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## Thurs-Sun.

• Live music at Altitudes at Skyline Lodge. Call 526-2121 for information.

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• Free wine tastings at Mountain Fresh Grocery from 2-4 p.m.

## Saturday, Sept. 8

• Benefit for James and Caprita Plemmons at the Satolah, GA, fire department 4:30 until. BBQ, hot dogs baked beans, cole slaw, and chips. Cake auction, too. Take out plates available. They lost everything in a fire earlier this year

## Sunday, Sept. 9

• The 20th annual Bel Canto Recital, 4 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. The performance is followed by a sumptuous dinner at the Highlands Country Club. For tickets, call 828-526-1947 and 828-526-2609.

• Shortoff Baptist Church will have the Cogdill Family Singers on Sunday Night at 6p. We invite everyone to come and worship with us and enjoy some good gospel music.

## Mon., Sept. 10

• Shortoff Baptist will have a non-denominational Men's Meeting on Monday at 7p and Highlands First Baptist Church Associate Pastor Jeremy Dooley will be bringing the message.

• Join Highlands Plateau Audubon Society for its monthly evening program at the Highlands Civic Center. The program will include a special slide show entitled "Wildlife and Special Places." Ed Boos, photographer and local Audubon member, has a number of entertaining stories to relate from his many hours spent photographing these iconic species. Refreshments at 7 pm, and program at 7:30 pm. This is free and open to the public.

## Tuesday, Sept. 11

• Come and listen to bear stories at the Story Swap on Tuesday, 7:30 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. Pre-registration is required.

## County OKs new 'small farm' label

The amount of acreage that designates a farm in the county was amended by ordinance at the August Macon County Commission meeting.

The commissioners adopted the Macon County Voluntary Ag-

ricultural District Ordinance to promote small farming enterprises, agricultural values and the general welfare of the county, they said.

Specifically, according to the ordinance, the purpose is to in-

crease identity and pride in the agricultural community and its way of life; encourage the economic and financial health of agriculture, horticulture and forestry; and increase protection from non-

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## J-MCA offers sustainable solutions for town

— Part 3 —

By Michelle Price  
J-MCA

This week The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance's (J-MCA) Sustainable Solutions Report to the Town of Highlands continues.

The purpose of this project is to foster community involvement in planning that builds on natural resources and encourages sustainable development. Sustainable development includes the social, environmental and economic needs of the community.

The report findings were the result of 10 forums on different subjects and six partnership meetings involving 350 people – not including the people who kept up with project through the media.

Numerous solutions were developed after consideration and collaboration with the communi-

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## Highlands passes Relay goal



Despite the economy, Highlands Relay for Life participants came through for the cause. More than 300 people turned out for the festivities, Friday, Aug. 17 to at the Highlands Rec Park where they joined 22 teams and helped raise \$105,000, so far. The Top Teams were: Just For You, Highlands Falls Hopes, and Fressers Eatery. The Top Participants were Debbie Grossman, Heather Mangum and Kristy Lewis. Local sponsors contributed more than \$30,000 in funds and in-kind gifts. As always, the ceremony honored cancer survivors and remembered those who died from the disease. This year, an Olympic-style cauldron honored Danise Berry who died earlier this year. Pictured are survivors on their "walk." In front from left are Pat Griffin, Butch Smart and Paula Jones. Photo: Kim Lewicki

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## BOE OKs extra teaching positions

By Ryan Potts

The Macon County Board of Education met last Monday in their standard monthly meeting and addressed the issue of class sizes by approving three additional teaching positions with one at East Franklin and two at Iotla Valley Elementary School.

The need for these positions is based upon the mandate of the state of North Carolina that class sizes in elementary schools be kept at a certain size in order to maintain the best possible learning environment. At both schools there were classes that did not meet the state requirements for class sizes and thus required an additional teacher or teachers in order to meet state requirements.

According to Dan Moore, Director of Personnel of Macon County Schools, the Macon County Board of Education plans to "address the issue of attendance zones" in the near future. Redistricting attendance zones or by refusing attendance waivers to students who wish to attend a school outside their zone would be a way to address overpopula-

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ty which encourage planning for economic, environmental and social needs to ensure future generations have a functioning local economy, a functioning natural environment, clean water to drink, and fresh food to eat.

This week some of the Environmental Sustainability aspects are in the spotlight – specifically water quality and stormwater management. Next week, part 4 will focus on forestry and air quality solutions.

To read Part 1 and 2 go to [www.highlandsnewspaperPDF.com](http://www.highlandsnewspaperPDF.com), scroll down and click on the Aug., 23 and Aug. 30 editions.

**Environmental Sustainability: Water Quality Solutions**

- Work with local nonprofits such as UCWA and/or JMCA and government agencies to develop and implement a watershed education program targeting the local community. This education program should include the following:

- The importance of riparian (stream-side) vegetation. Promote and offer incentives to plant native woody vegetation along stream, pond and lake banks.

- Responsible use of pesticides, fertilizers and hydro-seed mix

- Ideas for residents and businesses to reduce their contribution to stormwater volume.

- Promote and provide incentives for implementation on low impact development practices such as rain gardens and stormwater wetlands.

- Support local nonprofit to determine willingness for BMP implementation and to secure funds to implement multiple Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) once landowners have confirmed interest.

- Stormwater retrofits should be constructed to control the quantity and the quality of stormwater going to Mill Creek, Monger Creek and Lake Sequoyah. Highlands' town center and downstream areas should be given priority for stormwater BMPs.

- Investigate phase II stormwater rules and adopt recommended practices such as pre and post construction stormwater bmps on all land disturbing activities, expansions and new construction.

- Developer should adhere to best management practices that control erosion in steep areas, and limit development of steep areas. (see additional steep slope recommendations)

- Golf course communities, including residential areas and golf courses should plant wooded buffers along cleared streams.

- Encourage golf courses and developers to evaluate ways to further decrease the use of pesticides, herbicides and nutrient management programs in order to decrease the use of these materials and to reduce their potential to enter lakes and streams.

- Homeowners and landscapers should be educated about the responsible use of pesticides, fertilizers and hydroseed mix.

- A strategy to reduce the impacts of dams should be developed, including a plan for access to unimpounded colonization sources. If the removal of dams and ponds is not feasible or an unacceptable alternative- work to retrofit ponds to minimize their negative impacts to water quality.

- Seek out pond retrofit and low impact design specifications and incorporate these standards into local ordinances.

**Why is water quality important to long term sustainability of the community?**

- Surface water quality is the Town of Highlands water supply. High quality water supply source is healthier for human consumption and is less expensive to treat.

- Trout require high quality water to survive and reproduce. Trout fishing is enjoyed by many local residents, second home owners and visitors. Trout fishing exceeds \$174 million dollars annually and provides 2,000 jobs to WNC economy. Visitors to NC spent 17 Billion dollars last year (2010).

**Stormwater Management**

- The next two paragraphs are straight from the Highlands' Stormwater Master Plan's executive summary:

- In order to effectively manage the municipality's aging stormwater infrastructure and address the stream impairments it

is recommended that the Town of Highlands implement a near term, one to five year, capital improvement plan. In the Central Business District (CBD) these improvements should include the modernization of the stormwater conveyance system to effectively route stormwater runoff to strategically located water quality devices before carefully releasing the runoff into the environment. Out the CBD, stream restoration and re-establishing the riparian corridor coupled with projects that maintain the water balance and reduce peak discharges to more natural levels should be implemented. A long term, five to ten year, capital improvement plan should be developed to replace existing multi-barreled, stream crossings with single span culverts to improve the hydraulic flow, minimize on-going maintenance and further improve the health of the streams. It is also recommended that an on-going funding source be identified to finance these improvements and to provide for their long term operation and maintenance.

