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June 29

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June 30 and July 1

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Town's '06-'07 budget adopted

Besides passing the proposed Town of Highlands budget at a special budget meeting, Wednesday, June 28, commissioners discussed further the need to increase taxes and fees for services in Highlands.

Expanding the sewer infrastructure is high on the Board of Commissioners'

Bell new PB chair

With John Cleaveland's resignation from the Planning Board, electing a chairman was the first thing on the Planning Board's agenda Monday night.

Griffin Bell was elected unanimously to take Cleaveland's place. "I think Bell will make a good chairman," said Gantenbein. "He understands that it's important for the Planning Board to be totally independent and to give the appearance of being independent to maintain integrity."

During the rest of the meeting, the board worked on zoning the ETJ area's residential areas. Gantenbein presented the board with a R4 zone to accommodate new growth and what is currently in the area.

As written, "The R4 ETJ residential district is a low-to-medium density residential district for single-family dwellings, with customary accessory outbuild-

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Parking permits part of solution

by Ashlyn Williams Reporter

Taking an afternoon to explore unique stores is a definite thrill for many who venture to the Highlands. They come from all over—Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and neighboring towns in North Carolina. But, with parking spaces on Main Street at a premium and a two-hour time limit designated for many spots, retailers claim some shoppers worry more about parking limits than shopping.

Recently, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce proposed a solution to this problem: special one day passes. For all out-of-state visitors, passes can be obtained from the Highlands Visitor Center. The Center keeps a log of the addresses of the people who get passes and at the end of 30 days the result will be given to the Town Board for review.

Though the "bike police" have only noticed a few passes in cars, since June •See PARKING pg 10 list of things to accomplish over the next five years – and money is needed to do it.

First up is the infrastructure in the Harris Lake Drainage Basin which will cost about \$2 million when it's all over. Increasing sewer usage and connection •See BUDGET pg 26

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The 'Nick's saga' is over

Obit



Photo by Jim Lewicki

On Tuesday, June 27 at about 4:15 p.m. the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. burned the old Nick's Restaurant. Despite exhaustive efforts by the Moschourises, Old Edwards Inn & Hospitalitiy Group, The Highlands Historical Society and private citizens, a taker for the building couldn't be found. OEI donated the \$5,000 it was going to give to help move the house to the fire department. It tooks weeks to get permits from the Public Health Dept. and the Air Quality Dept. to burn the building. After 35 percent asbestos was found in 108 sq. ft. of linoleum in the kitchen area of the building, it had to be removed and carted away before burning. Testing fees cost OEI about \$1,800.

HS principal set for 2006-2007

By Kim Lewicki & Susanna Forrester

The search for the Highlands School principal is over so students and staff will have a new principal to guide them in the upcoming school year.

At the Monday, June 26 school board meeting, the school board voted to hire four new principals at the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Frank



Brian Jetter

Yeager. Three were hired from within the system but one, Brian Jetter, was hired for Highlands School. Jetter comes to Highlands from the Thomasville City School System in Thomasville, Ga.

"It's clear to me that Jetter can make the tough decisions for the right reason as opposed to doing what's popular," said Yeager. "He will offer Highlands School •See PRINCIPAL pg 15

June 30 and July 4 • At Acorn's on Main Street, Mary Louise and Coralia Leets JewelryTrunk Show. June 30 • Mountain Music Concert featuring Upward Bound in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free. July 1 • Rake cale and country brockfast at the Highlands

Bake sale and country breakfast at the Highlands
United Methodist Church at 8 a.m.

 Macon County Art League outdoor show on the grounds of the Catholic Church. All day.
 Mirror Lake Picnic, Saturday at the Rec Park south

picnic shelter beginning at 4 p.m. • A dog wash at the First Citizens Bank from 9 a.m.

until 4 p.m. or whenever the dogs quit coming. • Zorki performs at Highlands Village Square 2-5.

 Zorki performs on the covered deck of Oak Street Cafe, Saturday from 6-8 p.m.

 July 2
 The Atlanta Sacred Chorale will perform in Highlands Presbyterian Church, Sunday at 5 p.m. It's free.

Zorkí performs at Highlands Village Square 1-3.
 July 3
 The Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxilary will

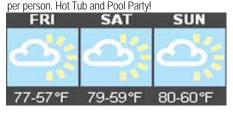
meet Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hospital Board Room. July 4

 At Cyranos Bookshop a signing by Dr. Delia and Mark Owens' "Secrets of the Savanna" from 1-3 p.m. US Flag Retirement Ceremony by Highlands Cub

Scout Pack 207, 7:15 p.m. at Harris Lake. • Zorki performs at Highlands Village Square from

7-9 p.m. Acoustical guitar and cover favorites.BBQ at the Conference Center next to the ball

park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Highlands Rotary. • Skyline Lodge presents "Fire on the Mountain" a fun-filled day of BBQ/Dogs & American Apple Pie. \$10 per person. Hot Tub and Pool Party!



The Plateau's Position •-

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Commissioner Ross sent the Planning Board the following letter.

Ross responds to **Cleaveland letter**

Dear Editor,

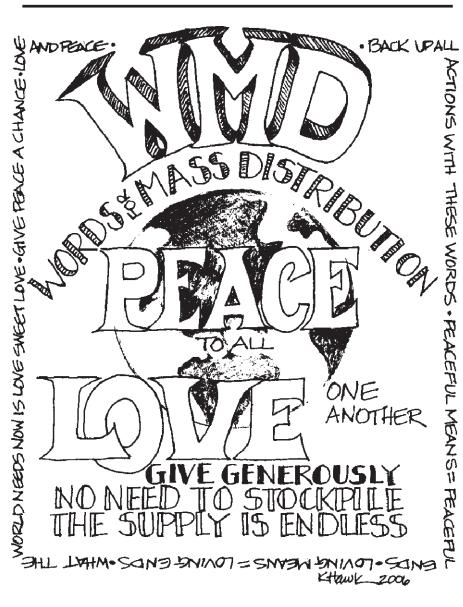
After reading John Cleaveland's letters to last week's newspapers, I felt that I needed to shed some light on the subject of my attendance to Planning Board meetings. My relationship with the Planning Board I thought was a good one, however now I am not sure.

I am one who frequents the planning board. The following are my reasons for attending many of your meetings. I am on two committees of the Town Board that require my attendance. I am a member of the OEI Committee. This committee was formed several years ago because of public concern due to the appearance of a conflict of interest by a staff member. I also attend the PB meetings as representative of the ETJ Committee. As you know, we have had multiple meetings and scheduling discussions for this complex effort. In addition, I attend some PB meetings to get early or first hand information on some complex projects. I feel that this can make me a better-informed commissioner to greater serve the public. Lastly, I am there to represent clients from time to time.

When I attend these meetings, I make my best effort not to include myself in the discussions. There have been times when I have been asked to clarify some information or direction from the Town Board. I do this very reluctantly and I try to choose my words carefully so as not to influence any decisions that you make.

John's term limit on the PB expires at the end of this month and therefore his resignation is effectively from only the Appearance Commission. It will be a loss to our community in that he cannot continue on the PB. His support and effort for ETJ has been extremely valuable. If it was not for his and other leaders' past efforts we would not have the important land use regulations in place.

I also wish to thank the current and outgoing PB members for their time served. I know that sometimes the Town Board does not always agree with all your decisions; however, it is not because we do not listen. On personal note, as a former PB member, the largest reason that I ran for the Town Board was that I was frustrated by the good old Town Board's reluctance to move forward with the issues that you are taking on today. Commissioner Hank Ross Highlands



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Kayla McCall continues to shine

Following completion of the spring semester at UNC-Chapel Hill, Kayla L. McCall, Highlands School Salutatorian Class of 2005, was accepted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

This is an academic honor society for high achieving first- and secondyear college students.

Membership is conferred by invitation by the NCSC Admissions Committee. Membership in this society is for students in the top 20 percent of their class with a 3.4 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale who have demonstrated leadership qualities.

UNC-Chapel Hill has approxi-mately 5,000 freshman and 4,000 sophomores. Kayla also made the Dean's List during the fall semester.

The town's July 4th celebration begins at 10 a.m. at the ball field and includes sack races and more. Fireworks begin at dusk. Watch the skies from anywhere in town.

Letters-to-the-Editor

POLICY

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• Laughing at Life •

Da Gladfly Report

Fred Wooldridge

Summer is in full swing and Highlands is jumpin' with cash registers a chingin' and wine glasses a tinklin' all over the mountain. The smell of gossip and money is in the air and that means it is time for my disgusting gadfly report on everyone who is anyone right here in our grand little town. Ready? Are you sitting down?

A quick check of all the cars parked on Main Street revealed over half of them have those cute little yellow ribbon stickers plastered somewhere on their cars. This, of course, is a takeoff from a wonderful song written in 1972 about a felon, probably a sex predator, being released from prison after serving three years of hard time and is coming home to who knows who.

She, maybe a girlfriend or wife, or both, (or maybe even a guy) is supposed to tie a yellow ribbon around the old oak tree if he is to get off the bus and register with the parole office. I was shocked to see so many of our visitors have criminals in their families who are doing hard time for felonies. I hope they are all not sex predators. Is it safe to go out at night? Since I was already on Main Street, I decided to do a random survey on what our visitors thought about the current ETJ hubbub. They were presented with this question. "What are your personal feelings about ETJ?" Surprisingly, they took the question quite seriously. Here are the results of my survey.

Twenty-three people reported they are taking

prescription drugs for the ailment and are getting better while sixteen people were firm believers there really are people from other planets visiting us. Eight people admitted they had not seen the movie. Six folks said they were embarrassed to say they had never eaten there and only one guy said he was outraged by the unfairness of what is going on. He felt that hard liquor should be sold in restaurants.

Moving on, Sandy Better from Chitlins, Georgia will marry Rufus Moore from Climax, Georgia. The couple will marry on Sunset Rock in Highlands. The wedding announcement, of course, will read "Couple to get married on Sunset Rock is Moore/Better. Rumor has it that after a global

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Grilled Chicken

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PASTA

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Choice of Grilled Chicken <u>or</u> S almon with roasted red peppers, fresh mushrooms and capers topping a generous helping of basil pesto pasta.

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Choice of S almon <u>or</u> G rilled Chicken with artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, K alamata olives, green olives, fresh parsley and cherry tomatoes sprinkled with Feta cheese and tossed in a special dressing.

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Box Office hours are Monday-Saturday 10 AM-5 PM. The Playhouse is located in the heart of Highlands on Oak Street





Top row from left: Allie Payton and Hadley Cronk; middle row from left: Kelsey Duttlinger and Melissa Nason; bottom row from left: Jessica Bryant and Cindy Nason

'Fiddler on the Roof:' Family Ties

acting for years, but this summer a production in Highlands, NC has given them a chance to reflect on their real-life roles of mother and daughter. Fiddler on the Roof, running at the Highlands Playhouse June 22 – July 9, features Cindy as Golde, the matriarch of a large family of girls – five to be exact — and Melissa, age 13, plays Shprintze, one of Golde's younger daughters. The well-loved musical looks at the importance of family in a changing world, something Nason and other female cast members are familiar with.

