admission includes dinner, a silent auction and a live auction conducted by Al Scudder of Scudder Galleries. Vallet parking will be provided. The auction features jewelry fashioned by local jewelers from stones brought from Bolivia, many Bolivian artifacts and several golf packages donated by local country clubs. Tickets can be purchased or more information obtained by calling 526-3605.

Tuesday, Aug. 28

• American Red Cross, Blood Drive. State Employees Credit Union Blood Drive, 245 Cunningham Road, Franklin 10a to 2:30p. Please call Lawren Cress at 369-3536 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors are automatically entered into a drawing for \$3,000 gift card!

Wed., August 29

• A free Interlude concert presented by First Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, and are held at 2 pm. Dress is casual. Brad Richie, cello, Robert Henry, piano at the Episcopal Church.

Thurs., August 30

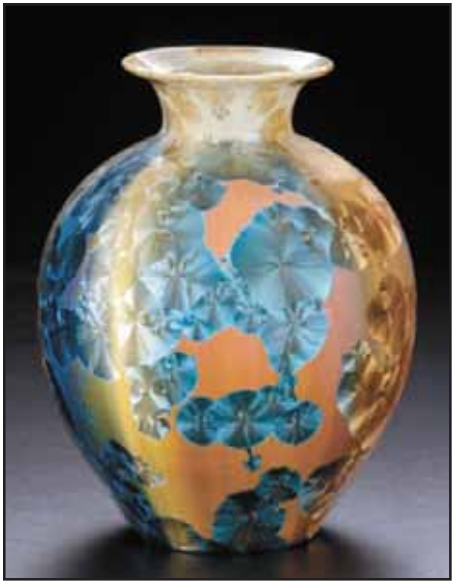
• Movie at the Cashiers Library at 4p. The King's Speech.

Aug. 30-Sept. 2

• HCP's new Ken Ludwig comedy, "The Fox on the Fairway." The play concerns two rival country clubs who are preparing for their annual golf tournament against each other—a contest which the Crouching Squirrel Club always wins. When the Quail Valley club manager attempts to sneak in a hot-shot non-member player, his

deception is discovered and it looks as if the Squirrel will win again. Subscriptions are \$70 per person for the four plays and can be purchased by mailing a check to HCP at PO Box 1416, Highlands NC 29741.

The Bascom welcomes The Three Potters on August 18th



The Three Potters - Ben Owen, Fred Johnston and Will McCanless, whose works are pictured, will be at The Bascom on Saturday, August 18th from 10 am – 3 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

Experience The Three Potters at The Bascom on Saturday, August 18th from 10 am to 3 pm. Enjoy simultaneous pottery making, story swapping and audience and artists interaction with renowned Seagrove, North Carolina potters, Ben Owen, Fred Johnston and Will McCanless.

Ben Owen has made pottery since he was 13 years old at the site where his grandfather and father established the Old Plank Road Pottery in the Seagrove area of Piedmont, North Carolina in 1959. He produces work in the shapes, glazes and traditions of his grandfather.

Fred Johnston learned to make pots in the Seagrove area in the 1980s. Working odd jobs around different potteries, Fred worked for Mark Hewitt, Ben Owen and Dover Pottery. Fred's origins in clay are rooted in the southern folk pottery traditions of North Carolina.

Will McCanless, a second-generation Seagrove potter, established McCanless Pottery in October of 2006. Will produces work infused with his own individual and ever evolving style. This work includes zinc silicate crystalline glaze, hand decorated stoneware and Seagrove red glaze.

An event not to be missed! Throw times are from 10 am to 12 noon and from 1 pm to 3 pm. This event is free and open to the public.

The Bascom is open year-round - Monday through Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 pm. Enjoy workshops, exhibitions, special events and quality programs throughout the year at The Bascom. For more information, to register for Bascom workshop offerings or for more details on all Bascom activities, visit www.TheBascom.org or call 828.526.4949.



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Her Impressions includes works on loan from The Huntsville Museum of American Art; The High Museum, Atlanta; Dixon Gallery & Gardens, Memphis; and Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art at Piedmont College, Demorest, GA. Support for the exhibition, which runs through September 16th, is provided by Koski Family Foundation; Harry Norman, Realtors - Highlands; Pat and Carl Hartrampf; Ginger Kennedy and Kevin Naylor and Delta Air Lines.

Other Bascom exhibitions include Alex Matisse: Ometto; Tim Curtis: Suspended; "V" is for Vase; Festival of Cover Artists at

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perience."

FSGS is the second leading cause of kidney failure in children. Approximately 1,000 FSGS patients receive a kidney transplant a year. In 20%-50% of those cases, the kidney is rejected. FSGS is a difficult disease to treat but if not treated results in kidney failure. Even with treatment, many patients require dialysis and multiple kidney transplants just to survive two to 20 years.

If a transplant takes, for some reason, FSGS more often than not occurs in the new transplant, as well. Over half of FSGS patients will lose their new kidney within five years. The disease doesn't go away. Trysten will be fighting for his life — not just the quality of his life — for the rest of his life.

