

# Highlands' Newspaper

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Thursday, July 12, 2007

## On-going

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.

- Hal Philips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.

- Pilates classes with Sandi Trevathan on Level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Mon. and Wed. at 4 p.m. \$10 per class.

- Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

- Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass. Call 526-4340.

- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

## Every Monday

- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

## Every Tuesday

- Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church. Summer series on 1 & 2 Peter.

## Every Thursday

- At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.

- Rotary Bingo 6:30-8:30 pm at the Highlands Community Center. Open to all ages. Price is \$1 per card per game.

## Every Saturday in July

- Courtenay Collins and Robert Ray's "Jukebox Journey" at PAC on Chestnut Street, 5 and 8 p.m.

## Every Saturday

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

## Thurs.-Sun., July 12-15

- Garden Festival for Fine Art Center featuring the Patron Party on Thursday and garden tours on Friday and Saturday and Brunch with Vince Dooley on Sunday. Call 526-0732 for reservations.

## Thurs.-Sun. July 12-22

- The Highlands Playhouse, "Laughter on the Twenty-Third Floor." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

## Thurs., July 12

- "Parallel Lives" at Instant Theater at 8 p.m. Directed by Mary Adair Leslie. For tickets call: 828.342.9197.

- At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Bistro, a wine tasting with Elyse Winery at 6 p.m.

## Fri. & Sat., July 13-14

- A trunk show at Desire on Main

Street meet Charlie Wharton artisan of the ancient art of wire-wrapping.

## Fri. July 13

- "Alex Rogers and Cash Valley Ramblers" at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concert 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive.

## Sat., July 14

- The Buckerettes at The Instant Theater Company. Call 828-342-9197 for reservations and tickets.

- Book Signings at Cyrano's Bookshop on Main Street. See page 21.

- Jewelry Trunk show featuring Cloisonne Enamel Artist Ricky Frank from 10-5 at Peak Experience. Call 526-0229.

- "Snakes of the Highlands Region" at the Nature Center 7 p.m., all ages. \$2 per person. Call 526-2623.

- The "Jason Woods Benefit" at the Highlands Rec Park at 4:30 p.m. BBQ by Blue Valley, music by Uncultured Buttermilk, The Dendy Family, and Doug and Donna Ivie. Live auction proceeds will go to help with medical expenses.

- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital 'Healthy Living Fair' from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. All free.

## Sun. July 15

- Revival at Clear Creek Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m.

## Tues., July 17

- Free movie at PAC at 7:30 p.m. "Orchestra Rehearsal." Refreshments at 7 p.m. Donations accepted.

- Free Stop Smoking classes at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Call HealthTracks at 526-1FIT (526-1348).

- At ...on the Verandah Restaurant, Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$95 per person, plus tax and gratuity — Reservations required. Call 526-2338.

## Wed.-Sat., July 18-21

- 'Art' at the Instant Theater. For reservations call 828-342-9197.

## Wed., July 18

- Folkmoot, International Folk Festival, at PAC on Chestnut Street at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 18. Call 526-4904 or buy at the door.

- "Up, Up and Away Gala" benefiting the HCCDC at the Highlands Country Club featuring well known band the Deas Boys. Tickets are \$125 per person.

## Weekend-Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
77-59°F	78-58°F	76-57°F

## Pine Street to remain open

In a surprise move Wednesday night, the Town Board took steps to finalize plans for Pine Street Park. Pine Street will not be closed to incorporate a park.

Commissioners voted 3 to 2 not to permanently close Pine Street with Commissioners Hank Ross and Dennis DeWolf voting

against the motion.

"Kelsey had a vision in 1875 that we needed it as a public street and if we start eliminating them we're going to get into a lot of trouble," said Commissioner Herb James.

Commissioner Ross said

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## Purchase a peek at Shangri-la



There are nine private gardens featured on the Bascom-Louise Gallery's annual Garden Festival. Tour tickets for either Friday or Saturday, morning or afternoon, are \$60 per person. Tickets to the brunch are \$75 per person. Call (828) 526-0732 or 526-0207. See page 13 for more details.

## Home-biz OK'd for R1-ETJ

At its Wednesday night meeting, the Town Board finally put to rest the issue of home-occupations in the R1-ETJ.

Both the Planning Board and the Town Board have been battling the issue around for months.

Originally the Planning Board was charged with the task

of devising an ordinance which would allow home-based businesses or home occupations in the R1-ETJ zone – something not allowed in the R-1 zone in town.

But, to legalize what commissioners and Planning Board members acknowledge is going on in

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## South Slope variances denied

Despite the denial of three variances, developers of the South Slope Subdivision off Old Walhalla Road say they're down but not out.

"We can redesign the roads without the variances," said engineer Bronce Pesterfield. "We asked for these variances to limit the amount of disturbance to the land but the denial doesn't prevent us from building the roads."

The variances requested involved road width, grade and radiuses — variances the Town Board has in the past granted to other developers but on smaller scales, they said.

The board voted unanimously to deny the request for a 12-foot road rather than the standard subdivision width of 18 feet; denied the request to decrease the grade from the standard 18%, 4 to 1 with Commissioner Herb James voting to grant the variance because the town has granted road grade variances to several developers in the past.

The third variance was denied with a 3 to 2 vote with Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross voting to allow for a 90-degree curve radius rather than the required 150-degree radius on the grounds that it would disturb less land.

Last month, representatives for the development appeared before the Town Board for the variances but commissioners deferred their decision until they could walk the proposed subdivision.

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Parking issues at Helen's Barn

Dear Editor,

Regarding the town looking into adequate parking at Helen's Barn for both Fressers and Don Leon's restaurants. I have had an office in Helen's Barn since 1999 and park in this lot daily. The only time this parking lot is filled to capacity is on a few holidays like July 4<sup>th</sup> and Halloween. On both of these holidays parking all over town is difficult as the town is overwhelmed with tourists. Other than those two holidays, there is always parking available at Helen's Barn. I have never seen people park at Furniture South and come across the street to Fressers.

The biggest problem with the parking lot is the fence installed last fall in an effort to prevent patrons of Don Leon's Café from parking at Helen's Barn. The fence and island it sits on have narrowed Helen's Barn Avenue making it dangerous when delivery trucks stop for unloading. It is very probable we are going to have a pedestrian hit by a car pulling around one of these stopped trucks. Before the fence was installed, there was more room and the trucks could pull out of the main path of the road.

If the town wants to address this parking lot, it should insist that the fence and island be removed for safety reasons. I would also suggest that their rule regarding the ration of parking spaces to table seats needs reviewing.

Steve Connor  
Highlands'

### Town decisions – Pine Street

Dear Editor,

Please explain to us why when the town is in dire need of parking you would even consider closing off Pine Street. If it were just five or six spaces we were talking about, then maybe, but 50 spaces? You all don't make sense.

The little park will be used a various times but not daily and when it is to be used then, you can close it off. Has any thought been given to the law office on the street if it were closed off or the antique shop or John Cleaveland Realty? Come on, surely you all have more and better things you could be doing rather than cripple our parking situation anymore than it is now.

Pat Griffin  
Highlands

### Corruption through earmarks

Dear Editor,

I am furious about the secret use of my money (yours, too! ) to further the political ambitions of senators and representatives. The powerful Appropriations Committees in both house and senate have an exceptional opportunity to insert earmarks into spending bills during the closed committee meetings. (They are offered to members to entice them to vote for a bill they would not otherwise support. It's the trading currency of congress). Authors of these requests are currently anonymous – unless of course that pet project is named after the congressman who secured the funding.

HR-5647 the appropriations bill for Labor, Health and Human Services and related agencies contains 1,700 earmarks costing \$1billion! The Senate hasn't even had a go at it yet. These earmarks contain the wording of the lobbyists who have been hired to obtain federal funding for some pet project. The Conference Committee --composed of selected members of both House and Senate tries to reconcile differences in the bill. This provides a WONDERFUL opportunity to

slip in earmarks because this version of the bill cannot be challenged by an amendment from the floor.

It is time for us as citizens to rise up and put a stop to this practice! CNN contacted every member of the House asking them to reveal their earmarks. As you can imagine they were not too forthcoming – 311 of them wouldn't even talk to CNN! Some of these earmarks, to name just a few: \$200,000 to renovate a ski lift, \$2 million to extend a runway that was too short for corporate jets and even \$500,000 for a Teapot Museum in Sparta, NC. (Senator Burr, its sponsor, received several thousand dollars in campaign contributions from its promoters).

It seems to me that we must insist on publicly financed elections or this practice cannot be stopped. Contact your congressman and your senators to stop earmarks but better yet push for publicly financed campaigns. We must take back our government!

Congress just raised its salary to \$170,000. Let's insist that they earn it.

Edna Foster  
Georgia

### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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### ... PINE STREET continued from page 1

Kelsey had the vision to lay out streets on a grid indicating lots of places and ways to get from one place to another. "I thank him for that vision," he said.

Over the last few months, proponents of closing Pine Street Park have suggested Spruce Street as an alternate Main Street bypass – something opponents of closing the street say Pine Street is now.

"I feel the door is very much open concerning arteries to substitute for Pine Street but we haven't had time to investigate it," said Commissioner DeWolf. "Trumping this up at this time doesn't make sense. We do need to study the parking situation, but we are a pedestrian-oriented village community"

Commissioner Ross said towns have many more needs than just streets. "There is no process in this town to provide public space – something all great towns have. We are losing space and the feel for the town on a yearly basis. We need greenspace in the downtown area that people can walk around on."

Commissioner Ross designed about four scenarios for Pine Street Park and said the decision on the future of the park should be evidence-based. "Killing this in a pre-emptive strike is killing the idea and limits the entire process," he said. "Closing the street was never a definite thing but killing it before we have had a chance to study all aspects is eliminating ideas right off the bat." He also said he found 60 parking spaces in the vicinity to make up for spaces lost if Pine Street were closed.

Commissioner Amy Patterson wanted to know what kind of park the town wanted. "Do we want an event-driven park or a gathering place, an oasis of quiet? We have to decide before we can move forward. I'm just not sure about this pie-in-the-sky notion that people are going to use it as a gathering place. Closing Pine Street could put more traffic on Main Street where we already have an issue with cars and pedestrians." She said the town actually needs multiple outlets or more roads not less.

Commissioner Alan Marsh said on Sunday all the parking on Pine Street and Carolina Way was taken by church-goers. Commissioner Ross reminded him that the Catholic Church is zoned to supply its own parking.

John Cleaveland, who owns property bordering Pine Street said no one on the Town Board has to live with the consequences of closing the street for a park.

"It's time to start thinking a different way," he said. "Start figuring out how to utilize what's there instead of changing what's there. This is madness. It's not good for the town, and it's not good for me. I have a tenant who says she'll move because she won't be able to access the back of her store if you close Pine Street. Say you'll close the street for special events and move on," he said.



## • OBITUARY •

### Elizabeth Preston Beavers

Elizabeth Preston Beavers died Monday, July 9, 2007 at the Fidelia Eckerd Center in Highlands, NC. She was 99 years old.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1908, Mrs. Beavers was the daughter of the late Samuel Wilson Preston, Sr. and Myra McCormick Preston. She attended business college in Birmingham and was employed by Messer Realty until her marriage in 1929 to James Kary Beavers.

In 1937 she moved with her husband to Atlanta where he was Vice President of Trust Company Bank's Investment Department until his death in 1956.

Mrs. Beavers continued to live in Atlanta until 2006, when she moved to Highlands. In her last year, she was attended faithfully by her friend, Wallis E. DeWitt.

Preceded in death by her brother, Samuel Wilson Preston, Jr. as well as by her husband, Mrs. Beavers is survived by a niece, Mrs. J.B. Coram of Scaly Mountain, NC, and four nephews: Mark Woolman Preston and Clayton Woolman Preston of Atlanta, Stephen Woolman Preston of Washington D.C., and Samuel Wilson Preston, III of Watkinsville, Georgia, and by five great-nieces and four great-nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Atlanta, GA. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## • MILESTONES •

### Hicks receives Ashby Wade Award

April Hicks, Highlands School Valedictorian of the class of 2006, is this year's recipient of Western Carolina University's Ashby Wade Award of Excellence in Freshman Composition.

The Ashby Wade Award is given to a freshman student upon successful completion of Composition I and II courses. English professors nominate students and submit graded works from both composition courses as well as a letter of recommendation to a panel of judges consisting of English instructors selected each year by the Head of the English Department.