"It's been fun. It's also been a little bit challenging," says the mother of two about working with one of her daughters on stage. "This is Melissa's first professional role – until this show it's all been school and community theater. I'm responsible for someone else so I have one foot in being a mom and one foot in being an actress." Nason has found herself reminding Melissa to refrain from whispering at key moments in the show, and to stay focused. Melissa doesn't seem to mind the guidance. "She's less temperamental than Golde in real life," the younger Nason grins. "She's very calm.

Another teenage performer, Kelsey Dutlinger, also finds family a big help. Kelsey's mom Cari, a costumer with the show, is on hand to provide support. "I try to make sure she's ready and puts the time in to know her lines like a pro," she says of her 14-year-old daughter. "She'll get food for me, and give me encouragement," adds Kelsey. "It's good to have her around."

Local teen Jessica Bryant, who plays daughter Bielke, doesn't have to worry about being far from home like the other actresses who have traveled from Georgia, Texas and New York - she hails from Cashiers. The experience of working

Cindy and Melissa Nason have been ing for years, but this summer a duction in Highlands, NC has given it's very humbling," the 13-year-old notes. On the plus side, her fellow cast members are nice folks. "The people in it are fun people.

The two actresses playing Golde's eldest daughters are the farthest from home but draw on their families as well. Allie Payton, who plays second-to-marry Hodel, "loves the emphasis on family" in the show. She identifies strongly with Hodel, who leaves everyone she knows to join a husband in Siberia. "I left my home to go to college and haven't been able to go back for almost a year now," says Payton. "Having to say goodbye to my mom and dad was very difficult, not knowing when I was able to go back. I am also the second-born in my family of all daughters." Would she, like Hodel, marry a revolutionary? "I would definitely marry someone with a cause," Payton smiles. "I would love to go to the Sudan to help there some day.

Hadley Cronk, whose character Tzeitel is the first in the show to marry, has four siblings in real life as well. "I get the dynamic of a hectic, crazy family. It makes me miss them so much," says the twenty-something actress. Her goal now, she says, is "to be a working actress in New York and still have time to have a family; to balance that out." Cronk is currently attending New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. Could she use a matchmaker in the Big Apple? "Definitely," she laughs. "When you're around a bunch of theater guys all the time, you don't meet many good prospects."

Às for her own two daughters' future, does Cindy ever find herself wishing for a good matchmaker? "Of course!' Nason replies. "Me being the matchmaker!'



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search for a qualified person to be our new high school principal, the board will pick Amid al Heim Aboob as its chosen leader. Aboob was picked because of his cultural background and strict sexual habits. Congratulations to Aboob. The school board has promised to keep us all abreast of Aboob's progress.

We are hearing whispers about Highlands/Cashiers Hospital doctors discovering a new virus affecting our community. The doctors have supposedly isolated the virus and have named it "Lacabuksincoffers," pronounced Lac-a-buks-in-coffers. The virus mostly affects lucky spermers living in the Highlands area and reportedly poor folks have little to worry about.

Speaking of "lucky spermers" (people born with loads of money who just lie around drinking wine and hugging their Grand pianos) a group from Atlanta is negotiating with the Forest Service to buy a small strip of land between here and Franklin. They will construct a zip line between the two towns. People attach themselves to the line and zip to Franklin in less than two minutes. When asked how folks get back, they said "Who cares?" They did recommend keeping your mouth closed to keep bugs off your teeth.

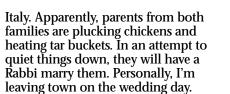
While pushing dirt around to build OEI's new village, workers uncovered an ancient mammal that actually ate day trippers. Scientists are frantically looking into ways to clone the mammal back into existence. They have named it "Ridotrippers Rex."

Speaking of scientists, there's a bunch of cone-heads at the ole Nature Center studying the sex habits of the rare North Carolina minnow. The study got sidetracked after learning that minnow poop, when rubbed on one's forehead, makes people want to vote for ETJ. Supposedly, the town board is hoarding samples of the rare stuff. And finally, this little piece of

And finally, this little piece of appalling trash just rolled in. Young Bo Dawkins, a strict Baptist, born right here in Highlands, has fallen in love with pretty Marie DeMartino, a "born again" Catholic visitor from Salerno,

Woopets – Giant puppets coming to ITC

On Saturday, July 8 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.





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• ANOTHER VIEW •

Fight terrorists not governments

The FBI announced the bust of seven mostly home grown terrorists in Miami last week. The two from Haiti weren't exactly home grown but were probably nurtured on US food stamps.

I'm skeptical of the report that these guys planned to blow the Sears tower in Chicago and some buildings in Miami. I can imagine folks in

Miami rioting to demand trilingual street signs, but planning terrorist strikes against America? Terrorists from Miami, Florida seem about as likely as NBA stars from Burlington, Vermont.

If I'd been asked to guess one thing that Orange County, California and Dade County, Florida have in common, it would have been complete absence of Mudjahideen. These guys hadn't attended jihadist camps in Afghanistan. They drilled around a warehouse parking lot in Liberty City. They tried to lure young boys into the Islamic life style with promises of free karate lessons. A neighbor reported seeing guys standing outside the warehouse wearing turbans, guarding whatever was happening inside.

I don't want to dismiss the danger of these guys too quickly or cast doubt on federal reports that we've thwarted a major terrorist attack, but FBI Deputy Director John Pistole's statement that their "plans" were more inspirational than operational seems close to the mark. The Miami terrorists are to terrorists as Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is to the Mayo Clinic.

There were expected protests of disbelief from family members, stuff like, "My boy's a good boy and wouldn't harm a fly." But what added unneeded additional comedy to this story came from the father of one suspect who claimed that his son was home reading the Bible in the evening.

Five native born Americans teaming with two Haitians, honing terrorist skills in a parking lot, wearing turbans, luring kids with promises of free karate lessons, reading Quran by day and Bible by night. These guys were well rounded if nothing more. In terrorist bombs, fertilizer rules. If they had been able to secure a few pounds of Miracle Gro, they might have succeeded in blowing Miami right off the peninsula. Which leads us to their relationship with al Quaeda.

A neighborhood boy whom they had attempted to recruit reported their efforts to the FBI. Maybe he was disgruntled that his black belt was too slow in coming. Maybe he was a patriot. Maybe he was a snitch. I'd hate



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

to think the FBI paid much for information on this gang. Somehow, the feds managed to plant a contact and infiltrate the "Army of Islam" or whatever these guys called themselves. They used a guy of middle eastern descent claiming to be an al Quad spokesman, but how he got in remains a mystery. Maybe he dropped by the warehouse and said in a

thick Arabic accent, "You guys got a basketball court inside?" Maybe the answer was, "No, dude, but we got us a fine dojo." I do wonder what these guys were smoking at cell meetings to believe that this jidhadist just fell into their laps. Maybe they met on "My Space" with the introduction something like "Seven aspirant Islamic terrorists in search of a patron."

After contact was made, the nascent terrorists requested, among other things, uniforms, boots, fertilizer, and \$50,000 to start an army. I understand the fertilizer, the stuff of bombs, and the money. But boots and uniforms? If I wanted to blow up the Sears Tower, I think I'd try to remain as inconspicuous as possible. Imagine these guys showing up in Chicago in boots and fatigues, hefting 50 pound bags of fertilizer from DuPont. Maybe the uniforms they had in mind weren't fatigues at all but those cute pajama coordinates that terrorists are forever wearing in videos from the mountainous training camps. They feature baggy pants and a sash over the blouse. The trainees are hurdling obstacles and maneuvering overhead bars. Whenever I see those guys on the monkey bars, I wonder if their plan is to attack America through the elementary school playground. FBI agents are pretty much like the rest of us, so I imagine they shared a belly laugh at the water cooler over this caper.

Terrorism is a grave concern. Even this comedic, inept version carries a strong warning. England learned that home grown terrorists do exist and are capable of blowing up trains and buses and killing people. The Canadians dodged a bullet and we seem to have dodged at least a creampuff.

In both Canada and England, the terrorists were native born Islamic youths who had failed to integrate into society, who identified themselves as Muslim rather than British or Canadian, and who, acting on that sense of identity chose jihad in support of Muslim brethren. It was apparently different here. These young men did •See ANOTHER VIEW pg 11 Highlands' Newspaper - Thursday, June 29, 2006 - Page 9



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9. there have been a total of 28 passes questioned, these ladies were surprised issued at the chamber. The numbers aren't exactly what the chamber hoped for, but then again Highlands is just coming into the tourist season.

'It's not been quite as many as I had envisioned," said president of Chamber of Commerce Bill Bassham. "As of right now there is plenty of parking on Main Street during the week and there is heavy usage on Fridays and Saturdays," he said.

While walking along the streets of town, it is easy to see that parking can be problematic on Main Street during peak times. But, the question is: Will this new trial parking program be beneficial to business?

"In one way, when they come into shop, it will be better for the store owners. It gives them more time to look around at other shops and find what they want without having to move their car, Lauren Cress, assistant store manager of the Bear Mountain Outfitters.

Some merchants claimed the problem with the two-hour parking limit was that people were interrupted during their shopping time. With the trial parking program, merchants hope people will have more time, as some vacationers agree

"Great idea, it gives us more time to shop," said Martha Roth, visitor from Houston. Texas.

"Anything to help the merchants we certainly need more than two hours," said Mary Humphreys of Florida. When

to hear about the new parking program, showing that the word on this may not be well-known.

"People can shop a little more leisurely," said Brenda Platania, store clerk with Bear Mountain Outfitters. "But, the problem is: how do you get the word out to visitors? With the 4th of July coming up — maybe make an announcement,' she said.

Of course, as you venture downtown, opinions somewhat vary. In fact, some store owners feel that their businesses were affected either way.

'I don't think it [two hour parking limit] affected us. No one ever said that they had to go and move their car," said Eugenia Green, manager of Katy's on Main. "It doesn't affect us either way we've been blessed," she said.

Yet, consider the new parking rule: passes are given to visitors from out-ofstate. "Why wouldn't it go to everyone?" Green said. This is a very plausible question to ask: What about those people that are in-state residents that come from Greensboro, Charlotte, or the coast to visit for the weekend? Will they still be bound to the two hour parking rule?

"It's hard for an out-of-town visitor to do Highlands in two hours, so parking permits are a good idea," said Colette Clark, gallery sitter at the Robert Tino Gallery. "But why does it have to be someone out-of-state? Anyone should be able to get a one-day pass,

she said.

The opinion of everyone having the same privileges-both in and out-ofstate-is a thought shared by many people.