- In addition to the Capital Improvement Plan it is recommended that Town develop a comprehensive Stormwater Management Ordinance with sections covering water quality and water quantity criteria for new projects, erosion and sediment control for construction projects, protections of sensitive areas such as riparian zones, floodplains, wetlands and steep slopes, and the protection of the Town's source for drinking water. Once implemented, enforcement is critical and additional staff and/or on-going professional service contractors are recommended to ensure the goals of the Town of Highlands are achieved.

• OBITUARIES •

**William Allen**

**“Bummy” Bumgardner**

William Allen “Bummy” Bumgardner, 91, of Gallatin, TN, and previously Highlands,, NC, died August 31, 2012. He was born February 6, 1921 in Wheeling, West Virginia to Mrs. Hilda Allen Bumgardner and John William Bumgardner.

He was a graduate of Tridelphia High School in 1938. He attended West Virginia University graduating in 1942 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering. During that time he spent one summer at Virginia Polytechnic Institute for additional education courses. He later became a Registered Professional Engineer and Metallurgist.

Bummy served in the Army during WWII where he was stationed in Alaska and Okinawa. During his time in the service he met the love of his life, Ruth Winifred Marshall. Rhey were married on February 16, 1946.

During his life he had many hobbies but he was most passionate about flying, boating, and tennis. He was an entrepreneur from an early age. He owned and served as CEO for Bumgardner & Company in Wheeling, West Virginia, from 1946 – 1977. Throughout his life he was a member, and served as an officer of countless clubs and organizations. Some of his most memorable was being a member of the Boy Scouts of America and being awarded the Silver Beaver Award, International Executive Corp serving in Brazil and Thailand, member of the First Presbyterian Church (Highlands, NC), member of the Vance Church (Wheeling, WV), member of the Professional Engineers Society, and a Phi Kappa Psi Social Fraternity member.

He was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruth Winifred Bumgardner; children, Judith Lee Mazzeo, Karen Sue Bumgardner Harms, Janice Lynn Woodard; Grandchildren, William Ralph McMichen, James Allen McMichen & Meredith Lorraine Woodard, Daniel Lee Harms II (Laura) of Atlanta, GA; great-grandchildren, Andrew Allen McMichen, Ethan Alexander McMichen & Sarah Annyston McMichen, Caleb, Major, & Colby Harms of Atlanta, GA.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Sept. 7 at the First Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p.m..

Arrangements entrusted to Hendersonville Funeral Home, in Hendersonville, TN.

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## John Laurens Lund


John Laurens Lund, age 81, of Highlands, NC, died Thursday, August 30, 2012. He was born in Westchester County, New York, the son of the late Christian Palmer Lund and Mary Connolly Lund. He was retired from Lipton Tea Company where he worked as sales manager.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Gratia Lynch Lund; two daughters, Rebecca Taylor and husband Joe of Pensacola FL and Patricia Mondl and husband Joel of Duluth, GA; a son John Kevin Lund of Roswell, GA; four grandchildren, Daniel Mondl and his wife Ashley, John Adam Mondl, Kelsey Lund and Tasha Lund.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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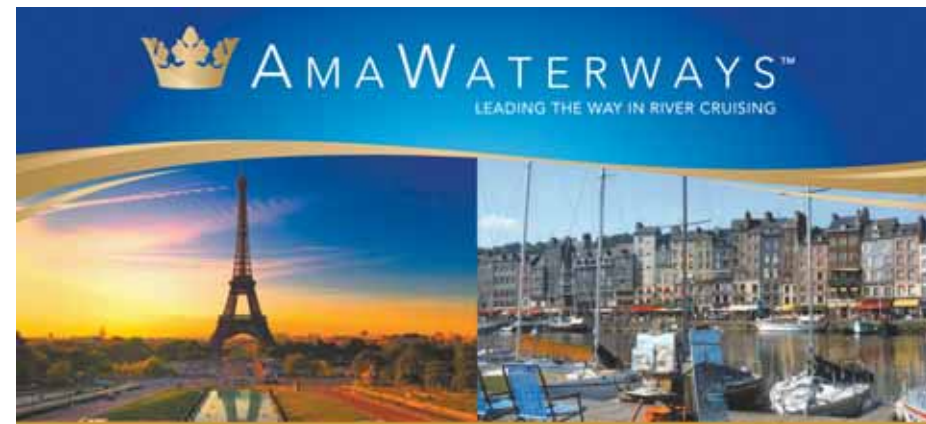


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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### Wow...I'm hot...oops, wait a minute...now I'm cold

One would think by the time a person reaches their 70s, their hot flashes would be all flashed out. Maybe for some....maybe not for others. Check out this scenario and you make the call.

Every Wednesday and Friday a small army of geezers arrive at the Highlands Recreation Center to play a game called Bridge. I use the term "recreation" loosely 'cause all I see goin' on at a Bridge game is when we use one arm to pick a card from our hand and place it on the table. We don't even have to shuffle anymore. I realize this action can cause the adrenaline to flow, raising body temperatures. Oh....and we do expend energy opening candy wrappers. But wait, this is not about recreation.



**with Fred Wooldridge**  
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I know a lot about old crotchety geezer Bridge players because I "is" one. But I never remember going through hot flashes like almost all the folks in the Bridge room seem to go through. Here are some of the comments I've heard.

"Why do those locals at the front desk keep it so dad-gum cold in here? I'm freezing and I think they do it because we live in country clubs," one woman complains. Two tables over, another woman is ripping off her upper garments, fanning herself, saying, "Why do those locals at the front desk make it so hot. I'm dying from the heat. They are so mean spirited and only do it because we don't live here year round."

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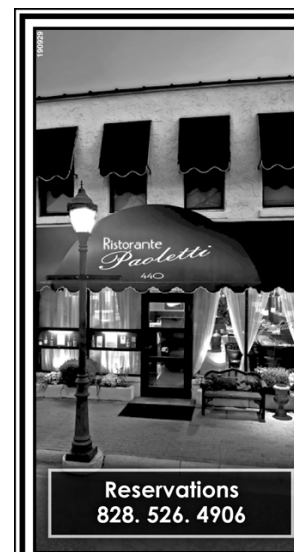


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# • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

## Doctors don't make good patients

Last Wednesday I was readmitted to the hospital for treatment of complications following prostate surgery a week earlier. The column that follows wrote itself in the middle of the night.

By 11 o'clock, I knew I had a column. By 1 a.m., it'd written itself. My hospital bed is a microcosm of American health care; expensive, complex, high tech, and falling short of the fundamental goal. If I were to ask you the purpose of a bed, you'd answer, sleep. By that reasonable standard, it falls pathetically short. This thing is not only uncomfortable. It's dangerous.

The hospital purchasing agent should have tried sleeping in it, at least sat on the side. It is a wonder of technology. It's adjustable to an infinite number of positions, all remarkably uncomfortable. It



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

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knew I'd be waiting for her.

has a scale to weigh the patient, controls for the TV and room lights, and a nurse call-button. There is one feature I don't fully understand. When I move, it groans. It didn't seem to be going any place in particular, but there is a groaning motor buried in the mattress which I think is designed to prevent bed sores. I think it's a redundant accessory. It's impossible to remain in any position longer than a minute, not nearly long enough to damage the skin. Its retractable side rails contain integral stereo speakers. I fiddled with the controls for a few hours, foolishly believing I could find a comfort zone. When the phlebotomist drew my blood at 10:30p, she cheerfully announced she wouldn't bother me again until 3:30a or 4a. I

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# • CONSERVATIVE POV

## The Obama story



**Don Swanson**  
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I don't ever recall doing a column that was mostly taken from an email, but the following does something I have failed to do. That is to tell the whole sordid story of Obama's plan and its execution. While I have mentioned many elements of it, I have never laid out the whole deal. It was written by Wayne Allyn Root, who was Obama's college classmate at Columbia.

