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### The week of July 8-15

#### July 8-18

▪ **ON STAGE** – “The Odd Couple” at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$20; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

#### July 8-10

▪ **ABOUT WINE** – Wine finds from South America at Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main. Wine flights Thurs.-Sat from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jeb Boyd of Tryon Distributing will be at the shop Saturday to discuss wines from Chile and Argentina. \$20-35 per couple.

#### July 8-11

▪ **“COME GET UNCORKED – ”** Thursday through Sunday; 4 pm – 6:30 pm at Wolfgang’s on Main.

#### July 9

▪ **STREET MUSIC** – At the gazebo in support of Relay for Life, 7:30-9 p.m.

• **CAR WASH** – for Highlands Volleyball team at First Citizen’s Bank  
 • Hurricane Creek will play a mix of classic and original music at Buck’s Coffee Cafe from 8-11 p.m.

• **LAND AUCTION** – 6 pm (Registration starts at 5 pm). Property Location: Peaceful Coves Estates, Sugarfork Township, Macon County, NC Auction Site: Hampton Inn, Franklin, NC.

#### July 10

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Wolfgang’s On Main presents “Dinner and Jazz” from 6:30 pm – 6:30 pm with Paul Scott on piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

#### July 10-11

• **ART SHOW** – Art League of Highlands presents “Summer Colors” Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rec Park both days. There will be live music and children’s activities. It’s free.

#### July 11

▪ **GATORS GATHER** – The University of Florida annual Gator Gathering is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more info call 352-392-5407.

## Board votes to rezone Oak St. lot to GI

By Kim Lewicki

The Town Board voted to accept the planning board’s recommendation to rezone the old Crane property on Oak Street GI, but the ordinance allowing it is as tight as it gets.

“We wanted to make this bullet-proof so all you get is what you thought you were going to get,” said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein.

At the July 7 Town Board meet-

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## Bowery Road case still in the courts

By Kim Lewicki

Town Attorney Bill Coward reported that Bowery landowners, Nelson et al, have filed a petition for discretionary review in the North Carolina Supreme Court.

He said it will take about two months for the court to decide whether it will hear the case.

If it decides to hear the case, both sides – the town and Nelson et al – will prepare briefs.

In June the courts ruled that it was legal for the town to condemn property along the first seven-tenths of Bowery Road for the purpose of improving by widening and paving.

Meanwhile, N.C. DOT has allocated small urban funds to pave the back part of Bowery Road – the part owned by the town.

Paving will begin sometime after July.

Paving on U.S. 64 within the town will begin in a couple of weeks.



Photo by Jim Lewicki

With the cut of a ribbon, Angela and Art Williams officially open the Old Edwards Inn & Spa, July 7, 2004. Also pictured from left is General Manager Mario Gomes, Director of Sales & Marketing Cynthia Gomes, Chamber board member Allan Schultz and Mayor Buck Trott.

## With flurry & fanfare OEI opens

By Kim Lewicki

For a couple of weeks, a sign on a wrought-iron balcony on Old Edwards Inn read “Opening July 7<sup>th</sup>.”

But after almost three years of waiting and several false starts the question folks asked leading up to the memorable day was “Do you think it really will open?”

But open it did, ever so softly with Art and Angela Williams present to welcome Highlands to their vision of a world-class inn and spa.

“I think the next 10 years will be the glory years in Highlands,” said Williams. “We are standing on the threshold of something big happening in Highlands.”

On June 26, a 75-guest wedding was celebrated at The Farm of Old Edwards located off N.C. 106 near the Highlands Country Club which includes indoor and outdoor facilities for up to 200 people.

So far the inn, which is on the National Register of Historic Places, has one guest and Madison’s, the adjoining restaurant, had a packed house Wednesday night with reservations on through the weekend.

“It’s business as usual – or maybe I should say ‘business for real,’” said Cynthia Gomes, director of sales and marketing at OEI.

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Photo by Jim Lewicki

On July 7, Highlands turned out for champagne and appetizers amidst the new Old Edward Inn's signature old world charm.

Of the 21 rooms in the old part of the inn, 18 are ready for guests. The other three luxury suites — awaiting finishing decorating touches — are set to open July 15. They are considered VIP rooms with two-stories, two fireplaces and king-size beds.

"Every couple of weeks we are going to open something new," said

Williams. "You will see new buildings come out of the old."

One of the three-bedroom cottages on Spring Street will open July 15, too. The second cottage on July 31.

The theory is to open the inn slowly "to make sure everything is perfect," said Williams. Though the

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**• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •**

**Recent robbery opens eyes**

Dear Editor,

I recently had \$850 dollars stolen and have come to accept it was probably drug related. All of my children have, at one time or another, related a story about drugs and Highlands but I simply had NO idea that crystal meth ("ice") was so easily available and such a devastating problem in our area.

After talking with the local police and knowing that the money was forever gone, I realized that perhaps my duty lay, not in recovering the money but in bringing this to the attention of the Highlands public.

What can we do?

Crystal meth is killing our kids and wreaking havoc all around. In my discussions I've discovered that it is widely known where someone can buy this stuff and that the items needed to make it are purchased easily from any hardware store.

Highlands has perhaps always had a major drug problem but I've not been aware of it until now. I thank God that my wake up call came in the form of thievery rather than the addiction or death of one of my children.

I hope you are as lucky.

Jenny King  
Highlands



Photo by Peggy Warren

On July 2, the 47th annual WNC Wagon Train stopped at the Scaly Mountain General Store on its way to Doc Hartrampf's farm on Hale Ridge Road where they bedded down for the night.

## A wagon train comes to town

By Kim Lewicki

It happens every year – at least it has for the last 47 years – but seeing a real live wagon train traveling the byways of Highlands is still something to see.

On Friday, July 2, the WNC Wagon Train made its way through Scaly Mountain en route to Walhalla, S.C.

Wagon Master Frank Stone, who has participated in the wagon train for the last 17 years, harnessed up his yearling mules Homer and Jethro and picked up the reins as Wagon Master.

Accompanying Stone who is a farrier, EMT and Methodist preacher, was his wife Leesa, his daughter Sierra and his dog Rerun.

The purpose of the wagon train trip is to pay tribute to by-gone days and to just have fun.

After participating in a farewell parade, on June 24 the group left Andrews, S.C. – headquarters

for the WNC Wagon Train – and headed for Walhalla.

It took the train about 12 days to travel 125 miles, but that included a couple of layovers for rest and relaxation.

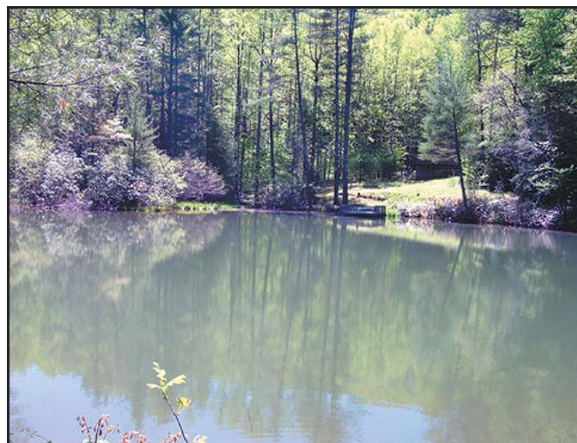
In Scaly, on their way to Doc Hartrampf's farm on Hale Ridge Road they pulled into the Scaly Mountain General Store for some modern day conveniences.