"Why should we be any different than the residents," said retired school teacher, Oscar Oropeca. Owner of Bags on Main, Bob Milgrim, felt the same way. "No, I don't think you should limit the parking permits to out-of-state visitors. It should be the same for everyone," he said.

"There are both short-term regular shoppers and long-term shoppers-there

needs to be longer parking," said Rosemary Fleming, store clerk at Cyrano's Bookshop. "There has always been a parking fluctuation," she said.

Regardless of fluctuation, parking in the center of town can be quite a task. "I know people that avoid downtown because it's such a hassle," said Stewart Furguson, store clerk at Cyrano's.

So with parking a problem and the passes offering a partial solution - what's the answer?

"I don't know what the solution is to parking," said Colette Clark. "As an •See PARKING pg 11



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employee, I park on Spring Street to free up the Main Street parking. I think if everyone did that, then it wouldn't be as much of a problem," she said.

As per the town's ordinance, employees and merchants are supposed to park on Main Street.

Bob Milgrim said the town's original two hour parking restraint did not help business and he thinks employees shouldn't be allowed to park on Main Street.

But Charlie Belvedere of Suzette's Boutique on Main said employee parking on Main Street is a big part of the "parking" problem. "I don't think that there would be a parking problem if a rule was enforced so that employees couldn't park on Main Street," he said "But with the old two-hour parking rule, customers would get upset because they would have to go and move their car,"

he said.

Yet, there are always exceptions to circumstances. Real estate agencies say they rely heavily on easy access to their cars and it's a hassle for them to escort potential buyers to their cars on side streets.

"I disagree with the parking ordinance. I shouldn't have to take customers two blocks to get to my car," said Terry Potts of Country Club Properties. "I would like to have equal access to parking on the street as visitors," he said. Potts went on to say that if merchants could police their own employees making sure that they don't park in front of the stores, then perhaps it would help free up parking.

The chamber will present its findings to the Town Board the end of July. The report could affect the town's parking ordinance.

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Peter Malvern Sterrie

Peter Malvern Sterrie, age 83, of 71 West End Drive, Franklin, died Saturday, June 24, 2006 at an Asheville hospital.

Born on November 14, 1922 in St. James, MN, he was a son of the late Ole Hess and Ella Christine Anderson Sterrie. A US Army Air Corp veteran of WWII, he was the pilot of a B-24 Bomber. He was a life member of the Franklin VFW Post #7339, and was an employee of the Macon County Recycling Center in the Carson Community.

Mr. Sterrie was a humble man and loved his family. Wild bird feeding was his passion, and he never met a stranger.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joan Fuller Sterrie; two daughters, Kris Sterrie of Franklin, N.C. and Jane Sterrie Escalera and her husband, Emile, of College Park, GA; a son Richard Sterrie and his wife, Patricia, of Maryville, TN; a sister, Eloise Cadman of Clairmont, CA; a brother, Dr. Norman Sterrie of Minneapolis, MN; three grandchildren, Grant Sterrie, Emily Sterrie, and Yuri Escalera; one great-granddaughter, Lucy Sterrie.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2006 in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home. The Rev. Hunter Coleman will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m., one hour prior to the service, at Bryant Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to a humane society of your choice. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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not have roots in the Middle East, but in Africa. They were not first or second generation Muslim immigrants. In fact, unless it turns out they were the children of recent Haitian immigrants, it is most likely that their ancestors arrived aboard eighteenth century slave ships. Islam issues a strong call to poor, desperate, young black men, in prison or out. Perhaps the siren call of revenge is equally strong. What has happened in our society that our own citizens see us as the enemy — that they are willing to succumb to the call of an alien philosophy and an unfamiliar religion, and choose to wage war on us?

We may not be so fortunate with the next group. The outcome may not be slapstick. It is likely to be tragic. It is far easier to identify the enemy from without, and that is a more daunting task, than the enemy from within. We can't intercept these guys at the border or find them on a list of suspected terrorists provided by the Jordanian secret police. We can't subject them to fingerprint checks and iris scans at the point of entry, because they are already here, living, if not among us, at least on the other side of the tracks.

We house a significant number of citizens who feel hopeless, disenfranchised, bypassed by the American dream. Few of them, I suspect, are candidates to adopt a perverse variety of Islam and wage war on America. A few is far too many. I have often said that we must fight the war on terrorism by fighting terrorists, not by toppling governments. The carnage, excuse me, the collateral damage, of war is far too great. Too many innocents are killed, maimed, left sick, impoverished and homeless. The blood that is shed in these adventures nurtures the seeds of Islamic terrorism, even, it seems, in the sandy soil of Miami.



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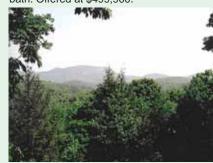
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"Recruiting a new general surgeon has been a top priority for the hospital. W have talked with a number of very fine candidates, but we are very pleased that Dr. Pearlstein has decided to come here. This is a major step forward in restoring public confidence in the direction of the hospital and the future of quality medical care for area residents," said president and CEO Ken Shull. "Dr. Pearlstein's

decision to relocate his practice to Highlands is solid confirmation that Highlands-Cashiers Hospital can, and will, attract top-quality physicians."

A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Pearlstein has nearly 35 years experience in his field, much of it specializing in general cancer and breast cancer surgery. He has received numerous honors during his career, including being named Top Doctor by Business North Carolina last year. Before moving to the mountains of Western North

Carolina, he was associated with Bayfront-St. Anthony's Healthcare System in Florida, where he served at various times on numerous hospital boards, as head of the surgery department, and as chief of staff.

He graduated Summa Cum Laude from Duke University and in the top 10 percent of his class from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He performed his surgical internship and residency at Hopkins and the University of Louisville.

"We are very excited to get a general surgeon of the experience and qualifications of Dr. Pearlstein," said Shull. "He is extremely well-qualified professionally and he is going to be a strong addition to our medical staff. In addition to his outstanding professional reputation, Dr. Pearlstein is both a very warm and pleasant person."

"I hope my surgical experience, particularly in the area of cancer surgery and breast surgery, will enhance the overall quality of medical care available in the Highlands-Cashiers area," Pearlstein said in the telephone interview Friday. "I'm looking forward to working closely with the other physicians in the area to serve the hospital's patients."

Since he has already been practicing elsewhere in the state for several years, Dr. Pearlstein already has a North Carolina Medical License. "That was an added benefit, since it will allow him to transition to Highlands very quickly," added Shull. Dr. Pearlstein's new offices will be located in Suite 300 of the Jane Woodruff Medical Building at the rear of the hospital campus. Appointments can be made by calling 828 526-1900.

The signing of Pearlstein by the hospital drew praise from at least one former colleague. Jim Rothermel, MD, a retired OB/GYN from St. Petersburg, who

now lives in Highlands and recently joined the H-C Hospital's board of directors, worked with Dr. Pearlstein during his career.

"We practiced in the same town for 20 years, and even at some of the same hospitals. I've worked with him on several difficult cases over the years. so I am very familiar with Dr. Pearlstein's qualifications and abilities, Rothermel said last week. "He has impeccable credentials, in addition to being a quiet and caring

individual. Not only is he very experienced, but he is a very bright person. He is well-versed on the latest surgical techniques and procedures. We are very fortunate to get a person of his caliber."

Pearlstein has published and lectured extensively in his field. He is certified by the American Board of Surgery and a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons, as well as other professional organizations. While in Florida, he was a assistant clinical professor at the University of South Florida.

The hospital has suffered financially as the result of the loss of its only general surgeon and active gastroenterologist last winter, but Shull said the resumption of general surgery may well prove a key to turning the corner financially.

"In addition to restoring an important medical service to our community, resuming general surgery will significantly improve the hospital's financial situation over the course of the next several months, and also facilitate our efforts to resume gastroenterology services," he said. "We have been talking with a gastroenterology group that has expressed interest in opening a part-time practice here, but they have been reluctant to do so until we had a general surgeon on staff. Now, that hurdle has been cleared."

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World Changer volunteers on the roof of Lorene Talley's house. Photos by Susanna Forrester

Changing the world one house at a time

By Susanna Forrester

Reporter In a small corner of Clear Creek a group of young volunteers crouches on a rooftop in the blazing midday sun. The acrid smell of tar drifts in a warm summer breeze along with the sound of hammers and saws.

"It seems like they work good together," said Jane Houston, owner of the home whose roof is being repaired. Houston's husband died seven months ago and taking care of the house had taken a back seat to taking care of him.

Houston heard about World Changers, a mission group sponsored by the Southern Baptists, from a neighbor who lived down the road. She applied two years ago for help. "It was getting really rough," Houston said. But now she doesn't have to worry about her roof leaking during a mountain gully washer.

leaking during a mountain gully washer. The volunteers pry up rotten pieces of plywood and knock them to the ground while others nail down shiny black tar paper and brand new shingles. "It's fun if you like to work with kids," said Stan Johnson, the crew leader and a volunteer for the past 27 years. "The kids get satisfaction because they've done something you can see." "World Changers provides a

"World Changers provides a supervisor that is local to be sure we follow local codes," said Johnson, whose group began work early on Monday morning, and are already more than halfway finished with their work on Tuesday afternoon. And they "try to train the kids" to do the work Johnson added.

Johnson's team was made up of four or five different church groups, and not only Baptists can participate in the organization, which began in Briceville, Tenn. in 1990, but other church denominations as well. The ministry focuses on helping youth from junior high to college express their faith by reaching out to those in need.

On a shady lane on the Cashiers side of Highlands another group of World Changers puts down fresh shingles on Pam and Lorrene Talley's house. "I'm glad they're doing it cause we needed it," said Pam Talley, Lorrene Talley's daughter, as she watched them through the window.

The Talleys applied back in April and are excited to see the repairs being made on their little blue cottage. The volunteers work quickly and efficiently on their task, and have to be pried away from their work for a group photo. A hundred Macon County residents

A hundred Macon County residents have been visited by World Changers in the past six years for repairs to roofs and floors, electrical, plumbing, insulation, and the installation of ramps for the elderly and handicapped. The materials are provided locally and World Changers provides the labor.

This year, 25 Macon County home owners will have improved living conditions thanks to World Changers. The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's Urgent Repair Program will provide the funds for the materials needed for this year's projects. Macon County will save an estimated \$63,800 and be able to serve twice as many homes with the Urgent Repair Grant Funds because of the volunteer labor provided by World Changers.

Volunteers from across the United States, 274 of them from Kansas, Texas, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Eastern NC, Oklahoma are at work in Macon County this summer. They range in age from 15 to 64, but they are all here for one purpose. "It's a wonderful ministry," Johnson said, wiping the sweat from his brow.



Volunteers from Highlands Baptist Church serve lunch to the hungry workers

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the stability it needs."

Though a committee process was discussed early on, when the school board charged Dr. Yeager with the task of finding the county the four principals it needed for the 2006-2007 school year, he decided to go it alone.