In addition to having pieces published in *Ink*, WCU's annual compilation of student compositions, Hicks will also receive a check for \$100.

Hicks plans to continue her education at WCU this fall and is currently pursuing a major in Elementary Education

with a concentration in English and was also given Dean's List honors for the Fall 2006 and Spring 2007 semesters.



April Hicks

### Quit smoking for free and for good

Area residents who wish to kick the smoking habit will have a chance to participate in a proven program that can help them stop smoking, and for the first time ever, it's completely free!

HealthTracks, the fitness program at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, is again offering its successful series of classes on smoking cessation. The round of eight classes, taught by certified instructor Teri Cooper, normally costs \$50. But this time it's on the house.

"As the area's leader in promoting better health, we felt we should try a new approach to encourage people in our communities to give up tobacco," said Yvonne Smith director of the HealthTracks. "By offering the program free to the community, we hope to eliminate yet another excuse not to make the commitment to stop smoking now."

ing now."

The program begins Tuesday, July 17 with a "Think About Quitting" session. Seven more two-hour classes will be held over the course of the next two months, most on Tuesdays at 3 p.m. in HealthTracks on the lower level of the Woodruff Medical Building on the hospital campus.

During the course of the program, participants will study their own behavior, build the motivation needed to quit smoking, and then develop techniques to prevent relapses to provide long-term freedom from smoking or other tobacco use.

The program will also cover related subjects such as skills for good stress management, weight control, assertive communication, and exercise.

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Old Highlands Charm in this great golf front home. The open kitchen features concrete and butcher block countertops, an antique storage cabinet with matching glass dish display; top of the line appliances and a fabulous pantry. The master bedroom boasts a huge walk-in closet, large tiled shower and a sunroom complete with hot tub. \$695,000



Low maintenance villa overlooking the 6th green at Highlands Falls. Two bedrooms, two baths, wonderful deck, No steps to enter and all on one floor. Watch the golfers or just relax on the screened in porch. Newly installed HVAC. Large crawl space offers room for expansion. Stone fireplace in the great room. \$329,000

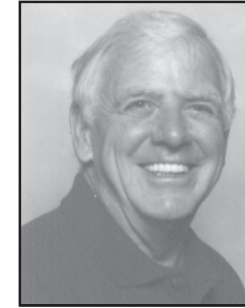


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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### This and That

**A**re you sitting down?  
(ha) The United States government just paid Russia \$19 million for a space toilet. What could possibly be built into a toilet that could cost \$19 million? In my opinion, that's too much to pay for poop. I mean how many illegal immigrants could get free medical care and housing for that kind of money. I'm upset.



**Fred Wooldridge**

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The toilets were invented in Spain, the land of bull poop. Not only do these toilets have seat belts to hold you in place, but side handles to hang on to just in case your space ship goes into a violent spin during a movement. Not to worry because the whole mess is controlled by suction, making sure everything goes where it should. We learned of these toilets while reading a Russian newspaper ad which read "Our Toilets Suck!" Are they cheaper if we buy two?

It's a good thing we're all not holding our breath waiting for the Gantenbein boys to go to trial on dope charges. They have already asked for a couple of delays and I can't say I blame them. Rumor has it that at the last hearing the Louisiana judge said to the court bailiff, "Okay Bubba, bring those two guilty Yankees in here and let's get this over with!" Good luck, guys, and you might want to check out the weather in Costa Rica. It's lovely this time of the year.

Speaking of delays, why doesn't the Town Board get off the fence and vote one way or the other on the Pine Street Park project? Rumor has it that a vote right now would fail so everyone in favor of the project (maybe, four) wants to wait until after the November election in hopes of getting fresh blood. I personally don't think it matters. I can't find anyone who loves the idea of a park in the middle of the street. I do like Macon Bank's new proposed ad, "Park your money with Macon Bank." Nice!

Kudos to the fireworks crew at the Rec Park for another splendid job on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and congratulations to Dave Lindsay for not losing any fingers this year. I used to work the fireworks display with Dave and you should see how scary it gets in that Rec Park parking lot during the performance.

Most folks are not aware of the dangers of lighting explosives and running before they go off.

Once, a rocket only lifted 10 feet from its cannon when it exploded, showering us all with white hot aluminum, titanium and burning magnesium. That might have been the same year I decided to retire as assistant to the assistant to the assistant for lighting fireworks. If you spot one of those pyrotechnic experts (you may insert the word lunatic here) stop and thank them for a good job.

Everyone keeps encouraging me to attend a Town Board meeting but I still haven't gone. I don't suffer from insomnia and see no need to attend.

Highlands has just made history again with the smallest book ever submitted into the Guinness Book of Record. The book is titled, "Blacks I've met in Highlands." (Is that tacky, or what?) Would you believe I used to think that the Guinness Book of Records was a head count on who was drinking Guinness beer? After wasting a fortune, I was disappointed to learn my name is not even in the book once. Bummer!

I love to take my car to 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main streets and play "chicken." When I was in high school I was a champion "chicken" player and won many contests. Of course, "chicken" is played by facing two speeding cars in opposite directions with their wheels on the center line. The car that jumps off the center line first is "chicken."

Well, I will admit 3<sup>rd</sup> and Main is not as scary as the old "chicken" so I call approaching this intersection "chicken for geezers." Since there's never a time when a car is not bearing down on you, I choose to leap into the intersection when I see a wimpy looking vacationer approaching. Now I'm half way there but still can't see the other side of Main Street traffic. Who cares, this is "chicken." My motto is "Forge ahead until you hear glass break." It's worked so far.

Finally, my apologies to all my readers who hate my toilet humor; a \$19 million toilet was just too good to pass up.



## • ANOTHER VIEW •

Maybe you read the story about the woman who bled to death in a Los Angeles hospital emergency waiting room. That's right. She died in the E.R. waiting room, not on an emergency department litter, surrounded by heroic doctors and nurses trying valiantly to save her life. In fact, if just one intern or student nurse had gone into the waiting area, started an intravenous, and administered fluids, the patient would have survived. Instead a janitor was called to mop up the blood pooling around the dying victim.

The patient's boyfriend called 911 and requested an ambulance to transport the critically ill patient to another hospital where she might receive care. The 911 dispatcher responded, in a tone that has become all too common, that the caller should ask to speak with a hospital supervisor if he was unhappy with the care at L.A. King-Harbor Hospital. I strongly suspect that he had already begged for help and placed the 911 call in desperation.

An anonymous patient placed a second 911 call, apparently believing that she could persuade the emergency response system to respond. How wrong she was! The dispatcher scolded her that the case was not an emergency. If you ever call 911 and the dispatcher starts with "Sir" or Ma'am," expect an insult to follow. In every replay of a 911 call I have heard, the dispatcher sounds bored, hostile, and impatient.

"Please send help. An intruder is in my house."  
"Be calm Ma'am. What is your address?"  
"He's getting closer. Please send help."  
"Ma'am. I can't help you unless you remain calm and cooperate. Now, give me your address and social security number. What was the last book you read and what is your favorite movie?"  
"Please. He's in the next room."  
(hysterical sobbing).  
"Ma'am. I can't understand you. Remain calm and speak distinctly or I won't be able to help you."  
"plea..." (phone goes dead).

Of course, only rude insensitive responses that contribute to catastrophic outcomes make the evening news. I suppose millions of calls are fielded in a professional and compassionate manner by a devoted corps of 911 dispatchers. Maybe.

In this case the hospital bore far greater responsibility than the 911 operators. I can understand that a dispatcher might well be confused by a



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call which requests transfer from a hospital emergency room to another hospital, for emergency care.

This hospital, a struggling inner city facility which serves patients in Watts has often been threatened with loss of funding and closure. Like the parent of a naughty child, regulators have repeatedly warned, "The next time you do that..." The kid is still plastering the walls with rice pudding and MLK-Harbor is still open for

business.

I wonder where the people would get care if the hospital were closed. The people in the neighborhood don't want it shut down. It may not be much, but it's all they have. I'll just bet Beverly Hills Hospital would throw open its doors in a welcoming gesture to the impoverished population currently served by King-Harbor.

Hospitals around the country are offering gifts to patients who suffer lengthy waits. It is a marketing ploy designed to keep paying patients from defecting to competing facilities. Awards include baseball tickets and deep dish pizza. I'm sure that most patients would opt for rapid, professional, compassionate care, much as most travelers would prefer to reach their destinations on time instead of being compensated with a voucher for a future flight.

There are many problems with the delivery of health care in the United States. Emergency rooms are under siege by patients who lack family physicians, insurance, and the ability to pay. Some once had family doctors, but stacks of unpaid bills make them unwelcome in offices where they once received care. They seek care in the local emergency room, where no one can be turned away. Some apologists can and will justify this case because emergency departments and their staffs are under funded and overworked. Not surprising, most of these patients are uninsured, poor, or illegal aliens. Many are all three.

This woman's name was Rodriguez. In a last desperate measure to save her life, her boyfriend called the police for assistance. Ms. Rodriguez had a outstanding warrant. Responding police officers arrested her instead of giving care, but she died before she reached the patrol car.

There is such anger directed against our Hispanic population. It is often difficult to distinguish an American

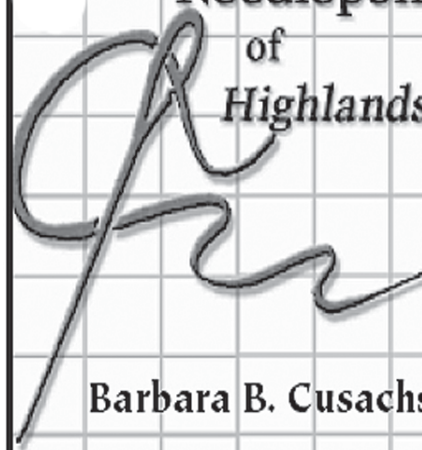
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## • HIS & HERS •

### None of my exes lives in Texas

I have three ex-husbands. I know this sounds excessive. It seems that way, even to me. I would gladly have slept through the first two altogether. Sometimes, I think I did. Folks seem to think that having three husbands indicates some sort of excess, as if I've been spending much of my adult life getting in touch with my inner bimbo. I don't understand why my former marital woes should up me in the "hubba hubba" stakes.

Some people actually get angry with me. In Paris, I had a fellow translator living in the same building. When she found out that Colin was my third husband, she was indignant. "How could you?" she wailed. "Don't you realize that because you've been married three times, there are two single women out there who never got married because of you? You married the men who were intended for them. YOU MARRIED THEIR HUSBANDS." She looked at me with disgust and dismay. You could tell that she felt she was one of those two women.

Let me hasten to add that I am not proud of my marital past. I don't understand the logic behind thinking that being married three times was a pleasant experience. After all, if you'd gone out to buy a car, and wound up with three lemons in a row, no one claims that you've enjoyed the whole car-buying experience.

The whole ex-husband thing brings up an annoying issue. How do you talk about places you've been, people you've met, which you experienced with an ex? "The last time we were in Scotland," I would begin, "We did the Whiskey Trail." We who? Well, the ex and me. You can't say "I did this" and "I did that" because you didn't do those things alone. In saying "we", you bring up an invisible person who begs to be explained, or at least, introduced to the listener.

The wording is hard to get. What do you say? My then husband? Or, do you give them numbers, like popes? Ex-husband #1? When you mention their relatives, it gets even trickier. Husband #3's mother passed away several years



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ago. Do I refer to her as "my late then mother-in-law", or "my late ex-mother-in-law"? I puzzled John the other day by referring to Cousin Anne and Cousin Chrissie, the Scottish cousins. "You don't have any cousins in Scotland" he replied. The Scottish cousins in question are

actually two cousins of ex-husband #3, and a more delightful pair of ladies never existed. They say that in a divorce, the person who gets the friends is usually the person who needs them the least. I'm pleased to say that we still share the Scottish cousins.

I'm also delighted that I have retained Jonathan, ex-husband #3's best friend since their high school days at Rutledge, the private boys' school in Wimbledon (made famous by former Prime Minister John Major having attended it). Jonathan always remembers my birthday, and phones every Christmas, keeping me on the telephone for so long that I fear for his phone bill. Kindness runs in his family. When I married into his best friend's family, the reception was very chilly, but Jonathan's mother swept me into her arms at our first meeting, and made me feel welcome. You don't forget such things. Recently, Jonathan has had health problems, and e-mails have been buzzing back and forth across the Pond. He's doing better, thank goodness, and remains at the top of my Christmas card list.

