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Thursday, June 14, 2007

On-going

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

• Hal Philips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fridays & Saturdays 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.

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

Every Saturday

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

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. Series on 1 & 2 Peter. Women are invited

Thursday, June 14

• Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center. A reception will follow this lecture Letting the Land Speak to Us. Kay Byer (Poet Laureate of North Carolina).

Friday, June 15

• At CLE, "Philip Morseberger: Passion for Painting" at the PAC from 10 a.m. to noon. \$20 for members. \$30 for nonmembers. Call 526-8811.

Sat., June 16 to Sat. July 14

• A "Baskets at the Bascom" exhibit at the Bascom-Louise Gallery. For information, call 526-4949.

Saturday, June 16

• At the Instant Theater, Sue Wilkinson in Concert Saturday at 8 p.m. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197.

• At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, cooking demonstration and luncheon with Nathalie Dupree from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Cyrano's Bookshop for reservations, 526-5488.

Mon., June 18 to Tues. Aug. 14

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

Monday, June 18

• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro at 6 p.m. Featuring Domaine Serene Winery with Michelle Farkas, East Coast Sales Manager. Call 526-3807.

Tues. & Wed., June 18 & June 20

• A trunk show of the Vanderbilt Gallery of fun, fabulous fashion jewelry collection from around the world at The Bungalow Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 357 Main Street next to AnnaWear.

June 19

• Upper Chattooga River Visitor Use Study meeting at the Rec Park from 5-8 p.m.

Outdoor merchandise under attack

As has been the case recently, another town ordinance has surfaced to haunt.

At the June 6 Town Board meeting, Town Administrator Richard Betz told the board that numerous violations of the town's "Outdoor Display of Merchandise" ordinance were going on

about town.

"We've noted about 20 shop owners in violation," said Betz. "We will be sending out letters notifying store owners of the violations so expect some phone calls," he said.

He said the ordinance has been on the books for 20 years it

just hasn't been enforced.

For years, shop owners have displayed merchandise outside their doors – many on private property – but Betz said the ordinance pertains to private or public property in Highlands.

The ordinance reads: Section

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Zoning Board OKs requests

A Special Use Permit was amended and a variance granted at the June 13 Zoning Board meeting, both with stipulations.

Owner Bucky Meredith went to the board to amend his January 10 Special Use Permit for Highlands Storage Village in the B5 zone of ETJ. An amendment was needed because the "hardiplank" lap siding which was to be installed on top of the metal frame as stipulated in the SUP had changed.




Instead, a dark green stone-embedded insulated-siding had been delivered. Meredith and his architect Paul Schmitt said the siding could simulate board and batten siding once battens were attached at the seams 18-inches on center.

Since the new product is not on the zoning ordinance's approved exterior list, nor does it simulate an approved material, the issue was taken to the zoning board.

With vertical battens adhered to the product, the board ruled 4 to 1 that it would simulate board and batten as required by the ordinance and could be allowed.

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
		
67-53°F	75-54°F	80-58°F

102 years and counting



Irene Picklesimer James turned 102 on June 12. At a family birthday party held at her home, she was surrounded with children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, daughters-in-laws, son-in-laws and friends. Irene is following in the footsteps of her aunt Albie McCall, of the McCall cabin fame, who lived to be 103. Photo by Paula Gordon

Pros & cons of Pine Street Park noted

If the two public hearings held on the subject are any indication, people are not only for the Pine Street Park but for closing Pine Street to accommodate it.

At the second public meeting held June 7 at the Highlands Community Center, attendees assembled into groups of nine to categorize important features of the park.

As at the first meeting, the majority voted to close Pine Street Park to allow for as much green space as possible, to bring the stream to the surface as a feature of the park, to include some kind of pavilion, and the general consensus was that the loss of parking spaces could be gained elsewhere.

Lately, talk of a parking deck, incorporated into the new Town Hall site, is being seen as a possible answer to the loss of parking on Pine Street.

Landscape architect and Pine Street Park steering committee member discussed various designs, including two that would close the park from Fifth Street to Pine Street Alley which would preserve some parking spots between Fourth Street and the alley while incorporating the open stream and greenspace.

Marcia McCarley, who is on the Cashiers Village Green committee in Cashiers, told the group what a benefit the green is to Cashiers and encouraged the group to move forward with its plans for

• See PINE STREET page 35

Restaurant parking threatened

The Zoning Board will soon be tackling the restaurant off-premise parking issue.

At the June 13 Zoning Board meeting, Interim Zoning Administrator Richard Betz said the department has been investigating parking for Fressers Restaurant and Don Leon Café as it applies

to Furniture South parking across the street.

"Those two restaurants rely on parking at Furniture South to satisfy their requirement for seating," said Betz. "As it is now, there are some extra spaces at Furniture South, but not enough for seating

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Butting heads



Kim Lewicki
Publisher

Recently, a Highlands commissioner told me I'm not hard enough on the Town Board. There are a few reasons I am reluctant to "let the Town Board have it."

First, I wouldn't want the job and since I'm not willing to fill the shoes, I'm wary about judging those who do.

Second, it's not good to bite the hand that feeds you. In the news business, especially in a small town, it's important to keep the lines of communication both relatively amicable and open between officials and the press.

However, at the invitation of this commissioner, I will say my piece.

The current Town Board is deliberate to a fault.

I suspect it's due to personalities on the board – easy-going, reluctant to take a stance, eager to please while being careful to see, understand and appease all sides. Good qualities in a friend and neighbor, no doubt. But when it's the characteristic of a board, issues are oftentimes talked to death and never put to rest.

The prolonged amendment of the Home Occupation Ordinance is a case in point. The reason this poor ordinance has been dissected beyond hope, is because the Town Board was never absolutely clear about what it expected from the Planning Board because the Town Board wasn't absolutely sure what it wanted as a board. Without direction to accompany the duty, the process fails and precious time is wasted.

On another subject.

The "they against us" attitude between of the Town of Highlands and the Macon County Commission needs to stop.

Highlanders are quick to say "We're part of the county" when it comes to tax dollars sliding down the mountain and only creeping back up. But what is

•See FORUM page 24

Bill proposes an incentive to recycle

Dear Editor,

This letter is urging all your readers to call to support the NC Litter Reduction Act of 2007, or Senate Bill 215. I explain what and why below.

Well, it's finally come to this. After years of volunteers cleaning up after our fellow humans who can't locate a trash receptacle and spew their garbage all over our roadsides, a state senator has proposed legislation to help with this. It's enough to make even we capitalists very happy. The incentive is there, in the form of a 10-cent per beverage container deposit, paid at purchase and refunded upon reclamation, to get us all to return these beverage containers to the re-use stream, rather than the roadside or the land fill.

Eleven other states use this method of "incentivizing" desirable behavior, and it works very well. Since nothing else seems to work, it's time for North Carolina to do the same. We in western North Carolina especially should want our roadsides to be free from beverage cans and bottles.

The sponsoring Senator is Doug Berger (db@ncleg.net). Here's the Senate Commerce Committee members' names and phone numbers (all at area code 919): R. C. Soles, Chairman, 733-5963; Tom Apodaca 733-5745; Walter Dalton, 715-3038; Steve Goss, 733-5742; Jim Jacumin, 715-7823; and Martin Nesbitt, 715-3001. This bill will come up for passing out of committee in less than two weeks. They need to hear from citizens, so make your calls today. It will only take a few minutes. Contact local legislators, too. The actual bill and all the above can be found at the NC Legislature website.

Some believe that this poses an undue burden on the retailer. I urge you to read the bill. All the retailer has to do is "advertise" where the nearest reclamation center is. Unfortunately, in our sparsely populated area, we'll have to rely on the county and certain non-profits. However, the equipment is available, used in those other states, which makes this very easy.

I also urge you to tell all your neighbors, friends and relatives to voice their support. Thank you very much.

Robert E. Smith
Highlands

A Timely Reminder

Dear Editor,

Now that summer is here more and more visitors and local residents will be going out of doors to enjoy the benefits of being in the mountains. Swimming and picnicking at the local swim holes are top among the many attractions for families here. The experience at Slide Rock, at the cascades at Bull Pen, and at other swim holes nearby is threatened by the crowding and danger which will result should the upper Chattooga be opened to kayakers and canoeists.

Slide Rock provides a unique opportunity for hundreds to enjoy a local mountain stream. Opening the upper Chattooga to allow even a few boaters to travel down a rapid course through swimming areas dodging branches and rocks while slaloming around children and anglers is not acceptable. Because the upper Chattooga is narrow and shallow there is not room to safely accommodate all activities on the river.

For more than 30 years, the Forest Service has zoned the upper Chattooga to allow different activities in various parts of the river.

Zoning activities is common practice on public lands in the United States. For example, riding is not allowed along the upper Chattooga; snow mobiles are not allowed in parts of Yellowstone; all terrain vehicles (ATVs) are not allowed on some hiking trails.

Closer to home, the Forest Service has forbidden boating at the Pisgah sliding rock in order to allow children and their families to safely experience the joy of sliding down the rocks in a cold, mountain stream. The local sliding rocks in Cashiers and Highlands should continue to be protected along with other swim holes in Western North Carolina.

Boating is allowed along two-thirds of the Chattooga River. Local kayakers will find over 100 creek runs within 50 miles of here. 30 years ago the Forest Service restricted boating on the Chattooga so all activities which might be endangered or threatened by the presence of boats could continue to be enjoyed safely. Zoning must continue especially as our increased numbers crowd the land, forests, and streams around us. The U.S. Forest Service should keep kayaks out of some swimming areas as they keep ATVs off some hiking trails.

The US Forest Service continues to review the demands made by American Whitewater, the kayakers' lobby in

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LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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Senior awarded scholarship



Highlands School senior Katelyn Bryson received a plaque and a scholarship from Jeff Kahoe and Allan Frederick of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Katelyn will be attending Western Carolina University in the fall.

• OBITUARY •

Lois Violet Bullerman

Lois Violet Bullerman, 82, of Highlands, NC died Thursday, June 7, 2007 at the Eckerd Living Center in Highlands. She was born in Cook Co. IL the daughter of the late Anton and Rose Applequist Lindgren. She was married to the late Robert Earl Bullerman who died in 1980.

She is survived by three daughters, Lyn Downen of Eustis, FL; Kathy Corrigan and her husband Thom, of Atlanta, GA and Highlands, N.C., Wendy Nicholson and her husband Bill of Mettawa, IL; one sister, Elsy Sandburg of Willmar, MN. Five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive.

No services are planned. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

CARDS-OF-THANKS

Food Pantry filled and filling a need

Dear Editor:

The Pantry/ La Bodega de Comeda , a joint mission of Highlands United Methodist Church and The International Friendship Center, was established to provide supplemental food and toilet articles to those in need. In 18 months we have served 205 households representing 749 individuals. We have been able to do this because of the generosity of individuals, churches, businesses and community organizations.