Wayne Allyn Root is an American politician, entrepreneur, television and radio personality, author and political commentator. He was the 2008 vice-presidential nominee of the Libertarian Party. Root has taken several stands on Obama's presence at Columbia. As I understand it, Root first cast doubt on the legitimacy of Obama's stint at Columbia, claiming "I don't know a single person at Columbia that knows him. I don't have a classmate who ever knew Barack Obama at Columbia"

According to Wikipedia, Root recently speculated that Barack Obama attended Columbia University as a foreign exchange student citing his "gut instinct" as evidence. Wayne Allyn Root may or not be accurate in his rendition of Obama's evolution, but I find nothing that I can challenge as being untrue. It is well written and comprehensive. I wish I had written the piece.

"Barack Hussain Obama is no fool. He is not incompetent. To the contrary, he is brilliant. He knows exactly what he is doing. He is purposely overwhelming the U.S. economy to create systemic failure, economic crisis and social chaos – thereby destroying capitalism from within.

"Barack Hussain Obama was my college classmate. He is a devout Muslim; do not be fooled. Look at his Czars... Anti-business... Anti-American. As Glenn Beck correctly predicted from day one, Barack Hussain Obama is following the plan of Cloward & Piven, two professors at Colum-

bia University. They outlined a plan to socialize America by overwhelming the system with government spending and entitlement demands.

"Add up the following clues. Taken individually, they're alarming. Taken as a whole, it is a brilliant, Machiavellian game plan to turn the United States into a socialist/Marxist state with a permanent majority that desperately needs government for survival...and can be counted on to always vote for even bigger government. Why not? They have no responsibility to pay for it.

"UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE – The health care bill had very little to do with health care. It has everything to do with unionizing millions of hospital and health care workers, as well as adding 15,000 to 20,000 new IRS agents (who will join government employee unions.)

"Obama doesn't care that giving free health care to 30 million Americans will add trillions to the national debt. What he does care about is that it cements the dependence of those 30 million voter to Democrats and big government. Who but a socialist revolutionary would pass this reckless spending bill in the middle of a depression?

"CAP AND TRADE – Like health care legislation having nothing to do with health care, cap and trade has nothing to do with global warming. It has everything to do with redistribution

of income, government control of the economy and a criminal pay-off to Obama's biggest contributors.

"Those powerful and wealthy unions and contributors (like GE, which owns NBC, MSNBC and CNBC) can then be counted on to support everything Obama wants. They will kick back hundreds of millions of dollars in contributions to Obama and the Democratic Party in power.

"STIMULUS AND BAILOUTS. Where did all that money go? It went to Democrat contributors, organizations (ACORN), and unions – including billions of dollars to save or create jobs of government employees. It went to save GM and Chrysler so that their employees could keep paying union dues. It went to AIG so that Goldman Sachs could be bailed out (after giving Obama almost \$1 million in contributions).

"A staggering \$125 billion went to teachers thereby protecting their union dues. All those public employees will vote loyally Democrat to protect their bloated salaries and pensions that are bankrupting America...the country goes broke future generations face a bleak future, but Obama, the Democrat Party, government, and the unions grow more powerful. The ends justify the means.

"With the acts outlined above, Barack Hussein Obama has created a vast and rapidly expanding constituency of voters dependent on big government – a government dedicated to destroying capitalism and installing themselves as socialist ruler by overwhelming the system. Add it up and you've got the perfect Marxist scheme – all devised by my Columbia University college classmate Barack Hussain Obama using the Cloward and Piven Plan."

I remember well Glenn Beck explaining the C & P philosophy ad nauseum – to the extent I quit watching him – but he was right.



# • COACH'S CORNER •

## Go ahead, make my day

After watching the Republican National Convention this past week, I discovered something that I absolutely did not know. All of these years, I felt I would be frowned upon by venting my frustrations upon an imaginary person in an empty chair, but instead, apparently this is an acceptable practice...especially if it is in a large public setting. While I cannot provide a large public setting, I can commence with yelling at invisible men in chairs.

First, I will yell at Pittsburgh Pirates GM Neal Huntington. "Neal...you suck at life. Your unwillingness to bring in a big name at the trade deadline would have been forgivable had you chose to trust the young talent in the system. Instead, we have had a steady dose of second rate veterans while the future of our franchise lay wasting away in AAA. Neal-you and Clint Hurdle have cost this team a chance at a playoff birth...if I could boo you personally...I would."

Ahhhh...that was oddly cathartic. Let's try another one.

Florida Gators coach Will Muschamp. "Man, you are killing me. Just straight killing me. You can recruit a bunch of talent but you can barely beat Bowling Green? If you recruit a bunch of players, but can't coach them up, you know what that makes you? That makes you Ron Zook...and you can't be Ron Zook and survive very long.

Ok, I admit it-this is fun. You don't have to be 82 years old to enjoy using your imagination. Let's shake it up a little bit though, this time, I am going to yell at an IMAGINARY OLD MAN. Genius.

Old man. "Before you say anything, I know...I am going to be you one day. Until that day comes though, here are some thoughts. First of all...PULL OVER. For you, the Gorge Road is a scenic route that you use to inspect every glorious bit of flora and fauna our environment has to offer. For us, the Gorge Road is just a regular road that we have



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to use to get to our kid's soccer game, or go grocery shopping, or go to the doctor...so let us get where we are going and you can have all day to enjoy the rocks. Secondly...there is no secondly-I am amazed that you have lived this long and respect you immensely-just get out of the dang way."

Well, that just about does it for this week-don't see any need to...wait a minute, how about just one more. I need a gimmick to take this over the top-and I know exactly what it is. I'm putting my invisible self in the hot seat. Prepare to be mindblown.

Potts...you are a disgrace. Not only was this column terrible, but you are 32 years old and haven't had your picture updated in 10 years. You've spent an entire column making fun of Clint Eastwood...which is only slightly less dumb than making fun of Chuck Norris. Now turn off the computer and quit writing to invisible people before our wife has us committed.

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According to Doris Perlman, founder and president of Possibilities for Design, women control 80% of consumer purchases, direct 91 percent of housing decisions and guide 94 percent of home furnishing choices. Perlman's research has delineated many of the specific home features that are likely to particularly attract boomer women. Their shopping habits suggest that these customers are apt to be "circular, exploring and tactile" and "do not make linear decisions."

"Her needs for personal connection and security are key," Perlman added. "Women don't just buy a product -- they join it." This has been my experience with working with couples looking for a mountain home. The woman is very concerned



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about the lifestyle that they will have here on The Plateau. That is why it is important to educate prospective buyers as to all of the different club environments as well as what the community has to offer.

Among Perlman's observations on what will sway baby boomer women shopping for a home's interior:

- **Illumination** -- both task lighting and natural light -- is of major importance to compensate for declining vision and to add drama.

- **Women buyers** are looking for strong character in home design, such as cottages with a crisp and clean look, urban enclaves with rich colors and textures, and calming and contemporary Asian influences.

- **Women who are 55 or older** are cyber-savvy and use their computers for ordering and correspondence.

- **Women are very attuned to colors**, while men do not care as much.

As for home amenities, women are very focused on security. Even in this area of low crime or non-existent crime, women are more comfortable behind gates. Women are just as busy as men, and they appreciate anything that saves time. Convenience, in terms of location and saving time and effort, is a big plus. They also desire amenities that play into the needs of children. Shared areas are critical to community life, as are nearby stores, parks and recreational areas. Many men will show me a house that they want to see because it has a great view. We drive 20 minutes from a main road on a one-lane dirt drive, and the woman is anxious to turn around. We brokers have to try to match the priorities of both spouses by being sensitive to the priorities of each.

According to a National Association of Home Builders panel featuring women in the housing industry, women 50 and older are choosing to live in communities that emphasize social interaction and convenience, enabling them to simultaneously nurture and multi-task. The numerous clubs on The Plateau offer

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# • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

## Lady Highlanders sweep Rabun Gap

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands Lady Highlander Volleyball teams earned their first win of the season with JV and Varsity victories over the Rabun Gap Lady Eagles.