The assumption is that if you are divorced, you have nothing but nasty things to say about your former partner. Not necessarily so! Ex-#3 was a nice man before I met him, was a nice man while I was married to him, and remains a nice man to this day. He and I just weren't destined to grow old together, his choice, not mine. That doesn't mean he's become a horrible person just because things didn't work out.

I saw something amazing recently. At the courthouse in Franklin, I saw a couple having their divorce finalized. The couple gave each other a huge hug, and walked out of the courthouse, hand

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## • CONSERVATIVE POV •

### America's looming fiscal crisis

**S**ocial Security and Medicare are rapidly going broke. That's not my opinion. It's the expert opinions of the Board of Trustees of Social Security and Medicare, the Comptroller General of the United States and the Chairman of the Federal Reserve of the United States. This is an issue that is not being talked about by the presidential candidates as much as it should be.

"If early and meaningful action is not taken, the U.S. economy could be seriously weakened, with future generations bearing much of the cost," Chairman Bernanke of the Federal Reserve told the Senate Budget Committee.

Currently, amounts taken from workers' paychecks are used to pay current benefits with any surplus being invested in U.S. Treasury bonds, the so-called "trust fund." The retiring Baby Boom generation will force the system to start paying more in benefits than it receives in tax revenues in just 10 years. From that point on until approximately 2042, benefits are supposed to be paid from a combination of FICA taxes withheld from the workers and amounts redeemed from the trust fund. The problem is the trust fund has been spent and in order to redeem the bonds in the trust fund the government will be required to increase taxes. Current estimates show a gap of more than \$13 trillion between the promises we've made to future retirees and what the program will actually collect in taxes.

As a short-term fix, we could push off the day of reckoning for a while through higher taxes, just like Congress has done for more than 20 times over the years. Or we could accomplish the same goal by cutting benefits, including raising the retirement age or taxing payouts. However, all of these "solutions" are really just ways to make Social Security and Medicare even worse deals for the American workers.

True reform of the system would come by allowing American workers to create and fund personal retirement accounts with money that can never be taken away from them by future Congresses who can't resist the temptation. Personal accounts allow workers to build a nest egg they can own, control and pass on to their children. They can be funded by our payroll taxes and will grow with the economy, providing seniors with a secure retirement income and breaking us free of



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the Social Security death spiral. Studies have demonstrated that even the lowest paid wage earners would have greater retirement benefits, even if the accounts earned a modest 4% over an individual's working life, than they will have under the current system.

Aside from being just a really poor investment, the current system turns the retiring person into a dependent of the government, even though it is their money being returned to them. I fail to see the downside of the proposed plan.

There is such a paradox here I have a hard time believing the current system has remained in place as long as it has.

On one hand, the government encourages market investments by giving tax breaks through IRAs and 401ks. On the other hand, they argue that the market is too risky for your retirement funds?

Then there is the old adage "do what I say, not what I do." Social Security is just right for you, but we Congresspersons put our retirement into market investment funds and we're doing quite well, thank you. I am embarrassed that I can't be specific about the actual location, but a medium-sized Texas city opted out of the Social Security system for its municipal employees many years ago, and instead it invested in market-based instruments. Many of these fortunate folks have now retired and are enjoying huge monthly checks, many times greater than had they chosen the Social Security system as their retirement plan.

This is an issue that will not go away. The longer Congress puts off reforming the system, the more harsh the ultimate resolution. In the upcoming election, listen for the candidate that will address this issue and offer to support personal retirement accounts as the solution for this looming disaster.

Say what you will about President Bush's term in office, his stressing individual ownership of retirement plans is a philosophy that benefits everybody except politicians who would like to keep workers in dependency.

America is on the brink of a national fiscal and retirement security crisis. Congress has misused the American workers' money. Only personal accounts owned by the worker will stop Congress from further raids on workers' paychecks. There is no time to waste. Consider this important issue as the election approaches.

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After the performance, a gala reception was held at the home of Fletcher Wolfe in Sky Valley, Ga. Pictured is Dr. Mark Heffington of the Highlands-Cashiers Community Care Clinic, opera tenor Sergio Blazquez and Jody Zahner.

**Opera stars "wow" PAC audience**

**By Bobbie Wolfe**  
Contributor

The reaction to the opera concert last Tuesday evening was more reminiscent of a rock concert than a staid sophisticated audience.

The sell-out crowd was on its feet yelling, whistling and begging for more with their thunderous applause.

Opera tenor Sergio Blazquez and soprano Lea Lanier brought much more to the stage than just magnificent singing. Their soap-opera appearance and an instant rapport with the listeners created an electrifying response. When the audience was invited to join the singing of The Star Spangled Banner there were many tear-eyed participants.

Later at the reception, opera-goer Linda

Arnold summed it up when she said, "All one can say is 'Wow!'"

Mr. Blazquez, leading tenor of the Mainz Germany Opera House flew over just to do the program to raise funds for the Highlands-Cashiers Community Care Clinic and Ms. Lanier, leading soprano of Atlanta Lyric Opera joined him in several familiar opera duets.

Most of the audience said that Highlands has never experienced such professionalism in a concert.

Robert Henry, brilliant young pianist, brought the house down on a solo rendition of a Liszt number.

It is hoped that Highlanders will travel to New York in December to hear Mr. Blazquez sing at Carnegie Hall.



The clinic board and Episcopal church members at the Blazquez reception.



## • HOSPITAL NEWS •

### Summary of combined June 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 its most recent meeting on Thursday, June 28.

- New Eckerd Living Center Administrator Shawna Mellott was introduced to the board. She joined the hospital's administrative team several months ago, but was attending her first board meeting. She told board members she is happy to be at such a "wonderful facility," and looked forward to working with the board in the months and years ahead.

- Monica Crook, RN, director of Highlands-Cashiers Hospice, presented a short educational program for board members on the history and role of the local hospice program, which has been operated by the hospital since 2001. Several board members pointed out how important a service the program provides to the community.

- During the Finance Committee Report, hospital CFO Mike Daiken told board members that the May financials showed a larger loss than had been originally projected in the current budget, but that the loss this past May was still much better than for the same month last year. Two thirds of the way into the current fiscal year the hospital is basically on target according to its budget.

- The board also discussed the necessity to raise room rates at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. The center has not raised its rate in more than two years, despite rising supply costs and increasing salaries to recruit and retain the best possible staff. It was pointed out that investment, along with other measures taken, has paid off in increased stability in the staff. At present the center is fully staffed, and even has a surplus of applicants.

Board members approved implementing a \$15 per day increase in room rates, effective Aug. 1, 2007. The increase will apply to both semi-private and private rooms. Even with the increase, which averages around 10 percent, the center's rates remain comparable to other providers around the region.

- In routine action, the board approved the Medical Staff's recommen-

dation to recredential a number of physicians, including family physician Dr. David Wheeler and a several visiting pathologists and backup radiologists.

- In his report, CEO Ken Shull informed board members that the hospital plans to hold a Healthy Living Fair on Saturday, July 14 in the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the hospital campus. The fair will include physician lectures, booths and exhibits and a number of demonstrations on preventative health and fitness. A similar event two years ago drew between 250 and 300 participants. The fair, which has been expanded this year, is free to the public.

Shull also reported the hospital will soon be utilizing CareLearning.org for much of its continuing staff education. The non-profit online consortium of hospitals across the country offers computer based training that will reduce costs and improve convenience for hospital employees. Two computer "learning stations" will be set up at the hospital, but employees with internet access at home, can opt to complete required periodic education during off hours as well.

And the hospital is part of a combined effort through the WNC Health Network that is seeking a grant for a pilot program that will allow three small hospitals, Swain County, Transylvania Community hospital and HCH, to design ways that would connect the electronic medical records of their physicians with their own computer systems.

- Shull also reported that after several months in limbo at the state level, officials with the Division of Facility Services have approved the hospital's construction plans for installing a new nuclear medicine camera in an area that was formerly the board room. That area is immediately adjacent to the main radiology suite. The board approved the purchase of the hospital's own nuclear medicine unit last fall. It will replace the need for the mobile nuclear unit that currently serves area patients.

- Shull also gave the board an update on efforts to recruit a general surgeon. He said the hospital has been through the curriculum vitae of more than 30 possible candidates in the past 60 days, actually talking with many of them. The hospital was able to rule out a number of those candidates because

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Franklin Tailgate Market takes place every Saturday at 200 block of East Palmer Street in downtown Franklin. Photos by Evan Schmidt

# Transplants and locals feature organic goods at tailgate market

**By Evan Schmidt**  
Contributor

Chester Willette had been coming to Franklin on vacation ever since he was 11 years old, but it wasn't until recently he made the big decision to leave the Big Apple and the large health food store he managed in Brooklyn Heights, NY and move to the little town year-round. It was a big decision not only for him, but for one of his top customers. She (the customer) said that "after two hours on the phone with him, he had convinced me to move also." And she did! She says her move to Franklin provides a quieter atmosphere than New York City and a perfect place to write her book.

Chester Willette may have left his health food store behind, but he wasn't finished with gardening or finding locally grown food to eat. The result? A new business called FranklyNatural. It started with the ginger plants he brought with him from New York which he promptly planted around his property.

Next, he joined about 20 vendors who arrive early Saturday morning at the Franklin Tailgate Market. Prior to Willette, Jr.'s arrival, his father Chester Willette, Sr., has been selling at the market for four years.

They look to the market as a place to sell items and the place to find wholesome, natural, locally grown food

At the next booth down from Willette



Lloyd Allen, right, has been a farmer for 20 years and says the Franklin Tailgate Market is a good place to sell his produce.



is the mountain farmer, Lloyd Allen, who says he's been a farmer for 20 years, and tends "pretty much anything that grows." Those items include a wide variety of vegetables which he sells to stores in the area, and from his farm, Hillbilly Farm, 12 miles north of town.

An even more unusual type of business at the Franklin Tailgate Market is Wild Bill's Wild Flower Search and Rescue. Bill Hammock is dedicated to "going ahead of the bulldozer" and rescuing native plants. Before the blade hits the soil, Bill is there with his shovel digging up the plants. He rescued native plants when Hwy. 107 was extended into Sylva. Though none of his plants are edible like most of the other vendors at the tailgate market, his ginseng does have medicinal uses. Hammock also sells his rescued native plants to nurseries in North Carolina like Chattooga Gardens in Cashiers.

Jan Herriott, another vendor, makes heaps of products like homemade yogurt and cheese. She is very proud of the fact that everything on her farm in Mountain City, Ga., is organic – even the goats. A new item is her organic dog biscuits. They are so delicious, she says, she sees people who buy them for their dogs, go away eating them.

Two of the first vendors at the market when it began in 2000 are John Boertjens of Hidden Valley Farm and Don Martin of Nature's Way Farm. They pick their crops March through November, and plant in the spring. Boertjens grows peppers, tomatoes, snap peas, eggplant, onions, garlic, Swiss chard, spinach, lettuce, cabbage, broccoli and kohlrabi. Martin uses cold frame houses – a type of greenhouse which doesn't require heat – to grow his crops. Martin also sells through his "FarmShare" program, where people pay up front at the beginning of the year and come by his farm to pick up the vegetables as needed.

There were several family-owned bakeries selling their wares. Riverblaze Baking Company specializes in Artisan

Breads and has a bakery five miles west of town on Highway 64. The other is Brenda's Country Fresh, operated by Austin and Brenda Ferrara. They bake a delicious variety of homemade fresh breads and sweet rolls. Austin Ferrara says they strive to make the best tasting and good-for-you breads. "Our organic grains are ground the same day that they are baked for the most nutrition possible," said Ferrara. They use roasted peanuts, cashews and "real salt". "Real salt," he says, has all of the minerals intact – so it's not processed. This is their second year at the market after moving from New York.

The Franklin Tailgate Market takes place every Saturday at 200 block of East Palmer Street in downtown Franklin. It's at the parking lot across the street from the old post office between Phillips Street and Patton Avenue. Someday the vendors would like to start a similar tailgate market in Highlands, but until then they can be found in Franklin every Saturday. For more information, pictures, maps and directions go to [franklinmarket.googlepages.com](http://franklinmarket.googlepages.com).