Recently we received a great deal of food from the Chamber of Commerce After Hours hosted by On the Veranda and Southern Hands. We would like to thank Marlene Alvarez for her efforts in organizing this food drive, Bill and Nancy Aaron and all those who contributed. Last week we received a large quantity of food from Highland Postal Workers. We are most grateful for their generosity.

Most local churches have appealed to their congregations to support our mission which they have generously done. Fireside Restaurant, Wolfgang's, Let Holly

Do the Cooking and Peregrine at the Cove have donated food. We are particularly grateful to Marty Rosenfield of Lakeside Restaurant, Lisa Shomper of August Produce, and Debbie Grossman of Fressers Eatery for their extraordinary generosity and support. Many people drop food in collection boxes at the Methodist Church and Fressers. We also appreciate the donation of time and energy by our many volunteers who shop for, shelve, and staff the pantry every Monday afternoon. Bless you, all of you.

Major financial support comes from the Hack Family Foundation, a lovely anonymous giver, the Mountaintop Rotary, and 'Tis the Season Gift Fair.

Highlands has a great deal of wealth. Poverty is somewhat invisible. To all of you who have recognized that many people are struggling to put food on the table and have helped us to help them, we are most grateful. Our needs are ongoing. We welcome both volunteers and donations.

Elaine Reynolds & Barbara Landwehr

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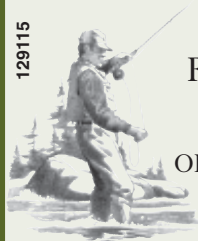
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Sam and Charlene

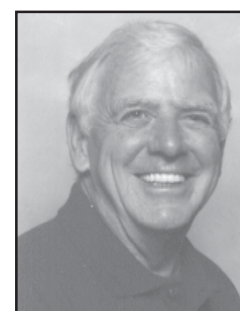
If you are a fulltime Highlander and you don't know Sam and Charlene Hendricks, then I say, "Where have you been, child?" Stop what you're doing right now and make it a point to hunt them down and meet them. Your life will be richer for it. Trust me on this one.

The year was 1971 and I had just toted the last bundle of shingles to the roof of our little cabin off Clear Creek Road. I ripped open the bundle and spread the shingles across the peak of the roof. Then, out of the corner of my eye, I caught a glimpse of a man standing out in the road. He was tall, thin as a rail, wearing a baseball cap and carrying a walking stick. "Morning," I called out to him, "I'm Fred Wooldridge." He poked the dirt with his stick and smiled, "Pleasure to meet you, my name is Sam Hendricks." The smile fell from my face, replaced by an instant sense of urgency. "Sir, stay right there and please don't be upset. I'll be right down."

I dashed over to shake his hand. "I guess you're wondering why there's 700-feet of garden hose running through the woods from your water spigot to the back of my toilet tank. Don't be angry, I can explain. You weren't home and Duke Sistrunk, who says he knows you, said it was OK. Is it OK? Are you angry? Do you know Duke Sistrunk? Hedden was supposed to finish the well but the trout are biting and they walked off the job. I am here with my wife and three small children. We have no water." I found myself rambling....begging might be a better word. Sam poked the dirt with his stick again and hesitated. Then, with his raspy voice said, "It's OK....you can use my water."

News travels fast in the mountains and by that evening, the residents on Sam and Charlene's water system had heard about the brazen cop from Miami who marched in and took water from their system without asking. They called a special meeting, but we knew nothing about it. After a vote, they unanimously agreed to demand the Hendricks disconnect our water.

Charlene, who had not said a word through the entire meeting, finally



Fred Wooldridge

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spoke. "I know water is a precious commodity here on Clear Creek, but there's a family down there who needs our help. It's not his fault he has no water." Then Sam spoke. "He has a wife and three small children; they bathe at Sistrunk's cabin in Horse Cove and use our water for drinking, flushing one toilet and dishes. I am simply not going to turn off their water." Silence fell over the meeting and people walked out angry but the Hendricks would not budge. It would be weeks later before we

learned of these events.

From the day we first met Sam and later Charlene, a bond began to develop between us that would last for the next 36 years. Before the Hendricks moved into town, we helped each other on house projects; we killed snakes together in the wood pile; Sam helped build the rock stairs leading to our little home and I once muscled a 40-pound iron bell up a ladder and mounted it on a pole in their back yard. They babysat our dachshund and lectured our children on the potential evils of listening to the rock group "KISS." We used each other. That's what friends do. In time, we came to love Sam and Charlene. Like family, we are bonded forever.

It took a whole year for us to discover they played bridge. At least three nights a week, we would alternate walking through the woods, lantern in hand, to play bridge. There were endless lunches and dinners together and they never once forgot our birthdays.

There is so much more depth to these loving folks that can be told in a 750-word column. I believe God put them together for the betterment of all who come in contact with them. We are truly blessed to know them.

Last summer, Sam called me to his home to ask that I help him write a letter to Bill Ford about the Ford Motor Company. Sam reminded me that, as a child, he delivered newspapers in Fort Myers for Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone and Thomas Edison, all within his route on McGregor Blvd. Oh, there's so much more but I am out of space.

PS - I believe Sam is 94 this year and I think Charlene just turned 39.

• ANOTHER VIEW •

Family makes us whole

The world is little changed today. Genocide continues in Darfur, and world leaders agree that we must do something soon. Suicide bombers are shredding bodies at the chance for reconciliation in Iraq. The world is heating up, and President Bush believes that we should discuss the matter. The San Antonio Spurs are in the NBA finals and Nadal leads Federer after one set in the French Open. That's the only thing that might change by the time you read this. Paris Hilton is getting attention and six people were murdered in Wisconsin. A small child with a gunshot wound to his chest was med-evaced to a nearby hospital, so the number of dead may change.

What is different today is that my house is quiet, empty. Empty except for me and quiet save for the nearly silent sound of the key board. Lizzie and Bull left for the beach an hour ago. I'm not alone. Sadie, the dog is here, as is Rainbow, the Beta fish. There are three hermit crabs, whose names I've never bothered to learn. The newest residents are six newts or salamanders. Bull might know which, but I have no idea. He brought them home from the neighborhood pond, so I guess they are probably newts. He has named them all, and seems to recognize each one. Naming them suggests prolonged, if now lifetime, incarceration. I'll make a plea for their release when Bull returns, but he is the warden. Please don't complain about the newts. It is not as if we had smuggled tortoise eggs from the Galapagos.

It is so quiet. Neither Lizzie nor Bull will interrupt me while I write. When I finish I'll select the TV channel of my choice, free of the need to negotiate with my son a division between Boomerang and ESPN. For any of you who might not know, Boomerang beams old cartoons to a new and appreciative audience. ESPN telecasts culturally important events including the National Spelling B, the World Series of Poker, and the NCAA women's softball championship. Lizzie won't be here to object when I opt for game two of the NBA championship over reruns of Law



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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and Order, SVU, or CSI. The world is mine!

But it is a quiet kingdom, a lonely empire. It is a concert hall without music, a playground without laughter. It's half-time without a marching band, Corona without lime. The world is incomplete today. Why, I wonder, do I not treasure each time that Lizzie asks me, "Better with the belt, or without?" or "These shoes or those? I just love

this pair. Don't you?" Why haven't I learned the attacks and defenses of each of Bull's electronically captured Pokemon? Is it too much to ask? After all, I insist that he master multiplication tables and spelling, subjects of no more gravity to him than his Pokemon are to me. When he gets home and asks, "How do germs make us sick?" or "how does a virus live without a heart?" I'll try to have better answers than the ones I offered before he left.

I can hear the air-conditioner and little chirping sounds that might be insects, or just might originate inside my head. A truck passed on the highway below, but failed to lift the gloom or break the silence. It's early still, just past noon, with a week to go before joy returns.

I read somewhere that married people live longer than their single counterparts. I don't know if it is true, and I'm not going to look it up. If it is, and that is my assumption, it may be because, as Nietzsche said, "What does not kill me, makes me stronger," or it may be that without the constraints of family oversight, we eat too many burgers and drink too much beer. But I think it is more than that. With all respect to my friends who are unmarried and to those who are child-free, I must say that I believe that family makes us whole, that we live not only longer, but better when they are home. Those of you who read me regularly are aware that I recently claimed that a teacher who demands a 10-page paper, doesn't get it. Say what you have to say and sit down. I haven't written much, but I've covered the subject, paid tribute to and expressed my love and need for my family. Until next week, then.

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• HIS & HERS •

Anything but Bertie

If your father has died, do you still celebrate Father's Day? That's the question I've been asking myself since March 1999. Now that he's dead, of course, I can call him "Daddy." Somewhere in my teen years, my father sat me down, telling me he didn't want to be called "Daddy"

anymore; he wanted to be called "Al." There wasn't any use in trying to explain that we were living in the South, where people call their fathers "Daddy" for as long as the position holder was still above ground, and then some. I never got the hang of "Al."

Growing up in the 50s and 60s, I marveled at the fathers on television. They wore suits, never raised their voices, and were always kind and understanding, indulgent to a fault. I watched these fathers with a kind of wistful envy. I loved my father, but he was not an easy man to love.

My father was born in 1923, and grew up during the Depression. That shaped much of the way he looked at life. He felt that anyone who hadn't lived through the Depression, and fought in a war, hadn't really paid their dues. We got stories about how he shoveled snow off train tracks, and delivered papers to help support his family. As we grew older, we realized that many of my father's stories blended fact with fiction. At times, I think even he didn't know which was which.

My father was the third of three sons. The oldest, Grant Sheridan Mead, died in infancy, too sick and frail to support the burden of being named after three Union generals. My uncle Leon was just a year or two older than my father. My grandfather, Levi Bullis Mead, was a carpenter, though I never saw him hammer a nail. My grandmother, Peg, passed through Ellis Island when she was nine, coming from County Armagh, in Northern Ireland. A fierce Irish Protestant, she hated Catholics with every breath she drew, although she never attended church. Her only concession to religion was that she ate hard-boiled eggs on Good Friday.

Both my Uncle Leon and my father were drafted during World War II. My father joined the Army Signal Corps,



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and was sent to Britain awaiting the Liberation of Europe, and later France, Belgium, and Germany. Upon returning to the United States, Daddy took advantage of the GI Bill; the first in his family to attend college, earning an engineering degree from Kansas State University. Like

many men from Schenectady, NY, my father worked for General Electric. Having worked at a variety of jobs, I marvel that my father spent his entire career working for the same company.

While he enjoyed the trappings of middle-class life, I don't think he ever felt entirely comfortable with them. Coming from a modest background, he always felt he'd be found out, and make some sort of awful social gaffe. For years, he wore the same uniform, beige chinos and a tartan flannel shirt. The day he retired, he vowed he'd never wear a tie again, and he didn't, not even to my wedding. He did exactly what he wanted to do, regardless of the effect on other people.

My father could be remarkably kind. He always checked his change at the check-out counter, and returned money which had been given to him in error. At parties, he often sought out loners and wallflowers, to make them feel welcome. He stopped to pick up hitchhikers, and we often endured rides with smelly hitchhikers with large backpacks because of his generosity. In many ways, he was kinder to strangers than to his own family.

