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July 7

- Live music at SweetTreats, Bobby Sullivan.
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July 8

- Instant Theater at 8 p.m. features SaraJune & Jeff Treadwell and John Roman. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197.

July 8-9

- "Don't Count Your Chickens Folk Art Show," Fri., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. and Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Conference Center at Poplar Street.
- Weaver Carol Cassidy at the Old Rangoon, 10 -11:30 a.m.
- Grand Opening of Highlands Historic Village. Friday, ribbon cutting at 7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Museum/Archive opening with music, dancing, food and fun.

July 9

- Live music at Fressers, Chuck Beatty at 8.
- Instant Theater at 8 p.m. with Brian Starr. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Call 342-9197.
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July 10

- Free concert at the Episcopal Church. Robert Henry will perform at 3 p.m.

July 11

- "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining" at Wolfgang's on Main. Tour Down Under - Australian wines, art by Elizabeth Ellison. 6 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

July 11-15

- Basketball camp for rising 3-8 graders at Highlands School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$75 or (\$100 per family) Bring your own lunch - drinks will be sold. Applications at the school.
- Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church- Serengeti Trek, where kids are wild about God's love: 9-11:45 a.m. Call 526-4153.

July 13-14

- Chef from Carpe River Trading Company at the Hen House on Main Street in cooking demonstration from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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A year wait on Werder rezoning

By Erin Brown
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It looks like everyone, looses on the rezoning of the 4.72-acre tract of land bordered by U.S. 64 east, Hickory and Chestnut streets, commonly called the Werder property. Citizens for it, against it and those whose own projects could be determined on the basis of the "Werder" outcome, came out in droves to hear what would become of this piece of property. Initially it was thought that another

motion to rezone the Werder property would be discussed at the July 6 Town Board meeting, but Town Attorney Bill Coward alerted commissioners that under Robert's Rules of Order the issue couldn't be revisited for another 12 months.

Coward said a motion to reconsider rezoning - in this case R-2 rather than the denied R-3 request - may only be made on the day the vote was taken or the fol-

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Questions linger about nonconforming buildings

By Erin Brown
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A sub-committee made up of commissioners Herb James, Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross has been formed as a direct result of questions raised at a March 2005 Town Board meeting by Commissioner Amy Patterson concerning the rebuilding of non-conforming structures.

No real decisions were made at the non-conforming subcommittee, but it was said that over time the board wanted to "eliminate" non-conforming structures altogether.

The philosophy behind the committee is to reduce non-conforming buildings, thereby not allowing additions and to clarify the current ordinance.

Alan Marsh, who was in the audience but not currently a member of the sub-committee, suggested the board define "destroyed." The definition of that word was the crux of the March Town Board meeting where certain members of the board had forgotten the non-conforming ordinance was amended to allow the rebuild of such structures on the same footings or foundation.

The current ordinance states non-conforming buildings "may be altered or repaired, but such buildings shall not be enlarged or expanded except in conformance with the ordinance."

"At this point the Zoning Administrator has discretion over what's destroyed or not and I'm not sure we want that," Ross said.

Ross suggested the committee put the burden of proving a structure was destroyed on the owner of the property

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Flamingos help fight cancer



This flock of flamingos lighted at Amanda Stewart's home on Maple Street in celebration of her 21st birthday. They flew away after Amanda paid the American Cancer Society \$50 as part of the Mountaintop Relay for Life's fundraising campaign to fight cancer. This year's Relay is in Highlands at the Rec Park, Aug. 26 & 27. See more about the MountainTop Relay for Life on page 22. Photo by Jim Lewicki

Buffers to surround multi-family

By Erin Brown
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It looks like the Town Board is only listening to one person when it comes to vegetative buffers and that's Commissioner Hank Ross.

Regardless of the planning board's suggestion to limit opaque vegetative buffers to 20 feet, the Town Board fol-

lowed Ross's lead to require a 40-foot buffer around the perimeter of all multi-family property regardless of lot size or its topography.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein argued it was "not possible to draft a workable buffer ordinance that could be applied in cookie cutter fash-

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Clustering in B3 put to test

By Kim Lewicki
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About a year ago, commissioners amended the zoning ordinance to allow clustering in the B-3 zone with setback changes.

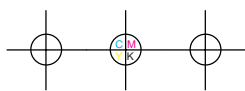
The change was initiated by a developer who wanted to develop the old miniature golf course property next to

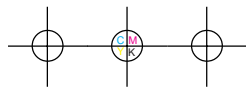
Nick's Restaurant into a cluster development in B-3 rather than a development of 12 single-family homes.

Single family homes had always been allowed in the B-3 zone, but not clustering.

To maintain green space and lessen the environmental impact to the prop-

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Wicked weather coming this way

Macon County residents should pay particular attention to the weather forecasts for the next couple of days due to the approach of Tropical Storms Cindy and Dennis.

The projected path of Cindy as of 5 p.m. July 5 could bring an estimated 4-5 inches of rain to the area along with gusty

winds. The path of Tropical Storm Dennis could also affect the area later in the week or early next week.

Residents in flood-prone areas should follow local forecasts and stay tuned to local media for updates as they become available.

● LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ●

Possible town 'green area' in the works

Dear Editor,

The old post office property, .36 acrs on the corner of Fifth and Pine streets, has come available. It was under contract, but that contract has been withdrawn. There are other offers on the table, so the window of opportunity is narrow. Briefly, several groups have been eyeing the property for several years as a key piece in the Pine Street Public Recreation Project. It is mentioned specifically in the new proposed land use plan as desirable green space for a centrally located Town Commons in the downtown area. The first piece of the project is the gazebo and green space across Pine Street which Macon Bank is offering for public use as part of their new landscaping plan. The second piece would be the old post office site which, if we can secure it and would provide much sought-after green space, which would allow for general public recreation, as well as outdoor concerts, square dances, and other community activities, such as the town tree-lighting ceremony on Thanksgiving weekend. It might also be considered as a site for the future Highlands Visitor's Center and/or offices for the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, both of which are in need of permanent space.

The point is, a lot of money is going to have to be raised, or at least committed, in a short period of time. We are looking for a way to put together a coalition of resources including: the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, the Town of Highlands, the Chamber of Commerce, the area Rotary Clubs, some major private donors, and a grass-roots group of everybody in Highlands who would like to see this happen. A lot of people are interested in this project, and it would help us if we had an idea of what kind of support we might expect from your group. If you or your group are interested, please get back to us quickly. Time is of the essence if we are to secure this property!