Sarah Sutherland of Riverblaze Bakery comes to market every Saturday to sell her artisan breads and other bakery food. Her bakery is five miles west of Franklin.



A typical vendor of fresh goods at the Franklin Tailgate Market.

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town – all kinds of home-based businesses in every zone including R-1 – the Planning Board tried to make a “one ordinance fits all.”

But at the June 6 Town Board meeting, commissioners instructed Interim Zoning Administrator Richard Betz to re-

draft the ordinance to only include R1-ETJ as originally planned.

Though commissioners agree the issue of “illegal” home-based businesses in the R-1 zoning district should probably be addressed at some point, they deferred any decision on the issue.

So as of July 11, a home occupation – an occupation actually pursued or carried on within a person's place of residence by himself or family members who reside there, as well as no more than one person not a resident of the premises, and including professional offices of accountants, architects artists, attorneys, beauticians,

dentists, engineers, musicians, physicians, surveyors, and family day care homes keeping less than six unrelated children, but excluding veterinary services,” are allowed in R1-ETJ.

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The tours of the gardens will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, with six garden stops within the Cullasaja Club, combining nine lovely and varied gardens. Participants choose either a morning or afternoon tour time on one of the two days.

Everyone meets and parks at the Community Bible Church on Hwy. 64 and, after checking in, will be shuttled in style to the various homes. A light lunch will be offered at the church's activity hall, where participants will have the opportunity to chat with garden professionals and receive educational materials.

The finale is a Sunday Brunch featuring Vince Dooley, the well known former University of Georgia athletic director and football coach, as well as an avid gardener. Dooley will be speaking at the Performing Arts Center beginning at 12:10 p.m. Check-in is from 11:45 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Dooley will be autographing his books afterward; people can purchase a book from him at the event.

The gardens on the tour include the following:

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in hand. "You'll always be my best friend", I heard one of them say. Okay, if they're such good friends, why aren't they staying married? Who knows? Sometimes you can love someone, but can't live with them. Sometimes you grow apart. I'm not saying that marriage is easy, and that you should bail out at the first sign of difficulty. It's just not always possible to stay in a relationship which only one person wants. People who think that divorced folks take marriage lightly are way off the mark. I envy couples who got it right the first time. My parents were married for over 50 years. That placed the bar very high for me. I wish I could have found that forever person on my first go-round, but I didn't. What I did learn from them is that you never give up looking for happiness, no matter how hard the journey.

H.L. Mencken said that remarriage is the triumph of hope over experience. Let's just say that some of us have more to hope than others.

• About the Author: Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. Michelle confesses to being a serial monogamist. She is a member of the Highlands Writers Group.

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it was apparent that they would probably not be comfortable working at a small hospital, or living in a resort community of this size. Others did not meet the standards established by the board and medical staff, he said. However, talks are still on going with a number of serious candidates who have expressed a desire to possibly relocate their practice here.

While the financial recruitment package being offered by the hospital is attracting a lot of attention, he said, the housing market, both here and around the country, is becoming a significant obstacle for anyone wishing to relocate.

Nevertheless, the hospital has been close on several occasions to finalizing agreements that would bring general surgery back to the hospital, only to have one obstacle or another surface at the last minute that eventually derailed the process.



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Outcry from neighbors over land disturbance, consequences to their property, views and safety issues on narrow roads concerned the commissioners.

The proposed development is on 4.4 acres in the R-1 zone and would include four new homes and an existing log cabin.

Basically, commissioners found the property unsuitable for the scope of the development.

"Just because a piece of property is zoned a certain way doesn't mean that every piece can handle what's allowed in that zone," said Commissioner Dennis DeWolf. "What's allowed and what's reasonable isn't always the same. You want to force a road on a very steep piece of property. This certain piece of property, its proportions and the combination of steepness make it ludicrous. We have to think about what's reasonable in terms of ecological consequences, the impact to the land and the neighbors."

Pesterfield reminded the board that the town's road standards are more strict than the state's standards and suggested those ordinances be amended – something the town's Planning Board is currently addressing.

For instance, in the mountains road radiuses are allowed to follow the lay of the land making tighter roads with switchbacks.

But Commissioner Amy Patterson said the NC DOT road development recommendations outlines three scenarios for road building based on topography. She said only one standard addresses mountainous areas but its labeled "Hilly" not mountainous.

"DOT's standards don't always fit everything," she said. "Besides what we're talking about here is not 'hilly' it's more like a precipice," she said. "Just because an engineer can do it doesn't mean we can allow it. We have to respect the land not what can be worked out on a slide ruler."

Pesterfield said the project would be redesigned. "But my question is, if we meet lot size requirements and the subdivision ordinances will we still be denied based on personal opinion?"

He didn't get an answer, but commissioners said for fire protection the subdivision would have to run a six-inch water line 500 feet from the farthest home site in the subdivision to Old Brushy Face Road and N.C. 28 to connect with the town line.

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<b>Lowering Risk for Coronary Disease</b> Carl Curtiss, MD, FACC	<b>10:00 AM</b> Suite 103
<b>Making Healthy Smoothies</b> Jeanette Fisher, BS-CPT	<b>10:00 AM</b> Suite 102
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## • REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

### Peace be with us all

On the Fourth of July I filmed some of the day's events and also asked this question of a few dozen people: "Since today is our country's birthday, what birthday wish would you make for our country?" Approximately 75% of the respondents said "peace" in some fashion or other. Some specifically said they wanted to see an end to the Iraq war, or war in general, but most just said "peace."

I went to the Soviet Union in 1979 and at the time I could speak Russian. In the six weeks I was there I talked to a lot of people (all of whom had never spoken to an American before) and the most common question I was asked was this: "why does your country want to have war with us? We don't want war with you." They of course had been taught that the U.S. was the aggressor in the Cold War.

Here I was, in the midst of the "enemy," and what they wanted was peace!

A few years ago I read a book called *The Invention of Peace*, by Michael Howard (Hudson Library 327.1H). Here is a quote from an interview with Mr. Howard which summarizes his thesis: "It was taken for granted, certainly within European society, that war was natural and inevitable and that society was organized for war. The people in charge of societies were warriors or the descendants of warriors who really regarded it as their job to prepare for and, if possible, to win the wars which were going to happen. Peace was just the intervals between wars which were very largely taken up with preparing for the next war. The idea that society could be organized without war at all—without the possibility or probability of war happening—was something which only developed with the 18th century Enlightenment and became, increasingly, the accepted view of Western societies. It took quite a long time for it to get through." [Salon.com]

He concludes that world peace does not mean just an absence of war; it requires an active effort to manage and resolve conflicts.

The word "peace" means much more than just lack of war. We talk of "peace of mind" and "the peace that surpasses understanding."

As I pondered the answers to my Fourth of July question I began to think



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those people also wanted these deeper more profound meanings of peace in their lives. I think most people desire above all the ability to live their lives unmolested, to raise their children and enjoy their lives.

The problem is that we may desire this peace but we also desire other things and as a consequence we wreck our

own peace.

I read somewhere that psychologists have found that people consistently overestimate the amount they can accomplish in any given time period. When we plan our days we never seem to allot enough time so we have to rush to finish or rush to make it to the next thing or feel stressed because we haven't finished...

Last week a friend told me about a beach town he really likes near Savannah Georgia called Folly Beach. As you drive into town there is a sign that says, "Slow down, it's Folly."

As he said that it struck me: I live in a place that should have a sign that says that, and yet I don't live it. Almost every day I find myself rushing into town practically pushing tourists out of my way.

I heard someone say today, "You're lucky to live here in God's country." Imagine if we had a sign at the entrance to Cullasaja Gorge: "Slow down, you're entering God's Country." And then imagine if we all paid attention to the sign!

I have compared the time it takes to drive from Highlands to Franklin when I have driven as fast as I can around every curve as opposed to a leisurely pace. The difference is five minutes in time and a much more significant amount of peace of mind.

A young man I spoke to on the Fourth surprised and delighted me with his answer to my question. He wished that people would slow down; stop taking things for granted and stop consuming so many resources, of both the planet and time.

Next time you're stuck behind a slow-moving tourist, do what I've started doing: enjoy the sunlight streaming through the trees or the flowers along the roadside. Take some deep breaths and remember why you moved here.

[And to any tourists reading this:

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## • THE VIDEO GUY •

### House of Fools (*Dom durakov*)

The 2004 dark comedy/political satire written and directed by Andrei Konchalovsky (Tango and Cash, Andrey Rublyov) starring Yuliya Vysotskaya (Lion in Winter), as Zhanna, Yevgeni Mironov as the Soldier and, Cecilie Thomsen (Tomorrow Never Dies) as the Lithuanian sharpshooter, Stanislav Varkki as the poet, and Bryan Adams (apparently a well known Canadian Pop singer, I never heard of him, myself) as himself. Rated R, in Russian with English subtitles.

The Storyline: A young woman, Zhanna, lives in a psychiatric hospital in Chechnya (southwestern Russia), where



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she awaits the arrival of her finance, Bryan Adams (who makes numerous appearances in the film).

During one of the conflicts that have plagued that region for years, the staff, not being crazy, decide to leave, to get help, or to duck and run is not immediately clear, and the inmates are left to their own devices. Conditions go from crazy to chaotic, as the asylum is bombed and occupied, sometimes by

Chechnyan rebels, sometimes by Russian troopers. Zhanna and her friend Ali do the best they can to keep some order, looking after their friends and fellow inmates, as the situation gets more

disjointed than an asylum would ordinarily be.



Be advised, while the story has some very comic elements, it is VERY dark, a great deal of the hospital scenes are rather disturbing, and some of the invasion scenes are brief but violent. Having said that, the cinematography makes great use of light and shadow, the segues of Bryan Adams are hilarious, and the actors' gentle portrayal of the inmates is both realistic, sympathetic, and entertaining.

Almost beyond belief is that this story is based on true events. This film, quite controversial in its native Russia, it seems that the few things that Russians and Chechnyans share is a dislike of the events in this movie, and how they were presented, but abroad it seems to have a greater appeal.

More great Russian films are Siberian Barber, Close to Eden, Anna, Andrei Rublev, Burnt by the Sun, and another great Russian anti war film, The Cuckoo.

## Highlands community understands the importance of literacy

Support literacy in Highlands by attending the "Loving Literacy: A Premiere Gala" Wednesday, August 15, at 6:30, at the Performing Arts Center.

Yu will enjoy a night reminiscent of a Hollywood Academy Award Night, complete with the red carpet, paparazzi and press. We will start the night with wine and a delectable array of hors d'oeuvres provided by The Kitchen of Let Holly Do The Cooking. After the performance of the hilarious comedy, "How the Other Half Loves," by British playwright, Alan Ayckbourn, mingle with the cast over dessert and coffee from Blackberry Hill Bakery and Deli and have your picture taken with cast members! There will also be a drawing for golf packages donated from local country clubs, valued at \$500 or more.

In late 1992, The Literacy Council of Highlands began as a small volunteer organization to serve the one-third of the adults in Macon County without a high school diploma with almost 15% of those with less than a ninth grade education.

The Highlands Rotary Club was instrumental in the inception of the Literacy Council, providing seed money for materials and by acting as a community partner. Rotary also recruited volunteer tutors from within the club and the community. The

original four-member board of directors had their first board meeting on the floor of a local cabin which, at the time, was being rented by founder and Executive Director, Susie DeVille.

By the spring of 1993, the Literacy Council of Highlands was launched with a dozen volunteers ready to tutor in the basement of the Methodist church. The initial focus of the Council was adult literacy.

However, with parents seeking help for their children who were struggling with reading, math and other school subjects, the enormous need for school-aged student tutoring became apparent. Several calls came in for GED prep tutoring as well, causing a slight shift in the focus



Recent GED graduates of the Literacy Council of Highlands.

of the Council.

Today, the Literacy Council is still a small but thriving organization, with a full-time executive director and budget of about \$70,000. It has a main office, a computer lab, and several small tutoring rooms in the Peggy Crosby Center — a community building in Highlands that offers slightly reduced rent to nonprofits. The Literacy Council continues to rely on support from Highlands' Rotary clubs, local churches, and foundations as well as the unyielding support from local merchants, restaurants and community residents. The council

wouldn't exist if not for the tireless efforts of its volunteer tutors, who give of their time and energy with big hearts and intelligent minds.

Literacy Council programs include After-School Tutoring, After-School ESL, GED, English as a Second Language, Adult Literacy, and the computer lab, which is used in four of its six programs.