While I always knew he loved us, at home he was often tyrannical, with a short fuse and quick temper. Everything had to be "just so." "When you earn a living, and support yourself, you can have the luxury of your own opinions," he was fond of saying. Until then, his word was law. It amazed me to go to other homes, and see children talking back to their parents. It was unthinkable in our house.

We grew up with a healthy respect for money. We knew how hard my parents worked for it, and we had all sorts of odd jobs to earn pocket money. During summer break, Eric and I both worked as lifeguards, we babysat. I even remember walking alongside the road,

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in both restaurants."

He said changes on the Furniture South lot over the years, has reduced the number of extra spots – spots that were accounted for prior to expansion of the Furniture South Building and the construction of the Wachovia ATM building.

"The next step is contacting both res-

taurants because this puts in jeopardy their Special Use Permits," said Betz. "They will either be required to create more parking, decrease their number of seats or they may come to you for a variance or ask the Town Board to amend the ordinance."

In Dec. 1991, an SUP for Michael's Cafe -- now Fressers in Helen's Barn -- was is-

sued providing for 36 parking spaces for a combination retail space and 60-seat restaurant with 23 spaces provided on-site and 13 spaces provided at Furniture South.

In April 1998, the SUP for Don Leon's Cafe provided for 35 parking spaces for a 100 seats with seven spaces on site and 28 spaces at Furniture South.

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Smoked paprika, chili powder and cayenne provide just the right splash of heat to accent the bold beefy ribeye, plus a pleasant punch to the potato wedges. For an extra special touch, make a cooling dipping sauce for the potatoes with sour cream, green onion and additional paprika. Add a salad and rolls and call dad to the table. One bite tells him he's special!

Grilled Ribeye Steaks & Potatoes with smoky paprika rub

Total preparation and cooking time: 25 to 30 minutes

Makes 4 servings

2 well-trimmed beef ribeye steaks
cut 1-inch thick (about 12 oz. each)
2 tbl. vegetable oil
½ tsp. salt
2 large russet potatoes, cut
lengthwise into 8 wedges each
salt

1 tbl. 1 minced green onion
Sour Cream & Onion Sauce
2 tbl. smoked or Spanish paprika
1 ½ tsp. sugar
1 ½ tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. ground black pepper
½ tsp. ground red pepper

Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl; remove and reserve 2 tablespoons. Press remaining seasoning evenly onto beef steaks; set aside. Combine reserved seasoning, oil and salt in large bowl. Add potatoes; toss to coat.

Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange potatoes around steaks. Grill steaks, uncovered, 11 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 14 to 17 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

Carve steaks into slices; season with salt, as desired. Sprinkle green onion over potatoes. Serve potatoes with Sour Cream and Onion Sauce for dipping, if desired.

Cook's Tip: To prepare on gas grill, preheat grill according to manufacturer's directions for medium heat. Place steaks and potatoes on grid as directed above. Grill steaks, covered, 9 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 13 to 15 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

Sour Cream and Onion Sauce:

Combine 1/2 cup dairy sour cream and 2 tablespoons minced green onion. Sprinkle with smoked or Spanish paprika, as desired.

Yield: 1/2 cup.



• Recipes and photos courtesy The Beef Checkoff – Courtesy of Family Features

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collecting soda bottles, which we washed, and took to Apple Acres Grocery Store for the refunds. I think at the time I resented the fact that we worked so hard, while many of my friends were handed spending money just as a matter of course, but the lesson was one that helped in later years.

My happiest memory of my father has to be when we went looking for a Christmas tree when I was a teenager. Eric was already off in college. My father had purchased some land with several of his GE colleagues, and we drove off, intending to bring home a tree from our new property. Eventually we did find the perfect tree, but it was too large for the trunk. My father opened the sun roof; I stood up in my seat, and held the tree all the way home. Somewhere along the way, it started snowing, and we laughed and sang Christmas carols as it snowed into the car.

Years ago, my then mother-in-law met my father for the first time. He introduced himself, and she picked up

on his name. "Oh, your name is Albert," she cooed. "I'll bet people call you 'Bertie'." "Not if they want to live," was his dour reply.

Toward the end of his life, my father attended several Army reunions. On one occasion, we went to Gulf Shores, and stopped at a motel along the way. Tired and disagreeable, my father had been particularly rude and unpleasant to the reception staff. Mortified, I snuck over later and apologized. The receptionist looked at me long and hard. "I see that y'all haven't inherited the cranky gene," she remarked. I hope not, but I also hope that I had the sense to see the good in my father, and inherit some of that.

• About the Author: Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, VA, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. While her father was certainly a Yankee, she had the good taste to be born and raised in the South. She is a member of the Highlands Writers Group.

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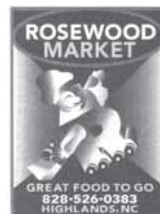
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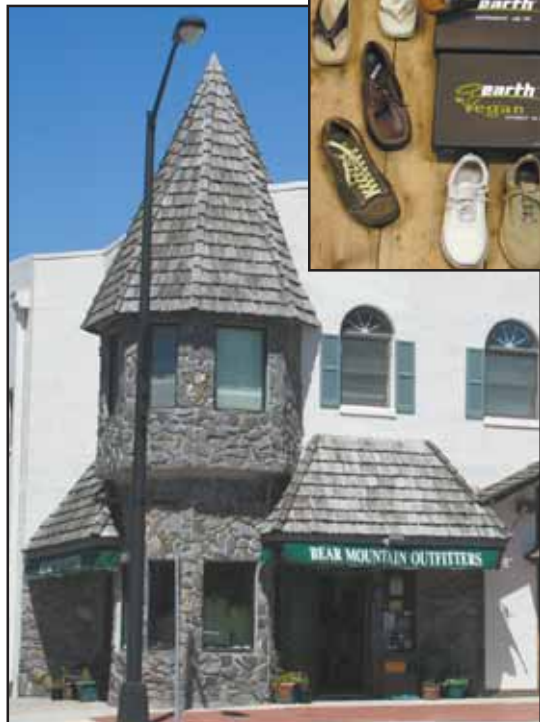
On June 8, members of the Highlands Police Department — Chief Bill Harrell, officer and School Resource Officer Ronnie Castle, and officers Fish and Olvera – presented awards to students who completed the DARE program at the school. The DARE program encourages youth to steer clear of drugs and alcohol and not to succumb to peer pressure. Assistant Principal Terry Bradley spoke about the benefits of the program and students read their essays and poems. The elementary classes performed songs under the direction of music teacher Ms. Kirchner, sang about the theme: “Teaching Tolerance.” Front row from left: Jerry Reed, Emily Gabbard, Ryan Vinson, Tyler Munger, Austin Baty, Javier Montalvo. Second row from left: Ellie Cate Beavers, Tatiana Schmitt, Emily Shuler, Cara Hedden, Sydney Harris, Mr. Bradley. Back row from left: Officer Castle, Autumn Houston, Mrs. Hedden, Fifth Grade Teacher, Carli Calloway, Nadia Rogers, Olivia Dendy, and Craig Forster.

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Thomas Jessup
HS Guidance Counselor

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Washington. The Forest Service is looking for your opinions at the upcoming meeting at the Highlands Civic Center on June 19. This is the final meeting in North Carolina for those who wish to keep swim holes on the Chattooga free from boats. If you cannot attend, please take a few moments to notify the Forest Service about how you and your children enjoy swimming the Chattooga by emailing the Forest Service.

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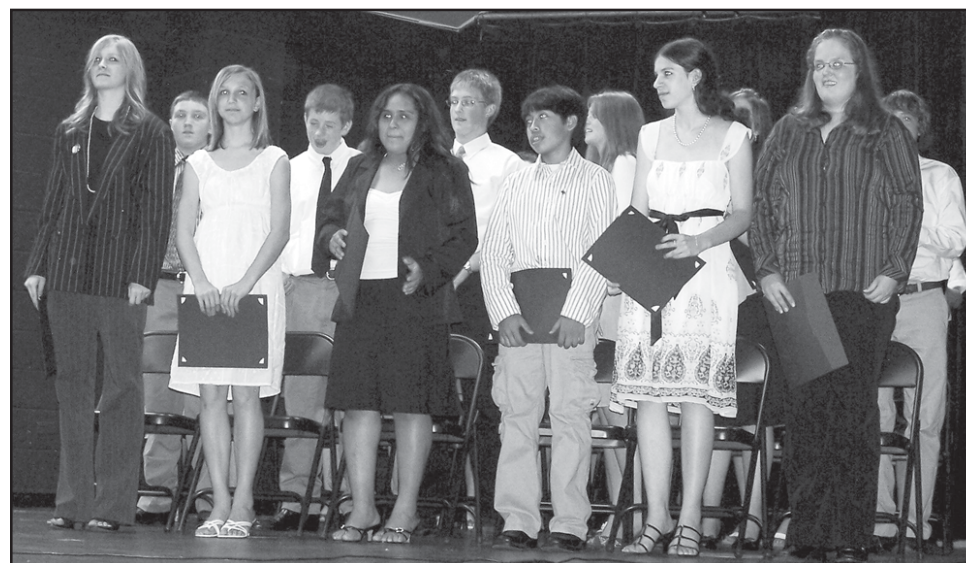
By Elizabeth Gordon

On June 7, the 8th graders of the Highlands School walked onto the stage of the old gym to wave middle school good-bye and to say hello to high school.

Principal Brian Jetter made an opening statement. "I had to look twice because I thought you had already entered high school," he told the group. "Everyone here tonight is very proud of you and I'm extremely proud of you for making it this far."

President of the Student Government Association Marlee McCall introduced the speaker for the night – middle school history teacher Steve Massey. In his speech he prepared the students for the rigors of high school, but told them to never give up. "Remember these three things," he said. "Remember all the tomorrows; never give up; and learn from mistakes. It's OK, you're human."

Following the speech awards and diplomas were presented. Graduates of the 8th grade class of 2007 are: Paige Baty, Taylor Buras, Ana Damian, Jose Feria, Amy Fogle,



Rising 9th-graders of Highlands School take the stage.

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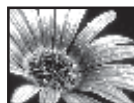
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Beyond the "must-have" essentials, including a cooking appliance, a dining and/or conversation area, and a hearth or other heating unit, outdoor living spaces are all about making the design feel like it is part of the home.

Two of the most important elements are to make the space both guest-friendly and appropriate for all kinds of weather conditions, from blue skies to gloomy, rainy days. For the best sun protection, consider screened-in awnings, a garden umbrella over an outdoor table or natural shade from vines trained on a pergola. For cold weather comfort, the most popular homeowner request is for a fire pit,

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The Heart of Highlands

When I first moved to Highlands, almost 20 years ago, it was a much quieter place. One of my favorite stories concerns a dog my husband called "Old Greaser." We lived out Highway 106 near the trailhead for Chinquapin Mountain, and there was an ancient terrier that lived around where Long Moving and Storage is today. Old Greaser would actually sleep in the middle of the highway! As inconceivable as that is today, this was a common sight 18 years ago. We'd make sure to look for him, particularly in the summer, and we'd slow down and drive around him.



