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## On-Going

• Every Tuesday evening, Spiritual Cinema Circle at The Instant Theatre Company brought to you by StarPony Productions at 7 pm. Visionary, inspiring movies showcased at film festivals around the world are viewed. Suggested donation: \$5, Beverages and snacks available for purchase.

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• Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scott's Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri it's Rickey Dean on piano.

## Sept. 2

• Book signing at Cyrano's on Main Street. Pat Conroy - *The Pat Conroy Cookbook*

• BBQ at the Peggy Crosby Center, 348 S. 5th St., 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with live music by Curtis Blackwell. \$8/plate.

• Stop & Adopt at Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Old-fashioned Hymn Sing at Highlands United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pianist: Tillie Arwood. Song Leader, Carol Shuttleworth.

• Fran Moeller Gatins will sign copies of her new book, "Awakening With Mother Earth: Hearing Gaia Sing" from 1-3 p.m., Saturday at Shakespeare & Company. Highlands, North Carolina.

• Highlands Rock's with Hurricane Creek at the Performing Arts Center, Saturday, 7-10 p.m. BBQ Dinner by Don Leon's Deli. Tickets are \$20 in advance available at Don Leon's or at PAC. \$25.

• Art & Craft show at The Village Square showcasing local artisans from 10 to 5 p.m. Call 787-2021 for info.

• Audubon Field Trip to Highlands Biological Station & Sunset Rock to view Fall Migrants. Meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot at Highlands Town Hall.

## Sept. 3

• At PAC, Bel Canto 4 p.m.; \$150.

• First Baptist Church, Highlands features a concert with Squire Parsons on Sunday, at 6:30 p.m.

## Sept. 4

• A free concert at Pine Street Park, own The Wild Hog Band.

## Sept. 6

• Audubon Work Day, Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at 9 a.m., Highlands Rec Park, North Shelter.

## Menacing dogs threaten pedestrians

As has become their habit, Duane and Margaret Meeter parked their car on Main Street and began their constitutional walk late one afternoon a week ago. They didn't take their usual route because the weather was threatening but instead took

Smallwood Avenue at Harris Lake.

When they crossed Leonard Street, a short-haired, tan, mix-breed dog ran into the street from somewhere on Smallwood barking menacingly, Duane Meeter said.

"My wife said she didn't want to go any farther and at that point

two more smaller dogs joined the other and came running toward us. Then another large dog left its porch and came to the edge of the pavement to join the others so now it was four dogs blocking our way and barking menacing-

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## Highlands School Boys Varsity Soccer ongoing



The second game of the season was Friday, Aug. 24 at Zachary Field. Highlands lost to Rabun Gap Nacoochee 4-1, but Nick Kerhoulas gave it his all. "A young team showed a lot of improvement from the first game when we lost to Tallulah Falls, but we played with much more intensity. We have a tough schedule to start the year but hopefully that will have us ready for the conference schedule and for postseason play," said Coach Chris Green. The next home game is Tues., Sept. 5, against Polk County.

Photo by Noel Atherton

## Seven contenders for superintendent

The interview process for the Macon County Schools superintendent position is about to begin.

During the closed session pe-

### Weekend Weather:



riod of the Aug. 29 school board meeting, members met with Leanne Winner with the NC School Board Association to go over the applications submitted for the job.

When the application period ended Friday, Aug. 11, 17 people had applied for the position of superintendent. "We had a very good return," said Chairman Kevin Corbin. "The state average is 12 applicants and we got 17. I

attribute that to the fact that we have a good school system and the fact that Macon County is a great area."

Each board member received a complete packet of applications about a week ago, so they came to the table with some knowledge about each applicant. Eight of the 17 have superintendent experience; four have assistant superin-

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## Hospital to re-organize its board

With the help of a top-notch consultant who knows the hospital biz inside and out, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is rising from the quagmire of the past year's controversies.

James Orlikoff, of Orlikoff & Associates, which specializes in health care governance, leadership, strategy, quality, organizational development and risk management, says what Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has been going through is very common. "I've seen it hundreds of times," he said. And, he said it's fixable.

It's all about growing pains and learning to deal with an ever-changing medical environment strewn with regulations concerning everything from reimbursements to recruiting.

First of all he is recommending the hospital board change from a "representative model" where folks come to the table representative of a certain group or occupation, to a "leadership model" where folks come to the table with expertise and background, but after extensive on-going training and education learn how to apply their expertise or business for the betterment of the hospital.

Each member will be assigned a committee and will undergo extensive training concerning today's healthcare business so they can make informed decisions concerning the future of High-

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### We need planning

Dear Editor,

As I observe the uncontrolled development in Macon County, I am greatly saddened that the folks who say they love these mountains will not step up to the plate and loudly acknowledge the need for planning. I know that sounds like a cuss word to some who loudly shout "property rights."

We must preserve our rural heritage, maintain the quality of our water and air, allow residential areas some protection from commercial development and stop building on slopes that are too steep. Remember Peek's Creek?

Nearly 60 percent of landslides in the county have started on slopes that have been modified.

Highlands recently adopted a set of ordinances to require more erosion control on slopes steeper than 30 percent. Town planners have even talked of limiting construction all together on steep slopes. There are some county ordinances on the books but with the present staff and no real will to support them, sedimentation continues to foul our creeks and rivers. We need to request more staff and see that these laws are enforced.

Please, my fellow citizens, let your county commissioners know you really want to protect and preserve the beauty of Macon County, and do it before Nov. 7. They need to know we want planning and enforcement of environmental ordinances.

Edna Foster  
Highlands

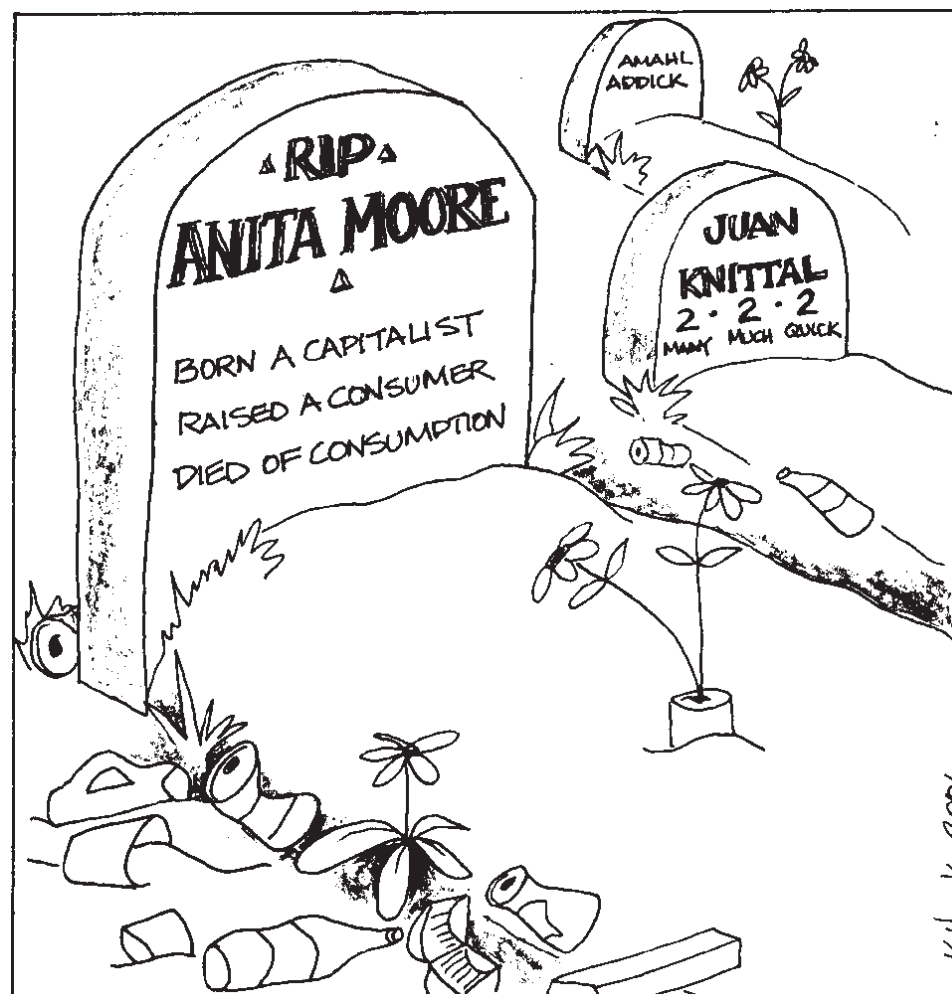
### Town needs to rethink parking regulations

Dear Editor,

What's going on with Don Leon's Restaurant? I understand there is an effort to reduce his seating based on parking spaces. I strongly protest this effort to, in effect, close him down. Don Leon and his establishment has become a landmark of sorts in such a short time and it's quite an enjoyable experience to dine there.

Jim and Janice Allen  
Highlands & Valdosta, GA

## • HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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## Mishandling of funds at Civic Center under investigation

The State Bureau of Investigation has been called in to investigate the possible misappropriation of funds at the Highlands Civic Center.

"Allegations were made and an investigation was launched to see if they are substantial," said Police Chief Bill Harrell. "The investigation is ongoing with the Highlands Police Department and an agent from the SBI for the possible discovery of those allegations."

Harrell said last week, when asked to investigate the allegations, he called in the SBI. "When a department within a municipality is asked to investigate another department within the same municipality, it's sometimes best to request help from outside sources, like the SBI," he said.

Harrell said incident reports weren't filed at the Highlands Police station because the SBI has taken over the investigation and Highlands Police is just assisting. "The paperwork and reports are part of their investigation now," he said.

The SBI is a limited assistant agency upon which other law agencies within the state can call. Harrell said it is quite usual for a department head of a municipality to ask for limited assistance in an investigation if it meets the SBI's protocol for involvement.

Special Agent with the SBI, Mark Buchanan, one of three agents assigned to the Western Division stretching from Hickory west, has been assigned to the case.

"There is no time-line for the investigation because Buchanan is working with us while working other investigations elsewhere in the state and dealing with federal court cases, too," said Harrell.

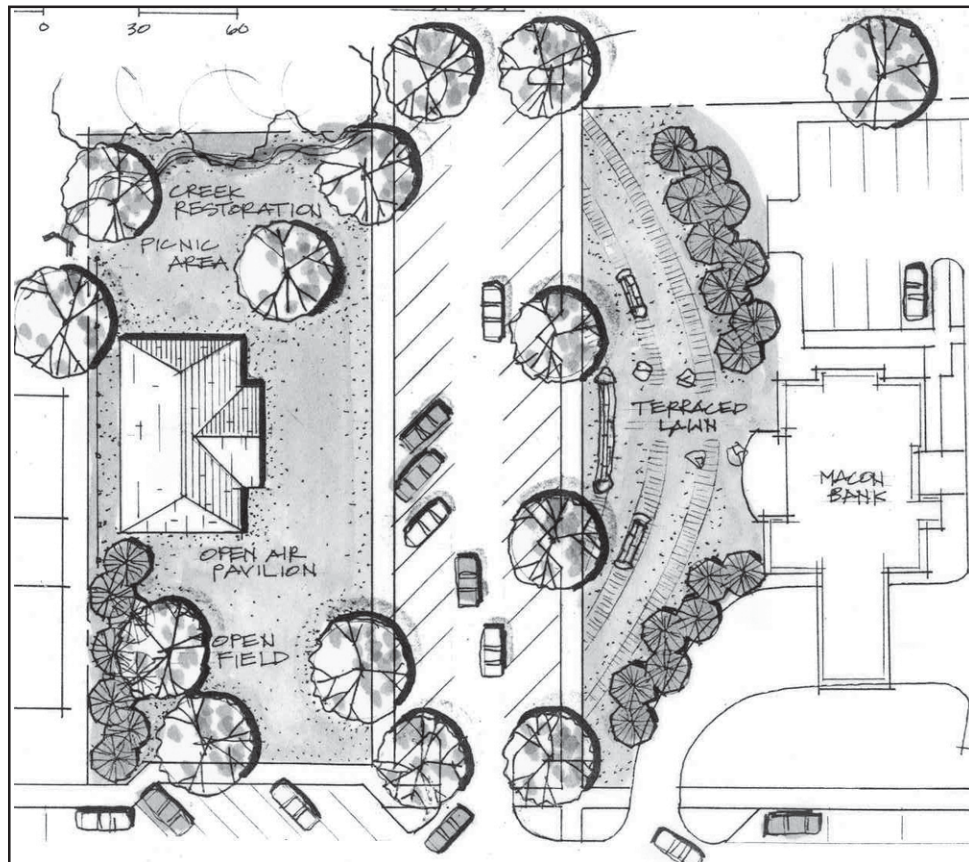
Though Harrell doesn't know when the investigation will finish up, he said with the SBI's help it will be extremely thorough.

The investigation may center around an alleged "slush fund" at the Civic Center, but when asked for particulars, Civic Center Director Selwyn Chalker and Town Administrator Richard Betz said they couldn't comment on whether a slush fund existed or if the investigation involves a slush fund. Nor could they say who made the allegations which instigated the investigation.

During the closed session of the Aug. 27 Town Board meeting, commissioners suspended Bonnie Bryson, civic center coordinator without pay. When asked if her suspension had anything to do with the allegations and ongoing investigation, Betz said he couldn't comment.

Commissioner Amy Patterson, who is on the town's Rec Park committee, said she doesn't know enough about the case to comment. "Everything I've been told is second-hand information at this point," she said.





The Pine Street Park will be an extension of the park area back of Macon Banks property on Pine Street.

## Free Labor Day concert to benefit Pine Street Park project

On Labor Day Monday, Sept. 4 from 3:30–6 p.m., the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center are holding a fundraiser to benefit the Pine Street Park at the park site, on the corner of 5th and Pine streets. Blue grass music will be provided by the Wild Hog Band at the Macon Bank Gazebo on Pine Street. Popcorn and refreshments will be offered free during the event. Donations for the project will be gladly accepted.

