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- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.
- Hal Phillips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.
- Live music nightly at ...on the Verandah Restaurant, 5:30 until
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- Pilates classes with Sandi Trevathan on Level 1 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Mon. and Wed. at 4 p.m. \$10 per class.
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Every Thursday

- At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.
- Rotary Bingo 6:30 8:30 pm at the Highlands Community Center. Open to all ages. Price is \$1 per card per game.

Every Saturday in July

- "Jukebox Journey" at PAC at 5 and 8 p.m. with Courtenay Collins and Robert Ray.

Through Friday, July 8

- At The Highlands Playhouse, "Kiss Me Kate," performed from June 21 through July 8. Call the box office at (828) 526-2695.

Wednesday-Friday, June 27-29

- At Bungalow Boutique, a Indo-Chic Trunk Show. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thurs.-Sun., June 28-July 1

- At Acorn's, Mary Louise/Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show.

Friday & Saturday, June 29 & 30

- At the Instant Theater, Al Ernst - All You Can Laugh Comedy Buffet. Call 342-9197 to reserve your tickets.

Friday-Sunday, June 29-July 1

- "Walk in the Park" Tickets for any of the three performances are priced \$15 each.

Friday, June 29

- At CLE, "The Heiresses: American Royalty" with Rick Hutto at PAC from 10 a.m. to noon. Call 526-8811.

- "Earl Cowart and Heart of Dixie Band" at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts 6:45-7:30 p.m. at school old gym.

From June 30-July 7

- Show House at Tug Wa Ridge, Mon-Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon-5 p.m. on Sat. Tickets are \$25. Call 526-0000.

Saturday, June 30

- Girl Scout Troop #219 selling cookies 11 am-1 p.m. at Bryson's Food Store.

- At Peak's Experience, Artist Vicki Love Trunk Show. Handcrafted leather – purses, belts, skirts and more – 10 a.m. to 5

- "Taming of the Shrew" by the Highlands Playhouse at Pine Street Park at 2 p.m.

- Fisher Estate garden tour 9:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. Tickets \$25. Call 526-2968.

Monday-Friday, July 2-8

- At Acorn's, Coralia Lee Jewelry Trunk Show.

Tuesday, July 3

- Abe Lincoln impersonator at Tug Wa Ridge, Highlands Showhouse, at 6 p.m. \$125/person includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and showhouse tour. Call 526-2112.

Town Hall complex plans unveiled

The concept of a town government complex is beginning to solidify as it would relate to Pine Street Park, Main Street, and a visitor center.

At the special June 27 Town Board meeting, architects Mitch Sorin of Sorin Architecture and John Fisher of Fisher Architects

explained their idea of a 10,000 sq. ft., two-story town government building.

In their concept, it would be situated on 1 ¼ acres – basically half of the property now occupied by the EMS/police department, fire department, playhouse, ABC store, public restrooms and Town

Hall. The building itself would basically be two structures – one housing town government, public bathrooms and a visitor center; the other the police department — connected by a plaza or courtyard. It would begin with a plaza near the corner of Oak Street

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The Bobcat came calling at the Franken residence in Clear Creek.

Photo by John Franken

Wild things living amongst us

For the second time this year, this Bobcat has come calling at the Franken residence on Rainbow Road off Clear Creek.

In January, as he was getting ready to go to a basketball game, John Franken looked out his bedroom window and saw the cat amble across his yard.

Then on June 14, John was standing in the yard grilling when their 14-year-old dog started growling. John turned around and about 50 feet away across the road

that runs along the property was the Bobcat. This time he ran inside and grabbed a camera.

"He wasn't scared or intimidated at all," said Debbie Franken. "He just stood there, looking at us."

Bobcats are found in almost all types of habitat — except metropolitan areas — especially in mountains and even in desert areas where water is available.

The name Bobcat may have originated from its short tail,

which is only six or seven inches long. The end of its tail is always black, tipped with white, which distinguishes the Bobcat from its northern cousin, the Canadian Lynx, whose tail is tipped solid black.

The Bobcat (*Felis rufus*) has long legs and large paws. Large specimens can weigh up to 30 pounds, but the average Bobcat is only 15 to 20 pounds. The Franken said this cat was definitely on

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Groups quest: Housing for regular folk

The Affordable Housing Committee agrees it has an image problem.

At its June 22 meeting, committee members decided to change the name of the group to reflect the reality of its purpose to POWR – Privately Owned Workforce Residents group.

"This isn't about 'public housing' but that is what people are thinking," said Mary Ann Sloan, committee chair.

The truth is, the group isn't promoting "public housing" in any way shape or form. Given the cost of land in Highlands, it's just trying to answer the need for affordable one- or two-bedroom apartments for working people in Highlands versus the typical Highlands housing that caters to the retiree- second-home-owner segment of the population.

Over the last several months, through surveys and research, the group has learned that what's not only needed but what's economically viable is one- to two-bedroom apartments – a type of housing basically non-existent in Highlands.