Please call us at any of the following numbers: King Young, 526-3443; Janet Young (Custom House) 526-2665; Ginger Slaughter, 526-8517; Bill Bassham (Chamber of Commerce) 526-5841

Thank you for your interest in this project, and for your prompt response.

King Young
Highlands

Secrets behind the speech

Dear Editor,

I ask Mr. Bush: Why did you choose a military base with a military audience to perform your speech? And why did you choose to constantly reference 9-11 when you know that Iraq had nothing to do with 9-11? Was this another manipulation of my emotions appealing to my sympathy for those fighting your war while maintaining my proper level of fear?

Your policy remains hidden behind closed doors and secret files. Still no exit plans or strategy were discussed, only the message of "we stay because I say so, there are reasons, plans would only help the enemy, have faith." Have faith in you and your policies? How can I have faith in someone who has not been honest about the reasons and actions that led to this war?

Mr. Bush, I think you have some explaining to do.

Karen Hawk
Highlands

Highlands' cultural menu is expanding

Dear Editor,

I am so excited about Highlands' newest venue – The Instant Theatre Company, a year-round, ongoing theater workshop and performing troupe dedicated to enhancing the Highlands community's cultural environment.

Having attended for the first time this week, I can honestly say that it is a very good time. Not only is it colorful and artsy, it was created with a lot of love and care by some very gifted local talent — talent that has been "in the woods," so to speak, in this area for quite some time.

Many of the faces are familiar but didn't have a stage for their art before now, and some were simply a little ahead of their time. The Instant Theatre Company and their studio on Main Street is the perfect holding space for vibrant artistic souls who have been looking for artistic community. Their Evening of Little Entertainments on Friday nights is a celebration of the creative spirit and very entertaining.

I am so excited that something like this exists in Highlands. It has quelled my longing for Asheville or Atlanta, or even San Francisco, Miami and Tucson where I used to live. Highlands now has its own "colorful" stage for those of us whose passion is creative expression.

Thea Stacey
Highlands



● BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT ●



Ashlynn Faith Wilson

Ashlynn Faith Wilson was born June 28 at 11:58 a.m. to Margie Potts at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva. She weighed five pounds 14 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Brice Jenkins tapped by Duke

The Duke University Talent Identification Program annually conducts the Seventh Grade Talent Search for Mathematically and Verbally Talented Students. Brice Jenkins from Highlands School participated in January 2005 taking the SAT at Franklin High School. Brice received an invitation to the 2005 North Carolina Recognition Ceremony honoring students in the 7th Grade Talent Search with high SAT or ACT scores. Right: Brice Jenkins with his State Recognition award.



Work on school gym progressing slowly

By Kim Lewicki
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It's hard to get a firm answer as to why the Highlands School gymnasium is still not open. But the contractor hasn't gotten paid since March of 2005.

"We've withheld payment of \$86,000 because there hasn't been any progress since March," said Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell.

An inspection the last week of June revealed "a lot of little things" still need to be done. "The maintenance superintendent has faxed the list to the architect and the contractor and we're waiting for the work to be completed," said Macon County School Board Vice Chair Donnie Edwards.

A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued for the Feb. 23 basketball conference game with the understanding that a "punch list" would be

completed, but progress has been slow.

The latest halt was due to the absence of a road around the back of the building to accommodate fire trucks. Hoses extended from a truck parked at both ends of the building still lacked about 100-feet of coverage. "That's why they needed a road, but that issue has been resolved," said officials at the June 23 school board meeting.

Edwards said the main problem is the contractor drives from Asheville each day with a crew he pays about \$11 an hour.

"That drive-time is work time we're not getting because he doesn't want to pay Highlands prices for workers," said Edwards.

Shotwell said he is willing to go out on a limb and say the building will be ready for occupancy when school opens in August.

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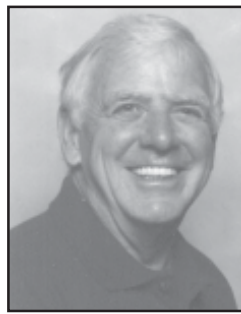
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

To da dump, to da dump...

Here is my take on where everyone should stick their waste (Ha). No, this is not another column on how Macon County has walked all over us on the sewage treatment plant issue. Done that. This is about lots of people in Highlands, including visitors, wondering what in



Fred Wooldridge

tarnation is going on with the other waste. You know, all the other stuff that doesn't flow down the river. Highlands folks seem to always be in a snit about either sewage waste or where to put garbage, old bricks, mortar, car batteries, paint cans, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. (From the King & I.) I guess when people are not

confronted with murders and rapes, they tend to get upset with the issue of dumping waste. This is a good thing.

Tourists, living just outside of Highlands' garbage pickup areas, ride around for days with garbage in the trunks of their cars, not knowing where to put it. Places to put garbage in Highlands are more scarce than motorcycles parked outside the Highlands Country Club. Finally, frustrated with the smell of fish heads emanating from their trunks, visitors fling their trash into the woods. The bears are elated but the milk cartons won't disintegrate for 15 years.

Long ago, Macon County provided public garbage bins which were scattered around town, like right in

front of OEI. Then, the county decided we had it too good up here and cut us off, (sound familiar)? removing the bins. Highlands should have picked up that service, realizing that visitors without garbage pickup are not going to drive to Buck Creek Rd. to get rid of their tomato cans. How would you like to drive all the way out there only to find the place has closed? What did you do on your vacation? "We drove to the dump a lot." Come on, get real.

Highlands is the wealthiest town in Macon County. Actually, per capita, we just may be the wealthiest in North Carolina if you consider our surrounding region. While we are no longer PO-dunk, we are PO-dump.

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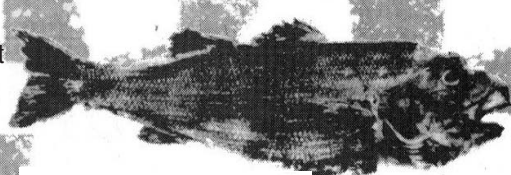
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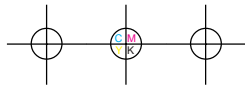
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• MOVIE PIX •

Guarding Tess

The 1994, PG13, comedy drama, written by Hugh Wilson and Peter Torokvei, directed by Hugh Wilson. Starring Nicholas Cage and Shirley MacLaine.

I've seen this movie several times and I like it more and more each time. I'm not a real big fan of Shirley MacLaine, but in this, she does a great job. It's a comedy, cats and dogs story and a buddy movie, with a little suspense near the end.

