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- Live music at Buck's Coffee Cafe every Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.
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June 8

- Bach @ Bucks Thursday from 8-10 p.m. Buck's on Main Street, Highlands. Call 526-9060 for tickets.
- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Author Jean Maloof presents "Teaching the Treess: Lessons from the Forest." 7 p.m. at the Nature Center. It's free.

June 9

- "Discover California" Napa Cellars and the Frank Family with Scott Lloyd, 5-7 pm at Wolfgang's Bistro on Main St.
- Highlands School Senior Scholarship Assembly at 8:30 a.m.
- Cocktail Hour Theatre at Instant Theatre. The party begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and music. The show is 6 -7:30 p.m. For reservations call 828-342-9197. The Studio is located at 310 Main Street, Oak Square (upstairs).

June 10

- *Butter Nut Creek and Friends* concert at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday from 1-3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for CLE members and \$25 for non-members, available at the CLE office at the Peggy Crosby Center week at the door.
- Zorki at Buck's. Playing acoustical guitar.
- Highlands School graduation ceremony in the new gym at 7 p.m.
- "Nature by Night" at the Nature Center. 9 -10:30 p.m., ages 6 - adult. Bring a flashlight \$2 per person, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623.

June 12

- "Wines from Down Under" Monday, 5-7pm, Australian Tasting at Wolfgang's Bistro.

June 13

- "The Birds and Landscape of Western Mexico," by Sandy Anderson, at the Civic Center at 7 p.m.

June 14

- Highlands Audubon Society field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway with Sandy Anderson to view summer resident birds. Meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot at Highlands Town Hall to carpool. Call 526-2775.

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Rob Bierregaard presents "Sex & Mice in the City: Barred Owls Come to Town." 7 p.m. at the Nature Center. Admission is free.

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OEI gets green light for projects

The Satulah South and Satulah West saga has come to a close.

At the Wednesday, June 7 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted 3 to 2 to accept plans for both subdivisions because amended plans met the 24 percent built upon requirement in the B3 zone, and setbacks and right-of-way requirements as

outlined in the town's ordinances.

That's not to say the vote came easily. Almost an hour was spent on the subject.

The plans that were finally approved were a last effort by OEI to compromise, accommodate and avoid litigation but it came after their variance request was de-

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Owens gets Highlander Service Award



Highlands School Principal Larry Brooks presented Mrs. Brenda Owens with the Highlander Service Award at Monday's high school award ceremony at Highlands School. Each year a person or organization in the community is chosen as being consistently supportive of Highlands School throughout the years. As a volunteer, Owens has given 900 hours, she has been an aid and director of the afterschool program at the school. For a complete list of awards see page 13.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

Supt. Yeager discusses school issues

Jumping in to fix what needs tending is nothing new to Dr. Frank Yeager. During his career as an educator, principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent he's dealt with every situation imaginable.

Though he knows what to do and how to do it, the job as Macon County interim superintendent has been extremely time-consuming and at times daunting, he said.

"I'm a bit overwhelmed with trying

to learn names, places and what's needed here in a short time," he said. "But the community couldn't be nicer. Macon County is a great place to live and work and that's not just a platitude."

When he took over for Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell, who left a few weeks ago, he was immediately faced with issues.

"So many issues," he said. "Those personnel issues discussed during closed

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Bryson pushes for town funding

The county budget passed 4 to 1 Monday night, but not without comment from commissioners.

The only dissenting vote came from Commissioner Bob Simpson who was most vocal.

"I wanted to postpone voting on this budget until we can get together for a budget workshop. Everything is up and I question it," he said. "Building Inspection up \$500,000 – doubling for two employees? Wastewater up \$350,000 again for two more employees? Land Fill up \$500,000? Fees are increasing in these departments and increasing these fees will hurt our local people and contractors."

He questioned why jail expenses are

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Cost of illegals subject of forum

Macon County Commissioner Jim Davis wants to find out exactly how illegal immigrants effect the operation of Macon County.

At the June 5 commission meeting, he proposed a county-wide forum attended by all county agencies, schools, organizations and employers to get real facts on how the county's increased costs are affected by illegal immigrants.

"If we can get some real facts and figures, we can aggressively lobby our legislature to hopefully fix the situation," he said. "Illegal immigrants cost taxpayers and we need facts so we can fight with facts rather than emotion."

Davis has long said that he's against immigrants working in the county or the country, it's the fact that they are illegal that irks him. He said the federal government can't seem to solve the problem so a grassroots approach might be helpful.

County Manager Sam Greenwood will announce a date for the forum in the near future.



• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

To release or not to release

Dear Editor,

This letter is written in response to a suggestion that the Macon County Board of Education should release certain information in light of a recent personnel problem concerning Dr. Shotwell leaving his position as Superintendent of Schools. As the attorney for the Board and the Interim Superintendent for the County, respectively, we hope to clear up any misconceptions that may exist as to this matter.

We have, among ourselves and with other independent legal counsel to the Board, already considered releasing personnel information pursuant to N.C.G.S. §115C-321, and the possibility was brought to the attention of the Board members themselves. However, we advised them that releasing information would not be the best course of action at this time. There are three primary reasons for this. The statute mentioned above would allow the Board to release information only when it is either "essential to maintaining the integrity of the board or to maintaining the level or quality of services provided by the board." First and foremost, to our knowledge, the integrity of the Board has never been in doubt through this entire matter. The Board has not lost its focus on educating the children of Macon County, and has only acted properly and judiciously in dealing with a matter that was not of its own creation. Likewise, we do not know of any indication that the quality of the educational services offered by the Board has been compromised in any way. The Board has ensured that effective leadership is in place, which is their primary responsibility related to continuing the high level of services provided by Macon County Schools.

Another real concern is that the Board is preparing for pending litigation related to this matter. It has been our advice to the Board, as well as the advice of independent legal counsel who is quite familiar with the issues at hand, that releasing this information might be detrimental to that cause, and thus also

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A political scam?

Dear Editor,

"Your elected politicians have managed to stick it to the taxpayers again. Maybe, you will help the 1,700 low skilled vid-

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• THANK-YOUs •

Highlands Realtors support 6th-grade

Dear Editor,

Thanks to Judy Michaud with Signature Properties, Signature Properties, Country Club Properties, Harry Norman Realtors, Century 21 Poss Realty - Scaly, Keller Williams Realty, and Kay Earp with John Cleaveland Real Estate for their support of the Highlands School 6th-grade class trip.

The class will be going to Atlanta, GA to visit the new Georgia Aquarium, the Atlanta Zoo, have dinner at the Piccadilly Cafeteria and see an Atlanta Braves baseball game.

The fundraisers have been a great way for the 6th-graders to learn about setting goals, raising funds, enlisting help, budgeting, costs, organization and working together in groups.

Thanks, again, to the real estate companies and individual Realtors who contributed so generously, helping them to meet their goal!

Karen Dunn, HS 6th-grade parent

Community backs 'After Hours'

Dear Editor,

The International Friendship Center was delighted to host a Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" celebration Tuesday, May 23 at the Crosby Center.

We welcomed an estimated 100 people who enjoyed fabulous food and drink, almost all of which was donated by our generous local restaurants. We could not have hoped for such a successful party without the invaluable time and energy given by countless members of our community.

The scrumptious spread, icy margaritas, Corona, wine and soft drinks were accompanied by live music in the lobby, and door prizes donated by local shops made the party even livelier.

An extra-big "muchisimas gracias" goes to Regions Bank for its sponsorship, and also to one very special, tireless and big-hearted lady named Tamara Bronaugh who worked so hard behind the scenes, decorating, gathering ferns, collecting door prizes. We are truly blessed to have all these loyal friends of the Friendship Center. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Jill Montana, Ex. Director
International Friendship Center

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Highlands grad class of 2001 completes BS degree; lands first job

Samuel Norton Chambers graduated from the University of Idaho, College of Natural Resources with a BS degree in Forest Resource and a minor in Fire Ecology on May 13, 2006.

While at the University of Idaho, he was secretary of the UI chapter of the Society of American Foresters. In addition, Sam was assistant to a candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree doing statistical work for the candidate's dissertation.

Sam was asked to attend the University of Idaho by Alton Campbell, Dean of the College of Natural Resources, when Campbell visited Haywood Community College. Campbell is a North Carolina native.

An eighth generation native of Highlands, Sam is a 2001 graduate of Highlands High School and one of the four Eagle Scouts in his family. Sam is the son of Tom and Vickie Chambers. He was a recipient of the Dorothy Wertzler Scholarship from the Mountain Garden Club for college level studies of horticulture or a related field.

Last summer Sam worked for We-

ber Tree Care treating hemlock trees for the woolly adelgid.

Following graduation, he has taken a position with Chestnut Ridge Forestry out of Cloudcroft, New Mexico. Chestnut Ridge Forestry is a private forestry consultant with more than 20 years of contracting on over 35 National Forests in 20 states, Indian Reservations, and also consults for private landowners.