"Watching the wagon train go by really makes you realize how much easier it is to travel these days," said Gary Warren, owner of Scaly Mountain General Store. "

The train kept a steady pace travelling anywhere from 12 to 17 miles a day always with a specific destination in mind.

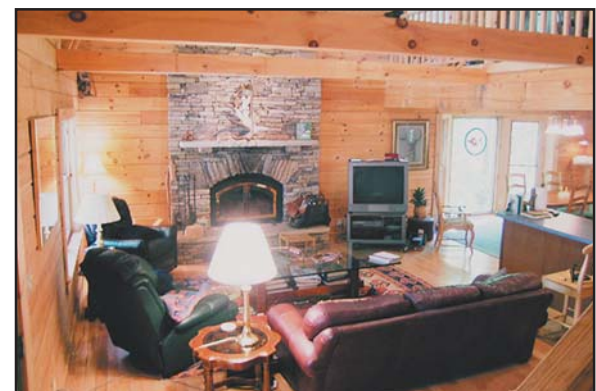
From Scaly they headed Beck Farm on Warwoman Road.

In Walhalla they ended the trek the way they started – with a parade.



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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

**Never say "Hmmm"**

Here is how it all happened. Whenever the little missus has an issue to discuss with me and she knows I will disagree or be uncomfortable with the topic, she does it when I am in deep REM sleep. She feels this is the best time for



Fred Wooldridge

items contained in the box. Each room was color coded and boxes corresponded with those assigned colors. Of course, each box was sanitized prior to packing and tightly sealed when full.

Boxes without numbers were mine and could contain anything

calmness when discussing difficult matters because she knows I will say "Hmmm" to any question asked while I'm in this comatose state. To her "Hmmm" means yes. To me, "Hmmm" means "Don't talk to me while I'm sleeping." It would not be very nice for me to say she took advantage of me, so instead, let me just say, "Darn-tooten she took advantage of me."

She employed this system on me last year and I woke up to find I had agreed to visit her Aunt, Beatrice McAfee, in west Poughkeepsie. (I lovingly refer to her as BM.) I don't like going there because she spits little pieces of food at me when she talks. It's especially gross when she eats spinach. Did I mention that REM stands for "Reprogramming Every Man?"

Last month, I woke from a wonderful night's sleep to learn I had agreed to move. No, not just from Florida to Highlands for the summer. Ha, I can do that with one leg tied behind my back if the car is automatic. I mean move, as in taking every single thing I own and put it someplace else. I have only moved three times in my entire adult life and the first time I had so little stuff it fit in the trunk of my "55" Olds. This time it was scary. Remember, women are gatherers of stuff.

We set up an elaborate moving and control system. All boxes with numbers on them belonged to her and had accompanying three by five index cards, listing all the

from used motor oil to dress shirts. This explains why there is a chain saw and greasy rag still sitting on our dresser. As a man, I choose the simpler system.

Yes, there was some stress, but the little missus and I gave up fighting way back. Instead, we "debate." During our big move, we had so many wonderful debates and, even though I did lose a sizable amount of them, it was fun to be in the contest. Debate choke marks on our necks have almost disappeared. Our most recent debate was over me asking a very stupid question, like "Why would anyone want to own 2,342 extra plastic coat hangers." She won that debate, hands down, with the perfect answer, "They were on sale."

The best part about making the big move is that you get to see stuff you haven't visited since your last move. "That belonged to my mother." is the catchall phrase we used to mean we would store it away until our next move. Of course, when we finally croak, our kids will throw it all out, including the sunsuit I wore when I was 11 months old. If you are interested in seeing this awesome sunsuit, see me before I die.

The most exciting part of our adventure was when we came across our very old ... no, very, very old picture albums of when we were kids. Exciting, not because of having the pleasure of looking through the memorabilia

## • COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

### It Just Tastes Better in the Mountains

By Barbara Lawrence

The beautiful cover of The Scaly Mountain Women's Club Cookbook "It Just Tastes Better in the Mountains" is just an introduction to the wonderful treats inside.

The 'good cooking' ladies have put together their favorite recipes in this innovative cookbook.

This Club of 65 members has raised nearly \$42,000 from the cookbook sales for community projects, such as local scholarships.

There has been great support from local businesses who sell these books, such as Highlands Office Supply, Kitchen Gourmet, Dusty's Supermarket and Don's Village Market. Stop by for copies of these great cookbooks.



### Vidalia Onion Pie

from Marilyn Christoffersen

- 1 baked pie shell
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 3 cups thinly sliced Vidalia onions
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 cup milk
- 6 bacon slices, crisply fried and crumbled
- 1 1/2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 cup toasted, slivered almonds

Sauté onion in butter until lightly browned and wilted. Spoon into pastry shell. Whip flour, salt, milk and 1/2 cup sour cream until blended. Whisk in the remaining 1 cup of sour cream and eggs until well blended. Pour the mixture over onions. Bake in preheated 325 oven about 30 minutes until firm, Garnish with bacon and almonds. Serves 6.

Vidalia onions are plentiful and have a superb flavor - sweet with just the right "zing" for this pie.

This recipe is one of my favorites from the cookbook. I have used it for several "pot luck" dinners and always received compliments. Marilyn is a superb cook, as all of us who have been fortunate enough to sample her dishes know. So enjoy your cooking!

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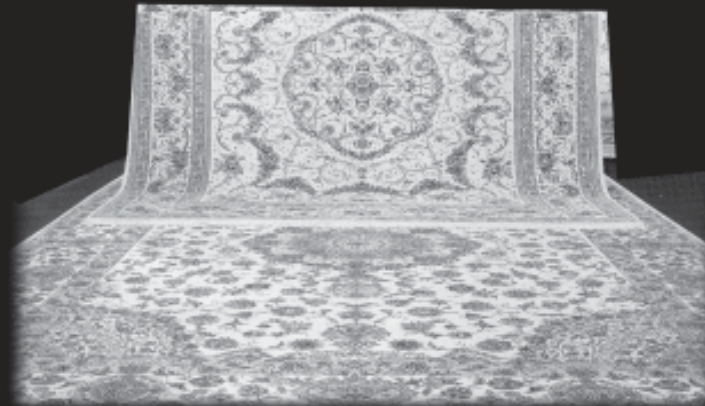
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## • MOVIE PIX •

### Delicatessen



**Stuart Armor**

The 1992 R-rated, black comedy, in French with English subtitles, written and directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet, Marc Caro, and Giles Adrian, and starring, well a bunch of people who may be familiar to French audiences, but no one I have ever heard of.

This is a great film for those who like their comedy dark and surreal. It's probably not one for the kids, although for a cannibalism movie it's pretty non-gory. Oh, did I mention the cannibalism aspect?