The Storyline: Special Agent Chesnick (Cage, in one of his less manic roles) is on guard duty for former first lady Tess Carlyle (MacLaine). He is a by-the-book agent who would rather be on a "real" assignment and chafes at being a heavily armed butler, she balks at the restrictions involved and couldn't care less about the rules. Natch, they get along as well as oil and vinegar. Chesnick tries to get out of his detail, but she won't let him (the phone calls from the President are hilarious, I assume it's supposed to be George Bush, Sr.). Despite annoying the daylights out of each other, they form some real respect and friendship.

The suspense part comes in when Tess is kidnaped, and her team scrambles to rescue her. A bit of trivia, director Hugh Wilson does the voice of the president, and it's great.

OK, it's a bit contrived, but it is a funny and cute story. The humor delivered by both Cage and MacLaine is dry and dead pan, making it all the more funny. The principals work well together, and although the story is essentially Cage and MacLaine, the rest of the cast has some fun bits, too.

Cage is one of my favorite actors, and some of his best are Raising Arizona, Vampires Kiss,



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Moonstruck, and Amos and Andrew. Some of MacLaine's best are Used People, Steel Magnolias, Terms of Endearment, and Being There.

Some more Presidential movies are Dave, American President, Primary Colors, Wag the Dog, and Air Force One. These and about 5000 other titles are available on VHS or DVD at Movie Stop on by and give them a look.

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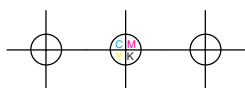
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Kilwin's officially changes hands



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lowing day as long as the motion is made by at least one person who voted with the prevailing side.

Developer Chuck Simmerson's attorney William Clarke was present at the meeting and disagreed with Coward citing the decision at two previous planning board meetings to recommend rezoning the property to R-3.

"I think the process is still open because you, yourselves want to rezone the property to R-2," Clarke said. "This is smart growth, and Mr. Simmerson is willing to do everything you have encouraged him to do."

But either way, Coward said the board couldn't take a look at a rezoning request for the property for 12 months.

The town denied rezoning the property R-3 and sent the issue to the planning board for consideration, who agreed in a 4-2 decision that the property should be R-3 - not once, but twice. The second consideration was initiated by the Town Board who suggested the entire property be down-zoned to R-2. But the planning board stuck by its initial decision.

At Wednesday night's meeting, Commissioner Hank Ross suggested rezoning the commercial B-4 portion of the split-zoned property to R-3, saying that would at least reduce the number of multi-family units by four. The back part of the property could remain R-2, he said.

Commissioner Amy Patterson argued that light commercial B-4 was to be a buffer between residential and commercial zones. She said if the entire parcel was rezoned R-2 it wouldn't "degrade" the property's value, in fact it would be better than it's current split-zoned scenario.

"The way it is now, the R-2 portion overlooks the commercial B-4 zone, which degrades the R-2 portion."

But Commissioner Ross felt the property could be better used rezoned R-3.

"This is one piece of property that has a much better use than commercial," he said.

Commissioner Patterson emphatically disagreed with Ross and said there was no greater threat than allowing more people on the plateau.

"Highlands is finite," she said. "Yes, they're coming, but you shouldn't increase the number of people or the density. I am opposed to any multi-family which doubles the density."

Real Estate Broker for the property Wick Ashburn asked the board if they could rescind their votes and vote again on the issue, but was shot down.

Later Simmerson said he was going to develop the property one way or another, but if there is the "slightest chance" of doing it the way he originally proposed - multi-family units on a R-3 plot - he would do it that way.

"Obviously that's the best way to go," he said. At this point four to five retail shops with apartments above are planned for the B-4 portion and four single-family homes for the R-2 portion.

But at this point, neither the town nor Simmerson or any other multi-family developer are getting what they want.

The same night developer David Bock requested the rezoning of a 4.423-acre parcel on Smallwood and South Fifth Streets from R-2 to R-3 to allow a multi-family development. The property is owned by Michael Crisp, Judith Edwards Crisp and Mozelle Edwards.

Bock said the surrounding property owners weren't opposed to the plans for the development, which would include eight buildings of two-unit duplexes for a total of 16 units.

However, based on the Werder property decision and because it looked like the request would be denied, Bock withdrew his application.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said her position was clear on additional multi-family developments in town. Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said he was not going to make a motion regarding rezoning the property until conditional zoning was in place. Conditional zoning would give the Town Board leeway to determine development on a site-specific basis.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein said he was still working on conditional zoning with the Institute of Government.

Chamber board changes presidents



Outgoing Chamber of Commerce president Wick Ashburn hands the reins over to Jim Mullen. Mullen's reign begins with the Chamber's move to its new location, The Phelps House.

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thus taking the responsibility of defining the ambiguous term off the hands of the board.

James said if a building is determined to be destroyed, it should go to the zoning board for a special use permit saying "somebody's got to interpret repairs to include when something's destroyed."

Town Administrator Richard Betz, who was not in attendance, wrote a "draft" amended portion of the ordinance to read "non-conforming buildings destroyed by fire or other natural disasters, to the extent that the appraised value has been reduced by 50 percent or more, may not be reconstructed except in accordance with all of the requirements of this ordinance."

But his verbal input was not requested at the recent sub-committee meeting. Betz and Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein were expressly asked not to attend the meeting.

At the March 16 Town Board meeting, commissioners Gantenbein and Betz went head-to-head in their differing interpretations of the current ordinance.

Gantenbein said he informed the board in 2002 "to make sure there

weren't any non-conforming buildings in the setback" that the board wanted "to get rid of" because after the ordinance was amended the board wouldn't be able to change anything.

Patterson said it was a matter of interpretation and if a building is destroyed it shouldn't be rebuilt in the setback, stating the ordinance was referring only to repairs and alterations.

"There are no experts out there that can write an ordinance so it can't be nit-picked," James said.

Betz and Gantenbein both interpreted the amended ordinance to allow rebuilds as the foundation remained.

The issue of destroyed has yet to be decided, but the members on the sub-committee agreed they should determine what they want and then let a lawyer draft an amendment to the ordinance not Betz or Gantenbein.

"We need to figure out what we want it to say and tell someone with some legal background," said Ross. "Maybe the town attorney or the league of municipalities to re-write the ordinance."

Another subcommittee meeting is set for July 16 at 8:30 a.m. in Town Hall.

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ion to every project without regard to the nature of the project or the topography of the land."

And the planning board agreed, unanimously, stating that a minimum 20-foot buffer was needed and the Appearance Commission and Zoning Board should have the latitude to require a wider buffer where it was needed on a case-by-case basis.