The JV girls were able to earn a dominant win against Rabun Gap in straight sets, 25-11 and 25-15. Lady Highlander JV Coach Linds Gearhart was proud of her team, saying that "our game is coming together and the girls are becoming more confident in themselves each and every game. It was nice to get a win for

an ego boost and team morale, but as long as we continue to improve we will be happy."

The Varsity Lady Highlanders also scored a win in straight sets, 25-17, 25-22 and 25-8 to put away the Lady Eagles. First year Coach Caroline McKim was happy for her team to get a victory and hopes to gain momentum from the victory. "It was an awesome first win for us," said McKim, "our girls got a feeling for what it is like to come out on top and hopefully it will carry through for future games."

## Highlanders score first win of season against Pisgah Black Bears

By Ryan Potts

The Highlands Highlander varsity soccer team had struggled with inexperience early in the season, but righted the ship with a 2-1 victory over the visiting 3A Pisgah Black Bears.

The Highlanders received goals from Sophomore Davis Moore and Junior Rogelio Pioquinto and were able to survive a frantic finish to hold on for the victory.

With a 2-0 lead and just 44 seconds left, a Pisgah player crashed into GK Phil Murphy in what appeared to be a clear

foul. While the foul was ignored and Pisgah was able to take advantage and score, the real concern was the injury to Murphy, who was diagnosed with a severe concussion.

Injuries and youth have been an issue for the Highlanders this season, but a win over a 3A demonstrates that the Highlanders are coming together and beginning to gel as a team.

The Highlanders will play two games this week before beginning Smoky Mountain Conference play next week in Cashiers against rival Blue Ridge.

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These days, I look at the calendar in despair, and try to imagine what it's going to be like to listen to another two months of political ads, speeches, partisans politics, and overblown rhetoric. It's early September, and already half of my friends and relatives hate the other half. You can't log on to Facebook, or even go into town without someone pressing a newspaper article on you to push their own agenda. It's galling, really – insulting even, that anyone thinks that the majority of us are wandering around in a haze, just waiting to be set on the path of truth and the American Way. It is the height of condescension.

When I first moved to Highlands, I was curious to see license plate holders which stated "A House Divided." I thought these were the cars of people from families with different political views, or different religions. But, no! It turns out these belong to folks who support two different college football teams. Really? They can't find anything better to argue about than football?

They should have grown up in my family. My father was a Republican, whose favorite motto was, "When you can support yourself, you can believe anything you darned well please." It's interesting that coming from such a background, my mother, brother, and I all wound up being registered Independents. My father was inco-

## Electile Dysfunction



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herent for most of the last two weeks of his life. I'd always imagined a death bed scene with him clutching my mother's hand, and whispering, "I'm going soon, and I've gotta know. Did you or didn't you vote for Kennedy?"

It wasn't much better at my Uncle Leon and Aunt Betty's house. Betty would find out who Leon was voting for, and then vote the opposite ticket, thereby cancelling his vote. I know what you're all thinking; why didn't he just lie to her? In my father's family, people are incapable of keeping their opinions to themselves, that's why! Every election, Leon and Betty would go to the local polling station, and strike their own personal blow for democracy.

While it wasn't easy growing up in the South with a Yankee father and a French mother, it did lead to something I cherish as an adult – a very well-defined sense of self. I've never felt I was like anyone else, nor should I have to think what anyone else thinks. I've come to my own beliefs through education, travel, and life experience. What I do find amazing is that other people have come to their own conclusions, and think those ideas are therefore valid for everyone else. To quote my father once again, "Who died, and left you boss?"

It amazes me that in a country as ethnically and religiously diverse as this one, there are still large amounts of the population who only want to deal with people who are exactly like them. They make up their minds who they are and what they stand for, and then spend the rest of their lives never confronting people, books, magazines, television – or ideas – that might possibly challenge those beliefs. On the contrary, isn't the whole point of living to be smarter, better educated, and better in-

formed tomorrow than you are today? What good are your ethics and principles if they can't stand to be tested?

I'm sure my own political views were shaped by 19 years of living abroad. Five of those years were spent in Australia, where – gasp! – voting is compulsory. Every Australian citizen 18 years or older has to vote, and if a valid and sufficient reason cannot be presented (a doctor's certificate will do) as to why you did not vote, a penalty is imposed. Before you think that this penalty means mortgaging your house, let me assure you that the penalty is only \$20, and if the matter has to go to court, it increases to \$50 plus court costs. I can already see people reading this, and recoiling in horror. What? Demanding that you vote? Why that's positively un-American! No, in this country, we much prefer electing officials by voter turnouts that wouldn't elect a prom queen. As voting day approaches, we are even given weather reports, to see if rain, snow, and wind will keep people from getting off their butts, and participating in the electoral process. In the 2008 presidential election, for example, the voter turnout was 63%. Compare that to the 95% participation in Australian elections. They often say that you get the government you deserve. How sad that in this country, we often get the government that other people deserve.

When John and I first started doing this column, I deliberately made a point of not doing politics. That was John's gig – not only his great interest in life, but also his job. I had enough of politics at home; I certainly didn't need to write about them as well. One day, I was particularly exasperated with my husband, and asked "Is there any morning when you wake up, and don't want to be angry about politics?" Huffily, John replied, "No!" I was so fed up, I looked at him and said "Well, aren't you just a little frigging ray of sunshine?" John stared at me, then put his head back, and roared with laughter. After that, I'd just shoot him a look, and begin, "Well, aren't you just...." and he'd get the message.

It's hard to tell a friend or family member, "I love and admire you, but I don't give a hoot who you're voting for! And who I vote for isn't yours or anyone else's business." Freedom of Speech has come to mean the right to bore other people to death with your views – whether they are

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tion of schools without hiring additional positions.

Angie Cook, BOE Finance Director, said the positions will most likely have to be funded locally. "We do have some extra funds in the state teacher assistant allotment that can be transferred to pay for teachers so hopefully we will have enough in that allotment for at least one and maybe two of them."

Also on the agenda at the August meeting was an update on two current building projects at Highlands School. First, the boiler in the main school building was scheduled for repair, and that repair is currently ongoing and will likely be finished soon. The second building project involves repair of the roof at Highlands Middle School. Repair work at Highlands Middle

School has not yet begun, but is scheduled to begin as soon as weather permits. Highlands School Principal Brian Jetter said that he has been informed to "be prepared, as the repairs for the roof are on the crew's schedule and the crew will show up as their schedule permits."

Also of note was the lack of public discussion over the first draft of the Macon County Schools Social Networking Policy that was read at the July meeting. The policy, which was somewhat controversial due to the language in the policy forbidding employees from contacting students or parents through Facebook and similar programs, was not on the agenda and not discussed in the public portion of the meeting. Macon County requires that a new pol-

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farm development and other negative impacts on properly managed farms."

"This new ordinance dropped the minimum size of a potential tract down to one acre from five acres," said Commissioner Jim Tate. "This in turn can help the smaller farmers in our area such as the 'tail-gate markets' and the organic farmers."

To secure county certification in one of the four Voluntary Agricultural Districts, proof must be submitted that a farm is at least one acre and is being actively farmed and has been farmed for a minimum of three years.

However, farms already participating in the county's program are exempt from that requirement.

For those new to the program, if highly erodible land exists on the farm, the property must be managed in accordance with the Natural Resources Conservation Service defined erosion-control practices for highly-erodible land.

In addition, a conservation agreement must be signed stating there will be no non-farm use or development for 10 years. However, if a land owner wishes to withdraw from the program it can be done with 30-days notice.

Macon County has established these farming districts to protect and preserve agricultural lands and activities – not to afford small farmers a tax break.