His first three field assignments will be in northern Minnesota, New Mexico and Arizona. Field work requires recording tree data with a personal data recorder on a grid point. Data collected will include tree species, diameter and tree height, tree vigor, insect and disease, tree and stand age, seral state or habitat type, canopy cover, ground cover, GPS coordinates, fuels transects, aspect, topography, wildlife use, site index and many more measurements.

A lover of the outdoors since his scouting years, Sam expects he will be living in a tent in the woods for some time in his present position.



Sam Chambers

• OBITUARIES •

Marie K. Melvin

Marie K. Melvin died Monday, May 22, 2006 at her home. Born in Czechoslovakia, she was the daughter of the late Francis and Marie Kreysa. She came to New York in 1939 as a student to see the World's Fair with her brother. When the war broke out in Europe, they were stranded in America.

She was married to the late William H. Melvin of Palm Beach, Fla. They were members of the Sailfish Club of Palm Beach and summer residents of Highlands, N.C. She was a member of the Highlands United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Melvin is survived by her four children: Richard Melvin of Highlands, N.C., Pauline M. Stevenson of Simpsonville, S.C., William K. Melvin of Winter Haven, Fla., and Paul D. Melvin of Apopka, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

J. Taylor Rooks

J. Taylor Rooks, of Baton Rouge, LA and Highlands, N.C., died May 3, 2006 of esophageal cancer at his home in Baton Rouge.

Rooks was a fixture in the legal and art communities of Baton Rouge for more than 40 years. He was a seasonal resident of Highlands since 1988.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lenora Swope Rooks and Russell Rooks; and brother-in-law Bob Hill.

He is survived by his sisters Mary Hill, and Bettye Caruso; brother-in-law Frank Caruso; nieces, Karen Hartzler and Sandy Wendt; and his companion Ramon Arango.

Rooks was born in Friendship, TN., and attended Union College and American University in Washington, D.C. on a special program of study in American government. He was a Tulane Law School graduate earning his Juris Doctor in 1958 with honors.

The funeral service was held at the Rabenhorst Funeral Home in Baton Rouge on May 7.

Rooks' friends will hold a memorial celebration in the near future.



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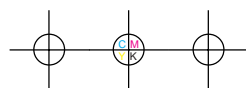
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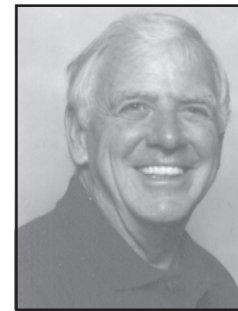
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• LOOKING AT LIFE •

To kill a mom

(Part two)

Note: Fred Wooldridge spent nine of his twenty eight years with the Miami Beach Police Department as their SWAT commander. This event occurred 26 years ago this summer. The names have been changed.



Fred Wooldridge

What's her name", I asked? "If I'm going to kill her, I should know her name." Sergeant Monroe rustled through his papers, "Let's see....she is....Maria Makita, Argentinean, came here when she was seven, U.S. citizen, works as a waitress at Wolfie's. Single mom, busted twice for DWI and three marijuana misdemeanors. Nothing much, pretty clean."

"Who's the father and, by the way, where is he? We need this guy badly," I demanded. Captain Smith, who always seemed to smile at the most inappropriate times said, "Can't find him. He is Rodney James Wade, black, age 22, works at Wolfie's as kitchen help. Likes to hit women. Three assault charges, all made by women. And to answer your question, all the early bars have closed and we have checked the 5

AM joints twice. My guess is he has another girlfriend. Find her, find him."

"Alpha point 1 to team leader." Everyone turned to Fitzsimmons as he reached for his radio. "Go" The entire room waited to hear the sniper's message.

"Ah....be advised this baby has not moved in quite some time. It could be dead. Copy?" "Or

unconscious from lack of blood," the doctor blurted angrily. "That means you are out of time. This is not my call, but I would save the child," he continued. He was becoming unglued. Silence fell over the room.

"I have an idea, if anyone is interested," one of the fire paramedics said softly. Darrin Duncan was not only a firefighter/paramedic but a member of the department's SWAT team. When assigned, he carried a gun and had limited sworn powers to use it. Tonight he was assigned as a paramedic. "Tell me, Duncan, and fast. I am about to cap this woman."

"Let's hit her with a water cannon. We'll run a two and a half inch hose up

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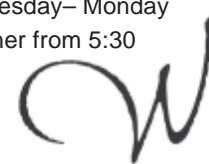
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Ban the bomb

Thirty years ago, the greatest threat to the survival of our civilization was the nuclear arms race. Today it still is, but we've been lulled to sleep by the disintegration of the Soviet Union and the Start treaty of 1994, which led to significant reductions in Russian and American arsenals, and of course by the current focus on worldwide terrorism.

If people worry about these weapons today, it is mostly about the new generation of "suitcase bombs" or "dirty bombs" that could be smuggled by terrorists into the United States. Suitcase bombs could theoretically hold a nuclear weapon of about the same destructiveness as the Hiroshima or Nagasaki bombs dropped during World War II on those Japanese cities. Dirty bombs work not by exploding, but by releasing deadly radioactivity in a wide area without destroying any buildings.

No one can calculate with certainty the extent of damage which could be caused by a suitcase bomb. Our major cities are quite different from their antiquated Japanese counterparts. Devastation could be much greater due to collapsed buildings and bridges, greater concentration of population, and a populace untested by war. For some of the same reasons, a dirty bomb



Dr. Alex Redmountain

could exact severe destruction.

But both of these events are negligible compared to an "old-fashioned" nuclear attack by way of an enemy's air force or long-range missiles. Until recently, countries known to have a nuclear arsenal were the United States, the United Kingdom, France, the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China, Pakistan and India. Israel has long been suspected of having developed nuclear weapons, but it has never acknowledged it. North Korea seems to be on the verge of building its first atom bombs. Iran is taking the first giant steps in that direction.

Until very recently, the gravest

danger of a nuclear war since the days of Soviet-American confrontation was the hostility between India and Pakistan. Both were brandishing atomic stockpiles at one another as if they were merely threatening with the bayonets and flintlocks of earlier conflicts.

Fortunately cooler heads prevailed and a war was averted. For now. But the simmering hatred between the two regimes will be hard to control.

North Korea, ruled by dictator Kim Jong Il, is a rogue state which possesses some unknown but limited nuclear capability. The United States, China and other Asian neighbors have been unable to reach any agreement with North Korea about its nuclear ambitions, which far exceed its paltry economic power.

Now along comes Iran, determined to exercise influence over the entire Middle East. It is clearly on the way to becoming a nuclear power, and I don't mean as a producer of electricity for Tehran. What would a nuclear-armed Iran, controlled by fanatic Shiite clerics, imply for the United States?

Regardless of who is in power in Washington, it would be considered a major disaster. An Iran with nuclear weapons would immediately threaten Israel, which we have pledged to



Congratulations to all parents of graduating High School seniors...hopefully, the kids are now off the payroll and on their own!

I'm DonLeon and that's MY opinion.

defend. If it also developed a long-range missile system, a relatively minor accomplishment, it would directly threaten the U.S.

For these reasons, furious war planning is proceeding at the highest

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• ANOTHER VIEW •

Can't graft democracy to dead root

Three guys in shorts, two tennis players and their coach, were murdered recently, not for their Rolexes, not because they made eyes at another guy's woman, nor in a fit of road rage, and not because they were wearing Duke lacrosse shirts in Harlem.

They were murdered because they were wearing shorts. Not at my club, you say. Of course not, not unless your club has a branch in Baghdad.

The murderers cited an Islamic prohibition against revealing forbidden body parts as justification for the slayings. Knees? A prominent cleric condemned the killings, explaining that forbidden body parts had not been revealed. The implication seems pretty clear that shorter shorts would have been ample justification.

All of this leads one to wonder how long Janet Jackson would last in Baghdad. I wonder who defines a body part as forbidden and who has the right or duty to serve as executioner. That's Iraq.

In our country, skirt lengths and short lengths migrate from mid calf to mid cheek and back again. The harshest punishment that might be exacted in the sternest Christian school is expulsion. A more likely sentence is detention and an essay explaining why it is not a good idea to allow teenage boys to catch a glimpse of knee, or, God forbid, thigh.

In neighboring Iran, the president, in a rare display of moderation, announced that women would be permitted to attend World Cup Qualifying matches in Tehran. The Grand Ayatollah reversed the decision, barring women from attending. Women may still watch soccer games on TV, unless, I suspect, they are telecast in high definition. This is akin to Billy Graham telling George Bush that gay and lesbian parents may not bring their kids to the Easter egg hunt on the White House lawn. In Iran, a bastion of equality, men are not allowed to watch women play either. I doubt that women's beach volleyball is much of a spectator sport in Tehran, even with all the sand.