The biggest program is the After-School Tutoring Program, with more than 70 students enrolled. The Council partners with Southwestern Community College in offering its GED classes and ESL class, and it has both reading tutorial and language

learning software in the computer lab. All services are offered at no charge to more than 150 students each year.

The Literacy Council doesn't receive any funding from the federal or state government; 90% of its budget comes from our fund raising efforts and the generosity of community members.

Tickets are \$125 and are available for purchase at Cyrano's Bookshop on Main Street in Highlands and at the Literacy Council at 348 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street in Highlands. All proceeds benefit the Literacy Council. Please call Breta at 526-9938, ext 240 for more information.

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## The Reverend Cass Daly called to be rector of Christ Anglican Church

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Fr. Daly has been rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hartwell, Georgia for the past four years. Before that he was rector of The Church of the Epiphany in Jacksonville, and earlier, Associate Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Port Salerno, Florida. He graduated Cum Laude from The University of the South's School of Theology, receiving his Master of Divinity in 1997. After that he received a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care from Andersonville Theological Seminary, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Christ Anglican Church is a traditional, conservative, and orthodox Anglican church that is a member of the Anglican Province of America. It uses the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and its theology reverence Scripture as the inspired Word of God. The church serves the communities of Cashiers and Highlands.

Originally from the Northeast, Fr. Daly received a BA in Education from the University of Nebraska in 1970 and for several years taught and coached football at a high school in Gurley, Nebraska. Following that he had a banking and teaching career that took him to London, New York, and finally Florida. During his banking career he was an officer of Barnett Bank and later Southeast Bank.

Fr. Daly has been actively involved in the communities where he has served, both as a layman and as a priest. He has most recently served as Vice Chair of the Hart County Georgia Council on Domestic Violence, and on the Boards of the Hart County Literacy Council, The Hart County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry Board, and the inter-denominational Hartwell Ministerial Association. He has also been a Chaplain to the Hart County Prison and to the Hart County Hospital. It is anticipated that Fr. Daly will quickly assume similar responsibilities in Macon and Jackson counties and make significant contributions to our communities.

In Christ Anglican's five-month search process for a rector serious inquiries of interest were received from 39 priests. Fr. Daly immediately stood out as the person the Parish felt led to call. The Search Commit-

tee and Vestry voted unanimously to ask him to become rector and the Parish is greatly complimented that he immediately accepted the call.

During Christ Anglican's process of discernment Fr. Daly shared his walk with the Lord. Following below is a little of what he shared:

"First and foremost, Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior! Our Lord is my grounding experience. His life and teachings, as found in the Holy Word, form my template for trying to model my life (however inadequately in His light). In Galatians 5:22,23 we receive an outline of what we can expect as Spirit-filled Christians: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

"My relationship with Christ is both inward and outward. Inwardly, it is Jesus whom I turn to in prayer, supplication and thanksgiving. The Lord Jesus is my companion, my guide and my shepherd. I know that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is the source of the attributes I mentioned in the paragraph above. Outwardly, Jesus, the Christ, is the source of my strength, in my teaching, in my preaching and in my Christian love.

"I approach Holy Scripture as the Word of God. The Word contains all things necessary for Salvation because it speaks to us as a living source of truth, grace and beauty. Scripture is, for me, the given. It is the foundation of all that we hold sacred, authentic and true. If we base our belief system on Scripture, Tradition and Reason, Scripture is the big front wheel that drives and steers the tricycle.

"My passion, as a priest, is to bring people to Christ in many ways. I love to teach and to preach.

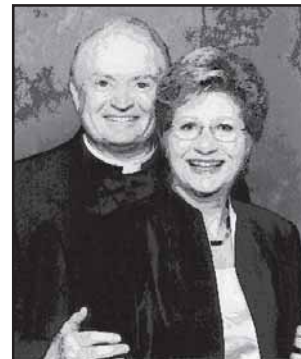
"My greatest gift, as a priest, is my ability to connect with people. I love to see a person grow spiritually. In a previous career, I was a coach and part of that is certainly still with me. I take great joy in encouraging, supporting and cheering for people in their faith walks."

"We [Audrey and I] know that we are being called to work and action in a new Apostolic, Anglican mission."

Fr. Daly and Audrey have a married daughter, Sandi Rubanov, a married son, Ed, and two granddaughters, ages 6 and 4.

Christ Church's vestry and congregation invite everyone in welcoming Cass and Audrey to the Highlands/Cashiers communities and will stay for a reception following his first service on July 15.

Christ Anglican Church's prayer is that through Fr. Cass and Audrey Christ Anglican Church may be a true blessing to the communities it serves.



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### ... ANOTHER VIEW continued from page 5

citizen from an undocumented immigrant. It is easy to think of foreigners as enemies. Our rhetoric links border security with the threat of terrorism. The Border Patrol is under the direction of the Department of Homeland Security. This tragedy might not have occurred were it not for the climate which political demagogues have created in our country. Millions of recent aliens have stressed our institutions, but the solution is not to demonize them, or to let them die in an emergency room, in a swelling puddle of their own blood. A white man named Smith would have survived the hemorrhage.

This case is not so different from the recent attempted terrorist attacks by Muslim health care professionals in England and Scotland. In Great Britain, the doctors were the immigrants. Their actions were motivated by hatred of the West and a desire to disrupt our institutions.

The attack on Ms. Rodriguez was passive compared to driving an explosive-laden Jeep into an airport lobby and lacked a religious foundation, but was based on a similar contempt for those who were seen as enemies, or perhaps in this case, just unwelcome pests.

A good many people have attempted to justify what happened in L.A. An overcrowded emergency department, overworked and under-funded personnel, and difficult patients are cited as explanations. Shame on anyone who would offer excuses for this inexcusable event.

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World peace is not something that will be accomplished by governments.

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• **BUSINESS NEWS** •

**Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles top producers**



Sharon Dalton



Sherman Pope



Gary Garren

The following CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of June.

In the Cashiers office the top listing agent was Sharon Dalton, provisional broker.

In the Highlands office, the top listing agent was Sherman Pope, broker associate and Fine Homes & Estate Specialist and New Construction Specialist. Pope was awarded the Masters Ruby award for his production in 2006.

In the Highlands office, the top sales agent was Gary Garren, managing broker.

CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles is located in seven offices in Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania countie

**Children's Book Signings at Cyrano's  
Bookshop on July 14**

On Saturday, July 14, Cyrano's Bookshop hosts a day of signings by children's book authors featuring area writers and illustrators as well as others from further afield in the south. Kids (and their parents and grandparents) will find books that are just right to for reading aloud to the youngest audience to new teenagers looking for stories of adventure and growing up.

"Grace and Marie's Little Farm on the Hill," written by Leah Webb and illustrated by Maud Coirier Belser, recounts the day's activities and chores on the farm, with cows, chickens, dogs and geese—presided over by cats Jack and Jill. This tale is told in simple but clever verse and charming pictures: "There's butter to churn/ And making the cheese/ Eggs to be gathered/ And tending the bees...."

Husband-and-wife team of John and Cathryn Sill (he does the illustrations, she the writing) live in Franklin. Their "About ..." series provides curious children with information on the creatures around them, pairing lush images and easy-to-understand prose (which is supplemented with more extensive endnotes for grownups to read and share with their children). "About Crustaceans" shows lobsters, barnacles, crayfish and a host of very charismatic crabs in their natural habitats along the shore and in the sea. Among the other titles in their series aimed at children from preschool through second grade are "About Fish" and "About Reptiles."

"Cubby to the Rescue!" is written and

illustrated by Steve Daniels of Cashiers and tells the story of a brave little Piper Cub airplane who overcomes the derision of his larger airborne friends like the jets and helicopters to save the day when only he can. The late Col. Robert K Morgan, pilot of the famous Memphis Belle, said that "Cubby" lets "children know that sometimes the best way to accomplish a goal in life is to go back to the basics...." Mr. Daniels has been a professional aviation artist and was invited to the White House where he presented George Bush with his painting of the fighter plane that the president flew in World War 2.

"Be Good to Eddie Lee" is a sympathetic look at how children with Down's syndrome and their friends cope with the learning disability. The atmospheric prose is by the award-winning poet and Highlands native Virginia Fleming and gets the tone of childhood — with its wonders, fears and peer pressure — just right while Floyd Cooper's luminous illustrations capture the glistening sun and shade of a summer afternoon in the south, when Eddie Lee tags along — at first unwanted — as neighbors Christy and JimBud explore a nearby pond and woods. Perfect for kids ages four to eight years old.

"The Coastwatcher" is a novel for young adults by Elise Weston, former book page editor of Augusta Magazine. It's 1943 and Hugh, his mom and his sister have fled a polio epidemic in the city and gone to spend the summer at the

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beach in South Carolina. One day Hugh looks through his binoculars and thinks he sees a periscope. Is there really an enemy sub out there? School Library Journal calls the book "an enjoyable historical novel" and praised the deft way

Ms. Weston weaves in details of life on the home front during the war with the plot's action and mystery.

Please call Cyrano's at 536-5488 to get the specific signing times for individual authors and illustrators.

### Magnolias chef to give cooking class at Fressers Eatery and book signing at Cyrano's

Whether you love big fluffy biscuits, golden-fried buttermilk chicken breasts and slow-cooked okra and tomatoes — or coriander-seared tuna fillet with Jalapeño and mango vinaigrette followed by fig tartlets, you'll want to meet Charleston chef and restaurateur Donald Barickman, who is giving a cooking class/demonstration at Fressers Eatery on Saturday, July 14, from 10 a.m. until noon, then signing copies of his latest cookbook, "Magnolias: Authentic Southern Cuisine" at Cyrano's Bookshop from 5-7 p.m. Barickman is the founding chef of Magnolia's Restaurant where

reservations have been eagerly sought after since its opening in 1990; he also presides over Blossom and Cypress, two other popular Charleston dining establishments. Barickman earned his reputation by combining traditional Carolina low-country cuisine with innovative ingredients and menus that he calls "Uptown/ Down South." And at Magnolias he often leads cooking classes with celebrity chefs visiting Charleston, so he isn't just a great chef—he's a great instructor, and in his book and classes has tailored each recipe to meet the needs of cooking at home, so aspiring chefs

will soon be able to impress their Highlands or Cashiers weekend guests.

A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Mr. Barickman is in the "Great Chefs of the South" cookbook and television series and has been featured in Gourmet and Southern Living magazines as well as the New York Times, and Magnolias was named one of the Distinguished Restaurants of North

America and profiled in Patricia Schultz's book "1,000 Places to See Before You Die." The price of the cooking class is \$100 per person and includes a copy of "Magnolias: Authentic Southern Cuisine." Refreshments will be offered on Saturday evening when Barickman autographs his cookbook at Cyrano's Bookshop. Please call Cyrano's at 526-5488 to reserve your place in the kitchen!

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## Go harvest!



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While we Highlanders are in the midst of these hectic summer months, it is easy to become distracted and lulled away from our own spiritual growth. It is easy to hesitate on our spiritual journey, knowing we can return at anytime. However, now more than ever we must not hesitate to answer the voice that calls us all into action.

One of my favorite examples of being put into action comes from the New Testament (no surprise there). When Jesus has thoroughly taught his disciples about the love that God has given them; a love that is not dictated by laws and rituals, but through relationships with God and one another; he sends them out to share it and harvest it. I often contemplate this harvest. In my minds eye, it is a field filled with human beings who are have fruit hanging from every surface of their body. Of course, this fruit is not the obvious variety, but it is the Spiritual variety – love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control – just to name a few.

All of us know spiritual fruit when we see it. Certain people have this fruit exuding from their being. Their generosity is seen by the time they spend helping others. We see their joy when they walk in a room. We experience their patience during a tedious conversation. We feel their love through a simple smile.

The hard part of harvesting is not going into the field where we know these fruits exist. The hard part is finding these fruits in the fields that are not obvious. For example, when the field is Baghdad, we pick the rare fruit seen when schools are being opened. When a wall is being built on the West Bank of Jerusalem, our job is see the families who come together to break bread despite which side of the wall they face. When we hear negative comments about the extreme fundamentalist Islamists, the fruit is seen in the moderate peaceful Muslims crying out for reform. These are just a few examples of the fields we are asked to harvest. Closer to home they may exist in your family, in your neighborhood, in your town. You are the harvester, go harvest the fruit.