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For a long time, the idea that Highlands needed greenspace seemed laughable. When you look at Highlands from Sunset Rock the town appears to be a tiny island in a huge sea of green.

There has been growth across those 20 years of course, but the pace of development has quickened considerably in the last three or four years. What is most different lately is the density of new development.

In the last couple of years I have heard people say, as if to reassure themselves, that almost every available lot has been built on so there is only so much more development that can occur. These people are fooling themselves; where once a lot held one house, now developers pack in 20.

This change in the pace of development has prompted a movement to save some land within the town as greenspace.

The Greenway is an idea I have supported ever since I went on a Treasure Hunt last year sponsored by the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance. The treasure hunt was basically a walking tour of Highlands and I realized what a wonderful thing it would be for tourists and residents alike to have.

Imagine walking from Main Street to the Kelsey Trail, turning up Rhododendron Trail along the flank of Big Bear Pen, then around Lindenwood Lake and through the Highlands Nature Center Botanical Gardens before returning to Highlands. Or a walking tour of the many homes on the National Historic Register.

After I had lived in Highlands a few years, I realized something had been bothering me about the town: there was no central square or park. I'm a city-girl but whenever I visited a small town there was always a public place in the center; the heart of the town. Highlands has no

center. We have a commercial center of course, but no public gathering place, no heart.

Pine Street Park is the other current effort to create greenspace in the center of Highlands, and I think the people who are working on bringing this park to fruition envision it as being a central gathering spot for the town. It's hard for me to look at the plans for Pine

Street Park and not think it is a desperate attempt to grab hold of what already has been lost.

Somehow Pine Street Park has evolved to include closing Pine Street. The members of the park committee said at last week's public meeting that this plan would tie the park in with the new town hall complex on the hill above where Town Hall is today.

Perhaps the plan for Pine Street Park should be put on hold until we hear from the Town Board about the new Town Hall complex design. How can anyone imagine tying Pine Street Park into a design that hasn't even been made public yet?

I think it's time for the people of Highlands to have a discussion about the future of the town. Highlands is going to build a new Town Hall. Highlands is going to have to tackle parking. Highlands needs a heart.

Go up to the hill above Town Hall and walk around. There is a nice view of Satulah Mountain and Sunset Rock. If the public restrooms, parking lot and ABC store were moved, there could be room for a Town Hall and greenspace.

Any plan for the future should include building a parking garage or two. There are two obvious locations: one by Helen's Barn and the other at the corner of 3rd and Oak Street by the police station. Both are one block off Main Street. When I visit my father in Cleveland, we love to go to a quaint neighborhood filled with restaurants and shops where people enjoy strolling in the evening. And this quaint neighborhood has a very convenient parking garage — one of the reasons it is such a pleasant place to go is because parking is never a problem.

I was at last week's second Pine Street Park meeting, and there were less than 40 people there. About 32 people attended the first meeting. I think we need input from a lot more people.

If you care about Highlands, I suggest that now is the time to get involved in its future.

• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Let's play 20 questions

Summer's here, I'm burnt out from endless hours of researching critical matters so I'm going to ask the questions here. Well, to tell you the truth, when I launched into this subject, I did a bit of research, but when I ran into terms like Australopithecines, Paranthropus and paleoanthropology, I decided to approach it on a more shallow, less technical way.

These days, one can't avoid commercials for delivery systems and devices for the purpose of sticking music in your ear non-stop, 24/7/365. I frankly don't understand how anyone can think with the decibels piped directly into your brain all the time. Now, don't misunderstand me, I am a music lover. I sing in a choir, I've sung barbershop, I have my share of tapes and CDs. Here's the question.

Where did music come from? Why is there music? I don't mean who invented the piano, or oboe or flugelhorn. I don't mean who wrote the songs (everyone knows it was Barry Manilow). I don't mean who built the recording studios, who developed satellite radio, who invented the I-pod? I mean where did music come from?

In the same vein, where did color come from? I am a color freak. I love colorful things. My shirts, dress or casual, are colorful. The more colorful my ties, the better. I love flowers because they're colorful. I love birds because they are colorful. So where did color come from?

From all the pictures I've seen of the moon, I've never seen any color on it at all. I know that Mars is known as the red planet, but frankly, it doesn't look red to me. Personally, I don't think there is a whole lot of color outside of our Earth. Why were we favored? Come to think of it, where did flowers come from? Where did birds come from? I told you I was full of questions.

Oh, by the way, where did singing come from? Now that we're on the subject, why can almost all of us see, hear, taste, smell and feel? Where did all that come from?

I've heard from time to time that we (the human species, or, to be technical which I said I wouldn't be,



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homo sapiens) once lived in a swamp and somehow crawled out of it and after a while, viola, here we are.

Was what crawled out a boy thing or a girl thing? Was there more than one, or did it do the Gaia thing and reproduce without the benefit of a partner? Did it see? Hear? Etc.? Let's stop calling it a thing and give it the respect it deserves. I think it's called an amoeba.

Now if I understand the theory, all life evolved (there. I've said it) from this amoeba. Over the ages, this one-celled organism realized that, rather than flop around like a tadpole, it needed legs to walk around and escape its pursuers (where did they come from?)

So, then there were legs. How many at first I have no idea. We now range from two to a 100. I guess it needed to have more than one cell to pull that one off. I also don't know where the additional cells came from. Evidently, legs didn't suffice, so the thing (I think it's well beyond the amoeba stage by now but I don't know what to call it) squatted down and laid an egg. After a while, a winged thing hatched and flew away. But not all of the things had wings, just some.

Somewhere along the line, one of the things decided it needed to take a swim but discovered it couldn't so it morphed itself into a finny, scaly thing with gills that could. I have a hard time believing that version; I prefer the one where a flying thing laid an egg and a fishy thing came out.

Snakes, eels and crawly things I can't explain.

As I said in the beginning, I am neither smart enough or do I have the faith to believe that we came down from the apes. If we did, why didn't the apes that now exist turn into people? Why did the process stop? Why aren't humans still evolving from the apes?

Hasn't science determined that there are gaps in the process that render this version implausible? Why do some continue hold on to a theory that demeans human life? I find it much more reasonable to believe that we are created by a loving God. I'm better than a monkey and so are you. Questions answered.

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• GARDENING ON THE PLATEAU •



Gardening With Kids

By **Charlie Nardozi**

National Gardening Association

Family photos often tell the tale of memorable life moments. One of my favorite family photos shows my 2-year-old daughter and me planting pumpkin seeds in the garden. Now she's a teenager and not interested in gardening at the moment, but somehow I feel the "seed" has been planted for her to appreciate plants, flowers and growing food.

Kids' Gardening Benefits

Something almost magical happens when children garden. For example, educators everywhere report that kids' self-esteem, social skills and attitudes about the environment improve. Students who have trouble with academics find practical applications in the garden for what they learn in class.

Kids who garden also enjoy physical activity in the outdoors, and become more interested in eating the nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables they grow. Plus, gardening provides exercise in a fun way. The simple acts of digging a hole, raking soil, pulling giant weeds and hauling buckets of water work various muscle groups in the body. Researchers in England found that, with proper guidance, 30 minutes of gardening burned more calories than a 30-minute aerobics class.

Make Gardening Fun

But gardening isn't an easy sell for most kids; they have so much competing for their attention already: television, computers, sports and a zillion planned

activities. The key, especially at the early ages, is making gardening fun and approachable.

If you want your child to love gardening, the best thing you can do is show them how much you love it just by reveling in your own garden every day. Your garden doesn't have to be a showplace — it may be a decorative little corner or a profusion of pots. Also, give them good gardening experiences. These will be great memories in years to come.

Here are some tips for gardening with children:

- Start small, and let kids choose what to plant. Offer guidance and make sure there are some sure-success plants among their picks.
 - Relax your standards. Crooked rows and a few weeds are fine.
 - Leave room for good old-fashioned digging. Holes are a highly popular landscape feature. Look for worms. Add water, and frogs appear.
 - Let kids express themselves by coloring signs and decorating the garden in their own personal way. Action figures in the garden are okay.
 - Do behind-the-scenes maintenance of kids' gardens, keeping them edged and weeded. Don't expect kids to do all the watering and pest patrol.
 - Include a fun structure, perhaps a sunflower house or a bean tepee, to provide a seasonal hideout and playhouse.
- For more information about gardening with kids, go to www.kidsgardening.org.

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• THE VIDEO GUY •

Pan's Labyrinth

(Originally titled El laberinto del fauno)

The 2007 fantasy/drama written and directed by Guillermo del Toro (best known to American audiences for Blade, Hellboy, Mimic), starring Ivana Baquero as Ofelia, Sergi López as Captain Vidal, Maribel Verdú as Mercedes (Y tu mamá también), and Doug Jones (Lady in the Water, The Benchwarmers) is brilliant as the faun. Rated R for graphic violence, in Spanish with English subtitles.



Stuart of
The Movie Stop

they are very attractive, and they always have consequences.

Brilliantly filmed and photographed, it is visually stunning, and a deeply dramatic piece, not without a few lighter moments. The two more fantastic creatures, the faun and the Pale Man, are not computer generated, both characters are played by Doug Jones, who had to learn Spanish in a hurry to complete this film.

There are unlikely to many stories like this, but a few other well done fantasy /morality tales are Lord of the Rings trilogy, Willow, Eragon, Chronicles of Narnia, and Labyrinth. All of these are much lighter in tone, and all good fantasy stories.

The Storyline: (or more accurately, "storylines") In 1944, towards the end of the Spanish Civil War, a young girl (Ivana Baquero, just 11 years old in this film) is on her way to her new home, along with her pregnant mother and new stepfather.

This could be a charming family outing, except the step dad in question is a dangerous fascist psychopath and the mom is quite ill and having a very difficult pregnancy. As they settle in to their new home, Young Ofelia begins to interact with a fairy tale world, with some amazing characters, including the Faun (Pan does not make an appearance in the story, but for distribution in the U.S., it was thought that audiences might not understand the reference of fauns).

It seems that Ofelia may actually be the long lost princess of the underworld, a fact that needs to be verified by her completing a series of tasks that will prove her worthiness. As the world around her begins to go from real bad to worse, events from the two worlds begin to influence each other, or maybe not.

Del Toro's previous work also includes fantastic creatures, but Blade and Hellboy, good for their genre and popular, are rather brainless, and are much more action/adventure than this one, decidedly fantasy/drama, and made much darker in content, with its realistic and historic context.

Despite the presence of fairies, magical frogs and fauns, this is NOT a children's film. It is a very realistic snapshot of a small part of the Spanish Civil war, and the casual yet extreme savagery that was a common element of that conflict is briefly but accurately portrayed.

It is several stories on several levels, and central to both of the story lines, Ofelia always has choices, but not all of

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There is some confusion about what constitutes merchandise that ordinarily remains out of doors. Code Enforcement Officer Josh Ward said the key is if the object is taken indoors at night, it is not considered "outdoor merchandise" and can't be displayed as such.