Bombings, beheadings, and dress codes, all under the supposed auspices of Islamic law. It is hard to imagine that Muhammad would have prescribed shredding 20 or 30 people whose only crime was going to market. I can understand the insurgents going after our guys with whatever weapons they can scrape together. After all, war is war and we weren't actually invited to Iraq. Blowing up noncombatants, especially your own people is something else altogether. The ghoulish images of beheadings, not with



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

a single blow from a gigantic ax, but with a steak knife, used in a sawing motion, evokes reactions ranging from rage to nausea. How can we export democracy to a people who haven't yet mastered steak knife etiquette? Dragging charred corpses behind SUVs, or dancing around the bodies of a downed helicopter crew chanting "Allah Akbar" are

popular pastimes of young Iraqi men, maybe more popular even than World Cup soccer.

I wanted to use a few graphic illustrations of the difference between Islamic "civilization" and our own. To my western eye, theirs does not seem civilization at all, but barbarism. Thousands of women in the Islamic world are killed each year by their own fathers and brothers for dishonoring the family, whatever that means. In tribal regions, elders order rape as a punishment, and appoint themselves the rapists. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it.

I know that there are some, perhaps many in Iraq, and throughout the Middle East, who just want to raise their families, enjoy safety and security, have reliable water and electricity, and spend eternity with Allah. There are at least a few who long for unity and a democratic government. There are probably millions who have no desire to kill "Occupation Crusaders" or themselves. They aren't setting the agenda. To describe the current government a government of "national unity" ignores the fact that is a government apportioned among members of religious and ethnic minorities. When the prime minister finally achieves consensus, or at least acquiescence, of his choices for important ministerial posts, it will be apparent that the resulting administration represents not unity, but the most fragile of coalitions.

Because Iraq is not a nation in the sense that we think of a nation, national unity is unachievable. Democracy is a notion that we have attempted to introduce, to graft onto a rootless, lifeless stick. The idea of separating of church and state is as alien to Iraqis as the idea of combining them is to us. Ideals of religious tolerance, gender equality, and democracy have little chance of taking root in a civilization longing to return to the seventh century. Iraqis would like to have our Stingers to bring down our helicopters. Nothing else, including democracy, "Made in USA" is of much interest.

• Dr. Henry Salzarulo can be reached at hsalzarulo@aol.com.



RBC Centura commits to support Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for 5 years



RBC Centura, with offices in both Highlands and Cashiers, recently made a five-year commitment of support to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital as part of its overall efforts to remain involved in community affairs. Sue Gorski, manager of the Highlands branch, presented the check for this year to Clem Patton, treasurer of the hospital's Foundation board. Centura's chose to support the hospital because it serves everyone in the community. "The hospital is vital to all of us," said Ms. Gorski.

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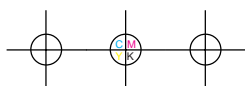
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Jenny Harper

No one celebrates family in more style than African-American families, many of whom gather during June — Soul Food Month — to celebrate Juneteenth with a picnic or barbecue. Juneteenth, June 19, 1865, is the date that slaves in Texas learned the Emancipation Proclamation had freed them. Celebrating family is as good a reason for enjoying good food that I know, and African-Americans have honed family reunions to fine culinary art! Deeply satisfying soul food, a heritage of good Southern African-American cooks, is something we can all sink our teeth into.

It's the spirit of the celebration that counts: staying in touch with family doin's, fueled with good, honest food inspired by generations of excellent cooks. One Southern dish I've adopted — and my family loves! — is Banana Pudding. I've found that this homey comfort food is a favorite for families everywhere. Far-flung family members bond over dishes of this classic American dessert.

Set a date, gather your kin from far and near, and share the preparation and the fun!

• Enlist the kids in making Banana Pudding — it's just plain fun to put together! The recipe included here makes eight generous servings, so plan accordingly; you might want to make more than one batch.

• Identify a pit-master in the family to reign over the grill.

• Consult the family for favorite recipes and assign everyone to bring a dish.

• Collect family-favorite recipes; appoint a camera-bug family member to document the event; print a memories booklet with recipes and photos to send to all.

• Provide big jugs of iced tea and

lemonade for keeping family storytellers fueled.

For more picnic-perfect dessert ideas custom-made for summer celebrations, check out www.verybestbaking.com.

Banana Pudding
 (Makes 8 servings)

60 to 70 vanilla wafers*
 1 cup granulated sugar
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 2 cans (12 fluid

ounces each) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk

2 large eggs, lightly beaten
 3 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 5 ripe but firm large bananas, cut into 1/4-inch slices

1 container (8 ounces) frozen non-dairy whipped topping, thawed
 LINE bottom and sides of 2 1/2-quart glass bowl with about 40 wafers.

COMBINE sugar, cornstarch and salt in medium saucepan. Gradually stir in evaporated milk to dissolve cornstarch. Whisk in eggs. Add butter. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture begins to thicken. Reduce heat to low; bring to simmer and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla extract. Let cool slightly.

POUR half of pudding over wafers in prepared glass bowl. Top with half of bananas. Layer remaining vanilla wafers over bananas. Combine remaining pudding and bananas; spoon over wafers. Refrigerate at least 4 hours. Top with whipped topping.

* A 12-ounce box of vanilla wafers contains about 88 wafers.

Nutrition Information per serving: 640 calories; 220 calories from fat; 25g total fat; 15g saturated fat; 100mg cholesterol; 430mg sodium; 94g carbohydrate; 2g fiber; 72g sugars; 11g protein

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Community supports plant sale

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the community for its support of the Mountain Garden Club plant sale. We were blessed with beautiful weather, eager customers, and healthy plants contributed by many generous residents. A special thank you to the Town of Highlands for the use of the ball field and to the Chambers Agency for letting us house our plants before the sale. Thanks to Laurel Garden Club and Angela Ellerbe and her girl scouts for helping with the sale. We'd also like to thank Time Capsule Video and WHLC for their coverage of the event.

We hope to see all of you again next Memorial Day weekend. Thank you!
Mountain Garden Club

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into the hallway window and charge it. When she lays the kid in her lap, we'll step into the doorway and blast her. A head shot may break her neck, so the chest would be better." "Someone get a fire unit rolling while I think about this....and have them come in silent. Duncan, has this ever been done," I asked?" "Not to my knowledge, sir, but what the hell, what do you have to lose?"

I sat for just a moment weighing my options. "It's a plan, let's do it. Duncan, you got nozzle duty so call in another rescue unit for standby. Fitz, advise the team. We'll hit her with the water and rush the room. Smitty, do you have a problem with any of this?" "I'm impressed, you have my support." "Good, Duncan, I want the standby rescue unit on the floor and ready to stop bleeding. Now, before we break this meeting, what have we not thought of?" Silence prevailed.

It seemed as if it took forever for the fire truck to arrive, but, in reality, it was only 4 minutes. While the firefighters prepared to have the hose pulled to the 5th floor, I pulled SWAT gear from my car and dressed for work.

It was only minutes until everything was in place and the hose was charged. I looked at Fitz who was standing next to me just outside our target's door. "Ask Kramer what he sees." Fitz keyed his mike and spoke,

"Alpha point one, this is team leader, give me a visual. Copy?" "She is sitting upright in bed, her baby is in her lap and the kitchen knife is in her right hand at the baby's throat. Copy?"

I looked at Duncan. "Ready? Let's get it over with." Duncan stepped into the doorway and turned to face the woman and her baby. The hose was stiff and hard to manage as he pulled the nozzle handle. A narrow, forceful stream of water shot across the room, hitting her directly in the chest. She was lifted from the bed causing her baby to roll toward the foot. She screamed in horror as her back hit the wall behind the bed, causing her to drop the knife.

SWAT officers entered the room and Duncan released the hose nozzle, shutting down the water. Stunned, she was easily taken into custody and two rescue workers went to work to stop the baby from bleeding. "The kid's alive", a rescue worker announced. He rushed from the room with the child in his arms.

Later, I got a call from Captain Smith. "We found the father. He was asleep on a couch in the laundry room just off the lobby. Stoned, he slept through the whole mess." I have not received one call from the press. Evidently they are not interested in happy endings.

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levels of our government. The neo-cons, having failed miserably with their naïve tactics in Iraq, are now putting forth naïve tactics for the bombing of some 400 targets in Iran. Since conventional bombs would not be effective in demolishing deep underground facilities, some are seriously considering the use of tactical nuclear weapons.

In the background to these plans is the question of who will control the production and flow of Middle Eastern oil for the next decade. That is oil which is a quickly diminishing resource. We may be considering a nuclear first strike over virtually dry oil wells.

The Bush administration appears impotent in the face of these serious

threats from North Korea and Iran. Admittedly almost any administration might look that ineffectual. But in some ways George W. Bush created an international atmosphere which set the stage for these confrontations by rejecting formerly signed treaties, invading unilaterally in Iraq, and defending a policy of pre-emptive war.

Sixty years after Hiroshima, some nations are actually considering the offensive use of nuclear weapons. As several well known scientists predicted then, once the nuclear genie is out of the bottle, it will be impossible to put him back in again. This genie is not about granting us three wishes. It is about the virtual destruction of all man (and woman) kind.