The Storyline: it's sometime in the near future, and things are not going well in Paris. Severe food shortages make meat expensive and scarce, but The Butcher always seems to have some for sale or trade. Over top his shop is an apartment building with a collection of odd characters, including Frog Man, who lives in an apartment filled with water and frogs, Suicide Queen, who seems to be unable to do the deed properly, the Toy Makers, the Mousy Daughter, and new to the building, circus clown turned handy man, our hero, Louison. He has taken a job in the

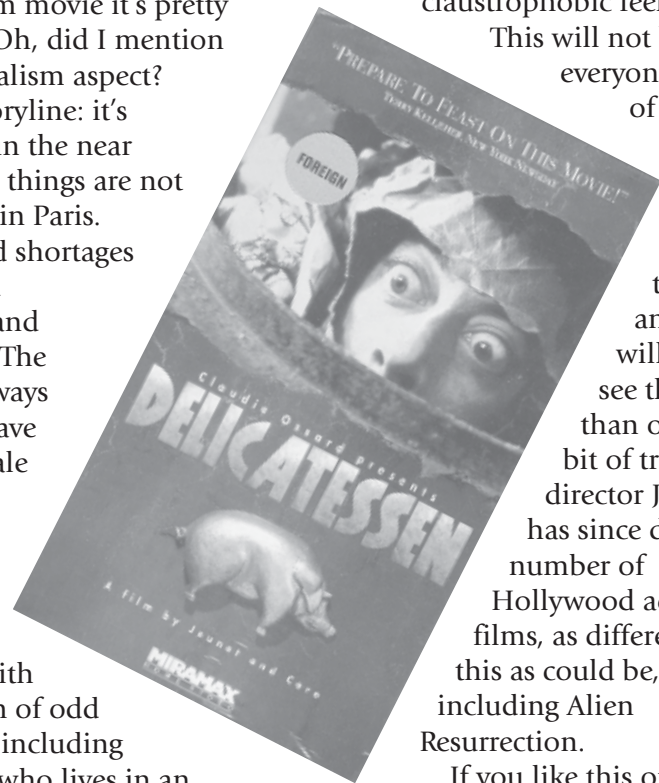
building, but the Butcher may have other plans. The tenants keep under cover at night, to avoid being on the menu, but do get a chance to interact. A romance between the Daughter and Louison ensues, and she must decide between Love and restocking the

pantry.

In addition to being a dark comedy, it's filmed dark, filled with shadows and fog, spooky-comic special effects. The acting is terrific, comic, timid, wonderful facial expressions and body language. The whole story takes place in, on, or under the building, giving a sort of claustrophobic feel to it.

This will not be everyone's kind of film (it's VERY French), but fans of the weird and surreal will want to see this more than once. A bit of trivia, director Jeunet has since done a number of Hollywood action films, as different from this as could be, including Alien Resurrection.

If you like this one, some others to see are: Eating Raul, Ravenous, City of Lost Children, Brazil, Gentlemen Don't Eat Poets, and lighter but equally surreal, Amelie. These and about 5000 other titles on VHS and DVD are available at Movie Stop Video, give them a look.



**... LAUGHING from pg 4**

because we never got that far. Exciting because of our confrontation with a strange looking yellow and grey stuff that was growing, pulsating and glowing on the outside of the albums. I once saw this stuff in a Star Trek episode and it took over the whole ship. Fearing the worse, we quickly resealed the box and will let our children deal with it.

Eventually we got into our new digs and life returned to normal; well, normal for us. By the time the last picture was hung and everything was in its place, it was time to repack for Highlands.

We are currently numbering and color coding boxes. Mine are the ones with a big "H" on the box which does not stand for Highlands, it stands for Hmmm.

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BBQ Chicken  
Lunch Combo  
Your choice or any 2: Beef, Pork, or Chicken)

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(French Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans of Collard Greens)  
Baby Back Ribs  
BBQ Pork Dinner (8oz)  
BBQ Beef Dinner (8oz)  
BBQ Chicken Dinner  
Southern Fried Chicken  
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## ● LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ●

### Honesty and trust

Is it too much to ask for?

Every once in awhile I get obsessed with this "honesty" thing. Maybe it is because I am not being honest enough in an area of my life. I don't know but I seem to be in constant search for more of it and it is very hard to come by.

And then there is trust. Is that even a word we use anymore?

It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit. – Noel Coward

The genius of communication is the ability to be both totally honest and totally kind at the same time. –John Powell

Here I go to the dictionary again. Really I know the true definition is in my soul. I believe that is where all answers are waiting to be discovered, but the dictionary defines honesty as the



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

following. Honesty: showing fairness, intentions and actions that are genuine, truthful and creditable; trustworthy, straightforward ...

It's a wake up call when you thought it was there and it's not. At the

very least a disappointment. I guess it relates to expectations again. Maybe being too high.

The way I see it is that there are two layers to honesty. Honesty with yourself and your world, which is really the most important, and honesty in the relationships you have in this world. Since I can't really control the latter, I guess I'll just keep working on myself.

For those of you that I met @ the seminar last Thursday, it was ALL my pleasure.

Thanks for stopping by and constructing you life with me for an evening.

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### Fourth of July at Skyline Lodge



Highlands was full of "4th of July" events last weekend. Included was a cookout & pool & hot tub party at Skyline Lodge on Flat Mtn. Rd.



... OEI from pg 2

rooms at the old inn are small compared to today's standards, Williams said they are high-tech, warm and cozy. "Everything gets bigger as you move up the hill," he said. The Kelsey-Hutchinson Lodge, which will be renamed The Lodge at Old Edwards Inn, will be renovated to include larger rooms and less cars.

Williams said over the last year even naysayers have changed their tune. "I have gotten many, many calls from people who admit that they didn't like the idea at first but they've changed their minds," he said. "Now that it's nearing completion, I think anyone that still says what we've done here is bad is just a very negative person."

Now that's the inn is finally open, everyone is sighing with relief – business owners and OEI personnel.

"There's so much to say," said Gomes. "Thanks for your patience and for bearing with us for so long. But what we now have is a beautiful new era at the Old Edwards Inn that everyone in Highlands will be proud of – an establishment that will attract business to the downtown area, she said. "Hopefully everyone will see that the wait will have been worth it."

Still under construction on the main campus of OEI but set to open the end of July is the boardroom building. The bottom level is the "wine cellar" for private dining or very upscale meetings for up to 10 people.

The next level is the Hunting Board – a private space for inn guests where high tea, wine and food will be served.

The top level is the roof top terrace which is partially covered with an outdoor fireplace and room for 100 people. "The public can use this space for private functions which will be booked through our catering department," said Gomes.

At the opening Mayor Buck Trott thanked Art and Angela Williams for their efforts and perseverance.

Chamber Director Bill Bassham thanked General Manager Mario Gomes for his leadership and Angela and Art Williams for their vision. "If Highlands was a formal table, Old Edwards Inn is the beautiful centerpiece that makes it all shine," he said.

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## Highlands Diner now 'Rib Shack'

Earlier this month, the restaurant known as Highlands Diner, on Spring Street in Highlands revealed a name change. The new name is Rib Shack.

After the decision not to include breakfast in the daily menu lineup at the Highlands Diner, the name didn't seem to fit anymore, according to Old Edwards Hospitality Group executives.

"We wanted a name that fit with our specialty, and Rib Shack certainly speaks to our famous baby back ribs," said Cynthia Gomes, Director of Sales and Marketing.

Along with the name change, a few menu items will be added. Hot dogs, slaw dogs and chilidogs will

soon be available and lunch prices on a number of items have been lowered.

Rib Shack features slow-cooked barbequed ribs, pulled pork, barbequed chicken as well as Southern favorites like fried chicken, collard greens, baked beans and cole slaw. Desserts include delicious homemade fruit cobblers, buttermilk pie and rich chocolate cake.

The restaurant is opened for lunch and dinner every day. Rib Shack also offers off-premise catering and take-out.