Earlier in the month the group visited HUD apartment

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
78-60°F	77-59°F	78-60°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •



Kim Lewicki
Publisher

The truth about room tax proceeds

Before the issue of reallocating room tax funds becomes sensationalized, it's important to remember a few things.

The county hasn't said that Highlands will no longer receive proceeds from the room tax; nor has anyone said the Highlands Visitor Center will no longer receive proceeds from the room tax.

What has been said is that the two chambers/visitor centers in Macon County located in Franklin and Highlands will not be the only recipients of the funds. Instead, they will share room tax proceeds with other organizations which also promote travel and tourism in the county.

In Highlands those organizations might be The Instant Theater, Highlands Pine Street Park, Highlands Greenway, Highlands Playhouse, the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Bascom-Louise Fine Art Center, Highlands Community Players, certain Rotary functions, etc.

In short, any organization that verifies it helps promote travel and tourism now has the potential to tap some of the funds.

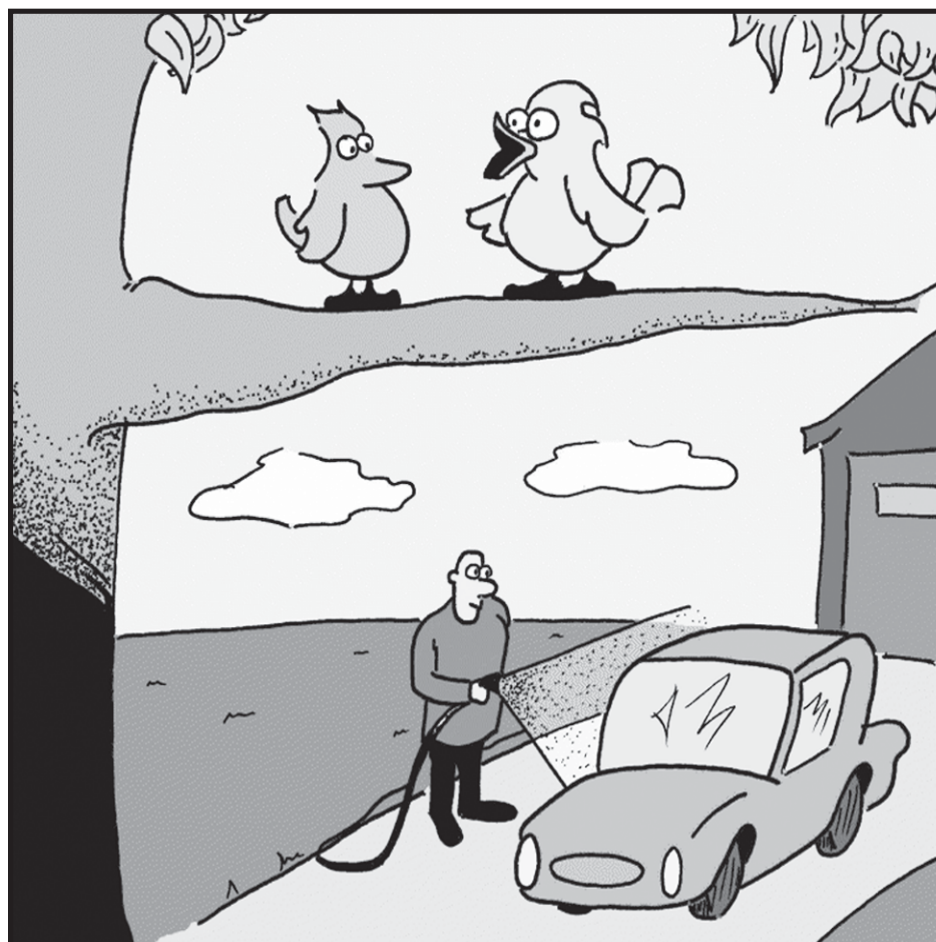
In Franklin and Highlands, the chambers of commerce tap room tax proceeds through their affiliations with their visitor centers.

The problem is the gray area between chamber business and visitor center business. It's easy to see how a visitor center can justify travel and tourism expenses; it gets a little harder for chambers.

When the two entities are housed in the same building and basically staffed with the same people, room tax proceed delineation can get murky and audits and

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• SKINNER'S EYE VIEW •



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• LETTERS •

Don't close Pine Street

Dear Editor,

I am writing to you concerning the possible closing of Pine Street. This street is a heavily used street especially during the summer months. Not only does it provide much needed parking, but it relieves some of the congestion on Main Street. Closing Pine Street would divert more traffic on to residential streets creating more hazardous conditions for residents.

I also object to the closing of Pine Street because I am a business owner who will be affected by the loss of parking and access to the back of my building. I don't think the taxpayers should bear the burden of an expensive parking garage to replace the parking that would be lost if the street is closed. I have no objection to having the street closed for special events.

Pine Street was on the original map of Highlands and I think it would be detrimental to the town to close it.

John Cleaveland
Highlands

Hospitable Highlands

Dear Editor,

Thank you to Police Officer Ron Castle, "Popcorn" Manley of Manley Towing Service and Mitchell's Lodge and Cottages.

