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On Going

- Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Instant Theater it's "Cocktail Hour Theatre." Call 342-9197 for reservations.
- Every Friday from 6-8 p.m., singer/songwriter Sylvia Sammons performs at the Highlands Village Square on Oak Street from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Live music nightly at On the Verandah at 7 p.m. Chad Reed plays Wed. - Sun. night and Sunday Brunch; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Paul Scott plays every Tuesday.
- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m. until.
- Live music at SweetTreats every Fri. and Sat.
- 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.

July 6

- A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main 5-7 p.m. Cheese and crackers are paired with California Wines.

July 7-9

- Walk in the Park presented by the Highlands Historical Society. 6-7:30 p.m. July 7 & 8 and 4-5:30 p.m. on July 9. Tickets are \$15 available at D&J Express Mart or at the Conference Center the day of the walk. Students free.

July 7

- At the Loose Moose at Skyline Lodge, late night DJ and dancing starting 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.
- At Macon Bank on Carolina Way, Open House and BBQ at 11 a.m. Register to win a TV and other prizes!
- Mountain Music Concert featuring Grass Roots Revue in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.
- At Cyprus Restaurant on Friday at 9:30 p.m., it's Peace Jones from Asheville.

July 8

- At 11 a.m., the Woopets of Wooten Performance Company will present a workshop for ages 5-9 presented at the Instant Theater with the theme "Pirates of the Caribbean." This four-hour workshop is \$30. Call 342-9197.
- Super Sale Fundraiser. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Multi-family Yard Sale at Community Bible Church. Lunch for purchase while you browse the "treasures." Proceeds help fund the CBC Choir trip to the Brooklyn Tabernacle Conference.
- At On the Verandah Trio Lococo playing jazz, soul, R&B and rock and roll in the piano bar, 9 p.m. until midnight.
- Live music at Highlands Village Square featuring singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar 3-5 p.m.
- Live music on the covered deck at Oak Street Café featuring singer/songwriter Zorki on guitar 6 to 8 p.m.

July 9

- Fred Wooldridge signing his new book, "I'm Moving Back to Mars" on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Shakespeare & Company book store, 462 Oak St. in Highland's Village Square.

July 10-14

- Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church. "Fiesta: Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus!" 9 a.m. until noon. Call 828-526-4153.

July 10

- Cajun dance lessons with Morris and Anita Williams of Carolina Cajun Dance Monday at the Rec Park.
- Highlands Playhouse Summer Children's Theatre Classes. The two-week session costs \$150 and runs Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - noon for children ages 6 to 10 and from 1-4 p.m. for youth ages 11 to 15. Call at 526-2695.
- A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main 5-7 p.m. where cheese and crackers are paired with wines & chocolate.

July 11

- At the Instant Theater it's the Spiritual Cinema at 8 p.m. "Celamy," and "Indigo Evolution." Doors open at 7:30.
- At Jacob's Well Christian Book Store a booksigning with author/artist Janet Carpenter a contributing author of "God Allows U-Turns for Women: The Choices We Make Change the Story of Our Life," at 1 p.m.

July 12

- Interlude at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.

FRI	SAT	SUN
Scattered	Thunder Storms	Possible
72-54°F	73-56°F	76-58°F

Multi-family request sent to PB

"If you're dead set against it, speak up. If you think it has merit, let's move ahead."

That was developer Bill Nellis's plea to the Town Board concerning his request for conditional use R-3 multi-family zoning for a 4.4-acre R-2 tract on Harris Lake. Nellis has sat through countless

Town Board and Planning Board meetings absorbing what it is the boards like and dislike. Though he believes his four-building, multi-family Highlands Park demonstrates sound planning and good use of the Crisp property on Harris Lake, he was upfront with the board and asked

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Scouts retire American flags



On July 4, Highlands local Boy Scout troop retired five flags by fire at Steve Potts Park on Harris Lake. Only the military, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts are allowed to retire American flags. One of the five flags retired Tuesday evening was one that had flown over the Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road. The flags were first cut into pieces -- stars, the white stripes and the red stripes. The white stripes were burned first, then the red and finally the stars.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Ninth-graders to take exit exams

Rising ninth-graders have been targeted by the North Carolina Department of Education.

Starting the 2006-2007 school year, all ninth-graders will have to take End-of-Course tests in Algebra I, Biology, English I, Civics & Economics and U.S. His-

tory.

Also, the EOC Assessment grade will count at least 25 percent of the course grade and student documentation will be reviewed by a review committee.

At the June 26 Macon County

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Restaurant bitten by ordinance

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

This has long been a bone of contention among restaurant owners (see letter on page 2) and now it's affecting a restaurant long in business with a grandfathered parking arrangement.

Wild Thyme Gourmet was built in 1995 and met town parking requirements by utilizing 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 as remote parking if within a 400-foot radius of their business.

That ordinance has long been changed and now restaurants in the B2 and B3 areas in town must provide parking on their own property and it directly affects the number of seats allowed in the restaurant.

Currently though, there are several restaurants and some businesses in town whose remote-parking allowance is grandfathered and whose "arrangement" hasn't been jeopardized.

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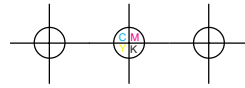
'Commercial' weddings prohibited in R-1 areas

Numerous complaints from residents on Satulah have prompted commissioners to amend part of the town's ordinance to prohibit commercial uses of residential property in the R-1 districts.

Residents on Satulah have called the town office to complain about wedding parties taking place at a residence in the neighborhood on a consistent basis.

"You shouldn't expect people to have to put up with constant weddings, said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "That's why they live in a residential neighborhood."

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

Time to face reality

By **Kim Lewicki**
Publisher

A few weeks into the parking pass pilot program and it's clear that no matter what, someone is always going to complain about the parking situation in Highlands.

Retailers say timed-parking keeps people from leisurely shopping in their stores.

Realtors say parking restraints of any kind curtail their ability to show property.

The Chamber of Commerce says its issuance of all-day parking passes to out-of-state visitors is a sure way to get people into the visitor center and might even help the parking problem.

But retailers ask why should their clients from Cashiers be denied a parking pass?

Restaurateurs in the B2 and B3 districts who are required to supply parking based on the number of seats in their restaurants say they are being discriminated against.

Police officers deal with fender-benders non-stop as people pull into and out of cramped parking areas on Main Street, S. 4th Street, and Oak Street.

Parking, parking, parking.

It's time the Town Board accept the fact that the parking situation isn't going to get any better or easier to deal with as time goes by and it's the board's responsibility to look to the future and take care of the problem.

Parking isn't the Chamber of Commerce's responsibility, nor should it be a restaurant owner's responsibility – not when most lots in the downtown area are too small to offer adequate parking to foster business.

It's time for the town to build a parking garage in one of the pits in the downtown area. There are two – one on the corners of Third and Maple streets and one at Spring and Second streets.

The contour of the land would hide lower parking levels while allowing for two or three levels or stories above ground. Small retail shops could line the perimeter and adequate rest rooms could be included in the scenario.

This is not an absurd proposition. Lots of towns and cities have built parking garages to better orchestrate traffic and parking problems. And they work.

Commissioners claim there is plenty of parking on streets other than Main like Oak and Spring. Last

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• MILESTONES •

Carriglio and Jackson

Delphina Carriglio and Christopher Davis Jackson were married on June 24 in Highlands. The service and reception took place at . . . on the Verandah restaurant. The Rev. Will Jones, a Presbyterian minister from Brownsville, Tenn., and a fraternity brother of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Liliane Carriglio and John Carriglio and Stephanie Nathan, all of New York City. She is a graduate of Lycée Francaise and New York University, and is the office manager of Altour International in New York.

The groom is the son of Jackie and Dick Hills of Atlanta and Highlands, and Robert Jackson of Shreveport, LA. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and is a hedge fund manager with Cramer Rosenthal McGlynn LLC in New York.

After a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple will reside in New York and Scaly Mountain.



Christopher Davis Jackson and Delphina Carriglio

Betz makes Dean's list

Katy Betz of Highlands has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Dean's List is made up of full-time students who have achieved between 3.5 and 3.99 grade point average.

LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR POLICY

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• LETTER •

The following letter was sent to Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein and Town Board.

Restaurant parking rules discriminate

Dear Editor,

As small business owners for the past six years, we have often wondered at the logic behind a particular town ordinance and hope you can explain it. The parking restriction code makes absolutely no sense and no one has ever been able to explain the rationale that created it in the first place.

The Fire Marshal establishes the 'seat limitations' in each restaurant based upon useable space and the corresponding speed with which people can safely exit a facility in the event of an emergency. This DOES make sense.

Why does the Town care how our customers are transported to our restaurants?...the town is not making any money on these people and their mode of transportation does not affect the quality of life in Highlands. Many people walk...many come on motorcycles and many drive their cars. Who does it benefit to limit three people to a vehicle and determine 'seat space' based on parking? We need people to get to our restaurants any way they can...we certainly don't want to limit them. Is the Town concerned that we may not have enough seats to accommodate the people if the Town doesn't control our parking? If all our tables are full, then the people will simply go somewhere else...it is a self balancing process.

Besides the fact that we just don't understand the 'logic,' we also feel this ordinance is extremely discriminatory. There are 24 restaurants within the Town limits. Fully 50 percent of those have no issue with the ordinance while the other 50 percent struggle with legalities, find ways to avoid the code altogether (ie. special permits, variances) or worry that loss of parking will put them out of business. There are eight restaurants on Main Street which are EXEMPT from the code because of the zone they are in and another four located in shopping centers with ample parking. The rest of us live on the edge of destruction at all times.

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Ms. Osteens and Ms. Mayer's sixth-graders enjoyed a trip to Atlanta courtesy of several Realtors in Highlands.

Sixth-graders say 'thanks' for trip

No matter the age, people are never too old to enjoy a field trip – a trip to somewhere different – a trip to the zoo or the aquarium.

Through generous donations from Realtors at Signature Properties, Harry Norman Realtors, Century 21 Poss Realty, Scaly, Mountain., Country Club Properties, Keller Williams, Kay Earp of John Cleaveland Realty and Judy Michaud of Signature Properties helped the end-of-year field trip for the Sara Mayer's and Janet Osteen's sixth-grade classes come true.