"The only state deferments for use-value are for horticulture, five acres or more in actual production, agriculture, 10 acres or more in actual production, and forestry, 20 acres or more in actual production," said Macon County Tax Assessor Richard Lightner. "If land does not meet these basic acreage requirements

then there is no deferment of taxes."

However, according to the ordinance certain agricultural and forestry activities, including pesticide spraying, manure spreading, machinery and truck operation, livestock operations, sawing, and other common farming activities may occur in these districts any time during the day or night.

"The primary benefit of the Farmland Resolution is to preserve the right to farm," said Commissioner Tate. "It protects the property enrolled from certain legal problems, such as noise or other potential regulations."

Mike Breedlove, who oversees the program agreed. "The reason for the acre size is to allow smaller farmers – blueberries, mushrooms, speciality crops, local farmers market participants, etc. – to be a part of the farm community."

To apply for the designation citizens should contact the county's agricultural office. The county recommends all landowners with Voluntary Agricultural District programs to register their property at the Macon County Register of Deeds. This process serves the farmers as a means of protection and strengthens their "right to farm" laws.

• In other commission news, the board agreed to enter into a loan agreement with BB&T to fund \$1.5 million to purchase new technology for Macon County Schools.

Due to budget cuts over the last five years, the school system is drastically behind in computer/technology systems in its schools.

The interest rate is 1.44% over a period of five years and there is no pre-payment penalty. Payments will come out of the county's fund balance.

– Kim Lewicki

icy be read twice in public session before being voted on by the School Board.

Additional action taken by the Board of Education at the August meeting was to approve two Highlands School overnight field trips. As is tradition, the fifth grade at Highlands School will travel to Charleston for their field trip in the Spring. Also, Chris

Green was approved to take a group of Highlands High School students to the inauguration in Washington D.C. in January of 2013. Also approved for Highlands School were the discretionary students for the school year of 2012-13 as well as the use of Highlands School facilities for the Rachel's Challenge program.



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- Bird Walk on Greenway in Franklin: The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will be joining the Franklin Bird Club on Saturday for a bird walk on the Franklin Greenway.

Meet at 7:30 am sharp behind Highlands Town Hall near the public restrooms to carpool to Franklin.

- BALLROOM DANCING at the Franklin (NC) Community Building, Hwy 441 South - across from "Whistle Stop Mall" Thursday from 6:30 to 9 PM. Music by "SWING-TIME BAND" For more information call 828-369-9155.

## Sunday, Sept. 9

- The 20th annual Bel Canto Recital, 4

p.m., at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. The performance is followed by a sumptuous dinner at the Highlands Country Club. For tickets, call 828-526-1947 and 828-526-2609.

- Shortoff Baptist Church will have the Cogdill Family Singers on Sunday Night at 6p. We invite everyone to come and worship with us and enjoy some good gospel music.

• The High Mountain Squares will be having a special "ANNUAL GREENWAY DANCE" on Sunday at the Macon County Recreation Park Pavilion. 2-4:30p Patty Green will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus lev-

els. A picnic will be furnished at the dance. Everyone is welcome, so come in casual clothes and enjoy the food and dancing. For information call 828-349-0905, 828-524-4930, 828-524-2280, or [www.highmountainsquares.org](http://www.highmountainsquares.org)

## Mon., Sept. 10

• Shortoff Baptist will have a non-denominational Men's Meeting on Monday at 7p and Highlands First Baptist Church Associate Pastor Jeremy Dooley will be bringing the message. We hope our men will be challenged to "Stand in the Gap" out of these meetings.

- Audubon Program Announced: Join

Highlands Plateau Audubon Society for its monthly evening program at the Highlands Civic Center. The program will include a special slide show entitled "Wildlife and Special Places." Ed Boos, photographer and local Audubon member, has a number of entertaining stories to relate from his many hours spent photographing these iconic species. Refreshments at 7 pm, and program at 7:30 pm. This is free and open to the public.

## Tuesday, Sept. 11

• Come and listen to Bear stories at the Story Swap on Tuesday, 7:30 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. Pre-registration is required.

## Thurs., Sept. 13

• At the Franklin Library on Siler Road at 7pm Living Responsibly in Bear Country with Anne Allison and Kathy Sherrard with Appalachian Bear Rescue.

• The League of Women Voters will host a forum between Hayden Rogers and Mark Meadows, candidates for US House of Representatives for NC's District 11, at noon in Tartan Hall of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin.

• The September meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glensville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday at 6 P.M., March through November.

## Fri. & Sat., Sept. 14-15

• The Highlands Biological Foundation presents its Native Plant Symposium on the campus of the Highlands Biological Station, in the Botanical Garden to which 100% of the proceeds from the Symposium go. Friday's activities will include a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, and a lecture with Lisa Wagner, Clemson University, on how to garden to maximize the amount of wildlife that enjoy it. Participants can choose from options that include a guided tour of Pond Hollow Garden, hike to Jones Gap, a bog dish workshop, fern propagation workshop, or hike along the Chattooga Loop. To register for the Symposium or to find out the full schedule, call (828) 526-2221 or visit [www.highlandsbiological.org/events/](http://www.highlandsbiological.org/events/). Cost is \$75 for members and \$125 for non-members.

## Friday, Sept. 14

• The Second Annual Dazzling Dahlias Patron Party at the home of Rhett and Carolyn Tanner on Kettle Rock Mountain. Tour the grounds and gardens and enjoy

## League forum set for Sept. 13



Hayden Rogers



Mark Meadows

Hayden Rogers and Mark Meadows, candidates for US House of Representatives for North Carolina's District 11, will participate in a forum hosted by the League of Women Voters of Macon County on September 13.

The forum will be held at Tartan Hall in Franklin at noon. Mr. Meadows, the Republican candidate, is from Cashiers; Mr. Rogers, the Democratic candidate, is from Brasstown. Candidates will be asked to discuss significant issues, positions, and plans including education, health care, and the economy.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The Macon County LWV has hosted election forums for over 15 years and is respected for the fair and unbiased nature of the forums. In keeping with LWV traditions, it is preferred that there be no display of campaign paraphernalia. Signs and banners are prohibited on the premises.

The public is invited to attend and to bring bag lunches and drinks.

On October 11, the League will host a forum for Macon County Board of Commissioners candidates, Paul Higdon and Bobby Kuppers.

## Dahlia Festival set for Sept. 15



The Second Annual Dazzling Dahlias! Dahlia Festival will be held Saturday, September 15 at the Highlands Recreation Center in Highlands from 1-5 PM. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5. This event, benefiting the Highlands Historical Society, will showcase local Dahlia enthusiasts' prize Dahlias. Exhibitors can enter up to 5 categories of Dahlias for a \$10 entrance fee. These will be judged with ribbons awarded for first, second, third; and, Best of Show winners. Exhibitor registration forms are available at businesses throughout the Highlands-Cashiers area; and, at the Highlands Historical Society. After viewing the Dahlias at the show, attendees are invited for refreshments on the adjacent grounds of the Highlands Historical Village. Entertainment will be provided by champion banjo player Charles Wood from 1-3:30 PM. Charles plays with several groups, the most familiar in Highlands being Nitrograss. The Highlands Historical Society Museum; and, the Prince House, Highland's oldest home, will be open for tour-

ing from 1-5 PM.

On Friday evening, September 14, a Patron party will be held at the beautiful home and gardens of Rhett and Carolyn Tanner on Kettle Rock Mountain. Patrons will enjoy touring the expanse of mountain top grounds with Dahlia Gardens, rows of vineyards and long ranging views. Carolyn's profusion of Dahlias began 16 years ago and has culminated into a breathtaking array of many varieties of Dahlias. A delicious Mexican fare will be served to commemorate the origin of Dahlias.