Still, shop owners say high-end outdoor items must be brought in to prevent theft. As reported in the May 31 police report, a carved bear valued at \$1,329 was reported stolen from outside The Bird Barn on May 28.

Though some town officials and at least one commissioner feel the display of outdoor merchandise adds color to the town, the problem lies in the definition of "tacky." The problem is there is no clear definition of "tacky" so the ordinance must be applied uniformly across town.

Betz said every business displaying inappropriate merchandise as defined by the ordinance will be notified to remove it by letter.

— Kim Lewicki

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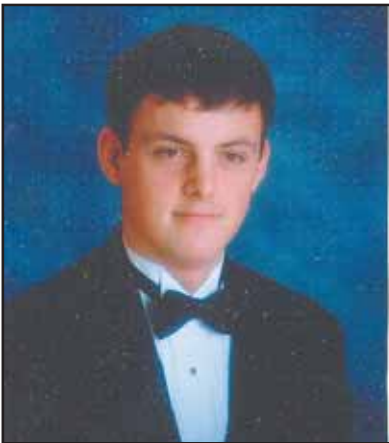
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Scouts move up in rank



Cub Scout Pack 207 ends the 2006-2007 scout year with a Bridging Ceremony where the pack prepares to cross the bridge into their new rank. The Pack stays active throughout the summer months with service projects. They invite the public to attend a US Flag Retirement Ceremony at Steve Potts Park July 4th at 7:30 pm.

... ZONING BOARD from page 1

Meredith had hoped the board would allow him to adhere the material to the metal-framed building without battens and would have preferred using the material only on the sides of the building seen from U.S. 64 east.

However, the Zoning Board upheld the Appearance Commission's recommendation that all four sides of the building be covered with the material.

Furthermore, members ruled that to comply with the ordinance battens attached 8-to-11 inches on center was required like for all board and batten siding.

"Without the batten, what material on the list would it simulate?" asked Interim Zoning Administrator Richard Betz. Some thought it could be construed as stucco, even though it isn't typical stucco. Only 30% of a facade can be stucco.

The second ruling involved the Fine Art Center's plans on Oak Street.

Architects Dennis DeWolf, Hank Ross and Jeff Weller, requested a variance to the zoning ordinance which disallows three habitable stories in a commercial building.

Due to the topography of the property, which falls off toward the back, a basement will be constructed in the exhibit building and used to house mechanicals, offices and some classrooms.

If basements are not accessible to the public, they aren't considered a "story." However, since 1,700 sq. ft. of the 5,100 sq. ft. basement will be used as classrooms, a variance was necessary.

The board deliberated the issue for some time, and finally determined that the lay of the land created a hardship -- one criteria for allowing a variance..

Plus, over the years, the Zoning Board has granted variances for three-stories when one is a basement. Betz cited Highlands Inn, Mountain High Lodge, Highlands Suites Hotel, and a couple of buildings in Wright Square.

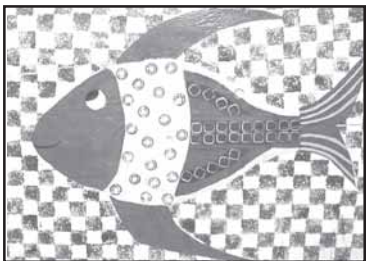
Chairman John Dotson reminded the board that some variances had been turned down -- namely for the old McCulley building which is now part of the Old Edwards Hospitality Group complex.

Member Allan Frederick voiced what most felt. "If we don't allow them to do this, then they will have to build somewhere else and their argument for minimizing the foot-print of the building on the property is extremely strong."

Member Tony Potts said he likes to see the use of smaller footprints whenever possible. "That should be encouraged, not prohibited," he said. "If we turn them down, they will have to build more buildings or expand the ones they've got and they'll have to build a basement, regardless."

In the end, the board granted the variance to inhabit the basement. They also granted the necessary SUP with the stipulation that a "right turn only" sign be erected so exiting patrons drive toward U.S. 64 and not back up Oak Street.

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Increase of river impoundments altering Western NC landscape

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has noted an increase in the number of proposed river impoundments in Western North Carolina, a trend resulting largely from increased development and one that brings near-permanent alteration of natural streams and rivers.

In the first four months of 2007, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has reviewed or is in the process of reviewing five river impoundment projects in WNC contrasted with seven private impoundment projects in all of 2006.

Nothing changes the nature of a stream as directly or profoundly as damming it, a tool increasingly used by developers to create artificial lakes, much to the detriment of area streams.

"These impoundments are a little-noticed facet of the region's increasing development, but they have serious and near-permanent impacts on the streams where they're built," said Bryan Tompkins, a biologist with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The region's native fish and other aquatic life are adapted to fast-moving streams with highly-oxygenated water, and stream bottoms covered in sand, gravel and rock. When an impoundment brings that section of stream to a near standstill, the water's oxygen level drops, and the stream bottom is covered in sediment. This eliminates spawning and foraging habitat for native fish; creates a barrier dividing populations of aquatic animals into two smaller and more vulnerable populations; and alters downstream water temperature, dissolved oxygen levels, and sediment movement – all adversely affecting the health of the stream. Also, terrestrial habitat is lost as the impoundment fills.

"People are attracted to this area for its natural beauty, but lakes are not a natural feature of the Southern Appalachians – every lake in the region was created by humans and they've each had an adverse impact on our streams," noted Tompkins.

Under the Clean Water Act, constructing a private dam on a stream requires permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the N.C. Division of Water Quality (DWQ). The Service routinely comments on these permit applications in an effort to minimize impacts to fish and wildlife. The Corps of Engineers typically makes applications for their permits available for public comment at: <http://www.saw.usace.army.mil/wetlands/notices.html>

The negative impacts of these impoundments were highlighted in a project the Service reviewed in 2006 that proposed to create a 15.67-acre impoundment as part of a subdivision abutting National Forest in Transylvania County. The impoundment would have bisected habitat for Southern Appalachian brook trout, leaving each portion of the formerly continuous population

isolated and with such low numbers that the future of each portion would be in doubt. After receiving recommendations from the Service and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission against the project as planned, the Corps and DWQ denied the permit, a decision currently being appealed.

"The presence of our native brook trout played a large role in the denial of the permit, but there are a lot of other streams that don't have brook trout that are being permanently altered," said Tompkins. "If someone wants an artificial lake or pond, we recommend building it outside the natural stream bed, so water is channeled from the stream to the impoundment and the overflow is channeled back to the stream. The impacts are far less."

MC Planning Board tackles stormwater issues

By Susanna Hearn
Reporter

The Macon County Planning Board continued to refine the details of the subdivision ordinance at its Tuesday, June 5 meeting. Dealing with stormwater issues took center stage.

Jenny Sanders, a representative of the Little Tennessee Watershed Association, commended the board's efforts on addressing stormwater runoff and offered the assistance of the LTWA in educating the community.

"Stormwater runoff is one of the largest contributors to pollution," said Sanders. "Sediment is pollution. It kills fish, and increases cost of treatment for drinking water. It sounds like you are headed toward a strong stormwater provision and we encourage you to continue."

Along with stormwater runoff issues, the board also discussed homeowners associations, bonding, and slope compaction. Soil and erosion control officer Matt Mason presented photographs of local developments where runoff and erosion had caused slope and road failures.

"Stormwater is one of our biggest problems," said Mason. "Sediment is the biggest pollutant in the state. That's because of stormwater. Compaction and stormwater are the two things that are going to be most important."

The board discussed input they had received from other counties regarding homeowners associations, including Jackson County which requires that road maintenance and open space be delegated to homeowners associations. The board would like to see bonding requirements for two acres instead of five acres and will do further research on slope compaction standards for future meetings.


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By Minister Margaret E. Howell

Lutheran Church of the Holy Family

I'm a newcomer here in Highlands. I am a 51-year-old second-career minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. And I'm a woman minister to boot. When I introduced myself to "Mr. Vernon," down at the corner market, he said "A lady preacher?" I cut him off at the pass and quickly said "Yeah, what's the world coming to?"

After 21+ years in the inertia of living and working in the same city, my bishop made me an offer I couldn't refuse, so I decided to consider a call to pastor the Lutheran Church of the Holy Family, just out of town on Hwy 106.

We came up to visit Highlands in the middle of January. Its beauty took my breath away, even in the cold and dark of winter. I loved it. My husband, Jon, liked it as well, but he is the pragmatic one in the family. He keeps me from running headlong where angels fear to tread. He wisely kept his head while I was losing mine, reminding me of how difficult a call like this could be. He was still working in Charlotte, where we have a house and elderly parents who depend on us there. The drive is about 3 1/2 hours each way. It would mean many hours each week on the road.

We visited Highlands several more times, and I preached at Holy Family and got to know the folks there better. The congregation was small, but warm, friendly and faithful. Every time I visited, I fell more and more in love with the beauty and serenity of the place. I couldn't get over how at home I felt in a village I had only been to a couple of times.

Jon and I had spent our entire lives in Charlotte, both arriving here with our parents in 1956. When we were children, Charlotte was sleepy, low-key little southern city — nothing like it is now. The Charlotte of the 21st century is a continuous crush of people, on the roads, in the stores, 24/7 and it was wearing on us. It only took a few visits to the mountains, and Jon and I were both hooked. But, for all its natural beauty, that's not what convinced us to come.

It was y'all.

It was "Mr Vernon" at the Farmers Market, who kindly let me use his phone one cold blustery morning when I locked my keys in the car. It was the smiling and pleasant young man who showed up to help me open my car. It was the irascible Don Leon and his lovely wife Susan, some of the first people we met here, who treated us like old friends. It was the gentleman who installed our cable service, who methodically and good naturedly "got-r-done."

It was the smiling lady at the post office, the friendly shop keepers and a grocery store that still offers credit. It was all the churches who work together, without rancor, to serve the community and those in need. It was a family in my parish who rented us their beautiful summer cottage to live in the days we are here. It is the gentle and good-humored EMTs who took me to the hospital when Jon and I BOTH got food poisoning. It was nurse Peggy Crockett and Dr. Tony Fisher who treated me like a queen in the ER. It was Terry Watson at Bryson's market, who made sure our groceries were delivered to us that same day when we were too weak to drive, and didn't charge us a delivery fee. It was Bill, who delivered the supplies and as we were thanking him said, "Well, I live just around the corner — it was no trouble

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a lacking is an understanding of "the county."

Perhaps the attitude both up here and down there would change, if members of the Town Board routinely ventured down the mountain to a MC Commission meeting rather than attending only when Highlands wants something from the county..

Highlands is part of a growing county that is getting more and more fiscally complicated. Yes, much of the county's coffers are filled with Highlands money. Rather than that being the reason the county should listen to Highlands, turn it around. Because so much of Highlands' money is in the county's coffers, Highlands commissioners should participate in the governmental process, attend meetings, and understand for themselves what's going on in their county with their money.

I have been attending the county commission meetings for about eight years and it's never time wasted. Each year's proceedings are built on the foundation of the previous year. You miss a year, or if you're newly elected and try to jump in cold, it takes a long, long time to warm up enough to understand what's really going on and to function properly.