The teachers said the children were so excited and appreciative. And the attractive bright yellow tee shirts with the Realtor companies' names on the back and Highlands School on the front proved to be quite helpful for keeping up with our large group as well as good advertising. Here's what the students had to say:

"I was glad to wear the tee shirt that had your name on it." (Cory Ramey)

"I really enjoyed seeing all of the yellow shirts and being able to know that they were my classmates." (Stephanie Smart)

"We had so much fun in Atlanta. We went to Zoo Atlanta, Georgia Aquarium, and Turner Field. We saw a lot of things at the zoo, like monkeys, reptiles, birds, and flamingoes. At the Aquarium we saw a lot of fish and touched shrimp, sea urchins, anemone, starfish, sharks, and horseshoe crabs." (Juliane Buras)

"The zoo was the best, I think." (Clay Creighton)

"I really liked the zoo because I saw animals I've never seen before!" Zack Witty)

"I have had a lot of fun this year, but the 'funnest' thing is I got to finally see a crocodile in person. I got pictures of every animal I saw." (Rene Garcia)

"The trip is so fun and happy. I can

saw a lots of fish and animals but I never see it in my country," (Tu Thai)

"My favorite part of the trip was probably the reptile room at Zoo Atlanta. They had all sorts of reptiles and amphibians. The Georgia Aquarium was also cool." (Nicholai Roman)

"The best thing about the trip was all of the animals we saw. The animals were beautiful." (Emily Munger)

"The thing I enjoyed the most was the aquarium. I love to watch the fish and other animals swim. It is so peaceful." (Austin Reese)

"The aquarium was awesome. It was cool because it had the whale shark and the beluga whales. It will probably be the only time I see one of those whales or sharks in my life." (Tim Fogle)

"The best part was the fish... Without you we may have not been able to do this! Thank you again." (Jenny Coram)

"The Atlanta trip was very good, very fun and very cool. I like the aquarium. It was enormous, and I like the tunnel and seals. I like the zoo with elephants and monkeys." (Fabiola Diaz)

"The best part was the Georgia Aquarium." (Christine Pettee)

"We couldn't have made it that far without your help... We even got to see the new aquarium." (Kristin Hedden)

"The most interesting thing was going to the aquarium and going through the tunnel; that was amazing." (Sayne Cruz)

"I liked going to Zoo Atlanta, the Georgia Aquarium and the Braves game even though it got rained out." (Ryan Bush)

"We had a lot of fun! We liked the zoo and aquarium a lot. Piccadilly was really good. Even though we didn't see the rained out Braves game, we liked Atlanta." (Kaitlin Lewis)

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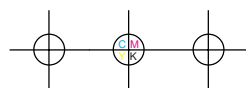
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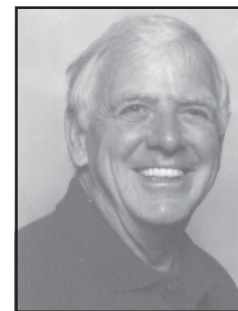
Oh look honey, a parking space

You already know how much I hate upsetting people so please, read this carefully and don't get your shorts.....well, you know.

Attention merchants of Main Street, Highlands: I never park on Main Street. And here's another important announcement for you to chew on. This may shock you, but no one, and I mean no one, will take the time and effort to drive from their home to the top of this mountain and then leave because they couldn't find a parking spot. They will find a parking spot somewhere. They will come in your store.

When I need to go downtown for a \$14 hamburger, I walk. Fortunately I live close enough to do that, but for the thousands and thousands of folks who want to buy a fourteen dollar hamburger on or near Main Street, life is very hard, not because they can't find a parking place but because they don't know if they're eligible to park.

After sitting back and watching this whole parking saga unfold over the past several years, I am now convinced that my original suspicions are true. Town officials are making this up as they go along, all based on the "sounds



Fred Wooldridge

good to me" concept.

We've got to stop letting Highlanders go and visit other towns. Every time that happens, they come back with a splendid idea to revamp our parking rules. That's how this whole circus act got started in the first place. Somebody important visited a small resort town somewhere with two hour parking and POW, we got

two hour parking. Later, another Highlander visited another resort town and, ta da, we got special permits. Stop this madness.

From the beginning I questioned a plan that drives tourists away after only a two hour visit. (Look in the archives). But the town was hungry to find a way to keep rednecks from leaving their pickup trucks parked on Main Street all day. They solved one problem and created a bigger one.

Officials stayed up late creating a myriad of parking rules and regulations that should only be read while circus music is playing. It played out like a Highlands Playhouse comedy and would be funny if it were not so unfunny.

And no one counted on upsetting

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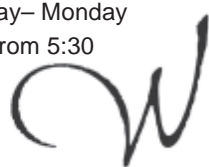
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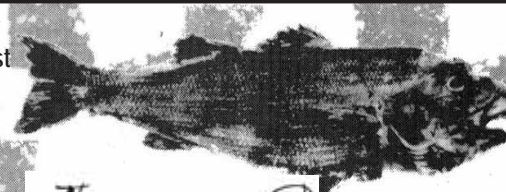
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The long road ahead

When we marched for civil rights in the 60s, and year after year to honor Martin Luther King's birthday, we thought racial integration was just around the corner. Maybe we were naïve. Maybe we were just plain stupid. Maybe we were delusional.

In any case, it hasn't happened. It has been one of the worst disappointments of my life. I really had no idea how powerful the forces of reaction were in perpetuating racial inequality. I'm not speaking about individual racism, but the institutional barriers which prevent African-Americans from achieving equality.

The first, and most obvious, is the educational system. (I will have to cover others in subsequent columns.) Whites have abandoned the public school system in droves, choosing to send their kids to private and parochial (including so-called Christian) schools. Neither bussing nor magnet schools have done much to resolve the problem. The result, at least in urban settings, was to create many de facto segregated schools, with the best teachers and the best facilities, as before, going to the mostly "White" schools.

At the same time, an anti-education attitude flourished in parts of the Black community, fueled by a



Dr. Alex Redmountain

gang-banger ethos, enduring poverty, drug abuse, and massive unemployment among young Black men. Many adolescents males, exposed to the "good life" on television, could not imagine an affluent future for themselves except as professional athletes, pimps, drug dealers, or thieves. If it meant prison time, so be it. By the time they reached high school, they intuitively realized they had no basic education, and would only be fit for flipping burgers or other minimum-wage employment.

African-American females, on the other hand, were usually less attracted to gang culture values. They could imagine a future for themselves, even if, as it often turned out, it was a future

without a male partner. There were highly-visible role models for them, like lawyers and doctors and academics. In any case, they were usually treated more favorably by employers than males — a remnant of slave days attitudes.

The result is a loss of at least one and perhaps two generations of Black males. Current projections are that one in five will serve time in prison. It's unbelievable and unacceptable.

How did all this come about? When legal segregation ended as a result of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education (1954), many Whites in the South panicked. Christian schools opened in ever-increasing numbers, first as a surreptitious means of avoiding integration, and later as an adjunct to the growing fundamentalist movement.

In the North, White parents' response to "forced" integration (bussing, re-districting, etc.) was changing their residence, private or parochial (mostly Catholic) school if they could afford it, charter schools, or a demand for vouchers which could be used to finance any alternate school choice.

The bottom line is that many schools were re-segregated. In mostly Black schools, discipline became a



Come on merchants.
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'em out. A friend of
mine from Texas
needs a parking place!

I'm DonLeon and that's
MY opinion.

major problem, with the best teachers fleeing to mostly White schools or to other municipalities. White school budgets were sometimes supplemented by voluntary contributions from parents, while few Black parents could

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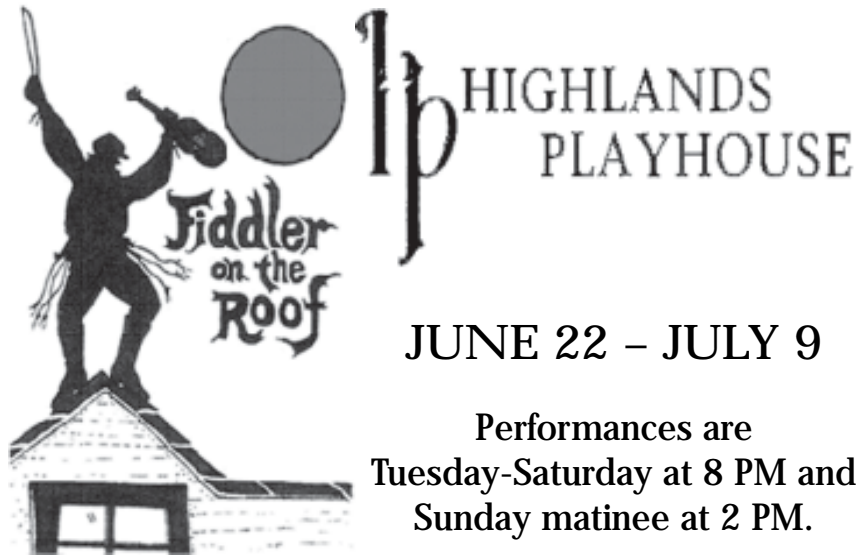
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We'll pick Bull up from camp later this morning. There won't be much time for working on the computer. We'll be playing soccer through the dining room. The entrance to the kitchen is usually his goal. The stairs down to the living room mark mine. CNN will yield to Nickelodeon. Weather permitting, we'll go to the pool for a swim. Lizzie and I have had our last dinner for two at Cyprus, at least for a while. Grandmother Helen would be happy to take Bull for an evening anytime, but we'd rather be together.

Lizzie will awaken early, eager to start the drive to Camp Henry, outside Waynesville, to retrieve our little guy. The coffee will be ready. Many of you know Bull, our 10-year-old. In town, I usually introduce myself as "Bull's Dad." Bull rests solidly at the very center of our lives. I say that without apology, without concern for criticism from those who believe that we focus too much on our kids, indulge them too generously, or attempt to live through them. I don't think it is possible to focus too much on our kids. We make no attempt to steer his life in some direction that we might have taken, but didn't. We might spoil him a little, but two out of three ain't bad.

I don't understand people who don't live for their kids. For most of us, our children are our only link to the future, our last, best chance to change the world. Our generation hasn't dented problems of global warming, failure of the educational system, an out of control health care system, dependence on fossil fuel, relations with our international neighbors, or justice for the least privileged in our country and beyond. I'd like to give Bull a shot.

If I don't understand people who don't live for their kids, I really have trouble understanding parents who neglect or abuse their children, Dads who leave their partners and offspring without support, Dads who leave their partners and offspring. Then there is the occasional Mom who deserts her children for the man she loves, for a career, for freedom, or for drugs. God, or nature if you prefer, has instilled in us a desire to propagate our species. All animals have it. It's hormones and pheromones. It's in bright plumage and ritual mating dances. We want to continue to exist. Humans understand what that means. My dog, Eschuche, knew when a bitch was in heat. He had

no vision for or interest in the litter that resulted, no hope that among them might be a dog who guided a sightless person, or sniffed explosives outside the White House, or simply became a good friend and hunting companion.