The story gets worse.

While pregnant with her second child, Stephanie's marriage fell apart. Now she is a single-mom with five-year-old Trysten and 18-month-old, Oryon trying not to suffocate under the piles of medical bills which will be with her and Trysten for the rest of their lives.

Stephanie has a job with good insurance but because the situation is never-ending, she is literally drowning in medical bills.

Trysten's medications have cost her anywhere from \$200-\$800 in a month after insurance. "I have good insurance and it pays quite a bit, but I have trouble paying what's left over," she said.

She pays \$527.14 a month in insurance. She has also been told Trysten isn't eligible for any accident insurance policy due to his pre-existing condition.

Furthermore, she's recently been told that Trysten isn't eligible for Social Security Disability, Medicaid, or anything else. "It is all based on gross income, no matter what the expenses. I've been denied repeatedly, even with doctors advocating for me and a pile of medical bills and paper work to back me up," she said. "The last time I inquired, I was told the only way they could help me was if I quit my job."

She was even told she makes \$40 too much a month to qualify for food stamps. If she could get food stamps, money she would spend on food could be put toward doctor bills. But, that's not an option.

In addition, Stephanie pays travel expenses to and from doctors. The doctor office visit is \$40 co-pay and the Specialist co-pay is \$100 right off the bat. A 15-



Never one to let things get him down, Trysten shows off his coverings following a biopsy.

minute consultation costs \$800. Insurance pays a good amount, but never all of it, so the bills just keep racking up with no end in sight.

"Right now, I'm \$18,000 in the hole. Most of the bills have been turned over to collections, but I still want to pay them off," she said. And of course, they will just keep coming.

So what is this 24-year-old single mother of two to do? Though there for emotional support, her parents John and Julie McCall don't have the financial means to help. John is a familiar figure at Reeves Hardware where he has worked for years. Julie has had to stop working due to a heart condition.

Some days Stephanie feels completely defeated but knows she must go on for Trysten and Oryon.

Proceeds from a benefit event would offer a temporary respite, and Stephanie is desperate for help in that regard, but her situation is complicated and perpetual. So she's looking for financial help and for guidance. She needs a road map that outlines a life-long financial plan to help her deal with the bills Trysten's care will incur for the rest of his life.

To contact Stephanie Stanley, email ssstanley1420@gmail.com.

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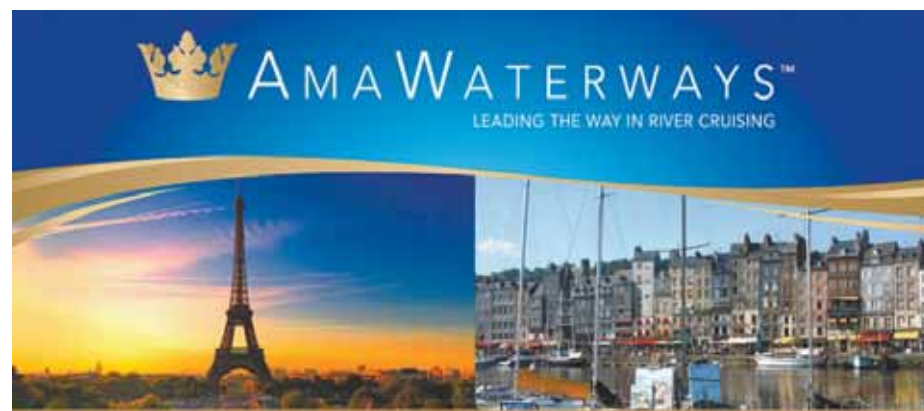
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

A world of enchantment



Father Bruce Walker
Episcopal Church of the
Incarnation

The great state of New Mexico is called “the Land of Enchantment.” We can make the same claim, knowing that we, too, live in a land of majestic scenery. Highlands is a beautiful if not exquisite part of the country. Living here is a blessing and I am humbled at the perfection of creation all around. Joy greets me with each new day.

Life here is filled with an abundance of opportunity as well. The only real drawback seems to be the limits of time. We find we can't do it all. In the process of making choices to do this or not do that, we leave something out or include something we wish we had not. Sometimes we judge ourselves and others about these omissions and start a cycle of pain that leads us away from joy.

How do we stay on track? The first place we might turn is to recognize the need for forgiveness. We make confession and ask forgiveness for things done and things left undone. We expect to receive forgiveness, which is the promise of the Lord. Next we get back in the saddle by making the decision to engage life in loving and meaningful ways. For people of Judeo-Christian background this means living into the Shema and/or the Great Commandment given by Jesus.

Loving God, neighbor and self with all heart, mind and soul allows the spiritual path to open up. However, to love selflessly, being fully invested in “the way” is not easy. This is the part of life that requires practice, patience and often extraordinary kindness toward ourselves and others. Knowing the Lord is one and we are one with God helps us focus our intent and meet the challenge.