Gantenbein said he originally made

the 40-foot setback a vegetative buffer, but then realized it was unnecessary and suggested a formula - two staggered rows of plants placed five feet apart - for the minimum 20-foot buffer making sure it was opaque.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf disagreed saying the 40-foot buffer wouldn't hinder the multi-family development; it would just depend on the size of the lot.



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Highlands is an upscale resort town rapidly becoming famous nationwide. We should have a first class waste program, well publicized so visitors will know what to do with waste. Currently, we are saying, "Come to Highlands, see our dumps.)

Chris Stahl, director of Macon County Waste, thinks people don't care. I disagree. I think people just don't know where to put their waste. Hazardous waste and building materials are not permitted at dumps in many areas of the country. Being visitors, they assume the same exists here. Most people I know who visit us don't want to litter. Again, who wants to go to the dump while on vacation?

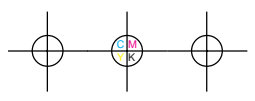
And who is throwing all those empty beer cans along our roads? I'll bet it isn't the tourists or the country club people. In my 37 years of visiting and living in Highlands, I have never once seen an empty beer can get flung from a Mercedes, Lexus or Lincoln Continental, but empty beer cans are everywhere.

The way to stop the trashing of our roads is to put a countywide seven-cent deposit return on all aluminum cans and bottles. The stores make money,

the roads will be cleaner and serious beer drinkers can pick up some extra money by picking up littered empties. Beer drinkers are like cigarette smokers; no matter what you charge, they'll still drink beer.

And are you sitting down? Probably the worse case scenario for illegal dumping occurred right under our noses. Someone, probably in the dead of night, snuck in here and dropped several loads of demolished building materials right on Oak Street, a block from the police station. Talk about chutzpah. They tried to hide their sin by covering it with dirt but, with all the torrential rains we have had, all the dirt eroded down the hill, making an even bigger mess, exposing bricks, roofing, mortar, scrap wood, etc.

We should appoint Little John as our chief investigator on this. After all, he is the czar of waste. He is always on time with his pickups and has a big smile for everyone. If Highlands lets those scofflaws get away with this brazen dumping, how can anyone expect law abiding citizens to have respect for the town's waste policies? I say, Sic'em, Little John."



Hospital's spring screenings show need for healthier lifestyles

Area residents need to be paying a lot more attention to the numbers – their health numbers, that is.

A record number of area residents participated in this year's annual series of free community health screenings, conducted this spring by Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. And if the results of those screenings are any indication of the overall state of health of the area's population, many of us need to watch our diets, exercise more, and take steps now to head off more serious medical problems down the road.

For example, approximately 60 percent of the nearly 400 people who took part in the six community screenings this spring showed some indication of having either high or borderline high cholesterol. Unlike screenings conducted in other areas, the hospital runs a full lipid profile on every participant which breaks down the results into six different categories. Nearly two thirds of those tested had higher than recommended levels in one or more categories.

"A screening isn't a substitute for seeing your physician," cautioned local internal medicine physician Dr. Mark Wagner. "It's only an indicator that you might have a problem. There are many other things to consider, such as each individual's risk factors that need to be considered. If you were one of those people with cholesterol numbers outside the generally acceptable range, you should talk to your physician."

Cholesterol isn't the only thing area residents may need to worry about. Forty-three percent of screening participants had at least one of two common indicators for obesity. A third of those tested had higher than healthy levels of body fat. And roughly a third had a body mass index of 26 or higher, which may indicate they are overweight.

"These numbers do not always paint a true picture, particularly for someone whose fitness level is borderline, but clearly there are a lot of people out there who need to consider changing to a more healthy lifestyle," said Yvonne Smith, MHS, RD, a dietitian and exercise instructor who heads the hospital's HealthTracks program. "When compared to the population nationwide, the

numbers of people who should be concerned about their weight who came to the screenings is not that large. Many studies indicate as many as two-thirds of the American population are overweight. Still, there's no way to know if those who took part in the screening are representative of the area's general population."



Blood pressure test

The screening results also showed that 22 percent of participants may have either hypertension or pre-hypertension, and about 11 percent had blood sugar levels higher than recommended, indicating they may be at increased risk for diabetes. About 10 percent of men over the age of 45 who took part in the screening had PSA (prostate specific antigen) test results that indicated they should follow up with their doctors.

Not everyone who participated was a candidate for the osteoporosis screening test, offered jointly by the hospital and the Osteoporosis Program at Haywood Regional Medical Center. The appropriateness of that test is based on age and risk factors, but of the 139 who were tested for possible bone loss, approximately 85 percent were found to be likely candidates for more comprehensive diagnostic testing.

"The hospital's goal in holding these free screenings each year is to reach as many segments of our communities as possible. The focus is on providing prevention and wellness education to people where they live, rather than asking them to come to us," says hospital Administrator Jim Graham. "There is no cost involved and everyone is welcome. We see this as part of the hospital's mission."

In addition to the testing procedures, each screening provides plenty of opportunity to obtain free advice from hospital staff and area physicians.

"This represents a significant commitment on the part of the Hospital's staff and a number of local physicians," said Graham. "It takes a dedicated team, and we are fortunate to have that kind of folks associated with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. It's very rewarding to see the number of people from the community who take advantage of screenings each spring. That's what makes all of our efforts worthwhile."

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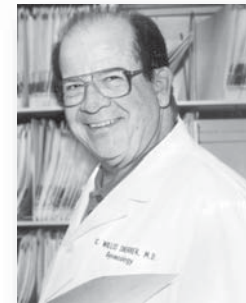
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Highlands Historical Society's Historical Village opens this weekend – July 8 & 9

On Friday and Saturday, July 8th and 9th, the Highlands Historical Society will celebrate the Grand Opening of the Highlands Historical Village. The occasion marks the renovation of two buildings on North 4th Street that will house the museum and archives.

The ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m., officiated by Mayor Buck Trott and including special guests, but the entire public is invited to attend.

In the old Hudson Library building, which will soon house the archives of the town's history and many historical artifacts, Ran Shaffner will describe some of the truly fascinating treasures contained in these archives. Quoting from letters, interviews, articles, books, sayings, and diaries by local people who long ago made Highlands their home, he will focus on the humor and wisdom of the personalities and characters that have made Highlands unique among Southern towns.

The society hopes residents of the town will contribute stories and records of their families, as well to the Highlands archives for the general public to value as much as these ancestral letters, diaries, etc. are already appreciated.