How is it possible that a parent might abuse his children? Children become sex slaves for their

parents. They are beaten, their little bodies shaken until their brains are reduced to the consistency of banana pudding. Parents hold lighted cigarettes to the skin of their kids, break their tiny bones in repeated, mindless attacks. Usually the Dad or the boy friend is the attacker, sometimes it's the Mom. Ghastly as it seems, it is sometimes a tag team. Or they just ignore them, leave them unattended while Mom goes to the club, fails to help them with their reading, spends a few dollars on beer instead of clothes or books.

It's not a lot of fun the hundredth or thousandth time you have to tell your son to brush his teeth, but it is a lot of fun to help him with his tie before church. It's a burden for financially strapped families to provide all that they wish they might, but love outweighs gold. Love and nurturing are the currency of parenting.

5:48 AM. Coffee's on. Lizzie's still asleep. She'll soon come bounding out of the bedroom announcing the countdown, hours and minutes until we see Bull again. Lizzie doesn't often bound in the morning, but today is special. We're picking up our little guy at camp. We've hated the separation, but hope that he has loved it. That's part of the love that we feel, arranging safe little flights from the nest, preparing him to soar alone. We fret, fearful that he will scrape his knee or encounter a bully, have his feelings hurt, or fail his swimming test. If the week was great, we'll know immediately. He will be aglow. If there was a problem, we'll never learn the details. Bull doesn't like to upset his parents. He may give me a hint some evening soon, at bedtime. Bedtime is time for serious talks.

He'll be exhausted and, I suspect, disheveled. I may tear up when I first catch sight of him, walking down the hill, carrying his sleeping bag and pack. He and Lizzie will hug, then he and I. We'll ask how it was. He'll say "Good" if it wasn't or "Great" if it was. Our little family will be reunited with Bull at its center and the future ahead.

7:44 AM. Time to go.



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weekend proved that to be false. The truth is, parking on side streets fills up quickly and when full, the drive-way between parking spots is too narrow to be comfortable.

Sitting at my desk in the Highlands' Newspaper office on Oak Street across from the police station, I have witnessed bonafide road rage by drivers on several occasions and this is just July 6th!

Angry people scream at passing cars and honk their horns – real rage. It's crazy. There are now too many cars in Highlands — on the weekends in the early spring and everyday now that summer has hit — to be comfortable or safe.

Main Street looks like one big parking lot. Where's the charm?

I've suggested it once and I'm doing it again. Get the cars out of the middle of Main Street. Replace it with a promenade punctuated with benches, water fountains, drinking fountains, trees and more trees. People could shop or dine leisurely and others could read or people-watch from the promenade.

If NCDOT allows the town to encroach on U.S. 64 with parking spaces where people jump in and out of cars and cross the street wherever it's convenient, surely they will say yes to a promenade.

With a parking garage, people would never again worry about finding a parking place nor would they scurry out of a store or restaurant when their two-hour limit is up.

Parking along the sidewalks on Main Street could still be allowed and commissioners could still require retailers and their employees to park on side streets or in the parking garage to keep spaces open to potential customers.

Once built, a town-owned parking garage would even be another source of revenue. Maybe to help fund the building of the parking garage, the town could use some of the room-occupancy tax the county has been giving the Chamber of Commerce.

The Town Board often blames the Chamber of Commerce for the "growing" tourist, restroom and parking problems in Highlands and subsequently suggests the organization remedy it.

But the truth is the Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for the explosion Highlands is feeling. The explosion is a sign of the times. It's simply an economic evolution of the upwardly mobile and it's being felt all over America.

The Internet is where most people do their "vacation shopping." They research lodging opportunities, dining establishments, shops and events and even book what they want to do right there on the Internet before they even arrive in a destination like Highlands.

The world has changed. It doesn't take much time or effort to map out an

itinerary or budget a trip when using the Internet.

In addition, the Georgia Highway Department is largely responsible because it has made Western North Carolina, including Highlands, easily accessible via a four-lane freeway linking Atlanta with the mountains.

Highlands has grown because America is affluent, the town is more accessible than ever before, and Americans with disposable income want and need a fun, different destination that satisfies their desire to be one with nature while still dining in top-rate restaurants, shopping in up-scale boutiques, and sleeping in five-star bedroom suites – all two-hours from Atlanta, to name just one city!

Commissioners say they want to control growth. They're doing that when they orchestrate subdivision development – at least eight new ones in two years. But they can't stop growth and homeowners in those subdivisions alone will add hundreds of cars to the Highlands scenario.

It's time they accept the fact that with growth comes a growing tax-base that cries for adequate parking and restrooms, too.

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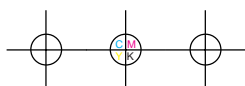
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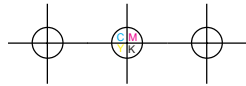
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afford to do so. Thus the rich got richer and the poor...you get the idea.

My son and daughter were the only Caucasian kids in an all-Black pre-school. Later they went to mostly Black middle and high schools. Both of them handled the situation well, but their educations suffered somewhat because the demands made on them were quite limited. We tried private school for a year, but it didn't take.

In a way, my ex-wife and I sacrificed our children for the sake of a principle: our commitment to an integrated society.

I'm happy to report that my children seem no worse for it today. Both are successful. Both are staunch advocates of racial equality. And it may well be that I am placing too much of an emphasis on the racial composition of the schools they attended.

Nevertheless, I stand convinced that a great and necessary concept — integration — was seriously flawed in the execution. Little effort was expended to win White parents over to the idea, to train teachers and administrators to cope with unfamiliar cultures, to enhance the skills of Black teachers who had previously taught in segregated schools, or to improve the infrastructure of old, decaying school buildings.

What, if anything, can be done now? I think the answer rests with the Black community. Whites will need to pay for it, but only African-Americans can turn around the cultural despair that has infected their youth, especially now when they might become beneficiaries of a more enlightened attitude among White employers and a significant number of other Whites.

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"Even though the Braves game was canceled, it was still fun." (Alex Michaud)

"The highlight of my trip was when I saw Turner Field." (Cory Ramey)

"The trip to Atlanta (ATL) was the best. I just want to let you know I am very, very, very, thankful for everything you did so we could go." (Logan Schmitt)

"I want to thank you for a great trip; it would have never happened if you didn't help us with the money

problem... Thank you for an awesome trip." (Cody St.Germain)

"Thank you so much for your contributions to fund our end of the year trip... We had a blast!" (Isaac Beavers)

"Thank you for helping us make this trip possible. You have made my life better. Thank you bunches for all you did." (Clay Dunn)

"Thanks a million!" (Dylon Tucker)

Stop smoking classes at hospital

HealthTracks, the fitness and prevention program at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, will offer another of its successful series of classes this July to help smokers and tobacco users quit.

The program begins Tuesday, July 18 with a "Think About Quitting" session. Seven more two-hour classes will be held over the course of the next two months, most on Tuesdays. The classes will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the education room at HealthTracks, which is located on the lower level of the Woodruff Medical Building on the hospital campus.

During the course of the program, participants will study their own behavior, build the motivation needed to quit smoking, and then develop techniques to prevent relapses. This step-by-step program is designed to provide participants with long-term freedom from smoking or other tobacco use. Terri Copper, registered respiratory therapist and a tobacco cessation facilitator certified by the American Lung Association, will be the instructor.

The program will also cover related subjects such as skills for good stress management, weight control, assertive communication, and exercise. Cost of the program is \$50.

Space is limited, so those interested should call as soon as possible to register. For more information or to register, call HealthTracks at 526-1FIT (526-1348). Those interested in kicking the habit can also register by e-mail by visiting the

HealthTracks or the Smoking Cessation page at the hospital's website at www.hchospital.org.

Smoking is the number one avoidable cause of death in the United States, killing an estimated 418,000 people a year. And estimates say it costs employers up to \$10,408 per smoker due to absenteeism, increased costs for medical care, lost productivity and other factors. Cigarette smokers are absent from work an average of 6.5 days per year more than nonsmokers, and make an average of six more visits per year to health care facilities.

The Surgeon General recently said second-hand smoke poses a major health hazard for nonsmokers. Exposure to second-hand smoke may kill as many as 50,000 Americans a year, according to some estimates.

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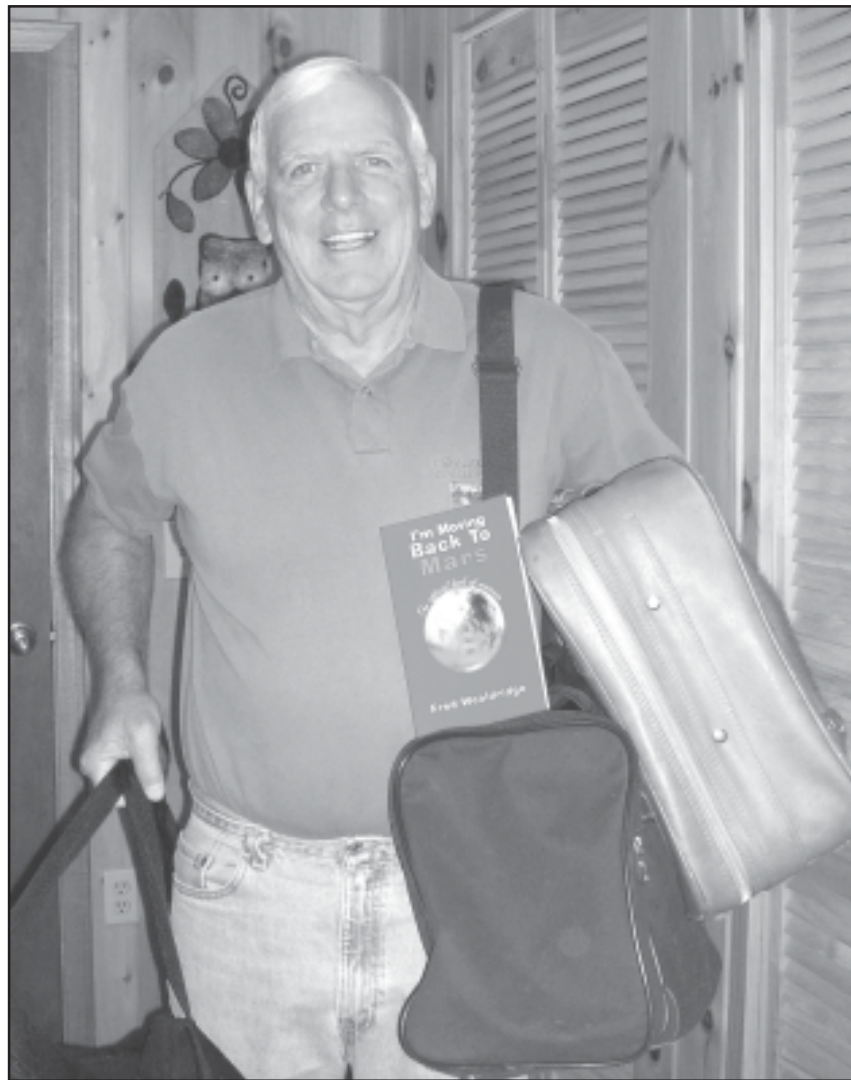
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Wooldridge booksigning July 9



If you've enjoyed Fred Wooldridge's columns in Highlands' Newspaper, now is your chance to have life-long copies of your own. He will be signing copies of his new book, "I'm Moving Back to Mars" on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Shakespeare & Company book store, 462 Oak St. in Highlands Village Square. Fred will read his favorite short story and all are welcome. Come and meet the author. The title of the book was the title of one of his columns.