The problem is that somewhere along the line, we were told to love only certain people, places and things. And so we entered a part of life that increasingly placed limits on ourselves and others; we entered a world of judgment. Part of the journey is to learn to let go of the limits, soften the judgment and eventually go beyond judgment and limitation all together.

Jesus gives us a hint as to how to do this by saying, that to enter the kingdom of heaven one must become as a child. Seeing the world through the eyes of a child means being constantly surprised and delighted by life. It means being engaged in life, loving and enjoying what you are doing, rather than judging everything all the time.

Judgment and very often even our own belief systems affect our perceptions and limit our enjoyment of

• JUST HERS •

Courting the Cats

When I took the cats to the Animal Wellness Clinic for the first time, the nice lady behind the counter asked me if I had brought the cats with me from New York. "Oh, no," I had replied, "They're my step-cats, actually." Step-cats? I'd heard of step-mothers and step-fathers, step-children and step-grandchildren, but step-cats? It seems a long time ago that I applied myself to courting the cats.

The first time I met Orion and Weasel, there was actually a third cat, Smidgen, too. I arrived at Kettlerock one snowy day in November to spend a few days with John over the Thanksgiving holidays. "I'll take care of everything!" he had boasted. "You won't have to cook or clean or lift a finger." Women, take note. When a man tells you things like that in a dating situation, it is clearly temporary. From the moment you become a one half of a couple, your partner will forget where the mayonnaise is, how to operate a can opener, and be struck with amnesia regarding the regular maintenance of litter boxes. Ah, but I'm getting ahead of myself.

Coming from a family of cat lovers, I knew that you had to be patient with even the friendliest of cats. Courting cats is clearly a waiting game. While the girls, Smidgie and Weasel were more forthcoming, Orion hid underneath furniture every time I entered the room, looking wild-eyed and scared. I did not approach him or try to pet him. What I did do was talk to him, quietly and soothingly. "What a good boy," I would coo to him. "What a handsome boy. Was there ever such a wonderful cat?" This went on for several days, during which it didn't seem that I was making any progress. Obviously, I had over-estimated my talents as a cat whisperer. I had walked through the dining room, and seen Orion cowering underneath the long, oval table. Discouraged, I went into the living room, and sat down. That's when the miracle occurred. Orion sailed into the room - tail aloft - jumped up on the sofa, and into my lap. Orion is a very large cat, and fortunately, I have a very large lap. He shifted around, making minor adjustments for comfort, and then put his head down. The room was suddenly filled with the sound of loud purring. John looked up from his computer, and said, "Well, I never!" I felt tears coming to my eyes. "What a good boy! What a handsome boy!" I whis-

pered, running my hands over his beautiful orange and white fur. I was in love.

Weasie and John had a special relationship. John would hunker down for hours at a time, watching Fox News and doing work on his computer. Girl cat would jump up and find a place curled up next to his left elbow, staying there for great lengths of time. Many times I would come into the room quietly, and find the two of them - man and cat - sound asleep in the armchair. The only sounds were the humming of the computer, and the combined snores of man and cat. It really was an "aw, shucks" moment, and terribly cute. While clearly Dad's girl, Weasel and I had a good working arrangement, once she figured out that I was good at opening cans and cleaning litter boxes. Our special moments revolved around grooming. Since the house had neither central heating nor air conditioning, all three cats developed thick fur coats. Lots of grooming helped cut down a little on the massive shedding that plagued the house. While all the cats enjoyed being combed and brushed, Weasel seemed to relish it the most. All I had to do was hold up a comb, and she would open her mouth, and either do a silent meow or a funny little squeak. No matter how long I groomed her, it was never enough.

My only problem was Smidgie. She had been the first cat in the household, and in spite of being a tiny little thing, she was clearly the alpha cat. I fed her, groomed her, and petted her, all to no avail. She clearly did not want me there. I had to make sure to pull the covers up as soon as I left the bed, a lesson I learned early on. Not doing so resulted in Smidgen jumping up into the bed, and doing dreadful things in my place and on my pillow. John was at a loss, not wanting to upset his cat or his fiancée. My frustration grew daily, as I tried one thing after another to get this little tuxedo cat to accept me. The solution was not one we had expected or planned.

An evening supper on the porch had meant opening the windows, as it was hot and stuffy. Early the next morning, John had awakened with a start. "I forgot to close the



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windows!" he said, as he barreled downstairs. Orion and Weasel were milling around, waiting for room service. Smidgen was nowhere to be seen. The handymen came to mow the lawn later on that day, and said they'd seen a little black and white cat walking down the driveway, away from the house. I like to think she had decided that as big as the farmhouse was, it wasn't big

enough for the two of us. She left to find greener pastures. John was more realistic. "A hawk probably got her," he would say, shaking his head. "Or a coyote." When I walked around the property, I dreaded finding Smidgie's collar. I never did

I'd shaken my head about the collars with bells on that Smidgie and Weasel wore. If you want your cats to catch mice, why do you insist on putting bells on them? Was the bell sound supposed to be the cat equivalent

of Clint Eastwood's "Make my day!" Did the cats round the corner, and the mice heard "jingle, jingle, jingle, you mice are toast"? Orion, of course, being the rugged individual that he is, has never worn a collar. All attempts to put one on him have met with failure. As the cats are indoor cats only, I don't worry about it too much, especially since we're currently living on the second floor of our building, with a completely screened-in porch.