Monday night's school board meeting was the first time board members had heard anything about the candidates. All four principals' employment is effective July 1. Yeager said it might be a while after that until Jetter can get settled in Highlands.

Jetter, who served five years as principal of Thomasville High School in Thomasville, GA starting in 1994, was named Director of Operations for the Thomasville City School System in July of 1999. He had many responsibilities including finance, budget, purchasing, transportation, maintenance, crisis management, safety, and risk management.

"Jetter was a successful principal for years and is successful in his current job," said Yeager. "He is bright, articulate, can handle high school and is intelligent enough to know how to best deal with high school and elementary school."

Yeager said he considered the task of finding good principals for Macon County top on his list.

There is nothing as significant to a school system is its principals. It's what makes all the difference and there is nothing I take as serious as this," said Yeager.

"I've seen good districts with bad schools and good schools in bad districts, and invariably it's the principals that make the difference."

After graduating from Fort Lauderdale High School, Jetter began his college career at the University of Florida on a football scholarship. He earned a B.A. in English, and, after a brief spell with the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL, returned to UF and earned an M.A. in English.

Jetter, who is entering his 34th year in public school education, began his teaching career in Gainesville, Fl., in 1971. In 1988 he received his Education Specialist degree from Nova University. After serving as a teacher, athletic director and assistant principal in Gainesville high schools, he became principal of Columbia High School in Lake City, Fl., Carolina University.

in 1991.

Jetter is being given a \$750 housing allowance to help offset Highlands high cost of housing. The board said he doesn't have to live in Highlands year round, but he is required to live in town during the winter so he can drive the roads and decide if school needs to be closed. So, he can presumably use the money for that time of year, said Yeager if he chooses not to live in Highlands year round.

School board members said they don't feel they owe a 'hardship' allowance to anyone else at Highlands School, because the principal is the only one required to be in Highlands in the winter to judge the road conditions.

Dr. Yeager said Assistant Principal Mark Thomas is still employed by Macon County as Highlands School Assistant Principal.

The other new principals hired by the county are Todd Gibbs for Macon Middle School, Scot Maslin for Cullasaja Elementary School, and Carol Waldroop for Cartoogechaye School.

Waldroop has been employed by Macon County Schools since 1977, where she began her career as an elementary teacher at Highlands School. Waldroop, who received her Education Specialist degree at Lincoln Memorial University, was transferred to Cartoogechaye School in 1978. In 2002 became lead teacher at she Cartoogechaye and at the beginning of the 2005-06 school year she became halftime lead teacher at Cartoogechaye and was responsible for countywide elementary curriculum.

Gibbs, who has been employed by Macon County Schools since 1997, spent six years at Franklin High School, originally employed as a Social Studies teacher. In 2001 he became Assistant Principal. Gibbs, Assistant Principal at South Macon Elementary since 2003, earned his Master's degree in School Administration from Lincoln Memorial University.

Maslin, who was employed by Macon County Schools in 1997 at Macon Middle School as a Language Arts and Math teacher, transferred to Franklin High School to become assistant principal in 2004. He earned his master's in school administration from Western

Scam ALER

On Wednesday, June 28, several businesses in town reported receiving phone calls from people claiming to be Barbara and Bruce Werder. They said they are traveling and have been mugged in the airport in Canada. They ask that money be wired to via Western Union.

The people are very well versed about Highlands and seem real. But it is a scam said Police Chief Bill Harrell.

"If you get the call, do not wire them money. Report it to the police department right away," he said.

In fact, Chief Harrell is urging people never to give people money over the phone or the internet. "Unless you can see the white of their eyes, just don't do it, he said.

On July 18, special agents from the US Postal Šervice will be conducting a forum on identity theft at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church.

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Leadership Highlands Class Selected

offering more skill based education along with community resource information. The Board and the alumni are excited about the change. "I am looking forward to attending some of the programs to sharpen my own skills. I think it will be a more practical approach to developing leadership," said Katy Calloway, LHGB

Congratulations to the Leadership Highlands Class of 2006-2007 - Lorna Alexander, Robin Armstrong, Eleanor Crowe-Young, Chris Cutshaw, Lynn Delgado, Kathy Evans, Bill Futral, John Gaston, Krysti Rogers, Mary Skubna, Ronnie Spilton, Rick Trevathan

Applications for the 06-07 class were accepted from March 15-May 15. Applicants were selected by a committee of volunteers unaffiliated with the Leadership Highlands program. The program runs from September 2006 until May 2007. Through the course attendees are prepared and encouraged to take on leadership roles within the business, social and political communities of Highlands.



• BOOK REVIEW BY KATIE BRUGGER •

The Case for Democracy: The Power of Freedom to Overcome Tyranny and Terror, by Natan Sharansky (321.8S)

n 1979 I went to the Soviet Union for six weeks. I was in college; I had taken Russian in both high school and college and could speak it passably well. Brezhnev was Premier and the Cold War was very much in place. I went because I wanted to see what our enemy looked like.

The most common comment I heard from ordinary Russians I met in the street was "Why do you want to have war with us? We don't want to have war with you." Of course they had been convinced by government propaganda that the US was a mortal threat to them, just as we had been convinced the USSR was a mortal threat to us.

I was very surprised to find out that no one I met was a member of the Communist Party. I had assumed that everyone was a believer and a member but it became obvious that the people I met hated the Soviet system but were terrified to let anyone find that out.

While I was there I had dreams of being in jail.

The group I traveled with was organized to maximize contact with ordinary Soviet citizens. Most of us were college students who spoke Russian, we traveled in VW buses, camped in campgrounds and used public transportation in cities at a time in which the vast majority of tourists were herded by official guides from foreign-tourist hotels to foreign-tourist restaurants in large tour buses.

We paid for our relative freedom in the country by our treatment at the border as we left. At least half of us, including myself, were strip searched. I was smuggling a small amount of Russian currency for someone [it was illegal to take any paper money out] and when it was found in the hem of my skirt a big fat Russian matron screamed at me in Russian while I stood naked in front of her. It was extremely intimidating, and it has given me a tiny bit of understanding for what it must be to endure interrogation.

The author of this widely-publicized book published last year (President Bush read it) was imprisoned for nine years in the Soviet Union for treason: he was a Jewish dissident. He writes that in a nondemocratic country there may be just a few dissidents, but there are always vastly more "doublethinkers," people who question the regime in the privacy of their own minds but are afraid to speak their thoughts to anyone. From the outside it can appear there is little discontent with the political status quo, but in truth there is a deep yearning for freedom. This certainly accords with

my experience.

Sharansky was released from prison in 1985 after President Reagan said to Russian Premier Mikhail Gorbachev at a summit, "As long as you keep [Sharansky] and other political prisoners locked up, we will not be able to establish a relationship of trust." Sharansky then went to Israel and started a political party that advocated for immigrants to Israel. He ended up being part of three successive coalition governments during the last fifteen years. He has had a front-row seat to both tyranny and terror.

His belief is that everyone in the world wants to be free. Everyone on the planet deserves to be free. No people are incapable of democracy. He rightly con-

demns the world's democracies, particularly the US, for not basing their foreign policy on this issue and this issue alone. That is, we should be friends only with other democracies. We should not cozy up to tyrants because it is "strategical."

Of course, the last century is filled with examples of the US preferring tyrannical regimes to democracies. For example, in Iran in 1953 the CIA helped the British to overthrow the democratically elected Iranian President because "we" thought he would be too friendly with the Russians (see my review of *All the Shah's Men*). There's decades worth of examples in South and Central America, there's the School for the Americas where we help train the tyrants' thugs...

Sharansky argues that promoting democracy is not just the right thing to do; it is also in our best interest: it is the best way to ensure global stability and peace.

As the book moves into the second half and he begins to describe his Israeli experiences I found it tiring; he is always right and yet no one listens to him (though it is an interesting look at the last fifteen years of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict from an Israeli point-of-view.) I also felt that his telling of history was very convenient in terms of "proving" him right.

For example, he is of the camp that Reagan was responsible for the fall of the Soviet Union: by drastically increasing US military spending he bankrupted the USSR. This may have brought about the end a little sooner, but the Soviet Union was set to implode whether Reagan had been president or not. My six weeks in the Soviet Union made that obvious to me. But in order to accelerate the inevitable Reagan may, in the long run, have also brought about the decline of our own country a lot sooner by setting the course of major deficit spending.

Also, I don't think Reagan opposed the Soviets because he was a crusader for democracy, as Sharansky makes you think. For example, during that same period the US was selling Saddam Hussein almost anything he wanted including chemical weapons for exactly

the "strategic" reasoning that Sharansky deplores: supporting a tyrant because he's "our" guy who can be counted on.

Sharansky makes a strong case for the universality of the desire for freedom and of the

ability of all peoples to handle democracy, but he doesn't offer much in the way of ideas for how to help countries develop as democracies.

It seems to me that Americans often act as if our "founding fathers" invented democracy and freedom, and we are often arrogant about democracy as if it should be easy for any country to attain. Case in point: Iraq. It appears that the Bush administration's approach to "spreading democracy" in Iraq is to hold elections, as if elections are the sum total of what it means to be a democracy. Sharansky writes: "Elections are never the beginning of the democratic process. Only when the basic institutions that protect a free society are firmly in place—such as a free press, the rule of law, independent courts, political parties, meaningful opposition-can free elections be held.

We are blessed to have inherited over two thousand years of democratic traditions, starting with the Greeks and Romans. The English started the slow movement away from the divine right of kings and towards democracy in 1215, with the signing of the Magna Carta. And even with this rich history, we still struggle with democracy in this country: our last two presidential elections were deeply flawed by partisan trickery that call the outcomes into question, half the eligible population never votes, our Congress is more concerned with the well-being of lobbyists than their constituents, and the current administration is attempting to grab power from the legislature to create what many call an "imperial" presidency.

Sharansky points to Japan as an example of a country with no history of democracy that was helped by the US to build what has proved to be a very stable democracy. He also applauds President Bush for his desire to spread democracy in the Middle East. Besides the fact that he ignores (as he did with Reagan) that at the same time Bush is cozying up to dictators throughout the Middle East-Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Uzbekistan, etc. for their oil and their help in the war on terror—Bush is incapable of doing what the US did in Japan. Why? He bragged about the reason in his first election campaign: he does not believe in nation-building. In order to build a democracy in Iraq we first needed to help them build the institutions that underlie a free society.

Fareed Zakaria, the international editor of Newsweek, has proposed that there are five preconditions for democracy:

Rule of law Individual rights Private property Independent courts Separation of church and state I would add two items: public education and a citizen army. My husband Arthur added: free press.

If you know anything about Iraq you will know there is no history of these "preconditions" existing in the last few hundred years at least (the Code of Hammurabi—one of humanity's earliest system of laws—was written 4,000 years ago in what is now Iraq).