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This 'code' applies to only half of us and we expend tremendous energies living in fear of someone invoking the 'code,' shutting us down or rendering our business ineffective; thus, we believe this is unfair and discriminatory. It is also a REAL waste of time for the Town unless it is the Town's intention to squeeze all restaurants into shopping centers on Main Street. The more restaurant choices in Highlands, the better the business atmosphere for everyone.

Therefore, if this code has no actual value to the community what is the point of it?

Ladies and gentlemen, both of us have served on a variety of boards, committees and management regulatory teams and know that the creation of rules/laws/codes are not decided in a vacuum. We realize that this parking

code must have been designed to address a particular problem at the time. We don't believe the same situation exists today that created the code.

Bear in mind that all restaurants are aware of the seat limits set by the Fire Marshal and are bound to comply so why do we need this parking 'code?' Is it necessary to organize all affected restaurants to take some legal action to abolish this code? Can you advise how to address removal of this code? We would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this with you personally, please let us know if this is possible.

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Hospital Auxiliary raffling quilt



Area residents will soon have the opportunity to enjoy the handiwork of a quilter Hazel Miller and many local embroiders as the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary gets ready to hold its 15th annual Wildflower Quilt raffle. These family heirloom quilts have proved highly popular over the past 14 years, and in every case it's been Hazel who has lovingly hand stitched the quilt together from 36 panels created by auxiliary members and friends. Each panel features hand embroidered depiction of a local wildflower. Tickets are already on sale for this year's quilt, which is currently on display at Bank of America in Highlands. It will be raffled off Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Highlands Own Craft Show, which is held each year at the Highlands Recreation Park. Tickets, which are \$1 each or six for \$5, can be purchased from auxiliary members in both Highlands and Cashiers, or at the hospital gift shop or Bank of America in Highlands. They will also be on sale at the craft show itself.

Highlands Playhouse theatre classes: Lively fun for kids

Turn off the TV, put down the computer game console. On Monday, July 10, the Highlands Playhouse Summer Children's Theatre Classes return to the mountains. The two week program teaches basic movement, vocal techniques and improvisation, and culminates in a show presented by participants for family and friends.

"It's active, participatory exercise in a very social setting," says Playhouse stage manager Shelley Carter, who directs the program. The classes, Carter says, encourage interaction "instead of passive sitting in front of a computer or television set. The kids really enjoy the various theater games we teach, and along the way they're training their bodies and learning how to work cooperatively in groups."

Carter holds a BFA in Theatre from Webster University Conservatory and has directed musical theatre camps for the YMCA. She will be assisted by Allie Payton, who was recently seen playing Hodel in the Playhouse production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Payton, who has also taught theater

techniques to children through community outreach programs and Christmas pageants, also sees value in stage skills.

"It's important for them to be able to use their creative juices," she says. "It helps with intellect and reasoning, and builds confidence to know that they can perform with some skill."

Payton wishes she'd had a similar opportunity while growing up. "I used to pretend that the vacuum cleaner was a microphone," confesses the actress, who eventually began singing in school productions.

"Kids need an outlet to express creativity," adds Carter. "We live in a society that tells us to edit ourselves, but kids need to learn to be confident, outgoing and creative, and to channel their energy productively with others."

The two week session costs \$150 and runs Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - noon for children ages 6 to 10 and from 1- 4 p.m. for youth ages 11 to 15. Spaces are still available — for more information, call the Highlands Playhouse at 828-526-2695.

Forces rally again to knock out knotweed

Operation "Knock Out Knotweed", phase II, will soon begin.

The contract for Japanese Knotweed eradication was awarded to Hillside Services of Waynesville and the eradication process will be repeated along the corridors in Highlands.

The owners of Hillside Services, Patrick and Norene Langford, are highly qualified for the job. Patrick Langford is a Certified Arborist as designated by the International Society of Arboriculture; a licensed ground pesticide applicator with endorsements in ornamentals/turf, aquatics, right of way, public health, and forest pest control; and A Clear Water Contractor as designated by the NC Sedimentation Control Board. They are members of the North Carolina Exotic Pest Plant Council, and are Certified Plant Professionals as designated by the

North Carolina Association of Nurserymen.

The herbicide being used has been approved by the NCDOT, the Town of Highlands, and the NC Botanical Garden. Langford cautions that some over-spray is inevitable, but in critical areas, shields will be used to keep over-spray to a minimum. The herbicide is safe to use in riparian areas and will not harm aquatic life.

Upon completion of the initial 2006 spraying, which will begin the second week in July, the contractor will return in approximately 30 days to re-spray as Japanese Knotweed is very tenacious. Treatment may be required in 2007, to rid the town corridors of any remaining Knotweed, according to Dr. Kenneth McCaskill of the NC Cooperative Extension Service.

Only public property and rights-of-way will be treated, but help is available to private property owners. The Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau have prepared packets of information that are available at the Nature Center, Highlands Town Hall, and at the US Forest Visitor's Information Center. Names of licensed contractors who can assist private property owners and instructions for do-it-yourself eradication techniques are included in those packets of information.

Japanese Knotweed (*polygonum cuspidatum*) is a highly invasive exotic plant that was first brought to the US in the mid-1800s. Since that time it has invaded almost all of the contiguous states crowding out native plants and destroying wildlife habitat.

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School Board meeting, Franklin High School teacher John deVile and guidance counselor Dan Tinsley told board members about the new requirements and begged them to consider hiring extra educators to help the guidance departments deal with the new mandate.

"They are going to need help managing the intense remediation process and focus intervention criteria associated with the new ninth-grade EOC," said deVile.

He also said Macon County guidance departments are grossly understaffed compared to comparable schools in the state.

Tinsley agreed, saying the job of a guidance counselor has become more about testing and less about guiding and counseling.

"Students need a counselor, but instead of helping them in that way, we spend the majority of our time testing," he said. "My greatest fear is that kids who finally get the courage up to come into the office to discuss personal matters will

walk in when we're so busy dealing with testing we can't see them."

He said at Franklin High School there are students who are bi-polar, struggling with their sexual identity, depressed, those needing college and career advice and scholarship information.

Superintendent Dr. Frank Yeager acknowledged the problem and agreed something needs to be done, but he questioned deVile's and Tinsley's timing.

"This is not the time, place or forum in which to discuss this," he said. "The school and county budgets have been set."

He told the teachers to approach their principal next year in the beginning of the budget process – typically in January and February – so the principal can get the extra educators in his budget request.

DeVile said they have tried that in the past and gotten nowhere and was hoping to educate and prepare the school board, county commissioners, students

and community for what's coming down the pike.

Ninth-grade students who don't perform well on the EOC tests can retake the tests up to two times but if that happens a focused intervention process begins, documentation is initiated and updated if testing a second time is required, all followed by a review process and final recommendation by the principal.

The procedure will severely increase the guidance department's work load with no state funding allocated for the mandate.

Paula Ledford, Macon County Schools chief academic officer for curriculum, said it's true that guidance counselors are already overwhelmed.

"I met with them at the end of school and discussed this very thing," she said. "We're trying to work something out." Students must score a Level 3 or above to pass the EOC tests just like for the gateway tests taken by third- and eighth-graders now.

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several prominent realtors who wanted to park wherever they please. So, based on who's who in Highlands, a series of exceptions followed which was even funnier than the first set of exceptions. Pleeeeeease, turn up your circus music.

Currently, we are discriminating against folks who may have the misfortune of living in the state of North Carolina. They are not eligible for permits. My guess is, before the ink dries on this newspaper, some town official will change the rule yet again to include North Carolinians as long as they don't live in Macon County. Are you keeping up?

As fate would have it, while town officials were on their hands and knees painting a zillion ugly "two hour parking" notices on every parking space in Highlands, I was visiting the resort town of Carmel, California, the home of the two-hour parking nightmare. Rather than paint every single parking spot in town, they opted for evenly spaced signs that are just as ugly as Highlands' painted notices.

I was sweating bullets as I parked in front of the Carmel Chamber of

Commerce. I only had 15 minutes to grab my brochures and get out. Are they aware that a woman can primp for over fifteen minutes before even opening her car door?

The information line was long but fortunately I could see my car and would run out if a cop pulled up to ticket me. When it was finally my turn, I asked the volunteer, "How's the timed parking going?" She looked at me disgusted and said, "Excuse my French, it's a damn nightmare. Worse thing this town ever did."

When I returned to Highlands it was too late. The parking plan was in effect and I was not an important person anyway. Oh well.

In closing, let me mention to those of you who are afraid to venture into town and park, there is some unrestricted parking in the Oak Street alley between Fourth and Fifth Streets. Be sure to get there early because delivery trucks block the alley most of the day. I think they have a permit to do that as long as they don't live in North Carolina.

... RESTAURANT from page 1

Now that Macon Bank has moved across the street to its new location, the parking spaces formerly used by Wild Thyme have been taken up by a sidewalk.

Suddenly, Wild Thyme Gourmet is six parking spaces short, out-of-compliance and must reduce its seats by 18 – three per parking space.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein has cited the owners for being in violation of the town's ordinance, but admits the ordinance needs to be changed.

"The Planning Board, as part of the land use plan, would like to change the parking requirements in the B2 and B3 districts on the grounds that they are onerous," said Gantenbein. "But as of now the ordinance stands."

Nancy & Carter Bruns, owners of Wild Thyme who were not available for comment by press time, are appealing the violation at the next Zoning Board meeting set for Wednesday, July 12, on the grounds that their arrangement is grandfathered in.

Gantenbein said the Bruns have 12 months to find another "remote-parking" arrangement 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.