“This is going to be a great event to end the summer season. The Wild Hog Band’s blue grass style just makes you want to dance,” said Marlene Alvarez, co-chair of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee and owner of ... on the Verandah Restaurant. “There’s also the added benefit of helping to raise money for the park project which will serve the community and visitors for years to come.”

“The Chamber of Commerce is delighted with the prospect of having a downtown area park to use for special events such as this year’s Labor Day concert. We look forward to working with the Pine Street Project committee and the Town of Highlands to further the project,” said Rick Siegel, chairman of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce board of directors and owner of the 4 ½ Street Inn.

The Pine Street Park is the vision of several community residents who wish to create a beautifully landscaped green space in downtown Highlands. The park will be a peaceful haven for residents and visitors,

as well as a focal point for community events such as the lighting of the Christmas Tree, art and craft shows, outdoor concerts, etc.

The project has received generous financial support from the Town of Highlands, Macon County, the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, and Macon County Bank. So far, over three quarters of the amount needed to pay off the note on the property has been raised. Only another \$150,000 is needed then work can begin on the park property.

The Pine Street Park Committee very much needs the support of the community to help make this park a reality. Come celebrate on Labor Day and help raise funds for the park. All contributions are tax-deductible, payable to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, PO Box 1703, Highlands, NC 28741, and marked for the Pine Street Park. Help us give the town a lasting green gift for future generations to enjoy!!

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce is a catalyst for planning, programs, and services that promote a favorable business and visitors’ climate while nurturing our natural beauty and cultivating the uniqueness that is Highlands. For more information on the Pine Street Labor Day event, please call the Highlands Visitors Center at 828-526-2112. The Highlands Visitors Center is open Monday – Saturday from 10 am – 5 pm.

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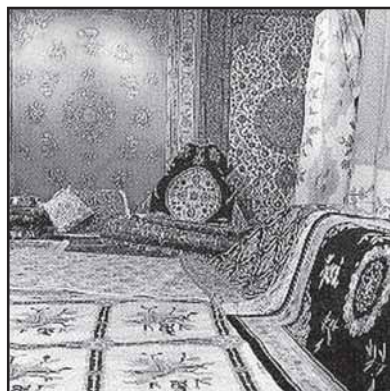


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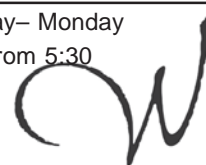
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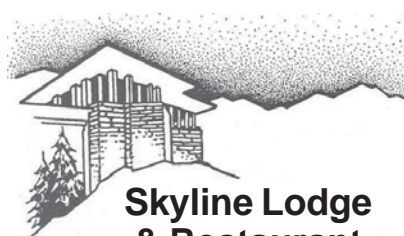


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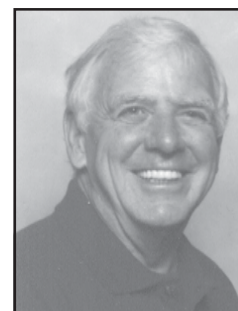
### Is big bad Bill Bassham bailing?

**D**ear Bill: Can you say "big bad Bill Bassham is bailing" three times real fast? Is that fun, or what? And are the people in Aiken, SC singing, "Won't you come home, Bill Bassham, won't you come home?" OK, enough foolishness....well, maybe not.

Just when I thought I had a guy I could make fun of on a regular basis, you bail out on me. You are....ah, I mean were, our most colorful chamber director. I like you a lot and will miss poking fun at you. I just know the guy (or gal) who replaces you won't be half as colorful.

Also, I have good news for you about your new job. North Augusta is a lot less volatile and much more stable than our little paradise here in the sky. Businesses don't change hands and reopen on a monthly basis which means you won't have to go to so many ribbon cuttings. That should improve the calluses on your thumb and index fingers. Are you taking your giant scissors with you?

As you pack to leave, I just know you have a sense of relief in your heart because I know you know what I know:



**Fred Wooldridge**

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this can be one nasty little town. There's got to be at least a dozen folks you would like to flip the bird to on your way south. Me? Not me....surely not me?

You also have lots of company as you prepare to abandon our community and move back to sanity. You are following in the footsteps of sooooo many. Doctors, hospital administrators, school principals, doctors, playhouse directors, politicians, store owners, doctors and I could go on and on about the folks who have bailed out of here

ahead of you. Yes, Bill, even Chamber of Commerce Directors have paraded in and out of our little town faster than a Scotsman dancing outside a pay toilet. But I thought you were here to stay.

I beg you, Bill, leave with grace, with your head held high, with pride and dignity. You've already made one huge mistake by telling everyone you're leaving for family reasons which is the most lame, overused, ridiculous excuse in the universe. We know you can't stand this place. Please don't follow up by saying

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## • RADICAL MIDDLE •

Several people wrote critical letters about my recent column on Israel, sending them to the newspaper rather than to me. I invite you to send any letters, favorable or otherwise, directly to me; I promise I will respond to them.

I wasn't surprised by the letters the paper received. Any article critical of Israel is automatically guaranteed a negative response. It's a little bit like criticizing someone's mother, or favorite movie, or, more to the point, his religion.

When a fellow-Jew does it, as I did, it really rankles. The typical response is to call the writer "a self-hating Jew," although none of the North Carolina respondents dragged out this old chestnut. But most of the letter-writers seemed to have been so blinded by their emotions, they couldn't see some of the main points I was making.

Israelis weren't "responding to an attack on their country." They were not "fighting for their survival." Nor were they "defending themselves against those who want to annihilate Israel."

Hezbollah, admittedly a terrorist organization that dreams of wiping Israel off the map, crossed the border and kidnapped two Israeli soldiers. It also killed three to eight others — there have been conflicting reports of the actual number.

Israel chose to respond to this

### On Israel, part 2



**Dr. Alex Redmountain**  
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provocation with a massive assault which targeted both Hezbollah and countless Lebanese civilians. It also destroyed a significant portion of Lebanese infrastructure. It was obvious that Israel used Hezbollah's incursion to try to wipe out the terrorists, or to wound them as deeply as possible. It was also obvious from the beginning that this was a bad idea, for both practical and moral reasons.

As I wrote in the original column, the pragmatic mission was flawed because, just like our war in Iraq, it would inevitably breed more terrorists than the Israelis could kill, and motivate Iran and Syria to send more weapons than Israel could demolish. And from a public relations perspective, it was an absolute disaster for Israel, one from which it is unlikely to recover for a generation.

From a moral standpoint, the flaw was the inevitable slaughter of innocent Lebanese, and the destruction of their homes, schools, and way of life.

One respondent objected to my statement that Olmert might some day have to "face the International Court of Criminal Justice for committing war crimes." I grant you that this was a little over the top. The respondent said that, by that standard, Roosevelt and Truman ought to have been charged as war criminals.

But the truth is that the winners decide who the war criminals are. If the Nazis had won, Roosevelt would most certainly be judged for the fire-bombing of Dresden. If the Japanese had ultimately triumphed, undoubtedly Truman would have had to pay for Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The fact that the allies were the winners does not exonerate their immoral acts of war. (The New York Times just reported that Amnesty



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MY opinion.

International has accused Israel of war crimes in Lebanon, so maybe I wasn't so far over the top after all.)

As I wrote earlier, I hold Israel to a higher standard of behavior than, say,

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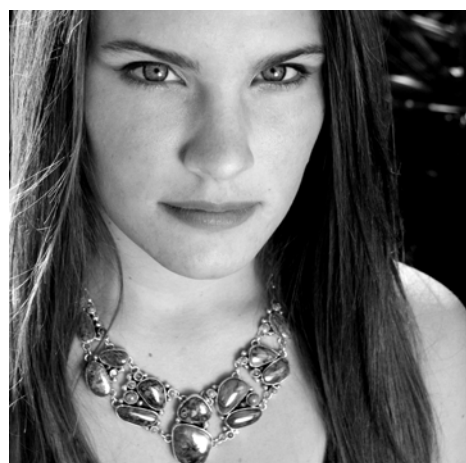
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## • ANOTHER VIEW •

### Sexual predators are easily hidden

**Y**ou can find the names and addresses of registered sex offenders in your neighborhood on the Internet. The unregistered ones are a tougher. Detection requires trolling nearby streets, churches, playgrounds, amusement parks, or shopping malls with our kids as bait. Since we are understandably unwilling to put our kids in danger, the vast majority of perverts remain at large and undetected until some particularly egregious act or lucky break exposes them, or until they expose themselves.

I walked into the break room at our clinic last week and heard our nurses discussing web sites dedicated to mapping the residences of sex offenders, pretty unusual conversation even for a medical office. I grabbed a Coke, sat down, and listened. Ginny was talking about her fiancée's best friend who is a registered sex offender.

"Good God," I stammered, "your boy friend's best friend is a pervert!"

"Actually, he was convicted on a technicality," she offered between sips of water. "The woman was mentally retarded. The judge decided that because her mental age was under 16, it was a case of statutory rape. She was really 36."

It all sounded so reasonable, the way she explained it, an unfortunate miscarriage of justice. Still, something didn't smell quite right. Surely the guy hadn't been seduced and subsequently victimized by the judicial system.

I rallied, "wait a minute. He shouldn't have been screwing a retard in the first place." I had locked onto the flaw in her argument.

"Someone has to screw them," she answered nonchalantly.

"Not a guy with normal intelligence," I countered.

"Who, then?"

"Another retard," I guessed. "Then it's not taking advantage. In fact, any normal guy who screws a retarded woman should be jailed on general principles, if not for cruelty, exploitation, and bad judgment."

Ginny remained unconvinced. She corrected a misunderstanding on my part, a consequence of having joined the conversation in progress. "It wasn't my fiancée's friend. It was his father."

My head was reeling, "Your boy friend's father is a pervert?"



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

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"No. My boy friend's friend's father, and he's not a pervert. He's a registered sex offender."

"Ginny, don't you realize how much worse that makes it. At his age he doesn't even have inexperience and raging testosterone as defenses."

"He has sex with a lot of different women. He likes it."

"If he's such a stud, why doesn't he restrict his conquests to women who have a chance to reject him. Where does he look for

dates, anyway, Special Olympics? The annual picnic at the group home? The water cooler at the sheltered workshop." The guy had spent time in jail for his crime. Ginny didn't really know how much. It turned out that this had not been a terribly recent event, but the guy remains a registered sex offender, I guess and hope for life. Stigma is too good for him. He doesn't just belong on a web site for sexual offenders. He should be on the rack. I wonder if the guys in jail treated him like a pedophile, or if they saw it Ginny's way. I sure didn't see it her way and doubt that many of you will either.

A couple weeks ago I wrote about my cab driver in Mexico who as a child had been molested by a parish priest. Sexual predators come in all shapes and sizes.

This guy, John Mark Karr, who claims to have murdered JonBenet Ramsey, sports about the strangest shape imaginable. I wonder why he buckles his belt over his chest.

The pervert may be a next door neighbor, the mailman, clergyman, doctor, coach, uncle or father, but chances are he is out there, unregistered and unknown except to his victims.

### Highlands rocks Sept. 2

Hurricane Creek will be performing music from the 50s, 60s and 70s at the Highland's Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Sept. 2 from 7-10 p.m.

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After being involved with the ministry for five years, the inmates honored Dr. Jesus Plata, Dr. John Baumrucker, the priest and the police chief of the jail, with a certificate of appreciation.

## Prison extension of Bolivia mission a great success; prisoners honor patrons

**By Dr. John Baumrucker**  
Contributor

The prison ministry of the Bolivian Mission began five years ago when a Rotary doctor asked me to come on his rounds at the prison on Saturday morning. He had been called to do this 12 years before and had been doing his weekly visits ever since. He was so dedicated that he even did his clinic on the day after his father died. Dr. Jesus Plata is really a dedicated man, and without his presence, the prisoners would not receive any treatment unless they needed hospitalization.

The first visit for me was somewhat scary. I had walked past this place on the way to the plaza hundreds of times and did not know there was a prison there. There were always a lot of police outside, and scores of people I assumed were recently arrested walking around. Upon entering the locked gates, I was horrified to see 20 prisoners in each of the five small cells with no beds. The prisoners needed to work together to decide who would lie on the floor to sleep while the others stood to make room for the ones sleeping. If this were the case in our jails, there would be killings every day until there was enough space to create peace.

When they were released, I was surprised to find how gentle and happy the inmates were. I couldn't believe it! Dr. Plata saw the patients with only a stethoscope, a tongue blade and a flash light. The room had no curtains, no fan, and the only medicines he had were a sparse supply of samples. He did have some aspirin, but these tablets were stuck together due to the humidity. For a mere \$500 we could supply

all the medicine to treat all the prisoners for the common ailments they have for one year. The mission bought a medicine cabinet for \$300 so the medicines could be safely kept in the multipurpose clinic that also served as an interview room for the police. We also supplied a blood pressure cuff, a stethoscope, better than the one Dr. Plata used and several glucometers to check for diabetes. Curtains and a fan were supplied later.

After being involved with the ministry for five years, the inmates honored Dr. Plata and me, the priest and the police chief of the jail, with a certificate of appreciation. I doubt this sort of honor happens in our jails, even with the air-conditioning and TVs which are provided. Life in our jails rivals the better homes in Montero, Bolivia, but these people were grateful.

We have also supplied Bibles and AA material to the jail. Several of our members have gone to the jail to provide religious and alcohol related classes. We also support ministers who frequent the jail.

The Bolivian Mission has provided much needed help in many aspects of the lives of the people in Montero and nearby cities. There will be a summary of the various aspects of the mission in the coming weeks before the Bolivian Auction which will be held at the Highlands Country Club on Monday, Sept. 25. The \$100 admission price includes the silent auction, the live auction and dinner at the club. For more information you may call 526-3605 or the Highlands United Methodist Church at 526-3376. Reservations are limited so please do not delay. You may also ask for the recent journal to be sent to you.

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Woodturner, Robin Piscitelli begins working his craft mid-morning and many times continues until 11 at night.