Please join us and exhibit your favorite Dahlias at the Dazzling Dahlias! Dahlia Festival on Saturday, September 15. Registration forms are available throughout the area. For more information on exhibiting, please contact Joyce Franklin at 828-526-9418; or e-mail the Highlands Historical Society at [www.highlandshistory.com](http://www.highlandshistory.com). This is an event for amateur hobbyist to proudly display their prize Dahlias. Everyone is welcome.



# Highlands Area Upcoming Events

PULL OUT

Mexican fare to commemorate the origin of dahlias. For more information call Joyce Franklin at 828-526-9418 or email [www.highlandshistory.com](http://www.highlandshistory.com).

## Saturday, Sept. 15

• At PAC on Chestnut Street, Bluegrass Duel with Nitrograss and Packway Handle. 8 p.m. Tickets \$25. Presented by Ray McPhail.

• The second annual Dazzling Dahlias Festival at the Highlands Rec Park 1-5 p.m. Tickets are \$5 available at the door. The event will benefit the Highlands Historical Society.

Exhibitors can enter five categories of dahlias for a \$10 entrance fee. Pick up a registration form at the Historical Society on 4th Street where after the show there will be refreshments and live entertainment from 1-3:30 p.m. For more information call Joyce Franklin at 828-526-9418 or email [www.highlandshistory.com](http://www.highlandshistory.com).

## Sun., Sept. 16

• Wilson Reunion. Herm, Hube, John, Mack families. 1 p.m. at the Clear Creek Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to go with fried chicken and ham. Drinks provided. Call Anne Tate. 828-526-2840.

• At the Episcopal Church, Peter Gorday to autograph copies of his biography of

spiritual writer Francois Penelon. He will also preach at the 8 and 10:30 a.m., services.

## Tues., Sept. 18

• At the H-C Hospital's Jane Woodruff Clinic, Danielle Koman, FNP, is next on the schedule for HCH's Summer Forum Series presenting "Staying Healthy after 50" at 12 noon at the Jane Woodruff Clinic. The hour long lecture will cover the latest hot healthcare topics such as Brain Health, Adult Immunizations, Diabetes Prevention and Psychiatric Well Being. RSVP to (828) 526-1313 seating is limited. A light boxed lunch will be provided.

## Thursday Sept. 20

• Free movie at the Cashiers Library. Stand and Deliver at 4p

## Sept. 22-Oct. 11

• Macon County Girls Basketball Sign-ups will begin on September 22nd and go through October 11th. For ages 6-18. The cost

to register is \$35. For more information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey of The Highlands Parks and Recreation Department at 828-526-3556.

## Gorday to sign book



On Sunday, Sept. 16, Peter Gorday, former assistant rector at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, will be present at the congregation's 8A and 10:30A services to preach and autograph copies of his recent biography of the great spiritual writer, Francois Fenelon.

Entitled "Francois Fenelon, the Apostle of Pure Love: A Biography," and published this spring by Paraclete Press, Gorday's book tells the story of a Catholic archbishop who flourished during the time of Louis XIV, and whose writing came to be favored not only by Catholics, but by many Protestant leaders as well.

Gorday's biography has been praised by Bernard McGinn, distinguished scholar at the University of Chicago, as "a penetrating theological appraisal of one of the most important religious figures of modern Christianity."

## The Center for Life Enrichment covers the Arts this Week

From music to writing to art, from food to felting, the Center for Life Enrichment offers an incredible array of opportunities this week.

THE ART OF SCARF FELTING is a hands-on workshop for those interested in creating a beautiful scarf using this interesting technique that results in an accessory with rich color and deep dimension. Friday, September 7 from 9:30 - 12:30 at the Highlands Civic Center. \$80 for members and \$90 for non-members. Limited to 14 students. Registration required.

DUKE ELLINGTON'S LIFE IN MUSIC is the subject of Pavel Wlosok's and Mark Couture's presentation on Tuesday, September 11 from 6 to 8 PM at the Performing Arts Center. These two highly qualified men will discuss the life and works of Duke Ellington, and Mr. Wlosok, a Czech pianist, composer, arranger and educator of considerable eminence, will perform on the piano several of Mr. Ellington's compositions. \$20 for members; non-members \$30

MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE: ...and wine on the Verandah is a popular offering hosted by Chef Andrew Figel, sole proprietor and chef of On the Verandah. This is the third year that Chef Figel has opened his restaurant and demonstrated how he creates some of his favorite recipes, serving to the participants a luncheon of all the dishes they have learned how to make. This year the menu includes Salade a la Nicoise, Moroccan lamb kofkas, and Strawberry semifreddo with orange-pink peppercorn sauce. Wednesday, September 12 from 12 noon until 2 PM at on the Veranda. \$45 for members; \$55 for non-members.

On Friday, Sept. 14 from 10 to 12 noon at the Performing Arts Center, Tom Patterson will present MEETINGS AND SIGHTINGS ALONG THE OUTSIDER ART TRAIL: a slide-illustrated talk by this well-known author and curator who has spent 30 years writing about contemporary folk art. This is a rare opportunity to be introduced to or reacquainted with some of the self-taught, visionary artists and to see some of the ways they have made their homes and yards into show places. \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

Last, but not least is WRITING DOWN YOUR LIFE. This is a workshop given by Julie Cannon, author of The Romance Readers' Book Club and I'll Be Home for Christmas. The workshop will be held Saturday, September 15 from 10 - 3 at The Mountain on Dillard Road. Lunch is included. Reading one's work at the conclusion of the workshop for constructive feedback is an option for those who wish to do so.

To register, call (828) 526-8811 or email: [clehighlands@yahoo.com](mailto:clehighlands@yahoo.com)

## Youth Art is a back at The Bascom



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• "Creation Station," Saturdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 27, 10 am-12 noon Ages 5-9. Stretch your imagination and have fun in the art studio. Jessica Hauser presents monthly themes with different projects every week. September: American Crafts. October: Art and Music. All materials are provided. Make and take your own masterpiece. No pre-registration required. Tuition: \$5 per class

• "After-School Art Adventure," Tuesdays, Sept. 18-Oct. 23, 1:15-4:30 pm., Ages 5-9. Roll up your sleeves and join in on the fun after school! You will work on individual and collaborative projects, and experiment with everything from painting, ceramics and sculpture to printmaking and collage. Snacks are provided. Class size is limited, pre-registration is required. Tuition: \$30 for a six week session.

• "Friends Around the Globe, Saturdays, Sept. 15 & 29 and Oct. 13 & 27, 3:15-4:30 pm Ages 8-12. What in the world is going on? Explore world cultures through these fun, creative and entertaining activities. Art projects are specific to a variety of countries and cultures. This program is presented in partnership with the International Friendship Center. No pre-registration required. Tuition: \$5 per class.

Scholarship opportunities are available.

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John 3:16

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

Proverbs 3:5

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

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

**The original Labor Day**



**Father Jim Murphy**  
**Christ Anglican**  
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Having just celebrated a day that was instituted to honor human-American laborers and their achievements, it can be both helpful and enlightening to acknowledge the original Labor Day.

The U. S. Department of Labor's website, gives this answer about the origin of Labor Day: "Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country... Labor Day was first observed on September 5th, 1882." With all due respects to both American workers (we've proven to be pretty awesome laborers over the long-haul, for the most part) and this governmental agency, they've got it all wrong. That's not even close to being correct as to the original Labor Day.

We have turn back the hands of time quite a bit further to find the Original Labor Day. In fact, we have to roll back the clock to the early days of Creation, to the time of Adam and Eve, the original humans. Post-Creation, you may remember, the mother and father of mankind arrogated unto themselves a power, a right that belonged only to God. In other words, they sinned, they disobeyed, they on behalf of all of us, asserted their selfish selves, eschewing the grace (gift: all of Creation) of God. They chose to be in charge and in so doing turned their backs on all that God had provided, was providing, and promised to provide. Please feel free to check out the story in Genesis, chapter 3.