My husband and I were pulling a fifth-wheel through Highlands when our truck died. The lady who answered our 911 call was very helpful, officers arrived quickly and called Manley's Towing Service. Officer Castle was very professional and kind. "Popcorn" went out of his way to get our truck to Franklin. I did not want to go down the gorge. I want to thank Mitchell's Lodge & Cottages for a beautiful room at a reasonable rate.

Thank you Highlands for your hospitality while we were stranded. We will come back on vacation but not through the gorge!

Rita and Eugene Orick
Cosby, TN

Dear Editor,

I was present at the June 18th Commission meeting and thought the chastisement of Bob Lavery by Chairman Leatherman was unnecessary and beyond the bounds of propriety. Any citizen should be able to speak his mind on any reasonable subject without being subjected to a tongue lashing like that.

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School Board OK's new hires and policy changes

By **Susanna Hearn**
Reporter

At the Wednesday June 20 school board meeting the board recognized Suzie Cabe, who has retired after 30 years as the director of testing and accountability.

"Public school is a service and the demands on personnel are extraordinary," said Superintendent Dan Brigman. "To reach 30 years takes commitment."

The board also approved some staffing changes. They voted to make Jan Gann the new principal at Cartoogechaye Elementary starting July 1. The former principal of Cartoogechaye, Carol Waldroop is now the kindergarten-through-fifth-grade curriculum director.

The new community schools coordinator is Pam Collins, and Pat Davis will be replacing Suzie Cabe as director of testing and accountability.

After a description of the condition of East Franklin Elementary's roof, the board

voted to allow Wells and West, Inc. to replace the roof at a cost of \$120,120. The roof membrane is shrinking and pulling the brick away from the building, causing safety concerns for students and teachers.

The board voted to amend the policy regarding electronic devices such as televisions, radios, and other communication devices on school grounds. The policy will now include cell phones and iPods. The board agreed that cell phones would become a problem if not addressed.

As per Policy \$450 Rule 19: "No student shall use, possess, or store any unauthorized device including but not limited to cell phones, iPods, digital paging systems, beepers, walkie-talkies, scanners, televisions, radios, laser beams, digital media players, gaming devices or devices that connect to the Internet or other networks. Such unauthorized use of such devices will be confiscated...."

Cty Manager addresses 'League'

By **Susanna Hearn**
Reporter

At the recent League of Women Voter's meeting, Sam Greenwood spoke on the state of the county and the county budget.

Greenwood also addressed the issue of the growing population and real estate market in Macon County. Property values in the area continue to increase and the real estate market continues to be strong.

"We're on track to have an effective population of 100,000 in 2010," said Greenwood. "Effective population is land holders who intend to build a home or have a home on their land. We're effectively close to 80,000 already."

In July the county commissioners are going to meet to prioritize capital facility planning. Greenwood estimated that school construction would dominate that planning session. The commissioners hope to offer a referendum to voters for a comprehensive general obligation bond issue

in the fall of 2007.

Environmental protection will also be an issue at the July meeting. The preservation of Macon County land will be examined by commissioners as well as crowding, air quality, and water quality.

"The impact of continued growth is going to affect our land quality," said Greenwood. "There is scattered funding for those efforts in the budget."

Greenwood also discussed his pet project — development of home rule in the state of NC. Home rule would allow local governments more control over local issues. A constitutional referendum to give local control to county government is in the works in NC.

"General assembly is not in tune with needs of local government," said Greenwood. "We have one representative for the western five counties. We don't have the legislative horses to get our view represented."

• CORRECTION •

In the June 21 issue article "Expanded discourse over budget," we reported that county commissioners voted unanimously to stick with the original fire tax budget as initially presented rather than the revenue neutral fire tax rate later proposed. That was correct. However, during the editing process, we inadvertently left a line in pertaining to a part of the story that had been deleted "McClellan and Davis voted against the motion." That line pertained to the deleted portion of the article.

Prior to the vote, Commissioners Jim Davis and Brian McClellan were in favor of

the revenue neutral rate for all but two of the 11 fire districts. Their proposal would have allowed the higher initial rate for two districts, the revenue neutral rate for the others. That vote failed 3 to 2.

Once Davis and McClellan were assured that in the future the fire districts would present a detailed audit to commissioners, they joined the others and voted unanimously for the initial fire tax requested rather than the revenue neutral rate. We regret the confusion and are happy to set the record straight.

— **Kim Lewicki**

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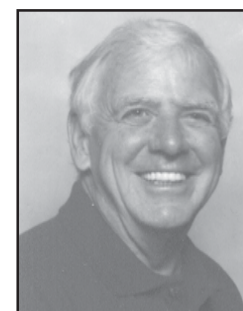
Once upon a time in a land far, far away there was a tiny kingdom that sat on top of a giant mountain, high, high above the clouds where the air was very thin. This special place was magical because, for unexplained reasons, people wanted to go there and give the kingdom all their money. The more money the people wanted to give the kingdom, the more the kingdom leaders wanted to gobble it up.

Because the air was so thin on top of this mountain, visitors who went there just to see this phenomenon unfold got caught up in the magic and gave their money away also. The streets were paved in gold and people were buying tiny run-down houses and paying huge amounts of money for them just to be able to be there and continue to breathe the thin air and give all their money away.