## Woodturner Piscitelli 'has arrived'

By Susanna Forrester

Reporter

Robin Piscitelli has reached a milestone in his artistic career after being accepted into the prestigious del Mano Gallery in Los Angeles, CA.

"Any wood turner you talk to, it's their goal to get into this gallery," said Piscitelli, whose work was added to its collection back in January. "Most of their artists are wood artists. If you're a wood turner and you get into that gallery you've arrived."

The del Mano Gallery was founded by Jan Peters and Raymond Leier in 1973 and is known for showcasing museum-quality work. They represent artists from 14 countries around the world.

Piscitelli has owned his gallery on Main Street in Highlands for two years and his work has been purchased by such notable collectors as Stanford Firestone and Sam Malouf. "For Sam Malouf to purchase one of my pieces was a real honor," said Piscitelli.

Piscitelli uses various kinds of local wood such as maple and walnut, as well as more exotic woods like Australian Eucalyptus to create unique hollow form vessels and bowls that collectors buy before they're even finished.

"I find beauty in the wood's imperfections, in the voids, spalling, bark inclusions and worm and beetle holes," said Piscitelli. "When I begin, I don't usually have much of a plan in my mind because I feel that the wood will dictate

the direction I should go."

It usually takes two to three weeks to complete a bowl, and Piscitelli tries not to force the wood into any particular shape or form. "Beginning in the wood yard, a birthing begins to take place. As it does, I aspire to impose as little of my own will as possible onto what the vessel is to become," said Piscitelli.

Piscitelli uses burls, the large wart-like growths on tree trunks, which he finds himself, though sometimes people tell him about burls they've discovered. He also does commission work. "Sometimes someone has a piece of wood on their property that has sentimental value," said Piscitelli.

Piscitelli, who began his professional wood turning career in 1994, has had his work showcased in the 2005 Wood Exhibition at the Highlands Fine Art Center, the 2004 Southern Highlands Craft Guild Show in Asheville, NC 1997-1996, and the Summerhouse Gallery

in Highlands.

"I have two solo exhibitions I'll be doing this winter," said Piscitelli. "One is in November in Atlanta and the other is tentatively scheduled in Alabama."

Piscitelli's gallery, which is located next to Wolfgang's on Main Street, is open six to seven days a week from midmorning to 11 at night. "People come over late at night when they see me working," said Piscitelli. "They see the wood shavings flying, and they want to see what I'm creating."





## Donations pour in for Relay for Life



Cancer survivors gather at the start of the first lap at the Relay for Life event held at the Cashiers Community Center, Friday & Saturday, Aug. 24 & 25. With this year's contributions, the Highlands-Cashiers Relay for Life overshot the million dollar mark.  
Photo by Susanna Forrester

## ABC scores indicate Macon County Schools ahead of state average

By **Susanna Forrester**  
Reporter

Macon County Schools will remain ahead of the state average in some subjects, but needs to improve in others according to state testing scores for the 2005-06 school year.

"State testing is a good thing, but don't read the results as an exact science," said Macon County Superintendent Dr. Frank Yeager. "State testing has overcome many mistakes over the years. What's important is that we continue to teach more than just what's being tested, or what's going to be tested. We need to teach things that need to be taught," he said.

"ABC state standards and federal 'No Child Left Behind' are two different ways to assess student and school growth," said Suzi Cabe, Macon County Schools assistant superintendent.

In end-of-grade testing, the county continues to be above the state average in grades six, seven and eight for percent proficient. Cartoogechaye School improved scores at all grades tested. In the grade three pre-test, a majority of the schools had improved reading scale scores and reading percent proficient from last year.

"Grade three EOG (end-of-grade) course was good overall. It means that the students are learning what they need to learn K-3," said Cabe. "This year's results are showing a more positive result."

In the end-of-course testing, Macon County improved percent proficiency in all courses except biology and physics. The percent proficiency exceeded the

2004-05 school year in all subjects again except in chemistry and physics.

"EOC, (end-of-course) for U.S. history and civics was a new test this year so it was hard to judge the results," said Cabe. "Physical Science had the most notable increase in scores."

Computer skills in Macon County schools were weak, but Cabe was optimistic about the results. Macon County students averaged about 67 percent passage of the new online computer skills test. The passing cutoff score for the new test is 150 while the previous versions had a passing score of 146 and 149.

"Computer skills need work, too, but, no Macon County student has not graduated due to lack of computer skills," said Cabe. "They may not have passed the test the first time, but they eventually did."

The state introduced two new alternate assessments for the 2005-06 school year called the NCCLAS and EXTEND 2. The NCCLAS is designed primarily for limited English proficient students. Students taking that test had a score of 24 percent proficient.

"Grade four did better than other grades. Principals and administrators are addressing why and ways to change," said Cabe. "Writing tests indicate that area needs work as well."

Yeager is eager to know how county schools compare nationally, not just in the state. "So far we don't have statistics to tell us that and we need that," he said. "That data is not available as a result of the state testing program."

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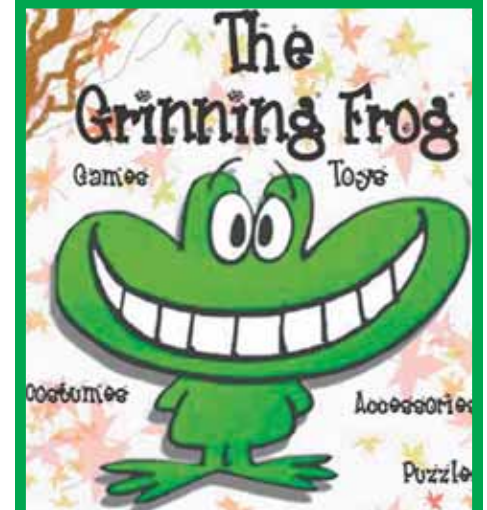


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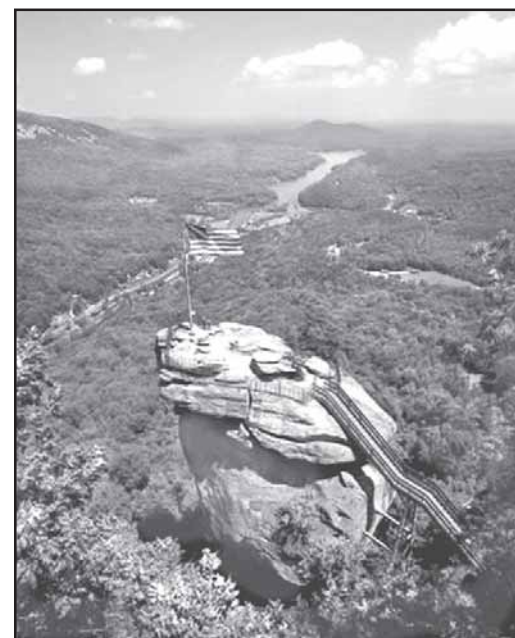
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## Highlands joins state in quest to save Chimney Rock Park

By **Susanna Forrester**  
Reporter

The Town of Highlands has made its

opinion clear regarding a 1,000-acre private park in Rutherford County: Save Chimney Rock Park!

At the Aug. 16 Town Board meeting, commissioners put their seal on a resolution to the State of North Carolina expressing their belief that Chimney Rock Park is worth saving for posterity, and it would benefit the county as well as the state if it were added to the Hickory Nut Gorge State Park in Rutherford County.

The park was put up for sale by the Morse family, who has owned the property for the past 104 years. Chimney Rock Park has been a popular destination for tourists from all over the world and sees about 200,000 to 250,000 visitors annually.

The state has made at least one offer to the Morse family which was refused, but they continue to negotiate a price. Chimney Rock, if acquired by the state, would be the centerpiece of the new state park which is tentatively scheduled to open in 2010.

The Morses have listed Chimney Rock Park with Wilmington-based Cape Fear Sotheby's International Realty at an asking price of \$55 million. The state offered to buy the property at \$20 million.

The park, which is located 25 miles southeast of Asheville, was made famous by its namesake— a 315 foot tall rock formation that juts out from the cliff face. Visitors can look out over Lake Lure and into South Carolina from the pinnacle of Chimney Rock.

Lucius Morse, the original owner of Chimney Rock Park, bought 64 acres surrounding the famous rock after moving to Western North Carolina in 1902. Since then the Morse family has added to that parcel of land.

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## Male Chorus performing Sept. 14



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ly," said Meeter.

The couple decided to retreat.

"I kept looking over my shoulder as I walked away but while backing up, I tripped and fell on my face. I was always told not to look away from a threatening dog so I was trying to watch them while walking backwards," he said.

Margaret Meeter ran to a neighboring house and asked the residents to drive them to their car on Main Street; from there they headed to the hospital.

"I got eight stitches and have to have dental work because I chipped two teeth when I fell," said Duane.

The next day, on Aug. 25 at 4:30 p.m., they filed a police report about the incident.

On Aug. 28 at 9:30 p.m., Steve Hott, a member of the Roadrunners Club in Highlands, went to the police station to report threatening dogs in the same vicinity, that of Leonard Street and Smallwood Avenue.

He said as he turned to run down Smallwood, he came upon a dog that was not on a leash. "It came across the yard and into the road. The hair was standing up on its back and it was baring its fangs in a very unfriendly manner," he said.

When another smaller tan and gray dog also approached, he ran away because he was afraid. Officers went by the house where the dogs are believed to live, but no one was available.

Police Chief Bill Harrell said this is the third or fourth report about those particular dogs since January but there is very little he can do in the way of enforcement both because of the Highlands Code, which has very little teeth in it, and because the county no longer has a facility to harbor nuisance or stray animals.

Highlands doesn't have a leash law, but there is a provision in the Highlands Code - a book of rules enforceable by the police but not part of the Town Ordinance - to deal with such events. However there is no citation schedule for dealing with animal owners who don't restrain their animals.

According to the code, vicious animals are prohibited in Highlands. "It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a fierce or vicious animal," reads the code. "A vicious animal is any dog or other animal that without intentional provocation, bites or attacks human or other animals or in a vicious or terrorizing manner approaches anyone in an apparent attitude of attack, whether the attack is consummated or capable of being consummated."

Once someone logs a written report about vicious animals with the police department, the officers are required to contact the owner of the animal to investigate the allegation.

If the complaint is justified, the owner is supposed to take whatever measures necessary to keep the animal from threatening other animals or people. This may be done by fencing a yard, penning up the animal, or by destroying the animal.

If the owner refuses to comply, the police department can take the dog to a shelter at which point the owner is guilty of a misdemeanor.

According to the Highlands Code, animal owners are responsible for keeping their pets from annoying or disturbing pedestrians, destroying property or disturbing trash.

Harrell said he uses the community policing approach in most cases. "We simply ask the owners to restrain their animals and to take all necessary precautions but that doesn't always work."

Meanwhile, since the state has finally handed down its new rules for county-run animal shelters it's likely one will be built in the county sometime in the foreseeable future.

"We have a possible site picked out and have worked up an operating budget, so we're moving in the right direction," said Macon County Commission Chair Allen Bryson.

With a shelter as a backup, Harrell said his department and the sheriff's department will have a place to take vicious or stray animals and a way to deal with complaints.

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## Native Plant Conference Sept 8-10

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scene above comes from a garden from a field trip to be led by landscape designer, Robert Tucker. The conference will take place Sept. 8-10 at the Performing Arts Center. For more information call 526-2602 or stop by the Highlands Biological Station on Sixth Street to register for the conference.

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how much you enjoyed working here and how much you will miss us all. Instead of saying lots of stupid stuff like that, just standup and say, "I can't wait to get out of this friggin' nuthouse." I know you can do it.

Highlands is not known for its tenure. No one stays here for 10 years and, in most cases, not even close to that, except maybe Richard Betz. They poured the footer at Town Hall around his feet. Would he make a good chamber director, or what?

Sadly, a search committee will be formed to look for a new director. That means we will have a national search and try to pick a person with great credentials who doesn't give a hoot about Highlands or its well-being. We will pick a big shot with big ideas that will have to buy a map of Highlands to get home at night. That's what we always do here.

I would pick a local and train him....or her. We could send him to scissors school. We once had a local and things ran pretty darn smooth. Let's pick someone who cares and loves this place

and plans on leaving here feet first: someone who is sincere and wants to improve things: someone who has lived here twenty years, who loves Highlands and needs a paycheck to live on. Surely there is such a person. Why do we keep hiring outsiders who have to go to MapQuest to figure out where to send their application? Come on, Bill, tell the search committee not to hire another Bill Bassham. How much did you make a year, anyway?

I have always been astounded by the fact that only a small handful of people who are eligible to vote here have never banded together to create a block vote and put an end to all this "outside invasion" nonsense. If those couple of hundred people ever banded together for a common cause, fur would fly around here. I know, I know, it ain't going to happen. I'm just a dreamer.

So, Bill, congratulations to you for sticking it out with us for six years: you have lasted longer than most. I will miss you and want to wish you well....as in "Oh, well."

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## Summary of Aug. 24 meeting of the H-C Hospital Board of Directors

To keep the news media, and the public, better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items coming before the hospital's board of directors at their most recent meeting (Thursday, Aug. 24).

- The board heard a brief overview of the results of a community wide survey conducted by the hospital late last fall. The hospital surveyed 11,000 property owners in its primary service area, which stretches from Sky Valley to Sapphire, as part of its on-going physicians needs planning process. Skip Taylor, director of community relations, said cardiology, primary care, dermatology and gynecology were the physician services deemed most important to the 1,300 people who responded to the survey. Both the hospital and area physicians as a group received high patient satisfaction ratings.

- Full-time cardiologist Dr. Carl Curtiss made a short presentation to board members on the need to begin upgrading existing diagnostic equipment used at the hospital. Foremost was the need for the hospital to purchase its own nuclear medicine scanner (now provided by a mobile unit) and for upgrading existing ultrasound equipment used for echocardiography. The board agreed that the hospital should take whatever steps are necessary to insure that a quality cardiology program is available here in the future.