As I write this article, Orion is curled up next to me, back paw slung over my leg. He is sound asleep, twitching occasionally as he chases mousies in his dreams. I gaze at him, and wonder how I could have ever thought he was a step-cat. Step-cat, indeed!

• Michelle is a writer and translator who moved to Highlands after years of living in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris and New York. She lives in town with her two very spoiled cats, Orion and Weasel. While the cats are extremely well-behaved, they have had even more success at training their Mama. She just wishes they wouldn't come to visit when she's using the litter box.

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of problems with having ties to Judaism, not the least of which is the circumcision thing. Get rid of that and the sky's the limit.

Shelly: You've got a point. But like I said before, most of us are Jews.

Chairman: Shelly, it is time to turn our backs on the people who killed our Lord, dissociate ourselves from the murdering Jews.

Shelly: It was the Romans who executed Christ, not the Jews. Where are you coming from with this one?

Chairman: Let's just say we tweak the story. Later on, who's to know? Who cares? Roman, Jews? What does it matter? The important thing is "branding," and until we brand ourselves as followers of Christ, say Christians, we are going to be a niche brand

within a regional religion. That's a hard sell, especially with the "one God" idea. Now is the time to go world wide. It's our shrivel. Remember we are not exactly taking the synagogues by storm. I've been thinking about the "one God" thing. Maybe we could expand it, say Christ was more than a prophet, Son of God. We did a focus group on "virgin birth." They loved it in Athens. They wondered if we'd consider adding a third deity. You know the Greeks love their gods.

Shelly: OK. I'm seeing it. Let's say the Roman governor decided this was a local matter, and permitted self determination on this one. We could say Jesus was no enemy of Rome. He even wanted people to pay their taxes. It was the Jews who hated him. I'm seeing a big gathering. We can flesh out the details later. A crowd of Jews wants Jesus executed. Now get this. Here's the zinger. They say, "Let his blood be on us and on our children." We can have the Governor wash his hands of the matter. We can kill two birds with one stone, let the Romans off the hook and once and for all, separate ourselves from the murdering Jews.

Chairman: Let's go with it. One more thing. The idea of Mary sleeping with a carpenter turns my stomach.

Join me in welcoming Bishop John Spong who made me think about these things.

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binations of people and homes listed for sale.

There's something to be said for Sellers and Buyers that stay with a particular

Broker because they've done business with them in the past. Brokers LOVE loyal customers. When a Buyer works with a Broker and buys a home, then years later decides to sell, the Broker that sold them their home is a natural choice to be their listing Broker as well. However, Highlands is a small town, and people tend to travel in some of the same circles. Anywhere you look in this town, you could throw a rock and hit a Realtor (but please don't). It can get a little touchy when a Seller chooses someone else to list his or her home. In actuality, it shouldn't be that way.

Back to the opening statement -- Neither Buyers or Sellers are chattel, and Brokers do not and cannot 'own' them. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) adopted the Code of Ethics in 1913, and it was modeled on the Golden Rule, which states: We should treat other people as we would wish to be treated ourselves. For those that don't follow 'the rules', well, there's another saying -- 'What goes around, comes around'.

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So if you're a guest fishing Mitchell's pond and catch a fish with a brand new only used once shiny fish hook already in its mouth, would you please pull it out and apologize to the fish on our behalf. Also note that I know of one fish with four brand new only used once shiny fish hooks in its mouth. You've just caught the dumbest fish in the pond....worse than Democrats. (Ha, only kidding. Don't write in.) Oh, and another fish may have a hook in its tail (don't ask) and may need surgery to get it removed. Be gentle.

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Back row from left: Emily Jennings, Shawn Flowers, Michael Jennings, Sam Jennings. Not pictured: Mark Fowler, Nick Miles, Eric Farmer, Travis Jenkins.



Second Place: Sherry's Cleaning Service. Front row from left: Austin Bishop, Chris Deluzio, Joe Holbrooks, Ralph Welch. Back Row from left: Weston McCall, Joel Henry, Steve Owens, Adam McConnell, Nick Allen, Jeremy Welch, Robert Taylor, Cody Brabson. Not pictured: Keith Woodard, Lindsey Owens, Adam Dixon, Kevin Watts, Mike Overholt, Johnny Long, Danny David and David Bramblett.

Third Place: Ninjas/Kilwins. Pictured front row from left: Aaron Reese, Chad Seymour, Brad Davidson.