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of the house to the west is a prolific herb garden featuring aromatic fennel and thyme. Dahlias and lilies bloom in the sunny beds. For tickets to the Bascom-Louise Garden Tour call 526-4949.

Bascom-Louise will also present speaker Harrison Giddens demonstrating floral arrangements at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street at 2 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance at B-L Gallery or at the door.

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Time: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cost: \$120

### Mixed Media Art Workshop: Conceptual to the Physical - Exploring Ideas of Containment July 23-24

Students will begin with some basic exercises in conceptual and literal thinking. Then through a variety of materials and methods they will complete objects, which become repositories for their own individual ideas that relate to revealing/concealing, suppressing/exposing. Instructor: Sandy Webster is an artist currently working in mixed media. She received her BFA from Western Carolina University and her MFA from Vermont College.

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ing commissioners OK'd changes in the zoning ordinance to allow the 5-acre R2 tract to be rezoned government/institutional but only for IRS approved nonprofit art galleries which occupy no less than five acres of land.

"Putting this in the ordinance insures that no other institution can occupy the site in the future," said Gantenbein.

Also included in the ordinance is the stipulation that the entrance to the gallery be from U.S. 64 west at Oak Street and that the galley pay for any infrastructure - widening and sidewalks.

The request for a sidewalk linking U.S. 64 to the entrance of the gallery came from Commissioner Alan Marsh who said a sidewalk on Oak Street would be a good way to link Main Street to the gallery.

The Bascom-Louise Gallery is planning to build its new home on the site. The owners of the property have agreed to sell the property to the gallery as long as it can get the site rezoned. With rezoning in hand, the gallery will begin raising the money to both purchase the property and build the 30,000 sq. ft. complex, said Robert Tucker of the gallery board.

Commissioners went one step farther than the planning board and are requiring the gallery board to include the parking lot in the 70 percent built-upon ratio whether its permeable or not.

The public will have a chance to have its say at the public hearing set for August 4.

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**Town has eyes on county fund**

By Kim Lewicki

There's \$450,000 in the county's water-sewer fund for 2004-2005 and Highlands wants it.

At the July 7 Town Board meeting, Town Administrator Richard Betz said he talked to County Manager Sam Greenwood who verified the money was available.

What wasn't perfectly clear was whether the town could use some of that money for in-town water-sewer projects.

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"He said he thought the money was to be allocated for out of town projects in Highlands and Franklin, but he wasn't positive," said Betz.

With that in mind, commissioners agreed to ask the county to help fund three capital improvement projects - the Poplar Street sewer extension, the Holt Knob water line and expansion at the wastewater treatment plant.

Betz said even if the stipulations are for projects outside the town limits, the hospital accounts for 10 percent of the Highlands wastewater treatment plant's business.

Commissioners asked Betz to write a letter to the county commissioners requesting the funds.

**Two-way traffic on Church Street at no go**

By **Kim Lewicki**

Old Edwards Inn architects have asked the town if it would make Church Street a two-way street.

After giving it some thought, the board voted no.

"I just don't see the benefit of it," said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

At the July 7 Town Board meeting commissioners agreed to let OEI know how they felt about the issue so they could plan accordingly.

"I think they do need some guidance in that area," said Town Engineer Lamar Nix. "They need the board's direction and parameters."

"I think two-way traffic on Church Street will cause more problems than it's worth," said Patterson.

Commissioners asked Town Administrator Richard Betz to write OEI a letter explaining their requirements for Church Street development.

They want one-way traffic to stay as it is, angled parking on both sides of the street and six- to seven-foot sidewalk on both sides of the streets.

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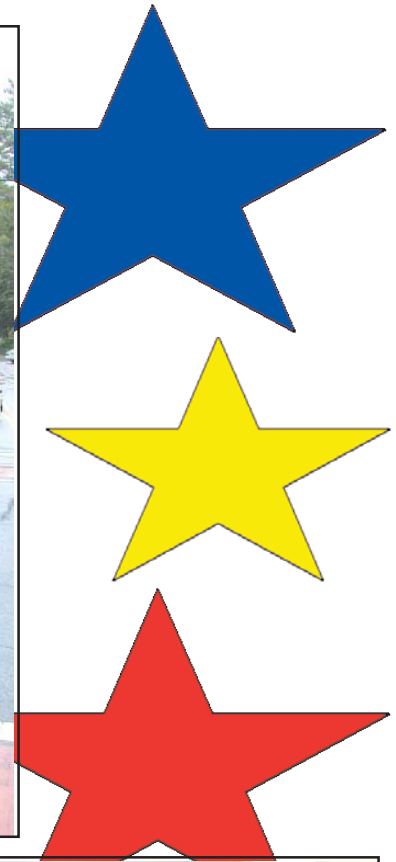


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Photos by Jim Lewicki



• **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING** •

## The shack on the side of the hill

By Helen Dowd

Back in the late 1950s we lived in a remote place in Northern British Columbia, where there was neither electricity nor running water. Our neighbors were few and far between, and often the only time we saw them was when we went past their places on our way to town. We met some colourful characters during our time there. One of the most interesting was an old gentleman whom everyone called "Grampa Rice." The story that I am about to tell, in poetry form, is a true story about this "classic" man.

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He was just an old man with a toothless grin, a wrinkled up face and a stubbled chin. His clothes were all tattered, and his house was cold, but old Grandpa Rice had a heart made of gold.

If ever a stranger would pass by Gramp's shack, he'd rush out to greet him, and he'd call him on back. He'd holler, "Come in friend, set and chat fer a spell." Then he'd serve up some tea, and his stories he'd tell.

His yarns were of the "old times", when first he "came here;" how he'd brought his new bride - oh, he loved her so dear. His eyes filled with tears as he talked of "dear Bell." He buried her there - and a wee babe, as well.

With him in his shack on the side of a hill, lived a mangy old cat, and a dog he called "Bill." He existed on tea and boiled up dried beans, and the odd time he'd stew up some dandelion greens.

He'd say, "Let's go huntin' to find us some game." Then old Bill would follow, though the poor dog was lame. If perchance they should spy a jack rabbit or mole, they would stand still and watch it run into its hole. Neither one would attempt to catch, or to kill. They both were alike — Grandpa Rice and old Bill. The word spread around to the "animal folk" that the pair's hunting habit were merely a joke.

One day out of nowhere came a massive buck-deer. He held his head high, showing no trace of fear. He watched as the man cocked his rusty old gun. He heard him tell Bill, "Now, this'll be fun!"

Grandpa Rice, through the sight, looked the buck in the eye, then he lowered his gun, with a long weary sigh. The deer gave a snort as he trotted away; "G'bye Gramps and Bill; there'll be no meat today!"

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• **PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU** •

**Blue Valley Baptist Church**

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11  
Sunday night services every second and fourth  
Sunday at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

**Buck Creek Baptist Church**

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11  
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329  
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627  
Sundays: Worship – 10 a.m.; school & primary  
classes – 11 a.m.; Women's & Men's Org. – noon  
Tues: Women's Org. – 6:30 p.m.; Library – 6-8 p.m.  
Wednesdays: Boy Scouts of America mtg. – 6:30  
p.m.; Young women's activities – 6:30 p.m.

**Christ Anglican Church  
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Holy Communion at most services.

**Clear Creek Baptist Church**

Pastor Everett Wilson, (828) 743-3379  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11  
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.  
Evening Service – 7 p.m.