- Dr. David Register, chief of the Medical Staff, reported that both the credentialing committee and the full medical staff had approved the renewal of associate staff privileges for Dr. Patti Wheeler. (Every physician on the hospital's staff must be re-credentialed periodically.) The board of directors then voted to

approve that application for renewal of privileges.

- Board members also heard some good financial news. The hospital showed a profit during the month of July.

- Visits to the hospital's emergency room also continued to outpace last year by a significant margin. The nearly 600 ER patients last month were 15 percent above the previous July – the third straight month of double digit increases. Overall, visits to the ER are up six percent over last year.

- The Fidelia Eckerd Living Center continues to be full and has a waiting list.

- Ken Shull reported that the application for surgical privileges by Dr. Leslie Pearlstein is still under review by the credentialing committee and the medical staff.

- Ken Shull said physician recruiting efforts are still a major focus. The hospital has talked with four internal medicine specialists. One has already visited the area. And several family physicians have expressed interest in possibly relocating to the area. Talks also continue with several other specialists who are considering part-time practices here.

- Shull reported on recent meetings with Jamie Orlikoff of Orlikoff and Associates, Inc., one of the country's foremost authorities on hospital governance. The firm was hired earlier this spring to work with the board on restructuring and reorganization. Shull presented a series of recommendations that came out of meetings with community advisors and various board members. After some discussion, the board approved moving ahead with those suggestions and to have Orlikoff begin redrafting the board's by-laws to reflect those changes. The hospital will released more details of its restructuring to area media this week.

## ... SUPERINTENDENT continued from page 1

tendent experience; three have central office experience and two are high school principals.

Board members came out of the closed session ready to interview the seven applicants who have either superintendent or assistant superintendent experience. The interview process will begin the week of Sept. 18.

"Typically there is more than one round of interviews, but it's possible that this is settled quickly," said Corbin.

Dr. Frank Yeager, who has been the interim superintendent since May when Dr. Rodney Shotwell took a job elsewhere in the state, has said he will stay until the second week in November.

Corbin said he hopes the board will arrive at a decision by October so the incoming superintendent can work with Dr. Yeager before he goes.

"That would be the ideal situation, but we'd be OK if the candidate had to give notice to his or her current employer and couldn't start until January," said Corbin.

The last time the board searched for a superintendent was for Dr. Rodney Shotwell. The board attorney was in charge of that recruitment process. This time the board used the NC School Board Association. "The association is very versed in this sort of process and they facilitated it for us," Corbin said. "We had a good group to pick from the last time, but this time it's a large group of more experienced candidates."

The board asked Dr. Yeager to assist them in picking a superintendent, but Yeager initially declined. "You think about that some more — I can think of arguments for and against that — but if you want me to I'll be glad to help in any way I can," he said.

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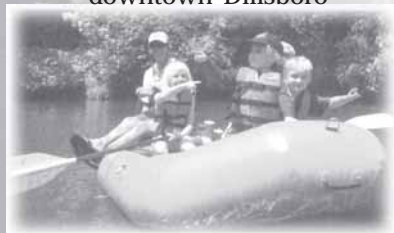
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## Bel Canto Recital Sun., Sept. 3

Bel Canto - an afternoon of beautiful singing by extraordinary operatic artists - takes place Sunday, Sept. 3 at 4 p.m. when the recital stars Roy Cornelius Smith and Megan Roth take the stage at Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

The Metropolitan Opera tenor and the dynamic young mezzo-soprano will make their first appearance in Highlands with Stephen Dubberly, master pianist who returns for the 14th year.

Remaining tickets for the stellar recital and the Bel Canto Buffet at the Highlands Falls Country Club after the performance may be obtained by calling 526-5252.

The two American artists, praised by critics and audiences alike, have chosen an exciting program that includes solos and duets by such operatic giants as Handel, Rossini and Puccini, and musical theatre favorites by Kern and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Bravo-provoking arias to be sung by Roy Smith are from Puccini's "Girl of the Golden West" and "Turandot", and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci". Megan Roth's show-stopping solos are from Rossini's "Barber of Seville" and Handel's "Julius Caesar".

The established Met tenor and the

young mezzo on the threshold of her operatic career will blend their voices in duets from "The Merry Widow", "Kismet" and "The King and I".

A special feature of every Bel Canto recital is Dr. Dubberly's piano solo which this year will be Mozart's "Fantasy in C minor" in recognition of the great composer's 250th birthday.

An unannounced number on the Sept. 3 program will be "Bel Canto Surprise", a lagniappe that will give added pleasure to music lovers at this year's recital.

Additional pleasure will be provided at the lavish buffet-reception at the Highlands Falls Country Club after the recital. Bruce McIntosh, one of the few Certified Executive Chefs in the area, has planned an elegant menu that will include tenderloin of beef, shrimp, pasta with bay scallops, crab cakes supreme and diva delectable desserts.

For many who attend Bel Canto, satisfaction is gained from knowing that Bel Canto is an annual event, one performance only, that is a fund-raiser for the Highland School's music program and Bascom-Louise Gallery's permanent art collection. Be a benefactor and enjoy one of the memorable events of the season.

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Syria or Iran, just as I hold the United States to a higher standard than communist China or Putin's Russian Federation. It's not only because, as an American, I expect more from my country, or, as a Jew, I expect more from my people, who have endured centuries of oppression, but also because both are self-declared democracies, which implies a higher standard of human rights and civilized behavior.

In any case, morality aside, the war has cost Israel dearly. It has energized the Muslim world, and even quite moderate Muslims have turned against Israel. Not only has Hezbollah benefited, but so have Hamas and the most radical Palestinians.

Without overstating the analogy, it is almost eerie how Israel's war against Hezbollah and the American war against the insurgency in Iraq resemble one another. In both, the attempt to annihilate the enemy has only succeeded in breeding new recruits for the enemy. In both, the extent of "collateral damage" has been enormous and unforgivable. And in both, it has cost the invading nation dearly in political capital.

The United States, once hailed as the beacon for the world's oppressed people, is now pilloried by people almost everywhere. Israel, home of Holocaust survivors and thereby accorded special moral stature, and the only viable democracy in the Middle East, is now a world-wide pariah. If an enemy of both nations had designed a policy bringing about these results, it couldn't have done a better job.

I realize, of course, that there are multiple reasons for what has happened to the U.S. and Israel, including staggeringly poor leadership. But what is happening in Iraq and Lebanon looms large in any analysis.

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Author and conference speaker John Regier, was in the pastorate for 24 years prior to opening a counseling office in Colorado Springs. He received his B.A. from Grace College of the Bible, and a Master of Divinity from Grace Theological Seminary.

John founded Biblical Concepts in Counseling in 1996 and served as president until recently when he started Caring for the Heart Ministries. He continues to be committed to a conservative and biblical philosophy and approach to counseling.

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Pastors and counselors interested in being trained in these counseling concepts can also register for a day of training on Thursday, Sept. 14. Registration is required for this separate seminar and costs \$25 per person. Call 526-4685 for more information.

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John Regier

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• "We were a new couple when we attended a seminar in Virginia. We talked and talked and shared and cared and we have continued to do so even 4 years later. We have our moments of shutting each other down but we forgive and work through it. Our children noticed the difference. We were able to love them even more than we had been before. They are much more secure

knowing that daddy and mommy are deeply in love with one another. I went from seeing my husband's weaker areas to focusing on his strengths and admiring him for the wonderful husband and father and provider that he is."

• "Several years ago we heard you speak at a conference in Tennessee. God revealed to me that I had a locked heart. That night my husband and I confessed our sin to each other and asked forgiveness. That was the beginning of emotional intimacy."

• "Even if you think your marriage is already good— this will make it great!"

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## • BUSINESS NEWS •

### Community invited to evening Wellness Lectures at OEI

Old Edwards Inn and Spa with the esteemed Cleveland Clinic will present the Women's Wellness Retreat on Sept. 10-14. Evening seminars are being offered to the community. The lectures are complimentary and based upon space availability. Special guests from The Cleveland Clinic include Ellen Mayer-Sabik M.D. and Tanya Edwards M.D. Seminars will be held in the Executive Conference Center at Old Edwards Inn.

Dr. Edwards is the Medical Director of The Cleveland Clinic's Center for Integrative Medicine Clinical Practice.

Dr. Mayer-Sabik is a staff cardiologist in The

Cleveland Clinic Department of Cardiology with certifications from the American Board of Cardiology, National Board of Echocardiography and the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Schedule of seminars: Sunday, 9/10 at 7 p.m. "A Prescription for Wellness" with Dr. Edwards; Tuesday, 9/12 at 7 p.m. "Integrative Therapies for Women's Health" with Dr. Edwards; Wednesday, 9/13 at 7 p.m. "Cardiac Care" with Dr. Mayer-Sabik.

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**By Fletcher Wolfe**  
Contributor

**F**ather Brian Sullivan, my wife Bobbe and I have returned recently from a most interesting visit to Moscow and St. Petersburg.

We scheduled our trip so Father Brian of the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation could experience the Russian Orthodox Easter services and I could give my Master Class at the Glinka Choir College in St. Petersburg.

Arriving in Moscow early in the morning we were met at the gate by Professor Sergei Dzevanovsky and his assistant/interpreter, Svetlana Ibullitani. They had driven in their little Mercedes bus the ten hour trip from St. Petersburg and arrived just in time to welcome us with the three kisses, flowers and candy.

Though Brian and I had never been to Moscow, Bobbe had been there several times in the capacity of tour arranger and Artistic Director of the Atlanta Boy Choir. During the communist regime she had reported that this city of over 7 million — was not a particularly attractive or welcoming environment. There seemed to be nothing in the stores and hardly any cars on the street.

How times have changed!  
Particularly insofar as the traffic is concerned. It seems as though everyone in Moscow has at least two cars and every one of them was on the streets the day we arrived.

It took us one hour to go two blocks. There is construction going on everywhere and there seems to be a lot of money coming from somewhere (it all couldn't be Mafia) because I have never seen so many stretch limousines.

Sergei took us from the airport to The Olympic Plaza Hotels — these hotels were built for the International Games during Jimmy Carter's presidency. You

Left: Reverend Brian Sullivan and Fletcher Wolfe survey the conference room where Putin will meet the "Eight" Conference.

Right: Wolfe and Sullivan in front of the Church of Saviors Blood in St. Petersburg.

## Russia Revisited



may recall the U.S. was not allowed to participate and brought much criticism here and abroad.

Our hotel was one of the three high rise buildings and it was swarming with international travelers.

Although we had comfortable rooms, I would not put this on my most desirable places to stay. As a matter of fact I found Moscow interesting but one visit is enough for me.

We visited the Kremlin and St. Basil's, and, of course, were asked if you wished to view Lenin's old moldy corpse. This we declined so that Bobbe could visit Gum's Department Store, a vast complex of many buildings of architectural merit. It now contains every kind of elite shop from Prada, Gucci, Ives St. Laurent to you name it, it is there.

Bobbe said during her earlier visit during the communist period it contained hardly anything and most of the shelves were empty.

Our host, Professor Dzevanovsky is director of the Glinka Choir College in St. Petersburg and is a distinguished member of the Central Cultural Committee. This is the group who decides who is invited to perform in Russia as well as determines which institution receives state support and how much.

He is a brilliant piano virtuoso who has visited the United States many times giving lectures and master classes at such places as Yale, Harvard, and Westminster Choir College.

His most recent visit several years ago included southern schools and on his way he stayed several weeks here in Highlands. This past summer, Oxford University in England awarded him an honorary doctorate in music.

Sergei loves to drive, so when we three loaded our luggage and began the ten hour trip to St. Petersburg, we were

told this was the road that the czar built so he could travel between Moscow and St. Petersburg. Father Sullivan suggested that the czar must have been Ivan the Terrible as the road was so full of pot holes that it was like a moon crater. Father Sullivan swears he lost 10 pounds on that trip.

All of us laughed at the conditions of the road while Bobbe with her artistic eye was fascinated with the intricately carved window-surrounds on the little farm houses on both sides of the road.

Suddenly, you are aware that the seeming prosperity one finds in Moscow is strangely lacking in these little houses crumbling from lack of maintenance. The country side still depicts the harshness of the earlier circumstances.

On our route our hosts arranged for us to stop by Tchaikovsky's country estate and it was opened up especially for our visit.

It was a moving experience for us to be in his study where he had written so many masterpieces. We were even allowed to read his private correspondence as well as play on his beloved grand piano.

Our arrival in St. Petersburg was such a treat. This amazingly beautiful city with its many palaces, gardens, and bridges still amazes me although I have spent a great deal of time there.

Sergei gave us an evening city tour before depositing us at our charming hotel, a small converted mill house with all the modern conveniences.

It was located near the famous Glinka Choir College, the choir founded in 1500 for the czar's private chapel services. It was originally part of the Winter Palace. Now it has its own recently restored Palace of Music. The college was restored under the supervision of Professor Dzevanovsky.



Professor Dzevanovsky has invited me to hold vocal and choral master classes at the college for many years now and it was my privilege last year to conduct the choir and orchestra for the opening of the newly restored Gatchina Palace built for Emperor Paul.

Our visit to Russia began in 1991 when my Atlanta Boy Choir was invited by the Soviet Union to perform in the magnificent Great Hall of the Philharmonic in St. Petersburg. The hall was filled to capacity by several thousand listeners and their reception was overwhelming.

From then on we were regular visitors performing in Lenin Hall, Imperial Capella, The Great Smolny Institute, as well as the Philharmonic Hall at Novgorod.

All of our concert hours were well planned with the boys getting to see and visit so many places of interest. The accommodations and food were excellent.

Our tours were goodwill ventures for both the U.S. and Soviets and our boys made a great impression wherever they performed.

On our most recent trip once again Father Brian, Bobbe, and I were treated royally.

They arranged for Father Brian to attend services at St. Peter and Paul, St. Nicolas, The Church of The Blood, and St. Michael's Cathedral.

One evening we were taken to the famous Kirov Marinsky Theatre to see an opera. Brian, Bobbe, and I were ushered into the czar's private box with his coat of arms over our head. During intermission everyone was taking our picture. Brian remarked that they probably thought the czar had returned. I said, "and with you in your clerical garb they probably think we have brought Rasputin with us."