And while you are in this rare field, why not plant and share the seeds of love. Give of yourself, take time to listen carefully to others, share your insight, these are the seeds that produce more spiritual fruit. If by chance your seeds are rejected, and they will be rejected, shake off the dust and walk away. You are the harvester, go and harvest the fruit! No need to spend time plowing through a hard rock. Simply ignore that which produces strife, anger, quarrels, dissensions, or factions.

In a world filled with God's beauty, which why not give action to the beauty that is all around us. Respond to that beauty and give it voice through your actions. You are the harvester, go harvest!

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Monday: 4 P.M. Women's Cursillo Group

Tuesday: 8 A.M. Men's Cursillo Group

4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-going

• Nantahala Tennis Association: Meets Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. -noon for Round Robin at Highlands Recreation Park. All levels of play welcome.

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.

• Hal Philips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.

• Register for summer's nature day camps at the Nature Center. Please call 526-2623 or visit the Nature Center webpage at [www.wcu.edu/hbs](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs).

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: [www.ncmana.org](http://www.ncmana.org).

• Pilates classes with Sandi Trevathan on Level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Mon. and Wed. at 4 p.m. \$10 per class.

• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

### Zahner Series Thursday night



Thursday evening, July 12 Sue Halpern (Scholar in Residence at Middlebury College), will present: "The Incredible Journey: 6,000 miles on the trail of monarch butterflies and their fan group" at the Highlands Nature Center as part of the Zahner Lecture Series.

Sue Halpern spent close to four years following both the migration of the monarch butterfly and the zealous coterie of citizen scientists they've inspired, many of whom have left other professions and jobs to join in the search to understand how an animal that weighs less than half a gram can find its way back and forth to the same fifty acres in Mexico every year, especially when no single monarch makes the round trip.

She is the author of four books, with a fifth on the way, and a journalist (New Yorker, NY Times Magazine, New York Review, Audubon, Conde Nast Traveler, etc.) I'm also a scholar in residence at Middlebury College. Her book about the monarchs: *Four Wings and a Prayer: Caught in the Mystery of the Monarch Butterfly*, is being released as a movie this spring.

• Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass. Call 526-4340.

• Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1F1T.

• 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. Contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.

### First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

### Every Monday

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

### Every Tuesday

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

• Women's Bible Study at 10 a.m. at Community Bible Church. Summer series on 1 & 2 Peter. All women are invited

• Open Studio Night Figure Drawing: Informal instruction available for beginners. Bring your sketch pad or paint box for a leisurely session of figure drawing/painting. Cost is \$12, \$10 for "Friends" of the Gallery.

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

• Classical Yoga Beginner Level Class 8:15-9:30 a.m., 464 Carolina Way. Other classes available. Mats and blankets provided. \$14 per single/\$12 package rate.

### Every Wednesday

• Highlands MountainTop Rotary the Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

### Every Third Wednesday

• As part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin's "Life-Span Learning Curriculum," there are "Wednesday Night Chautauquas" which are media enhanced study sessions at the UU Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

### Every Thursday

• At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.

• Rotary Bingo 6:30 8:30 pm at the Highlands Community Center. Open to all ages. Price is \$1 per card per game.

### Every Saturday in July

• Courtenay Collins and Robert Ray's "Jukebox Journey at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center will be "hoppin', boppin' and rocking" every Saturday evening at 5 and 8 p.m.

### Every Saturday

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

• Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery - cost is \$5 per student. Mon-

## Last and final chance to see 'Parallel Lives' is July 12



Pictured are the girls of "Parallel Lives": Front Row, Jenna Royce, Nancy Reeder, Mary Adair Leslie, Bonnie Earman, Sandie Trevathan. Back Row: Ronnie Spilton, Lee Lyons, Breta Stroud, Katie Cochran, and Jenny King

This is absolutely the last two performances for this sold out comedy. A collaboration between the Highlands Community Players and The Instant Theater Company. "Parallel Lives" was written by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy and has been seen on HBO. This series of vignettes chronicles the trail and tribulations of life and love; some of them hilarious and some poignant

and thought provoking. "Parallel Lives" is recommended for adult audiences, as it contains mature language and situations. All performances are held at the Studio on Main in Oak Square, Highlands. These last two performances will be on Wednesday and Thursday, July 12; 8 pm. Directed by Mary Adair Leslie. For tickets call: 828.342.9197.

days: For Homeschoolers, classes are from 1-3 p.m. For 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders, classes are from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays: classes for pre-school are 11-11:30 a.m.; for kindergarten-1<sup>st</sup> grade, classes are 3:15-4:15 p.m. and for young adult independent study, classes are from 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays classes are for middle school students from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

### Through Saturday, July 14

• A "Baskets at the Bascom" exhibit will be held at the Bascom-Louise Gallery in Highlands from June 16 to July 14. This is the gallery's first national show featuring the NBO (National Basket Organization). Baskets from all over the nation will be on display, from Nantucket to Appalachian to Avant-garde. For information, call 526-4949.

### Through July 31

• At Summit One Gallery at its new location on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave., exhibit "Hudson River Valley School Revisited"

featuring artist Ron Williams.

### Through Tuesday, Aug. 14

• Summer Art Camp is held at Bascom-Louise Gallery. To register, call 526-4949.

### Thursday-Sunday, July 12-15

• Garden Festival for Fine Art Center featuring the Patron Party on Thursday and garden tours on Friday and Saturday and Brunch with Vince Dooley on Sunday. Call 526-0732 to make reservations.

### Thursday-Sunday, July 12-22

• The Highlands Playhouse, "Laughter on the Twenty-Third Floor." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

### Thursday, July 12

• "Parallel Lives" at Instant Theater at 8 p.m. Directed by Mary Adair Leslie. For tickets call: 828.342.9197.

• At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Bistro, a



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wine tasting with Elyse Winery at 6 p.m. Michelle Duckett will be with us from Elyse pouring La Peche, Rose, Nero Misto, Eaglepoing Ranch Zinfandel and Petite Sirah. Wines will be available for retail.

### Through July 13

• 4th Annual Challenger Soccer Camp. Half-day camps available for all ages from 3-16 and full-day camps for children 10 and older. For information call Christy Nix Weller at 526-9931 or Tony Esterwood at 524-1928. Register for camp at [www.challengersports.com](http://www.challengersports.com), 45 days prior to camp to receive a free challenger soccer jersey!

### Friday & Saturday, July 13-14

• A trunk show at Desire on Main Street meet Charlie Wharton, designer of beautiful stones in precious metal — the ancient art of wire-wrapping.

### Friday, July 13

• "Alex Rogers and Cash Valley Ramblers"

## Learn about Snakes at the Highlands Nature Center



Are snakes slimy? How do they feed? How can you tell if it's venomous? What species live around here? Come to the Highlands Nature Center to find out!

Approximately 15 species of snakes live in our area, but only 2 are venomous. Many harmless snakes are needlessly killed each year simply because people cannot identify them. In fact, snakes can be helpful to have around because they eat rats, insects, and other pests.

On Saturday, July 14, at 7 p.m. the Highlands Nature Center is offering an educational program about snakes. This presentation is being given by Patrick Brannon, herpetologist and director of the Nature Center. He will discuss the biology and natural history of snakes, instruct visitors on the identification of regional species, and dispel many common misconceptions about them. Visitors will also have the opportunity to see and touch some live snakes, and to observe one feeding!

This program is open to all ages. The cost for this event is only \$2 per person. For additional information, please call the Nature Center at 526-2623 or visit [www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm](http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/Naturecenter.htm).

## 'Up, Up, and Away' Gala for HCCDC



This year's gala with proceeds going to the Highlands Community Child Development Center is set for Friday, July 20 at the Highlands Country Club. Entertainment will be provided by the Deas Boys Donations and ticket proceeds help offset tuition costs for parents who can't afford day care and to beautify the grounds of the center. Band. Tickets are \$125 and for those who can't attend donations can be sent to HCCDC, P.O. Box 648, Highlands, NC 28741. Pictured are Gayle Cumming, Carolyn Tanner, Carol Teem, Ruthie Watts, Bunny Clarke and Clisby Clarke.

performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing is at 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts are at 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You:" survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

### Saturday, July 14

• FreedomWorks will host Superintendent of Schools Dan Brigman at the Angel Hospital cafeteria at "dutch" breakfast at 8 a.m. At 8:30 a.m., Brigman will present "A look into the Future of our Schools" Everyone is welcome – You don't have to be a member to attend.

• The Buckerettes return to the Instant Theater Company. Featuring Robin Cape, Deb Criss and Roberta Greenspan. Call the box office at 828-342-9197 for reservations and tickets.

• U-Do-Raku / Tomlin's BBQ / Mountain Music Festival and opening of the annual Georgia Pottery Show and Sale at Hambidge on Betty's Creek Road in Rabun Gap on Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm;

• Four book signings at Cyrano's Bookshop. 1-3 and 3-5 p.m.

• Jewelry Trunk show featuring Cloisonne Enamel Artist Ricky Frank from 10-5 at Peak Experience 2820 Dillard Road. 526-0229

• At the Highlands Nature Center. "Snakes of the Highlands Region" 7 – 8:30 pm, all ages. Come for an educational program about local snake species featuring live animals. Learn snake identification, natural histories, and common misconceptions about them. \$2 per person. Call 526-2623.

• The "Jason Woods Benefit" will take place at the Highlands Rec Park at 4:30 p.m. Barbe-

cue by Blue Valley BBQ, music by Uncultured Buttermilk, The Dendy Family, and Doug and Donna Ivie. There will be a live auction with proceeds going toward medical expenses.

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital presents Healthy Living Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes, demonstrations and tests. All free.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3-mile hike to Glen Falls and Chinquapin Mtn., with two elevation changes of 500 feet. Meet at the Exxon station on the Highlands Road in Franklin at 9:30 a.m. or call leader for an alternate meeting place near Highlands. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader, David Sapin, 369-2628.

### Sunday-Thursday, July 15-19

• Vacation Bible School at Coweeta Baptist Church. 6:30-8:45 p.m. with cook-out and closing ceremonies on Friday at 6 p.m. For more information, call 369-7508.

### Sunday, July 15

• Revival at Clear Creek Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m.

• The Nantahala Hiking will take an easy-to-moderate 4.5 mile hike on the Deep Creek and Indian Creek trails. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 70 miles round trip. Bring a drink, snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. There is the option of having supper in Bryson City after the hike. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820

### Tuesday, July 17

• Free movie at PAC at 7:30 p.m. "Orchestra Rehearsal." Refreshments at 7 p.m. Donations accepted.

• Free Stop Smoking classes at Highlands-

Cashiers Hospital. Round of 8 classes. Taught by Teri Cooper. Space is limited, so those interested should call as soon as possible to register. For more information or to register, call HealthTracks at 526-1FIT (526-1348). Those interested in kicking the habit can also register by e-mail by visiting the HealthTracks or the Smoking Cessation page at the hospital's website at [www.highlandscashiershospital.org](http://www.highlandscashiershospital.org).

• At ...on the Verandah Restaurant, a wine dinner with Chef Andrew Figel & his culinary team welcome Elton Sloane of Robert Craig Winery Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$95 per person, plus tax and gratuity — Reservations Required. Call 828-526-2338. Highlands' Most Scenic Dining, Overlooking Lake Sequoyah.

### Wednesday-Saturday, July 18-21

• The Instant Theatre Company presents Stray Productions, from Athens, Ga., in the acclaimed play 'Art' by Yasmina Reza at their Studio on Main. For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197. Seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested.

### Wednesday, July 18

• Folkmoot, the North Carolina International Folk Festival, returns to Highlands for a one night only performance at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m.

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## Folkmoot in Highlands July 18



Folkmoot, the North Carolina International Folk Festival, returns to Highlands for a one night only performance at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Wednesday, July 18.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Each year folk dancers and musicians from around the world gather for a two week festival at various locations throughout the mountains of western North Carolina. This year representatives from Russia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru, Macedonia, Korea, Hawaii, Jamaica, Italy and Romania will be appearing. Three countries from this group will be dancing in Highlands. The exact participants in Highlands will be announced at a later date. Tickets for the Highlands performance are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 18. Tickets can be reserved by calling 828-526-4904, or at the door on the night of the performance.