On Saturday, from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., a selection of native family artifacts, documents, and photos will be on display, including subjects of historical interest that relate to the history of the town and video showings of past interviews with memorable personalities. Docents from the Wright family will help lead tours of the House-Trapier-Wright House, also known as the "Prince House," which is the oldest house in town, built by millwright Arthur House in 1877 and home to the Rev. Richard Trapier and his daughter Alicia, at the turn of the 20th century, as well as the Wright family for over 80 years.

At 4 p.m., Rebecca Schilling will give a special preview of her "Walk-in-

the-Park" portrayal of Ella Hudson, for whom the old Hudson Library was originally named.

And from 7-9 p.m., there will be music, dancing, and refreshments. Johnny Webb will lead his well-known JW Band, and Donnie Calloway will serve as caller for square dancing, reviving a once extraordinarily popular Highlands pastime.

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Selwyn Chalker, outgoing president of Highlands Rotary Club presents new president LaDonna Keener with the Rotary plaque.

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erty, commissioners agreed to amend the B-3 ordinance to accept clustering.

At the July 6 Town Board meeting, commissioners were called to consider a subdivision request based on those B-3 clustering allowances made last year.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein said by today's standards, a subdivision of four structures called Mill Creek Village on less than an acre on Mill Creek Lane could not be to be built.

But since the development is in existence with all infrastructure including parking and roads intact, it now falls under clustering in B-3.

For years the property has been used as a vacation rental complex. Now the owner wants to subdivide the cluster to sell the four structures as individual plots.

Gantenbein said the cluster amendment to B-3 was not restricted to new development and subdividing a cluster development is legal, as long as the setback requirements can still be met within

the cluster. Each plot must be at least 6,000 sq. ft., and each structure has a five-foot setback from the other, a total of 10-feet between structures.

Gantenbein said to meet the five-foot setback requirement, decks have to be removed, but other than that, the subdivision is in compliance as a clustered entity in B-3.

The Town Board voted unanimously to allow the lots to be designated, but even though the property is in the B-3 commercial zone, once plotted as four residential units, it can't revert back to commercial or retail use without Town Board approval.

When subdividing a property into less than three lots, the Town Board doesn't have to get involved, but since four plots were requested, the Town Board had to hear the case.

In B-3, lots have to be a minimum of 6,000 sq. ft. - at Mill Creek Village, one lot is 6,000 sq. ft., one is 9,000, one 10,000 and one 11,000.

Volunteers needed for school project

Volunteers are needed to help Highlands School PTO with the beautification of the middle school.

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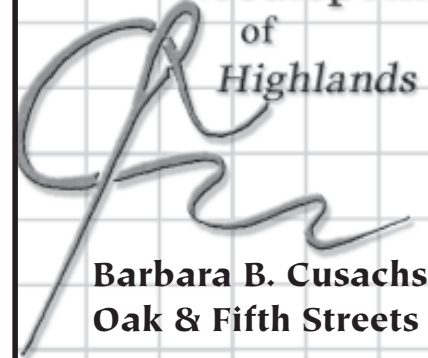


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End of tenure marked with historical visit, festivities

Father Bill Evans has seen a lot of changes at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church, a mission church of Franklin. Church membership has tripled during his seven-year tenure and it has become a full-service church. Changes include a full-service Sunday school lead by Kristen Karcher and a full-service music program lead by Mary Beth Brody.

Father Evans hopes the Bishop will raise the status of the church to "parish" instead of a mission church. "During his visit recently, he was not unfavorable to the idea," he said.



The Most Reverend Peter J. Jugis Bishop of Charlotte confirmed Steven Karcher at the Wed., June 22 mass at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church.



Bishop Peter Jugis and Father Bill Evans during Wednesday's mass.

Far right: church member George Schmitt and Father Evans chat at the June 26 "goodbye picnic." Brendan Karcher looks on.



Deacon Charles Heine spoke at the luncheon saying how much he loved Father Evans and how much he will be missed at Our Lady of the Mountain Church. Father Evans will retire in Cashiers but will stay busy as a "rent-a-priest" anywhere west of Asheville.

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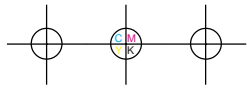
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Sack and three-legged races – reminiscent of days of old – are a tradition in Highlands on the Fourth of July. Residents and visitors, young and old, partake in the fun.

Popcorn, cotton candy and ice cold softdrinks whether enjoyed from the bed of a pick-up truck or from a boulder rounded out the fare.



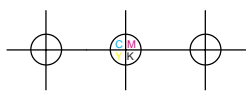
Alex Bronaugh and Christopher Potts enjoy typical Fourth of July eats.



Jewel Hedden and Sandra Baty pose with actors Don Knots and Jim Nabors look-alikes who brought "Mayberry" to Highlands this year when they portrayed Barney and Gomer.

Far left, Highlands Rotarians, Joan Levison, Diane McPhail and LaDonna Keener serve up heaps of BBQ with all the fixings.

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Summer Colors Art Show



Photographer David Owens will exhibit this photograph of the Blue Ridge as well as others at the show July 16-17 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Rec Park.

Cashiers Designer Showhouse: The history of Lonesome Valley

The showhouse runs from August 20 – September 4. Visitors to The Homestead at Lonesome Valley can see the vision of designers from throughout the Southeast, benefitting the Zachary-Tolbert House restoration fund and 2005 grant recipient Cashiers Community Council. Tickets for the Showhouse, as well as the August 19 “Diamonds and Denim” Patron Party. Call 828-743-7710 for tickets.

Who could have imagined that a family immigrating to this country more than 200 years ago would someday be involved in the Cashiers Designer Showhouse? Aptly presented by the Cashiers Historical Society, The Homestead at Lonesome Valley, the eighth annual Showhouse, has its roots firmly planted in the Jennings family history.

The Jennings family arrived in this country, settled in western Pennsylvania and throughout the 1800s and early-mid-1900s, became prominent business and social leaders in Pittsburgh. Mr. Jennings and his brothers, later joined by son E. H., built the E.H. Jennings & Bros. firm into a Pennsylvania-wide oil production company.

Traveling to then-known “Sapphire Country” in the late 1800s, E.H. and several partners created the Toxaway Company which included Lake Toxaway, property around the lake, surrounding resort areas and the Toxaway, Fairfield and Sapphire Inns. By 1911, the Toxaway Company had to declare bankruptcy. E.H. Jennings bought the company in foreclosure for \$100,000, giving him ultimately ownership of 27,000 acres and the three hotels.

With almost unimaginable foresight, Jennings built a road around Lake Toxaway, an electric light plant, a nine-hole golf course and a club house.