There were so many wonderful experiences it would take far too long to relate them all but can I mention a private tour of the Hermitage with the director as our personal guide or our visits to the great palaces of Peterhof.

On one occasion we visited Putin's palace and were several days early for his meeting there with President Bush and the other leaders.

All in all revisiting Russia this time was most revealing. Although much progress has been made in restoring the buildings and infrastructure, there still is a lot to do on improving the average person's well being.

With that said, isn't the same thing true here and sadly we don't have anything to compare with magical St. Petersburg.

• Fletcher Wolfe, founder and director of the Atlanta Boy Choir made five concert tours to The Soviet Republic. He now serves as distinguished visiting professor at the Glinka Choir College in St. Petersburg where he frequently conducts master classes in voice and choral conducting.

## ... HOSPITAL continued from page 1

lands-Cashiers Hospital.

The current hospital board of 19 members unanimously accepted the concept of Orlikoff's nine suggestions – suggestions he devised after two visits and countless hours of off-site research.

His expertise has cost the hospital \$30,000-\$35,000 including expenses, "but it's well worth the cost," said President Ken Shull. "It's very well spent and a good use of community money," agreed Dr. Dave Register, head of the medial staff.

Orlikoff suggested reducing the hospital board to 13-17 members instead of the current 19. He also suggested longer terms on the board so the constant need to re-educate board members is eliminated. "By the time they get up to speed and understand everything, they have to go off the board," said Shull.

Currently members serve four years and must be off one year before coming back on.

With the new system, terms would be three years for a maximum for three terms. Renewal wouldn't be automatic – performance, criteria/standards would be established to evaluate directors, said Shull.

The board agreed to eliminate a board slot for the president of the Hospital Auxiliary, but to still invite him to board meetings; to eliminate the slot for the Hospital Foundation president but to keep the foundation chairperson or their designee as an ex-officio member with a vote. Also, eliminate the two elected medical staff positions but have the chief of medical staff serve as an ex-officio member with a vote. The vice chief of the medical staff will be asked to attend meetings sort of as an understudy, but not to vote.

Shull said a smaller board will streamline the way the hospital functions concerning decisions and strategic planning.

"The size of the board and the wide variety of opinions expressed has sometimes made it difficult for the board to establish a clear direction for the hospital. It has also hampered its ability to respond quickly both to the needs of the physician community and changes and regulations requirements imposed by outside forces such as Medicare, managed care, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the IRS and others," he said.

Orlikoff said a smaller, more experienced and more knowledgeable board will streamline planning for the future and make reaching strategic consensus much easier.

"This is a big step which will prepare us to do well in the future," said Shull.

Orlikoff comes to the hospital one more time, Sept. 27. The board will meet the end of September to vote on the reorganization recommendations. The board agreed in concept to Orlikoff's suggestions but will formalize the changes at the next meeting.

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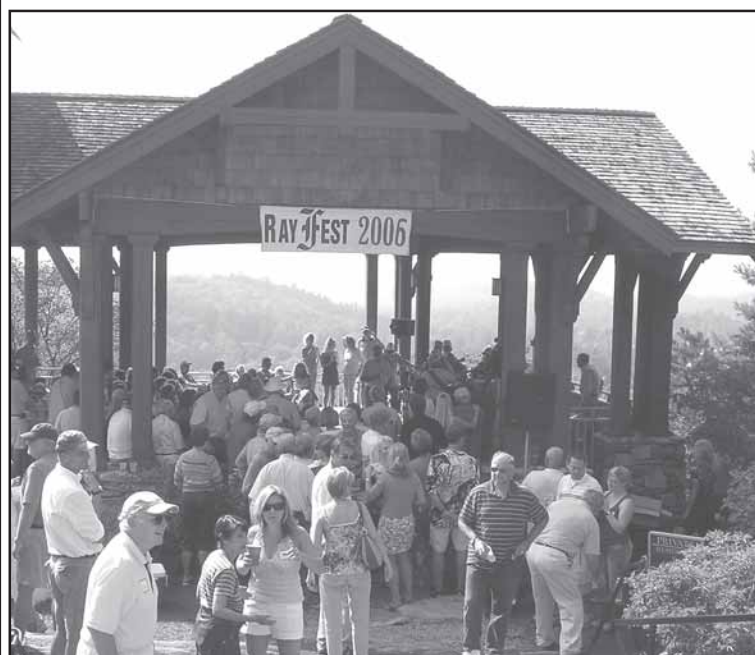
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## RayFest 2006 Saturday, Aug. 26

Held on Ravenel Ridge, RayFest is an annual event of music and fun in honor of Ray McPhail's birthday. Under blue skies complete with a mountain breeze folks joined in the celebration. Upper right, Diane McPhail kicks it up with dancers young and older. Lower right, Ray McPhail instructs the crowd to quiet and join the band in song.

Photos by Kim Lewicki



## 24th Annual Highlands Craft Show set for Oct. 14 at Civic Center

Crafted, grown, canned or sewn...Plans are underway for the 24<sup>th</sup> annual Highlands craft show - Oct.14, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

Members of the Highlands Woman's Club are busy planning and preparing for what promises to be one of the best in the 24-year history of this very popular arts and crafts show. An added "don't miss" is the sale of raffle tickets with prizes donated by four of the most popular vendors. Prizes valued at over \$1,000 will be raffled at four drawings at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (You do not have to be present to win.) Prizes include handcrafted glass items from Bryant Art Glass; a hand-made birdhouse by Sue Ann and George Smith; a copper wine coaster sculpted by Bill Squires; and, a seasonal wreath created by Carla Martin. Proceeds from the raffle go directly to the mortgage payment for the new location recently acquired by the

Woman's Club for Fibber Magee's Closet. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5 and can be purchased at the entry doors as well as on the exhibit floor on the 14.

One hundred vendors have reserved

booths. This very special one-day event is the best place to find one-of-a-kind gifts, unique pieces of art, delicious foods and condiments, exotic jewelry, and handmade wood and metal pieces. This is an event loved by both exhibitors and visitors in part because it is all under the roof of the Civic Center and protected from inclement

weather. In addition, all sales proceeds belong to the individual vendors.

Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch, prepared by the Rotary Club of Highlands, are available for purchase.



Karen Boucher, Shelley Vidmar, Trisha Roellke and Kathy Maps prepare for show.





## Free health screening set for September 9

There is a free Health Screening at Highlands Cashiers Hospital for residents of Highlands and Scaly Mountain, Saturday, Sept. 9 beginning at 7:15 a.m., at the new Jane Woodruff Clinic on the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

To pre-register, participants can use the hospital's website at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org), by clicking on the screening menu, and completing the registration form. Or they can call the hospital's Foundation office at 828 526-1435.

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The above players are: Daniel Long, Evan Schmidt, Cameron St. John, David Long and his soccer ball "Blueie," Isaac Beavers, Ellie Cate Beavers, Rebecca Johnson, Kyle Boggs, Lisle Bruns, and Will Araujo. Not pictured are Logan Schmitt, Tatiana Schmitt, Virginia Davis, and Karaline Shomaker.

## Be a Highlands Mountain Lion fan

**By Evan Schmidt**  
Contributor

The Highlands Mountain Lions is just one team in the Macon County recreational soccer league with players ages 5 and up. The team is one of four U13 (under 13 years old) teams. Recreational soccer teaches soccer skills and instills valuable character traits such as respect, responsibility, integrity, leadership, and sportsmanship.

On Sunday, Aug. 20, there was a Round Robin Tournament in Franklin where the Mountain Lions played each team in their league for 17-minute periods. Unfortunately, the games were rained out before the schedule was completed.

Last Saturday, Aug. 26, the Mountain Lions had their opening game at Zachary Field in Highlands where they played the Franklin Rednecks. The local, vocal fans enjoyed a beautiful evening in the park-like setting of Zachary Field, and were entertained by the exciting competition.

During the first quarter of the game Isaac Beavers scored a goal in the first minute of play. Later in the quarter, the Franklin team responded with a goal. In the second quarter, it was a repeat of the first quarter, making the score at half-time 2-2.

During the third quarter, no goals were scored, but like all of the quarters, there were countless shots at both goals which the goalkeepers all blocked.

During the fourth quarter, the score was still 2-2 until Franklin had a penalty kick, which they made, putting the Rednecks ahead of the Mountain Lions for the first time in the game. But by the end of the game, and just in time, that changed when Isaac Beavers scored his third goal, making the final score 3-3. A great effort was also shown by goalkeepers Daniel Long and Will Araujo.

Since Highlands does not have a professional football team to support, recreational soccer is a great way to enjoy the beautiful fall weather and follow an exciting sport. It's like going to your favorite football team's game, only it's soccer (and admission is free by the way).

The Mountain Lions' next game is on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Industrial Park Field #9 in Franklin. But, if you don't want to drive down to Franklin the next game in Highlands is Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.

Come out and support U13 Highlands Mountain Lions!

### Season Lineup

Sept. 10 – 2:30 p.m. – Industrial Park Field #9, Franklin  
Sept. 16 – 6 p.m. – Zachary Park on Buck Creek Road, Highlands  
Sept. 24 – 2:30 p.m. – Industrial Park Field #9, Franklin  
Oct. 1 – 2:30 p.m. – Industrial Park Field #9, Franklin  
Oct. 14 – 6 p.m. – Zachary Park on Buck Creek Road, Highlands  
Oct. 1 – Rain Make-Up Day  
Oct. 22 – TBA – End of Season Tournament - Round #1  
Oct. 29 – TBA – End of Season Tournament - Finals



## HS golf tourney beefs up fund



Committee members Connie Smith, Gloria Pariseau Mary Ann Vines and Wanda Drake on scene at the Cullasaja Club where the annual scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Monday, Aug. 28. The winning foursome was David Parmalee, Lefley Rayborn, Bill Stone, and Nathan Bumgarner. Their score was 56 -- 16 under par. Stew Kirkland added another \$580 to the fund with his long drive shot at the ninth tee. 29 four-somes took him up on his \$10 per person offer of the best of his six balls



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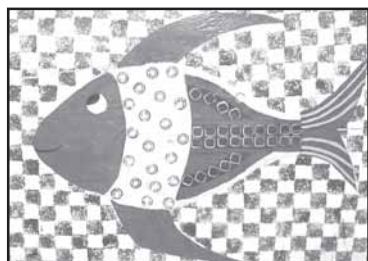
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John 1:1-14; II Cor. 5:16-21



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The few times we have traveled outside this country, we’ve been reminded that we are unofficial ambassadors for our country. Sadly, many American don’t represent us well. How many times have you heard the term “ugly American?” American tourists who roam unbridled and give the rest of the world both an unfavorable and an inaccurate impression of who Americans are. For most foreigners, America will forever remain invisible, a place they can only visit by way of the movies, a place they can only imagine. Travel isn’t even a remote possibility. Americans abroad will be the only America they will see.

“We are God’s ambassadors” wrote St Paul, “God making his appeal through us.” As God’s chosen ones, we have the special purpose of representing God. We are those that make lasting impressions on others. Faith in the invisible God is a personal thing, but isn’t private. What people see in us, hear from us, the things we do, the places we go, how and what we spend our resources on,...go a long way in convincing others of the validity or invalidity of our claims of an invisible God.

God has chosen to depend on the likes of us to plead his case. Without us, God has no legs to carry him where justice demands that he go; without us, God has no eyes to see what mercy compels him to see; without us, God has no lips to speak what righteousness must say; without us, God has no arms or hands to do what compassion demands be done. How and who we are compels or repels others.

Near the end of WW II, the commanding officer of the German forces that had occupied Rome during the war, met his arch enemy, a priest assigned to the Vatican. The priest had been troubled by the silence of the Pope in the face of Hitler’s atrocities and had at his own initiative joined the Italian underground resistance. In time, he became one of its leaders. They met under the cover of night in the shadows of the coliseum. The German commanding officer had requested the meeting. He confided in the priest that it was only a matter of hours before the city would be reclaimed by the allied forces. He needed his help in getting his wife and two small children safely out of the city and country to Switzerland.

“How could you ask me such a thing?” protested the priest. “You have terrorized my people, gunned down innocent women and children. How could you ask me to

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save your family, when you have been death incarnate to so many of my families? I'll see you in hell before I do that." "You priests are just like all the rest," cried the German officer. "You talk about God. You speak eloquently of God's mercy and forgiveness. But there is not such a God. Your God doesn't exist." With that he turned and dissolved into the darkness. The priest was left alone, his large silver cross shimmering in the dim light of the moon.

As a boy, Harry Golden, editor of the Carolina Israelite, wrote about being puzzled as a boy that his father was such a loyal attendee at synagogue, even though he publicly declared he was an agnostic. One day Harry got up the nerve to confront his father. "You don't believe in God. Why do you go to synagogue? There are many reasons why a person goes to synagogue. Take Silverberg. He goes to talk to God. Me? I go to talk to Silverberg."

Days later, after the liberation of Rome, allied intelligence was interrogating

the commander of the German forces, now their prisoner. They were asking him about his wife and children. He had been unable to see them again, after leaving that night to meet the priest to intercede in their behalf. He knew nothing of their fate. Only when the interrogators asked him their question did he learn for the first time what happened to them. "We want to know how you managed it? Managed what? Your wife and children have been spotted in Switzerland. How did you get them out? Who helped you?" The prison record reveals that 'til his death years later in an Italian jail, the commanding officer of the Germans, was visited monthly by a priest who was assigned to the Vatican. Records also show that before his death, he was baptized into the church by the same priest.

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"Christ has no body now on earth, but yours. No hands, but yours. No feet, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which to look out with Christ's compassion for the world. Yours are his hands with which he is to go about doing good. Yours are his hands with which he is to bless."