The end result for Eve and Adam's indiscretion, our indiscretion, was that they brought a curse upon themselves and us. The penalty or the justified result for the original sin was the institution of the Original Labor Day. The curse of God for women was, among other things, that they would bring forth children, a.k.a., "labor," in great pain. The curse of God for men was, in part, that "the fruit of the ground" would not give up its harvest easily, we would have to "labor" for it.

Imagine a world where there was no pain, no sorrow, no lack of anything—food, clothing, shelter. Imagine a planet where there was no disease, no war, no anger, no violence, no death. If you could imagine such a place, there would be no need for a Labor Day. If you can imagine



## ... WOOLDRIDGE continued from page 4

During the four-hour period when a Bridge game is being played, those dastardly locals at the front desk, receive many requests to turn the air conditioner up or down, depending on the flash of the person complaining. One guy complained, "It's freezing over in the corner of the room next to the window and I'm stuck there for the whole four hours. Can you make it warmer but just in that corner?" Oy!

Once, I arrived early and found a fellow Bridge geezer trying to hotwire the

## ... SALZARULO from page 5

When a nurse came in to check my vital signs, I asked her if anyone had ever fallen asleep in one of the beds. She shook her head, laughed, and answered, "Sure, if we give them Ambien." Sometime around midnight, I started looking for options. The most obvious was a recliner in the corner, the one they put there for sleep-over family members. I tried it. It was a little better, but I didn't think it was enough of an improvement to risk offending my hosts.

Imagine the power caregivers have over patients. I was miserable, in pain, even, and was afraid of hurting someone's feelings! This thing is special; no ordinary bed. It has two power cords, a computer cable, and a bright red CPR position. I'll bet that one's really uncomfortable. It was a few minutes before 1a when my back pain became intolerable. I knew there was no use pushing the integral call button, although I was confident it would work splendidly.

What could I ask, "Got any old army cots in the attic?" or "Is there a trick to this thing?"

I'm going back to the recliner to await the 3:30a blood draw. After that I'll hunker down and pray for dawn, just like I did when I was a little kid on a camping trip.

The next morning I learned my bed was broken. It is designed as a glorified air mattress which inflates and deflates in response to movement. Mine had no air, which meant I had tried to sleep on the foundation, a substance harder than diamonds, maybe surplus steel plate from a World War II battle ship.

After repeated complaints and refusing to stay another night, the hospital engineer discovered the malfunction. They replaced the bed. I relented, and spent the second most uncomfortable night of my life.

thermostat in the room. It's encased in plastic, locked and only those dastardly locals at the front desk have a key. He was trying to work a small wire behind the plastic covering to change the temperature. I asked, "Have you asked the front desk to change the temperature?" "Are you kidding me?" he responded, "They hate us."

Moving on, I have noticed some trends taking place with Rec. Park temperatures. Write this down. If it's freezing outside, then dress like its summer as it will be warmer than you like. But on the hottest day of mid-August, dress like its winter as it will be cooler than you like. Orrrrr, as a last resort, you can just stay home and be in complete control of your own thermostat and fix those desk locals once and for all.

And if you're offended by this column call me at 1-800-har, har, har.

Fred is at the Farmer's Market on Saturday morning's peddling books. Drop by and check his temperature.

## Furniture Sale Saturday, Sept. 8 9a to 4p

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*You are invited to attend the CLE Annual Meeting and Reception  
Monday, Sept 10, 5:00-7:00 at the Performing Arts Center  
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### THE ART OF SCARF FELTING

Presenter: Virginia Murphy of Silver  
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Friday, Sept. 7, 9:30-12:30  
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**DUKE  
ELLINGTON'S  
LIFE IN MUSIC**  
Presenters: Pavel  
Wlosok and  
Mark Couture

Tuesday, September 11, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Performing Arts Center, \$20/\$30

### MEDITERRANEAN CUISINE

Presenter: Chef Andrew Figel  
Wednesday, Sept. 12, 12:00-2:00  
...on the Verandah, \$45, \$55  
*lunch is included*

### MEETINGS AND SIGHTINGS ALONG THE OUTSIDER-ART TAIL

Presenter: Tom Patterson  
Friday, Sept. 14, 10:00-12:00  
Performing Arts Center, \$20/\$30

### WRITING DOWN YOUR LIFE

Instructor: Julie Cannon  
Saturday, Sept. 15, 10:00-3:00  
The Mountain, Dillard Rd.  
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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands PD log entries from July 24. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**July 24**

• At 7 p.m., officers finished investigating a felony worthless check case that began Sept. 15, 2011 concerning Goodness Grows, Inc, of GA and a worthless check drawn on a local bank.

**July 31**

• At 6:50 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Horse Cove and Bowery roads. Aug. 5

• At 3 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Horsecove Road and Main Street.

**Aug. 11**

• At 5:30 p.m., Juan Pablo Perez, 40, of Scaly Mountain, was arrested for simple

assault and trespassing.

• At 4:05 p.m., officers received a call about a public disturbance at a residence on US 64 west.

**Aug. 12**

• At 1:30 p.m., a shoplifting incident was reported at a shop on Main Street where clothes and furs were taken.

**Aug. 13**

• At noon, officers were called to a residence on Wyanoak Road about a disturbance.

**Aug. 15**

• At 2:45 p.m., officers were called to Bank of America about a civil disturbance/ argument.

• At 3:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 64 and Third Street.

**Aug. 16**

• At 1 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Mount Lori Drive and N. Cobb Street.

**Aug. 17**

• At 3 p.m., a burglary with non-forced entry was reported at a residence on Vinca Lane. Aug. 22

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at Wright Square and Second Street.

• At 12:30 p.m., littering and trespassing was reported in the parking lot of business on Cherokee Drive where 16 empty beer cans,

unopened beer and to go food bags were found.

**Aug. 20**

• At 8:02 a.m., officers investigated a call about traffic violations taking place on Pier-son Drive.

**Aug. 21**

• At 6:25 p.m., officers responded to a call of trespassers in Highlands Plaza.

**Aug. 25**

• 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 54 east and Memorial Park Drive.

• At 11:09 p.m., Rebekah Emily O'Neal, 19, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI for being under 21 and consuming alcohol and driving.

During this period, officers issued 7 citations and responded to 6 alarms.

Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries from Aug 24.

**Aug. 24**

• At 9:40 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive. EMS transported.

• At 10:23 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a call on Main Street where a person had fallen. There were minor injuries but no transport to the hospital needed.

**Aug. 25**

• At 3:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of smoke but it was due to a controlled burn.

• At 4:21 p.m., the dept. responded to an alarm caused by a water leak in the ceiling at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

## ...SWANSON continued from page 6

He saw this coming and sound-ed the alarm, which was largely ignored. Now that we've seen it up close, it can no longer be ignored. Don't keep the very real threat to our freedom to yourself. I believe this is our last chance.

**Note:**

There was a remarkable lack of interest in my feedback questions so we'll scrap that idea. Do make your thoughts known by writing letters to the editor of this fine publication.

## ...INVESTING continued from page 8

various opportunities for social-izing while working on hobbies such as bridge or a book club and on favored charities. There are so many opportunities for women to become involved while husbands are on the golf course. Of course, many women share the same enthusiasm for various sports as their husbands, but others have been too busy to develop those talents. That is why so many couples find a happy balance here in the mountains as there are opportunities abound for all types of interests.

Both retiring baby boomer men and women are finally able to spend time on things that they enjoy. Many women are requiring a special interest room such as a painting or pottery studio, a quilting room or a sewing room. One of the huge selling points on this area in the purchase of a second home is the variety of cultural experiences, sports, places to worship and the great outdoors to enjoy. Fortunately, we brokers are able to offer both men and women a beautiful place to live and a community full of interesting pursuits. No wonder Barron's named Highlands as one of the top 20 spots for a second home. Thank you Highlands!