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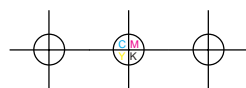
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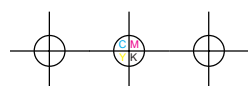


Stephanie McCall
"Most Flirtatious"



Michelle Myers
"Most Attractive"

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nied 3 to 2. Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross voted for the variances.

OEI was on the agenda to request variances for setback, turnout radiuses and road widths for both projects. This a result of much discussion with Commissioner Dennis DeWolf to work out a plan that would free up more greenspace both within the subdivision and along the perimeters.

But Commissioner Amy Patterson was against granting any variance. "I don't see a reason for a variance. This property isn't more special than anywhere else. We've turned them down three times, twice for density. They wouldn't need a variance if the projects were less dense."

She said the variances represented a significant change to the town's ordinance and said if granted, commissioners would be opening the door to negotiating anything people wanted. "You either comply or you don't comply," she said. "I don't see the hardship and if we want our ordinance to mean anything we have to stick to it."

Commissioner Herb James voted against granting the variances to put an end to the board's recent history of granting variances to some developers. "The board has been getting into the variance business pretty heavy lately," he said. "We did it with the Crunkleton development and Lamar (Nix) can tell you how many people came in asking why that developer got variances and they didn't. It's become totally political."

Though Town Attorney Bill Coward wasn't representing the town against OEI because of a conflict of interest, he has recently warned the board to stick to the variance procedure. The one criteria that traditionally sinks variance requests is "the property owner can't make reasonable use of the property." In most cases, property owners can make reasonable use, it just might not be the use the want.

Attorney for OEI, Craig Justus, said in the several months he's been involved with the case he's seen the town grant variances. "It's obvious that you are allowing yourselves to be more flexible in granting variances," he said. "You do it to allow for more buffer, to preserve more trees and this is what we are attempting to do by requesting road width and setback variances."

DeWolf said he was in favor of granting the variances because each time OEI has returned to the board the projects have gotten less dense which has opened the

door for discussion. "These projects have the ability to offer a solution to higher density residential areas within walking distance of town," he said.

Commissioner Hank Ross said the town's B3 ordinance deters traditional clustering because of setback and road width requirements. "OEI wants to do this, but there are some problems with our ordinance. I see it in my line of work. We need to change the ordinance to reflect this in the future."

Patterson agreed the underlying problem was the definition of clustering. "But OEI's need for a variance is based on what we've already turned them down for."

Mayor Don Mullen implored the board to compromise. "It's time to put this behind us and move ahead. I agree that the ordinance needs to be changed to take care of situations like this, but we need to come to some kind of conclusion and stop discussing this."

When the variance request was denied, OEI quickly produced two plans for the subdivisions similar to those reviewed by the board some time ago. This time though, driveway widths were reduced so without asking for pervious paver credit, the built-upon of 24 percent was met while meeting the required setback and road width requirements.

"The 40-foot right-of-way requirement has been met, the 25-foot setback is met as is the 24 percent built-upon," said engineer Bronce Pesterfield. "For every reduction made to the footprint of the houses there is more greenspace and these plans meet every criteria in your ordinance. I don't see any reason why you can't rule on this tonight," he said.

Commissioner Ross said he believed the revised plans met the ordinance and they were better. "This is legal, it's better, it's been negotiated and I'm sick of it. I make the motion to approve and accept the plans."

Commissioner Patterson and Commissioner Alan Marsh voted against the final plans.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Patterson has hired an attorney to help the board find someone who can explain once and for all what clustering is and how it can be applied to the B3 zone in the WSIII-BW district. She wanted to table Ross's motion for 30 days until clustering could be explained.

Commissioners agreed outside help would be helpful for future projects, but not OEI's projects before them that night.

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detrimental to the taxpayers of Macon County.

Lastly, it is important to understand that boards of education under North Carolina law perform a "quasi-judicial" function in personnel matters – that is, they sit much like a judge or jury. The laws that make personnel files confidential are intended not only to protect the

personnel themselves, but also to preserve the boards' ability to perform this important independent and unbiased function. On this note, please remember what our Chairman, Kevin Corbin has said: "Employment in the public schools of North Carolina is not an event, it is a process." Unfortunately, that process is still ongoing! There may

Graduates recognized at churches



This past Sunday, churches all over Highlands recognized college graduates and graduating seniors from Highlands School in their midst. At Highlands United Methodist Church Matt Chenoweth, Robert Edwards, Jackie Reed, Heather Watson, Rebecca Dotson, Allan James, Crane Cantrell, Nicholas Woodcox, Maggie Dearth and Megan Lewicki.

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Highlands PTO contributes to school scholarship fund

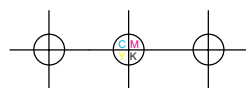


Members of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of the Highlands School (from left: Sara Mayer, Debbie Lassiter, and Kim Ingram) present a check to David Cull of the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. This fund, established in 1987, has now grown to over \$625,000, and the interest each year provides scholarships to both graduating Highlands School students and college students in good standing. Over the years, 695 scholarships have been awarded, totaling \$425,000. The Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund helps to make a higher education possible for generations of gifted and needy students. It is an investment in the lives of hundreds of young people and it is a credit to the spirit of this community. This year's Highlands School Scholarship Golf Tournament is Aug. 28 at Cullasaja Country Club.

be a time in the future that the Board can prudently release information, and we are aware of the public's need to know. In the meantime, we all appreciate the faith and support that the people of Macon County have shown to the Board

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sessions at recent school board meetings, testing, curriculum and legal issues."

He said he hasn't delved into curriculum and instruction; there just hasn't been enough time.

"I don't have a good feel for the instructional programs in the county, but if you look at the statistics, Macon County looks good compared to the rest of the state."

As far as the abrupt changes at the administration level recently, he said it's nothing new.

"You hate to see this sort of thing happen, but it does," he said. "Nevertheless, I believe in the public school system and I'm glad to be here to help."

Yeager said it's way too early to tell what will happen concerning allegations and complaints filed at the federal level with the EEOC concerning Personnel Director Tammy Tisdale who is on short-term disability through the school district and Shotwell who will take over as superintendent of Rockingham County Schools July 1.

"The Macon County School Board hired investigators from Charlotte to look into allegations at the local level. They have completed their reports but I don't know if the EEOC has requested them," he said.

Meanwhile he said it could be years before everything is ironed out. Furthermore, the outcome might or might not involve the Macon County School Board.

"The point is, federal law, that which defines the EEOC, trumps state law concerning our ability to release information to the public," said Yeager. "That's something people have to understand."

Though Tammy Tisdale's attorney has been quite vocal in the press, Shotwell's attorney has advised him not to air his case against Tisdale in the press. In a recent Asheville-Citizen Times article, Tisdale's attorney verified that Shotwell had lodged a complaint against her.

Yeager agreed due to Shotwell's silence on the matter, the story in the press is pretty one-sided.

In a recent statement Shotwell said, "I fail to understand what you think is newsworthy about these accusations, and it is unfortunate to see you used by an attorney and his client in an effort to affect the confidential investigation being conducted by a federal agency. I am precluded from making any comment, and would ask you not to use that silence against me by publishing a self-serving and one-sided account. If there were any merit to the accusations, there would be no effort to obtain publicity at this point. You might want to wait until there are objective conclusions before you run with an article. I am comfortable with the legal system and not going to dignify any accusations by responding to them at this time."

Shotwell said in his opinion, the allegations are baseless and everyone is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing be-

fore conclusions can drawn.

Meanwhile, the 2005-2006 school year is coming to an end and there are positions to fill – particularly principal positions in the county. Though interviews are still going on, Yeager said the three openings off the mountain in the Franklin area will be easier to fill than the Highlands position.

"A lot of candidates aren't interested in Highlands because of the cost of living and the drive. If they decide to live elsewhere, they would have to commute to Highlands and many don't seem interested in that," he said. "They would be happier in the other positions in the county. But, the interviewing process is on-going and we have a lot more candidates than we did the first time around."

Principals' salaries are based on years of experience in education, the number of state-paid teachers employed, and whether they have an advanced or a doctorate degree. The base salary for a principal at Highlands School – category Principal III with 22-32 state-paid teachers – is \$4,056 per month but can be more depending on experience, degrees and the school's ABC and School Safety standing.

Though the 2006-2007 school budget has been presented to Macon County, some parts will have to be rebuilt once the county and the state make their decisions on funding, said Yeager.

At the June 5 Macon County Commission meeting, County Manager Sam Greenwood said he was in daily conversations with Dr. Yeager concerning the school budget but it all comes down to what the state decides.

"It's expected that budget negotiations currently before the House and the Senate will be lengthy," said Greenwood. "We don't expect a final answer until the first or second week in July."

Over the last five years, the county has had to pick up expenses the state traditionally funds.

At the Macon County Commission meeting, where the county's proposed budget passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Bob Simpson voting against the budget, Commissioner Jim Davis reiterated his stance on the county funding a pay supplement for teachers.