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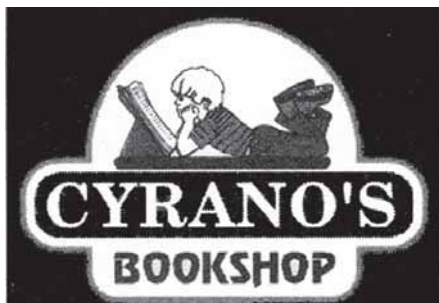
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## Upcoming Book Signings

July 14

1-3 p.m. & 3-5 p.m.

Elise Weston – The Coastwatcher  
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David Barickman – Magnolia's Restaurant Cookbook

July 20

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows  
Midnight Party at Cyrano's

July 21

1-3 p.m.

Melanie Sue Bowles – Horses of Proud Spirit

July 27

5-7 p.m.

M.C. Hensen – Unwritten

July 28

1-3 p.m.

Cassandra Key – Queen of Broken Hearts  
3-5 p.m.

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August 18

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

Each year folk dancers and musicians from around the world gather for a two week festival at various locations throughout the mountains of Western North Carolina. In Highlands representatives from Mexico, Macedonia and Korea will be appearing.. Tickets for the Highlands performance are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 18. Call 828-526-4904 for tickets, or purchase them at the door on the night of the performance.

• "Up, Up and Away Gala" benefitting the Highlands Community Child Development Center at the Highlands Country Club featuring well known band the Deas Boys. Tickets are \$125 per person. If you can't come, donations will be appreciated. Send to HCCDC P.O. Box 648, Highlands, NC 29741. For tickets and reservations call 526-0392.

**Thursday, July 19**

• 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: Mediterranean Odyssey at Artist Wesley Wofford's at 6 p.m. Mediterranean cuisine catered by Hovaness Kabbenjian Hovan Gourmet from Atlanta, wines by Highlands Wine and Cheese, part of art sales to benefit the Village Green Sculpture Park in Cashiers. Call Summit One Gallery for reservations at 526-2673.

**Friday-Sunday, July 20-22**

• Trunk Show at Acorn's on Main Street featuring Nina McLemore Fashions.

**Friday, July 20**

• Live Auction and Sale at the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and NC Highway 106 on Friday, July 20 at 6 p.m..

• "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" Midnight Party at Cyrano's Bookshop on Main Street.

**Friday & Saturday, July 20-21**

• Trunk Show at Acorn's on Main Street featuring Slane & Slane Jewelry.

• New and exciting programs will be featured at the 4th Annual Mountain Wildlife and Wilderness Days on July 20 and 21 at the Sapphire Valley Resort Community Center. There will be presentations which are stimulating, educational and entertaining. Call 743-7663 for additional information and schedule.

**Saturday, July 21**

• A booksigning at Cyrano's Bookshop on Main Street, author Melanie Sue Bowles' "Horses of Proud Spirit."

• At Jackson Madeleine, a Mela Wilson Trunk Show, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 526-1504.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.5 mile hike, with an elevation change of 300 feet and a short car shuttle, to the upper Narrows of the Chattooga River. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 10 a.m. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes and bring water shoes, if you wish, to wade in the river. Drive 20 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

**Saturday and Sunday, July 21-22**

• The Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show at the Highlands Rec Park. Free admission. Door Prizes. (828) 526-2177

**Sunday, July 22**

• Kirkin of the Tartans at First Presbyterian Church on Main Street at the 11 a.m. worship service. Luncheon to follow with Dr. John V. Grif-

fith, president of Presbyterian College as the guest speaker. Reservations requested if possible. Call 526-3175.

**Wednesday-Saturday, July 25-28**

• The Instant Theatre Company presents Stray Productions, from Athens, Ga., in the ac-

claimed play 'Art' by Yasmina Reza at their Studio on Main. For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197. Seating is limited and reservations are strongly suggested.

**Wednesday, July 25**

• The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village

## Hospitals Wellness fair is Saturday

Lectures by area physicians, fitness demonstrations, cosmetic makeovers, and displays by nearly two dozen exhibitors are on tap this Saturday morning as Highlands-Cashiers Hospital hosts its Healthy Living Fair.

A similar event two years ago drew an estimated 250 people and organizers are hoping this year's event will draw even bigger crowds to the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, on the hospital campus.

"This is a great opportunity for people to learn good, preventive health care strategies, but also to meet many of the hospital's medical and clinical staff, as well as others from around the community," said Dr. Debra Wagner, one of the speakers at the morning-long event. "We look on this as a public service; we want to keep people healthy, not just treat them when they're ill."

The fair is 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. There is no admission charge and there is nothing to buy. But there will be plenty of giveaways, door prizes and healthy food. There will also be samples of many beauty and skin care products, free 10-minute massages, makeovers and much more.

The morning's lectures begin at 9 a.m., when family physician Dr. Patti Wheeler will speak on breast cancer prevention. Local cardiologist Dr. Carl Curtiss, FACC, will then talk about coronary artery disease and ways to prevent it, followed by Dr. Wagner who will talk about the role diet may play in preventing dementia. Dr. Robert Buchanan will wind up the morning's lectures with a talk on ways to slow the aging process.

A number of fitness demonstrations are scheduled throughout the morning, including one on Pilates with certified instructor Sandie Trevathan, and another

on Hatha Yoga with instructor Rebecca Landis. And HealthTracks staff member Jeanette Fisher, BS-CPT will demonstrate toning and firming exercises as well.

The staff of the Medi-Spa at the Center for Plastic Surgery in Highlands will give a demonstration on peels and other facial rejuvenation techniques at 9:45 a.m.

Several healthy cooking demos are also planned. Smoothie recipes will be shared by Jeanette Fisher, BS-CPT, and Margaret F. Downs, MS, RD, LDN

will cook up some skewers and kabobs on the grill later that morning.

Other exhibitors include Healing Touch massage, which will be offering free mini-massages; The Center for Plastic Surgery, which will be doing makeovers; The Haywood Regional Osteoporosis Program; The Mountain Heart Center, which will be offering computer-based risk assessments; and golf pro Kelly Childs, who will be providing advice on your golf swing. Fair-goers will also be able to have their body fat level measured and be screened for risk for osteoporosis.

Informational and product exhibitors will include Highlands Whole Life Supply, Highlands Dermatology, HealthTracks, Healthy PathWeighs, the Nantahala Hiking Club, the Highlands Roadrunners Club, Wagner Medical Associates, the American Cancer Society, The American diabetes Association, Merck & Co. pharmaceuticals, Juice Plus, the smoking cessation program at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and several others. Many of the booths will have someone on hand to answer questions.

A variety of door prizes will be given away, including spa baskets, other gifts baskets. Drawings will be held for several gift certificates for massages and a laser skin treatment provided by Highlands Dermatology (a \$300 value).

A full schedule of events, including times and room locations, can be found





## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

Nature Series presents, Bill Lea and "Understanding the Black Bear." Lectures begin at 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow. Presentation at the Albert-Carlton Library in Cashiers. FREE.

- Tour the Fisher Estate gardens 9:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Episcopal Church's Outreach Programs. Tickets are at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202 9-4 Mon.-Fri.

- Oliver Rice and Blue Ridge Mountain Band performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You: survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

**Thurs.-Sunday, July 26-Aug. 12**

- The Highlands Playhouse, "My Way." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

**Thursday, July 26**

- Wine & Glass Experience with Riedel Wine

& Glass Company at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa

- Block Party on 4th Street ....on the hill starting at 5 p.m. featuring all the shops on the hill and Hurricane Creek.

**Fri. & Sat., July 27-28**

- At the Hen House at the corner of Main and 5th streets, Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery.

**Friday, July 27**

- Mountain Faith — McMahan Family performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You: survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

**Saturday, July 28**

- Kids Concert on the ski slopes at Sapphire Valley 7-9 p.m. Contribution of \$10 to raise money for kids in Western North Carolina with life-threatening illnesses. All money raised will go to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for WNC.

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# Folkmoor Highlands



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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 5 mile moderate-to-strenuous hike to four waterfalls on the Horsepasture River with elevation changes of 300 feet and 500 feet. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 10 a.m. or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10:20. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes

and bring water shoes, if you wish, to wade in the river. Drive 30 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

### Sunday, July 29

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Skitty Creek and Cliffside Lake loop trails. Meet in the Bi-Lo parking area at 2 p.m. (driving 40 miles round trip) or call the leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

### Friday, August 3

• Upward Bound — Bowman Family performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You:" survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

### Saturday-Thursday, Aug. 4-23

• At Summit One Gallery on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave, "Go Figure" featuring Joe Adams, Betty Foy Botts, Shari Erickson, Mase Lucas, Diane McPhail, Jane Smathers, Wesley Wofford, Tom Bluemlien, Lonnie Busch, Libby Mathews, Toby Penney, Rosemary Stiefel.

### Saturday, Aug. 4

• Artists Reception at Summit One Gallery on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. from 5-7 p.m. for the exhibit "Go Figure."

• Tour the Fisher Estate gardens 9:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and benefit the Episcopal Church's Outreach Programs, available at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202 9-4 Mon.-Fri.

• Highlands Fire Department annual Open House featuring free fire truck rides, hot dog plats and drinks. Donations accepted.

### Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 11-12

• Cashiers Quilters Guild quilt show at the Sapphire Valley Community Center east of Cashiers on U.S. 64. A quilt will be raffled off the last day of the show.

### Friday August 11

• Johnny Webb Band performing at High Country Café. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You:" survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

### Wednesday, Aug. 15

• Loving Literacy Premier Gala. The Highlands Community Players will partner with the Literacy Council to present a special performance of "How the Other Half Loves." The gala begins with wine and hors d'oeuvres then moves to the hilarious comedy and ends with coffee and dessert and a special drawing. Tickets are \$125 per person and all proceeds benefit the Literacy Council. Call 526-9938 for ticket information.

## Scaly Mountain live auction set for July 20

The serendipity of a live auction is expected to draw a large crowd to the Scaly Mountain Community Center, corner of Buck Knob Road and NC Highway 106 on Friday, July 20.

Beginning with free refreshments, including wine and cheese, at 6 p.m. the event sponsored by the Scaly Mountain Women's Club will benefit its scholarship program for Scaly residents as well as numerous local human service agencies.

Auctioneer Brian Snyder will offer a wide variety of travel, sports, fine dining, and gift packages donated by area merchants. Other popular items include an-



From left chairman Faye Bellwood with committee member Karen Muns.

tiques, home decor accessories, books, sporting goods, jewelry, and furniture have also been donated by local shops and area residents.

Guests can also buy desserts at a bake sale featuring many recipes from the club's very popular cookbook "It Always Tastes Better in the Mountains."

"This is one of the summer's most popular events because everyone always has such a good time raising their paddles and raising money for local organizations and scholarships," said Faye Bellwood, chairman.

For additional information contact Bellwood at 526-9079.

## Summer Colors Fine Art Show – July 20-21



Gene Towery is putting the finishing touches on a cow's eye lash. At the July 21, 22 "Summer Colors Fine Art Show" at the Rec Park in Highlands she and many other artists will demonstrate how they work. The Art League of Highlands "Summer Colors Fine Art Show" is approaching. Over fifty artists are preparing for the July 21, 22 event and helpers are spreading the word and making plans for the "Children's Art Room." Some of the artists are donating pieces for the kids to pick out. They can then go and speak with the artist about their free selections. The show is at the Highlands Rec Park from 10:00-5:00 both days. Free admission and door prizes. For info call Karen Taylor at 828-526-2177. The Art League is assuming an even greater role in fostering children's creativity as members work with the summer children's program at the Highlands Rec Park. On Thursday, July 19 a special treat is in store for area kids when they attend the camp and do a group "drip" painting. There are sure to be wild results. Call the Rec Park to register a child at 526-3556.

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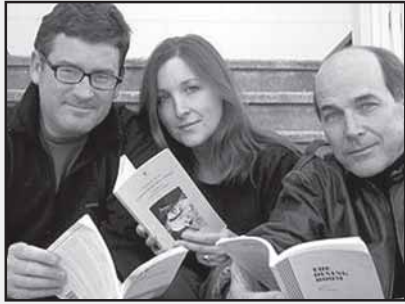
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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### "Art" coming to ITC



Members of Stray Productions, from left, Steve Elliott-Gower, Catherine Clayton and Rex Totty in rehearsal in Athens, Ga.