Throughout the early 1900s, the Jennings family returned annually to “Sapphire Country,” by now experiencing tremendous growth. Among Jennings’ property that he protected was Lonesome Valley.

During the 1950s, as the Jennings family began to sell some of their property, Jennings’ oldest son Richard G. bought an additional 550 acres in the box canyon adjacent to Lonesome Valley. After Richard G.’s death, one of his sons, Richard, Jr., became the ultimate owner of Lonesome Valley. He and his wife raised their children there – at a time when the nearest doctors were in Sylva and Asheville - and Richard, Jr. started mink and trout farms.

Though none of Richard, Jr.’s children live at Lonesome Valley today, their multi-generational legacy remains. One of Richard Jr.’s children owns a trout farm in Waynesville with her husband; one is an architect; and in Cashiers, as well as Sapphire, Brevard and Franklin, The family is committed to protecting Lonesome Valley’s natural integrity, respecting its historic legacy and by careful planning, creating a community on the property where families come together to enjoy a uniquely beautiful place with a “big house,” authentic cottages overlooking a meadow of natural plantings, fly fishing, trails, swimming, tennis and a spectacular view of Laurel Knob.

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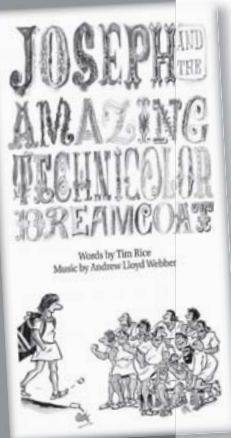
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Police chief to start July 11

By Kim Lewicki

highlandseditor@aol.com

Eleven resumes and five interviews later, Highlands has a new police chief.

Bill Harrell, 32, of Franklin and Detective of Criminal Investigations with the Macon County Sheriff's Department, will officially take over July 11.

"But the sheriff has assured me that he can be on hand if needed between now and then," said Mayor Buck Trott.

Of the five finalists Harrell and one other contender, currently with the Salem, N.C., police department, were the strongest candidates, said Trott.

He said the board picked Harrell for several reasons – his experience with the Franklin, Morganton and Hickory police departments, as well as his experience with the Sheriff's department; his Bachelors of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, and the fact that he knows the area.

"He's been up here quite a bit and was one of the first School Resource Officers," said Trott. "He comes with an excellent recommendation from the Sheriff, too."

"I think Bill Harrell will make a fine Police Chief for the City of Highlands. He has proven to be an outstanding officer here at the Macon County Sheriff's Office and someone that I could always count on to get the job done," said Sheriff Robbie Holland. "He handles himself in a professional manner and treats people with the respect they deserve even under stressful situations. I know that he will expect nothing but the same of his officers. Chief Harrell has my full support, and I wish him the very best as he takes his new position."

Both he and the candidate from Salem said they could apply "big city" policing to a small town and the board is anxious to see Harrell put his plan to work.

"Not that the current department isn't doing a good job, but I think we will see some changes as to policing and management styles once he gets on board," said Trott.

Several board members were impressed with Harrell's plan. "He actually had one," said one board member.

Trott acknowledges the three other local candidates, Acting Chief Willy Houston, Detective Todd Ensley and officer Cliff Ammons may feel stilted.

"But that's human nature, and I understand that," Trott said. "There's bound to be a transition period, and I just hope they will cooperate and help the new chief. That's all I'm asking."

Harrell, too, says a time of healing is expected. "I understand their feelings, and once I get up there I will be able to see for myself the tone and direction of the department and the goals and aspirations each of the officers have for themselves," he said. "Then I can see how all of that can be used to better serve the community of Highlands."

He plans to develop a mission statement to incorporate a general vision of "making a difference in at least one person's life each day" by implementing a core of beliefs – integrity, professionalism, fairness, compassion, respect, cooperation, perseverance and a shared vision.

Harrell is married with two children ages two and four.

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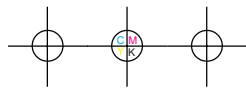
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Episcopal church musical performance a great success

By Fletcher Wolfe

The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation presented its first concert of its newly established fine art series a few weeks ago and it went over with a bang. In the midst of a torrential rain storm, a full house showed up to hear the brilliant Robert Henry perform. And perform he did, giving the large hall a program which both delighted and excited playing works by Boulanger, Bach and Chopin. Henry played with amazing technical musicality. His playing so captivated the audience that at the end of each piece, they stood, cheered and whistled so that one might think you were at a sports event. During the performance the electricity went out and the artist and audience were cast in a dark hall. Not to worry, Henry never missed a beat. Such is the caliber of performances



Kathye J. Gary, soprano
the community can expect at the Church of the Incarnations summer fine art and interlude series. He performs again Sunday, July 10 at 3 p.m. at the Episcopal Church and it's free.

Next up is "A Program of Spirituals, July 20 at 2 p.m., featuring Lawrence Weaver, pianist and Kathye J. Gary, soprano.

Aug. 3 it's The Capital City Opera Company from Atlanta with director Donna Angel; and Aug. 17, Katherine Palmer, pianist and David Kirby, clarinet.

Alternating Wednesdays the interludes move to First Presbyterian Church also at 2 p.m.

Coming up: July 13: Vance Reese, organist; July 27, John Greene, tenor with Kathryn Greene Heeney, soprano; Aug. 10, Kate Watson, soprano accompanied by Sandra Bush; Aug. 24, Stell Huie, baritone accompanied by Angie Jenkins; and Aug. 31, The Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet. Admission is free.



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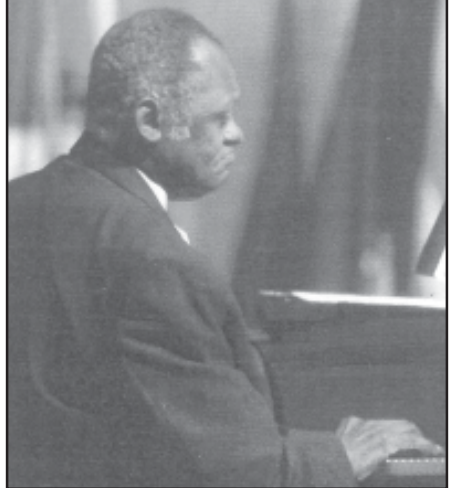
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Lawrence Weaver, pianist

VBS at First Baptist

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This year participants will be involved with a world-wide mission of providing school kits for the needy children of Africa through operation "Kid-to-Kid."

There will be a special closing program on Friday, July 15 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 526-4153.



“So what do you do?”