"I see we are going to continue to give the teachers a two percent supplement," he said. "The state has agreed to an eight percent increase in teachers' pay. I don't think it's our responsibility to fund teachers' salaries. Our responsibility is to the county employees and we're giving them a four percent raise. How can we justify that?"

The budget passed and Greenwood said the county will figure "the worst case scenario" as far as the school budget goes and deal with it from there.

The county has allocated \$9,005,721 as a line item in the General Fund of the county's 2006-2007 budget for education.



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Carolyn Hornsby (1 tardy)
Lucy Ruiz (1 tardy)

HONOR ROLL RECOGNITION

Students receiving the President's Award for Educational Excellence have made the A or A/B Honor Roll for the first 5 six-weeks of this school year.

The following students have made all A's during the first 5 six-weeks of school:

Casey Jenkins
Kyle Lassiter
Chase Jenkins
Allison Winn
Callie Rawlins
Robert Edwards
April Hicks
Stephanie McCall

The following students have made all A's and B's during the first 5 six-weeks of school:

Andrew Billingsley
Carolyn Hornsby
William Edwards
Megan Lewicki
Luke McClellan

Michael Nix
Matt McClellan
Sally Wheeler
Taylor Stinson
Lucy Herz
Amanda Chambers
Eric Chen
Brittany Dryman
Lara Gibson
Pamela Potts

Angela Sanchez
Ramsey Ashburn
Matt Chenoweth
Rebecca Dotson
Claire Frederick
Kim Higgs
Laura Kremser
Megan Lewicki

David Parrish
Jackie Reed
John Scott

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Leslie Wilson

Stacy Wright

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VICE-PRESIDENT: Stephanie McCall

SECRETARY: April Hicks
TREASURER: Tyler Shook

11TH GRADE CLASS

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Angela Sanchez

VICE-PRESIDENT: Lara Gibson

SECRETARY: Lucy Herz

TREASURER: Darin Keener

10TH GRADE CLASS

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Sally Wheeler

VICE-PRESIDENT: Danielle

Puchaez

SECRETARY: Taylor Stinson

TREASURER: Kyle Lassiter

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PRESIDENT: Matt McClellan

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SECRETARY: Ezra Herz

TREASURER: Will Edwards

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SECRETARY: Stephanie

McCall

TREASURER: Claire Frederick

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Nick Kerhoulas, Allison Winn

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Secretary/Treasurer: April Hicks

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President: Megan Lewicki

Vice-President: Ramsey

Ashburn

Secretary: Allison Winn

Treasurer: Kelli Baer

HIGH SCHOOL BAND SENIOR

AWARDS

Claire Fredericks, Buddy Parrish, Kay Rhodes, David Tilson, Andrew Willhide, Stacy Wright

YEARBOOK SENIOR

EDITORS

Garrett Holt, Michelle Myers, Tiffany Shomper, Tyler Shook

JOURNALISM SENIORS

Maggie Rogers, Tiffany Shomper, Tyler Shook, Leslie Wilson

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SALUTATORIAN

VALEDICTORIAN: April Hicks

Salutatorian: Callie Rawlins

CANDIDATES FOR NC

SCHOLARS

Ramsey Ashburn

Jacob Chandler

Rebecca Dotson

Robert Edwards

Claire Frederick

April Hicks

Laura Kremser

Stephanie McCall



Junior Marshalls, Chase Jenkins (chief marshall), Kelli Baer, Lara Gibson, Lucy Herz, Angela Sanchez and Allison Winn usher in the graduating class of 2006.

Michelle Myers

Matt Neely

David Parrish

Callie Rawlins

Jackie Reed

Tyler Shook

Ashley Winters

Stacy Wright

SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS

[Beta Club members]

Ramsey Ashburn

Claire Frederick

April Hicks

Megan Lewicki

Stephanie McCall

Matt Neely

David Parrish

Callie Rawlins

John Scott

Whitney Talley

David Tilson

Leslie Wilson

Stacy Wright

CLASSROOM ACADEMIC

RECOGNITION

SCIENCE

Anatomy/Physiology: Jackie

Reed, Stacy Wright

Chemistry: Chase Jenkins

Earth Environmental Science:

Casey Jenkins

Physical Science: Franka Dadic

Biology: Kyle Lassiter

William Gilbert Prize in Physics

(\$500): John Hodges

Linus Pauling Prize in

Chemistry (\$500): April Hicks

ENGLISH

English I Honors: Andrew

Billingsley

English II: Greg Porter

English II Honors: Kyle Lassiter

English III Honors (1st

Semester): Allison Winn

English III Honors (2nd

Semester): Jacob Bowers

English IV: John Scott

English IV Honors: April Hicks

Language and Composition AP:

Chase Jenkins

MATHEMATICS

Technical Math: Tiffany Austin,

Stephanie Dalton

Introductory Math: Levi Owens

Algebra IB: Nicole Barnes,

Christy Milone

Geometry (1st Semester):

Kyle Lassiter

Geometry (2nd Semester):

Eric Chen

Algebra I: Carolyn Hornsby,

Casey Jenkins

Algebra II: Chase Jenkins, Kyle

Lassiter

Advanced Functions and

Modeling: Allison Winn

Precalculus: Eric Chen

Calculus: Eric Chen

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History: Carolyn Hornsby,

Luke McClellan

Civics: Lucy Herz, Taylor

Stinson

United States History AP: Kyle

Lassiter

United States History Honors:

Allison Winn

United States History College

Prep: Jacob Bowers

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

French I: Franka Dadic, Taylor

Stinson

French II: Franka Dadic, Jessica

Dryman

Most Improved French Student:

Michael Grabe

French Art Award: Anna Trine

French Drama Award: Claire

Frederick, Buddy Parrish

French Music Award: Stephanie

McCall

French Dance Award: Kelli Baer,

Callie Rawlins

BUSINESS

Computer Applications I (1st

Semester): Brittany Dryman

Computer Applications I (2nd

Semester): Matthew Neely

Computer Applications II 3rd

Block: Kim Higgs, Kyle Lassiter

Computer Applications II 4th

Block: Josh Hendricks, Taylor

Stinson

Principles of Business: Megan

Lewicki

FAMILY & CONSUMER

SCIENCE

Foods I: Kelli Baer

Foods II: Kay Rhodes

Teen Living: Ben Kirkland

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

Construction I: Will Edwards

Construction II: Will Edwards

Drafting I: Chase Jenkins, Matt

McClellan

Drafting II: Adam Chandler, Jake

Heffington

Drafting III: J. D. Scott

ART

Art I (1st Semester): John Scott

Art I (2nd Semester):

Ashley Higgs

Art II: Chelsea Carlson

Art III: Arthur Reynolds

Art IV: Leslie Wilson

Art History AP: Callie Rawlins

DEPARTMENTAL ACADEMIC

AWARDS

Social Studies Departmental:

Lucy Herz

Math Departmental: April Hicks

Science Departmental:

Stacy Wright

Art Departmental:

David Hodges

Music Departmental:

Lara Gibson

OTHER AWARDS

• Wendy's High School

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Lucy Herz, Chase Jenkins

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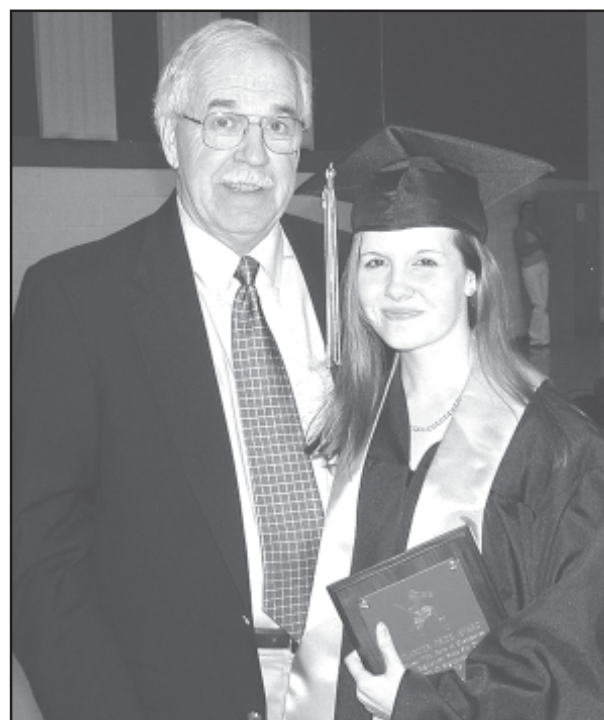
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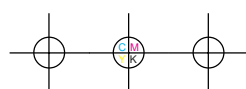
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April Hicks



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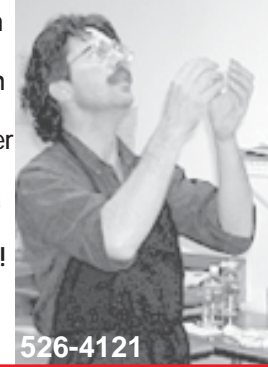
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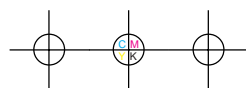
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up when it is supposed to be a self-paying entity, and questioned the new requirement to have licensed plumbers and electricians install hot water heaters. "This isn't done in any other county, not in Jackson, Clay or Swain," he said.