Now, as the story unfolds, the kingdom's leaders were all very, very smart people who were well educated and knew how to make money and run a kingdom. These leaders were called coneheads because of their cerebral abilities, vast knowledge and leadership qualities. Even though the thin air affected their decision making processes, no one ever questioned them because everyone was breathing the same thin air. Happiness and harmony prevailed. (Are you still reading?)

Then one day a conehead leader said, "Let's build a park and have a place where people can gather to figure out ways to give us even more of their money." Another conehead leader said, "I have just the place to put it but we have to hurry and buy it before someone else does. Remember, everyone who comes here wants to buy something and give all their money away." Then another conehead said, "Let's put the new park right in the middle of the street. We can call it Conehead Park." All the leaders gathered around and congratulated themselves on their new idea. (Wait, it gets better.)

Then, as fate would have it, for the first time ever in the kingdom, a single person stood up and said, "Putting a park right in the middle of a street is not a good idea and will result in us not making more money but less money." The people of the kingdom were appalled that someone had questioned the wisdom of



Fred Wooldridge

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the coneheads. Then another citizen spoke up and said, "Building a park on a congested street right next to busy banks and churches will wind up costing us money." Then another citizen said, "People will not come to this park to give us their money because it is too far away. The park should be closer to where the people are who want to give us all their money."

The shocked leader of the coneheads said, "What is this madness that has seeped into our kingdom? Our citizens should not be

questioning our wisdom. Can someone explain this?" All the leaders were dumbfounded.

Then the head conehead ordered a secret investigation into how this malcontent behavior could have occurred. This investigation resulted in them learning that a small group of citizens were breathing thicker air from oxygen tanks they kept hidden in their basements, thus affecting their judgment. (Are you falling asleep?)

To bring peace and harmony back to the kingdom, the lead conehead ordered a midnight raid of the citizens' homes and the oxygen tanks were confiscated. In a short time the malcontent behavior stopped and order was restored.

At the opening ceremony for Conehead Park, the coneheads stood before its citizens and asked for more money to purchase the land where the now vacated churches and banks used to be. Everyone cheered and the money poured forth. After the ceremony was over and weeks passed, the leaders realized no one was using the park and people were not going there to give away their money.

Realizing they had made a terrible mistake, they called another secret meeting. The head conehead said, "Let's breathe air from these confiscated oxygen tanks and see what happens."

In a short period of time, all the coneheads realized their thinking was affected by the thin air. "We have lost our credibility here. We must move on. I know of a small town in North Carolina called Highlands. Let's go there and establish our leadership." They packed their stuff and left for Highlands. From that day forward, everyone in the kingdom lived happily ever after.

• ANOTHER VIEW •

The definition of hero

I thought about heroism this week. I couldn't escape it in a week when nine firemen died in a raging inferno. They went in to bring out others who may have been trapped. That's heroism.

Peyton Manning was called the hero of the most recent Super Bowl. He found open receivers and turned in a gritty performance, but I'd hardly call him a hero. I once wrote that immigrants and working moms are my heroes, and I guess I'll have to stick with the statement, but it's not the same as putting your life on the line in one terrifying moment. "All in!" as they say on TV poker.

We call members of the military heroes, but what about the guy who goes to the armory on Saturday morning and two-week camp in the summer, draws his pay and accumulates years toward a military retirement, but announces that he is either gay or a conscientious objector as soon as he receives orders to deploy to Iraq? Did he stop being a hero or was he accorded a status he never deserved? Donuts and coffee at the National Guard armory and war games in July didn't qualify him as a hero, nor did putting on the uniform.

We don't know who is going to become a hero. The guys who died last week in Charleston didn't achieve hero status by cooking chili, washing the fire truck, telling dirty stories, or sliding down brass poles. We don't know who will measure up to the title, who'll become a hero until the test comes. These guys were definitely "All in". Even the hero doesn't know until he or she is faced with that defining moment. Do I rush into the burning building? Do I fall on the hand grenade? Do I dive into the freezing water, or do I watch people drown from the safety of the Fourteenth Street Bridge? Do I teach in an inner city school? Do I work two jobs and keep my family together? Do I leave my native land, travel thousands of miles, perform menial jobs, learn a strange language so that my kids and unborn grand kids can have a better life? A hero answers, "Yes.."

A paid fireman's life is actually pretty cushy, except when the alarm shakes the fire house walls. He pulls a 24-hour shift followed by 48 hours off with an extra free day every three weeks. The money is decent, ranging from \$35,000 to \$65,000 in major cities. Firemen can retire at age 48 or with 25 years of service. Who wants a 50-year-old grandfather pulling hoses into a burning building? Danger? Firemen don't crack the top



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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10 most dangerous jobs list as released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 2005.

Logging, not exactly a glamorous job, heads that list. But when a tree falls on a logger, it was not because he chose to jump in its path. Loggers and roofers rarely if ever die heroic deaths. They are just the result of bad luck or carelessness.