I opposed the war in Iraq before it started, but once the US invaded there was an opportunity to transform the country. In my mind one of the greatest tragedies of the war is this opportunity has been squandered, entirely due to the Bush administration's complete disdain for government. Post-war Japan became a successful democracy because it was nurtured by a US administration that believed in government. How can you build a government if you don't believe in government?

I believe as Sharansky does that all peoples want and deserve freedom and that US foreign policy should oppose all tyranny, no matter how convenient to our supposed national interest. But unfortunately, President Bush has given the policy of "spreading democracy" a bad name and after the debacle he has created in Iraq I am afraid it will take a long time before Sharansky's message is heard.

If you don't believe me, see "A Democracy Policy in Ashes," by Joshua Muravchik in the Washington Post (June 27, 2006).

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- Summer doings for kids -Part 1



The foxes chase a mouse back to home base.

Photo by Susanna Forrester

Nature camps featured at the Highlands Nature Center

By Susanna Forrester Reporter

In a small meadow the mice run screaming toward their only food source, white ping-pong balls, while the foxes run close behind snatching at the mices' long yellow tails.

The foxes and mice are a group of children participating in one of the Highlands Nature Center's summer day camps. This one is entitled NatureWorks, and it tries to teach the children about the interaction between animals and people.

The mice must attempt to collect five of the balls to survive, while the foxes have to catch three of the mice by snatching off their yellow tails. By the end of the game the foxes have learned some important lessons about nature, but they've also had a lot of fun in the innovative game of tag.

Janis Brannon, the children's guide on this tour of nature, tells the children that survival isn't easy for predator or prey. Before they head down a trail into the forest she emphasizes how careful they must be in the delicate ecosystem they are about to enter.

They gather in the woods for a game of "Camouflage." One child crouches on the trail and counts to ten. The rest of the group dashes into the undergrowth

to hide. Once everyone is hidden the child tries to see how many of his campmates he can find. If they're not well hidden or still then they're spotted and called out of their hiding spot.

According to Allison McRae, a camp assistant, the camp is "ecology-based." Many of the children are from the city, and have never interacted with the natural world. Some are even a little afraid of the animals that they are meeting for the first time.

"We take them to streams and let them find salamanders," said Amy Huff, a Highlands Nature Center employee. "We do pond studies and look for insects."

The NatureWorks camp ran from Tuesday through Friday, usually from 10 am to 2 pm, and so far up to 17 kids have participated. Each day revolves around a different area of nature such as botany, forestry, and aquatics.

"We try not to make it like class," said Huff. "They get to play in the water and get their feet wet. They love the animals. We try to emphasize things throughout the day and at the end of the day we ask them what they learned."

The camps run through the summer. For a complete list and for more information call the Nature Center at 526-2623.

In the series we will explore summer activities for children in Highlands.

Hospital News –

Summary of June 22 meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

To keep the news media, and the public, better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items coming before the hospital's board of directors at there most recent meeting (Thursday, June 22).

• The board approved the hiring of a new general surgeon, Leslie Pearlstein, MD, FACS. An experienced and highly recommended general surgeon, Dr. Pearlstein comes to the hospital from Murphy, NC, where he has practiced for the last several years. Most of his career, however, has been in Florida where he was associated with the Bayfront-St. Anthony's Healthcare System. Educated at Duke, John Hopkins and Louisville, he is board certified and fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He will begin practice here July 10.

• CEO Ken Shull told directors that the outside consultant hired last month to study and make recommendations on the governance, organizational structure and internal communications of the hospital, will begin meeting with the subcommittee next week. That subcommittee consists of three board members, two members of administration, two foundation directors, two members of the medical staff and four members from the community. James Orlikoff of Orlikoff and Associates, Inc, of Chicago II, is under contract to work with the hospital for the next several months.

• Shull reported that interviews have begun with strategic planning consultants, and the list of potential firms has been narrowed to the top three. Shull says the selection committee hopes to make a recommendation to the full board of directors at its next meet (July 27).

• In other physician news, Shull reported that new OB-GYN Carmelo A. Hernandez, MD, is beginning practice in the area this month. Based in Brevard, Dr. Hernandez will see patients in Highlands two Fridays each month. The board approved his application to join the medical staff at its last meeting. Shull also said efforts to bring gastroenterology services back to the hospital are also moving forward. Resuming general surgery will be a key step toward resuming endoscopy services, he said, since the gastroenterologists under consideration have indicated they believe having a general surgeon available is essential to their program. Efforts are also continuing to recruit more primary care physicians to the area, he added.

• Thursday's meeting was the first for new board members Allen S. Hardin, of Highlands and Atlanta, and Dr. Robert T. Buchanan, who will represent the hospital's surgical staff. Chairman Bud Smith officially welcomed both to the board of directors.

• The board also heard a report on the hospital's financial situation. They were told that while cash flow and profitability remain problematic, the picture is much more optimistic now that the hospital is in a position to resume general surgery. Cost control measures are still in effect, but the hospital is not considering layoffs.

• Shull also reported more than 80 patients have utilized the new MRI scanner since it went into operation May 1.

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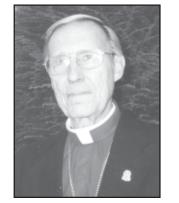
He is **certified by the American Board of Surgery** and is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons and other professional organizations. He has **published and lectured extensively**. While performing all types of general surgery, Dr. Pearlstein has focused extensively on **cancer surgery** during his career.

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• Spritually Speaking •

Land of the Free



The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding Chapel of Sky Valley

The pride and faith citizens of the United States of America have in their country is particularly evident at this time of year as flags are unfurled and fireworks puncture the evening skies. It's a time when Americans contemplate their citizenship — a citizenship many people throughout the world would be honored to share.

The founding fathers of this country believed that the most important thing in the world is a government in which freedom and liberty of the individual is protected. They believed this freedom is basic to our individual development and happiness. They also believed that each person has an obligation to serve society, to assist in the machinery that helps guarantee our freedoms.

Of course, with freedom also comes responsibility. We must try to do the right thing as we see it, but be careful not to infringe upon the freedoms of others. Since no individual is perfect, freedom may be abused. That is why we have rules in our society — because absolute freedom is anarchy, and no society can survive in such a state.

The emphasis on the rights and dignity of each person occurs again and again in our great documents. We began by declaring: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. That among these are life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness." We live by this freedom theme and hold dearly to the sacredness and dignity of each individual. Ours is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

Ultimately, nations are only as strong as their ideas and people. And when citizens no longer pay attention to the first principles of a nation, the nation itself is weakened, and soon its future is in question. It is for these reasons that we welcome the pageantry and celebration which takes place each summer in thousands of cities and towns and throughout this grand country. May it always be a strong and free country. And may we never take it for granted.

Places of Worship on the Plateau

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965 Sundays: School - 10 a.m., Worship - 11 Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7 Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting - 7 p.m. BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m. CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY Sky Valley, Georgia The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding, Pastor Church: 706-746-2999 Pastors residence: 706-746-5770 Sundays: 10 a.m. - Worship Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329 Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627 CHRIST CHURCH (Anglican) The Rev. Thomas "Tommy" Allen- 526-2320 Sunday: Holy Communion: 4:30 (Community Bible Church) Tuesday: Bible Study in Cashiers at noon Wednesday: Mens Bible Study at 8 a.m. (Highlands First Baptist) Thursday: Morning Prayer at 10:30 (Peggy Crosby Center Rm. 203) All are Welcome! **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES** Third and Spring Streets, Highlands, NC Sundays 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Study Room open Saturdays from 1-3 p.m. **CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH** Pastor Everett Brewer Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 Prayer - 6:30 p.m. Evening Service - 1st & 3rd Sunday -- 7 p.m. COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH (Evangelical Presbyterian Church) Steven E. Kerhoulas, Senior Pastor www.cbchighlands.com 526-4685 3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship; Tuesdays: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Students' Dinner (free for kids in 8th grade and younger); 5:30 p.m. Supper; 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 pm Small Groups for kids Pre-K through 8th; 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm Adult Bible Study 6pm-7pm Choir Practice • Small Groups are offered for all ages throughtout the week, see our website or call for more info EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION Rev. Brian Sullivan - 526-2968 Sunday: 8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist-Rite 1; 8:30 a.m. -Breakfast; 9 a.m.. - Sunday School; 9:45 a.m. - Choir Practice; 10:30 a.m. - Childrens Chapel; 10:30 a.m. -Holy Eucharist - Rite II Monday:9-noon - Vacation Bible School; 4 p.m. -Women's cursillo Group; 5:30 p.m. - Women's Cursillo Group Tuesday: 8 a.m. - Men's Cursillo Group; 9-noon -Vacation Bible School; 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 9-noon – Vacation Bible School; 6:30 p.m – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - Mens Cursillo Group Meeting; 9-noon – Vacation Bible School; 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 a.m. - Daughters of the King Meeting, Bible Study

Friday: 9-noon – Vacation Bible School

Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526--4153 Sun.: Worship - 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School - 9:30 a.m.; Youth - 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15 Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.; Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175 Sun.: Worship - 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sun.School - 9:30 & 9:45 Mondays: 8 a.m. - Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast Tuesdays: 10 a.m. - Seekers Wednesdays: Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m. Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m.& 5 HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7 HIGHLANDS 7TH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474 HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376 Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.; 5 p.m. Youth Group Wed: noon - Mens Emmaus Reunion Group; 4:45 -Children's choir and handbells; 5:30 - Supper; 6 - Adult Handbells; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults studies; 7:15 - Adult choir (nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities) Thurs: 12:30 - Women's Bible Study (nursery) HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA Rev. Delmer Chilton, Pastor, 2152 Dillard Road - 526-9741 Sundays: Worship/Communion - 10:30 LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WILD WOOD (In HorseCove) Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, 7-8 p.m. Casual Dress. MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH 8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130 Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 Choir – 6 p.m. Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. - 7 p.m. MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871 Friday: Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m. For more information, call (706)-745-1842. OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC CHURCH Rev. Tien, Priest Parish office, 526-2418 Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m. SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Clifford Willis Sundays: School -10 a.m.; Worship -11 a.m. & 7 . Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m. SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD 290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth - 7 p.m. For more information call 526-3212. SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Wayne Price Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time) 526-9769 Sundays: Worship - 11 a.m. WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122 Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11



Annual Special Operations Adventure Race brings hard-core athletes to Highlands



Participants and onlookers gathered at the corner of Main and Fifth streets to see the 68 racers off the foggy morning of Saturday, June 24. Mary Beth Brody sang the National Anthem, the Sheriff's Dept. provided the color guard, and Rev. Brian Sullivan gave the invocation. Racers ran up Horse Cove Road to Black Mountain; rappelled down to the quarry, biked Walkingstick up through Glen Falls; canoed Lake Sequoyah and ended up back at the Rec Park. The four first finishers of the Elite Race are active duty members of the Special Forces, Clay Othic, Eric Truk, Tim Toerber and John Yearwood. The third-place finisher of the Sprint race, David Montgomery, is an active duty members of the Special Forces. Nineteen of the 60 racers this year are active duty members of the Special Forces. The \$50,000 raised during this year's activities including the race fees, silent and live auction, will be used to supplement funds that provide a college education to the hundreds of children whose parents have died during Special Operations activities. Photo by Kim Lewicki

All proceeds from the Special Operations Adventure Race benefit the Special Operations Warrior Foundation (SOWF). SOWF provides college scholarship grants, based on need, along with financial aid and educational counseling to the children of Special Operations personnel who were killed in an operational mission or training accident.