Gantenbein said should the Town Board agree with the Planning Board's recommendation to amend the parking requirements of businesses in the B2 and B3 zones, it would be doing so for everyone, "not just Wild Thyme Gourmet," he said.

... WEDDINGS from 1

Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein said anyone can rent a house for the summer and have a wedding there but the house can't be rented out for the specific use of weddings.

"I've had lots of complaints," said both Mayor Don Mullen and Ganten-

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My mother was the sew lady at our house. She stitched slipcovers, drapes, curtains, tablecloths and... most importantly ... our clothes.

A new garment was always a dramatic endeavor. My first memory of this process was at the age of nine. First, there was the trip to the fabric department at Belk's where we would pick out a pattern (Simplicity or Butterick) and then the cloth for the new dress. Then the dining room table at home would be cleared of its centerpiece and she would pin the pattern to the cloth and cut. The reconditioned WWII Singer Sewing machine would whir smoothly as she sewed the seams, creating her own version of Jenkins haute couture.

So far so good, but then came the hemming and my torture.

My mother would generally reach this point at about 9 p.m. at night ... an hour past my bedtime. She knew I would be awake as I never slept until the house was quiet. I was afraid I would miss something. (Guess that's where my career in journalism got its roots.) She would haul me out of my bed, away from my radio, and into the living room. She would instruct me where to stand and begin pinning. I would immediately become antsy.

"Phand Phill," she would say her lips tightly clutching straight pins. (So much for don't put anything but food in your mouth.) Around me she would go ... oh so slowly ... pinning the all important hem. "You don't want it to be crooked, to you?"

I didn't care. My hands tingled and my feet itched. This was no fun.

One summer my mother came home with yards and yards of yellow



Nancy Welch

gingham. While I stood, wide-eyed, in the bedroom door, she gave the fabric a shake and it floated like a yellow and white cloud across her bed.

"I'm going to make curtains," she said, smiling. "Won't that be cheerful?"

Over the next few days, she held the fabric up to various windows, in the kitchen, in my bedroom, in the living room. She couldn't make up her mind.

Eventually, the large parcel of gingham made its way to the top of her bedroom closet.

I didn't give it much thought. I had a summer to deal with. I had to play in the woods, go to swimming lessons and peruse the children's section at the Washington Memorial Library.

Then one day I found a pair of gingham shorts and a top on my bed.

"Isn't it cute?" my mother asked.

I figured it was cool, as in comfortable for summer. That was fine with me.

Then the gingham began to appear in other forms: a nightgown for me, mother-daughter dresses for my mom and me, pedal pushers for me (now called cropped pants), another blouse, a pair of pants. Yellow gingham was everywhere.

We still laugh about our yellow gingham summer. I haven't worn gingham since. Neither has she.

When my son announced last week he was getting married, I immediately emailed a friend I have known since our school days in Macon, GA.

"What will I wear?" I asked. Her answer? "You'll find a lovely dress and do your mother proud. And you can wear yellow gingham to the rehearsal dinner."

I don't think so.

... WEDDINGS from page 12

bein. "You can have a wedding in a home you rent, for three months or more, but expressly renting it for that commercial purpose is not allowed," said Gantenbein.

Town Attorney Bill Coward drafted the amendment to read: "Prohibited uses. Commercial activities shall not be permitted in the R1 district except as otherwise expressly allowed herein. Activities prohibited by this provision shall include, by way of example and not by way of limitation the following: the use of short-term rental property or the short-term rental of property for weddings, receptions, or gatherings of more than 20 persons. "Short-term" shall mean, for the purposes of this section only, three months."

Commissioners sent the amendment to the Planning Board for review. Once the recommendation is comes back to the Town Board, a public hearing can

be set and the ordinance amended.

"It could go into effect the first Town Board meeting in August," said Gantenbein.

Commissioners are also hearing "noise complaints" about contractors working on weekends and holidays.

Under the "nuisance" section of the ordinance the erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building in a residential or business district is only allowed between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. on weekdays.

Now, due to complaints filed this Fourth of July, commissioners want to amend the ordinance to prohibit such work on holidays.

They sent the nuisance ordinance to the Planning Board to determine exactly what holidays should be considered and exactly what type of construction prohibited.

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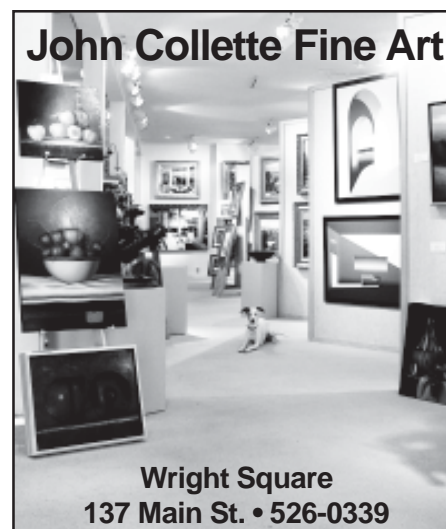
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Mary Jane Sabbarth and Jan Smith stand in front of a display of their artwork at The Very Thing Art Gallery.

Clay decor with a stained-glass, mosaic look....

By **Susanna Forrester**
Reporter

Your first reaction is a gasp. Your second reaction is "Wow!" Most people find Janice Smith and Mary Jane Sabbarth's art unique and breathtaking.

In a quiet little shop off of Hwy. 28 they create pieces that are valued by art lovers from Texas to Germany. Sabbarth described the process used to create the mosaic art pieces which are often mistaken for tile.

"We take the clay and roll it out with a rolling pin, and cut the image into the clay" said Sabbarth. "We lay it out to dry and it cracks into a mosaic."

They then put on three coats of glaze, and fire it in a kiln. The pieces are reassembled after they're fired, and cemented to a piece of a wood. "We can make something out of anything," said Sabbarth.

"If I work on a piece for a couple of months and nothing's happening I set it aside until I get an idea," said Smith. "We never know what we're going to come up with. We don't do sketches before we draw on the clay. We just draw. We are limited only by our imagination."

Smith and Sabbarth have done shows in Virginia, South Carolina, Florida and Georgia, but they have decided to put the stress of shows behind them and focus on their little shop in Highlands. Smith had lived in Myrtle Beach, S.C., but said working here has given her inspiration and a better working environment.

"It's very hot in Myrtle Beach, so it's harder to work. Here it is very tranquil and peaceful," she said. Smith is "all the time looking" for inspiration.

"I study people, and I like flowers and birds."

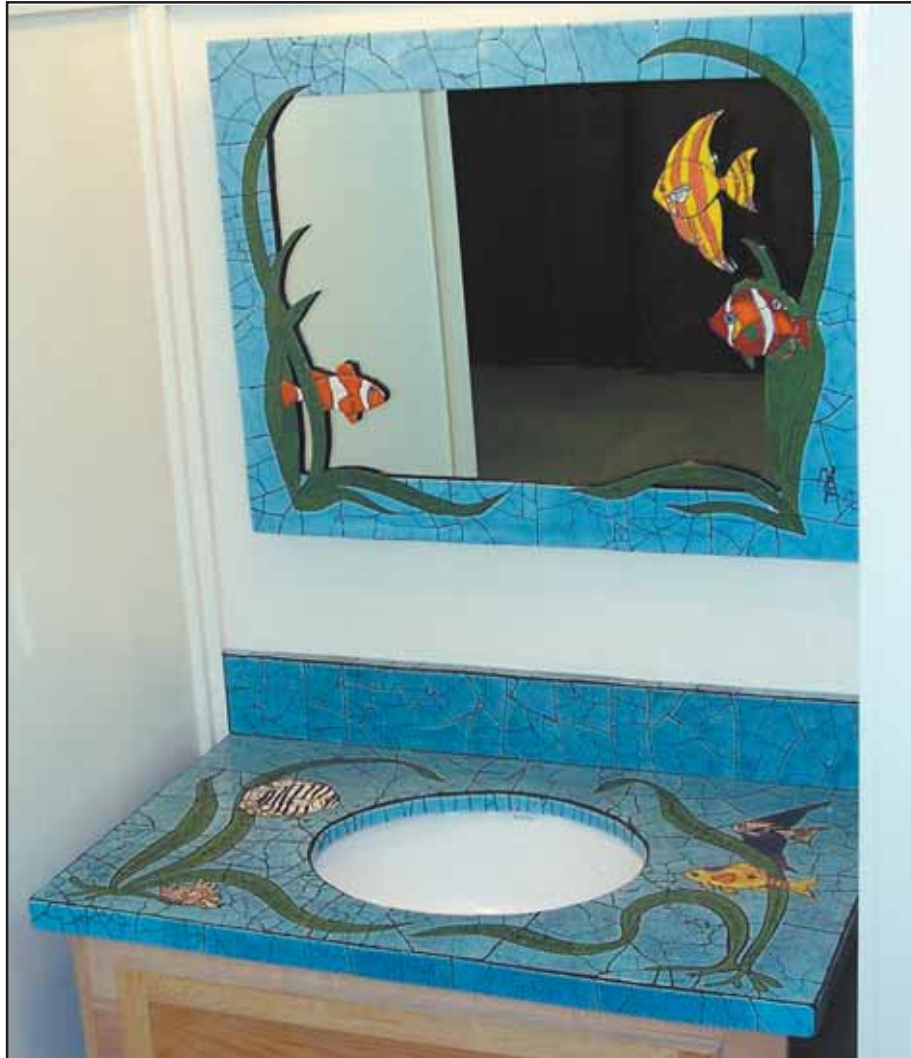
Smith, who has been living in Highlands for the past seven years, first went to college to be a painter. "I took Ceramics 101, and I fell in love with clay. The feeling of it," she said. "I did shows. After a few shows I knew I would never be successful as a potter. I rolled out my clay and pretended it was a canvas."

From there Smith began to develop the process that she uses today. "My first pieces didn't have much color and were heavy. Now they are lightweight," she said. "I bought glazes from a ceramic shop that was going out of business, and experimented with them. I have a lot of fun with glazes."

Sabbarth and Smith met at an art show seven years ago, and Sabbarth, a 30-year resident of Highlands, became fascinated by Smith's work. "I've had beauty shops and I do oil painting, but it was intriguing to see what she was doing." Since then Smith has been tutoring Sabbarth, a self-taught painter, in how to create the colorful mosaic pieces.

Smith has a gallery in the Outer Banks but works out of The Very Thing Art Gallery off Hwy. 28. She creates about 50 - 60 pieces a year. The price for a piece starts at about \$150, and generally depends on the size and how much detail goes into the work. "We work hard to keep the price low so they can be affordable," said Smith, who also works on commission.