**Community Bible Church**

(Evangelical Presbyterian Church  
Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685  
3645 U.S. 64 east  
Sundays: School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship – 10:45;  
Youth "The Rock" meeting.

Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45  
Wed: Supper – 6 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**

Interim Priest: Stephen Hines, 526-2968  
Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Bible Study & Book Study  
classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;  
Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.  
Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4  
Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8  
Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

The Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel 14

**First Baptist Church**

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153  
Sundays: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30  
p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir  
– 7:15

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

**First Presbyterian Church**

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175  
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m. (child care at 11 a.m.);  
School – 9:30 & 9:45.

Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;  
Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5

**Highlands Assembly of God**

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11  
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

**Highlands 7th-Day Adventist Church**

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study  
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

**Highlands United Methodist Church**

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376  
Sundays: School – 9:30 & 9:45 a.m.; Worship – 8:30  
& 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study &  
activities – 6 p.m.

**Lutheran Church of the Holy Family – ELCA**

**Rev. Pam Mitcham, Pastor,  
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741**

Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

**Macedonia Baptist Church**

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah  
Pastor Rusty Wolfrey, (706) 782-8130  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11  
Choir – 6 p.m.

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

**Mountain Synagogue**

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**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church**

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Parish office, 526-2418  
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Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m.  
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

**Scaly Mountain Baptist Church**

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

**Scaly Mountain Church of God**

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;  
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.  
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.  
For more information call 526-3212.

**Shortoff Baptist Church**

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

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
526-9769**

**Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)  
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.**

**Westside Baptist Church**

Interim Pastor, Terry Dixon  
Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby  
Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

**Whiteside Presbyterian Church**

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



## • HIKING THE HIGHLANDS PLATEAU •

# Sunset Rocks – A gem close to home

By Leah Ferree  
Contributor

A lot of people come to Highlands to enjoy the beauty and experience all of the natural wonders that it has to offer. There are endless acres of waterfalls, swimming holes, hiking trails, and mountain forests just waiting to be explored.

Sure, you can find mountain activities in numerous other states in the country; but there are no other mountains quite like these. Highlands offers the type of scenery that reminds me of a fairy wonderland full of lush green foliage and calming riverbeds.

The rain that we receive up here in our temperate rain forest really helps to provide us with that uniqueness that you can't find in any other mountain chain in the United States.

If you are drawn to Highlands by the beauty and the peacefulness of it all, but you don't quite know where to go and experience it, I am here to help. Every week I will talk about a specific hiking trail, biking route, or anything that gets you outside to enjoy the nature all around us.

This week, I am going to start you out with an easy one — Sunset Rock. Sunset is the closest hike to Main Street in Highlands. As a matter of fact, it is only four-tenths of a mile from the stoplight by Mountain Fresh. Continue on Main Street past the Hudson Library. Once you see the Highlands Nature center on your left, the parking area for Sunset is directly across the street. There is even a sign that reads, 'Park Here for Hike to Sunset Rock.'

The trail starts at the end of the parking area and is actually an unimproved road where vehicles are discouraged because of the poor condition of the road. Otherwise park your car at the bottom and walk the 0.6 mile to the top. This way, you can feel like you did a little bit of work to deserve the stunning views of Highlands that you will find at the summit.

Once you get to the top, which should take you roughly 20

minutes, there will be four big boulders forming a line on your



The view of Highlands from the top,



The view of Horse Cove valley.



The approach to "the rocks."

right-hand side. One of them is actually going to be in the middle of the path you need to take to get to the rock outcrop that is Sunset Rock.

A few more steps and you are awarded with a bird's-eye view of the town of Highlands. You can see the school, Main Street, and even the big brown roof of the Recreation Center peeking out over the trees. The rock underneath you allows ample room for sitting or even sun bathing on a clear day. There are no huge drop-offs to worry about or crevices to step over. The slope of the rock face is not that steep and unless you try and walk all the way down it, you should be fine.

As I was sitting on the rock face yesterday, enjoying the view of Highlands below and the mountains in the distance, two gentlemen came walking up the path. They have been coming to Highlands for the past four years during the summertime, residing in Florida for the rest of the year. I asked why they enjoyed the Sunset Rock hike. "It's an easy hike, 20 minutes up, 20 minutes down; and it's one of the drier ones."

With the amount of rain that we have been getting recently that is definitely something to consider when planning a hike.

There's another side of Sunset Rock that many people are unaware of — Sunrise Rock. From the parking area, follow the path to your left out to Sunrise. Although the path is a little longer, (stay to your right, if you go to the left at the fork, you will have to turn around), it offers a secluded and private view of Horse Cove. However, I was very disappointed to see that the trees are so overgrown now that even if you stand up on the highest point of the rock, all that you can see is mountain tops in the distance. But, it is still worth the extra five minutes to check out the view from the other side of the mountain.

The Sunset Rock hike is a quick, easy hike for all ages. It's also one of the safer hikes around.

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**New director named**



**Breta Stroud has been named full-time executive director of the Literacy Council of Highlands. Come meet her and help honor the Literacy Council's tutors, donors and volunteers at the Open House, Tuesday, July 13 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center.**

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Grandpa Rice said, "C'mon, Bill, let's amble on home. Jist mebbly I'll find you a dried up old bone. As for me, I kin brew me some dandelion tea, and boil up some taters, maybe toss in some peas."

Then on came a winter, of storm after storm. Just nothing Gramps did could get the shack warm. He ran out of tea, had no more dried beans. How he longed for a stew of dandelion greens. So, soon Grandpa Rice became terribly ill. He crawled on his cot beside Cat and old Bill.

One day- - near to springtime — a trapper named, Jack, by chance stumbled on to a shabby

old shack. He ventured inside to check out the site. He thought that perhaps he could sleep there that night. But there curled together, under a mat, lay a frozen old man, a dog, and a cat.

Jack won't soon forget what he saw in that place, Old Grandpa Rice died with a smile on his face.

Now, many years later, in that very same spot, lies a pile of old lumber, and a rusted-out pot. Just stand still and listen, and listen real well. You might hear him calling, "Come set fer a spell." Amidst all the rubble on the side of that hill, lies the spirit of Gramps, his cat, and old Bill.



**NO-GO event characters from left are: Bill Mann as the White Rabbit, J. Yancey Stribling Jr. as the Mad Hatter, Diane McPhail as Alice, Billie Ray as the March Hare, and Samuel Craig as the Dormouse. Not pictured is Dixie Barton as the Cheshire Cat.**

## An "Alice in Wonderland" Tea Party

A giant topiary teapot continuously pouring into a steaming cup was the centerpiece for a special tea party in Beverly Howell's garden on Little Bearpen. The "characters" celebrating behind the cup can be seen on your invitation to the P.A.C.'s second annual No-Go Event.

This year the invitation is based on the Tea Party from Alice In Wonderland. Beverly herself is a Master Gardener. The whimsical topiary teapot, designed by John Jeffers, is a recent addition to her elaborate garden.

The invitation's "characters" (left to right) are: Bill Mann as the White Rabbit, J. Yancey Stribling Jr. as the Mad Hatter, Diane McPhail as Alice, Billie Ray as the March Hare, and Samuel Craig as the Dormouse. Not pictured is Dixie Barton as the Cheshire Cat.

Adding to the festivities in the garden are Beverly Howell's granddaughters Lottice and Emma Taylor as Alice and her sister, Beverly as the Red Queen, and Pat Thompson as the Cook.