I've never been a fireman, don't think I could have been, although I admire the heck out of them, and even as an

adult fantasized about being one. The problem is that I find an adrenalin surge terrifying rather than exhilarating. I've told Lizzie many times that I would like to die rescuing another person, maybe dragging a companion from a burning nursing home when I'm 105. I don't think about it often, but when I do, I fear that given the opportunity, I would blow it, turn away, watch from a safe distance.

There were nine guys in Charleston, South Carolina last week, nine fire guys who did their job. I don't know why they chose to become firemen. Maybe it was the appeal of early retirement or because they liked to fish five days a week. Maybe they didn't have enough money for college or maybe their dads had been firemen. Maybe they saw it as a part-time job or perhaps they knew that we, especially in the post 9/11 era revere firemen as heroes. Maybe they sought thrills and embraced danger. Some might have known that the girls think that fire fighters are sexy. Whatever plan or accident led them to the Sofa Store on US 17 last Monday night is unimportant. They were there. The fire raged. Each one of them ignored personal safety and went inside. They did their jobs, which for firemen is to become heroes when the chips are down. While we mourn their untimely deaths, we celebrate their courage and devotion, and welcome them as true heroes. God bless them.

Fireworks from Pine Street Park

Come watch the fireworks from Pine Street Park. The street will be closed the evening of Wednesday, July 4th and chairs will be set up for the public. Or, bring your own lawn chair or blanket to spread out on the Park's new grass.

Members of the Pine Street Park Committee will be available for questions and to ask for contributions. Leadership Highlands reps will hand out free bottles of cold water, courtesy of Sapphire Lakes Country Club.

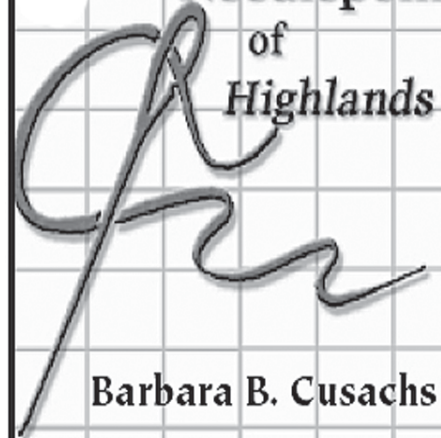
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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

I'm having labor pains!

I am a fierce enemy of labor unions as they are presently constituted. Once they may have been necessary, even desirable, but now they are nothing but strong-arm extensions of the Democratic Party. Outrageous legislation is now in the works, but first a little background.

At one point in time, the U.S. was the major steel producer. Enter the USW (The United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union) (no kidding, look it up). I grew up in Minnesota, and my wife was born and raised on the Iron Range, so I had a passing interest in the steel industry. I was aware of the mile-long trains hauling iron ore from the mines to Silver Bay and Two Harbors, ports on Lake Superior, where it was pelletized and loaded on giant ships bound for steel plants at Lake Erie ports.

In time, less and less steel was processed domestically and more and more was shipped thousands of miles to be smelted at foreign plants. I could never understand the economics of shipping such a heavy, space consuming product across the ocean to be processed in overseas plants and returned to be fabricated here. Presently, China, Japan and Russia out-produce the USA with India closing fast. I guess they don't have to contend with the USW.

Now for the UAW, or, officially the United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America International Union; the auto workers union.

How can "Workers of America" be International? Formed in 1935, the UAW was part of the shining hour of American automobile industry. The more senior of us remember the beautiful Buicks, LaSalles, Cadillacs and Packards of the late 1930s. The war came, the auto industry morphed into the defense industry, and autos were put on the back burner.

According to Wikipedia, "in the 1960s, the UAW used its strategy of negotiating a contract with one major auto maker and applying it to others to secure a number of new benefits for auto workers, including fully-paid hospitalization and sick-leave benefits at General Motors (that move put GM on the ropes) and profit sharing in American Motors (since they were driven out of business, there are NO profits to share).

During this time, UAW members



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became one of the best paid groups of industrial workers in the country – many buying second homes in the country, boats, etc..." meanwhile Germany and Japan were gearing up to take the auto industry away from the U.S. So, thanks to management being bullied into bad contracts for years, the business of auto-building has substantially been outsourced.

One beneficial outcome of the greed of the unions is automation. I remember well flying into Cleveland on business many years ago. I met the people I was visiting and as we exited the terminal building, I was staring at an immense building with Ford on the side. I mean it was huge. One of the folks told me how 27,000 UAW members used to work there, but Ford automated the plant, and 2,700 workers produced the same number of vehicles as before. Robots don't strike, they don't call in sick every other Monday, no medical insurance, no pensions. If it doesn't work, you can fix it, or at worst, terminate it and replace it. No haggling with UAW union leaders, lawyers, etc., just junk it.

My favorite example of unionism run amok is the NEA, the National Education Association. This is a subject that merits its own column in the future and will be forthcoming. Suffice to say, two prominent talk-show hosts recently said they seriously felt the NEA posed a greater threat to America than Al-Qaeda. I tend to agree with them. Unfortunately, you can't outsource the education of our children.