The results of the Race in Rank Order, Team Name, Racer(s) name and race time in hours: minutes: seconds after adjustments for bonuses and penalties. Sixty individuals began and finished the Race

Elite Race (50 Miles)

First 10 of all categories 1.Carolina Trash; Clay Othic and Eric

Truk; 7:30:26 2.Spatial Disorientation; Tim Toerber and John Yearwood; 7:35:49

3.Canyon; Jeff Parker and Scott Wood; 7:50:15

4.Sleepmonsters.us, Sean O'Donnell; 7:57:26

5.Tadpole; Chad and Kevin Wilkerson; 8:01:47

- 6.Enduring Freedom; Christine Bone and Scott Olson; 8:13:59
- 7.On Your Left; Steven Petrea and Michael Beacham; 8:18:39
- 8.Angleman Syndcome Foundation; Richard Morton and Andy Good; 9:18:27
- 9.Carolina Triathlon; Todd Graham and Ruth Marie Milliman; 9:19:18
- 10.Go Magazine; Richard Osborne and Tate Putnam; 9:55:57

Single Male Under 40 years of age: 1. Sleepmonsters.us O'Donnell, Sean 7:57:26 2. Bushwhacker Gist, Nick

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- 3. Woodard Woodard, Charles R 10:51:43

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7.Go Magazine Osborne, Richard 9:55:57 Putnam, Tate

8. Sandy Daly, Thomas 13:30:57 Wilson, Brandon

9. High Octane Newton, Casey 19:59:50 Brantley, Drew

10. Swiss-84 Robichaud, Shawn 21:56:51 Sansom, Mike

All Female Team Under 40 years

1. Bushwhackers Casselman, Tamara 10:39:27 Freeman-Hendricks, Rebecca

Coed Team Under 40 years of age 1. Enduring Freedom Bone, Christine 8:13:59 Olson, Scott

3:59 Olson, Scott All Male Team – Masters

1. Angleman Foundation

Morton, Ric 9:18:27 Good, Andy

2. Aiken Advanced Racing Grooms, Ron 10:09:11 Head, John

3. Duke Neuro Graffagnino, Carmelo

10:29:23 Olsen, DaiWai 4. Mile One Baker, Tom 10:39:41 Laster, Al

Coed Team – Masters

1. Carolina Triathlon Graham, Todd 9:19:18 Millman, Ruth Marie 2. Generation Gap Poe, Nelson 19:56:15 Wolf, Amy Highlands' Newspaper - Thursday, June 29, 2006 - Page 23

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Up, up and away – Sept. 30

Highlands Development Center at 7 PM September 30th at the Cullasaja Club. Enjoy an evening of dining and dancing to the sound of Reggie & Deas Guys.

The event's "Giving Balloon Tree" attraction will be a fun way to help the Center. Simply purchase a balloon and find inside what your donation will provide for the Center.

There are 62 children currently enrolled at the Center with ages ranging from three months to kindergarten age.

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Highlands tour of historic homes

Mark your calendars now for the 2006 Tour of Historic Homes sponsored by the Highlands Historic Society. You will visit homes in the Highlands Country Club area. Learn the history of these homes and see how they have evolved throughout the years.

The homes are distinctively different ranging from an original Club cottages owned by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Swanson to a Japanese-style teahouse owned by Mr. and Mrs. Rawson Foreman. The

views from the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Pettway overlooking the golf courselake will dazzle you. The tour will culminate at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Williams looking across the Club lake from another vista.

The Tour will be Saturday, August 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shuttles will run every 30 minutes throughout the day. Reserve your tickets by calling 787-1050. Tickets are \$40 per person with students admitted free.



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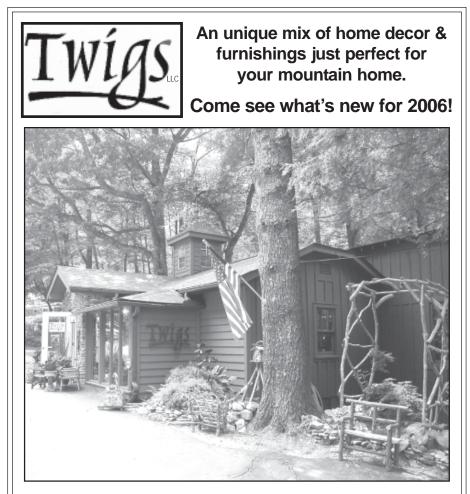
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fees will enable the town to escrow money until enough is saved to start the project.

Water rates, which directly effect sewer rates, have been increased from \$15 per month to \$20 per month for residential users and from \$20 to \$30 per month for commercial users.

Sewer connection fees have been set at \$2,500 per dwelling unit; \$3,500 for a single business or \$3,500 per business in a multiple business. Connection fees outside the town limits are still 200 percent of the corresponding connection fee inside the town.

Sewer fees have been decreased from 135 percent of water use to 80 percent of water use.

"It costs us about twice as much to put in infrastructure here than in the flatlands," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "I know that users can't fund extensions, it just costs too much. But if we drop our sewer fees back to 80 percent of water, aren't we going to lose money?" She wondered how the town could

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ings, including home occupations, together with such other related uses which are of a residential character or contribute to the residential character of the district. Multi-family dwellings are permit-ted with a Special Use Permit."

The board basically agreed with Gantenbein's suggestion, only requiring that the setback in the new R4 district mimic that of residential zones in town - namely 25 feet from the right-of-way and with-in 45 feet of the road centerline of a NC or U.S. primary route.

"There's still more work to be done," said Gantenbein. "It's hard to make a blanket general use ordinance in an area that is so varied."

Basically lot sizes will follow the watershed requirements of half-acre or more. Mike Bryson and Mitch Gurganus wondered about families who want to put a trailer on their property so their sons or daughters can live in them. But Gantenbein said the trailers would have to be at least a double-wide and they would have to follow the lot size regulations

ETJ zoning is far from over. The Planning Board is having a special working

fund the infrastructure plans for Harris Lake and elsewhere.

Town Administrator, Richard Betz, said many connection fees are expected from the two Old Edwards Inn developments and projects so there would be enough money in the fund. Mayor Don Mullen said the recre-

ation committee was considering reconfiguring the Rec Park basketball court and stage area in the gym to accommodate a handball court in addition to the basketball court. "We now have other courts in town at the school and even at the Community Bible Church, so we could make better use of the gym," he said.

The board agreed to go ahead with the three percent ad valorem tax increase based on home value of one penny per \$1,000 to fund everything from recre-ation, the Pine Street Park project, increases in salaries, insurance and fuel costs, as well as expanding or reworking the Town Hall complex. Each penny brings in \$110,000 in revenue.

session on July 10 at 5 p.m. and will have a joint working session with the Town Board on July 19 during the regular Town Board meeting. Members agreed they need input and direction from the Town Board.

Gantenbein feels good about the board. "We've got a good board even though members are divided philosophically," he said.

Cajun Dancing!

Highlands Recreation Park Benefit-The Atlanta Swamp Opera returns on Saturday, July 15 at 6 pm. Dance lessons provided by Carolina Cajun Dance from 6-7. A Great Cajun dinner of Gumbo, Red Beans and Rice and Pain Perdu prepared by Chef Tom is included in the price of admission. Bring the entire family for an evening of dancing, music and food. Adult admission is \$20 and 18 years or younger is \$10.For more information call 526-9713 or 526-3556 See you there and we'll "let the good times roll"!



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Upcoming Events

night.

Earth Rally & Eco Treasure Hunt

Earth Rally begins with an Eco-Treasure Hunt and Orienteering Hunt and ends with a pasta dinner, music and dancing. A community dinner and MusicFest will be held on Thursday at the Highlands Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes because the Cashiers Music Company will be performing a lively, eclectic mix of rock, blues, jazz and a dance floor will be open for dancing and clogging. A pasta dinner is being provided by Keller Williams Realty of Highlands. Everyone in the community is invited to partake in the fun. The event is part of JMCAs Earth Rally, a fundraiser which also includes an Eco-Treasure Hunt and Orienteering Hunt the same day. The suggested donation for the dinner and evening activities is \$10 or more (\$5 for children and treasure hunt participants).

Upcoming

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

On-going

• Al-Anon meets every Thursday at noon in the community room of the First Presbyterian Church.

• Zachary-Tolbert House - will be open for tours Friday, June 23 through Saturday, October 14 from 11 am until 2 pm. For more information or for special tours call the Cashiers Historical Society, 828-743-7710 or email 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 nonmembers. 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 Thurs., June 29



Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9

a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-

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.

and September "Happy Hour" an old-

fashioned Hymn Sing at Highlands Unit-

ed Methodist Church in the Sanctuary

from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pianist: Tillie Ar-

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· Yoga at Highlands Rec Park ev-

• A Grief Support Group is held ev-

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• At Health Tracks at Highlands-

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 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

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Live music at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's

Live music at Cyprus Restaurant

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throughSat., 6 p.m. until.

every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

June 29

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Jim Costa presents "The Social Lives of Insects." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

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• Treasure Hunt and Orienteering at the Rec Park as part of the Earth Rally. The suggested donation for the dinner and evening activities is \$10 or more (\$5 for children and treasure hunt participants).

June 30 and July 1

• At Cool Cats Hot Dogs at 256 S. 4th Street on the hill, a Trunk Show of Dorian Webb's 2006 collection. On Friday from 5-7 p.m., it's a reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., it's a continental breakfast followed by a day-long trunk show. Call 526-9990 for info.

• It's Christmas at Mountain Findings from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. New Christmas ornaments donated by The Christ-

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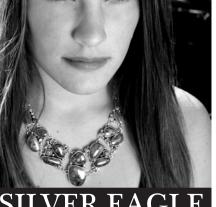
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 Cowboy Envy is riding back to Highlands at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center for two shows only. This award winning group wowed full houses 2 years ago and are being brought back by The Instant Theatre Company by overwhelming popular demand. Prepare now for the Best Cowboy, Cowgirl,

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• At Acorn's on Main Street, Jewelry Trunk Show. Mary Louise and Coralia Leets Jewelry Trunk Show.

June 30

 Mountain Music Concert featuring Upward Bound in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.

White & Blue Singin' on the Square," an old-time community songfest, at the Franklin Town Square Gazebo on Fridayat 7:30 p.m. The program will fea-ture group singing of familiar patriotic songs, including "America," "Dixie," and "You're A Grand Old Flag," plus many favorite American folk tunes, such as "You Are My Sunshine," "Home On the Range," and "Goodnight Irene." The Carolines Women's Chorus and Men Macon Music will perform on the program.