He said salaries are way up with the four percent increase. Finally, he questioned the recreation allocation for Highlands.

"You've got \$500,000-\$700,000 for Highlands recreation? That's \$500 per person in Highlands when we spend \$25 per person in Franklin," he said.

Chairman Allan Bryson said there are increases in the General Fund because the departments' budgets haven't been driven by the people who use them and it has to be that way for the budget to be healthy.

"As far as the recreation funds allocated for Highlands, this is something we voted on and passed some time ago," he said. "We agreed unanimously to allocate \$500,000 a year. The truth is we pay for every cent of recreation everywhere else in the county. Plus Highlands is still spending \$280,000 of its own money for recreation."

Bryson also pushed to allocate \$100,000 each year for three years for Highlands Pine Street Park.

"As far as the teachers go – you all

know how I feel about that. They've been left behind for way too long," he said.

Commissioner Charlie Leatherman said one of the most difficult functions of county government is the budget because it drives the county government.

"I stand by the two percent supplement for teachers; 100 counties supplement teacher salaries. I'm also for the four percent raise for county employees," he said. "Everything costs more — fuel, transportation — and everything keeps going up. People have to pay for this."

He said thanks to the growth in the county's property values the county can keep property taxes low.

"The tax rate has been 37 cents per \$100 valuation for a long time. Our growth is responsible and the diligence of the county and its careful planning is responsible for that. That's why we can keep it at 37 cents. It's much higher in other counties."

Commissioner Jim Davis voted for the budget but reiterated his stance against the two percent supplement to teachers.

Commissioner JD Simpson said he would defer to the wisdom of the county manager and the finance department where the budget is concerned.

The bottom line of the county's 2006-2007 General Fund is \$42.7 million.

Economics behind tax increase

Increasing taxes is risky business for municipalities but as everywhere else, the cost of doing business in Highlands is on the rise.

"Things have become more expensive in the three years since we last raised the property taxes," said Mayor Don Mullen. "Increases in salaries, insurance, fuel costs along with a major contribution of \$300,000 to the Pine Street Park project have resulted in the recommendation of tax increases. Plus, our town employees deserve a raise."

Because expenditures in this year's General Fund would require significant appropriations from the Fund Balance — \$288,000 for recreation, a \$300,000 contribution to the Pine Street Park project, and increases across all departments in salaries, insurance, and fuel costs — a 3-cent tax rate increase is recommended. The 0.19 per \$100 valuation is up from last year's 0.16 with one-cent of that earmarked for a Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund to pay for studies surrounding possible improvements to Town Hall. The other two cents will generate an additional \$221,250 in revenue for the General Fund.

Water rates were increased three years ago, but the increase didn't generate as much revenue as expected. On top of that, expenses have increased due to the high cost of repairs and maintenance at the Water Treatment Plant. An increase in user charges will offset expenses. So, water rates will increase from \$15 per month to \$20

per month for residential and \$20 per month to \$30 per month for commercial. Usage rates will increase from \$2.40 per additional 1,000 gallons to \$3.

"Water rates here are still the lowest of any place I have ever lived," said Mullen.

Town Administrator and Budget Officer Richard Betz said the Town's Enterprise Funds (water/sewer and electric) are expected to operate in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the cost of providing services is financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

"But revenues in the Water Fund and also in the Sanitation Department have dropped, as noted in the auditors report last year," said Betz. "These rate increases should correct the imbalance."

Due to higher fuel costs increased Macon County tipping fees, garbage pick up will increase to \$14 per month for residential, 16 per month for commercial and dumpsters will increase to \$40 per month.

Sewer rates, which are based on a percentage of the total water bill, have been decreased proportionately because it is generating enough operating revenues. "Water rates affect sewer rates because they are a direct function of the total monthly water bill -- currently 135% -- so with an increase in water rates a decrease to 80% is recommended so the fund will remain revenue neutral," said Betz.

After a public hearing on June 28 commissioners will vote on the budget.

Community Clinic serving diverse segment of area population

By Susanna Forrester
Reporter

The Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers has been of value to a more diverse group of residents than was previously imagined.

"We have filled a gap in patient care for low-income patients in the area," said Jerry Hermanson, the clinic director. "There have been a lot of little successes for our patients. We were able to help our very first patient get back to work, so that he is no longer eligible for the clinic because he is making too much money. Our patients have had chronic illnesses and we've given them the care they need to get on with their lives."

The clinic has succeeded in reaching out to a wide base of lower income families since it began in December of 2005 with the majority of patients between the ages of 18 and 45. The private, non-profit clinic, which was seen as more of an outreach to poor Hispanics than whites, has seen an almost 50/50 split between white and Hispanic patients. A total of 203 patients, all of whom live or work in the Highlands-Cashiers area, have sought care at the clinic since December.

Donations from churches, foundations, corporations, and individuals, as well as grants are the clinic's main source of funding. They are currently applying for grants from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation of North Carolina through the North Carolina Association of Free Clinics.

A part-time director oversees daily operations, but the services offered at the clinic are provided entirely by volunteers. Volunteer doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel assist patients, and both Macon County hospitals provide free outpatient testing to clinic patients.

Clinic patients can also have their prescriptions filled at no cost at two local pharmacies. In the past six months the clinic has filled 257 prescriptions at a cost of over \$7,500. They have also given out 39 free samples and 40 over the counter drugs such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen.

The clinic's organizers continue to try to raise awareness of the services they offer.

"The clinic was very needed. The board has been committed to the vision.



There is an Open House on Saturday, June 17 from 3 to 5 p.m. for all interested parties who want to tour the facilities. The Community Care Clinic is located on Buck Creek Road at Zachary Field. Offices are under the concession area in the back of the building.

The number of volunteers that we have has continued to show and say 'How can we help?' The people are so grateful that we're doing this," said Board Member

Ginger Slaughter. "We're already reaching capacity for the number we're serving on Thursday nights."

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On-going

- 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. Cost of the class is free with HealthTracks Membership or \$8 per class for non-members. For more information contact 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. Cost of the class is free with Health Track Membership or \$8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT for more information.

- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$10 per session or \$8(each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.

- First Saturday June, July, August and September "Happy Hour" an old-fashioned Hymn Sing at Highlands United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pianist: Tillie Arwood. Song Leader, Carol Shuttleworth.

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

- A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.

- Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. the meeting starts at 6 p.m..

- Registration is now open for the 2006 summer day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five camps are being offered this year: "Amazing Animals," "NatureWorks," "Mountain Explorers," "Jr. Ecologists," and "WOW!" Each camp runs from Tuesdays to Fridays. For details, call 526-2623.

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- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

- Live music at Buck's Coffee Cafe every Saturday night from 8-11 p.m.

- Live music at SweetTreats every Friday and Saturday.

- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.

In June

- The Highlands Recreation Department will hold its annual Summer Recreation Camp Program for 2006 on June 12 and end on July 28. It will run for six weeks. Ages 5-10 years old (Child must be 5 years old as of June 14. No exceptions.) Call the Civic Center at 526-3556

June 8

- Bach @ Bucks Thursday from 8-10 p.m. Buck's on Main Street, Highlands. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Author Jean Maloof will give a talk entitled "Teaching the Trees: Lessons from the Forest." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

June 9

- Highlands School Senior Scholarship

Assembly at 8:30 a.m.

- Cocktail Hour Theatre opens Friday and runs every Friday night (except June 30th) thru September 1st. The party begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and music. The show begins at 6 p.m. and Finis at 7:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 828-342-9197. The Studio is located at 310 Main Street, Oak Square (upstairs). There is an elevator at the back of the mall. For a complete lineup of all things Instant Theatre Company visit www.istantheatre.org.

June 10

- *Butter Nut Creek and Friends* concert at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 10, from 1-3 p.m. Blending instruments and voices to present traditional folk music from the mountain region, the group of four presents unforgettable harmony for the pleasure of its audiences. Tickets for the event are \$15 for CLE members and \$25 for non-members, available at the CLE office at the Peggy Crosby Center weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., by calling (828) 526-9938. ext. 120, or at the door at the time of the event. Attendance is limited to 50 people.

- Highlands School graduation ceremony in the new gym at 7 p.m.

- "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 -10:30 p.m., ages 6 - adult. Bring a flashlight to learn about nocturnal animals through a variety of fun activities, games, and observations along the garden trails. \$2 per person, advance registration required. Call 526-2623 for more information.

June 12-15

- HIARPT brings J. Wentzel van Huyssteen's recent Gifford Lectures entitled *Alone in the World? Human Uniqueness in Science and Theology*. Dr. Van Huyssteen has lectured several times previously for HIARPT and you may recall that he is the James I. McCord professor of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. Pre-registration is required for participation in this seminar. Not open to the public.