Back row from left: Davis Moore, Jerry Moore, Justin Brewer, Shane Johnson, Rick Brewer, Brandon Williams and Keri Raby. Not pictured: Tim Holbrooks, Corey Phillips, Bryan Dearth, Cody St. Germain, Isaac Beavers, Brennan Fogart, Jerry Sanders and Donnie Caloway.



These teams were Season Winners and they each played in the tournament which ends Thursday, Aug. 9th.

Photos by Highlands Recreation Director Lester Norris.

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tion and water quality improvement projects within the Upper Cullasaja Watershed will be significantly enhanced.

The grant was specifically designated for the use on impaired waters in need of improvement.

Since 1988, the state has identified the Upper Cullasaja River and Mill Creek as impaired. Although small in total acreage, the watershed has different issues on several of the stream basins, making it difficult to generalize the watershed conditions and solutions to problems. LTLT has used the money to construct a nine-element watershed restoration plan within the Upper Cullasaja River along the Highlands plateau.

This revised plan relies heavily on information contained in the 2004 Plan, as well as reports published by other agencies and entities and work performed by students of the University of North Carolina Institute for the Environment while in residence at the Highlands Biological Station.

The strategies outlined in the plan include new and expanded biological and chemical monitoring systems, implementation of more effective Best Management Practices (BMPs) for mountainside slopes and small streams, innovative regulations and incentives for water quality improve-

ments, and measurable criteria for project improvement.

Also included are public education and awareness efforts, habitat restoration and preservation.

The goals of this plan are:

- Improvement of water quality in all impacted streams and lakes in the watershed

- Removal of the Cullasaja River and Mill Creek from the 303(d) list of impaired streams

- Protection of the streams where the water quality is still excellent

Most importantly, this plan has been developed to provide additional support for the efforts of UCWA, LTLT, J-MCA, the Town of Highlands and other committed stakeholders by enhancing opportunities for future funding of beneficial water quality restoration and protection efforts.

A copy of the draft plan is available at Hudson Library and open to public comment until . The draft of this plan is available for public comment through August 30th.

For more information, or to obtain an electronic copy of the draft plan, please contact me, Jason Meador at the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee at 828.524.2711 x309.

What *IS* BIG CREEK???

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• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL NEWS •

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Brad Berg
PE/Coach



Tyler Holmes
Science



Ryan Kean
Spanish



Marcia Reid
Music



Will Walz
EC Dept.



Marjorie Crowe
Administrative Asst.

Oxford, Ohio and resides in Highlands. Coach Bergman will be teaching elementary and middle grade PE, along with coaching middle school soccer and JV Basketball. Bergman enjoys playing basketball, fishing and supporting Ohio State football as hobbies, and looks forward to beginning a new career at Highlands.

Science teacher Tyler Holmes is originally from Denver, Colorado, so he

should have little trouble adjusting to the mountain atmosphere. The Metro State graduate previously taught at Blue Ridge School and Macon Middle School before arriving in Highlands to teach high school science. Holmes' wife Kathryn is a school Psychologist who works in Macon and Jackson Counties, and they have a two-year-old boy named Andrew. Holmes enjoys mountain climbing, backpacking, woodworking

and kayaking in his spare time.

Ryan Kean is the new Spanish teacher at Highlands, and he comes all the way from the upper peninsula of Michigan to our small town. Kean graduated from Northern Michigan, and comes to Highlands with his fiancée Chelsea. Kean enjoys fly fishing, rugby and reading, and has previously taught in both Chicago and Ann Arbor.

The music department at Highlands will be led by Marcia Reid, who previously taught at Southern Middle School in Southern Pines, NC. Reid is a graduate of both Western Carolina and Winthrop, and is returning to the area of her youth, as she grew up in Cullowhee. Reid enjoys gardening, sewing, cooking and hiking in her spare time, and she also enjoys spending time with her two chihuahuas Lucky and

Scooter.

Joining the Highlands faculty on an interim basis will be Will Walz, who comes to Highlands from Bradenton, Florida. Walz was a long term substitute last year for Dr. Terry Harris in the EC department, and will continue as an interim this school year. Walz and his wife Valerie have three boys and one girl. Walz is a graduate of the University of Phoenix, and enjoys watching and playing basketball

and football in his spare time.

In addition to these new faculty members, visitors to the school this year will be greeted by new Administrative Assistant Marjorie Crowe. Crowe resides in Highlands with her husband John and daughters Ann Marie and Emily, and will be replacing Judy Smart.

HS Soccer season begins Thursday, Aug. 16 at home

By Ryan Potts
Highlands Soccer looking to reload for 2012 season

I tasked Highlands Soccer Coach Chris Green how he was going to replace the ten seniors that he lost from last year's Smoky Mountain Conference Championship team, and he looked at me and deadpanned "coaching." Indeed, this could be Green's best coaching job in his six years as HHS soccer coach if his charges continue their unparalleled streak of brilliance at

the top of the Smoky Mountain Conference.