July 1

 Bake sale and country breakfast at the Highlands United Methodist Church at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit Bo-

show on the grounds of the Catholic Church. All day.

Lake Improvement Association will hold its annual picnic this Saturday at the Rec Park south picnic shelter beginning at 4 p.m. The Association will furnish hot dogs and cold drinks. You are asked to bring a dish to share. All Mirror Lake residents are invited to attend.

Bank from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. or whenever the dogs quit coming. Proceeds benefit the Boliva Misson.

 Zorki performs at Highlands Village Square from 2-5 p.m. Acoustical

Cowboy Envy here For two shows - Friday and Saturday, June 30 and July 1, Cowboy Envy is riding back to Highlands at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center for two shows only. This award winning group wowed full houses 2 years ago and are being brought back by The Instant Theatre Company by overwhelming popular demand. Pre-pare now for the Best Dressed Cowboy, Cowgirl, Little Cowboy and Little Cowgirl contest. Bring the whole family to one of the best shows you will see all season. General admission is \$20 for Adults and \$5 for 17 & under.

guitar and cover favorites.

• Saturday from 6-8 p.m. live music on the covered deck at Oak Street Cafe singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar.

• Mirror Lake Picnic Saturday at the Rec Park south picnic shelter at 4 p.m. The Association will furnish hot dogs and cold drinks. Bring a dish to share. All Mirror Lake residents are invited to attend.

July 2

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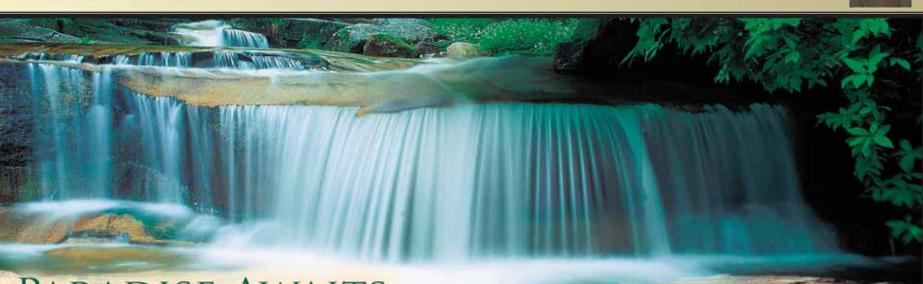






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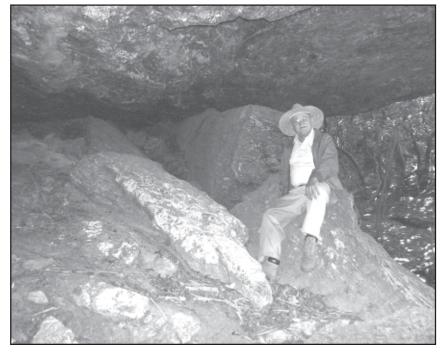


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Upcoming Events

Highlands Historical Societys Annual 'Walk in the Park' set for July 7-9



On July 7-9 the 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, The Old Rangoon or at the Conference Center the day of the walk. Students admitted free.

choral treasures from the Renaissance to the Contemporary, as well as familiar hymns, spirituals, and gospel music. It's free.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 3-mile hike with an elevation change of 770 feet on the Appalachian Trail from Wesser Gap to Tellico Tower for a 360 degree view. Call leader: Kay Coriell at 369-6820 for reservations.

• Zorki performs at Highlands Village Square from 1-3 p.m. Acoustical guitar and cover favorites.

July 3

• The Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxilary will meet Monday at 10 a.m. in the Hospital Board Room. New comers welcomed!

July 4

• At Cyranos Bookshop a signing by Dr. Delia and Mark Owens' third book "Secrets of the Savanna" from 1-3 p.m. It relates their amazing success at saving elephants by helping rural villagers in northern Zambia.

• US Flag Retirement Ceremony by Highlands Cub Scout Pack 207, 7:15 p.m. at Steve Potts Park, Harris Lake. Drop unserviceable US Flags that need retiring at Highlands Hardware, 330 Dillard Road Upper Level. If you have any questions or wish to participate please call Phil Potts at 526-3719 or 200-9753.

• Zorki performs at Highlands Village Square from 7-9 p.m. Acoustical guitar and cover favorites.

• BBQ at the Conference Center next to the ball park, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m..

Sponsored by Highlands Rotary.

 Skyline Lodge presents "Fire on the Mountain" a fun-filled day of BBQ/ Dogs & American Apple Pie. \$10 per person. Hot Tub and Pool Party! 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 • Mountain Music Concert featuring Grass Roots Revue in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It's free.

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.

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

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

July 11

• 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,ÿthere 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 Merriewoode. 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 @ Wolfgangs.' 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.

July 14 & 15

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Something for everyone at art show



Jane Smithers of Glenville -- one of the featured artists at the upcoming Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show admires the creativity and enthusiasm of the children she worked with in Africa earlier this year. The Summer Colors Fine Art Show will be fun for both children and adults. It's set for Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 from 10-4 at the Rec Park in Highlands. While people are enjoying the show of all original work, children will have an entire room for art projects as well as their very own art show in the gymnasium.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14

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

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

July 15

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, Tea with the artist Sarah Morgan Wingfield.

Lance Hollars

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

 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 2:00 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.

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

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

C.N.A. TRAINEE FOR FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGH-LANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. This full-time position is for ten-hour days including every other weekend. Attendance in the fall 2006 C.N.A. class will be required. Starting salary is \$8.00 per hour, increasing to \$9.50 per hour after graduation as a C.N.A. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1303 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

CNA OR CNĂ II FOR FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGH-LANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Fulltime position for either 32 or 36 hours per week, including every other weekend. Range of pay, depending on number of years' experience, is \$9.50 to \$11.90 per hour. Weekend and shift differentials. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1303 or apply online at w w w . h c h o s p i t a l . o r g .

FOR RENT

<u>APARTMENT</u> – Scaly Mountain. Furnished, one bedroom, laundry, deck microwave (no stove) \$300 a month plus utilities. 6 months lease. No smoking, no pets. 526-1552.

VACATION ŘENTAL - Sapphire/Cashiers: 4 bedroom/3 bath, stone FP, all conveniences (plasma TV, PC, good linens, towels, china, satellite). Gated community/club. Lake access, with horses, kayaks, canoes available. Weekly, monthly and long holiday weekends possible. \$900 week, \$3000/month. 3 day minimum by-the-day/weekend. 770.479.5535 x239 days - kevin. 770-704-9926 eves.

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

<u>VACATION RENTAL</u> –Sapphire Valley Condo. 2-2 plus den. Sleeps 6. Fully equipped. All amenities. \$800/wk, \$3,000 per month. Call 407-694-5157 or 407-694-5157.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

LAND FOR SALE – Carolina Court, LLC – 674 Chestnut Street. A Park Home community. Own a piece of Highlands' past. 28 lots – restrictive covenants. Inquiries. 828-526-5939 or 828-526-9493. email: carolinacourt@ma2c.com

7/21 <u>HOME FOR SALE</u> – Carolina Court: 674 Chestnut Street. Lot #1 includes 32 feet of Leisure Craft with two tip-outs, full-size refrigerator, screen porch & deck, furnished. Lot, association assessment and trailer — \$99,000. Come by or call: 828-526-5939 or 828-526-9493. email: carolinacourt@mac.com 7/21

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

HOUSE IN THE MOUNTAINS; CONDO **IN THE CITY** — Simplify the weekdays by moving to a lower-maintenance abode. Two options: LUXURY FLAT: 2 yrs old. Downtown Decatur, walk to restaurants. Near 2,000 sq ft. Open floor plan w/ split bedrooms. Many community amenities: gym, gathering rooms, pool, secured parking. 2 lg BRs, 2 ½ BAs, LR, DR, 2 fireplaces, granite and stainless in kitchen, barstools and eat-in area. You'll love it here. \$475,000. Call Emilie Markert or Dave Quam, RE/MAX Executives, Inc. of Decatur 404-378-9300, EM 404-915-8222, DQ 404-427-2717 OR TRADITIONAL BRICK TOWNHOME W/PATIO GARDEN -Downtown Decatur in a favorite location off West Ponce, and extremely well cared for. 2car garage at kitchen level, 3 BRs, 2 ½ BAs, hardwood floors, 2 fpl. LR, DR, den-a prize end unit. Low fees, fee simple ownership. \$470,000. Call Emilie Markert or Dave Quam, RE/MAX Executives, Inc. of Decatur 404-378-9300, EM 404-915-8222, DQ 404-427-2717

HOME FOR SALE – Classic Country Home between Cashiers and Franklin, 3 miles from Lake Glenville boat ramp; 3,800 ft. elevation; 4 bed, 3 bath with 2,900 sq. ft. living area; 1,500 sq. ft. deck on 4.2 acres with perenniel landscaping, waterfalland pond. Many extras. \$421,000. Brokers Welcome. Call 828-743-5788.

BY OWNER—SAPPHIRE VALLEY – A unique "Timberpeg" Post and Beam home. Three Levels: Upper level: two bedrooms, full bath and deck. Main level: open living room w/fireplace, dining room and kitchen, 2 full baths, master bedroom and large deck with spectacular view. Lower level: large faily room, w/fireplace. full bath, laundry room and outside patio. A large 2 car garage, with a fully finshed room with bath on 2nd level. A separate roomy workshop all located on approximately +/- 2 acres on a private cul-de-sac. By appointment only 743-2567

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

BY OWNER - Adorable 3 BR/2 BA Cottage with wonderful mountain view. One mile from Main Street. Highlands. \$275,000. For Appt. 828-526-1085. 7/7

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

THE COACH CLUB, CHESTNUT STREET, HIGHLANDS, NC. Lot #4 Oversized, well landscaped private lot with 10 X 16 coach house and large patios. Located inside private gated 9-site park in Highlands. One of the finest parks in the country, truly. \$279,000. Call 828-526-1029 or 4363 e-mail: bobnnancy@brmemc.net

LOT FOR SALE – Highlands, close to town. 1.5 acre lot with 300-ft. creek front and long view. Only 2.8 miles from Main Street, Highlands. Lots of large rhodies, hardwood trees and Mountain Laurel. Easy building site with community well, telephone, electric and septic in place. Dramatic waterfall at entrance. Community will be gated. Priced to sell @ \$279,000. Directions: From Main Street in Highlands, Take N.C. 106 (Dillard Road) south 1.8 miles, turn right on Mountain Laurel Drive, take first left on Moonlight and first right on Falling Water Drive, pause to enjoy the waterfall view. Continue on paved road to intersection, turn right, take next right. Lot sign on property. Call 828-526-9622 or 828-508-9952 (cell).