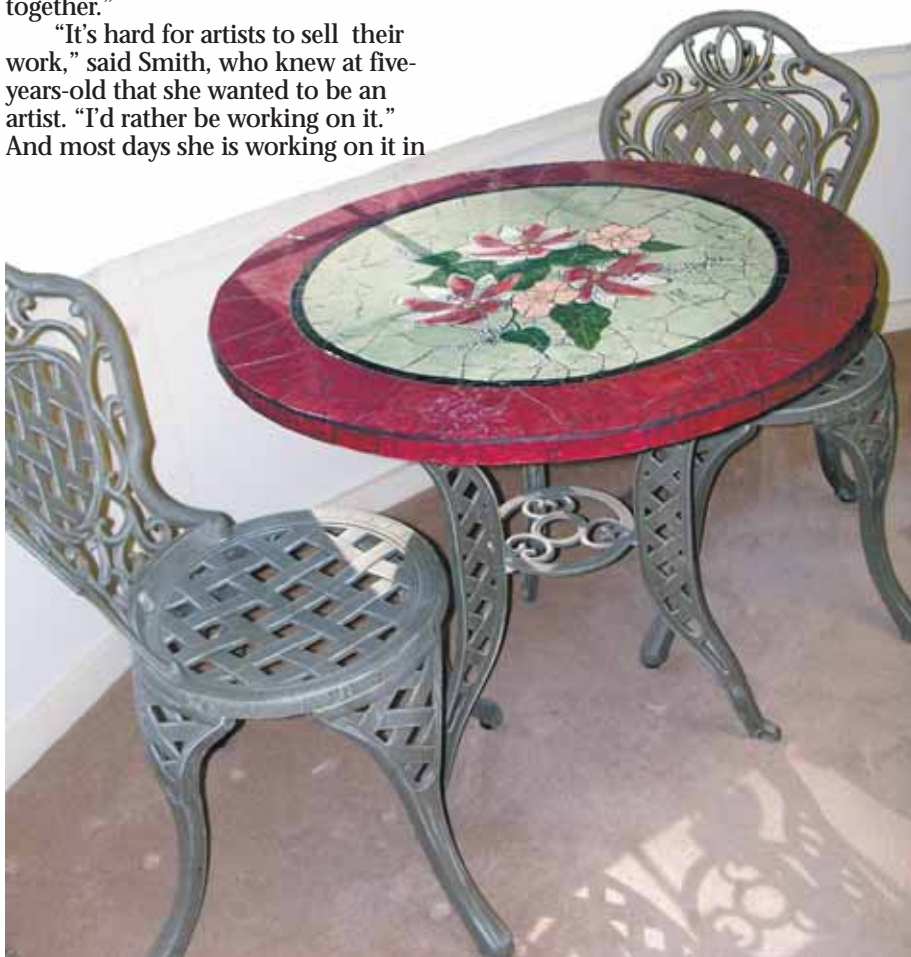
The pieces range from floor length mirrors and wall hangings to bathroom counters and tables. Much of the furniture was retrieved from flea markets or yard sales. "I try to give the



furniture new life," said Smith, who tries to build off of the furniture's original design as she recreates it. "You can't have things fighting together. It has to be like they were made together."

"It's hard for artists to sell their work," said Smith, who knew at five-years-old that she wanted to be an artist. "I'd rather be working on it." And most days she is working on it in

the downstairs workshop of The Very Thing Art Gallery. The gallery is open Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. "Every piece I create I



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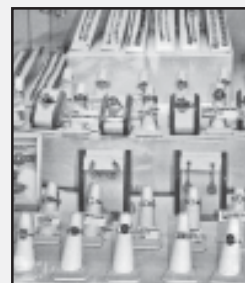
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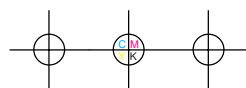
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426 feet from Main Street he contends that it fits the "village character" outlined in the land use plan the Town Board adopted in 2005.

But Commissioner Amy Patterson was quick to say that the Town Board adopted the land use plan but doesn't necessarily agree with everything in it.

"We haven't had a frank discussion with the Planning Board or come to an agreement or understanding of the density we want in Highlands," she said. "We need to agree on a concept and a philosophy as a guiding principal for Highlands."

Nellis said the land in Highlands is too valuable for people to buy and build single-family homes on. "Unless you increase densities, homes in the downtown area are going to be unbelievably expensive. If you increase densities, then home prices can come down."

He plans to sell the condominiums

in the \$700,000 range.

His four-multi-family buildings will house four condominiums much like his Village Walk complex on Sixth and Chestnut streets, for a total of 16 residential units. A single family home is also planned. The plan comes under the allowed 18 units on the property.

The four separate buildings are dispersed across the property away from the waterfront and to have as much buffer and greenspace as possible.

Included in the vicinity of the current driveway leading to the Edwards house near Jack Mayer's office and along the lake will be a public Picnic Park which will be deeded to the town.

Rather than ruling on his request, commissioners sent the plan to the Planning Board for a preliminary review. The Town Board will likely consider the request at the July 26 Town Board meeting.

Parking pass program continues

By Ashlyn Williams
Reporter

Main Street parking passes are up for grabs. The program will run through October.

"Let's give it a season and see how it goes," said Mayor Don Mullen.

At the July 5 Town Board meeting, commissioners heard from President of the Chamber of Commerce, Bill Bashaam, who said though the Chamber hasn't given out as many passes as he originally expected, it has helped.

"What's happened is merchants are explaining the program while telling people of alternate parking places on Oak and Spring so people are saying 'I don't need a pass, I'll just go park there.'"

He said the program is doing what was wanted. "It's keeping people in the stores," he said.

The trial program began on June 9 as a way to alleviate constraints felt by potential buyers trapped by the two-hour

parking limit. Many business owners felt their business was hindered due to the rule, and a solution was formulated so that out-of-area visitors could obtain special one-day passes.

Since the beginning of the trial program on June 9, 40 passes total have been issued —50% being issued on Friday or Saturday. The breakdown of residents obtaining passes include: GA-11; FL-8; NC-5; LA-3; AL-3; SC-3; NJ-1; NY-1; TX-1; KY-1; TN-1; MI-1; and VA-1.

"One thing is this verifies that visitors are coming from where we thought they were from," said Bassham.

Bassham said visitors other than locals are eligible for the pass program even visitors from North Carolina.

Commissioner Herb James said he thought it negated the reason for the two-hour parking in the first place, which was requested by both merchants and the chamber of commerce.

'Walk in the Park' this weekend

Anne Gibson was living on the Highlands Plateau with her husband, Hugh, when Kelsey and Hutchinson arrived in 1875. Elaine Whitehurst, right, will portray Mrs. Gibson in this weekend's *Walk in the Park*, sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. Rick Siegel, left, portrays botanist Silas McDowell in the *Walk*. The chimney is the only remaining part of the Kelsey home.

Walk in the Park takes place in Highlands Memorial Park Fri.-Sun. Shuttles leave the Conference Center from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Fri. & Sat. and Sun. from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$15; students are free.

They are available at Cyranos Bookshop, D & J Express Mart and at the Conference Center during the hours of performance. The Historical Society will use all proceeds to help renovate and restore the town's oldest residence, the Prince House.



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Local woman joins Highlands Police Department as 'bike cop'

By Susanna Forrester
Reporter

Erica Olvera, of Highlands, is breaking new ground at the Highlands Police Department. She is the only woman and the only bilingual on the force.

The soft spoken young woman talks earnestly and passionately about her new position. Though she is still learning the ropes, Olvera already has a vision for the future, and the work she wants to accomplish.

"This is actually a stepping stone for me," said Olvera. "I've always been involved in the community."

Olvera said she will start as a patrol officer and eventually receive further training. The work she does in Highlands will help her gain more experience in her chosen field.

As a parking enforcement officer, Olvera patrols Highlands' streets on bike or on foot enforcing the ordinances established by the Town Board. But she also has a greater purpose in mind for her job.



Erica Olvera

"The eventual goal is to give back to the community," said Olvera, a resident of the area since 1990. Olvera hopes to use her position to help minorities in the community.

"I want to educate them so they don't feel like they're trapped," said Olvera. "Especially in domestic situations you don't feel like there's another way."

During her time with the Highlands Police, Olvera will be helping in a countywide effort to reach minorities and break the language barrier that exists. "I think it's a great necessity," she said.

Olvera will return to the police academy next year to complete her basic law enforcement training, but in the meantime she is focusing on the little ways she can be of service to the Spanish-speaking minorities she comes in contact with around Highlands. "You feel more comfortable with someone who can speak your language," she said.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

A Different Point of View

Scripture: Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17



Dr. Donald C. Mullen
First Presbyterian Church

When I was working in medical research in the laboratory many years ago, I realized that advancement in new knowledge was dependent upon some prior vision or theory in order to make progress. One just did not walk into the lab and make some incredible discovery. In fact, Albert Einstein once said, "If at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it." New knowledge comes from an expectation or a theory of what we might see, before we can actually see. Our vision is limited only by our imagination. Einstein also said, "We see what our theories permit us to see." And Jesus was a master at this!

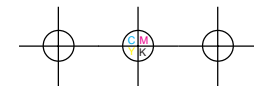
Only rarely do we have discoveries and then look for a theory to explain the discovery. Our theories enable us to advance to new discoveries by experimentation, trial and error. Daniel Boorsten, the Librarian of Congress, has written about exploration and discovery. He tells of certain inventions made, then narrates how discoveries came about through the course of human history. He says, "The ability to make a discovery is the ability to see what lies beyond the common sense of the day." He also says that the first step toward discovery or creativity is taken "in the geography of the imagination," where people sense the possibility of a world that is different from a world that is immediately before their eyes. My question to you today is What is your geography of imagination? How great is your imagination? How great is your faith in finding the ultimate truth?

We often believe imagination to be a failure to come to grips with reality, flights of fancy, wishful thinking, and nothing more. But the dictionary defines imagination as "the ability to represent reality more fully and truthfully than it immediately appears to the senses." Maybe the imagination is not a hindrance to see what is real, but it is a necessary condition to see reality in all of its possibility and richness. Someone once said, "People cannot discover new lands until they have the courage to lose sight of the shore." That is one reason we say in the Presbyterian Church we are reformed and always being reformed. In fact, Jesus himself said we could not yet bare all truth but it would be revealed to us eventually. But we seem to always be resistant to new truth and new revelation.

Maybe that is why a man as smart as Voltaire, in one of his cynical moments, said, "Man is that animal that eats, defecates, and dies." We indeed are animals, and like all animals, our lives are greatly consumed with mere carnal functions. This view of reality is surely what Paul means in his letter to the Corinthians when he writes about thinking of the world "from a human point of view."