Bill McCutchen

I was recently in Denver on some business (and pleasure) taking in that other mountain range out west. My wife, Lisa, and I were enjoying a late evening on our hotel's restaurant patio with Mark, a man we had met from Boston. The conversation lingered and we laughed late into the evening. Mark was alone in Denver having been recently relocated by his firm. His new wife of four weeks was back east. We talked for quite a while when the inevitable question was asked of me, "What do you do?" As a pastor, I sometimes cringe at that question because my answer quickly sets the tone for the rest of the conversation. Mark didn't seem to flinch too much at my response; however, he did quickly ask for forgiveness for swearing earlier in the evening and a couple of other minor 'sins' committed in his recent past. We laughed some more and toasted his birthday together and then went our separate ways.

Last night we were enjoying the Fourth of July with some friends over in Cashiers. As we were walking together, they mentioned that they have altered the manner in which they describe us to others. Instead of saying, "We're going over to our pastor's house," they simply say, "We're going to our friends' house." They realized that they were identifying me more with a position and a title rather than a person.

I've joked with people who call me "Pastor Bill" that I would start greeting them in similar fashion. "Hello, school teacher Sue." "Greetings, real estate agent Bob." "Good morning homemaker Jane." What are titles all about anyway?

In this brief musing, I simply want to say that what matters most is who you are rather than what you do. As a Christian who views the world and life through lenses grounded by the gospel of Jesus Christ, I approach this issue in a particular way. Some of you may disagree with my perspective and I respect that freedom. That being said, what matters most in this world is not the wealth you accumulate, the friendships you amass, the good deeds you perform, or the title you obtain. What matters most is who you are in relation to God – not some ethereal concept of God, but the God of the Bible.

I have been a pastor. I have been a truck salesman. I am a father. I am a husband. I have been a data entry clerk. I have been a dishwasher in a restaurant. I am and have been lots of things. All those titles mean very little, or nothing at all if I am not first a man who has come to know himself fully by being fully known by his Creator. As you ponder ultimate questions and ultimate meanings I invite you to look into God's Word and investigate what He has to say about who you are. I think you will find an answer that transcends anything this world has to offer you with all of its titles.

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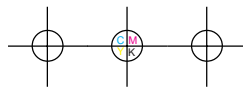
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- HealthTracks is currently offering two yoga classes per week, both taught by certified instructor Carole Mackey. "Gentle Yoga" is held each Tues. at 5:15 p.m. "Hatha Yoga" is offered Wed. at 5:15 p.m. in the fitness studio on the first level of the new Jane Woodruff Clinic. Cost of the class is \$12 per session or 10 sessions for \$100. Call HealthTracks at 526-1348

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July 7

- Live entertainment at SweetTreats, Bobby Sullivan.

- Mozart at Wolfgang's on Main at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Highlands Chamber Music and Wolfgang's.

July 8

- Instant Theater at 8 p.m. features SaraJune & Jeff Treadwell and John Roman. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197.

July 8-9

- Don't Count Your Chickens Folk Art Show, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, at the Highlands Conference Center at Poplar Street.

- Weaver Carol Cassidy at the Old Rangoon, at 10 -11:30 a.m.

- Grand Opening of Highlands Historic Village. Ribbon cutting at 7 p.m. Friday; 7:15 p.m., recognition of special guest; 7:30-8 p.m., Remarks by Ran Shaffner. On Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Museum/Archive Opening (native family artifacts of early Highlands. Viewing of the Prince House). 4 p.m., Walk in the Park preview with Rebecca Schilling portraying Ms. Ella Hudson; music and refreshments 7-9 p.m. featuring Johnny Webb & The JW Band with Donnie Calloway as caller and the Carolina Christian Cloggers.

July 9

- Instant Theater at 8 p.m. features the many faces of Brian Starr. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197.

- At Highlands Assembly of God Church The Dendy Family Gospel singers and supper. Dinner is at 5 p.m. and Gospel Singing begins at 7 p.m. Call Rev. Scott Holland at 524-6026 for information.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike, with an 800 foot elevation gain, on the Rock Mountain loop trail. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9 a.m. Call leader Eva Hansen, 743-1611, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

- Learn flower arranging for all occasions at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Saturday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Famous floral designers Linda Roecklein, Coordinator of the Flower Guild for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and Sue Morris, also of the Guild, will conduct the demonstration. Cost is \$40 and includes a box lunch. For reservations call 526-2968.

July 10

- Free concert at the Episcopal Church. Robert Henry will perform at 3 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5 mile stroll through the Highlands Biological gardens through woods and wetlands where many plants are labeled. Meet at Macon Plaza (Bi-Lo) in Franklin at 2 p.m. or call leader to arrange an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820

July 11

- "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining" at Wolfgang's on Main. Tour Down Under - Australian wines, art by Elizabeth Ellison. 6 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

July 11-15

- Basketball camp for rising 3-8 graders at Highlands School. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$75 or (\$100 maximum per family) Bring your own lunch - drinks will be sold. Application forms can be picked up at the school office.

- Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church - Serengeti Trek, where kids are wild about God's love - 9-11:45 a.m. Call 526-4153 to register.

- Gar's Kids Camp at Carpe Diem Farms, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. -- working with horses, nature hikes and more. \$650 per child. Call 526-2854 for more information.

July 11-23

- Acting and Scene Study for teenagers ages 14 to 18. The Instructor will be Max Vogler, a professional actor from New York and frequent guest star on NBC's Law & Order. \$175 per session. Scholarships available. Call 526-1687.

July 13-14

- Chef from Carpe River Trading Company at the Hen House on Main Street demonstrating the use of some of his cooking items from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

July 14 & 15

- The 7th Annual Highlands Garden Tour to benefit the Bascom-Louise Gallery. For tickets visit the gallery in the Hudson Library or call 526-4949. Platinum sponsors: Meadows Mountain Realty, Barry & Paula Jones of the Summer House. Gold sponsors: Macon Bank, The Bird Barn, Chattooga Gardens and Bryant Art Glass. Patron Party is July 14. Tour: 7/15.

July 14-31

- At the Highlands Playhouse, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

July 15

- Instant Theater at 8 p.m. features Brian Starr, Cindy McConnell and New York actor Max Vogler. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197.

July 15-16

- At Acorns - Steven Dweck Fine Jewelry Trunk Show 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

July 15-17

- A "Walk in the Park" where actors portray people from Highlands' past.

July 16

- Instant Theater at 8 p.m. features Songwriters-in-the-Round: George Reeves, Jon Zachary, Billy Dalton, John Roman and Wanda Lou. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197.