June 12

- At HIARPT an intellectual autobiography

by Delwin Brown, Ph.D., who is the academic dean emeritus at Pacific School of Religion, will present his intellectual autobiography, entitled "Transgressing Boundaries: Reflections of A Wandering Mind." This lecture is open to the public and begins HIARPT's free public lecture series at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

June 13

- Mandatory Parent Night, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the South Macon Elementary Gym for all parents who have enrolled children in the Summer Adventure Camp.

- "The Birds and Landscape of Western Mexico," presented by Sandy Anderson, Gray Hawk Nature Center, Sierra Vista, AZ, sponsored by Highlands Audubon Society. Program will be held at the Highlands Civic Center. Join us at 7 p.m. for conversation and refreshments, with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. For information, contact Edwin Poole, 526-2775.

June 14

- Highlands Audubon Society sponsors a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway with Sandy Anderson to view summer resident birds. Meet at 7 a.m. in the parking lot next to Highlands Town Hall to carpool. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. Questions, Edwin Poole, 526-2775.

June 15

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club presents local guide, Mac Marrett of Brookings, at the kickoff meeting at Grace Community Church in Cashiers. Mac will present an extensive slide show focusing on the Chattooga River, discussing how and where to fish this local gem. The meeting begins at 7 PM and concludes with a raffle for the surprise grand prize. Everyone is welcome! Call 743-2078 for information

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Rob Bierregaard will give a talk entitled "Sex & Mice in the City: Barred Owls Come to Town." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

June 17

- The annual Reese reunion Saturday from

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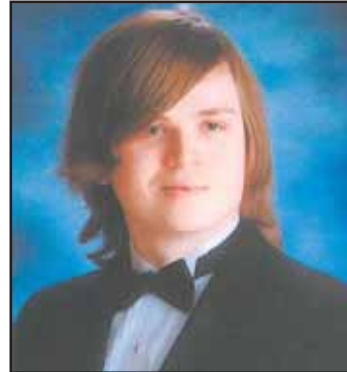
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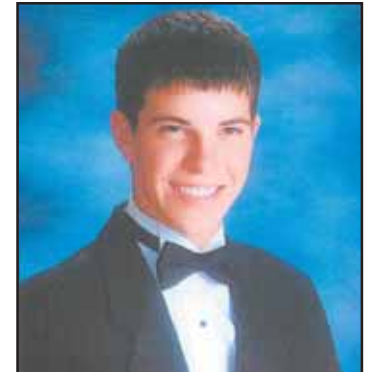
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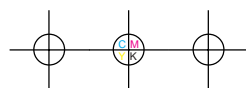
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– Special Ops Adventure Race is June 24 on Main St. – Sgt. explains importance of SOAR

**By Susanna Forrester
Reporter**

Sergeant Brad Reilly has learned first-hand how much the Special Operations Warrior Foundation and SOAR can do for the families of fallen soldiers. One of Sgt. Reilly's friends was killed in Iraq, and SOWF stepped in to pay for funeral expenses, as well as secure the future of the soldier's one-year-old son by paying for his college education.

"The Warrior Foundation assigned someone to be with the family and help with everything," Sgt. Reilly said. "One of the benefits of this program is there are no questions asked." The SOWF was founded in 1980 as a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization that provides college scholarships and educational counseling to the children of

Special Operations personnel who are killed in the line of duty.

"On Memorial Day last year I lost three friends in Iraq who were in my unit," said Sgt. Reilly, who was wounded in Iraq himself last year. He said he hopes to bring awareness to the organization's mission, and to what soldiers and their families are going through in this difficult time.

Sgt. Reilly has been in town to speak with the Highlands and Cashiers Rotary Clubs in preparation for upcoming events that will raise money for SOWF.

The culminating event, the Special Operations Adventure Race, will be held on Main Street in Highlands on Saturday, June 24. Other events include a raffle, a golf tournament, and auction.



Sgt. Brad Reilly & daughter Erin

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Please bring family, friends and lunch and join in the fun.

June 18-22

• Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church. 5 p.m. dinner; 5:30-8 p.m. VBS program. Adventure of the Treasure Seekers. Exploring God's Promises. Call: 526-3376.

June 18-23

• North Carolina Trout Unlimited sponsors Rivercourse, a Coldwater Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp at Lake Logan Center in Canton, N.C. for boys and girls ages 14-16. Campers are housed in two-person rooms which have their own bathrooms. Cost is only \$495 and financial assistance is available. Contact Dick Heald at 828-654-8725 for information. Reservations are filling up so please act quickly.

June 19

• Jillian Burfete (also known as the Donkey Rider from The Instant Theatre's successful show Little Entertainments) will lead novice actors in an awesome journey toward performing a "Harold." A "Harold" is a complex improvisational technique equivalent to a made-up-on-the-spot three-act play. These special students will learn to create individual characters, build scenes while working toward supporting fellow actors, and how everything connects. Session One is for grades 5th-7th, starting June 19 through June 30, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The tuition for the two-week session is \$175 for 25 hours. Each session is limited to 10 students. Early registration is strongly suggested. Call the Instant Theatre Company at 342-9197 to register or for more information.

June 16-17

• HIARPT's Women's Dialogue Seminar at Highlands Falls Country Club at 10 a.m. The theme of this seminar is "A Feminine Alternative To The Hero Myth: The Goddess Phenomenon." The seminar leader will be Dr. Jean Benedict Raffa. The readings for the seminar are Jean B. Raffa's The Bridge to Wholeness: A Feminine Alternative to the Hero Myth and Leonard Shlain's, The Alphabet Versus the Goddess: The Conflict Between Word and Image. For information on the seminar contact Dr. Carole S. Light at 526-9769. Preregistration is required. Seminar for women only.

June 19

• At HIARPT Mary Doak, PhD. will present a second lecture related to her recent book entitled Reclaiming Narrative for Public Theology. The title of her lecture is "The Stories We Live By." Dr. Doak is a lay theologian and is assistant professor of theology at Notre Dame University.

• Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: "The Art of Book-Making," a workshop by Bill Richardson, at Highlands Village Square. Cost \$60 includes hand-made papers and other materials. Call the Mill Creek Gallery at 787-2021 for info.

June 20

• At HIARPT seminar with Professor Doak on at 10 a.m. The lecture and seminar will be in the Jones Room of The Episcopal Church.

June 22-July 9

• "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

June 22

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Charlie Williams will give a talk entitled "Michaux and the Lost Shortia." 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

June 29

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

June 26

• At HIARPT lecture is at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Ronald Stone, PhD. will be our Langdon Gilkey Lecturer for 2006.

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. As an additional treat or lagniappe (as it's called in Cajun Country) members of the Atlanta Cajun/Zydeco Association, and some real honest to goodness Cajuns will be available as dance partners during the evening. As the Williams' say "there are no wrong moves in Cajun music, just new steps."

July 12

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

July 13

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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 13

• Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Bill Le Fevre will give a talk entitled "Botanical Explorations of the Bartrams in the South." 7:00 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.

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

July 14

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

July 15

• The Atlanta Swamp Opera returns to Highlands on Saturday at 6 p.m. with a variety of toe tapping Cajun music! They will be

performing on the stage at the Highlands Recreation Park. 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 are available to those 18 years or younger. Both tickets include the Atlanta Swamp Opera's performance, dancing, Cajun dance lessons and Chef Tom's Cajun cuisine! Proceeds are to benefit the Highlands Recreation Park Senior Adults Trip Program.

• 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

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July 17

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Stewards of the mysteries of God

I Corinthians 4:1



Rev. Delmer Chilton
Lutheran Church

It's an interesting phrase isn't it? It has a nice, flowing feel to it: *Stewards of the mysteries of God*. But, the question is, what does it mean? What was Paul trying to convey when he said that we should be considered *servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God*?

A True Story. At Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, NC, I run many Continuing Education Classes and Retreat programs for ministers. One of these programs is called The First Parish Project. It is for young pastors in their first Church. It has students from all over the country. They come for six different week-long sessions over a two year period.

At the second meeting, in January, one of the pastors, came to my office with a 5-gal paint bucket full of baseball size rocks. She said, "*Can I leave these here.*"

I'm going to use them for Worship when it's my turn to lead."

Little did I know that her turn would not come for well over a year. Meanwhile, I took care of her rocks in a five gallon bucket in the corner of my office. I looked at it 25- or 30 times a day. I changed offices once and had to tote it up stairs. When Brenda came to Hinton for her classes, she always stopped by to check on her rocks. But I never knew what they were for. I just took care of them without understanding them. I was "*a servant of Brenda and a steward of the mystery of the rocks.*"

We are *SERVANTS OF CHRIST AND STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD*.

We are responsible for the things that are God's, even though, quite often, we are a little short in the complete understanding of our duties department.

One mystery we have been handed is each other. Let's be honest with one another here, understanding another human being's motives and actions is very difficult.