The accolades are numerous-5 years without a conference loss, 11 straight SMC championships, double-digit NCHSAA victories-but those numbers don't impress Green as I rattle them off to him. "We are much more focused on this season," said Green, "we lost a lot, but we have talent returning and these young guys are going to surprise some people." Indeed, to say that Highlands "lost a lot" is somewhat of an understatement.

After losing a total of 19 players over two years to graduation, the Highlands program will have quite a few new faces, but still look to continue the standard of excellence set by their previous teammates.

The Highlanders will depend heavily on returning starters Kenan Lewis, Tyler Munger and Ryan Vinson, along with returning contributors Victor Lopez and Philip Murphy. Senior Taylor Osteen will also be a major factor for this young group, as he returns from missing the entire

2011 season due to shoulder surgery. "We have a good mix of returning players as well as some new faces who are going to step in and contribute right away," said Green, "athletically we are still comfortable with where we are at, but it is going to take a few games to figure it out."

Highlands opened their process of "figuring it out" last weekend at the WNC soccer jamboree in Asheville, where they defeated both Brevard and Pisgah. It was a strong performance and showcased the fact that this current group

of Highlanders will be up to the task. "We may not be as experienced as in the past few years," said senior Taylor Osteen, "but we can make up for that with hard work and by the end of the season a lot of these younger players will have a lot of playing time under their belts."

The Highlanders will open their season on August 16th with a home match against Brevard at 6PM before hitting the road for three straight games in August.

Home games – 2012

- Wed, Aug. 29 – Pisgah at 6p.
- Tues., Sept. 4 – Franklin at 6p.
- Thurs., Sept. 6 – Smoky Mtn. at 6p.
- Sat., Sept. 15 – Polk Cty at 2 p.
- Mon., Sept. 17 – Swain at 6p.
- Wed., Sept. 19 – Cherokee at 6p.
- Wed., Sept. 26 – Andrews at 6p.
- Fri., Sept. 28 – Tallulah Falls at 5:30p.
- Mon., Oct. 8 – Blue Ridge at 6p.
- Wed., Oct. 17 – Hayesville at 6p.
- Fri., Oct. 19 – Rabun Gap at 5p.
- Wed., Oct. 24 – Murphy (Senior Night) at 6p.

• BACK DAYS •

The story of the family of Ethel Mae Potts Paul ... descendants of WT and Mattie Potts (continued from page 6, Aug. 2)

By Guy Warren Paul

It came on a Sunday afternoon, August 6, 1933. We were just milling around. The house was rather crowded with kith and kin, all intent upon being helpful in one way or another. I remember Bernice Durgin appearing at the doorway between our living room and the downstairs bedroom where Mama lay. She uttered two words I shall never forget. "She's passing," she said for all to hear. As many of us as could crowded into the room. Mama was still now, except for heavy breathing. Dad caressed her hand as she gasped for her last life-sustaining oxygen. In a short time it was over.

Forlornly, we filed from the room, going no place in particular in our state of shock and grief. I had known and loved her for 13 years. Those few years came rushing back to me in small segments, bringing tears and more tears to my eyes. I paused to cry at a dining room window. That was where Dad caught up with me. As I looked out the window, for some reason not wanting to face him, he said to me through his own convulsive weeping, "We don't have any Mama anymore."

The next few days were what anyone would expect. Mama's body was prepared according to the customs of a mountain town in 1933 and laid in a homemade coffin in the same downstairs bedroom in which she died. Many people came to the house to comfort us as best they could. But the grief and sorrow would not go away. The most vivid memory I have of the funeral is of the long line of cars, reaching practically all the way from our house to town. The funeral service at the church, the grave, and the heaps of flowers are but misty memories now. On that fateful August day, Mama was 95 days past her 42nd birthday. I was four days short of turning 13. Though I was grief stricken, it never occurred to me that Mama was so young.

When Mama died, Frances was already married to William Arthur Hays; Frank was married to Hazel Finnemore; and Mary was married to William Herbert Rice. Subsequently, Charlie married Louise Tallent Culbertson, Corinne married John Wesley Edwards; Guy married Joanne Bigler; Eugene married Lillian Suggs and Herbert married Blanch Allen. There were 22 grandchildren.

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life and obstruct our path to perfect peace. Rather than see beauty, we start to see the world as less than what it can be and we cease to create in ways that promote harmony and goodwill. When did this happen? When did the world change for us? Can we return to a kinder and more loving way of living life?

Bell Hooks, in her book, All About Love, writes, "Peace is found not in the absence of challenge but in our own capacity to be with hardship without judgment, prejudice, and resistance. We discover that we have the energy and the faith to heal ourselves, and the world, through - openheartedness"

Young children perceive in different ways than most of us. They see each day anew and the wonder of life is always present. Their hearts and minds are open to the present moment and nothing is more important than what is before them at the time.