And yet, within our own humanity we have the incredible ability to create, to write plays, imagine new musical scores, build beautiful architectural structures, invent incredible devices, such as computers, TVs and on and on. Imagination allows us to even reach for the

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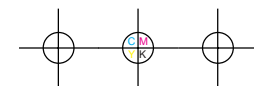
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stars. It all depends on how one looks at it. And how we look at it is a matter of imagination and vision.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he was writing to a great cultural center of the Mediterranean classical world. Corinth was a large center of culture and trade in the ancient world with great temples where the East met the West. It was a difficult place to begin a new church, a new church with such new ideas.

And yet Paul wrote to the Corinthians, telling them "From now on I regard no one from a human point of view," "If anyone is in Christ, there is a whole new world."... a whole new vision. Imagine something new is happening. Begin to think out of the box. Many of the Corinthians undoubtedly were quite happy with their present world. Why change? And yet, Paul beckoned them to a whole "new world." A whole new age.

The great theologian Jurgen Moltmann once said, "We have attempted to view the resurrection from the viewpoint of history. Perhaps the time has come for us to view history from the viewpoint of the resurrection." That is exactly how Paul felt. When Jesus was raised from the dead, the whole world had shifted on its axis. All was new. A new age was born. We must think anew. We must think out of the box.

Howard Thurman was Dean of the Chapel at Boston University some years

ago. He was a great preacher and prophet. He was also the grandson of a slave. He wrote about his grandmother who was a slave on a plantation during the time of American slavery. He tells about the effect of the church that the slaves attended on Sunday afternoon. Their owner thought it would do no harm to the slaves if the preacher told the slaves about Jesus on Sunday afternoons. An African American Bishop later said, "If you want people to stay where they are put, don't tell them about Jesus."

That old preacher of Howard Thurman's grandmother hardly ever preached a sermon without the Cross. The slave congregation could always relate well to a story of a man who was treated like dirt, abused, beaten down, and left for dead.

Then the preacher would take off his glasses, and look straight into the eyes of the congregation, and lean over the pulpit, and say to them in words undeniable, "But slaves, you are not any man's property. You are children of God Almighty! Never forget it!"

Thurman's grandmother told him that, whenever the preacher would come to that part of the story, her spine would stiffen, and she was ready to live another day. That is what you call a new vision, that is what Paul means when he says that "We regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ

from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way."

The Bible rarely tells us what to do. It tells us what to see. We can only act within the world that we can see. Perhaps Jesus wants us to see the world, not through a human point of view, but through a larger vision in which we will know how to live the vision. But how do we know that we don't have an option, how do we know that this is all we can do, if we have not attempted to see larger possibilities? Where is our imagination? Where is our new theory? Where do we stand in this new age?

From one angle of human vision, Don Quixote in the musical The Man of La Mancha was a fool, a crazy man, attacking windmills, seeing himself as a knight, lifting up the prostitute Dulcinea and making her into some sort of spotless saint of a woman. And yet, from another point of view, he was a person of great vision, a person who looked at people and was given the gift of seeing beyond their present condition to what God intended them to be. He was one of those people who "no longer regarded the world from a human point of view."

Fred Craddock, a preaching professor emeritus at Emory, in one of his books tells the story of Jim Strain a screenplay writer lives in California, and after several years of almost starving, he was able to sell some of his work. He's written some movie screenplays and all that. He had

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been in Dr. Craddock's class on the parables of Jesus, and he says, "Everything I do reflects that class." He wrote a screenplay for the old TV drama we all remember called MASH.

MASH was that Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Korea, and you remember all the characters, doctors, and nurses in that military tent hospital. There also was a chaplain in that MASH unit who was a priest. And Jim Strain wrote a play involving that priest. Here is the story.

The priest at some point became very attracted to one of the nurses. The whole story is about that struggle, and finally... he says no to her and reaffirms his yes to God. Jim Strain confided to Dr. Craddock, "I had an awful time selling that script."

"If you'd just change the ending, make it more realistic," they told him.

"What would make it more realistic?" Jim asked.

"He goes for the nurse! He disavows his priesthood! Don't you understand what people want?"

And Jim answered, "No. Don't you producers and directors understand what people want?"

A different point of view.... a different vision... a new way. Jesus says, "Stay with me, believe in me, and over time I will continue to reveal to you a new way. Keep your imagination alive.... Imagine with me. And grow in faith."

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• HIGHLANDS EATERIES •

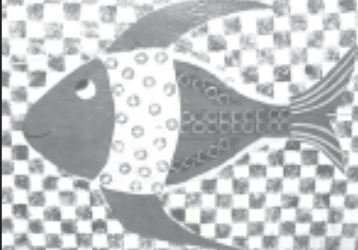




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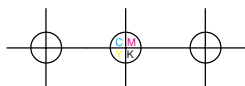
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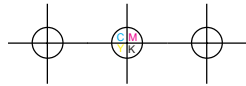
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On-going

• Al-Anon meets every Thursday 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 Theater 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.

• 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.

• Every Friday from 6-8 p.m., singer/songwriter Sylvia Sammons performs at the Highlands Village Square on Oak Street from 6 to 8 p.m. Fressers will be open with food and drink.

• 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 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 Pian.

July 6

• A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main where cheese and crackers are paired with wines, 5-7 p.m. "California Dreaming" California Wines with Ed Travis, Owner of Southern Slopes.

July 7-9

• Walk in the Park presented by the Highlands Historical Society. 6-7:30 p.m. July 7 & 8 and 4-5:30 p.m. on July 9. Tickets are \$15 available at D&J Express Mart or at the Conference Center the day of the walk. Students free.

July 7

• At the Loose Moose at Skyline Lodge, late night DJ and dancing starting at 9:30 p.m.

• At Macon Bank on Carolina Way, Open House and BBQ at 11 a.m. Register to win a TV and other prizes!

• Mountain Music Concert featuring Grass Roots

Revue in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.

• At Cyprus Restaurant on Friday July 7 at 9:30 p.m., it's Peace Jones from Asheville. This unique band has a new CD coming out and has great potential. Don't miss it!

July 8

• On Saturday, at 11 a.m., the Woopets of Wooten Performance Company will present a workshop for ages 5 through 9 presented at the Instant Theater with the theme "Pirates of the Caribbean." Put on an eye patch, stipple on a beard, learn (safe) stage fighting and fencing. Then set sail to encounter Dragons, a Cyclops and an Ogress. Bring a bag lunch and a drink to picnic on an imaginary deserted island. Children will be returned to their parents at 3 p.m. to demonstrate their new pirate skills. This four-hour workshop is being offered for \$30. To register call the ITC at 342-9197. Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

• Super Sale Fundraiser. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Multi-family Yard Sale at Community Bible Church on Hwy 64 in Highlands, NC. A sizzlin' summer lunch will be available for purchase while you browse the "treasures". All proceeds will go to help fund the CBC Choir trip to the Brooklyn Tabernacle Worship Conference

• At On the Verandah Trio Lococo playing four dates of jazz, soul, R&B and rock and roll in the piano bar, 9 p.m. until midnight.

• 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!

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

• Live music on the covered deck at Oak Street Café featuring singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar 6 to 8 p.m.

July 9

• Fred Wooldridge announces the signing of his new book, "I'm Moving Back to Mars" on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Shakespeare & Company book store, 462 Oak St. in Highland's Village Square. Fred will read his favorite short story and all are welcome. Come and meet the author.

July 10-14

• Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church. "Fiesta: Where Kids Are Fired Up About Jesus!" begins on Monday and continues through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. It's located at First Baptist Church, 220 Main Street, Highlands, NC. For more information, call 828-526-4153.

July 10

• Cajun dance lessons with Morris and Anita Williams of Carolina Cajun Dance Monday at the Highlands Recreation Park. For more information call 526-9713.

• Turn off the TV, put down the computer game console. On Monday the Highlands Playhouse Summer Children's Theatre Classes return to the mountains. The program teaches basic movement, vocal techniques and improvisation, and culminates in a show presented by participants for family and friends. The two-week session costs \$150 and runs Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. - noon for children ages 6 to 10 and from 1- 4 p.m. for youth ages 11 to 15. Spaces are still available. For more information, call the Highlands Playhouse at 828-526-2695.

• A wine tasting at Wolfgang's on Main where cheese and crackers are paired with wines, 5-7 p.m. "A Match Made in Heaven" Pairing Wine and Chocolate Gems

July 11

• At the Instant Theater it's the Spiritual Cinema at 8 p.m., sponsored by Star Pony Productions at 8 p.m. Star Pony Productions and the Instant Theatre Company. On Tuesday, it's an 18-minute short in English by Julie Anne Meerscham, "Celamy." Find out how we get through childhood traumas with our be-

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Sat & Sun: (2:15), 9:15

ings intact. Also playing is the James Twyman feature documentary, "Indigo Evolution" [80 minutes in English]. Discover the Indigo children through interviews with experts, the Indigo kids themselves and their parents. If you think your children are special, you have to watch this. All films start at 8 p.m. with doors opening at 7:30. Fresh popcorn, soft drinks and movie sweets are available. A donation of \$5 is requested.

• At Jacob's Well Christian Book Store on the Cashiers road a booksigning with author/artist Janet Carpenter a contributing author of "God Allows U-Turns for Women: The Choices We Make Change the Story of Our Life," at 1 p.m., Tuesday. During the book signing, there will also be a mini art show of several of her paintings including her most recent 30" x 40" oil of "Jesus with Our Children" depicting the love languages of her four oldest grandchildren. Gary Chapman's book, "The Five Love Languages of Children" will also be available.

July 12

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. at Camp Merriewood. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

• Owl Prowl, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Nature Center. Bring a flashlight. sponsored by the Nature Center and Highlands Plateau Audubon Society.

July 13

• Cajun dance lessons with Morris and Anita Williams of Carolina Cajun Dance Thursday at the Highlands Recreation 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

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- "Don't Count Your Chickens" folk art show with fanciful items for the home, garden, body and soul, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Conference Center.

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

- 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 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.

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 information.

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."

July 18

- Want to quit smoking but are having trouble kicking the habit on your own? 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

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

July 20

- 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. As Rod explains, "I have spent 15 years studying the tailraces and the flies those big finicky fish actually eat, and still, each trip makes me refine and improve my patterns. Having 4-5,000 trout per mile, these tailraces are definitely worth getting to know." A raffle for a guided fishing trip by Brookings will be held and all are welcome. Call 743-2078 for more information.

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 Faith in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.

- 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 information.