Instead of educating themselves by

reading the papers or attending meetings, members of the Town Board rely too heavily on Town Administrator Richard Betz for information coming out of the County Commission. Betz, who is understandably busy doing his Highlands job, relies on County Manager Sam Greenwood and the District I Commissioner from Highlands for information. The process only works if the lines of communication are open and if everyone is on the same page.

I'm here to tell you the Highlands Town Board and the County Commission aren't even reading the same book.

Attend a county commission meeting and you'll see what I'm talking about. Issues abound and believe it or not, most of the time Highlands is as far from the county commission's mind as the town is from the shore. Why? Because Highlands is just part of the county. Plus, out of sight, out of mind.

Show up and the county commission might put a face to the name "Highlands" and remember that Highlands is their people, citizens of Macon County, not just a line item in the budget.

Maybe then the "them against us" attitude will change and instead of battling heads everyone will realize we're in this together.

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Land Trust honors 2006 land donations

by Gary Wein

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust honored those who donated land and conservation agreements in 2006 at a celebration held at Lonesome Valley on May 31. Nearly 130 HCLT partners joined at a catered barbecue dinner to thank those who donated nearly 80 acres in 2006. These properties will be protected in perpetuity from development and will remain for all to enjoy.

- A conservation agreement was placed on the top of Laurel Knob by Tom and Georgene German. This will protect a sensitive rock outcrop plant community on the top of one of the highest cliff faces east of the Mississippi River.

- Nearby in Lonesome Valley, Dick Jennings placed the Lonesome Valley meadow in a conservation agreement that is contiguous with Lonesome Valley's designated greenspaces. The Lonesome Valley and the Laurel Knob easements will protect a corridor that extends from Highway 64 to Canada Road through Panthertown, nearly seven miles.

- Nina and Frank Burke donated a conservation agreement on the slopes of Satulah Mountain that will protect six acres in the Satulah Historic District and continue

the Land Trusts efforts to protect Satulah Mountain. The first properties protected by the land trust in 1909 are located on Satulah.

- Margaret and Randolph Shaffner along with Rebecca and David Thomas donated 10 acres known as Rhodes Big View to honor their parents Robert and Antonia Rhodes. Rhodes Big View is located on Highway 64 at the Macon/Jackson County line. The view from here is spectacular and overlooks Whiteside and the Chattooga River headwaters.

- David Bauer and Mark Falb donated six acres in the Divide on Bald Rock Mountain. This forested property is adjacent to a Southern Appalachian Bog that is already protected.

- David and Barbara Postles along with Larry and Nancy Fuller donated a wonderful tract on Hardscrabble Road that will remain a green-space forever.

- Rachel Hamilton was also honored for her donation on Sagee Ridge Road made in 2005.

Land donors were given a signed giclee print by Highlands own, Rosemary Stiefel, and Michigan artist and conservationist, Russell Cobane.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust's

mission is to preserve the natural areas, scenic beauty, and green spaces of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau for the enjoyment and benefit of the public. To learn more about the Land Trust contact them at 828-526-1111 or view their website at www.hicashlt.org.

Annual theater camp coming up at Highlands Playhouse

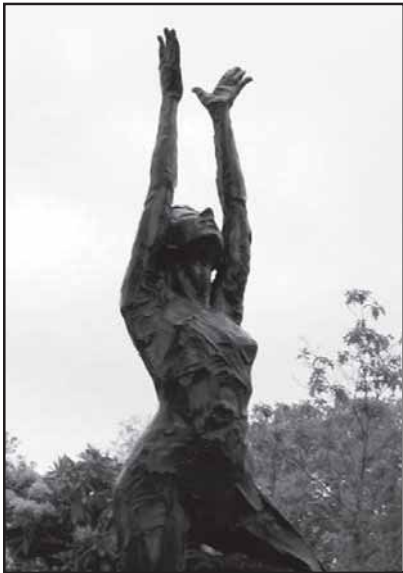
Children's Theatre Classes will be held at the Highlands Playhouse July 10-14 and July 17-21 with a performance on Saturday July 22, 2007.

The classes are for ages 6-15. Hours are 9 a.m.-Noon for ages 6-10 and 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-15. Cost is \$150 for the two week session.

It will be a fun filled opportunity for the children to experience improvisation, scene work, characterization, learn some of the behind the scenes of theatre and even create their own special projects.

Call the Highlands Playhouse Box Office at 828-526-2695 for registration.

4th sculpture on the Green



Jane Dedecker's sculpture "Tree" was installed at Sculpture on the Green this week in Cashiers. The life-size bronze is the fourth sculpture to be installed in preparation for the Grand Opening Celebration on Sat. June 23. The day's festivities include the Smokey Mountain Brass Band, Hovan Gourmet, and a variety of children's art activities from 1-4pm.



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Helen Newton building one of her "wild" pieces of folk art. Newton will be the Art League of Highlands' guest speaker at the Rec Park in Highlands. The program is June 25 and begins at 6 p.m. Come at 5:30 for refreshments.

Art League to feature wild folk art

"The Wild World of Folk Art" is the topic on which Helen Newton will expound at the June 25 meeting of the Art League of Highlands. To some extent, the definition of folk art is in the mind of the one defining it. But Helen states that folk art always reflects traditional community values and is created by the untrained artist who draws on experience, culture and surroundings to tell a personal story.

Her early art career was steeped in the traditional arena of painter, calligrapher and art teacher. Gradually she began

incorporating fiber and wearable art, three-dimensional materials and some aspects of folk art. Today she continues to learn and evolve. This is evident in her unique works which are available in Franklin at the Art Quarter as well as in Highlands.

This program promises to be an educational and entertaining glimpse into this wild world. All are welcome. Come to the Rec Park in Highlands at 5:30 for refreshments and stay for the program which begins about 6 p.m. For info call Bill Richardson at 828-524-6070.

In search of the rare and beautiful

On Friday, June 22, 2007, The Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) and the Little Tennessee Watershed Association (LTWA) will be hosting a hike led by Jack Johnston to see the rare Mountain Camelia (*Stewartia ovata*) in bloom. Join members of LTLT and LTWA on the annual quest to find the rare mountain camelia which is known to exist in only a few mountain locations. This member of the tea family produces one of the most spectacular blooms found in the region.

Jack will have a few *Stewartia* plants for sale and will give us a brief education about the growing habitat for this rare and beautiful species. We will meet at LTLT's Queen Branch property on Hwy 28 (11 miles north of Franklin) at 9:30 to car-pool to various bloom locations. Participants will want to wear appropriate clothing for hiking although the hikes will not be strenuous; bring snacks or lunch, water, and definitely your camera.

The Franklin-based Land Trust for the



Mountain camelia

Little Tennessee (LTLT) works to conserve the waters, forests, farms and heritage of the upper Little Tennessee and Hiwassee River valleys which includes all of western North Carolina west of the Balsam Mountains.

For more information please contact Kate Parkerson at LTLT 524-2711 ext. 203 or kparkerson@ltlt.org or Jenny Sanders at LTWA 369-6402 or jsanders@ltwa.org.







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• BUSINESS NEWS •

Nathalie Dupree and Jack Bass at Cyrano's Bookshop on June 16

Fans of both southern cooking and southern history have the chance to meet two fellow enthusiasts on those subjects—who just happen to be a husband and wife living in Charleston. Famed chef, television host and author Nathalie Dupree will sign copies of her cookbooks at Cyrano's Bookshop on Saturday, June 16, from 5-7 p.m. Ms. Dupree will lead a cooking class/ demonstration at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro starting at 12:30 that afternoon. Also signing from 5-7 p.m. is journalist and historian Jack Bass, autographing both his biography of Strom Thurmond and history of the Orangeburg Massacre.

Nathalie Dupree is recognized as an authority on our regional cuisine and started the New Southern Cooking movement that has become so popular. She has written 10 cookbooks; among her accolades are two James Beard Awards. "Nathalie Du-

pree's Shrimp & Grits Cookbook" (written with Marion Sullivan) is just what it says, with almost 70 different recipes for the now-popular combination, from Curried Thai Soup with Shrimp and Grits to Herbed-cheese Grits, Shrimp and Collards Casserole to Goat Cheese, Basil and Shrimp Timbales. Want breakfast? There's Shrimp and Grits Eggs Benedict. Or how about dessert (yes!): Then try the Peach and Grits Parfait, which, happily, leaves out one ingredient. The book also includes favorite recipes from other acclaimed low-county chefs. Ms. Dupree's "Comfortable Entertaining: At Home With Ease and Grace" has 250 recipes that help the novice cook and experienced hostess alike: "If you've watched my television show, you know that perfect is not my thing!" she says, and "Comfortable Entertaining" is for the real world. Her "New Southern Cooking" is a kitchen classic that features such dishes as Grilled Duck With

Muscadine Sauce, not to mention your basic, but awe-inspiring southern biscuit. Anyone interested in attending Ms. Dupree's cooking class, which takes place at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro from 12:30 to 2:30 on Saturday, should call either Cyrano's (526-5488) or Wolfgang's (526-3807). The cost is \$100.

Jack Bass is a professor of humanities and social science at the College of Charleston. A former newspaper reporter and editor, he was twice named South Carolina "journalist of the year"; he produced the PBS documentary, "A Different Dixie: Portraits of Change." Mr. Bass and co-author Marilyn W. Thompson's "Strom: The Complicated Personal and Political Life of Strom Thurmond" is an insightful biography of the man who as governor, senator and 1948 presidential candidate of the segregationist States Rights' party dominated politics for decades. Shortly after Sen. Thurmond's

death it was revealed that in his youth he had fathered an illegitimate daughter with his family's African-American maid, adding one more layer of irony to a complicated life. The Atlanta-Journal Constitution said that readers "will be rewarded with first-rate reporting, crisp writing, and enough interpretation to conclude that – love him or hate him – Thurmond's life mattered." Mr. Bass will also sign copies of "The Orangeburg Massacre," his account of the South Carolina riots in 1968 that left three dead and 27 others injured when police fired into a crowd of college students. The New York Times Book Review said of Mr. Bass's work "It is too often true that the only redress of a great wrong is good reporting of it. . . This book is excellent reporting, and it apparently will stand as the only righting of what went wrong at Orangeburg."

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Auditions for HCP's 'How the Other Half Loves' June 24 & 25

Listening to interviews with famous actors often yields some unexpected surprises. While many confess to being the class clown or neighborhood show-off, the occasional actor will admit to being the last person anyone would have imagined treading the boards.

Sometimes, an otherwise shy and reserved person comes alive in front of an audience, astounding both themselves and the public. If you are a seasoned actor, or a theater fan with stars in your eyes, here's a chance to get in touch with your inner Bogart or Hepburn.

On Sunday, June 24 and Monday, June 25 auditions for the summer production, "How the Other Half Loves," will be held at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC), Chestnut Street, Highlands, on Sunday at 2 p.m. and Monday at 6 p.m. The cast calls for three men and three women, ages 30-60.