"We are God's ambassadors; God making his appeal through us." Seven year old Kevin was awakened by a terrible thunderstorm. He was spooked by all

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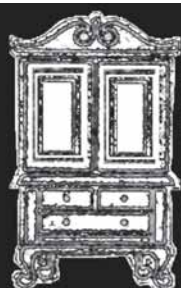


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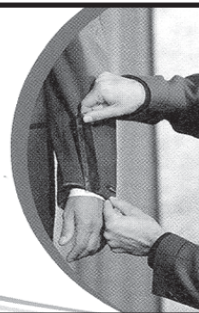
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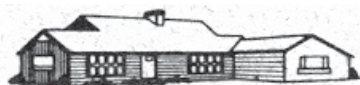
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# • UPCOMING EVENTS •

## On-going

- Thursdays at the Barn: If you would like a walking tour of the new property on which will sit our new Fine Art Center, join us any Thursday at 5 p.m. for a personal tour. Meet us at the Crane Stable Barn on Oak Street.
- FREE improv classes at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call the ITC office at 828.526.1687. A new class is forming now. You may also email us at [instanttheatre@instanttheatre.org](mailto:instanttheatre@instanttheatre.org). Come play with us!
- Mountain Findings will be open until 6 p.m. each Friday. The normal hours of operation have always been 10 am to 4 pm, Monday through Saturday.
- Angie Jenkins on the piano at the Old Clayton Inn in Clayton on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner.
- Shakespeare & Co. bookstore in Highlands Village Square is hosting readings by members of the Highlands Writers Group at a literary happening 3-5 p.m. the last Sunday afternoon in each month during the summer and fall. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Call 526-3777.
- Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. in the community room of the First Presbyterian Church.
- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club's pancake breakfasts the fourth Saturday of each month through October from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- The "Zachary-Tolbert House" in Cashiers will be open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 14. The house is located at 1940 Highway 107 S., two miles south of the Cashiers Crossroads. Special tours and events may be arranged by calling the Cashiers Historical Society, 828-743-7710.
- Highlands Historic Village is open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of October. The House-Trapier-Wright Home and the Museum and Archives are located at 524 N. 4th Street, across from the Funeral Home. Special tours or access to the archives may be arranged by calling the Highlands Historical Society at 828-787-1050 or by e-mailing [highlandshistory@nctv.com](mailto:highlandshistory@nctv.com).

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Sat & Sun: (2), (4:10), 7, 9:10

**TALLADEGA NIGHTS:  
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Mon - Fri: (4:15), 7:10, 9:15  
Sat & Sun: (2:10), (4:15), 7:10, 9:15

- New Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.
  - At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will have Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free with HealthTracks Membership or \$8 per class for non-members. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.
  - At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free with Health Track Membership or \$8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
  - At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$10 per session or \$8 (each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
  - First Saturday September "Happy Hour" an old-fashioned Hymn Sing at Highlands United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pianist: Tillie Arwood. Song Leader, Carol Shuttleworth.
  - A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.
  - Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.
  - Every Tuesday evening, Spiritual Cinema Circle at The Instant Theatre Company brought to you by Star-Pony Productions at 7 pm. Visionary, inspiring movies showcased at film festivals around the world are viewed. Suggested donation: \$5, Beverages and snacks available for purchase.
  - Live music nightly at ...on the Verandah at 7 p.m. Chad Reed plays Wednesday - Sunday night and Sunday Brunch; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Paul Scott plays every Tuesday.
  - Live piano music with Hal Phillips at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night and Sunday brunch.
  - Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn. featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m. until.
  - Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.
  - Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.
  - Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scotts Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri it's Rickey Dean on piano.
- Through Sept. 14**
- At Bascom-Louise Gallery and Fine Art Center on exhibit: The Potters of Seagrove, Sid Luck is back by popular demand... along with Ben Owen and other distinguished potters from Seagrove, North Carolina, mecca of thrown pots since the 1700s. The gallery will be filled with dozens of turned pieces in all kinds of shapes, contours, colors, glazes, and textures. Opening is from 5-7 p.m., Aug 12. Free.
- Aug. 31**
- CLE presents WCU's David McCord, Ph.D. with his lecture "Evolutionary Psychology" at the PAC, 1-3 pm. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members and will be available at the door.
  - At Bascom-Louise Gallery: Laurence Holden will present a lecture on How To Draw What You Really See at 7 p.m. as an introduction to his week-end workshop. It's free.
  - The next meeting of the Gem City Toastmasters

Club will be Thursday evening at 5:30 at the Prudential Realtors Building, 144 Porter St., Franklin, NC. Guests are welcome. For more information please call Jean Logan at: 369-3022.

## Sept. 1-2

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Laurence Holden will be teaching How to Draw What you Really See from Basic to Intermediate to Advanced. \$170. (\$135 for FRIENDS) 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Sept. 2

- Fran Moeller Gatins will sign copies of her new book, "Awakening With Mother Earth: Hearing Gaia Sing" from 1-3 p.m., Saturday at Shakespeare & Company. Highlands, North Carolina.

- Highlands Rock's with Hurricane Creek at the Performing Arts Center, Saturday, 7-10 p.m. BBQ Dinner by Don Leon's Deli. Tickets are \$20 in advance available at Don Leon's or at PAC. \$25 at the door. Beer & wine available (Donation Requested) Door prizes.

- Art & Craft show at The Village Square showcasing local artisans from 10 to 5 p.m. Fine art, folk art, pottery, turned wood and more. Food, music and public rest room. At Highlands Village Square and Pine St. Park on 5<sup>th</sup> St. (1/2 block from Main St.). Call 787-2021 for info.

- Audubon Field Trip to Highlands Biological Station & Sunset Rock to view Fall Migrants. Meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot next to the Highlands Town Hall.

## Sept. 3

- At the PAC: Bel Canto BEAUTIFUL SINGING is the translation of Bel Canto. Roy Smith, Megan Roth and Stephen Dubberly will be performing opera and musical theatre selections 4 p.m.; \$150.

- First Baptist Church, Highlands features a concert with Squire Parsons on Sunday, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for the great evening of worship through music. For more information call the church at 828-526-4153.

## Sept. 4

- A free concert at Pine Street Park, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Monday from 3:30-6 p.m. featuring Cashiers' own The Wild Hog Band. Donations collected will benefit the Pine Street Park project.

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Children's Classes starting first and third Wednesdays: Home school — 1 p.m.; Mondays: 3:15-4:15; 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades; Tuesdays: K-1<sup>st</sup> grades; 3:15-4:15; Wednesdays: 3:15-4:15, 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades; Mondays: 1:30-3 p.m.

## Sept. 6

- Audubon Work Day, Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at 9 a.m., Highlands Rec Park, North Shelter. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE.

## Sept. 7 & 8

- Fabulous Watercolor Workshop. Sapphire Valley Community Center. Conducted by Herbie Rose, internationally collected and inspiring teacher. This Jamaican born artist teaches at Ringling School of Art and Design. He is a graduate of N. Y. Phoenix School of Design with post-grad studies at Pratt Institute. For info call Bonnie Adams 743-5552

## Sept. 7

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Mohair Teddy Bears: make a gorgeous Teddy bear out of real mohair. Perfect holiday gift for a special child or for yourself. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; \$185. (\$150. FRIENDS)

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Fearless Acrylic Painting with Laurence Holden: six-week class which meets every Thursday 2-4 p.m.

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Open Studio: Live model for figure drawing 5-7 p.m.

## Sept. 8-10

- The Annual Native Plant Conference at the Performing Arts Center. Experts will discuss and then show attendees examples of residents' and nature's gardens in the area. For more information call 526-2602 or stop by the Highlands Biological Station on Sixth Street to

register for the Conference.

## Sept. 9

- Free Health Screening at Highlands Cashiers Hospital for residents of Highlands and Scaly Mountain, Saturday, beginning at 7:15 a.m., at the new Jane Woodruff Clinic on the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. To pre-register, participants can use the hospital's website at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org), by clicking on the screening menu, and completing the registration form. Or they can call the hospital's Foundation office at 828 526-1435.

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Tea with the fiber artist: Donna Rhodes. She will discuss fiber arts and answer questions about the medium and her upcoming class: Beaded Woven Pouch.

## Sept. 10-13

- Relationship conference: Discover and apply Biblical solutions for resolving marital and personal conflicts at a seminar with John Regier. This free conference will be held each evening 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m., September 10-13 at Community Bible Church. Contact Community Bible Church for more information or to register, 828-526-4685.

## Sept. 10-14

- Women's Wellness Retreat at Old Edwards Inn & Spa presented by The Cleveland Clinic. Call 787-2610 for package details.

## Sept. 11

- There will be a study of Beth Moore's newest Bible study on the Book of Daniel at Highlands School beginning Monday at 3:45 p.m. Anyone who is interested in joining this group can call Carol Bowen, the facilitator, at 526-5168 for further information. The only charge is the cost of the accompanying workbook, approximately

• See **EVENTS** page 28

## At Cyrano's Book Shop Book Signings • 1-3 p.m.

### September 2

Pat Conroy – *The Pat Conroy Cookbook*

### September 9

F Clason Kyle – *In Order of Appearance*

### September 16

Dennis Ackison – *Murder at Fontana Dam*

### September 23

Paul Gerhardt – *Feline Four*

### September 28

Tom Smoot – *The Edisons of Ft. Myers*

### October 7

William Rawlings – *Crossword*

### October 8

Fred Wooldridge – *I'm Moving Back To Mars*

### October 12 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Susan Mason – *Silver Service*

### October 14

Joan Medlicott • 11-1, *The Covington Series*

Celia Miles • 11-1, *Mattie's Girl*

Gayden Metcalfe • 3-5, *Being Dead is No Excuse*

### October 21

Gerry Soud – *Life As I Slice It*

### October 28 • 10 a.m. -noon

George Ellison – *A Blue Ridge Nature Journal*

### December 16

Carl Smith – *Louisiana Burn*

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

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- The annual luncheon of the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary will be on Monday at 12:30 p.m. at Chestnut Hill. Please call 526-3837 for your reservation for this important and enjoyable event.

### Sept. 12

- "A Year in the Life of a Black Bear," Audubon Program, presented by Kathy Sherrard and Anne Allison of Appalachian Bear Center in Townsend, TN; 7 p.m. Highlands Civic Center.

### Sept. 14

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Fearless Acrylic Painting with Laurence Holden.

- At ...on the Verandah, a French Creole Dinner with McKinnon's Louisiane. Call 828-526-2338 for tickets and reservations.

### Sept. 15

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Beaded Woven Pouch, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Pin-loom weaving. Create a woven pouch with novelty threads first day. Bead it second day. \$120. (\$85, FRIENDS)

### Sept. 16

- Mountain Song Festival at the Brevard Music Center featuring Doc Watson, David Holt, 111rd Tyme Out, Steep Canyon Rangers, and Biscuit Burners. Tickets are \$35. Call 800-514-3849 or 828-243-3496 for tickets and information.

### Sept. 13-17

- The 53rd Macon County Fair will take place in Franklin. The theme for 2006 is "Agriculture: Macon' It Happen at the Macon County Fair." Pack up your projects of art work, garden vegetables, baking, canning, photography, sewing, flowers, or other hobbies you may

have, and enter them at the fair. ATTENTION! Youth that participated in the Summer Relief Programs, special interest programs, club activities...please locate your projects and enter them in the fair. For more information, call the Macon County Fair at 369-3523.

### Sept. 17

- At ...on the Verandah, a special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration from noon-6 p.m. It's free!

### Sept. 18

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Beaded Woven Pouch, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Sept. 19

- Audubon Field Trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway for view fall migrants. Meet at 7 a.m. in the Parking Lot next to the Highlands Town Hall to carpool.

### Sept. 21

- Six Course Gourmet Wine Dinner at The Farm at OEI, 6 p.m. Featuring Steele Winery from the Napa Valley. \$149 per person inclusive. Call 828-787-2610 for reservations.

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Fearless Acrylic Painting with Laurence Holden

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Open Studio, 5 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Sept. 23

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery Fine Art Center: Art and Wine Display: regional artists will have their work on exhibit in the gallery prior to the auction (free)

### Sept. 25

- Bolivian Auction at the Highlands Country Club on Monday from 5:30 p.m. until the last item is auctioned by Al Scudder. The admission donation will be \$100.

### Sept. 26

- Encouragement for the Homeschool Family Con-

ference By Steve & Teri Maxwell at Franklin Covenant Church, 265 Bellevue Park Rd., Franklin. Call Michelle Loewy at 828-349-3483. & pre-registration: Pre-registration is greatly appreciated.

### Sept. 28

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery, "Fearless Acrylic Painting" with Laurence Holden

### Sept. 29-Oct. 1

- Second Annual Highlands Antique Show sponsored by the Highlands Playhouse 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday at the Highlands Rec Park. Tickets are \$10.

### Oct. 1

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC, Highlands. Fall Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

### Oct. 6

- Bascom-Louise Gallery's Art and Wine Auction.

### Oct. 14

- 24th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Free admission and parking Breakfast and lunch available for purchase. Over 100 vendors - four raffle drawings with prizes donated by popular artists - sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and the Highlands Recreation Department.

### Oct. 16-21

- At ITC in Oak Square on Main Street, "Sylvia" - a romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog.

### Nov. 11

- The Appalachian High Folk Concert Series in Highlands presents Jack Williams at The Instant Theatre Company. The concert series is a seasonal, coffee-house style concert series featuring nationally touring, award winning, festival headlining acts. Call 828-342-9197.

## Election 2006

### Candidates Forums

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- **Sept. 14 — Candidates for Sheriff** — noon Lunch is available by reservation. Call 524-5192 by Sept. 12.

- **Sept. 28 — Candidates for County Commission** — 7 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served.

- **Oct. 12 — Candidates for N.C. General Assembly** — noon Lunch is available by reservation — call 524-5192 by October 10.

- **Oct. 26 — Candidates for School Board** — noon Bring your own brown bag lunch. Dessert and coffee will be served.

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highlandseditor@aol.com or FAX to 1-866-212-8913.

Send check to Highlands' Newspaper, P.O. Box 2703, Highlands, NC 28741 or stop by at 265 Oak St.