- 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

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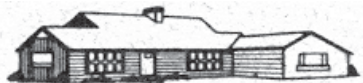
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HIGHLANDS TOWNSHIP

• 0526850, BEE TREE LANE LOT 41B CULLASAJA CLUB, PAULA ANN INVESTMENTS LLC, 6/22/2006, \$127,500., WARD MYLES G, \$81,560.

• 0511574, 1240 CLAIRE LN, HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB, RIEBEL H EDWIN TRUSTEE, 6/26/2006, \$0., RIEBEL H EDWIN TRUSTEE, \$636,090.

• 0511889, 561 N BIG BEARPEN MOUNTAIN RD HFCC, SAURAGE ROLAND RICHARD, 6/26/2006, \$2,075,000., DANIELSON SCOTT S, \$1,390,680.

• 0516289, 1385 HIGHGATE RD, TERRELL IRENE S TRUSTEE, 6/26/2006, \$0., TERRELL IRENE S TRUSTEE, \$747,160.

• 0517077, 960 CRESCENT TR CULLASAJA CLUB, HOPPER FRANK, 6/16/2006, \$850,000., LUPOLI JOHN R JR, \$1,012,160.

• 0504685, OFF 1544 LOT 9 SEC B FLAT MTN, SIEGEL HARVEY M, 6/19/2006, \$135,000., HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, \$60,400.

FLATS TOWNSHIP SCALY MOUNTAIN

• 0642319, RD 1622 TRACT 6 LILLIE H BILLINGSLEY PROPERTY, VINSON SCOTT TRUSTEE, 6/27/2006, \$0., VINSON SCOTT TRUSTEE, \$36,300.

Spirituals at Church of Incarnation

– Annual 'Interlude' series –

Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation will present a concert of Spirituals on Wednesday, July 12, at 2 p.m. As part of their free Interlude Concert Series, this concert is open to the public.

Fletcher Wolfe, director of the series, says that renowned soprano, Bernice Hall, the featured performer, will be accompanied by Dr. Lawrence Weaver, a favorite performer of the Highlands audiences.

Hall has appeared as leading soprano in many of the major opera houses in the U.S. and was the protégé of famous opera singer, Mattewilda Dobbs.

Dr. Weaver, an outstanding pianist and organist for many years, was a leading tenor soloist in the Atlanta Chamber Opera Company which was directed by Mr. Wolfe. Dr. Weaver's last



appearance in the Highlands was at the Performing Arts Center accompanying singers Jeanné Brown and Pamela



Dillard. He will return in August as part of a Center of Life Enrichment presentation.

• FIRE DEPT. LOG •

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of June 30-July 6.

June 30

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Satulah Ridge Road where someone had fallen. The victim was transported to the hospital

July 1

- The dept. responded to a brush fire at Sassafrass Gap Campground. It was quickly extinguished.

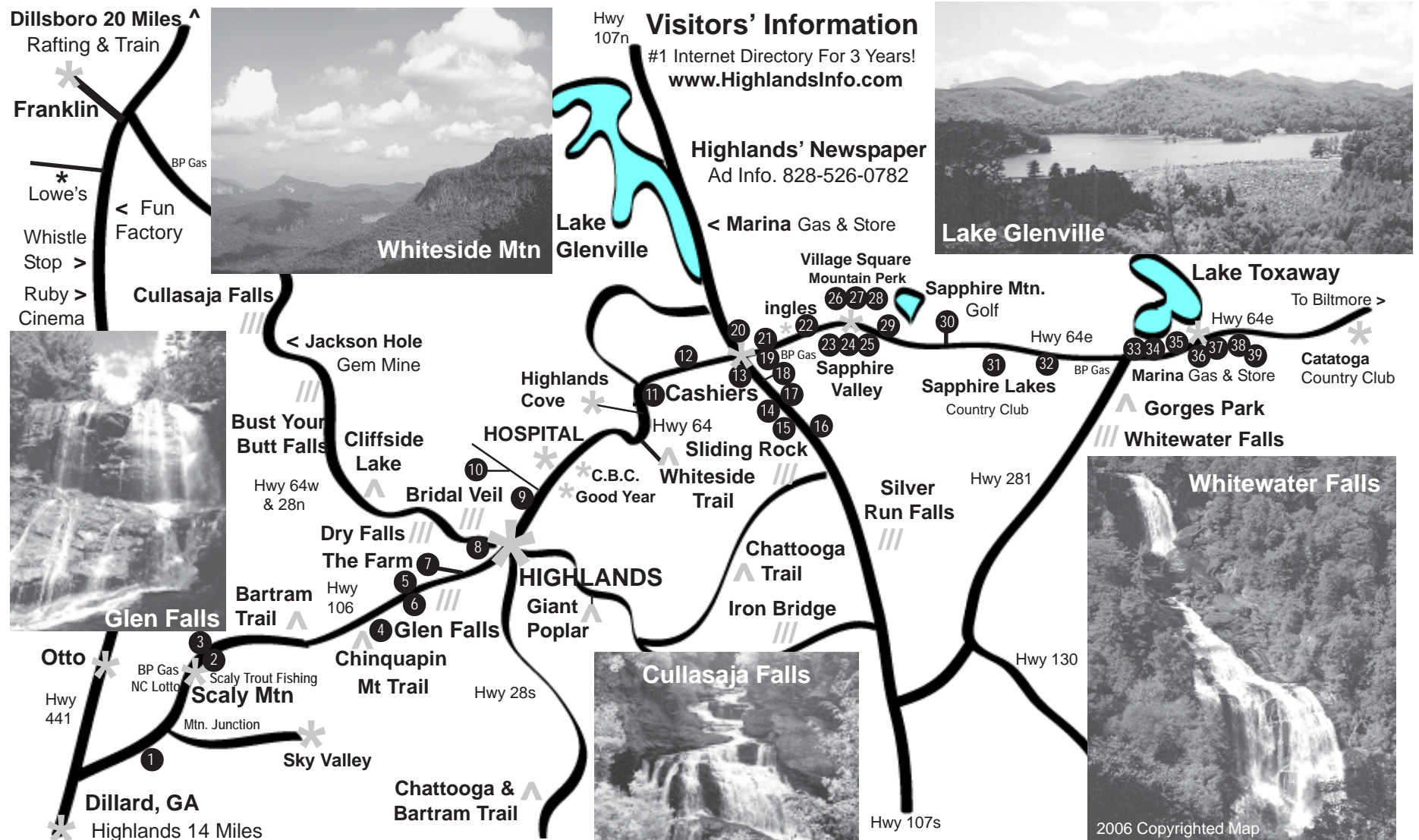
July 2

- The dept. responded to a report of smoke at Cosper's Flowers but it was unfounded.

July 4

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. It was cancelled en route.

- Three officers with a fire truck stood by during the Fourth of July fireworks. There were no incidents..



1 Ed West Real Estate	7 The Farm (O.E.I.)	13 Market Basket	19 Macon Bank	25 Red Bird Golf	31 Sapphire Lakes CC	37 Sergio's Bistro
2 Cabe Realty	8 On The Verandah	14 Chattooga Gardens	20 Zoller Hardware	26 Grinning Frog	32 App. Golf Carts	38 Octobers End
3 Futral Real Estate	9 Outdoor Tool	15 Cornucopia	21 Chestnut Square	27 Rand Soellner Arch.	33 U.S. Post Office	39 Maxine's Gifts
4 Peak Experience	10 Skyline Lodge	16 The Catbird Seat	22 Drug Store	28 SMC Realty	34 Ace Hardware	
5 Summer House	11 Millstone Inn	17 Mtn Golf Properties	23 Mica's Restaurant	29 Hampton Inn	35 Country Cupboard	
6 Tin Roof Gallery	12 Century 21	18 Buyers' Real Estate	24 Fairfield Realty	30 Sapphire Mtn Golf	36 Brew Bird Coffee	

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CYPRUS NIGHT LIFE

10
Oak St. Cafe
19
Skyline's Loose Moose
26
SweeTreats
28
Wine Garden
17

LODGING

- 01) Main Street Inn
- 02) Mitchell's Lodge
- 03) Mtn High Lodge
- 04) Old Edwards Inn
- 05) Skyline Lodge
- 06) The Lodge
- 07) Brick Oven
- 08) Bucks Cafe
- 09) Cafe 460
- 10) Cyprus
- 11) Don Leon's
- 12) Fressers
- 14) Hill-Top Grill
- 15) Lakeside
- 16) Golden China
- 17) Madison's
- 18) Main Street Inn
- 19) Oak Street Cafe
- 20) On The Verandah
- 21) Pescado's
- 22) Pizza Place
- 23) Rib Shack
- 24) Ristorante Paoletti
- 25) Rosewood Market
- 26) Skyline Restaurant
- 27) SportsPage
- 28) SweeTreats Cafe
- 29) Fressers Express
- 30) Wolfgang's

REAL ESTATE

- 31) Buyer's Realty
- 32) Century 21
- 33) Chambers Agency
- 34) Country Club Prop.
- 35) Houston Realty
- 36) John Cleaveland
- 37) John Schiffl
- 38) Keller Williams
- 39) Meadows Mtn.
- 40) Signature Prop.
- 41) Acorns
- 42) Black Bear Furn.
- 43) Custom Coverings
- 44) Dry Sink
- 45) Highlands Cabinet
- 46) Highlands Decorat.
- 47) Little Flower Shop
- 48) Radio Shack
- 49) Summer House
- 50) Twigs
- 51) Wholesale Down
- 52) Bird Barn
- 53) Christmas Tree
- 54) Grinning Frog
- 55) Needle Point
- 56) Shakespears
- 57) Speckled Hen
- 58) The Hen House

BOUTIQUES

- 60) AnnaWear
- 61) Bungalow Boutique
- 62) Cabin Casuals
- 63) Carolina Closet
- 64) Coolcats Hotdogs
- 65) Jolies
- 66)
- 67) McCulley's
- 68) Miss Priss
- 69) Nancy's Fancys
- 70) Shops of O.E.I.
- 71)
- 72) Village Kids
- 73) Vivace
- 74) Wits End
- 75) Drakes Diamonds
- 76) Highlands Gem
- 77) Highlands Fine Art
- 78) Kent Ltd
- 79) Silver Eagle
- 80) #1 Nails
- 81) All Seasons Salon
- 82) Creative Concepts
- 83) Images Salon/Spa
- 84) Mountain Magic
- 85) Pro Nails
- 86) Taylor Barns Salon
- 87) The Very Thing

ANTIQUES

- 90) Elephants Foot
- 91) Mirror Lake
- 92) Nest
- 93) Shiraz Oriental
- 95) Hubert Shuptrine
- 96) John Collette
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