"How the Other Half Loves" is a witty comedy-farce, written by Alan Ayckbourn, one of Britain's most popular playwrights. The play deals with two sets of couples whose houses are seen on stage at the same time. Complicated affairs of the heart are going on among the husbands and wives, with a bewildered third couple drawn into the confusion. Hilarious

situations arise from a series of implausible alibis and lame excuses. Since Ayckbourn is known as the Neil Simon of Britain, the fast-paced comedy is sure to sparkle with his clever satire and razor-sharp dialogue.

The play will be directed by Nancy Reeder. A graduate of Ronnie Spilton's directing class, she debuted her directing career with "Visitors from Chicago" from Neil Simon's *California Suite*. Nancy is an educator, storyteller and writer. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Storytelling from East Tennessee State University, and is a member of the Highlands Writers Group. For more information, call Nancy at (828) 526-1927.

Performances are Thursday-Sunday, Aug 16-19 and Aug. 23-26.

Highlands Community Players' "How the Other Half Loves" runs Aug. 16-19 and Aug. 23-26 at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Performances will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Artist Stiefel & Summit One host Studio Dinner



Rosemary Stiefel's "Sayonara," Triptych, Acrylic on Canvas

Rosemary Stiefel and Summit One Gallery will host a Studio Dinner at the studio of Rosemary Stiefel on Thursday, June 21. Rosemary will discuss in detail the symbols and icons in her painting, "Sayonara" relating to the demise of our hemlocks. For more information about the Studio Dinner Series, please call Summit One Gallery: 828.526.2673

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

- Hal Phillips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.
- Registration has begun for this summer's nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Please call 526-2623 or visit the Nature Center webpage at 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.
- 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.
- 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 828-526-1FIT.
- A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please

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

Every Saturday

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons 6 p.m. until.
- 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. Mondays: For Homeschoolers, classes are from 1-3 p.m. For 2nd to 5th graders, classes are from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays: classes for pre-school are 11-11:30 a.m.; for kindergarten-1st 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.

First Mondays

- Be more informed and 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.

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.

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.

Thursday, June 14

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture Letting the Land Speak to Us. Kay Byer (Poet Laureate of North Carolina).

Friday, June 15

- At CLE, "Philip Morseberger: Passion for Painting" at the Performing Arts Center from 10 a.m. to noon. \$20 for members. \$30 for nonmembers. Call 526-8811.

Saturday, June 16 to 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. A free exhibit opening will be June 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call 526-4949.

Sat. & Sun., June 16 & 17

- Medicinal Plants of Summer Weekend Seminar at the Foxfire Center, in Mountain City, GA. Seminar times 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$180. To register, or for more information, call 706-746-5485 or visit www.botanologos.com. On-site accommodations are available.

Saturday, June 16

- At the Instant Theater, Sue Wilkinson in Concert Saturday at 8 p.m. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 to reserve your tickets
- Smoky Mountain Beekeepers will hold an advanced beekeeping school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring Robin Mountain, president of the Kentucky Beekeepers Association. Basic bee biology and queen rearing will be covered,

Singer performer at ITC



At the Instant Theater, Sue Wilkinson in Concert Saturday at 8 p.m. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 to reserve your tickets

and the session will include a hands-on grafting session in the main gymnasium at SCC's Swain County Center, 60 Almond Road, off U.S. 19/74 west of Bryson City. Lunch will be provided. The charge is \$10, payable by cash or check. Call the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service by noon on June 14 at 586-4009 to register.

- At Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, cooking demonstration and luncheon with Nathalie Dupree from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call Cyrano's Bookshop for reservations, 526-5488.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will offer two hikes on the Georgia Bartram Trail near Clayton GA. The first hike is a moderate 4-miles to Martin Creek Falls. The second hike, for those who wish to continue, is an 8-mile strenuous hike, with a side trail up Pinnacle Mountain for an outstanding view, with an elevation change of 1800 feet. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. or call leader for an alternate meeting place. 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 Doug Deane, 864-718-9265, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- The Nantahala Hiking will take a strenuous 8-9 mile hike to Windy Falls on the Horsepasture River, an awesome, rarely visited waterfall, with the option of exploring a small cave, 40 – 50 feet long, near the falls. The elevation change is 600-700 feet; parts of the trail are rough and unmaintained, definitely not for those with health problems. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles at 743-1079, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

Sunday, June 17

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Little Rock Branch Trail in the Standing Indian area. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Drive 28-miles round trip. 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.

Monday, June 18 to Tuesday, Aug. 14

- Summer Art Camp is held at Bascom-Louise Gallery in Highlands from June. To register, call 526-4949.

Monday, June 18

- Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro at 6 p.m. Featuring Domaine Serene Winery with Michelle Farkas, East Coast Sales Manager. Call 526-3807.

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 18 & June 20

- A trunk show of the Vanderbilt Gallery of fun, fabulous fashion jewelry collection from around the world at The Bungalow Boutique from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 357 Main Street next to AnnaWear.

Wednesday, June 20

- A partnership between The Village Green and Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust brings a series of lectures and outdoor experiences to the Cashiers Library at 6:30 p.m. Peter Lundberg, commissioned sculptor for the Village Green.
- 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: High Up Down Under at Artist Diane McPhail's at 6 p.m. New Zealand cuisine catered by Let Holly Do the Cooking, wines by Highlands Wine and Cheese, part of art sales to benefit Highlands Community Child Development Center. Call Summit One Gallery for reservations at 526-2673.

June 21-July 8

- At The Highlands Playhouse, Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," performed from June 21 through July 8. To reserve tickets, call the box office at (828) 526-2695.

Wed & Thurs, June 20, 21

- At the Instant Theatre, Carpe Noctum Theatre. For more info and tickets call 342-9197

Thursday, June 21

- Forum on "Responsible Alcohol Sellers" from 2-4 p.m. at the Rec Park. Marnini Queen will speak on the subject of responsible sales of alcohol.

- SOAR Silent Live Auction to benefit Special Operations Warrior Foundation. Held at the Highlands Conference Center. Live music, refreshments, and food donated by Wolfgang's on Main. For more information contact Nancy at 526-0224.

- 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: East of the Sun, West of the Moon at Artist Rosemary Stiefel's at 6 p.m. Euro-Asian cuisine catered by Let Holly Do the Cooking, wines by Highlands Wine and Cheese, part of art sales to benefit the Highlands Land Trust. Call Summit One Gallery for reservations at 526-2673.

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture Left Brain, Right Brain: Plants in the Arts and Sciences. Peter White (Professor of Biology & Director of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, UNC at Chapel Hill).

- Art League of Highlands Children's Task Force from 1-3 p.m. Special art project during Summer Rec Camp. "Make a Snake" with Dawn Nicholson and Susan Bauknight. Two age groups. Call Rec Park to register. 526-3556.

June 22-24

- At Acom's on Main Street, Match Truck Show – Hand-made Italian pewter and ceramic tableware.

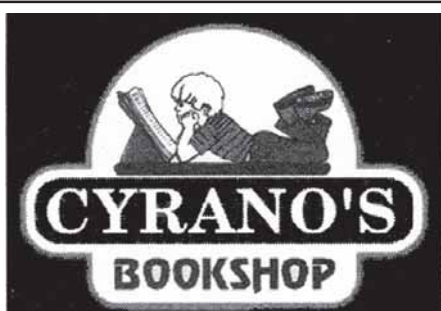
Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24

- Paws on Parade — a two-day-fun-filled summer event for the family and the family dog. Paws on Parade will be held Saturday, June 23, in Sapphire Valley Resort. Family lunches will be available at the Four Seasons Grill on the ski slopes. Any organization or business who is dog-related and would like to have a booth may call 743-1683.

Friday, June 22

- "The Dendy Family with Southern Gospel" 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, June 23



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Upcoming Book Signings

June 16

- 5-7 p.m.

Natalie Dupree
"Shrimp and Grits"

Ms. Dupree will hold a cooking class at Wolfgang's on Main earlier the same day.

- 5-7 p.m.

Jack Bass

"Strom"

June 23

- 12:30-2

Bill Alexander

"Biltmore Nursery:
A Botanical Legacy"

- 2:30-4:30

Ann Ross

"Miss Julia Strikes Again"

June 30

- 1-3 p.m.

Don Brown

"Treason"

- 5-7 p.m.

Gayden Metcalfe

"Somebody is Going to Die if Lilly Beth
Doesn't Catch that Bouquet"

July 7

- 1-3 p.m.

Charles Martin

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

'Parallel Lives' I returns for the final time



Parallel Lives will be performed four more times!! Last chance to see this sell out production. Performances will be at the Studio on Main performed by the Highlands Community Players. Friday and Saturday, June 22 & 23 and Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 & 12. 8 p.m. curtain. Pictured are Sandi Trevathan, Bonnie Earman and Lee Lyons in the vignette, "Three Sisters." For tickets call: 828.342.9197

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to the lower falls of Middlecreek. Hikers should bring along shoes (and a small towel) to wade across the creek. Meet at 10 a.m. at the first overlook on GA highway 246, about 5 miles coming up from Dillard toward Highlands. Drive 3-miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

June 23

- Coweeta Baptist Church in Otto, NC, invites all to a night of music with the "Shining Pathway" at 7 p.m. Call 369-7508 for directions.

Sunday, June 24 & Monday, June 25

- The Highlands Community Players will be holding auditions at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center for their summer production, "How the Other Half Loves," on Sunday at 2 p.m. and Monday at 6 p.m. Three men and three women are needed, ages 30 - 60. Scripts are available at the Highlands, Cashiers, and Franklin Libraries. For information call Director, Nancy Reeder 828-369-1927.

Sunday, June 24

- Week long Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church featuring "Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God." Call 526-3376.

- Week long Vacation Bible School at Clear Creek Baptist Church.

Monday, June 25

- "Wild World of Folk Art." Art League of Highlands, monthly meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Refreshments, 5:30. Program, 6 p.m.. Highlands Rec Park. Fine artist, calligrapher and folk artist Helen Newton. Her early art career was steeped in the traditional and she has gradually incorporated fiber, wearable, three dimensional into her "wild" pieces. Call Bill Richardson for info 828-524-6070.

- Calling all Koren War Veterans. The Korean War Veterans' NC Chapter #265 invites all Korean War veterans,

spouses and guests to the Fourth Annual Memorial Service commemorating the start of the Korean War. The service is a 10 a.m. at the Western North Carolina Veteran's Cemetery in Black Mountain. A Dutch Treat luncheon follows at the Monte Vista Hotel. Call 828-669-8089 for more information.

Tuesday, June 26

- Movies at PAC at 7 p.m. "Lake House." Refreshments served at 6:30 p.m. It's FREE.

- "An Innocent Consequence," a virtual journey to Africa with Beth Moore as she shares her visit to the Orphans of Kenya. Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, North Fifth Street, Highlands. If you like, bring a dish to share at 5:30 p.m. Slide presentation begins at 6:15 p.m.