## HELP WANTED

**HCC PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION** - Accepting applications for administration position at local country club. Seasonal, flexible position (9-10 months) with good benefits. Duties include answering phones, regular interaction with members and vendors and performing general secretarial and clerical duties. Minimum five years experience, good inter personal and communication abilities with PC skills, including Word and Excel required. Graphics and/or some bookkeeping background a plus. Send resume by fax to 828-526-1951 or mail to General Manager, P.O. Box 707, Highlands, NC 28741 9/14

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE** – Needs weekend help. Call Trish at 526-3687.

**BUCK'S COFFEE CAFE** - Full and part time Counter Help needed for year round employment Please stop by 384 Main Street for a application or call 526-4646 for more information.

**SECRETARY-RECEPTIONIST** - Accepting applications for a full-time, year round experienced Secretary-Receptionist. Seeking a reliable individual with a pleasant personality to answer phones, and perform general secretarial and clerical duties. Must possess good computer knowledge, and typing skills. Excellent benefits. Send resume by fax to 828-526-9608 or mail to P.O. Box 220 Highlands, NC 28741. Deadline for applications September 15th.

**EXPERIENCED CABINETRY INSTALLER NEEDED** – Part time employment. Competitive pay. Willing to work with your schedule. Must be dependable, have tools, transportation. Call (828)526-9201.

**FULL TIME MANAGER & PART-TIME HELP** – needed for a new up-scale yarn shop in Highlands. Call 404-542-2904 or 404-932-6867.

**MANICURIST/PEDICURIST & AESTHETICIANS** – Needed for exclusive private health club in Cashiers. Must be team player. NC license required. Send resume to: P.O. Box 405, Cashiers, NC 28717. 8/31

**HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB** – is looking for a starter, and bag room and driving range personnel. Retirees welcome. Competitive wages, flexible hours, and employee meals. Apply in person 981 Dillard Road, Highlands or call 828-526-2181 for application.

**HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB** – is now hiring full-time housekeepers. Competitive wages, flexible hours, and employee meals. Apply in person 981 Dillard Road, Highlands or call 828-526-2181 for application.

**OLD EDWARDS INN & SPA** – an extraordinary luxury destination spa resort in Highlands, has the following hourly positions available: Night Auditor, Spa Café Cook, Security Officer, Banquet Captain, Maintenance Worker, On-call Banquet Server. In the Spa: Nail Tech, Hair Stylist, Esthetician. Full time, part time, and seasonal positions available. North Carolina license required for spa positions. Excellent benefits, including low cost housing. Apply online at [www.oldedwardsinn.com](http://www.oldedwardsinn.com) and click on Careers, or stop by 137 South 4<sup>th</sup> St., Highlands

to complete an application. EOE/Drug free workplace.

**BARTENDERS, COCKTAIL SERVERS, AND FOOD SERVERS** – needed for the evening shifts at Highlands Country Club. Experience is a plus, positive attitude a must. Please apply at 981 Dillard Road, Highlands or call for application (828) 526-2181.

**SWEETREATS IN HIGHLANDS** – needs Kitchen Prep, Dishwasher, Servers and Counter Help. Come by or call Beth or Bob. 526-9822.

**PIZZA PLACE OF HIGHLANDS** – seeking mature adults for full time, year round help. Competitive wages. Please apply in person. Must speak and read English.

**PIZZA PLACE OF HIGHLANDS** – looking for a qualified full time, year round night time manager. Pay based on experience. Please apply in person. Must speak and read English.

**SCALY MOUNTAIN BP AND GENERAL STORE** – needs part-time cashier 2nd shift 3-7pm Monday thru Friday, Saturday or Sunday 7am - 6pm. Starting \$9 per hour. Some benefits. Apply in person. No calls please.

**FULL OR PART-TIME RETAIL SALES** –Weekends required, no exceptions. Must be responsible, professional appearing, enthusiastic and have retail sales experience. Call The Summer House in Highlands at 828-526-5577.

**HIGH COUNTRY CAFE** – now hiring for all positions, on the floor and in the kitchen. EOE employer. Call 526-0572.

**CERTIFIED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**. Previous experience in purchasing and inventory control preferred. Seeking a mature, self-directed, motivated applicant with good organizational skills, effective verbal and written communication skills, and basic computer skills. Able to work Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**FLOOR TECH IN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**. Experience in commercial floor care is preferred. Other floor care experience is helpful. This full-time position is for Monday through Friday. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**COOK AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**. Full-time, year-round employment; 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., various days of the week. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Competitive salary and full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**DIETARY AIDES AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**. Full time, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., various days. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Salary depends on experience. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**. This full-time position is for 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, nights. Must have completed two years of college from an approved program in Medical Technology and possess a credential as an M.L.T. from either ASCP or HEW. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1303 or apply online at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL AND FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER**. Experience in management of Housekeeping, Floor Care, and Laundry is preferred as is knowledge of State and Federal regulations. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**R.N.S AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**.

Positions open in E.R. and on Acute Care (Med Surge). Full-time, 12-hour shifts available for all days, weekday nights, and weekends. Salary range based on years of experience. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301.

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN! ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A NEW CAREER?** Become a Certified Nursing Assistant for Fidelity Eckerd Living Center at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. C.N.A. classes will start on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. Students will be paid while in class Mondays through Fridays for 6 hours a day. Upon graduation, students will become a Certified Nursing Assistant and will receive a substantial increase in pay. Excellent benefit package after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. If interested in joining a dynamic healthcare team, call Judy Miller at 828-526-1317, Mary Osmar at 828-526-1301, or apply online through website, [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

**CNA OR CNA II FOR FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**. Full-time position for either 32 or 36 hours per week, including every other weekend. Range of pay, depending on number of years' experience, is \$9.50 to \$11.90 per hour. Weekend and shift differentials. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1303 or apply online at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org).

## FOR RENT

**AWESOME 1 BD/1BA APARTMENT DOWNTOWN HIGHLANDS** – High-speed Internet, satellite TV, W/D, furnished. No pets, no smoking. Available Sept. 10. \$400 plus utilities. \$200 security deposit. (828) 200-0463. Call after 6 p.m.

**THE CHAMBERS AGENCY, REALTORS HAS YEAR ROUND HOUSING! #1)** Three bedroom/two bath home close to town- all on one level. Fully Furnished. \$1,000 per month, plus utilities/maintenance. \$1,000 Security Deposit. #2) Small three bedroom/two bath older mountain cottage- close to town. Some furnishings. \$1,000 per month, plus utilities/maintenance. \$1,000. Security Deposit. All homes require interview, rental application, credit and/or background check. Please come by The Chambers Agency, 401 N. Fifth St. or call 828-526-3717

**VACATION RENTAL** – in Sky Valley. 10 miles from Highlands. \$500/week, 2/2, Newer, completely furnished. No smoking, no pets. Call 772-321-9620. 10/5

**HOME FOR RENT IN HIGHLANDS**. 3-bedroom, 2-bath chalet on six acres. Great for kids. \$1,100 per month annually. Call 772-215-5896 or email [twalinski@aol.com](mailto:twalinski@aol.com)

**VACATION RENTAL** - Sapphire/Cashiers: 4 bedroom/3 bath, stone FP, all conveniences (plasma TV, PC, good linens, towels, china, satellite). Gated community/club. Lake access, with horses, kayaks, canoes available. Weekly, monthly and long holiday weekends possible. \$900 week, \$3,000/month. 3 day minimum by-the-day/weekend. 770-479-5535 x239 days - Kevin. 770-704-9926 eves.

**VACATION RENTAL** – The Lodge on Mirror Lake, fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly, monthly, 3-day min. Call 828-342-2302.

## REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

**WILL TRADE ST. SIMONS ISLAND 3 BED, 3 BATH CONDO**, oceanfront for mountain house, lake view. \$1,500,000. Broker, [pictures@www.rogerbudd.com](mailto:pictures@www.rogerbudd.com), [juliebudd@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliebudd@bellsouth.net), 229-630-7200. 9/8

**BY BUILDER** – 4/3, new construction. Executive home. 1.5 acres, bordered by 2 creeks and a pond in a new up-scale subdivision less than 5 minutes from downtown Franklin. \$485K. Call 371-3669. 8/31

**PRIVATE, WOODED LOT ON HIGH RIDGE** – Cashiers area; Sapphire Valley Resort amenities (golf, boating/fishing, swim & tennis, skiing, horseback riding).

\$45,900. By owner. Call Eva (404) 819-8300.

**STOP RENTING OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE** – New building with three 2,200+- sq.ft. retail/office units & three 1,600+-sq.ft. drive-in storage units. Highly visible location (NC 106) near Long Transfer—look for Cyprus billboard. Lots of parking! Bathrooms in every unit. Beautiful, secure & affordable. Retail spaces: \$325,000. Storage spaces: \$225,000 Chris Gilbert, OWNER/BROKER, (828)526-2475 or 421-3161

**QUAINT** – Newly remodeled farm-style home. 1 acre, 2 stories, 3 bed, 1 bath, hardwood & carpet floors. Close to Cashiers area golf courses and Lake Glenville. Quiet neighborhood. Asking \$180,000. Call Linda. Day: 828-743-2948. Evenings: 828-743-2654.

**ADORABLE 3 BR/2 BA COTTAGE** with wonderful mountain view. One mile from Main Street. Highlands. \$275,000. By Owner. For Appt. 828-526-1085. 9/28

**THREE BEDROOM** – 2 bath ranch home on approx. 3/4 acre. 2 miles from Highlands-Cashiers hospital. \$240,000. Will consider offer. Ask for Anna. Country Club Properties 828-526-2520

**HOME SITES** – 1-acre plus, 2 miles from Main Street, Highlands. Starting at \$189,000. Community will be gated. Call 828-526-9622.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

**FOUR-WHEEL WALKER** – Seat, basket, hand brake. Very sturdy. Never used. \$125. 828-526-4828.

**COLEMAN FIREBOX INSERT HEATILATER** – with blower. Gas or wood. Includes rack, vent pipes, brick front and hearth, mantle, screen, glass door, NEVER USED. \$600. 828-349-3320

**26" GIRL'S BIKE** – Very good condition. \$25. 828-349-3320

**2 13X13 CANOPY** – never used. Great for picnics, craft show, etc. \$50 each. 828-349-3320

**SALTWATER AQUARIUM** – 55-gallon saltwater aquarium with heater, filter, 2-door oak cabinet, and more. \$150. Call Sandy at 369-6263.

**MOUNTAIN BIKES** – GT Talera, man's 20" and woman's 16", 21 speed, quick release 26" wheels, comfort seats, car rack & helmets included. \$500 for all. Call 526-0624 or 743-5730, after 5 p.m.

**FIREBOX INSERT HEATILATER WITH BLOWER** – Gas or wood. Includes rack, vent pipes, brick front and hearth, mantle, screen, glass door, NEVER USED. \$600 828-349-3320

**HEAVY BRASS ELECTRIC HANGING FIXTURE** – Six green, glass panels, 4 feet of matching chain. 22-inch diameter. \$975. Call 526-1773.

**EUROPEAN-MADE OAK WALL UNITS** – Multi-purpose, fully lighted, 5 glass doors, 4 wooden doors. 100" long, 21" deep, 25" high. 5 pieces. \$995. Call 526-4077.

**4 WALL UNITS FOR STORE DISPLAY OR HOME** – Belgium-made, Beige Formica. Top: glass doors. Middle and bottom: Formica doors. Shelves: glass & Formica. Fully lighted with large mirrors on back. Great display. 80-inches high, 36 inches wide, 20 inches deep. Clearance at \$395 each. Call 828-526-4077.

**JOGGING STROLLER** – All terrain B.O.B. Great condition. Paid \$399 new. Will sell for \$100. Call 200-0737.

**EMPIRE GAS VENTED STOVE** – Nearly new. Black enamel finish. Originally \$1,600. Asking \$800 OBO. Call 342-2302.

**2 TRAVEL TRAILERS – PRICE REDUCED!** – One 1990 - 32 ft. and one 1983 - 35 ft. Both with 2 build-outs each, full-sized refrigerators, full-sized toilets, one has W/D, complete with screen porches, new wood flooring and carpet. Both are nicely furnished. Both in good condition. Can be seen @ Carolina Court. Unit #1 and Unit #22, priced @ \$4,000. each. Must be removed during the month of November 2006. Contact: Charles Dasher @ 828-526-5939, or [carolinacourt@mac.com](mailto:carolinacourt@mac.com)

**VERMONT CASTINGS WINTERWARM** wood burning fireplace insert with ash pan and pan cover, fire screen for door, vent pipe, and owner's manual. \$800. See CLASSIFIEDS page 30



## • CLASSIFIEDS •

Firm. Sold as is where is. Call 828-743-9340 for details. **ANTIQUÉ FURNITURE**, beds, love seats, chairs, tables, lamps, curio cabinets and collectible paperweights, Royal Daltons, Hummels, etc. By appointment only. 828-526-3258.

**11-INCH METAL PLATE** – handcrafted, drama-scene by Reid & Barton 1975. Title: "Indians Discovery Lewis & Clark" by Charles Russell Limited Edition of 2500 – #1623. Good Condition. \$100. Call 526-1773.

**ALL WOOD LARGE (6' TALL X 7' LONG) ENTERTAINMENT CENTER**, – lighted with stained glass upper doors, wood doors on bottom, has open shelves too, very nice \$450 obo, King size bed frame with brass headboard \$75 obo, please call 828-369-2223 or after 5pm 828-331-8422.

**VACUUM CLEANER** – Sears late model with power head. Very good condition. Originally sold for \$295. Will sell for \$149. 828-526-4077.

**AKC REGISTERED SHELTHIES**. Sable Merle & Blue Merle. \$300. Call 706-982-9325.

**SINGER FEATHER-WEIGHT SEWING MACHINE** – in black carrying case with all attachments and many extra bobbins. Model 221 Serial # 182409. \$595 or best offer. 828-526-4077.

**ETHAN ALLEN HUTCH** – Nutmeg color. Two sections. Top, bullnose glass & wood frame doors with two open side shelves on side. Bottom, center 3 drawers with 2 side doors on each side. Enclosed shelves. Top and bottom 6 feet long, 56-inches high and 18-inches wide. Excellent condition. \$998. Call 828-526-4077.

**ETHAN ALLEN ROCKING CHAIR** – Antique White. \$125.

**PIANO BENCH** – with storage in seat. Walnut color. \$75. Call 828-526-4077.

**NEW SET OF 18" VENT-FREE GAS FIREPLACE LOGS**. New — still in the box. \$295. 828-526-4077.

**OAK ROCKER**, over 100 years old. From E.B. (Ted) Mell Estate in Athens, Ga. All original including leather seat. Call 828-349-4581.

**RAINBOW E-SERIES VACUUM CLEANER**, excellent condition with all accessories, \$925 call Dee @ 828-369-8928.

**SOLID DARK OAK DINETTE CABINET**. 19"x64"x84". 3 glass windows on top. 3 drawers on bottom. 2 bottom doors with keys. Imported from Belgium. Excellent condition. \$1,500. Call 369-3250.

### VEHICLES FOR SALE

**'07 MUSTANG SHELBY** – Red with white stripes. Limited edition. Very rare. \$87,500. Ask for William Jackson. 770-519-2533. 8/31

**1993 CADILLAC 60 SPECIAL** – 4-door, DeVille chassis, 4.7 V/8, 16 city/24Hwy. Beautiful Artic white with flawless red leather, ABS Brakes, Air bags, sun roof, Bose CD sound system, new Michelin tires. Two owners, Florida car. Like new. Non smoker. \$4,750. Call 828-787-1563 or cell: 828-200-1563.

**2003 DODGE STRATUS** – red exterior, gray interior, 30,000 miles, AM/FM cassette, A.C. PW, PS, PB, clean. \$8,000 obo 828-526-3257.

**1995 GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO**, loaded, V-8, 4WD, new tires, new brakes, leather, PW, PL, 168K, priced to sell, \$3,900. Cell: 200-0013.

**1991 SUBURBAN 3/4 TON**. 130K miles, 20K on Tranny, 350 V8, lift w/wheels & tires, good condition, never off-road, white/blue \$4350. Call 200-0013.

**GEM ELECTRIC CAR** – Excellent Condition. Has two motors and will cruise at 40 mph. Many extras including new tires. Great for gated communities, golf courses, and senior citizen communities. Asking \$6,500. email gem603@prodigy.net

### WANTED

**STACKABLE WASHER/DRYER** – Call 421-7922. **SOMEONE TO PULL A TRAILER** – from Highlands (Carolina Court) to Maggy Valley, NC. Call 828-526-3859.

**HOUSEKEEPER** – We are looking for a depend-

able, weekly housekeeper who can work year round. We do not have any children or pets. Our home is located half way between Highlands and Cashiers. We visit our home during the summer months. Please contact us at 526-4301.

**UNWANTED ITEMS** in good condition for a family of five. please call Tony @ 828-779-1765

### SERVICES

**FIVE STAR CLEANING & MAINTENANCE** – Light and detail cleaning, concierge services, openings and closings, grocery shopping, personal shopping, personal chef and table service, house repairs, improvements: lighting, plumbing, fixtures, tile, drywall repairs and more. Call 828-332-7201.

**D.P. PAINTING & PRESSURE WASHING** – Interior and exterior painting. Quality Work. References. In business since 1984. Dennis Perkins. 526-3542 or 371-2277.

**YARD WORK & PRESSURE WASHING** – Yard and property maintenance. Pressure Washing and odd jobs. Call Bruce at 828-369-3168 or 828-371-2766. 8/18 **MARTHE CLEANING SERVICES** – experienced house cleaner. Houses, Offices, Churches. Will care for elderly, too. Call 828-369-8675. Leave message.

**H & D HOUSECLEANERS** – We're the team for minor cleans. Dishes, bed, floors, & baths. Give us a call "cause we are the Best!" 706-982-1994 or 706-782-0376

**SCOTTS CONSTRUCTION 'ME FIX IT'** – Decks, roofs, pressure washing, painting, lawn service, small electrical, floors, carpet cleaning, house cleaning! No job too small. 30 yrs. exp. Call David at 828-369-5886 or 828-347-5051.

**PAINTING, PRESSURE WASHING** – "It's All We Do" Free Next Day estimates. References. Gary miller. Call 526-0722.

**C&C CONTRACTING – WE GET IT DONE — SMALL OR LARGE** – Remodeling, decks, doors, windows or the whole house! Call Art Doughty at 828-508-1360 Workmen's Comp, General Liability, References **HIGHLANDS SHUTTLE SERVICE** – Atlanta Airport Shuttle. Drive - Away • Auto Delivery. All Out-of-Town Trips Driving Services. Call 526-8078.

**ROADRUNNER DRIVING SERVICE** — Serving all Airports. Call Darlene: 524-3265 or Cell (706) 201-7719. 11/2

## • REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS •

### PIN ID # - ADDRESS – GRANTEE – DATE – SALE – GRANTOR - APPRAISED

#### TOWN OF HIGHLANDS

• 0503320, 865 HUDSON RD HLDS COUNTRY CLUB, MAIER GORDON C, 8/15/2006, \$1,125,000., FUQUA J REX TRUSTEE, \$831,890.

• 0510927, SHERWOOD FOREST LOT 5, HILL EDDIE, 8/14/2006, \$190,000., HIGH TIDE INVESTMENT LLC, \$71,820.

#### HIGHLANDS TOWNSHIP

• 0513007, 35 LAURELWOOD CT., PEARSON L WAYNE, 8/11/2006, \$500,000., EDGERTON JULIA M TRUSTEE, \$436,360.

• 0515554, 42 WINTERBERRY CT., SAN SOUCI JAMES C, 8/15/2006, \$575,000., BROWN R. GRATTAN JR., \$436,220.

• 0516950, 99 GARNET ROCK TRL CULLASAJA CLUB, WOLFE JILL J, 8/15/2006, \$600,000., DEW JOHN C, \$744,850.

• 0517036, LOT 218 CULLASAJA CLUB, STACEY MATTHEW W, 8/10/

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**DISCOVER ARBONNE** – pure Swiss skin care, nutrition and aromatherapy. Learn about the incredible products. Call Darlene Melcher at 526-4685 (day) or 526-8402 (night).

### LEGALS

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF IRENE MADELINE SCHULTZ

Any persons, firms or corporations having claims against Irene Madeline Schultz, Deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Louie Albert Schultz, Personal Representative of the Deceased's Estate at the address of the Estate's undersigned attorney, on or before November 15, 2006, or be barred from their recovery thereafter. Debtors of the Deceased are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Personal Representative at the same address.

DATED: August 1, 2006

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Attorney for Estate  
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(828) 526-3734 fax.  
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8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31

## POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Aug 22-29. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

### Aug. 22

• At 9:30 a.m., The Dry Sink reported a bad check in the amount of \$85.

• At 10:15 p.m., John Edmunds Cruzdonayre, 41, of Gainesville, GA, was arrested for DWI, and for having no license or insurance at Main Street.

### Aug. 23

• At 10:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident on Cullasaja Drive.

### Aug. 24

• At 11:48 p.m., officers responded to noise complaint on Cherokee Drive. Residents were asked to turn down their music.

• At 5:24 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone on U.S. 64 west.

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to a animal complaint at a residence on Cherokee Drive.

• At 12:30 p.m., a resident reported erroneous telephone charges in the amount of \$166.42.

• At 10 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone at U.S. 64 and Poplar Street.

• At 11:30 a.m. a motorist was stopped at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street and was charged with a misdemeanor for having less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana in the car.

### Aug. 25

• At 4:30 p.m., a couple logged a complaint concerning a pack of dogs that threatened them while they were on a walk in the vicinity of Smallwood, Harris Lake and Leonard Street.

### Aug. 26

• A motorist was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 25 zone at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street.

• A motorist was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25 zone at Laurel and U.S. 64 east.

### Aug. 27

• A motorist was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25 zone at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street.

### Aug. 28

• At 12:30 p.m., a call came into the station regarding an assault on a motorist. Officers were asked to be on the look out but they were unable to locate the suspect.

• At 3:24 p.m., a call came in about a dog being hit by a car on N. 4th Street, but it was unharmed.

• At 4:25 p.m., a broken water line at The Mountain Club was reported. The dept. called the town.

• At 6:40 p.m., residents called the dept. complaining of barking dogs on Satulah Ridge.

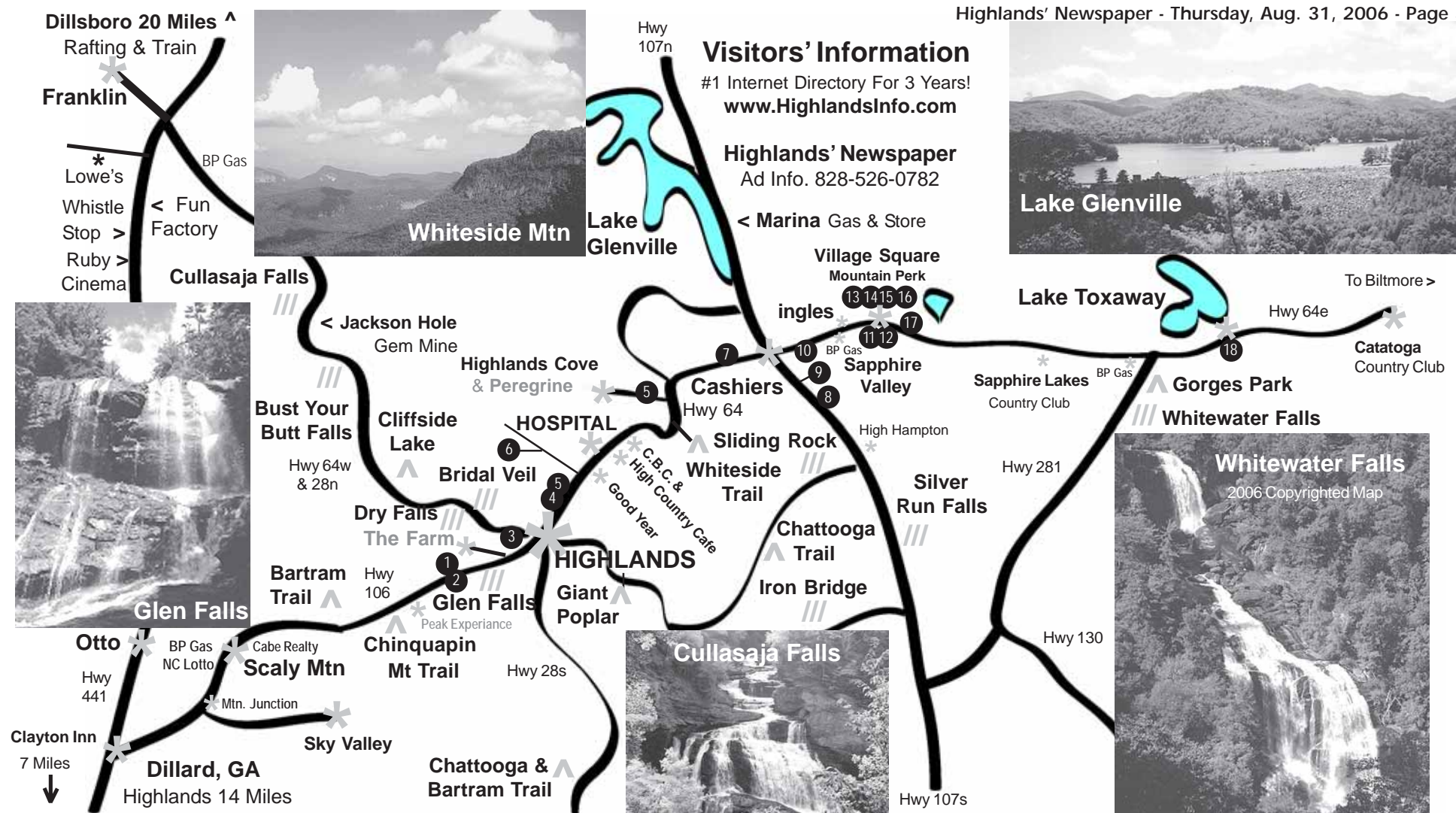
• At 9:30 p.m., a jogger called the dept. and reported be threatened by a dog in the vicinity of Smallwood and Leonard streets.

### Aug. 29

• At motorist was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 25 zone at Hicks and N. 4th streets.

During the week, officers issued seven warning citations.





CALL NOW		1 Summer House		4 Outdoor Tool		7 Century 21		10 Macon Bank		13 Grinning Frog		16 SMC Realty		19	
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		3 On The Verandah		6 Skyline Lodge		9 Buyers' Real Estate		12 TUBBY Tubing		15 HomePlace Blinds		18 Brew Bird Cafe		21	
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Elephant's Foot Highlands, 526-5451		Mountain Magic Highlands, 526-4049		Village Kids Highlands, 526-5799		Whole Life Market Highlands, 526-5999		Highlands Cust Cov Highlands, 526-4226		Chambers Rentals Highlands, 526-3717		Golden China Highlands, 526-5525		SweeTreats Cafe Highlands, 526-9822	
Nest Highlands, 526-5023		Old Edwards Spa Highlands, 526-8008		Vivace Highlands, 526-1880		Wine & Cheese Highlands, 526-5210		Highlands Decor Ctr Highlands, 526-3571		Main Street Inn Highlands, 526-2590		High Country Cafe Highlands, 526-0572		Wolfgang's Highlands, 526-3807	
Shiraz Oriental Rugs Highlands, 526-5759		Pro Nails Highlands, 526-8777		Wits End Highlands, 526-3160		<b>GIFTS</b>		Highlands Hardware Highlands, 526-3719		Mitchell's Lodge Highlands, 526-2267		Hill-Top Grill Highlands, 526-5916		<b>REAL ESTATE</b>	
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