Always friendly to the Democratic Party, union leadership directs large sums of their members' dues to their candidates' campaigns. Now that the Dems are in control of Congress, the unions see an opportunity to bolster their sagging membership, and have convinced their friends in Congress to rewrite the rules of union organizing.

The legislation now being considered would eliminate the secret ballot in casting a workers' vote to join the union or not. The proposed method would make public the decision of the individual worker. If a worker chooses not to join, the unions would then have every opportunity to bully the worker into changing his vote.

If passed, this legislation would put us on a slippery slope we don't want to be on.

A resurgence of union power would not be good for our economy.

• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

A non-nuclear world

When I graduated from Northwestern University in 1980 some of my friends and I spelled out "No Nukes" in masking tape on the tops of our mortar boards. I'm not an activist by any measure, but the 1980s were a time when it seemed like all of us finally woke up to the threat of nuclear weapons. That decade was filled with fears of nuclear war and protests to remove the threat of nuclear weapons.



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reduce and liquidate their stockpiles of nuclear weapons; Article VI also calls for "...a Treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control." [http://www.un.org/Depts/dda/WMD/treaty/]

The third section means all countries can use nuclear energy for power.

For some reason the first and third elements are the

only parts we ever seem to hear about nowadays. Everyone wants to hold Iran to the provisions of the treaty, but I don't hear anyone talking about holding the US or France to the same treaty.

For example, see the official U.S. State Department website statement about the NPT: "The Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty (NPT) incorporates an important understanding: parties to the Treaty should be able to obtain the benefits that peaceful nuclear energy and research can bring to mankind, but they may do so only if they comply with the provisions of the Treaty designed to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons."

"In the words of the Treaty, every non-nuclear State Party to the agreement undertakes not 'to manufacture or otherwise acquire nuclear weapons.' At the same time 'the inalienable right of all Parties to the Treaty to develop research, production and use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes' is conditioned on conformity with the Treaty's articles barring the attempt to acquire or manufacture nuclear weapons." But there's no mention of that troublesome section that requires us to get rid of our weapons. [http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/rls/38058.htm]

Here's the number of total nuclear weapons possessed by the current nuclear states (approximately, obviously):

United States	10,300
Russia	16,000
Great Britain	200
France	350
China	410
Israel	100
India	70-110
Pakistan	50-110
Planetary total:	27,600
Total Yield:	5,000 Megatons

Total Warheads on Hair-trigger Alert: 2,500

• Source: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

[www.carnegieendowment.org]

Something strange among these statistics: do you ever hear it discussed that Israel has nuclear weapons? Why is that?

Also notice the number of warheads on hair-trigger alert — we have become

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Then when the Berlin Wall crumbled and the Soviet Union dissolved we all seemed to believe that magically all the danger had disappeared.

Sure, Pakistan and India got nuclear bombs in the 1990s and almost used them against each other, but we're talking global thermonuclear disaster, and the threat of that appeared to have disappeared.

But since 9/11 nuclear fear is back. Now we fear terrorists getting their hands on some rogue nuclear material from an aging plant in Russia. But mostly we fear Iran and North Korea going nuclear.

I have been braced for some time for a U.S. and/or Israeli strike against Iran, and I think it is highly likely before President Bush leaves office.

What exactly is the argument against Iran getting nuclear weapons? Whatever punishment the international community meted out against Pakistan and India didn't last long. Why are they allowed to have the bomb but not Iran?

Of course the main argument against Iran getting the bomb is that they're nutty Islamic fundamentalists who can't be trusted not to pass the bomb along to terrorists. But after it was revealed that the national hero (A.Q. Khan) of our big ally in the war on terror, Pakistan, disseminated nuclear secrets to anyone and everyone with the right amount of cash, that's not a very convincing argument.

Then there's this thing called the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

But do you know what the NPT says? There are three parts to the treaty, opened for signature in 1968 and signed by 187 nations: non-proliferation, disarmament, and the right to peacefully use nuclear technology.

To ensure non-proliferation, non-nuclear signatories of the NPT agree not to "receive," "manufacture" or "acquire" nuclear weapons or to "seek or receive any assistance in the manufacture of nuclear weapons."

To ensure disarmament, the treaty requires that the five nations that possessed nuclear weapons at the time of signing (US, Soviet Union, Britain, France, and China)

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completely complacent about the threat of accidents.

One of the reasons people became alarmed in the 1980s was the news that even a limited nuclear war could be devastating to the survival of the human race.

We're complacent about that too. The Bush administration is actually planning to test and develop *new* nuclear weapons, including anti-ballistic missiles, the earth-penetrating "bunker buster" and perhaps some small tactical bombs. They also have

abandoned past pledges and threaten first use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states. And no one is protesting.

Just for the record: I'm not in favor of Iran getting nuclear weapons; I'm in favor of *no one* having them. Perhaps a non-

nuclear world is a utopian fantasy. But maybe if the nuclear countries were living up to their obligations under the NPT and actively working to reduce their stockpiles, it would be easier to convince the rest of the world to stay non-nuclear.