The No-Go Tea Party Invitation, which will be in your mailbox soon, will raise funds to help support both the programs of the P.A.C. and its operations.

Last year more than 130 events were scheduled. These included the annual performances sponsored by the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, the Highlands Community Players, HIARPT, the Highlands Biological Station, the CLE and Bel Canto — as well as the new events of a Story Telling Festival, a

Jazz Festival, a Broadway Review, the Bascom-Louise Film Series, and the performances of the Instant Theater Company.

For 2004 the P.A.C. has added dance, a Community Chorale group, and an international Film Festival.

So watch the mail for your invitation and participate in helping to continue the exciting experiences which happen all year at the P.A.C.!

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## The spirit of America at Shuptrine's Gallery

*At the Hubert Shuptrine Gallery opening Friday, July 2, the "Spirit of America" was alive and well.*

*Attendees wandered amongst Shuptrine's work while enjoying a lavish wine and appetizer spread to live music.*

*Lady Liberty, draped in red, white and blue, stood proud and tall while patrons signed her robes.*

*Shuptrine's artwork immortalizes a by-gone era particularly in Western North Carolina where life seemed simple and pure.*

*Photo by Jim Lewicki*

## • POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

### Pinpointing terror on a local level



Recently, Macon deputies and officers from other agencies learned about terrorism and what they should look for while on their daily patrols in our community. The class, Terrorism Awareness for Patrol Officers, was sponsored by the N.C. Justice Academy and provided officers with the knowledge to help them recognize potential targets, suspicious activities, and methods of receiving and reporting of vital information they obtain during their routine patrols. "I agree that our community is probably the last place a terrorist would target. Being prepared and knowing what to look for while on routine patrol unfortunately has become a necessity for today's law enforcement officers," said Sheriff Robby Holland.

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of July 1-7. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

#### July 1

- At noon at hit and run of a car in the Highlands Playhouse parking lot was reported.
- At 1:15 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Fourth and Chestnut streets.
- At 5:11 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Fourth and Poplar streets.
- At 7:15 p.m., a juvenile was cited at Spring Street and N.C. 106 for driving without a license, driving without registration or insurance.
- At 10 p.m., officers were called to Cherokee Drive where residents reported firecrackers igniting.

#### July 3

- At 2:33 a.m., officers were called to the 64 Stop and Shop where a possible breaking and entering was taking place. It was unfounded.
- At 9:25 a.m., officers responded to a call of construction noise at a house on Harris Drive.
- At 8:30 a.m., a resident on Holt Knob Road called police about a neighbor's dog.
- At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- At 5 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Main and Fourth streets. There were no injuries.

#### July 4

- At 11 p.m., a motorist at Main and Third streets was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.

- A little past midnight, a motorist was issued a warning citation on N. Fourth Street for driving without a headlight.

#### July 6

- At 1:45 p.m., officers assisted a motorist on Spring Street who had a disabled vehicle.
- At 3 p.m., officers responded to a call of barking dogs on Satulah Ridge Road.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue log entries for the week of July 2-7

#### July 2

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rocky Ridge Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

#### July 3

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Flat Mountain Road. There was no transport.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hummingbird Lane. The victim was transported to the hospital.

#### July 4

- The dept. was called to Dillard Road where a transformer was on fire. They stood by until the electric dept. arrived.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Wilson Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. helped with the fire-

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## • SHOPS AT VILLAGE SQUARE •



Needlepoint of Highlands' owner Barbara Cusachs thinks needlepoint is pretty wonderful. She bought the shop in June of 1993 and has enlarged the selections of hand-painted canvases and fibers every year since.

The shop originated in Cashiers in the early 70s. Many of the customers have followed the shop's many moves. Each piece of canvas is not only the creation of a talented artist, but takes on the artistic creation of the stitcher. It takes at least an hour to make fiber and color choices. Then it takes many hours to stitch.

Besides the large selection of hand-painted canvases the shop is known for, there are some pre-stitched canvases, cross-stitched kits and crewel kits.

Needlepoint can be used for pillows, chair seats, rugs, belts, ornaments, Christmas stockings, luggage rack straps, leather purse inserts, pictures, etc.

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# ● UPCOMING EVENTS ●

## On-Going

- The musical talents of Regis at the Piano at Cafe of the Arts, every night.

- Round Robin Tennis with the Nantahala Tennis Association at the Rec Park every day at 9 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. Meet at the Memorial Bench and allow 15 minutes for other players to arrive. Sometimes we're slow at the beginning of the season.

- At ...on the Verandah - Happy Hour every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. \$20 per person.

- Workshops at the Bascom-Louise Gallery for young artists in grades K - 5 and beginning and intermediate level adult/teen art classes are being offered now. Call for further information!

- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement meeting room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times are Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. For more info, call 524-7395.

- Parents or coaches interested in starting a Soccer Challenge Team, call Charissa Robinson at 526-9915.

## July 8

- On Thursday the Macon County League of Women Voters will present a program featuring candidates for District Court Judge and for County Commissioners in the upcoming July 20 Primary Elections. The program is at Tartan Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin at 12:15 p.m.

## July 8-18

- "The Odd Couple" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$20; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office.

## July 8-10

- Art Workshops at Bascom-Louise Art Gallery. Natures Notebook: A Course in Botanical Art. Study art with Peter Loewer, well known garden expert and artist. No experience required! Participants will be introduced to the history of botanical art. Then, using the local landscape for inspiration, participants will learn to draw flowers, leaves, even mosses and lichen. The class is appropriate for the beginning student in addition to the

accomplished artist. The time is 10-4 p.m. The cost: \$120.

- Wine finds from South America at Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main. Wine flights Thurs.-Sat from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Jeb Boyd of Tryon Distributing will be at the shop Saturday to discuss wines from Chile and Argentina. \$20-35 per couple.

## July 8-11

- "Come Get Uncorked" Thursday through Sunday; 4 pm - 6:30 pm at Wolfgang's on Main. Winery Fea-

from 3.55 AC to 131.57 AC Will be sold as a whole or divided. Absolute Auction. Directions to Property: Located on Hwy 64, 2.5 miles off Hwy 441. 5 miles from Franklin and 13 miles from Highlands off the Highlands Road. Watch for signs.

## July 10

- Wolfgang's On Main presents "Dinner and Jazz" from 6:30 pm - 6:30 pm with Paul Scott on piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

## The 'Odd Couple' at the Playhouse



**Oscar Madison and Felix Unger entertain the Pigeon sisters in a scene from Odd Couple which opened at the Highlands Playhouse Thursday, July 8 and runs until July 18. Frank Roberts plays Oscar Madison; Adrian Roberts plays Felix Unger; Ronnie Spilton plays Gwendolyn Pigeon and Dina Shadwell plays Cecily Pigeon. The play is directed by David F. Kleist, artistic director of the playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$20; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office.**

tured: Swanson Casual Gathering, Wine and Appetizer Pairings, Flights of Wine, Wine by the glass or bottle/Appetizers.

## July 9

- Hurricane Creek will play a mix of classic and original "country-fried rock & blues" at Buck's Coffee Cafe from 8-11 p.m.

- Land auction. 6 pm (Registration starts at 5 pm). Property Location: Peaceful Coves Estates, Sugarfork Township, Macon County, NC Auction Site: Hampton Inn, Franklin, NC. 200+/- Acres. Tracts

of hike. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

## July 10 & July 11

- Art League of Highlands presents "Summer Colors" Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rec Park both days. There will be live music and children's activities. It's free. For more information, call 524-8585.