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## ... JUST HERS from page 2

religious, moral, or political. There's a reason you go into the voting booth, and pull the curtain. It's to leave you alone with your own conscience, to make the best decisions you can. You don't have to justify them to anyone. By the way, you know the whole concept of the secret ballot? It originated in Australia during the 1850's. A good idea's a good idea, no matter where it originates. And a good idea gets my vote, every time.

• Michelle lives in downtown Highlands with her two wonderful felines, Orion and Weasel. To date, she is unaware whether they are Re-purr-blicans or Demo-cats. Unsolicited political pamphlets and articles will be used to line their litter boxes.



## ... SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING continued from page 14

ine such a world, you would be imagining the perfect welfare society that God had set up for us, had given to us, the very same type that we've been attempting to create (especially in recent decades) by fiat or legislation ever since. Instead of accepting his gracious gift, we preferred His gracious curse.

The Original Labor Day came on the same day that we turned up our noses at God's gracious gift and decided to go it on our own. And try as we might, we will never create that elusive and perfect welfare society that our hearts long for and will forever crave. Because it, Perfection, only comes as a gift. It only comes from God. It only comes when we acknowledge that we have sinned or been disobedient in not saying "yes" to God's gracious gift.

Have you not labored long and hard enough already? Have you not had enough of taking matters into your own hands? Would you not enjoy the peace that comes from trusting God and

being done with the effects of the original sin? God still offers us a way out of the vicious cycle of a labor-intensive life. And that way out comes only from Him, from his Son, who paid the price for our

indiscretion and sin. Will you not allow Him to labor on your behalf today and forever?

Is it not great to know where Labor Day really came from? Pax Christi, jim+

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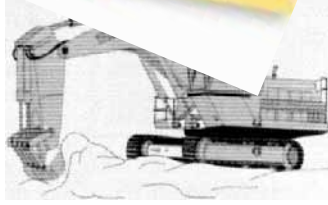
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Highlands-Cashiers Hospital said thank you to its many volunteers for more than 8, 500 hours of service during the past year. Nearly, 150 volunteers, spouses and hospital managers attended the annual volunteer fete, held again this year at Wildcat Cliff's Country Club.

Addressing the group briefly, Hospital CEO and President, Craig James expressed how volunteers play an important role in helping the hospital serve its communities. James said the hours donated were equivalent of 4.1 full-time employees saving an estimated \$185,000 in salaries.

"You provide an invaluable service that's goes beyond what we as a hospital could normally provide. You each should be honored and commended," he added.

The party drew volunteers from across the many facets of hospital operations: from the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, HealthTracks, Hospice, the Gift Shop, Hospital Auxiliary, Mailroom, and a host of various ancillary departments. In all, the hospital has nearly 100 active volunteers.

Following the brief reception and official remarks, volunteers and other guests enjoyed a buffet of carved top round, chicken, and the chef's special tilapia. Wine for the event was donated once again by Bryson's Food Store of Highlands. Certificates were presented to 15 volunteers whose years of service range from 5 years to 31 years.

"Our volunteers are an essential part of our hospital family," James added. "They further our Hospital's mission to provide quality patient care with their services to our patients, residents, and customers, and we are happy to be able to pay tribute to them in this small way."

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Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Highlands has added a new garden at Highlands School thanks to a grant received from the Mountain Garden Club. The project is part of the Positive Projects program initiated by BBBS Program Coordinator Debbie Lassiter. BBBS "Bigs" and "Littles" braved the rainy weather on August 21st to plant the fall garden with a variety of herbs, fall annuals and lettuce seeds. They hope to see fruits of their labor before cold weather sets in. The "Bigs" and "Littles" will maintain the garden throughout the school year, with new plants added in the spring.

The two raised bed garden plots were built by construction classes of Vocational & Industrial Technology teacher David Cashion. A new class added to this year's curriculum, Core & Sustainability, is teaching students green building techniques and Cashion stated that this project fell right in line with the curriculum.

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Macon County Democrats are proud that at least 23 local Democrats will be attending the Democratic National Convention. This is the largest number of Macon County residents to attend any National Convention. In addition this is the first time 3 delegates and one alternate have ever been elected to attend a National Convention from Macon County. From left: Susie Ledford, Barb Morris (Democratic County Treasurer), Casey Ledford, Justin Conley (Delegate), Bob Cabe, Elizabeth Cabe, Cindy Solesbee, Charles Gorgoglione, Gayle Moller, Ed Morris (Party Chairman), Keith Curtis, Geraldine Livingston.

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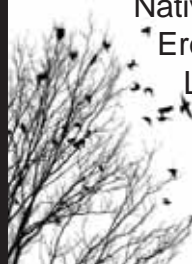


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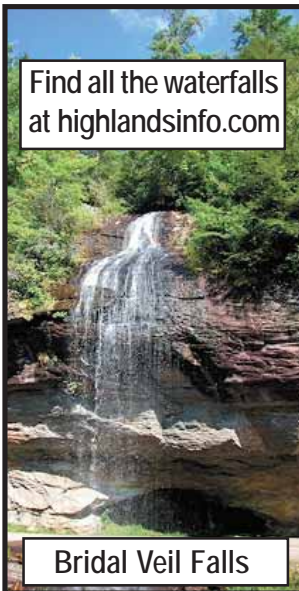
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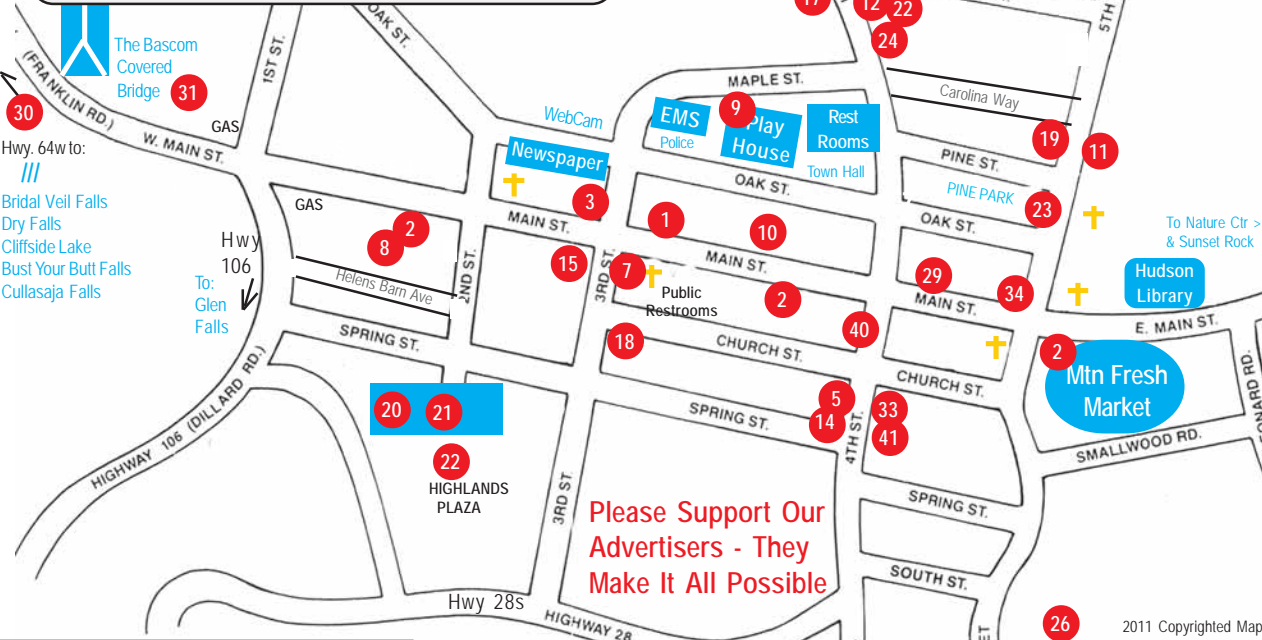
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