I have been married to the former Deborah Hollowell of Goldsboro, NC for 31 years, since she was 19 and I was 20. We've put each other through school, raised two boys together, gone through trouble and tragedy together, and there are days on end when I don't have a clue what's going on with her or her with me. Other people are sometimes a mystery to us, and we often react to the unknown by becoming suspicious and wary of the other. The only antidote is to trust each other, to trust that the other is not just a mystery, but is a mystery *OF GOD*.

It's the *OF GOD* part that is important. Martin Luther, in his Smaller Catechism, in treating the commandment about not bearing false witness, had

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

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

July 18

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

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

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

July 18

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

July 19

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

July 20

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

July 21

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

July 22

- 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 23

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

July 24

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

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

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

July 25

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

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

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July 28

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

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

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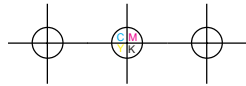
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First the prohibition: Thou shalt not
Second, the positive admonition: Instead, you should . . .

Luther's positive admonition for not bearing false witness: *Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.*

I invite us all to think of each other

in that light, as a mystery, but as a good mystery, a mystery of God, an epiphany, a revelation. And to therefore treat one another the way Luther encouraged that we should, coming to each other's defense, speaking well of each other, interpreting each other's actions as positively as possible.

Because we are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God, and a vital part of that servanthood and stewardship is taking care of each other.

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eo industry workers find another job, I mean a second job, because with the extra taxes you have created, you have two jobs to make a living in NC," said House Leader Jim Black.

Approximately two years ago you guys told us NC was broke.

So, you raised the tax on cigarettes (great for the tobacco state), then the tax on candy, then the tax on gasoline.

Now, we have the lottery, Rep. Susan Fisher, D-Buncombe quote "to pray on the folks who are least able to afford the potential losses". Since in all your wisdom, you voted to do away with video poker machines within one year, so those poor old Sheriffs won't have to regulate them. But, thanks for the gradual phase out to give the approximately 1,700 low-skilled people an opportunity to find other employment. Special thanks to Rep. John Blust, R-Guilford, the only lone vote

against it.

And now, what about all those low skilled convenience store employees whose wages were supplemented by the legal video machines?? Do you want them to find another job, too??? There are more than 40,000 people in this industry.

Now, after almost being bankrupt two years ago, someone has found \$2,000,000,000, that's two billion extra taxpayer dollars in the operating fund. WOW, so give yourselves a raise, you deserve it, so, when you stop at that convenience store to buy over-priced cigarettes, over-priced candy and over-priced gasoline, while you have that overtaxed low-skilled employee check your lottery ticket, you can think about all you have done for yourselves, I mean for the hard working NC taxpayer.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of June 1-7. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials are used.

June 1

- At 12:08 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving without a license at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont.
- At 10 a.m. officers responded to a call of a trespasser in a home on Webbmont.

June 3

- At 9:45 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 42 mph in 25 zone at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street.
- At 9:30 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 25 zone at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street.

June 4

- At 10:50 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on S. 3rd Street. No one was hurt.

June 5

- At 8 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 55 mph in a 35 zone on N.C. 106.
- At 10:30 a.m., 5 turned wood bowls valued at \$2,500 were reported missing from the Custom House on Carolina Way.
- At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident at Bowery and Upper Lake roads.

June 6

- At 10 a.m., officers responded to an accident on Little Bear Pen The driver was cited for driving left of center.
- At 2 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle

accident on Main Street and N.C. 106. One driver was cited for driving at an unsafe speed.

- At 12:13 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone at Webbmont and U.S. 64 w.

June 7

- At noon, a motorist was cited for speeding 53 mph in a 35 zone at N.C. 28 and Cook Road.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of June 2-7

June 2

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

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hickory Nut Gap Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Highlands Country Club Clubhouse where a man had fallen and hit his head. The victim was taken to the hospital.

June 3

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers and stood by while they fought a brush fire.

June 5

- The dept. responded to the "smell of smoke" at a residence on Dog Mountain. It was due to a faulty washing machine.

June 7

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Cole Mountain Circle. There was no transport.

RE PROPERTY TRANSFERS

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

Highlands

- 0523788, 205 CHOWAN DR, PITTMAN MARCUS, 5/26/2006, \$126,000, WALTERS KATHLEEN, \$90,200
- 0500091, 424 BIG BEARPEN RD, CHAMBERS THOMAS, 5/25/2006, \$1,125,000, MCARTHUR KATHRYN DEBORAH GOLD-SMITH, \$569,310

Highlands Township

- 0538409, 241 FLAT MOUNTAIN ESTATES RD, LEWIS PARNELL S, 5/23/2006, \$106,500, LINES RAY-FIELD, \$384,210
- 0504121, 94 OAK PT LOT 93 SEC G WILDCAT CLIFFS, BETTS PHILIP S TRUSTEE, 5/26/2006, \$465,000, LEWIS FRANK T, \$463,980

- 0503700, 112 CLEARVIEW LN, WOOLDRIDGE FRED C, 5/24/2006, \$0, WOOLDRIDGE JEFF-FREY \$108,930

- 0545680, TRACT 1 BARTRAM OVERLOOK, HARDIE PATRICK E, 5/24/2006, \$100,000, TIMBERLAND INVESTORS INC, \$81,710

Flats / Scaly Mtn.

- 0626745, LOT 4 SHOAL CREEK, HUGO DARREN L, 5/23/2006, \$119,000, FLETCHER MICHAEL J, \$50,320
- 0600474, 210 BELLWOOD DR, HALL SANDY, 5/26/2006, \$0, FANNIE MAE, \$171,260
- 0647761, EVANS CREEK RD, WALBOLT SYLVIA H, 5/25/2006, \$118,000, WILKES ALVIN L, \$46,130



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

Highlands' Newspaper
Black & White & Read All Over
Highlands, Cashiers, Glenville, Sapphire,
Toxaway, Scaly, Sky Valley & Franklin

12 CYPRUS
10 Bucks Cafe

LODGING
01) Highlands Suites
02) Main Street Inn
03) Mitchell's Lodge
04) Mtn High Lodge
05) Old Creek Lodge
06) Old Edwards Inn
07) The Lodge
DINING
09) Brick Oven
10) Bucks Cafe
11) Cafe 460
12) Cyprus
14) Don Leon's
15) Fressers
16) Highlands Deli
18) Hill-Top Grill
19) Lakeside
20) Let Holly Cook
21) Madison's
22) Main Street Inn
23) Oak Street Cafe
24) On The Verandah
25) Pescado's
26) Pizza Place
27) Rib Shack
28) Ristorante Paoletti
29) Rosewood Market
30) SportsPage
31) SweetTreats Cafe
32) Wild Thyme

NIGHT LIFE
Instant Theatre
Oak Square

REAL ESTATE
33) Buyer's Realty
34) Century 21
35) Chambers Agency
36) Country Club Prop.
37) John Schiffli
38) Keller Williams
39) Meadows Mtn.
HOME DECOR
40) Acorns
41) Custom Coverings
42) Dry Sink
43) Highlands Cabinet
44) Highlands Decorat.
45) Little Flower Shop
46) Radio Shack
47) Summer House
48) Twigs
49) Wholesale Down
GIFTS
50) Bird Barn
51) Christmas Cottage
52) Christmas Tree
53) Cyrano's Books
54) Grinning Frog
55) Juliana's
56) Needle Point
57) Shakespears
58) Shops of O.E.I.
59) Speckled Hen
60) The Hen House
61) Toy Store
62) Whiskers

31 SweetTreats
21 Wine Garden

BOUTIQUES
63) AnnaWear
64) Cabin Casuals
65) Carolina Closet
66) Coolcats Hotdogs
67) Extreme Threads
68) House of Wong
69) Jolies
70) Katy's on Main
71) Miss Priss
72) Nancy's Fancys
73) Shops of O.E.I.
74) Village Boutique
75) Village Kids
76) Vivace
77) Wits End
JEWELRY
78) Drakes Diamonds
79) Highlands Gem
80) Highlands Estate
81) Kent Ltd
82) Silver Eagle
83)
BEAUTY & SPA
84) #1 Nails
85) All Seasons Salon
86) Images Salon/Spa
87) Pro Nails
88) Old Edwards Spa
89) Taylor Barns Salon
OUTFITTERS
90) Bear Mountain
91)

ANTIQUES
92) C.K. Swan
93) Elephants Foot
94) Mirror Lake
95) Shiraz Oriental
ART GALLERIES
96) Ann Jacob
97) Hubert Shuptrine
98) John Collette
99) Mill Creek
100) Oak Street
111) Robert Tino
SERVICES
112) ComputerMan
114) Curves Fitness
115) Drug Stores
116) Dry Cleaners
117) Freeman Gas
118) Highlands Office
119) Jack Mayer
120) Nantahala Tire
121)
122) Zek Sossoman
123) Woodworks

Highlands Map

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Madison's Restaurant



Mill Creek Gallery
Village Square
Cynthia Strain



Wine Spectator



Highlands Wine & Cheese
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Fireside Restaurant
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