Practice looking at each and every day as if you have never seen it before. Take time to feel what you are doing, rather than do what you are doing. Live life in the moment for the moment and for each other and the kingdom of heaven will come on earth.

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where it rolled over and ended up in the road on its roof.

Bystanders were quick to react and had gotten Hattie and Frank out of the vehicle when rescue teams arrived. When Highlands Fire & Rescue and EMS got there, Hattie was lying on the road apparently conscious and Frank's cuts had been wrapped.

EMS transported the two in separate ambulances to the nearest hospital, Angel Medical Center in Franklin. Later the two were transported to Mission Memorial's trauma unit in Asheville. Tragically, Hattie died later that night.

Frank is still in the hospital being treated for multiple injuries and recently underwent neck surgery.

The Holloways are members of First Baptist Church in Highlands. Pastor Charles Harris said Frank will not be able

to attend his wife's funeral which is Friday, Aug. 10. See Hattie's obituary on page 3.

Late Friday afternoon, Aug. 3, Highlands Fire & Rescue assisted Cullasaja Fire & Rescue retrieve a man from the Cullasaja River Gorge on US 64 west.

According to Cullasaja's Fire & Rescue Chief Dean Cook, a 28-year-old man who was taking photographs, scaled down the gorge, crossed the river and had attempted to climb 100 ft. up the falls when he slipped, fell and broke his ankle.

His wife, who didn't hike down as far as he, climbed back up and called 9-1-1.

About five Highlands F&R volunteers responded to the call to assist Cullasaja which came into the Highlands station at 5:09 p.m.

After ropes were rigged, rescuers were able to scale down the gorge, get the injured man into a Stokes basket and pull

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accident at Church and S. 4th streets.

July 20

• At 10:58 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident.

• At 1:35 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and 5th streets.

• At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and 4th streets.

• At 11:12 a.m., Enrique Contreras Gaona, 31, was arrested for driving without a license at NC 28 and Many Road in Highlands.

July 22

• At 4:45 p.m., officers were called to Wolfgang's Restaurant to keep the peace and stayed on the premises until the employee left.

July 24

• At 1 p.m., officers were called to help a person who lost the keys to their vehicle on Poplar Street.

July 25

• 12:23 p.m., officers were called to Laurel Street on a domestic violence call.

During this time period, officers issued 19 citations



Highlands Fire & Rescue received \$3,500 in donations at its annual Open House, Saturday, Aug. 4 – the most ever netted during the event.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

him back up.

Chief Cook said his department responded at 4:30 p.m. and the four-hour res-

cue wrapped up at 8:30 p.m.

-- Kim Lewicki

and responded to 15 alarms.

Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from July 18

July 18

• At 11:16 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Saw Mill Road. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

• At 10:43 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Highlands Pharmacy where a person had hit their head on a cabinet. There was no transport.

July 19

• At 2:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Rhododendron Drive. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

• At 2:20 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly FD with a structure fire, but the call was cancelled en route.

• At 3:02 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Buck Creek Road. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

• At 7 p.m., the dept. assisted police with traffic control during the power outage.

• At 8:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106.

July 20

• At 9:14 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Lake Court. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

July 21

• At 6:51 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to NC 106. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

• At 11:57 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

• At 8:25 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm. It was set off by a water leak.

July 22

• At 2:40 a.m., the dept. received a call about a vehicle accident at 6435 Buck Creek Road, but no wreck was found.

• At 7:55 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Hickory Hill which was set off by burning food.

• At 9:23 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Clubhouse Trail that was set off by water flow.

July 23

• At 10:04 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Clear Creek Road to assist EMS with a medical call.

July 24

• At 12:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Falls Drive West to assist EMS with a medical call. There was no transport.

• At 4:54 p.m., the dept. responded to Highlands Mountain Club where an electric breaker was on fire. The power was cut. An electrician was called.

July 27

• At 4:05 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm at Falcon Ridge Road. It was false.

July 28

• At 1:15 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Glenville-Cashiers Rescue to carry a person who had fallen on a trail on Whiteside Mountain and possibly broken an ankle.

July 29

• At 9:11 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to Edwards Creek Road. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

• At 9:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co² alarm on DeVille Dr. It was false.

• At 10:16 a.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Moorewood Circle. It was false.

• At 11:05 a.m., the dept. responded to a possible structure fire on Center Drive. A toaster oven was burning.

• At 1:34 p.m., the dept. helped look for a lost dog below Lake Sequoyah dam. It wasn't found.

• At 5:47 p.m., the dept. responded to overdue boaters reported at the Canoe Rentals on Lake Sequoyah. No one was found.

July 30

• At 3:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main Street. EMS took the patient to the hospital.

July 31

• At 2:33 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm on Cullasaja Club Drive. It was due to burned food.

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Dwight Bryant donates to the Bolivian Mission

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Order of Eastern Star bakes for Relay



Members of The Order of Eastern Star had a bake sale, Saturday with benefits going 100% to Relay for Life. Pictured from left are sisters Naomi Chastain, Mary Ann Creswell and Paula Gordan.