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For your consideration

The 2006 PG13 Comedy, starring the brilliant cast of Harry Shearer, Catherine O'Hara, Parker Posey, and Christopher Guest., written and directed by Guest and Eugene Levy, the same crew of comic improv genius actors that produced This is Spinal Tap, Waiting for Guffman, Best in Show, and A Mighty Wind

The Storyline: This is a period film about a family brought together during Purim, bringing an ailing mother and estranged daughter back together after a long absence. No, it's actually a documentary about the family brought together during Purim. Whoops, it is actually about the making of the documentary about the making of the movie about the family. No, it is actually about the cast (which is made of actors that would have to improve to make the B list) that is in the drama (which could be called dreck, if you were charitable), as seen in the documentary, awaiting the Academy Awards announcing the nominees, to see if this spectacularly dreadful film, against any reasonable hope, might win an Oscar. Because the story, dreadful to start, is being made worse by studio execs, who feel that Home for Purim is a little "too Jewish" (go figure), and the cast and production crew goes from weird to insane as the tension mounts, with Oscar season approaching.

For those who appreciate particularly brilliant idiocy, this cast delivers in full, as they have done many times before. The story is presented in a series of interviews, scenes from the aforementioned dreadful story "Home for Purim", and broadcasts from various entertainment TV shows, and fans of the other mockumentaries this crew have done will recognize the style. For those who are interested in the process of making one of these films, the amazing part is most of it is improvisation, and it shows just how talented this crew is, and how smoothly they work together. Also, strings of brilliant one liners (Let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater, because, well, then you end up with a wet, badly injured baby, and, uh, that's no good).

Having heaped praise on this film, I have to say it won't be for everyone. The improv/ interview style does make for a somewhat chopped up story, and some of the inside the industry jokes are definitely inside, and may well not fly



**Stuart of
The Movie Stop**

with those who are not major film geeks, so For Your Consideration will have more of a cult following than mainstream audience, which was also true of some of their other films.

More "story in a story" films worth watching are State and Main, Pennies From Heaven, Princess Bride (in which Guest also stars), American Splendor, and Cinema Paradiso. Some of the best mockumentaries are the

amazingly wierd "Dancing Outlaw", David Byrne's True Stories, Wigstock, and The Big Tease. Stop on by and give them a look.

• THANKS •

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• COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

It's time for summertime eats

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When it comes to entertaining outdoors, easy yet flavorful dishes that spotlight the season's bountiful harvest can keep prep time to a minimum.

Plus, they're sure to please guests' palates. The arrival of summer means a sudden availability of all sorts of fresh vegetables — from familiar zucchini and eggplant to more exotic mushrooms and chilies.

Entertaining a summer crowd can be easy, delicious and inexpensive if you let the season's produce do most of the work. These two simple recipes highlight fresh summer fare. Grilled chicken skewers feature bite-size marinated chicken chunks paired with succulent pieces of mango and pineapple. Providing a unique summer spin on a popular pot luck dish, his shrimp and pasta salad showcases a medley of

summer colors and flavors from corn, jicama, avocado, tomatoes and poblano chilies. Try these tips for a successful summer spread

Opt for organic. Organic products besides fresh produce are popping up on grocery shelves. Hidden Valley's new Organic Ranch makes a perfect topping for a hearty salad or veggies.

Know Your Way Around the Grill.

Whether using a charcoal or gas grill, heat the grill rate thoroughly before putting food on, and avoid moving the food until it is well browned. This prevents food from sticking to the grill. Keep a spray bottle filled with water on hand to handle flare-ups that can rise from fat drippings.

When in Doubt, Just Chill. Simple marinades can take meat and seafood to a new flavor level. Save time by marinating the main dish for a few hours prior to your guests' arrival and keep it refrigerated. Then put it on the grill when it's time to eat. A little preparation can lead to big, bold taste.

Grilled Chicken Skewers with Mango and Pineapple

Serves: 4

3/4 cup Hidden Valley Organic Ranch dressing
1 canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce, seeded and finely chopped*
2 teaspoons adobo sauce (from can)
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 pound chicken tenders, each cut into 3 equal pieces
1/2 pineapple, rind and core removed, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 large mango, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 small red onion, quartered and separated into layers
Oil for grilling (about 2 tablespoons)
1/4 cup roughly chopped cilantro
1 lime, quartered

In medium bowl, combine dressing, chipotle chile, adobo sauce, honey, lime juice and salt for marinade. Stir well. Assemble 4 skewers from ingredients in following order: onion, chicken, mango, chicken, pineapple, chicken, onion. Repeat twice more to complete skewer. Lay skewers in shallow pan. Pour 1/4 cup marinade into small dish; set aside. Brush remaining marinade over skewers, coating all sides evenly. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate about an hour. Light charcoal and let burn until charcoal is covered with gray ash but still very hot. Or, if using gas grill or grill pan, set to medium-high heat. When grill is quite hot, remove skewers from marinade (discard excess); brush lightly with oil.