## July 11

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike with a 250-foot elevation gain on the Pickens Nose Trail for a nice view from the top of the "nose." Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (across from Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, clothing appropriate to the weather, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Car pool drivers will drive 45 miles round trip, returning between 5-6 p.m. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. To make a reservation, get more information or arrange an alternate meeting place if you are coming from the Highlands area, call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- The University of Florida annual Gator Gathering is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more information and reservations call 352-392-5407.

## July 12

- Wolfgang's On Main and Summit One Gallery present "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining, Fine Music" with art by Diane McPhail, Wines by Swanson Vineyards with Missy Ray and music by Paul Scott on piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. 6 pm - Passed Appetizers. 6:30 pm - Dinner. Reservations 526-3807

- The second Hudson Library Cooking Class for 2004 will be held on Monday, July 12. The class will be led by two culinary experts, Donald Barickman of Charleston, S.C., and Chris Weihs of Cashiers, and will be held at the Weihs' Skylight Farms in Cashiers. Cooking Class openings are limited and reservations are required. A few openings remain for some of the 2004 classes. Contact the library at 526-3031 for more information.

## July 13

- Come meet the new director of

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**August 2**  
The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, will present the sixth public lecture in the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on Monday, August 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. The topic of Bishop Spong's lecture is "Beyond Theism, But Not Beyond God."

**August 3**  
The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, will lead a discussion/seminar for the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on August 23 at 10:00 a.m. in the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Bishop Spong will lead the discussion on his lecture on "Beyond Theism, But Not Beyond God."

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the Literacy Council of Highlands -- Breta Stroud -- and help honor the Literacy Council's tutors, donors and volunteers at the Open House, Tuesday, July 13 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center.

- The July meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners club will meet on Tuesday, at the Cashiers Community Center gymnasium at 10 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcomed. The club meets every second Tuesday at the Cashiers Community Center at 10 a.m.

- Audubon members will share slides, pictures and stories of their nature travels at the Highlands Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 7 p.m.

### July 15

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at the Highlands Nature Center. Tim Silver, Professor of History at Appalachian State University, will give a talk entitled "Mount Mitchell and the Black Mountains: An Environmental History of the Highest Peaks in Eastern America." 7 p.m. Free to the public.

- Fly fishermen are always searching for the best fly patterns that imitate insects the fish are eating. Jason Robinson, zoologist, will speak to the Plateau Fly Fishing Club on at the Albert-Carlton-Cashiers Library. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and includes

a raffle for a Orvis Fly Rod combo. Call 743-2078 for information. Everyone is invited.

### July 16

- Bascom-Louise Garden Tour. For tickets call 526-4949.

### July 17

- Bascom-Louise will present speaker Harrison Giddens demonstrating floral arrangements at PAC, at 2 p.m. Tickets \$25 in advance at B-L Gallery or at the door.

- Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Day 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Wildlife & wilderness experts serving as clinicians. Held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. It's free. Call 743-7663.

### July 16, 17, 18

- Walk in the Park, sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society featuring personalities from the past. Tickets are \$15 for adults, available at Cyrano's, D&J Express Mart, and the Old Rangoon.

### July 22 through Aug 8

- "Honk" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$22; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office on Oak Street.

### July 19-23

- Macon County Soccer Camp. For more information or to sign up, call 524-1928.

## Next cooking class set for July 12

The second Hudson Library Cooking Class for 2004 will be held on Monday, July 12.

The class will be led by two culinary experts, Donald Barickman of Charleston S.C., and Chris Weihs of Cashiers, and will be held at the Weihs' Skylight Farms in Cashiers.

Donald Barickman is one of the South's most prominent chefs and is often credited with sparking the culinary revival of Charleston in the 1990s. Barickman, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, is Vice President and Executive Chef of *Hospitality Management Group* which operates three of Charleston's finest restaurants that feature classic Southern and low country Cuisine. He is a published author and has been recognized by *Esquire Magazine*, *Gourmet Magazine*, the *New York Times*, *Southern Living*, and *Smithsonian Magazine*.

Chris Weihs is a culinary pioneer, having owned or created seven restaurants in Charleston including the renowned Carolina's. Chris is a classically trained culinary master with international credits. Once a favorite TV personality and a regular on Charleston fusion cuisine for CNN, his contributions to culinary fusion cooking and classical bistro trends have made him a name in the South.

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Cooking Class openings are limited and reservations are required. A few openings remain for some of the 2004 classes. Contact the library at 526-3031 for more information.

## Art Show this weekend



**Art League of Highlands presents "Summer Colors" Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rec Park July 10 & 11. There will be live music and children's activities. It's free. For more information, call 524-8585.**

### July 19-24

- Zona Rosa Writers' Retreat with Rosemary Daniell with Katherine Willoughby and Shakespeare & Company at 8 Old Farm Road. Cost is \$425 or \$100 per day -- inclusive fee includes individual consultation. Mail synopsis of manuscripts of 6-12 pages to Rose-

mary Daniell, 125 Skidaway Road, Savannah, Ga., 31404 no later than July 9. For more information call 526-3777.

### Aug 15

- Annual Audubon picnic at the Highlands Civic Center south shelter. Cost is \$5 per person for hamburgers. Bring a covered dish. Call 787-1387.