- Mirror Lake Improvement Association will have an outing on at 4 p.m. at the south pavilion at the Rec Park. Hotdogs and soft drinks will be provided and members will

bring picnic fare accompaniments and lawn chairs. There won't be a regular meeting in July nor a litter pickup in July.

- At the Bird Barn - Steve Turpin who creates face jugs and other pottery will be turning pots outside from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike to two waterfalls, Spoon Auger and King Falls, with the option of hiking an additional three miles to Hidden Falls. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9 a.m. Call leader Doug Dean in Greenville, 864-718-9265, for information.

July 16-17

- The "Summer Colors Fine Art Show" at the Highlands Rec Park, will feature Shaun Moss's Sparkle Magic Show at 1 p.m. The Children's Craft Table is well supervised and will be available both Saturday and Sunday from 10-4. There will be crafts and also a chair to paint and decorate which will then be donated to the Arts Alliance of Highlands for their autumn fundraising.

July 18

- "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining" at Wolfgang's on Main. Wines by Monticello Vineyards. Artist Scott Upton. 6 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

July 20

- International fiber artist, Dorothy Johnson will present a slide presentation on contemporary designs in needlework from 6-8 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation. Many of her pieces will be on display. Call 526-2593 for more information.

- Folkmoot performing at PAC at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 526-9047. Performers demonstrate cultural heritage through colorful, authentic and original reproduction costumes, lively dances and beautiful music. Call 526-4904 for more information.

July 20-22

- Watercolors, In the Audubon Tradition with John Ruthven at B-L Gallery. Register as soon as possible. Call the gallery at 526-4949.

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- At The Farm at Old Edwards Inn - Wine Dinner at 6 p.m. featuring The Hess Collection Winery with presenter Henri Ferrier. \$149 per person, Call 526-9319, ext. 2609 for reservations.

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July 21-23

- At Acorns - Francesca Roman Fine Jewelry Trunk Show 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

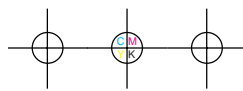
July 22

- Instant Theater Little Entertainments features guests Mt. Quartet, John Williams and Max Vogler \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197.

July 22-23

- 2nd Annual Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Days at Sapphire Valley. A day of lectures, slide presentations, hikes, children's programs and live animal exhibits. For information, call 743-7663.

- Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery will be at Bird Barn signing his pottery from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of July 1-6.

July 1

- At 10:30 a.m., a resident reported an attempted larceny of his home in Wild Cat Cliffs Country Club. Officers referred the case to the Jackson County Sheriff's Dept.

- At 11 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint from a resident on Big Bear Pen Road. The occupants were told to quiet down.

- At 11:30 a.m., officers were informed about an accident on Sunset Rocks Road. There was minimal damage but no injuries.

- At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Split Rail Road. All was secure.

- At 2 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Main Street. There were no injuries.

- At 3 p.m., officers responded to a two car accident on Main Street. There were no injuries.

- At 4:38 p.m., a visitor reported losing her cell phone, possibly in the public restroom.

July 2

- At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident on Spruce Street between two vehicles. There were no injuries.

July 3

- Officers responded to a domestic dispute on Wahoo Lane.

July 4

- At 11:45 a.m., a resident on Hickory Hill Road returning for the summer reported an attempted breaking and entering of his home. Officers were unable to find any signs of forced entry.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for July 1-6.

July 2

- The dept. responded to a report of an accident on N.C. 106. It was unfounded.

- The dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers Fire Department but it was cancelled en route.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Horse Cove Road. There was no transport.

July 3

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on N.C. 106.


July 4

- The dept. stood-by during the fireworks display.

July 6

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Horse Cove Road. There was no transport.

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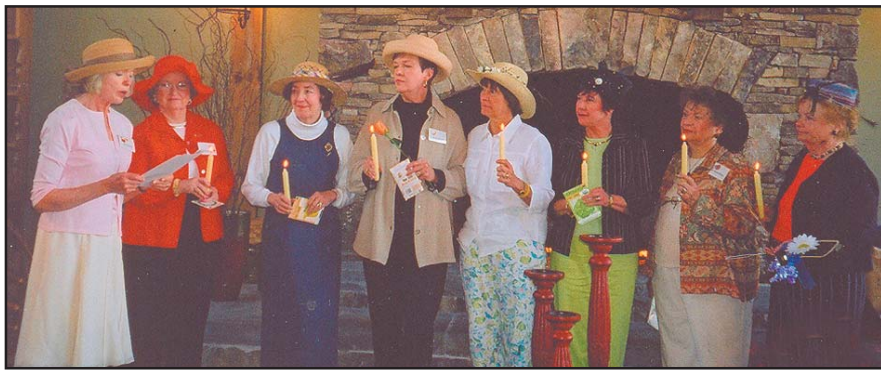
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Mountain Garden Club installs new officers



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Burish, chair elect for American Cancer Society coming to MountainTop relay

On August 26, the Mountaintop community will not only welcome its fifth year of Relay For Life, but will also have the opportunity to welcome a special guest, the Chair Elect for the American Cancer Society, Dr. Thomas Burish.

Dr. Thomas Burish will be at the opening ceremonies at 6 p.m. He is the president of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. He has been an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society since 1983, chairing a number of scientific advisory committees including the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Research and Medical Grants. He has been a member of the ACS National Board of Directors since 1991.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is an overnight celebration of life and cancer survivorship. It's a unique team event designed to raise awareness about cancer and raise funds to support the research, education, advocacy, and patient services vital to the society's mission of eliminating cancer. Relayers camp out at the event, and when they are not taking their turn walking, have fun participating in Relay activities and enjoying fabulous local entertain-

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The Relay For Life of Mountain Top has held the number one ranking as the top Relay in the nation since the first event five years ago. The first-year goal of \$15,000 was surpassed by teams raising \$100,000. To date, Mountaintop has raised \$693,000 for the American Cancer Society through the Relay For Life.

The strength of the Mountain Top event is in our teams. They are sources of inspiration for the community and are made up from all walks of life. Churches, schools, family teams, businesses, medical professionals and civic organizations have stepped up in the fight against cancer.

This August, the proceeds are expected to surpass the



Dr. Thomas Burish

\$250,000 mark. Funds will be used to help the American Cancer Society to eradicate cancer through education, advocacy, research and service.

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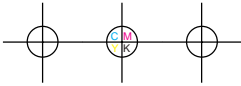
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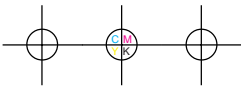
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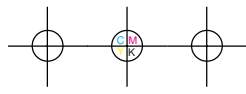
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