CONDO FOR SALE BY OWNER. Great 2-bedroom, 2-bath upstairs condo in town. Save gas, walk everywhere! Asking \$210,000. Call for details. 526-3671. Brokers protected.

FOUND

PARROT. Call: 828-369-9913

MOVING SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 1 - 311 Mount Lori Drive, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rain or Shine, it's inside. Incredible bargains. 526-4477.

ITEMS FOR SALE

JOTUL WOOD STOVE - Model 602 CB, black iron. Only used one winter. Purchased in 2003 for \$360. Sell for \$150. Call 526-5834 or 526-1301

CAR DOLLY – 2004 with electric brakes. \$750. Call 526-3470.

WOODCHIPPER - excellent condition. \$125 or best offer. Call 526-4749

SNAPPER SR 1333 RIDING MOWER -\$400 or best offer. Call 787-1310.

LEFT OVER NAILS & ROOFING CHUBS - House finished. Call 787-1310.

FREE – Two sets of aluminium sliding glass doors. Call J.C. Williams at HFCC. 770-833-2474

MOVING SALE - Kenmore washer & dryer, available June 28th,

\$150/set obo, call 828-369-2223 or 828-331-8422.

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

ASSORTED SHELVING - metal, wood and wire. Single and double-sided.Gondola shelving. \$1 to \$2. Call 526-5214

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

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

MAJESTIC FREE-STANDING OPEN-FACED FIREPLACE. Barrel shape on metal pedistal base. White porcelain finish for gas or wood. \$875. Call 828-526-4077.

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

FULL SIZE WASHER & DRYER - \$175 or will trade for stackable. Call 421-7922.

OAK ROCKER, over 100 years old. From E.B. (Ted) Mell Estate in Athens, Ga. All original including leather seat. Call 828-349-4581. 1988 VOLVOLVO GL - 114,270 mileage,

\$3.200. Call 828-526-3997 or 828-526-0288. GEM ELECTRIC CAR - Excellent Con-

dition. Has two motors and will cruise at 40 mph. Many extras including new tires. Great for gated communities, goff courses, and senior citizen communities. Asking \$6,500. email gem603@prodigy.net

MIKASA CHINA, pattern Jardiniere, called "whole wheat peach flowers and some is whole wheat pattern. 42 pieces – price \$250. Call 526-4726

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

1991 SUBURBAN 3/4 TON, 130K miles, 20K on Tranny, 350 V8, lift w/wheels & tires, good condition, never off-road, white/blue

New 2&3 bedroom cabins!

& Sunday brunch.

828-526-2121 or 1-800-5-SKYLINE

Flat Mountain Road • Highlands

Skyline Lodge

\$4350. Call 200-0013.

'87 TOYOTA 4RUNNER, Standard, 4WD, Needs minor Repairs. Good Collector's truck. Contact 482-4802. Leave message

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

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

WANTED

WANTED TO LEASE - Cottage, Cabin or Apt. in the Highlands area annual basis., Single, meticulous, adult male, 61. Non smoker, ex military. Fifty year resident of Naples Florida. First part of June. I would like to be in the \$600. to \$800. range. Contact Capt Mike Root. 287 2990 239 or (captainmikeroot@earthlink.net.)

STEREO RECEIVER - good condition with speaker and aux/jacks. No portables. Call 526-5669.

SERVICES

MARTHE CLEANING SERVICES - experienced house cleaner. Houses, Offices, Churches. Will care for elderly, too. Call 828-369-8675. Leave message.

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

HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB PROP-ERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION - is compiling a roster of insured vendors in the following categories: painting/pressure washing, light carpentry, and general handyman services. If interested call Dan (828) 526-8286 ext. 264.

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

PAINTING, PRESSURE WASHING -

HIGHLANDS LODGINGS

828-526-8008 or (866) 526-8008

450 Spring Street • Highlands



"It's All We Do" Free Next Day estimates. References. Gary miller. Call 526-0722.

HEMLOCK WOOLY ADELGID TREA-MENT by J&J Lawn Service & Landscaping. NC licensed applicator. Highlands, NC. 828-526-2251.

C&C CONTRACTING - WE GET IT DONE - SMALL OR LARGE - Remodeling, decks, doors, windows or the whole house! Call Art Doughty at 828-508-1360 Workmen's Comp, General Liability, References

PAINTING & PRÉSSURE WASHING -DP Painting & Pressure Washing. In business since 1984. Quality work, guaranteed. References. Call 526-3542.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

WORK FROM HOME AND BUILD IN-TERNATIONAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY. Top growth company - just expanded into Germany. Who do you know? Looking for leaders. Contact 828-787-2212.

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

'Rooms & Cabins with a View' AT OLD EDWARDS/INN Small luxury resort in a garden setting. 29 guestrooms, suites and cottages A Unique 4000' Mountain Top Retreat designed Gourmet continental breakfast, evening circa 1929 in the Frank Lloyd Wright Tradition wine and cheese reception, evening turndown, 24-hour room service, fitness Rock Fireplaces, Private Balconies, Conference center, conference center and access to Center, Heated Pool, Lake & Waterfalls, Tennis all Old Edwards Inn and Spa amenities. Courts, Wedding Deck, A.C., Jacuzzis, and at lodge@oldedwardsinn.com the restaurant we're serving breakfast, dinner www.oldedwardsinn.com



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\$339,000

New architectural shingle roof – Large cedar covered porch Multiple parking spaces – Slate & Hardwood floors throughout All new double-pane insulated windows – Custom-built granite top stove island – All new electrical — Central heat Freshly painted interior and exterior — Vaulted ceilings Designer decorated — Ceiling fans throughout

Call: 404-697-4989

Chair lift comes down at Ski Scaly



The dismantling of the chair lift at Ski Scaly in Scaly Mountain marks the end of an era. It started as a ski slope years ago, when winters were still cold and guaranteed snow and changed to a snow tubing when winters warmed. The property has been sold and will likely host other outdoor activities. Photo by Gary Warren

MEADOWS MOUNTAIN REALTY

450 North 4th Street P O Box 811 Highlands, NC 28741

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITH MULTI POSSIBILITES

Two blocks from Main Street next to Stop and Shop this commercial building could be accessed by the front, back or both. Complete with



by the front, back or both. Complete with its own parking lot this white picket fenced property and wood siding Colonial building could serve as an apartment/ business or dual business facility. This charming home is accented inside with pine wood siding and a wood-burning fireplace. Three levels, two kitchenettes, and one full bath and a half. Offered at \$399,500. MLS# 56373 Visual Tour #414575



Two story retail or office space just off the main street intersection! Approximately 2850 sq. ft. offered for \$675,000. MLS#58944

HIGHLANDS BUSINESS



Great Highlands business located in one of the towns hot spots. Bankable assets, assignable lease and great clientele. Owner will provide consulting. Unique opportunity to buy a business with no local competition. Call for an inventory list or further details. Offered at \$199,500 MLS#57675

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• Police & Fire Depts. Reports •

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of June 21-28. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials are used.

June 21

• At 5 p.m., officers investigated a claim of destruction of private property at N. 1st and Oak streets.

• At 2:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident on S. 4th St. June 23

• At 10:35 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a house under

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a house under construction on Dillard Road.

• At noon, officers responded to a two-car accident at N. 5th and Main streets.

June 24 • At 6:26 p.m., officers stop a ve-

hicle because the children were hanging out the windows.

• At 11:45 a.m., a motorist on N. 4th St. was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25 zone.

June 25

• At 8:25 a.m., officers responded to a call of a tree on a power line on N.C. 106.

• A little after midnight, officers responded to a complaint of loud music coming from a house on Chowan Drive.

• Officers responded to a two-car accident.

• At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident at Stacy Russell Drive and U.S. 64 east.

June 26

• At 3:15 p.m., officers took a report of \$3,500 worth of antiques, arts and collectibles missing from a home at Highlands Country Club.

• At noon, officers responded to a one-car accident on Spring Street. June 27

• At 1:50 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident.

During the week officers responded to two alarms and issued two warning tickets.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of June 22-28.

June 22

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N.C. 106. There was no transport.

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical at a residence on Foreman Road where a woman fell. The victim was transported to the hospital.

June 23

• The dept. was first-responders

to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Morewood Road. There was no transport.

• The dept. responded to fire alarm at Old Edwards Inn & Spa. It was set off by workers.

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers during a brush fire.

June 24

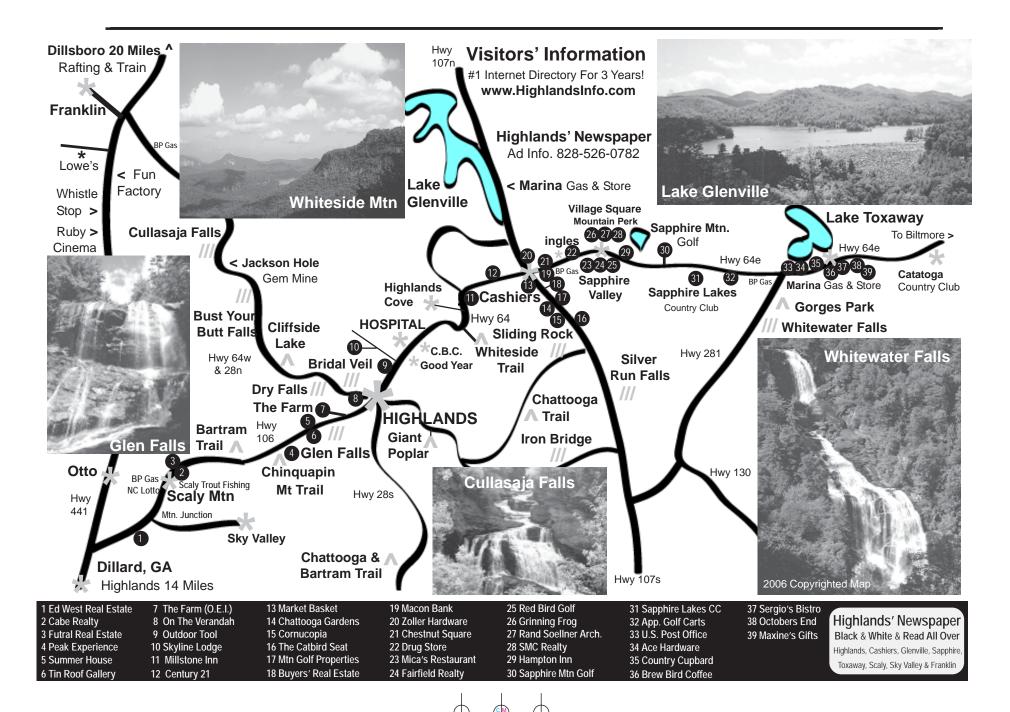
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek Road. There was no transport.

• The dept. provided the rescue of a woman who fell while hiking the Whiteside Mountain Trail.

June 25

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. It was cancelled en route. June 26

• The dept. responded to an alarm at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa. It was false.



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