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- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on N.C. 28. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Lost Trail Road. But it was a false alarm.
- The dept. responded to a call of a tree across the road. It was removed.
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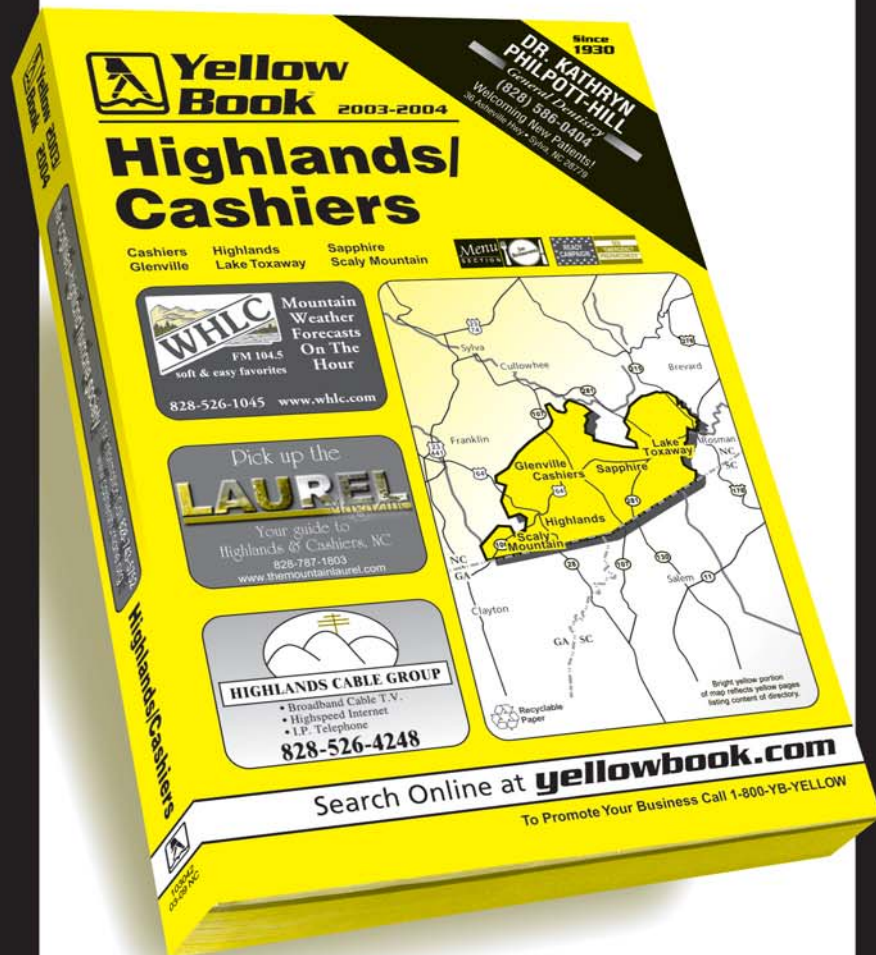
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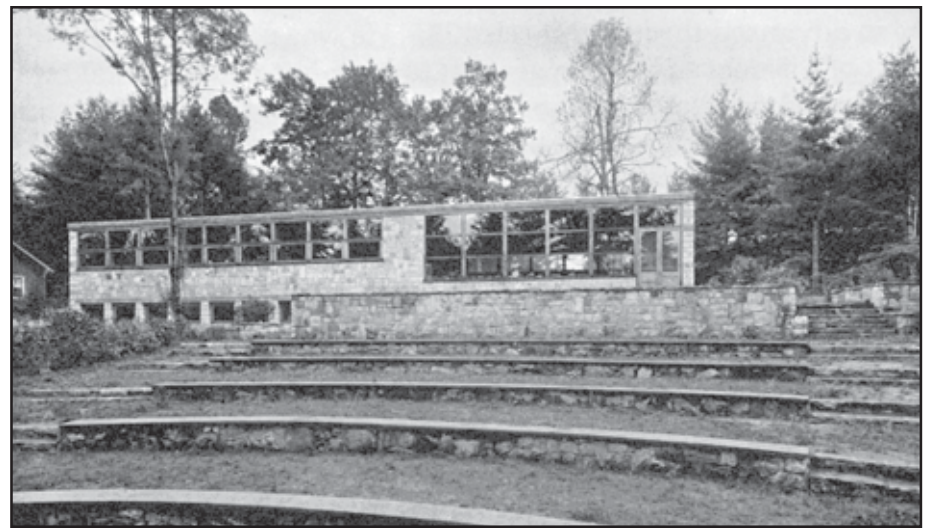
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Thelma “Doc” Howell was the director of the Highlands Biological Station which includes the Biological Laboratory, the Botanical Garden, and the Nature Center, depicted above as it looked in 1941.

## ‘Walk in the Park’ July 16 weekend

This year the Highlands Historical Society’s *Walk in the Park* will focus on the institutions that have contributed greatly to the town’s history through the people responsible for those institutions.

For 27 years Thelma “Doc” Howell was the director of the Highlands Biological Station which includes the Biological Laboratory, the Botanical Garden, and the Nature Center, depicted above as it looked in 1941. She will be portrayed in this year’s *Walk* by Bonnie Powell.

Tony Potts will portray the famous golfer, Bobby Jones, who was

instrumental in bringing renown to Highlands as a golf resort.

Seven other important personalities will also be portrayed at Highlands Memorial Park on July 16, 17 and 18, with rain dates a week later.

*Walks* will begin every 15 minutes Friday and Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and are available now at Cyrano’s, D & J Express Mart and The Old Rangoon, or at the Conference Center on any day of the *Walk in the Park*. Students will be admitted free.

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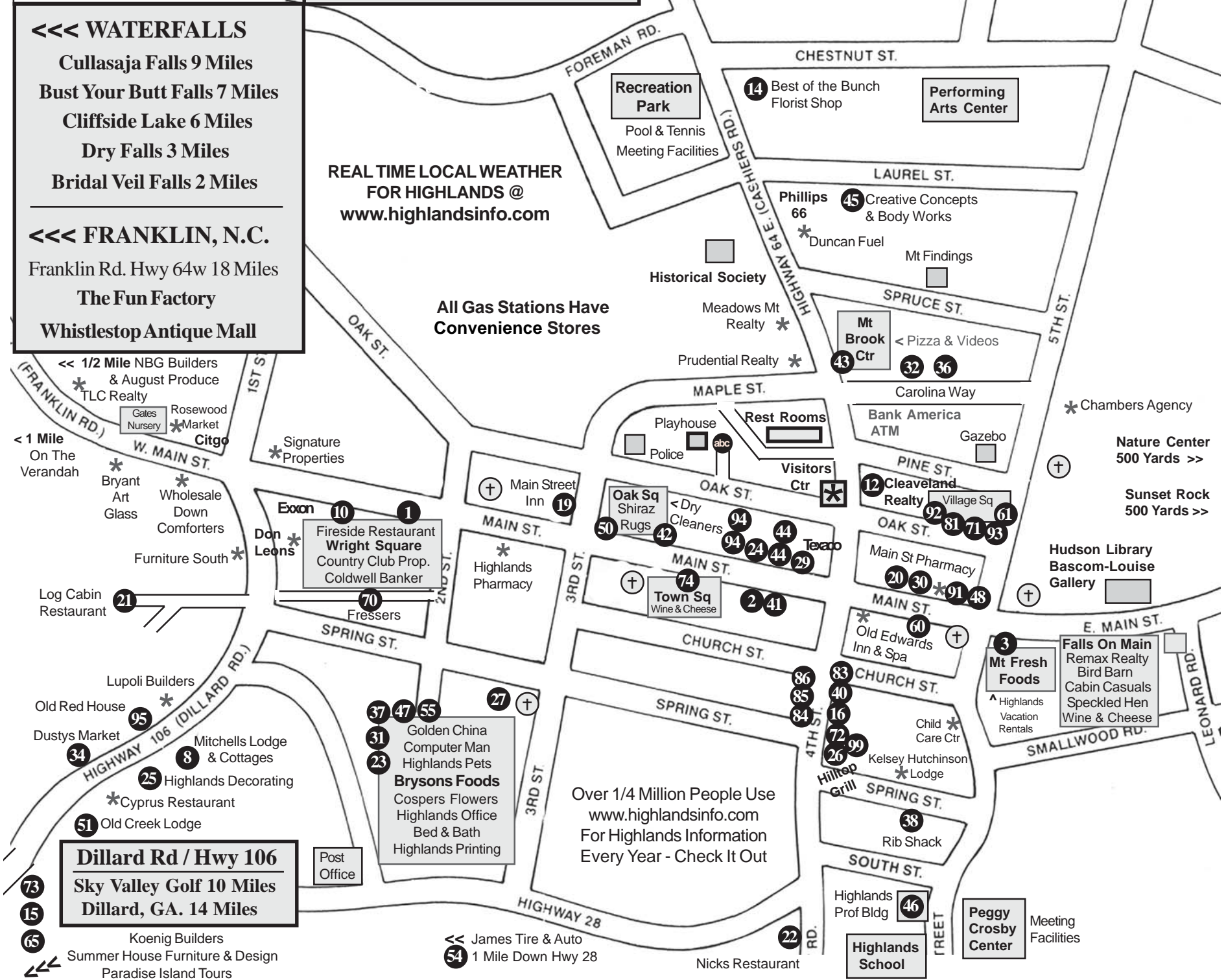
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