Lay oiled skewers on hot grates and grill until marked on all four sides and cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes total. Arrange skewers on serving platter, drizzle with reserved 1/4 cup marinade, garnish with chopped cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

*These ingredients are available in the Mexican food aisle, or the ethnic/gourmet aisle of your grocery store. *Recipe created by Rick Bayless on behalf of the makers of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dressings*

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the "big" side of the equation – at least three feet long and about two feet off the ground. "Now when he walks the dog, he takes a gun," said Debbie.

The Bobcat's growls and snarls are so deep and fearsome, particularly when hidden from view, that one gets the mis-impression it must be a Mountain Lion.

Geographic variations have some effect on their color. Those found in timber and heavy brush fields are darker with rust-colored tones, while those found in the Great Basin area of northeastern California generally are a paler tawny-gray, often with a complete absence of spots on the back and less distinct markings. The coat in winter-time is a beautiful fur.

Despite its pussycat appearance when seen in repose, the Bobcat is quite fierce and is equipped to kill animals as large as deer. When living near a ranch, it may take lambs, poultry and even young pigs. However, food habit studies have shown Bob-

cats subsist on a diet of rabbits, ground squirrels, mice, pocket gophers and wood rats. Quail have been found in bobcat stomachs, but predation by bobcats does not harm healthy game populations.

The Bobcat roams freely at night and is frequently abroad during the day except at the peak of summer. It does not dig its own den. If a crevice or a cave is not available, it will den in a dense thicket of brush or sometimes choose a hollow in a log or a tree.

Bobcats occupy areas from 1/4 of a square mile to as much as 25 square miles, depending on the habitat and sex of the Bobcat. Female Bobcats occupy smaller areas than males and normally do not associate with other female bobcats. Males roam wider than females; while they are not particularly tolerant of other males, the home ranges of males will overlap those of both males and females.

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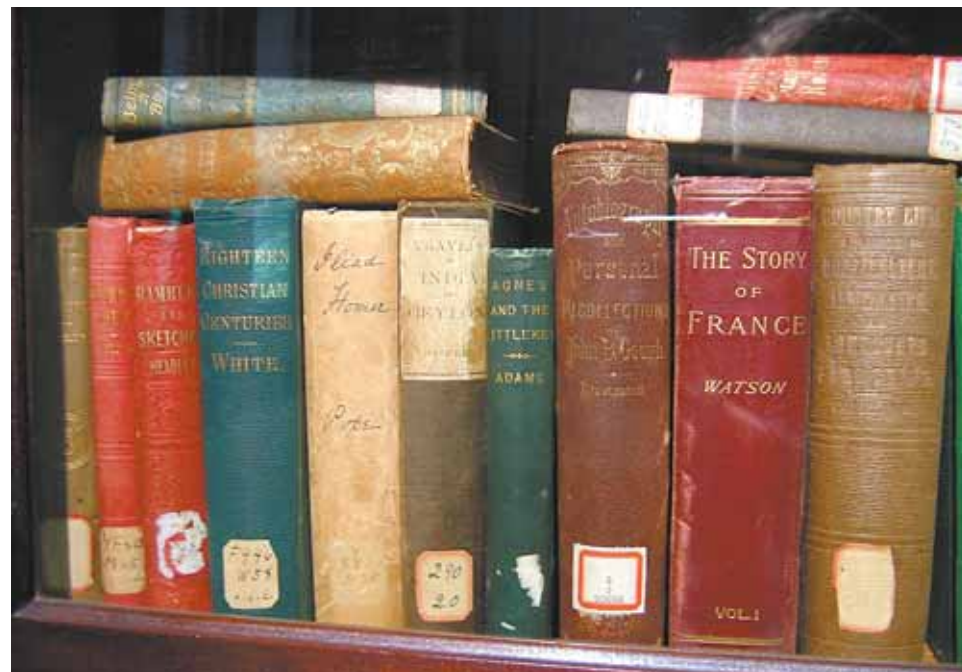
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The birth of the Hudson Library is a sad story, but one that also embodies the caring and giving spirit that makes Highlands such a special place.

In June of 1880 Ella Emmons Hudson, age 31, came to the new town of Highlands to stay with her sister Louise Wells and hopefully regain her health. The difficulties of the two-day journey from the train terminal in Seneca South Carolina were too much for her and she caught a bad cold.

Ms. Hudson was a member of a philanthropic organization called the Lend-a-Hand Society, and in the weeks she was bed-ridden discussed with her sister ways they could "lend a hand" to the Highlands community.

They developed a plan to provide some "good reading material" for the new town, but before they could take action, Ms. Hudson died. Her friends in the Lend-a-Hand Society donated some books, "mostly bound and new" in her memory, and Ms. Wells gave these books to the town of Highlands.

These books were the nucleus of what was to become the Hudson Library, recognized as one of the oldest public libraries in the state of North Carolina.

In June of 1884 some citizens formed an association to help the library grow and named it the Hudson Free Library.

The library has been nurtured and supported by the community all through its history. For the first thirty-five years the library occupied a room in Highlands' school, and when the books became too numerous the town undertook a campaign to raise the funds for a library building. In 1915 the townspeople raised \$553 with parties, concerts, benefits, and lectures. