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July 13-23

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July 14 & 15

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July 14

• Free Mountain Music Concert featuring The Dendy Family with Southern Gospel in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday at 8 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

July 15

• Open House at Mountain Fitness 10 a.m.-noon. Free training tips from Personal Trainer, Susan Nastasic.

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• Live music outside at Oak Street Cafe singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar, 6-8 p.m.

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July 16

• Blue Ridge Boys Concert Sunday at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Highlands

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-9060 for ticket s.

• At the Methodist Church, Sunday, Ed Kilbourne, singer, storyteller and folk-theologian at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and a concert that evening at 7 p.m.

July 18

• Lecture at PAC, Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. "Chamber Music: An Insider's View" Call 526-9060.

• Movie at PAC, Tuesday at 7 p.m. "From Mao to Mozart." Call 526-9060.

• Identity Theft Forum at First Baptist Church in the fellowship hall sponsored by the U.S. Postal Service. 5 p.m.

July 19

• Folkmoot at PAC on Wed. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 for adults. Children 12 \$7.50. Call 526-9047.

• At Wolfgang's "Mozart @ Wolfgang's," at 7 p.m. Call 526-9060 for ticket s.

• Dr. Andy Methven presents "Cool Fungi of the Highlands Plateau." 7 p.m. at the Nature Center. It's FREE.



## County still suing town over ETJ

The county still intends to go to court over ETJ representation on town boards. A court date in mid-January of 2007 has been set.

"We still believe we are entitled to two representatives from the ETJ area on both the Planning and Zoning boards whether they are five- or seven-member boards," said County Attorney Rickey

Moorefield. "We also feel the county should always appoint the representatives from the ETJ area."

At the May 17 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to do three things: to keep the county's appointed ETJ representatives Mike Bryson and Mitch Gurganus on the

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## Zoning Board says ruling to stand

At the July 12 Zoning Board meeting, board members sympathized with Carter and Nancy Bruns, owners of Wild Thyme Restaurant on Carolina Way, concerning their parking dilemma but said they must uphold the town ordinances.

"I don't like it," said Bill Conway, "but with regards to what's been presented, there's no way else to go."

When Macon Bank moved to its new location across the street on Carolina Way, Wild Thyme's seating capacity decreased by 18 seats because it lost six remote parking spaces it was using with Macon Bank's permission.

In Highlands, the number of seats allowed a restaurant in the B2 and B3 commercial districts is determined by the number of parking spaces the restaurateur can provide customers on the property. Restaurants get three seats per park-

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## Town sets sights on stormwater controls/study

By Susanna Forrester  
Reporter

A study of the effects of stormwater runoff will begin in Highlands in August fueled by complaints of flooding in areas such as Mill Creek, and the threat of new federal stormwater regulations.

"The volume of stormwater runoff created in the central business district has increased," said Larry Gantenbein, Zoning administrator and Town Planner. "It's not unusual for businesses on Main Street to wind up with water in their basements."

The study which costs \$50,000, is set to begin Aug. 4 with the inventory and mapping of the existing drainage systems around Highlands. At the July 5 Town Board meeting, commissioner agreed to

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## Traffic snarl on the Gorge Road



An 18-wheeler caused traffic to come to a standstill on the Gorge Road recently. Motorists sat in their cars for a few hours or turned around to find another way down or up the mountain. By state law, tractor-trailers aren't supposed to travel the Gorge Road because they invariably sideswipe the rock embankment and passing vehicles or get stuck at the curve above the falls.

Photo by Megan Lewicki

## Crowds turn out for public hearing

"Keep your hands off my wife, don't kick my dog and don't mess with my land."

That was a stance echoed by many at the public hearing on the county's proposed subdivision ordinance the evening of July 10.

When it was obvious the boardroom at the courthouse wasn't going to hold the number of people who turned out to listen or speak their minds about the ordinance, commissioners moved the public hearing segment of the commission meeting to Courtroom A on the third floor.

Still every seat was taken, people lined the walls and spilled into the hall-

way. The public hearing lasted two hours and 40 minutes.

Commissioners assumed many were there due to an ad paid for by Taxpayers and Landowners of Macon County Dedicated to Protecting Our Mountains and Rights which ran in the Macon County News and Shopper.

Commissioner Charlie Leatherman said verbiage in the ad erroneously depicted aspects of the ordinance and before comments were taken from the public, he set the record straight.

He said many changes to the ordinance had been proposed at the July 21 Planning Board meeting and the public

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • FORUM •

### New report on smoke should spark action

**From Ann Houston, CHES  
Director of Public Education and  
Communication  
NC Tobacco Prevention and Control  
Branch**

Some dissenting voices, like what's left of Big Tobaccos, might dispute the message. But it doesn't get much clearer than last week's statement by Surgeon General Richard Carmona: "The debate is over. The science is clear: Secondhand smoke is not a mere annoyance, but a serious health hazard."

The link between secondhand smoke and serious illness, including heart disease and lung cancer, was established 20 years ago, under the watch of then-Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. But in compiling research done since, the new study expands the body of evidence on secondhand smoke's adverse effects. They include increased risk for respiratory illnesses in children and heart and lung disease in adults. For instance, the study shows that more than 35,000 nonsmokers die per year from heart disease caused by secondhand smoke.

The report, which also says separate smoking sections and ventilation systems can't fully protect nonsmokers, makes a compelling case for smoke-free workplaces and public indoor spaces.

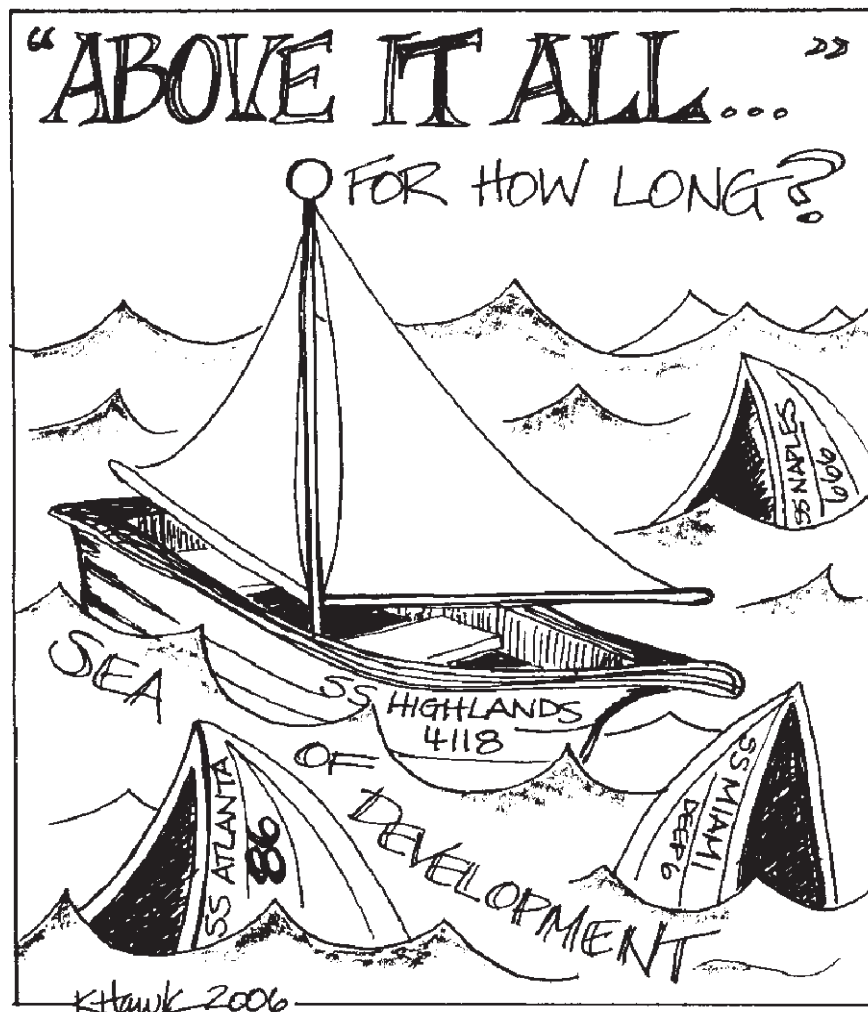
In North Carolina, where bills to ban smoking in restaurants or confine smokers to cordoned-off areas have failed in the General Assembly, the debate about public health and smokers' rights is certain to continue. But legislators should use the report's findings to make a strong bipartisan push for local authority in restricting smoking.

Under current law, local governments are prohibited from passing indoor air-quality rules that are stricter than state standards. Since 1993, the state has required 20 percent of public buildings to be set aside for smoking areas. Hospitals, health departments and schools are among facilities that are exempt, as are arenas that seat more than 23,000 — including the Greensboro Coliseum.

Just last week, in the best move they've made this session, state lawmakers finally broke with tradition by passing a law that bans smoking in all legislative buildings. Why shouldn't

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## • HAWK-EYE'S VIEW •



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## • LETTER •

### Highlands no longer belongs to the people

Dear Editor,

I read Commissioner's Ross's response to John Cleaveland's resignation in the June 29 issue of Highlands' Newspaper. In that response, he gave several reasons for his attending the Planning Board meetings. I found his last reason especially interesting. He stated: "Lastly, I am there to represent clients from time to time."

Is it not a very direct conflict of interest to represent a client at a Planning Board meeting when he may be required to vote on the issue as a commissioner?

Perhaps John Cleaveland has realized that we have government of tyranny in Highlands. Highlands is not my Town, it is not your Town, and it is not even our Town; it is their (commissioners) Town and they have proven over and over that they will do what they want without regard for public or anyone else's opinion! The Highlands government thinks that there is no one in Highlands with enough intelligence to make decisions or even offer input for the town except them.

Until Highlands stops trying to protect wealth and returns to protecting the rights of its citizens and property owners, which is the primary purpose of government, things will only get worse in Highlands!

Harold Neely  
Highlands

## • MILESTONES •

### Michele Dendy

Michele Dendy, Highlands School graduate Class of 2005, made the Dean's List at Southwestern Community College for the Spring 2006 semester. She is studying Criminal Justice.

## • THANK-YOUS •

Based upon repeated reports from visitors who attended this year's "Walk In The Park," the stories told by the performers and the manner in which the production took place made a most memorable and inspiring presentation of the history of the Town of Highlands.

This was no accident: many people worked long and hard to make this event entertaining as well as educational. Thank you! - Jim Whitehurst

## Leslie P. (Buddy) Cawthon

Leslie P. (Buddy) Cawthon, 80, of Atlanta, GA, and Highlands, N.C. died on July 9, 2006 at Hospice Atlanta after a brief battle with cancer.

He was born in Nashville, Tenn., on February 23, 1926, grew up there and was educated at Hillsboro High School and Vanderbilt University. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He joined Tennessee Products and Chemical Corporation for five years, after which he joined Warner Lambert Corporation for 34 years.

He was an avid camellia grower, a board member and certified judge of the American Camellia Society, past president of the Atlantic Coast Camellia Society, member of the International Camellia Society and Treasurer of the North Georgia Camellia Society. He was lay preacher at the Episcopal Church and former choir member.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mattie Huffman Cawthon and Leslie P. Cawthon, Sr.; and by two sisters, Elizabeth Cawthon and Martha Cawthon Johnson. He is survived by his brother-in-law, Charles M. Johnson, Sr., of Nashville, Tenn.; a nephew Charles M. Johnson, Jr., (Vikki) of Nashville; a nephew, Nat E. Johnson (Jane) of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; two great-nephews and two great nieces; and by John T. Newsome, partner of 45 years; and a very dear friend, L. Lynne Holley.

The body was donated to Emory University. Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, July 13, 2006 at 2 p.m. at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 3098 Northside Parkway, Atlanta, Ga; and on Monday, July 17, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at the Church of the Incarnation Highlands.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice Atlanta, 1244 Park Vista Drive, Atlanta, GA, 30319 or to the American Camellia Society, 100 Massee Lane, Fort Valley, GA, 30310.

## Pending immigration laws in the house and senate

By Ashlyn Williams  
Reporter

On July 10, Graham Fields from Senator Elizabeth Dole's office came to Highlands to discuss pending immigration laws and get the public's feedback on how illegal immigrants affect commerce in Highlands.

"I can't speak directly for Senator Dole's feelings but I am here to speak out to business leaders and community leaders. We want to inform you about the project and I can give feedback to the Senator," Fields said.

As of right now, there are two different bills—one from the House of Representatives and the other from the Senate. The House's bill deals primarily with border security and setting up some sort of policing system. The Senate's bill is dealing with workforce and citizenship issues concerning immigrants.

The Senate has passed a series of benchmarks for immigrants to fulfill. "What began as a "guest worker" program has now turned into an amnesty program," said Fields.

The theory behind a "guest worker" program would be that immigrants could get a pass into this country to work for a certain amount of time and then return home. As far as amnesty is concerned, both Senators Burr and Dole oppose this.

"For us, amnesty is an unfair path where people can go from the back of the line to the front. It would send a terrible message to see people coming in illegally and being rewarded. It's not fair for the people out there that are trying to

do it morally and ethically," said Fields.

After explaining this information, Fields opened the floor for questions and concerns. Fields expressly stated that his main reason in coming was to get the public's feedback on this issue so that the Senator could be better informed in making decisions.

One issue concerning business owners is their liability. Many are concerned that they may be held accountable for not realizing that an employee is an illegal immigrant.

"To punish employers for unknowingly hiring illegals is wrong," said one attendant.

Most at the meeting tended to agree with this statement, but employers still want to know to what extent they are held liable.

"If the government can't produce proper documentation that can't be reproduced, then we shouldn't be wasting our money on the program," said Allan Schultz. Fields agreed with this statement and said that he would share the information with Senator Dole.

"The fundamental problem is the economy. There is a demand for workers. If there weren't jobs, they wouldn't come," said attendant Stephen Lucas.

This statement brought up discussion concerning unemployment rates. Many of the attendants agreed that it is easier to hire immigrants because they are actually willing to do the work.

"In my experience in talking with people from other counties they have said 'Every time we take in these workers that



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you say need work, they turn around and don't come back after lunch," said Fields.

"Has anyone thought of an immigration tax?" said Allan Schultz. In this case, such a tax could help fund immigration programs such as the "guest worker" program.

Fields concluded by reiterating the importance of feedback with the public. "It is important to get the businesses involved. Their feedback will help speed up the process in getting a program started."

Specifically in reference to Highlands, President of the Chamber of Commerce Bill Bassham said the forum was important. "It's a difficult issue, and


a pertinent issue to the Highlands Plateau. I wish we had more people here. Graham did a nice job making our business community understand that there aren't black and white answers," said Bassham.

At Macon County Commissioner Jim Davis' urging, the county is holding a forum about illegal immigration in Macon County on July 31 at 9 a.m. in the Community Facilities Building in Franklin. Davis wants to hear exactly how illegal immigrants affect county services, schools, and employment. He said with facts and figures the discussion about illegal immigrants can be a factual one rather than an emotional one.




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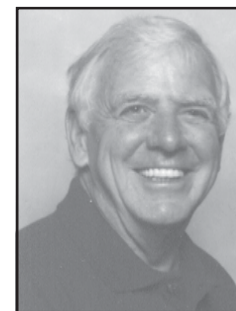
## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### Father Tien is soooo boring

**W**ell, let's see, I have managed to upset most of the town board, the planning board, the police and fire departments, my editor, Brits, psychiatrists, promoters of ETJ, demoters (is that a word?) of ETJ and everyone at OEL.

But making fun of religion is my favorite thing to do. I even made fun of God once, but He said it was OK. Now it's time to pick on Highlands' only Catholic priest. So if everything I have ever done in life so far does not get me a one-way ticket to hell, this will probably do it. I always try to be up front with my targets and give them a heads up, just to let them know I am sharpening my pen in their direction. Such was the case with Father Tien, pastor at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

Last Sunday, after mass, I was hanging out in the social hall with friends (yes, I have two left) when I was approached by Father Tien, beaming from ear to ear. Putting his hand on my shoulder, he proudly announced, "Fred, I want you to know I read your column every week. I never miss it." I turned, looked up at his happy face and said, "Well, thank you, Father. Let's



**Fred Wooldridge**

see, you have been here a year. It's time for me to do a column about you."

The grin turned to a look of shock. His hand slid softly from my shoulder as he turned and headed for the exit. Everyone at the table started laughing. I called out to him, "Father, can I have an interview?" I haven't seen the man since. I think he might be on a

sabbatical until November.

Father Tien was born in Viet Nam and grew up in the middle of the ugliest, most meaningless war this country has ever been involved in. Out of respect for his privacy and personal wishes, I will not tell you his saga, but it is gripping. Shortly after his arrival here last summer, out of the pleadings from so many of his parishioners, Father Tien stood before us one evening and told his story. At the end, I was filled with anguish and remorse. The little missus, along with many others, was softly crying.

Father Tien is a quiet man who does not wear his life struggle on his sleeve. While he is Highlands' most colorful priest ever, you would never know. He is on a mission to save souls,

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## The last socially acceptable prejudice

One of the most ridiculous "issues" in American politics is the controversy over gay marriage. It's hard to determine if concern about it merely masks good old-fashioned bigotry or some sentimental attachment to the word "marriage." In either case the end result is to distract everyone from more important issues.

From what I've seen on television, public acceptance of gays and lesbians seems widespread. Since so many have come out of the closet, nearly everyone realizes that a family member or acquaintance might be gay. Whatever prejudice exists, it has mostly gone underground along with anti-semitism, racism, and a variety of ethnic hatreds.

Which is not to say that gays are now having an easy time of it. Most straight people still feel ill at ease around gay men or lesbians, probably less so around the latter. Gays undoubtedly still feel like aliens in their own land.

Even though some fundamentalist sects continue to believe that homosexuality is a lifestyle choice, every scientific paper on the subject I've read insists that it is a state into which you're born. Genes play some unknown role, but their contribution, and that of intra-uterine hormones, is unknown. Environment undoubtedly also has an impact on those born with this inclination.

But it doesn't really matter what the cause of homosexuality is. Like any other human condition it is deserving of respect. Gay-bashers like to appeal to the Bible for their condemnation of gays. The simple truth is that, as anyone who has read it thoroughly knows, you can find support in the Bible for almost any position. Polygamy, infanticide, brutality—it's all advocated there. I spent some of my down time in Korea reading and re-reading the Old and



Dr. Alex Redmountain

New testaments, and though I can't quote chapter and verse, I know what's in there.

What is clear as rain and sunshine is that it was written in a more primitive time, when being suspicious of anyone who was different was good for survival. Gay men and women bore the brunt not only of being different, but they didn't contribute to the tribal injunction to go forth and multiply. Today that's a mark in their favor. We'd all be better off if more people subtracted and fewer multiplied.

Anyway, it's high time for all of the Bible-thumpers to come into the 20th Century if not the 21st. Scholars of many religions have established, beyond any reasonable doubt, that the Bible was written by human beings, not God. It may have been inspired by God, but the contradictions,

errors, prejudices, and brutality bear the clear imprint of good old homo sapiens. That's us, folks, with all the limitations of our imperfect species.

So how about we stop demanding that everyone fit into our little box of what it means to be human? Scattered across this earth are billions who believe their version of reality, so different from our own, is the only true version. They too insist their legends or documents bear the imprint of God's hand. And some are willing to kill to prove it.

What a mess! What a shame! It's enough to make you weep with frustration for the human race. What we all have in common far surpasses our differences. We all love our children, if we have any, and want them to grow up to be decent men and women. We want to live in peace. We want to live healthy, productive lives.

Instead we build mines and bombs and blow each other to smithereens. We nourish hate instead of love.

Gay people deserve to be left alone to develop into



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## • ANOTHER VIEW •

### Armies of occupation are never popular

**W**e went to Iraq to remove weapons of mass destruction, secure regime change, and introduce democracy. There are no WMDs in sight. Saddam is in jail and on trial. The Iraqis have had two elections and have established a government of national unity, sort of. So let's declare, "Mission Accomplished" and, go home. Forgive me for dredging up the image of President Bush standing on an aircraft carrier, beneath a gigantic banner in May 2003 declaring "the end of major hostilities." Unfortunately, our military, built to conduct conventional warfare and unmatched in the world for that task, has proved woefully ill-equipped to conduct an unconventional war in Iraq.

One must ask if it is possible to create a force that can prevail in the Middle Eastern environment. An absolute requisite to achieving that mission is to win the hearts and minds of the population. If it proves impossible to create a force capable of winning hearts and minds, it follows that attempts to impose our will and our vision on the country will likewise prove futile. Just what sort of force would this be? It must be an army capable of speaking Arabic, an army which understands and respects the Iraqi culture. Success would probably depend on a large Islamic presence and the ability to counter the prevailing image of a Crusader force. The view of the United States as a sponsor of Israel is, in all likelihood, enough in itself enough to doom the effort. This ideal army would have the ability to establish the uninterrupted flow of both water and electricity, to repair both mosques and roads, to build hospitals, infrastructure, and trust. It would need be near perfect in its deportment, patient in dealings with its hosts. Soldiers would have to be willing to jeopardize their own lives, waiting an extra second or two before firing, to be certain of the intentions of a vehicle approaching them. Its members would be required to knock politely instead of announcing its arrival by knocking down the living room wall with an Abrams tank. And all of this would be carried out in the midst of IEDs, suicide bombers, small arms fire, and initially, at least, a hostile population. The alternative



**Dr. Henry Salzarulo**

path to victory is conventional annihilation.

In a guerilla war, the opposing force is invisible, or nearly so. It operates with the support, or at least the acquiescence of the population. Our conflict is not only with combatants but with their parents, sisters, and

wives. We intended to be an army of liberation, but have become an army of occupation. Armies of occupation are never popular. The very fact that we are viewed as occupiers precludes the possibility of winning many hearts and minds. Our task is impossible.

Our leaders point with pride to the introduction of democracy, the rule of law, a government of national unity. Closer scrutiny reveals that the Shiite majority voted not for representative government, but for Shiite domination to replace Sunni domination. The majority voted not for our favored slate of secular candidates, but for representatives of Shiite religious parties. Police from the Shiite controlled Interior Ministry are killing Sunnis, evening old scores, under our noses. What atrocities are predictable after our departure? Does that awful possibility dictate that we remain indefinitely in Iraq? The real question is whether the expenditure of additional thousands of lives and hundreds of billions of dollars will change the equation. Even if our adventure in Iraq can be justified on the basis of our own national interest, availability of oil, denying terrorist havens, or stabilizing the region, all extremely doubtful in my mind, we must still ask if it is possible to achieve victory against an enemy whose hate grows daily. We are not fighting a nation. We are trying to build a nation. We are not fighting an army. We are fighting a population. Not all Iraqis, to be sure, hate us, but enough do to insure our ultimate failure.

If there is a lesson to be learned, it is that we must deploy our military only on missions for which it is trained, in areas in which success is possible, and for causes which are not only in our national interest, but which are consistent with our national ideals.

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# Highlands Playhouse presents 'Noises Off' July 13-23

The first time Marie Bruce saw "Noises Off," she was on the inside, looking. Well, she was in the cast, playing the dotty Dotty Ottley. "I was lucky to be in it 12 years ago and it was one of the best theatrical experiences I have ever had," said Bruce.

A dozen years later, she is again very much involved in "Noises Off" — this time as director of the second 2006 presentation by Highlands Playhouse. The classic British comedy, written by playwright Michael Frayn, opens tonight, Thursday, July 13 and continues through Sunday, July 23.

"This is truly one of the cleverest, funniest pieces of theater ever," Bruce continued. "It is a classic British sex farce. And it's absolutely true — that's why actors love it so. It's what goes on during a production — behind the scenes. All the relationships...love affairs, fights...everything."

"Noises Off," which premiered at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith, London, in 1982, is a three-act production of a play within a play. A second-rate theater troupe is attempting to stage a second-rate script and everything that could go wrong does.

Act I gives the audience a look at "Nothing On" during the final dress rehearsal — a feeble effort to breathe life into a lifeless play. Act II takes the audience backstage to see what goes on while the show goes on. And Act III takes place after the play is well into its run and the cast has been together much too long and nerves are raw as meat in a butcher shop.

The London production was a smash, and it was not long before it moved on to Broadway, starring the late Dorothy Loudon. The New York production did well, but did not enjoy the success its British sister did.

Soon, there was a movie production with Carol Burnett and Michael Caine sharing top billing. Director Peter Bogdanovich assembled a stellar cast — Marilu Henner, Christopher Reeve, John Ritter and Denholm Elliott — but the movie had lukewarm reception. Faryn reworked his script and it was revived on Broadway in 2001 wit Patti Lupne and Peter Gallagher in the leading roles.

The play in the play — "Nothing On" — is snakebit from the opening curtain. Lots of door slamming....innuendoes...double entendres....and a little slapstick. Along with this, the actors have to cope with their own personal problems such as aging, falling in and out of love, jealousy and professional envy. The effect would be about the same as holding up a large mirror to almost any theater company...anywhere.

"One of the gems of this play is that it gives the audience a look at what happens backstage," said Bruce. "There

is humor on so many levels. Some of it is just funny outright, while some of it is very subtle."

The Highlands Playhouse production is a reunion of sorts for Bruce, Steve Elliott (Lloyd, the director) and Cat Clayton (Dotty Ottley). All three were in the same production back in 1994. Elliott is recreating his director character, and Clayton has moved from the role of Belinda Blair to Dotty.

"There really are no stars in the cast; it's more of an ensemble piece," said Bruce. "We really have a casting coup in the role of Brooke (the sexy, lingerie-clad who saunters through usually at inopportune times) with Julia Wilson. She's a sexy girl AND she is a terrific actress."

"Belinda, who is sort of the ringmaster of the show, is Megan Doyle. She's the one who tries to hold it all together," Mrs. Bruce continued. "And, we have Highlands' own Megan Lewicki as Poppy — the part played by Marilu Henner in the movie."

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was working off a previous version of the ordinance, not yet updated.

He said including language for Family Transfer Exemption would allow for the division of property for transfer purposes but not for sale or development without negatively impacting individuals receiving the property.

The suggested language would read: "The division of land solely among or between persons who are related to the grantor within three degrees of lineal kinship or five degrees of collateral kinship, which include children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, nieces, and nephews, as computed under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 104A-1, and whereby each grantee is conveyed only one lot."

However, if a piece of property is platted for the Sale or Building Development that would become subject to the ordinance, he said.

Several in the audience who live on large tracts of land and occasionally sell off a piece to supplement income are afraid the platting of the property for selling purposes will increase their taxes and costs.

"I'm a widow and if I sell off a piece of land now and then when I need money, am I a subdivider? Don't take my freedom away from me so I can't live," she begged.

Leatherman said the Planning Board also suggested eliminating all references to the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code, 2002 and its Appendices and Amendments which dealt mainly with road widths. The board substituted alternate road standards of a minimum right of way of 18 feet, a minimum graveled or paved surface of 14 feet and a minimum shoulder with per side of 1 foot. "These figures were based on conversations with Warren Cabe, Emergency Services Director for Macon County," said Leatherman.

Charlie Greenwood, a former volunteer fireman for the county said he didn't agree with everything in the ordinance but knows from experience as a develop-

## Memorial Service

A memorial Service will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Highlands, N. C., on Saturday, July 22, at 2 p.m. for Martin Wistar Gary, 83, who died March 28 at Spring Harbor Nursing facility in Columbus, Ga.

Wistar served faithfully on many boards in Highlands. He was on the board of the Playhouse, the hospital, the Peggy Crosby Center and the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. He was senior warden and vestry member of the Church of the Incarnation and a faithful volunteer at the Bascom-Louise Gallery, the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center, the Crosby Center, the hospital and the church. As a Rotarian of 40 years, he contributed his time and effort to all their activities. He was awarded the Robert B. Dupree Award for Outstanding Community Service. Feb. 14. His birthday, was declared Wistar Gary Day in Highlands.



Citizens filled every seat, lined the walls and spilled into the hallway at the public hearing concerning the county's subdivision ordinance held in Court Room A on the third floor of the courthouse at 5:30 p.m. prior to the July 10 commission meeting.

er and fireman that some regulations are necessary.

"There is a development in the county right now where roads have slid off the mountain two times," he said. "If we had tried to take a \$180,000 fire truck up there and that happened we would have lost a truck and the lives of two men."

He also said that if there isn't some ordinance that guarantees proper development to ensure sufficient water on property, the homeowners in those developments will lose their fire protection insurance rating.

Aside from those present who don't want county zoning or subdivision regulations in any shape or form, most people agreed that to protect the land and the property rights of citizens, some sort of subdivision ordinance was needed — but not the bare bones ordinance first proposed.

"This needs to be discussed more,"

said Richard Jones. "Macon County is growing so fast I know we need some regulations but the people need to be educated about the ordinance. And if the ad was incorrect, well, it wouldn't have been if people had the right ordinance to work off of."

Others said the ordinance, as minimal as it is, is a start.

"It's a partial framework to being with," said Realtor Art DeWitt. "Rather than farming like their fathers, heirs are selling off small tracts and that's fine as long as people know each other, but more and more people don't know each other. Without framework for future development, some people just won't do the right thing in regard to their neighbors."

Realtor Betsy Whitlock agreed some sort of ordinance was needed, but not the current one.

"We need a workable, readable, understandable ordinance," she said. "The

current ordinance has no rules, and whether a subdivision is accepted is based on an arbitrary decision on the part of one department. You can't expect people to invest in Macon County if there are no rules protecting their investment," she said.

Every developer said with Macon County's terrain it's impossible to pre-plate subdivisions, one requirement in the ordinance. "With the rocks and streams, I never know what I'm going to run up against," said one developer.

They questioned returning to the five agencies within the county for approval each time they had to adjust a lot line due to the terrain.

Jackie West reminded commissioners that it's due to growth and development that the mileage rate in Macon County is low.

"Growth keeps the mileage rate down. For us all to afford to stay here, some mountains have to be torn up. I don't like it, but that's the way it is."

He said when Commissioner Jim Davis was first on the county commission board some years ago the mileage rate was 42 cents. "Now it's down to 37 cents," he said.

Many folks said the state erosion and watershed controls were enough to preserve the land while maintaining property rights. Others urged the commission to include more in the ordinance particularly concerning ridge top development and steep slope development.

Earlier, Attorney Rickey Moorefield said the ordinance doesn't address lot sizes, the placement of wells or septic and eventually it will need to address a multitude of problems.

The commission did not vote on the ordinance at the July 10 meeting. Chairman Bryson said it would probably be addressed at the September meeting.

## Area blood supply low — American Red Cross needs donors

Since early June, the area blood supply has been at critical levels for most blood types, but especially types O and B. The long July 4th holiday weekend, when fewer donors were available to donate, has placed an additional strain on the blood supply. The American Red Cross urges blood donors to make a donation immediately.

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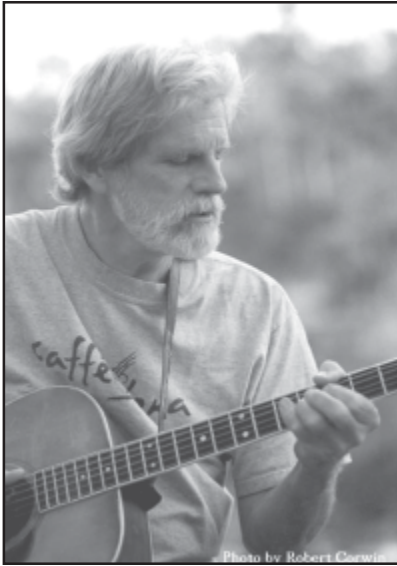
The Carolinas Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross, which supplies blood to 103 hospitals, needs 1,600 blood and platelet donors each day in order to meet the needs of patients.

The following blood drives are open to the public in Macon County: Franklin Community Blood Drive at First Baptist Church, 69 Iotla Street, Franklin, Thursday, July 27, 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please call 369-9559 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in general good health. A photo ID is also required. To make an appointment or locate the nearest blood drive, call 1-800 GIVE LIFE (448-3543) or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



## Coming up at the Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main



Sat., July 15 at 9 p.m.  
Jack Williams, nationally touring artist and one of the strongest most passionate guitar players and songwriters in contemporary folk music, is performing for one night only, Saturday July 15 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio on Main, 310 Main Street, Oak Square. Reservations strongly recommended. Complimentary wine and coffee offered. Sponsored by Star Pony Electronics Radio Shack in Highlands. All tickets \$25. Call 342-9197.



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## Folkmoot coming to PAC July 19

Three folk dance groups from Folkmoot, the North Carolina International Folk Dance Festival, will appear at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Because of last minute complications, the exact three countries were not available at press time. However, the three countries will be among the following expected to appear this summer: Canada, China, Ecuador, Brtittany France,

Gabon, Mexico, New Zealand, Serbia, Thailand, Scotland, Venezuela and the United States.

"Last year's Folkmoot program was the first in Highlands for more than 15 years and was a sell-out," said Dean Zuch, administrative director of PAC. "We expect a full house again this year." Tickets are \$15 for adults and children 12 and under are half price. Ticket reservations can be made by calling 828-526-9047.

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## Macon County commissioners oppose bill to cut vehicle tax

A proposed bill in the House which would make vehicle owners happy has county commissions across North Carolina alarmed.

House bill 1827 proposes requiring tax assessors to value motor vehicles on wholesale rather than fair market value. This would cut 25 percent of the motor vehicle property tax base – the same amount from a vehicle owner's bill.

Macon County would lose approximately \$277,159 if passed – a total of \$108 million revenue loss for counties and \$144 million total loss for local governments across the state.

"This is just one more way for the state to dip its hands in county coffers," said Macon County Commissioner Jim Davis at the July 10 Macon County Commission meeting.

In addition, local governments would lose an undetermined amount of property tax revenue from public utilities that own motor vehicle fleets.

The bill has been re-referred to the House Finance Committee.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to join the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and send a resolution opposing HB1827 to Raleigh.



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OK the project.

McGill Associates, a professional engineering firm, has been hired to oversee the effort and create the final plan. The town's cost is \$10,000. The rest of the money comes from a \$40,000 grant from the Clean Water Trust Fund.

"What's happened over the past few decades is the central business district has been building out," said Gantenbein. "This has created more and more non-porous surfaces. More water is being funneled into the drainage pipes and culverts than before, instead of soaking into the ground."

The project will consist of seven tasks, some of which will be completed by trained staff of the Town of Highlands. The first two tasks, the inventory and mapping, will involve locating pipes, culverts, bridges, and other stormwater runoff areas and using that data to create a map.

Lamar Nix, the town engineer, said the "focus is mainly on Mill Creek," which is classified as a degraded stream under the Federal Clean Water Act. The velocity of the runoff that pours into Mill Creek has scoured the stream bed, and destroyed the habitat of beneficial microorganisms within the stream. "I suspect we'll have some recommendations to fix the stream bed," said Nix.

In the third phase of the project, McGill Associates will create two models from the information gathered during the

inventory and mapping. The models will help determine the extent of current problems and what the potential future problems due to stormwater runoff. The fourth phase involves developing solutions and alternatives to the stormwater runoff problems.

A financial analysis will be provided by McGill Associates, who will also review ordinances and policies that relate to stormwater, water quality, land development and flooding. Currently, Highlands is not strongly affected by stricter federal stormwater regulations, but according to Gantenbein that may not last for long, and the town wants to be ahead of coming regulations instead of struggling to catch up.

"Back in 2003 Federal Stormwater Phase II went into effect," said Gantenbein. Some aspects apply to the town, but more stormwater regulations will be coming."

The final phase of the project will be a master plan document created by McGill Associates will outline the improvements Highlands needs to make to control stormwater runoff, and improve water quality around the town. After they receive the final report town officials can begin looking at "resizing pipes and diversion of runoff" said Gantenbein.

"We can handle 15 inches of rain over three days," said Gantenbein. "What we have a hard time handling is 15 inches of rain in three hours."

## Changes to 'Flood damage prevention ordinance' will keep federal insurance policies

By **Susanna Forrester**  
Reporter

The destruction caused by Hurricane Ivan in the Peek's Creek area has served as a wake-up call to officials in Macon County.

At the Monday, July 10 Macon County Commission meeting, the Macon County Watershed Council (MCWC) presented suggested changes to the current Macon County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

"We need to keep flood insurance available but we have to instigate new regulations to keep it," said Fred Jones, MCWC Chairman. "Floods associated with Hurricane Ivan showed us that human lives are in danger when those sorts of events happen."

Even though the state's new flood plain map won't be available for some time, the MCWC suggested revisions to the MC County Flood Damage ordinance as soon as possible so Maconians can continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. To do this, MC Commissioners have to adopt a new ordinance with new regulations and stricter provisions.

"The primary reason to adopt the

ordinance now is the improved determination of Base Flood Elevation (BFE) – the key piece of information that establishes the probable flooding level and the height at which a structure must be built to be significantly safer from the potential flooding hazards," said Bob Wright, vice-chair of the Macon County Watershed Commission.

The regulations state that houses must be built three feet above the BFE, which is established on the FEMA maps. If there aren't base flood elevations available for an area property owners must establish them with the help of a surveyor.

"The new ordinance provisions do not absolutely guarantee that the property is "flood-proof," said Wright, "but the chances that a damaging flood will destroy or damage the owner's property are significantly reduced."

Downstream citizens are likewise afforded a higher degree of safety from increased flood water heights & velocities resulting from a structure built in the Special Flood Hazard Areas, he said.

The ordinance does not allow new fill inside the flood plain outlined by

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## MANNAs food banks offer fresh produce



Through the NC Health and Wellness Trust Fund to promote nutritious diets, the three food banks in Highlands -- the Emergency Council on Poplar Street, at the Peggy Crosby Center and behind the Highlands United Methodist Church -- are now offering fresh produce to those in need. August Produce is one of the donors for the program. "I'd rather see it eaten than thrown away," said owner Lisa Shomper. At least once a month the food banks offer fresh produce.

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which does not include talking about himself. For an egomaniac like me, I am awe struck by his humble behavior. He is sooooo boring and here is why.

As most of you know, I am a winter wimp and clear out in November in fear of temperatures going below 50 degrees, causing my toes to fall off. Each May, when I return, I connect with church folks to get the latest dirt/gossip about what our priest has done to upset parishioners.

Like any church there are factions within the organization. There are the summer people over here and the locals over there, the conservatives vs. the liberals, those who find fault no matter what and those willing to look the other way no matter what. And of course, there is always the money and why did he spend it this way or that way. It is virtually impossible to please all the factions all the time and Our Lady of the Mountain parishioners can be a tough bunch.

So each May, I can't wait to get an earful of the latest bone-headed things

our priest has done during the winter to upset a particular faction. We have had some real lusus in the past and I usually sit in quiet shock to hear all the stories and church palace intrigue. You can always be sure the Bishop has been called at least once, usually twice.

Boring, boring, boring; I got nothing on Father Tien from my informants, nada, zip. In panic, I ran to a person I know who's always critical. Still, I got nothing.

I am starved for church dirt. If there is anyone out there who has juicy gossip on their pastor, please call me so I can get some relief. This is just terrible.

In the meantime, I guess I am stuck with a humble priest who seems to have the ability to walk the tightrope and keep all our factions reasonably pleased. Maybe it's because he's God focused and leaves the less important stupid stuff for others to squabble over.

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North Carolina's cities and towns have the same right?

The surgeon general's report shows that while nonsmokers' exposure to secondhand smoke has decreased since 1986, many people who don't smoke still are exposed to it, particularly in workplaces, restaurants, bars, casinos and similar public spaces.

R.J. Reynolds spokesman David Howard says adults should be able to patronize establishments that permit smoking if they choose. He makes a valid point.

But nonsmokers also should be able to work, eat and socialize in environments that don't endanger their health. Local governments, not the state, should have the authority to regulate smoking in public places.

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FEMA maps, and the MCWC suggests all requests or appeals concerning the ordinance be taken into consideration by the Board of Adjustment not the commissioners as now, said Jones.

"MCWC recommends that the board of commissioners address this ordinance now because it is a significantly safer ordinance for both property owners deciding to build in the Special Flood Hazard Areas and for all citizens living downstream of these owners," said Wright.

Amendments to the ordinance will be considered by commissioners and Attorney Rickey Moorefield. Before it is adopted, there will be a public hearing. Commission Chair Allan Bryson said the commission needs time to digest the amended ordinance. The subject will be brought up at subsequent meetings.

Meanwhile the MCWC urges property owners to, "Build it higher. Build it farther from the water. Build it safer."

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ing space.

Since 1995, Wild Thyme has met town parking requirements by using a then-allowed "remote-parking" arrangement with Macon Bank. For years, restaurants were allowed to satisfy the parking requirement by using other people's parking if within a 400-foot radius of their business and only if it was "extra" parking. "They can't use someone else's parking to satisfy the requirement — not even after-hours — it has to be parking the other business doesn't need," said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein.

Now remote parking isn't allowed and restaurants in the B2 and B3 areas in town must provide parking on their own property.

Gantenbein said since the Bruns have a "grandfathered arrangement" they have 12 months to find other "remote-parking" and can then regain their seats to total the original 45, but until then they are in violation.

"I don't disagree that they have a grandfathered arrangement, but the arrangement is null and void because it was with Macon Bank and those parking

spaces are no longer available," he said. "For now, they must meet current parking regulations."

Instead, the Bruns want the seats to remain while they take their allotted 12 months to find a remote parking arrangement. Without the arrangement their seating capacity is 27.

Zoning Board members said as soon as Macon Bank was issued its zoning permit to begin construction across the street, the Bruns should have begun looking for another remote-parking arrangement.

Since the Zoning Board upheld the Zoning Administrator's ruling and his notification of violation, it also denied the Brun's appeal of the ruling.

Gantenbein said they can either pursue the issue in Circuit Court or come to the Zoning Board next month for a variance.

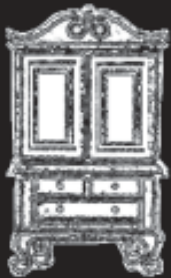
Conway said the Wild Thyme case illustrates what a mess the town's restaurant parking requirement is. Amending it is on the Planning Board's list of recommendations to the Town Board.

## Wine Dinner July 17 at Wolfgang's



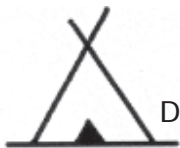
John Sawyer, of Sawyer Cellars, will be flying in from Napa Valley to do the wine dinner at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro on Monday, July 17. His wines have been rated highly by Robert Parker and Wine Spectator. Call 526-3807.

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## Eroica Trio and others at Chamber Music Festival this weekend



The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival presents the Eroica Trio, Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m. in Highlands and Saturday, July 15 at 5 p.m. in Cashiers. Music of Beethoven, Schoenfield and Dvorak will be on the program. On Sunday, July 16, 5 p.m., in Highlands and Monday, July 17, 7 p.m., in Cashiers will feature the Sonata in E Minor by Brahms, played by Sara Sant'Ambrogio, cello and William Ransom, piano. Brahms's Cello Sonata, written in 1865, was his first published full sonata for any instrument other than the piano. Mr. Ransom will then pair with William Preucil, violin in five show pieces for violin. The program concludes with Dvorak's Sextet in A Major. Composed in only 14 days in 1879, this inventive, fast-working composer wrote it a month after completing the first set of Slavonic Dances. Joining Ms. Sant'Ambrogio, Mr Ransom, and Mr Preucil will be Miles Hoffman, viola, Jessica Shuang Wu, violin; and Yinzi Kong, viola; and Guang Wang, cello. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

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Planning Board, to allow the county to continue appointing the ETJ members to both the planning and zoning boards, and to let those members vote on both town and ETJ matters.

"I've always considered Highlands to be a community and it would be a good neighborly kind of move to let them continue voting the way they have been," said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

But County Commission Chair Allan Bryson said after that decision, a letter was sent to the county saying the Town Board "reappointed" the county-picked ETJ members for the planning board.

"It may just be semantics, but we want it clear that it's not about the town "reappointing" but that the county appoints and they accept the people we appoint to the boards straight out," said Bryson.

In May, when it was time to appoint new members to the Planning and Zoning boards, the Town Board agreed to reduce the temporary nine-member Planning Board to its original seven and

to have five members on the Zoning Board. This has been done while keeping Bryson and Gurganus.

After ETJ was evoked in November of 2005, the county appointed two representatives from the ETJ area to the town's Planning Board. Those appointments increased the board from a seven- to a nine-member board. It was understood from early on that the nine-member board was just too big and it would be reduced to seven.

Though the county and town agree to the two ETJ representatives on the Planning Board they don't agree to representation on the Zoning Board.

According to the town's figures, the ETJ area is entitled to one representative on the Zoning Board, not two as the county maintains.

Between now and the court date, Moorefield said the county will enlist the services of an independent agency to tabulate the population figures to determine the correct ETJ representation on town boards.

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– Summer Doings for Kids –  
Part 2



A fun game to get the 'wiggles' out during Highlands Playhouse two-week Summer Theater Camp being held at Highlands School in the Band Room.  
Photo by Susanna Forrester

**Kids gain confidence while having fun**

**By Susanna Forrester**  
Reporter

'Ensemble' means everyone works together, 'articulate' means to speak very clearly, and putting things in your nose is really not a good idea. These are just a few of the things one can learn at the Highlands Playhouse theater camp.

A group of aspiring actors and actresses, ranging in age from six- to 11-years-old, gathers around a piano even though they can barely see the instructor sitting at the keyboard. "Does anybody understand why confidence is important?" the instructor asks. Half a dozen little hands shoot up.

"Like a sports team they have to work together," said Shelly Carter who has been one of the children's guides through their acting adventure.

Each child has a chance to test their voice and their confidence with a solo tryout. Some voices waver timidly and others strain passionately singing. "Happiness is finding a pencil, pizza with sausage, telling the time."

"If you mess up, you should take a deep breath and keep going," the instructors tell them. "It helps to remember the audience is on your side. They want you to do well!"

"We want them to be confident with their voice," said Carter. The 17 youngsters dance across an imaginary stage, and play games that teach them rhythm, and allow them to get the 'wiggles' out. "They have a great time, and they're easy to teach. They don't have as many ambitions as adults."

The children will get to showoff their

new skills to family members and friends at the end of the week. "They do a performance on Friday," said Carter. "They're going to do a play with some musical numbers."

The Highlands Playhouse theater camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday for two-weeks. A class for older kids, 11 to 15 years old, runs from 1 to 4 p.m. The younger class is full but there are still spaces in the older class.

The camp costs \$150 for the two weeks and takes place in the Band Room in the middle school building at the Highlands School. Call 526-2695.

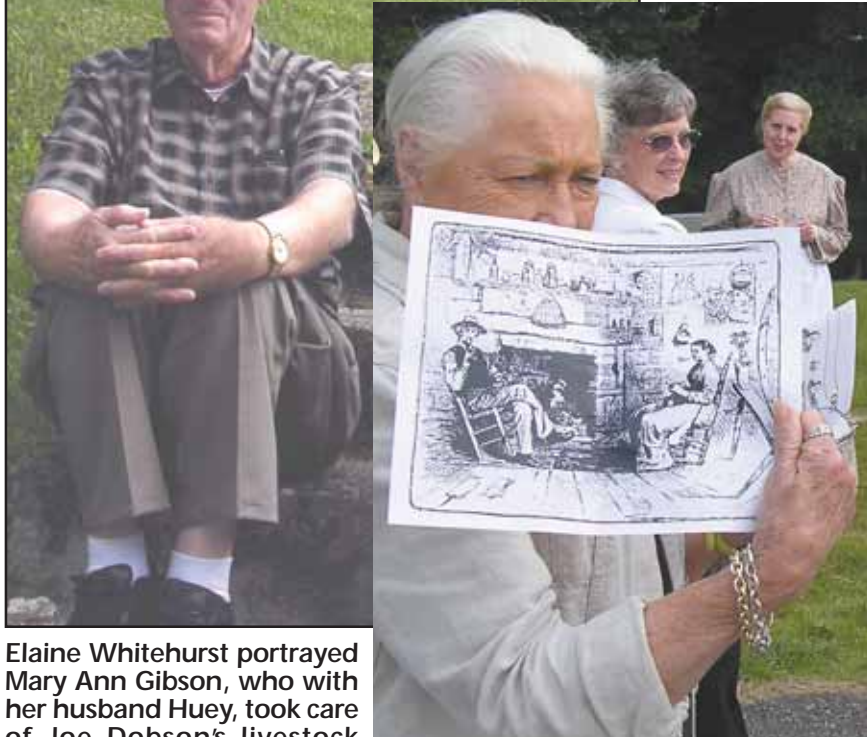




## 'Walk in the Park' walk in the past



Aunt Ida Henry, a midwife in Highlands in the 1930s & 1940s was one of the historical figures portrayed during last weekend's Historical Society's "Walk in the Park." She has lots of descendents in Highlands today and her grandson "Bud" (on the steps) came up from Ocala, Fla., for the occasion.



Elaine Whitehurst portrayed Mary Ann Gibson, who with her husband Huey, took care of Joe Dobson's livestock which he kept on the Highlands Plateau. Once Kelsey & Hutchinson started marketing Highlands, a writer for "Harper's New Monthly Magazine," Richard Harding Davis, came up to the plateau

and stayed with the Gibsons for 10 days to get a feel for the pioneer life. The sketch of Huey and Mary Ann sitting in front of the fireplace in their cabin, held by Isabel Chambers, ran in the magazine with the article. Gerri Crowe looks on.

Photos by Kim Lewicki

## County commissioners ban sexual predators from recreation facilities

When a victim of a sexual predator and her mother saw the predator at the Rec Park in Franklin, they made a call to the county commission.

"They said they recognized the person at the facility and wanted to know if there was anything we could do," said Macon County Commissioner Bob Simpson.

At the July 10 meeting, commissioners said they weren't sure of the legalities involved but quickly ruled in favor of at least publicizing that registered and unregistered sexual predators aren't allowed at any Macon County recreation facility.

While County Attorney Rickey Moorefield looks into the legalities of such action, commissioners want signage posted at county facilities notifying the public that registered and unregistered sexual predators are not allowed on the grounds.

"We don't want them there, so we'll put up the signs," said Commission Chair Allan Bryson.

Signs will be posted at all county-owned recreational facilities in Highlands, Franklin and Nantahala.

Meanwhile, Moorefield will investigate the issue further.

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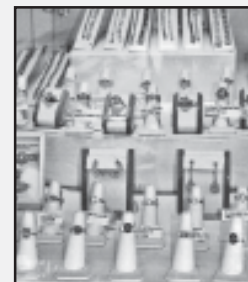
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## Surgeon ready to go to work



Hospital President and CEO Ken Shull (L) officially welcomes new general surgeon Dr. Leslie Pearlstein to the hospital's surgical center. Dr. Pearlstein opened his practice here Monday, relocating from Murphy, NC, where he has been one of four general surgeons for the past several years. Most of his surgical career, however, has been in St. Petersburg, FL, and he comes to the hospital highly recommended. "I appreciate the opportunity to bring my surgical skills to the Highlands-Cashiers area; I always look forward to new experiences and challenges," Pearlstein said. His new offices are located in Suite 300 in the Jane Woodruff Medical Building (at the rear of the hospital campus).

## Hospital's emergency room sees its busiest spring

The emergency room at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is experiencing its busiest spring ever.

A record 367 patients were treated in May alone, up 20 percent over the last year. The increase in June was nearly as large, slightly more than 18 percent. Taken together, nearly 820 patients were seen by the hospital's ER staff.

ER patients this spring were treated for various medical conditions ranging from minor orthopedics injuries to heart attack. Twenty-three of the 800 or so persons seen in the ER were transferred to Mission Hospital for follow up treatment for serious heart conditions.

"The number of heart attacks we are seeing is on the rise," says Clinical Services Manager David Taylor. "But that is likely due to the area's increasing population."

"Whatever the controversies have been in the past, we are as busy as usual," says John F. Baumrucker, MD. "With the new general surgeon, Dr. Pearlstein joining our team on July 10, we are more than ready for the upcoming season."

Despite the increased utilization, patients have still enjoyed minimal waiting times for the most part. "The

residents in the Highlands and Cashiers area are so lucky to have a place like this" says Taylor. "The hospital might be small, but its packed full of big things."

For example, for the last year and a half the hospital has been implementing the North Carolina Hospital Emergency Surveillance System or NCHES. A mandate of Homeland Security, NCHES monitors data from every hospital with an emergency department in the state to warn of disease outbreaks and terrorist attacks.

### Kell/Miller/Talley reunion July 29

The Kell/Miller/Talley reunion will be held at 11 a.m., July 29 at the Highlands Civic Center.

All family and friends of Lemmuel Oscar Miller and Fannie Arbutus Talley Miller, who are descendants of George Larkin and Lavina Elvira Rogers Miller and John and Margaret Adeline Kell Talley, are invited to attend.

Please bring a covered dish and enjoy visiting with family and friends.



# Two new directors join Hospital board of directors

Two Highlands area residents have been named to the board of directors of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Joining the board at its June meeting were Drs. Allen S. Hardin and Robert T. Buchanan. Hardin will fill one of two unexpired regular terms that have been vacant on the board, while Buchanan was chosen by the surgical committee of the hospital's medical staff to be its representative, replacing Dr. Herbert K. Plauché.

Former chairman and CEO of Hardin Construction Co., one of the largest commercial construction firms in the Southeast, Allen Hardin is a long-time seasonal resident of Highlands. He has been active in civic affairs in both Atlanta and Highlands for many years.

He has served for the past 20 years on the organizing committee for the Bob Jones Invitational Golf Tournament (a benefit tournament that has raised more than \$2.5 million for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital) and he is a past president of Highlands Country Club.

In Atlanta, he served as chairman of the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta. He also served two terms as director for the United Way of America. He has been a trustee of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, Westminster School, Reinhart College and the Atlanta Arts Alliance.

This will not be his first experience with health care organizations. He previously served six years as a director of Wesley Woods Geriatric Hospital, which is now part of the Emory Health Care System.

A plastic surgeon for more than 25 years, Robert T. Buchanan, MD, has been a member of the hospital's medical staff for the last six years. Buchanan, who specializes in a full range of plastic and reconstructive procedures, practiced in Oklahoma City, OK, before coming to Highlands and taking over the Center for

Plastic Surgery. Buchanan is currently chief of surgery at the hospital.

A native of Atlanta, he attended Emory University before going on to the Medical College of Georgia, where he earned his medical degree in 1969. He performed a surgical internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, TX, and then served as a physician in the US Navy for two years, part of it as a Field Surgical Officer attached to the US Marine Corps in Viet Nam. Finishing his tour of duty, Buchanan entered the general surgery residency program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After completing that four-year residency, he became a

plastic surgery resident at Barnes Hospital at Washington University in St. Louis, MO, completing his residency in 1978.

In addition to his private medical practice while in Oklahoma, Dr. Buchanan was a professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He was chief of the plastic surgery section of the US Veterans Administration Medical Center in Oklahoma City, and director of the Plastic and Hand Surgery Clinic at the Oklahoma Memorial Hospital.

He is the past president of the American Association for Hand Surgery and served on the national Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons. He served on the board of directors of the Oklahoma Medical Society and on more than 50 other state and national boards and committees.

He has received the American Medical Association's Recognition Award seven times.

Buchanan is certified by the American Board of Plastic

Surgery and is a member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, the Plastic Surgery Educational Foundation, The American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and several other national societies and foundations involved with hand surgery. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



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*A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Pearlstein has been awarded numerous honors during his nearly 35-year career, including being named **Top Doctor** by Business North Carolina last year. He graduated **Summa Cum Laude** from **Duke University** in 1967 and earned his **medical degree** from the **Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine**. He went on to perform his surgical internship and residency at **Johns Hopkins and the University of Louisville**. Most of his surgical career has been spent in St. Petersburg, FL, where was associated with the **Bayfront-St. Anthony's Healthcare System**. During his time there he served on numerous hospital boards, as **head of the department of surgery**, and as **chief of the medical staff**. He moved to Murphy, NC, in 2002, where he has been chief of surgery. He is **certified by the American Board of Surgery** and is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, as well as other professional organizations. He has published and lectured extensively.*

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## Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association Dancers Visit Highlands

Dancers from the Atlanta Cajun Zydeco Association will be in Highlands for the week-end...sightseeing, shopping and dancing. Lisa Przepasniak, ACZA president, said the group is looking forward to the week-end and supporting the Highlands dancers.

The ACZA sponsors dances each month at the Knights of Columbus and CD parties at Garden Hills Recreation Center. Przepasniak makes frequent trips to Louisiana to stay in contact with the ever changing Cajun music scene.

She is always the first to book the young, emerging bands and bring back the favorites that we have been dancing to for many years. This is a great advantage for Highlands' dancers. Since we are so close to Atlanta, we will have

an opportunity to bring some of these bands up the mountain.

The ACZA dancers are here this weekend to dance to the music of one of their favorites and ours...The Atlanta Swamp Opera Cajun Band. They will be performing at the Highlands Recreation Park on Saturday, July 15 at 6 p.m. Dance lessons will be provided by Carolina Cajun Dance and all the ACZA members will be available as dance partners. Chef Tom Harris will be cooking up an all you can eat Cajun dinner of gumbo, red beans and rice, collard greens, potato salad and pain perdu. All this for only \$20! (18 or under \$10) This event benefits the Highlands Recreation Park Senior Adults Trip Program.

## Summer Colors Fine Art Show coming up



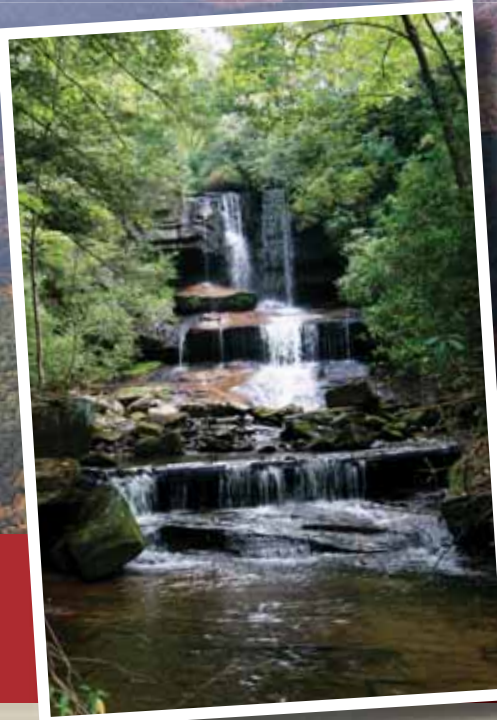
July 22 & 23 the Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show will be fun for both children and adults. It's set for Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 from 10-4 at the Rec Park in Highlands. While people are enjoying the show of all original work, children will have their own room for art projects and art show in the gymnasium. Above, Doris Spradley of Franklin demonstrates her technique for pastels on sanded paper.



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#### Upcoming

- Mom and Me Swim Lessons at the Rec Park, 10:30-11 a.m. Cost is \$2 or a pool pass. Call 526-5982 for more information. Start date to be announced.

#### On-going

- Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at noon 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.

- Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Instant Theatre in Oak Square on Main Street it's "Cocktail Hour Theatre." This unique, stylish, fun theatre event features "real" complimentary cocktails made with premium liquors. They are "served" delicious hors d'oeuvres from either "The Kitchen" of Let Holly Do the Cooking, or by legendary chef Jerry Fifer of the Oak Street Cafe. At 6 p.m. sharp everyone gathers around and are thoroughly entertained by sharp, intelligent, clever improvisation. The antic, jocose and playful Instant Theatre Troupe is defiantly given to capricious behavior, thus providing a positive outlook on life for their audiences. Call 342-9197 post haste, your playful side deserves it.

- 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 South, two miles south of the Cashiers Crossroads. Special tours and events may be arranged by calling the Cashiers Historical Society, 828-743-7710, or emailing [info@cashiershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@cashiershistoricalsociety.org).

- The Highlands Historical Village Museum and Archives are open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- 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 August and 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.

- Yoga at Highlands Rec Park every Mon. & Wed. beginning June 2. \$7 per person per class or \$50 monthly pass.

- 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 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.

- 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 at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night.

- 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.

- Live music at SweetTreats every Friday and Saturday.

- 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 Plan.

#### July 13

- Cajun dance lessons with Morris and Anita Williams of Carolina Cajun Dance, Thursday at the Highlands Recreation Park in preparation for Saturday dance at the Rec Park. Call 526-9713.

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Bill Le Fevre will give a talk entitled "Botanical Explorations of the Bartrams in the South." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Thursday at 7 p.m. at Wolfgang's, Mozart @ Wolfgang's. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

#### July 13-23

- "Noises Off" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

- At Acorn's, Stephen Dweck Trunk Show.

#### July 14 & 15

- At Vivace at 230 S. 4th Street. Trunk Show. Hand-loomed sweaters by Ball of Cotton. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### July 14

• Mountain Music Concert featuring The Dendy Family with Southern Gospel in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday at 8 p.m. at PAC. Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

### July 15

• Hambidge Summer Festival. U-Do-Raku, BBQ, and Blue Grass Music. Georgia Pottery Sale and Show, too. At the Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences, Betty Creek Road, Rabun Gap, GA., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Debbie for details. 706-746-7324.

• Live music outside at Highlands Village Square singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar, 3-5 p.m.

• Live music outside at Oak Street Cafe singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar, 6-8 p.m.

• Saturday at 8 p.m. marks the second of the Appalachian High Concert Series. Star Pony Productions and Radio Shack along with Instant Theatre Company present folk legend Jack Williams for one night only. Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary) has said "Jack is the best guitar player I've ever heard." \$25 includes complimentary wine, Buck's fine coffee's, a selection of cheeses and a birthday cake. Reservations strongly suggested, call 342-9197. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, Tea with the artist Sarah Morgan Wingfield. 1-2 p.m. Free/donation.

• The Atlanta Swamp Opera & Dance, Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Rec Park with a variety of toe tapping Cajun music! There is plenty of room to dance, lots of great Cajun food provided by Chef Tom and free dance

lessons. Adult Tickets are \$20 per person and \$10 tickets for 18 years or younger. Both tickets include the Atlanta Swamp Opera's performance, dancing, Cajun dance lessons and Chef Tom's Cajun cuisine! Proceeds benefit the Rec Park Senior Adults Trips

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Saturday, at 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

### July 16

• Blue Ridge Concert Sunday at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Highlands

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

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile in Georgia on an old railroad bed and woodlands trails. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center on Hwy. 441 at 2 p.m. or call leader for an alternate meeting place, if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a picnic supper if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. There is a \$3 parking fee that riders should share with their driver. Call leader: Kay Coriell at 369-6820 for reservations.

• At the Highlands United Methodist Church, Sunday, Ed Kilbourne a singer, storyteller and folk-theologian will be in worship at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and will present a concert that evening at 7 p.m. Ed combines music and spiritual teaching and has recorded 23 albums. In over 8,000 appearances over the last 40 years, audiences have enjoyed Ed's musical sensitivity as well as his widely recognized gifts for storytelling and humor. Highlands United Methodist Church is located at 315 Main Street. Call 526-3376.

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## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### Church: A Place to Belong



**Kim Ingram**

**Pastor Highlands United Methodist Church**

In a recent *USA Today* article, a study showed that 25% of Americans have no one to confide in. "Americans have a third fewer close friends and confidants than just two decades ago – a sign that people may be living lonelier more isolated lives than in the past." (Friday, June 30 edition) As Christians, we are called to live in community. The church is a place where persons can find friendship with others and friendship with God. Church is a place to belong. When asked the question, "Which is the most important commandment?" Jesus replied that we should "Love God. Love others." (see Mark 12:28-34)

Even in a small town like Highlands, it's easy for persons to feel left out or isolated. Perhaps it happens especially in a small town like Highlands, because we may feel like everybody already knows everybody or people have all of the friends they need. Are you one of these people? Do you find that you don't have anyone to count on when the going gets tough? Do you have someone who will listen? Are you one of the 25% who have no one in which you can confide? Go to church!

Church is a place where we come together to meet new people, find support, make friends, celebrate and grieve together. Hebrews encourages us to *consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another (10:24-25b)*. The scriptures do not suggest that we all need to be like-minded, that we all have the same backgrounds or hopes and dreams for life.

The scriptures teach us that the church is the body of Christ. As the body has many members, so it is with Christ. We are many people, connected through our belief, but different from each other. Each of us is essential and we are to honor and respect the members. "The members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one members is honored all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:12-26).

Recently I read an article in which readers shared their experience with neighbors. John Jennings writes about his neighbors in prison, fourteen of them, all living within twenty feet. *Charles is a black drug dealer from Mississippi; I'm a white lawyer from Memphis. He and I discuss the Bible, his children, and my writing. We value one another's company. Miguel speaks English slowly but animatedly. Though he's long-winded, he is also generous to a fault.* Jennings wonders, "I get out of prison in a few months...I worry: will my new neighbors ever trust me? Will I feel isolated? I am more nervous about meeting my neighbors in the free

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### July 17-21

• Gar's Kids, an experiential adventure camp for children from ages 6-12, is still accepting applications! Two spaces have opened up due to a change in summer schedules. Sign your child up as soon as possible for the remaining spaces in the July 17-21 session. Tuition is \$650/child and includes meals, snacks, art supplies, riding gear, and so much more! Learning life skills while having fun—that's what Gar's Kids Camp is all about.

### July 17

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket.

### July 18

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, DVD: Pageant of Life in Renaissance Florence. Dr. Kloss, art historian presents a fascinating journey into Florence, Italy with a discussion of the influential Medici Family. 7 p.m. Free/donation.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday from 10a.m. to 2 p.m. at PAC, Lecture: "Chamber Music: An Insider's View" class by Miles Hoffman. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at PAC, Movie: "From Mao to Mozart." Call 526-9060.

• At HIARPT Dr. Gary Dorrien, the Reinhold Neibuhr professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Religion at Columbia University, will present two lectures/seminars at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room at Incarnation, with the title being "Imperial Designs: Neoconservatism, the Permanent War, and the Ethics of Resistance."

• Quit Smoking class at Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering Smoking Cessation classes. The six-week program will be held on Tuesdays at 3:30. Cost for community members is \$50. For more information and to register for the upcoming class, contact Health Tracks at 526-1469.

• At HIARPT a seminar with Dr. Dorrien at 10 a.m. in the Jones Room.

• Identity Theft Forum at First Baptist Church in the fellowship hall sponsored by the US. Postal Service. Special Agents with USPS will discuss the problem of identity theft through the mail and the Internet.

### July 19

• Folkmoot coming to PAC. Three folk dance groups from Folkmoot, the North Carolina International Folk Dance Festival, will appear at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, on Wednesday, July 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and children 12 and under are half price. For tickets, call 828-526-9047.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Wolfgang's "Mozart @ Wolfgang's." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Andy Methven will give a talk entitled "Cool Fungi of the Highlands Plateau." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

### July 20

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at Grace Community Church, Cashiers on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Rod and Matt Champion, father and son team, and owners of Champion Outfitters will discuss fishing the Holston and Watauga rivers in East Tennessee. Rod and Matt are professional guides and fly tyers and have developed special patterns for these rivers. A raffle for a guided fishing trip by Brookings will be held and all are welcome. Call 743-2078.

### July 21 & July 22

• Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Days at the Sapphire Valley Resort in Sapphire. Includes hikes, field trips, exhibits and family programs. It's free. Call 828-743-7663.

### July 21

• Mountain Music Concert featuring Mountain

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• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday 8 p.m., at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

### July 22 & 23

• Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show will be fun for both children and adults. Its set for Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 from 10-4 at the Rec Park in Highlands. While people are enjoying the show of all original work, children will have their own room for art projects and art show in the gymnasium.

### July 22

• The Trio Lococo will be playing four dates of jazz, soul, r&b and rock and roll from 9 – midnight in the piano bar. Join us!

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Saturday at 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to strenuous hike 3.6 mile hike, limited to 12 people. Reservations are required. The hike is to Three Forks where three streams come together in dramatic cascades to form the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Drive 20 miles round trip. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. In case of rain, an alternate date has been set for August 5. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Mo Wheeler, 743-9560 or 743-9579.

### July 23

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

### July 24

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 11 a.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060.

• At HIARPT Professor Dorrien's second lecture at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room, entitled "Imagining Progressive Religion: The Making of American Liberal Theology."

• Heath Shuler, candidate for the U.S. Congress, will speak at the Cashiers Valley Community Center on Monday, at 7 p.m. This free event, sponsored by Mountain Area Democrats, is open to the public. Light refreshments. Music. Speech followed by Q&A from audience. For information, call 743-2558.

• A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main where cheese and crackers are paired with wines, 5-7 p.m. "Sensory Sensation" Aroma tasting with wines.

### July 25

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, lecture on woodturning with Terry Daniel at the Cashier Community Center. \$15 or \$10 for Friends of the Gallery.

• The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society will hold its next meeting on 7 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Art Center, 111 E. South Second Street in Seneca, SC. The topic "Garnet, The Other Gemstone," led by Ben Smith, a gemologist.

• At HIARPT a seminar with Dr. Dorrien will be in the Jones Room at 10 a.m.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at PAC, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at PAC, Movie: "Immortal Beloved." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

### July 26

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Zachary-Tolbert House in Cashiers Historical House, "Outdoor Picnic Concert," Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet. Call 526-9060 for tickets.

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world than I was about meeting my neighbors in prison. (*The Sun*, June 2006)

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the lawyer asks Jesus how to inherit eternal life. Jesus responds by telling him to love God and love his neighbor. And when the lawyer asks, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). The neighbor was the one who showed mercy.

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# • POLICE & FIRE DEPT. LOG •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of July 5-13. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

**July 5**

• At 8:30 a.m., Sandra M. Toffoloni, 31 of Highlands, was arrested for passing a bad check.

**July 6**

• At 10:45 a.m., a motorist at NC 28 and Cook Road was cited for speeding 54 mph in a 33 zone.

**July 7**

• At 5:03 p.m., officers assisted EMS by directing traffic at Fourth and Main streets.

**July 8**

• At 2:10 a.m., officers responded to a call of a possible prowler at a residence on Wahoo Trail. No one was found.

• At 7:20 a.m., officers responded to the Washing Well on Main Street involving a breaking and entering and burglary of \$350 from coin boxes. Damage to the door is estimated at \$400.

**July 9**

• At 4 p.m., residents on Munger Lane reported one of their dogs poisoned.

• At 12:14 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint of loud music at a house on the Franklin Road.

• At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident at Main and Fourth streets.

**July 10**

• At 11:05 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25 zone.

**July 11**

• At 3:45 p.m., an assault by strangulation of a female at Scudder's Gallery that occurred the end of May was reported to police.

• At 3:45 p.m., a resident at VZ-Top returning for the summer reported \$450 worth of arts, collectibles and household goods missing from the home.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of July 5-13.

**July 5**

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers to help extinguish a structure fire.

**July 7**

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Magnolia Drive. It was set off by workers.

**July 9**

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Wildwood Drive set off by smoke from the oven.

**July 11**

• The dept. responded to a fire at a residence on Black Bear Trace where construction debris was burning.

## RE PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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

#### Highlands Township

• 0516942, 1129 CULLASAJA CLUB DR, DRISCOLL ROBERT, 6/30/2006, \$1,480,000, SCHMITT PAUL, \$1,133,940.

• 0517041, CULLASAJA CLUB LOT 223, KELLEY EVAN NELSON JR, 6/28/2006, \$240,000, REGISTER DAVID, \$127,300.

• 0501570, 365 SHORTOFF RD, EMERALD COAST GROUP LLC, 6/29/2006, \$755,000., CIMMARON HOMES, \$448,890.

• 0536812, 761 ARNOLD RD TRACT 2, GILES BILL H TRUSTEE,

6/28/2006, \$0., GILES BILL H TRUSTEE, \$1,415,320.

• 0502846, 336 SHORTOFF RD, EMERALD COAST GROUP LLC, 6/29/2006, \$755,000, CIMMARON HOMES, \$132,960.

#### Flats Township / Scaly Mtn.

• 0600543, OFF HWY 106 LOT 15 FOUR STATES, STEPHENS MICHAEL F, 6/28/2006, \$45,000, MAXWELL WILMA JEAN, \$27,150.

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Ad Info. 828-526-0782

< Marina Gas & Store



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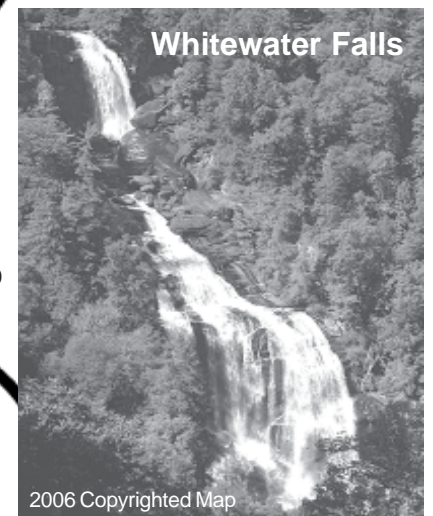
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