Fri. & Sat., July 27-28

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

Wednesday, June 27

- "Owl Prowl" at the Highlands Nature Center. 7:30 p.m., all ages. In collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Come to our amphitheater for a presentation by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls, then stay for a night hike to look for owls in the wild. Bring your flashlight. Free, but contributions to CRC are appreciated. Call 526-2623.

- At CLE, "Hand Papermaking" with Sara Morgan Wingfield at her studio from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Civic Center at 9 a.m. to carpool to the studio. \$25 for members. \$35 for nonmembers. Call 526-8811.

Thursday, June 28

- Lambert Bridge 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.

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture What Has Been Lost: What Must Be Saved: A Writer's Views on Environmental Issues in South-

ern Appalachia. Ron Rash (Author, James Still Award by the Fellowship of Southern Writers 2005).

- At CLE, "How Highlands Works" with Town Administrator Richard Betz at Town Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. It's Free. Call 526-8811.

- Art League of Highlands Children's Task Force. Special art project during Summer Rec Camp from 1-2 p.m.. "Chinese Brush Painting" (sumi-e) with Bonnie Adams and Sue Keikes. Two age groups. Call Rec Park to register: 526-3556.

- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will present Bill and Linda Fuchs, world class fly fishers, at the meeting on Thursday. The meeting begins at 7PM at the Albert-Carlton-Cashiers Library and everyone is welcome. The Fuchs own Wilderness Taxidermy and Outfitters in Franklin and have fly fished around the world. Their program will feature fishing for peacock bass in the Amazon, King Salmon on Kodiak Island and big rainbows in Wyoming. Many of these fish will be on display. The Fuchs have guided fly fishing trips to the Rockies for 30 years and will share some of their special locations! Bill Fuchs is an extraordinary speaker and attendees will be entertained as well as informed. Following the speaker, a raffle will be held for the Orvis waders and boots. Call 743-2078 for information

Friday & Saturday, June 29 & 30

- At the Instant Theater, Al Ernst - All You Can Laugh Comedy Buffet. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 to reserve your tickets

Friday, June 29

- At CLE, "The Heiresses: American Royalty" with Rick Hutto at the Performing Arts Center from 10 a.m. to noon. \$20 for members. \$30 for nonmembers. Call 526-8811.

- "Earl Cowart and Heart of Dixie 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.

June 30-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.

Saturday, June 30

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4-mile hike to Lower Whitewater Falls from the Bad Creek Reservoir parking area, with an elevation change of 500 feet. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 10 a.m. Drive 44 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy shoes. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations.

- Special sports physical clinic for school athletic programs are being held at the Macon County Public Health Center in Franklin. The clinics are open to rising 7th grade - 12th grade students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2007-2008 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County Public Health Center by calling 349-2081. There will be a charge of \$10 for the physical and all proceeds will go to the Schools' Athletic Fund.

- Land Trust Day is a special day when businesses who partner with Land Trusts donate a percentage of their sales to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. In exchange the Land Trust promotes each business. For more information, call Julie Schott with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust at 526-9936 ext. 254.

- Join the Nantahala Hiking Club and the Konnarock Crew for lunch and work on a 6-mile section of the Appalachian Trail in celebration of National Trails Day. Meet in front of the Nantahala Outdoor Center store in Wesser at 9 a.m., returning by 5 p.m. Call Bill Van Horn, 369-1983, to make reservations by 11 a.m.

June 30-July 7

- 2007 Highlands Show House at Tug Wa Ridge, ca. 1920. All proceeds to benefit the children's programs at Bas-

com-Louise Gallery, Carpe Diem Farms, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Highlands Playhouse. Hours are Mon-Sat 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon-5 p.m. on Sundays.

Saturday, June 30

- 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 available at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202 9-4 Mon.-Fri.

Wednesday, July 4

- The Skyline Lodge will host a 4th of July Pool/Spa party from Noon until 5 . Enjoy Chef Jim's mouthwatering chicken, ribs, burgers and various salads. Afterwards you are invited to relax by the pool and spa or enjoy a game of horseshoes or ping pong. At dusk enjoy a special fireworks display and a good old fashioned sing-a-long at the pavilion. Adults \$10 Children \$6 Reservations requested. Please call 828 526-2121.

Saturday, July 7

- 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 available at the church. Call 526-2968 ext. 202 9-4 Mon.-Fri.

- "Terry Tritt and Grass Roots Revue" 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.

Friday, July 13

- "Alex Rogers and Cash Valley Ramblers" 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.

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SALES – FULL OR PART TIME – Seasonal, weekend required. Previous sales or customer service experienced preferred. Must be professional. Non-smoking environment. Call the Summer House at 828-526-5577.

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"Old Highlands Charm" located in Mirror Lake area. 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with a walk to town location. Large stone fireplace in open living room, dining room and kitchen. Offered furnished at \$369,000. mls #61875



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• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of June 6-13. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

June 6

- At 11 a.m., a motorist at Billy Cabin and Hicks roads was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 25 zone.
- At 11:10 a.m., a suspicious person was reported outside of Highlands School. He was reportedly waiting for his girlfriend to join him for lunch.

June 7

- At 8:05 a.m., a gas drive-off totalling \$64 was reported at the Farmers Market Exxon.
- At 2 p.m., a motorist was cited for making an unsafe movement at the site of an accident at Oak and Third streets.

June 8

- A motorist was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 25 zone on U.S. 64 west.

June 9

- A motorist was cited for speeding 39 mph in a 20 zone at Third and Main streets.
- A motorist was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone on U.S. 64 west.
- A motorist was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 29 zone at U.S. 64 west.

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the park. "The park will be a great asset to Highlands," she said.

John Cleaveland, who owns property abutting Pine Street is against closing the street. "Don't you think it would have been courteous to inform adjacent property owners of your ideas? I had to read about this in the paper," he said. "I think if you had been upfront about your plans to close the street instead of trying to slip it in as an afterthought, people wouldn't have been so willing to donate to it."

He reiterated what he said at the Town Board meeting the night before. "Closing Pine Street will be detrimental to the town of Highlands. We don't have enough streets to get around Highlands in the summer as it is. This makes no sense," he said.

At the Town Board meeting, he asked commissioners to put the issue to rest once and for all. "Stop this before it goes any further. This is bad Highlands and I'm against closing any portion of it."

During the public session of the Town Board meeting, Cleaveland also asked the board to oppose funding of The Greenway Trail. "I don't see why we need a Greenway Trail when we have thousands of acres that we can use for nothing. I guarantee you that only one to two percent of the population will ever put foot on the trail. It will benefit very few people."

The Town Board is considering putting \$100,000 in the 2007-2008 budget for the Greenway Trail but commissioners suggested the Greenway Trail committee go after grants to fund the majority of the park. The Greenway in Franklin was mostly funded by land donations by Duke Power and grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund. The state considers greenways one way to address stormwater runoff.

Cleaveland also asked the board to go on record against the one percent land transfer tax, which the county commission is for, and to contact state representatives and the county commission about its opposition.

The Town Board took his comments under advisement but didn't act on them at the meeting.

Ross said the Pine Street Park Committee only lacks about \$75,000 to complete the property sale transaction. He said the principal has been paid. The \$75,000 is the interest accrued. Now that public meetings are complete, the committee will begin working on designs for the park.

— Kim Lewicki

east and Poplar Street.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the weeks of June 6-13

June 6

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a business on Main Street. No problem was found.
- The dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers Fire Dept. The call was cancelled en route.

June 7

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

June 8

- The dept. responded to an alarm at the laundry on Spring Street. It was set off my lint in the dryer..

June 9

- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west. The call was cancelled en route.

June 10

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hemlock Woods Drive. There was no transport.

June 11

- The dept. was called to a residence on North Drive due to the "smell of smoke." It was caused by a controlled burn on Hicks Road.

• NOTICES •

Please return containers

It would be much appreciated if whoever BORROWED the concrete containers with petite alberta spruce trees in them from the rock pillars at the entrance of Holt Knob Road would return them. No question is asked.

Did you BORROW the decorative pumpkin from the same place last fall?

Taylor undergoes surgery

Richard Taylor, owner of Mountainique Boutique just underwent surgery for a five-valve heart bypass in Asheville. Cards and prayers would be appreciated. Send to 119 #C, Highlands Manor Court, Highlands, NC 28741. To help with meals, call Nancy Anderson at 526-2477.

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at all."

Highlands, you are feast for the eyes, but what makes you really beautiful is your people. Our neighbors. You don't even know us, but have treated us like family, just the same.

Ya'll do "love thy neighbor" better than anywhere else I have ever been. You don't just talk about loving your neighbor — you live it.

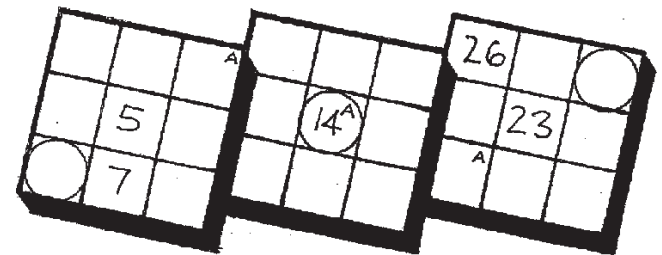
To all the folks who think that Highlands needs "improving" with shopping centers and more of everything you drove up the mountain to get away from, I say, "Look around you, there's not much wrong with it as it is." Y'all already have what very few spots on earth have — a community where folks love one another and look after one another and still have room in their hearts and their village to welcome a visitor with a sincere smile. You can't get any better than that.

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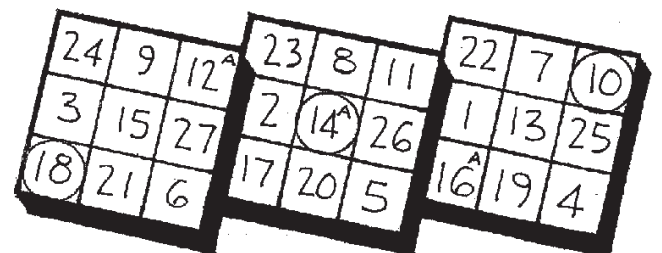
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Start with the three center numbers for each layer and two other numbers. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other 22 numbers belong. Good Luck!

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Email: pseudocube8@aol.com

Solution to #AN4F in the June 7 paper



• BUSINESS NEWS •

Wolfgang's offering 6-course wine dinner next week

Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro is featuring a wine dinner Monday, June 18 with Domaine Serene Winery. Michelle Farkas, East Coast Sales Manager, will be hosting the dinner. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David will be creating a delicious six-course dinner that will compliment these extraordinary wines. Domaine Serene wines have received high accolades and points ranging in the 90s with both Robert Parker and Wine Spectator.

The recent April 30 issue of Wine Spectator Magazine has a six-page feature article on Ken & Grace Evenstad. The article, entitled "Leap of Faith" was written by Bruce Schoenfeld and chronicles the Evenstad's journey to Oregon in the late 80s and their unwavering commitment to producing the world's best Pinot Noir.

Space is limited and is filling up fast. Call Leah at the restaurant and make reservations at 526.3807 or by email at wolfgangrestaurant@verizon.net.