The Instant Theatre Company presents Stray Productions, from Athens, Ga., in the acclaimed play 'Art' by Yasmina Reza at their Studio on Main. This award-winning serio-comedy will run July 18-21 and July 25-28. 'Art' has been hailed world-wide as an "actor's dream-piece," being described as "a marriage of Molière and Woody Allen," "profound and meaty," and "a classic comedy." Winner of the 1996 Oliver Award for Best Comedy and the 1998 Tony Award for Best Play, 'Art' is the story of the three men, one 'white' painting, and the ensuing consequences that threaten to leave their friendship in shreds.

Stray Productions is run by Catherine Clayton, who last season directed the highly successful "To Kill A Mockingbird" for the Highlands Playhouse, Steve Elliott-Gower and Rex Totty. Formed last year, Stray Productions is dedicated to producing thought-provoking, modern and contemporary plays which spotlight strong writing and acting. Clayton, who directs 'Art,' says of it, "Reza's dialogue is sharp and witty, evoking a range of emotions. I find many moments in this show to be absurdly funny, yet, others are quite poignant. I love a script that pulls me around like that." Steve Elliott-Gower takes the role of Serge, Rex Totty plays the role of Marc and in the role of the third friend, Yvan, is Tom Tanner.

The Instant Theatre Company's artistic director, Collin Wilcox, and Catherine Clayton met last summer and began making plans to import this production of 'Art' to Highlands for the 2007 summer season. "We are very pleased to be able to bring in plays to Highlands from other nearby areas. Catherine and I are both looking forward to a long collaboration between Stray Productions and the ITC. Catherine is a talented director and we feel fortunate to have the much heralded 'Art' in our Studio." For reservations call the box office at 828-342-9197.

#### Thursday-Saturday, Aug. 16-18

• The North Carolina Premier of "My Secret Weapon" by Carol Caldwell is at 8 p.m. at the Instant Theater. For reservations and tickets call 828-342-9197.

#### Thurs.-Sun. Aug. 16-19

• How the Other Half Loves, will be held at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC), Chestnut Street, Highlands. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

#### Thurs., Aug. 16-Sun., Aug. 26

• The Highlands Playhouse, "Talley's Folly." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695.

#### Friday, August 17

• The ADP1 Alumni luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more information, call Emily Buskirk at 526-2458.

#### Tuesday-Saturday, Aug. 21-25

• The North Carolina Premier of "My Secret Weapon" by Carol Caldwell is at 8 p.m. at the Instant Theater. For reservations and tickets call 828-342-9197.

#### Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 23-26

• How the Other Half Loves, at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street, Highlands. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 22

• The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village Nature Series presents, Gary Wein and "Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Dummies." Presentation at the library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow. It's free but donations are graciously accepted. Call 526.9938 x254.

#### Thursday, Aug. 23

• Caymus Vineyards Wine dinner at OEI's The Farm. Each dinner is \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Reception begins at 6 p.m. and guests will be seated for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, and advance reservations

are required. Call 828-787-2604.

#### Saturday, Aug. 25

• Highlands-Cashier Hospital FREE Health Screenings. re-registration is required for all screenings. People can sign up by calling the hospital at 526-1434, or by completing the registration form on line at [www.highlandscashiershospital.org](http://www.highlandscashiershospital.org)

#### Thursday, Sept. 6

• 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: Caribbean Lively-Up at Artists Shari Erickson's & Doug Gifford's at 6 p.m. Caribbean cuisine and wines by Tim Lundy of Rosewood Market, part of art sales to benefit Cashiers Fire & Rescue Department. Call 526-2673.

#### Sunday, Sept. 9

• Bel Canto sponsored by the Fine Art Center.

#### Saturday, Sept. 21

• Highlands-Cashier Hospital FREE Health Screenings. re-registration is required for all screenings. People can sign up by calling the hospital at 526-1434.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 26

• The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust Village Nature Series presents, Jim Costa and "Bugs in the Night- Exploring the Diversity and Biology of Nocturnal Insects." Presentation at the Albert-Carlton Library in Cashiers. Lectures begin at 6:30 pm. Refreshments to follow. There is no charge for this event however donations are graciously accepted. Call the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for information at 526.9938 x254.

#### Thurs., Oct. 4-Sunday, Oct. 7

• The Highlands Playhouse, "Forever Plaid." Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Call the Box office at 526-2695 for ticket information.

#### Friday, Oct. 5

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As I have traveled this strange journey I have learned something very special about the best medications.

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I am writing this on a Wednesday night and it has been a rough day. Those happen. But, on Wednesday night I can always count on feeling better because I am lifted by the many prayers of those who care for me. How lucky can one woman be?


We all hear about the power of prayer as we grow up. We pray for candy, money, a great date for prom — all those very important things. Our priorities are out of order, but God listens (and, I'm sure, smiles). But recently I have learned the true power of prayer. On my worst day, I often find myself suddenly lifted up and feeling better. I am a bit dense, so it took a while for me to realize just what was going on.

The emails had come each time a column appeared here in the mountains or back in Georgia.. Each promised prayer. Now that's a great medicine!

As if the Eye of God wasn't enough, here on earth I found myself surrounded with friends, both near and far.

Norma and Jessica are among my guardian angels here on earth. They attend the little church up the street which is my spiritual home.

Greta not only would come just sit and keep me company, she would also lend me her sweet dogs, Ollie



**Nancy Welch**

Mae and Essie Frye. The two became my therapy dogs, keeping me company on those sick days. They seem to have a second sense about my illness. They know when to run around and make me laugh and when to lay on my feet and keep me warm.

Greta has also been the source of much wonderful cherry jello.

What a gal!

Through the months I have been reconnected with old friends and many new ones. I am humbled by their love and loyalty. It can't be fun to just sit with a sicko, but sit they do — and they email and call. I am so blessed.

When our young friend Cale Bragg died, there was a song at the funeral. I believe it was entitled "On the Wings of an Angel." I feel those wings on bad days.

One of the better results of my cancer is a reawakening of my spirituality. I am what is called a "Cradle Catholic." But I have become quite ecumenical. I am on prayer lists at churches of all denominations and couldn't be more grateful.

And so, my dear friends, I want to send my prayers to you. I pray for your health and the health of those dear to you. I praise God that He has allowed me so many wonderful friends who care enough to take a moment here and there to send a prayer on my behalf.

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## July 4

- At 1:50 p.m., a motorist on Spring was cited for failing to stop at the site of an accident.
- At 2 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on N. 4th Street.
- At 4:19 p.m., a motorist on N. 4th Street was cited for driving with an expired registration.

## July 6

- At 11:42 a.m. a motorist at Main and N.5th streets was cited for running a red light.
- At 12:24 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at 2nd and Spring streets.
- At 11:25 a.m., a motorist on N.C. 28 was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

## July 7

- At 7: 45 p.m., an employee of the Rib Shack called police and reported threats made by a customer who didn't want to pay his bill.

## Playhouse 'Laughter' opens tonight

Tonight, July 12, marks the opening night for the Highlands Playhouse' second show in its summer season: *Laughter on the 23rd Floor*. The show is often referred to as one of Neil Simon's funniest shows and everyone at the Playhouse is prepared for the show's opening.

*Laughter* is a comedy about a behind-the-scenes look at the writing staff for a 1950s weekly comedy-variety show. The play spotlights what it was like not only to work with the wacky people who didn't fit into America, but also what it was like to work in an era of television at the end of its place in history.

The behind-the-scenes aspect of the show was one of the things that intrigued director Laura Skaug and helped bring her to the show. Skaug said that "you usually don't see what goes into the finished product and I'm always intrigued by the shows where you get to see that backstage, behind-the-scenes process."

When Skaug came to the Playhouse, she came in completely blind, without knowing who had been cast in what part, what their ages were, or anything. "When we sat down and had our first read-through," Skaug said, "I could already see there was a nice interplay between the actors and I could already feel that they had worked together."

The cast of *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* includes Patrick Rose and Patrick Young, who were last seen as the scene-stealing gangsters of the Playhouse's previous show, *Kiss Me*, Kate and Jeremy Miller and Danielle Bailey Miller, who starred opposite one another in the outdoor presentation of *The Taming of the Shrew*. For ticket information call the box office at 526-2695 from 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

- A little after midnight, officers responded to a noise complaint at Hampton Inn.

## July 8

- At 2:18 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Cobb Road was cited for driving with an expired registration.

## July 9

- At 2:30 p.m., \$100 of damage to outdoor play equipment was reported at a residence on East Wingina Place.

During the week officers issued three warning tickets.

## July 10

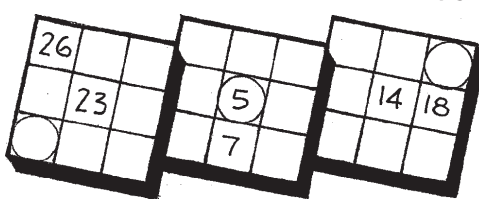
- At 8:45 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Hickory Hill Road was cited for driving without a license.
- At 9:45 p.m., James Nagel, 53, of Highlands, was arrested for assaulting a female at their residence on Dogwood Lane. He was taken to the Macon County Detention Center.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the weeks of July 3-9

## July 3

- The dept. provided mutual aid the Cashiers Fire Dept for a fire call at the Chattooga Club. The call was cancelled en route.
- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 east. There were no injuries.
- The dept. responded to a report of a brush fire near the town quarry on Poplar Street. It was a controlled burn.

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### THE SETUP:

The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

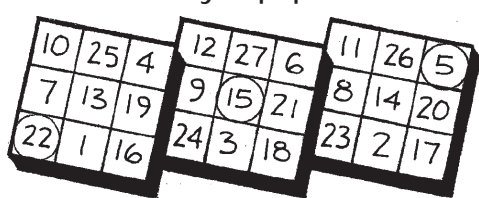
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## Solution to #AN1D in the July 4 paper



- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Walhalla Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

## July 4

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N. 5th Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Brushy Face. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 west. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. responded to a call of a possible vehicle fire on Mirror Lake Road. It was unfounded.

## July 6

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

- The dept. responded to a call of a fire in the vicinity of Highlands Falls Country Club. It was unfounded.

## July 8

- The dept. responded to an accident on Walhalla Road. The call was cancelled en route.

## July 9

- The dept. responded to a call of a small brush fire off Horse Cove Road. It was cancelled en route.

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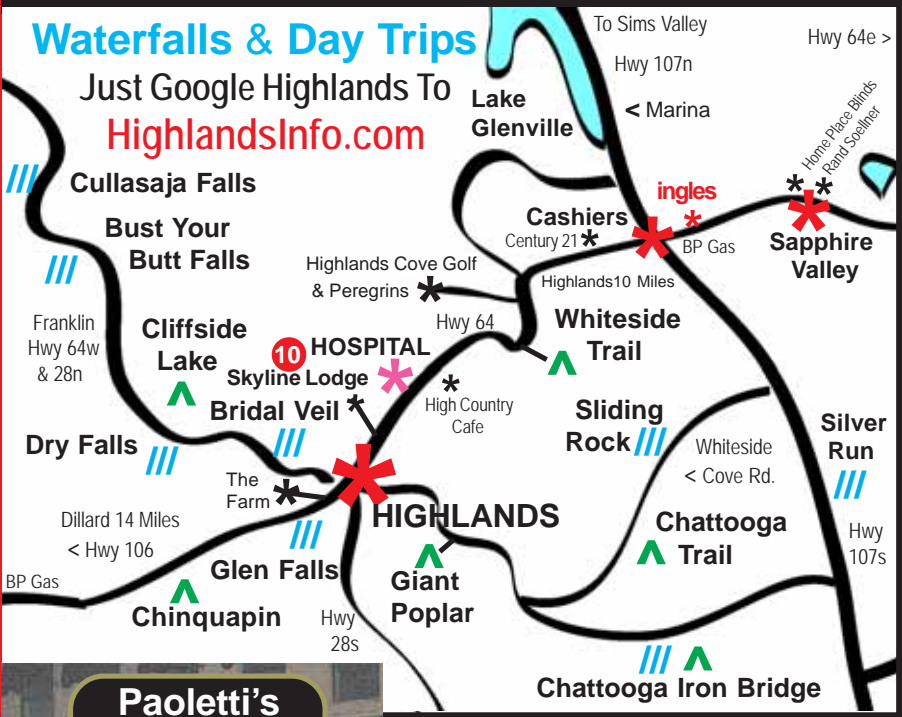
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