REACH gala a success!

Pictured from left are Wyn Shoptaw and Ann and Chuck Roberts at the home of Tony Raffa and Scott Albee during the July 29, R.E.A.C.H. gala where more than \$20,000 was raised. The money will be used toward the purchase of a pre-owned truck which will be used to transport items to and from the shelter and Bargain Store as well as the "Fill the Truck" drives in Highlands.



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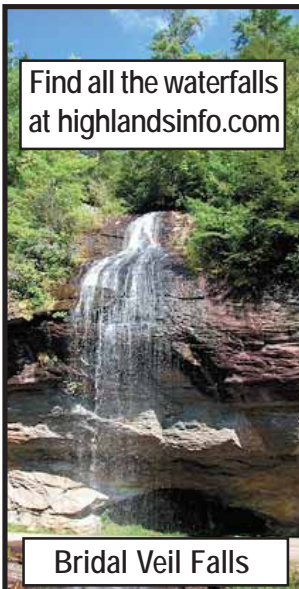
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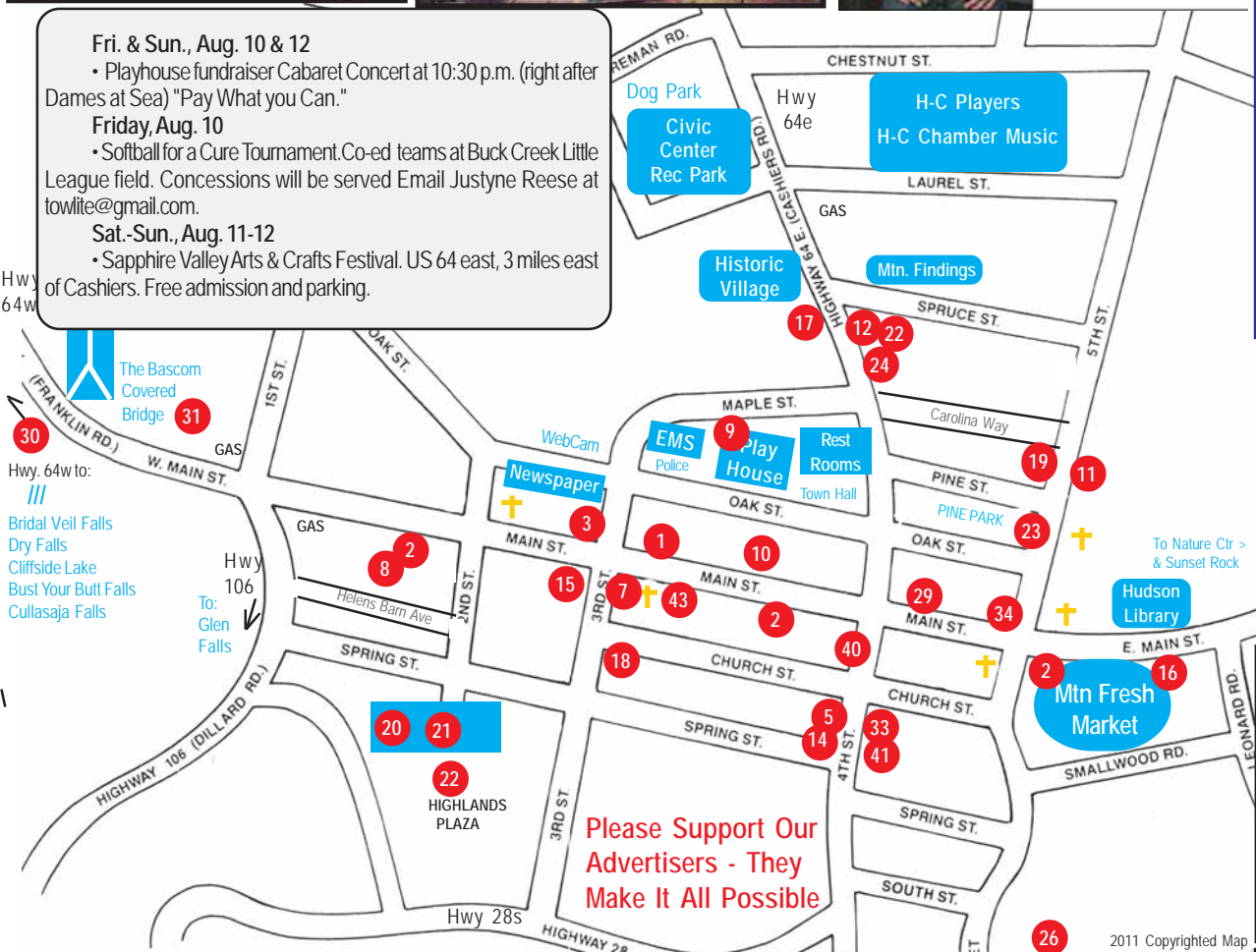
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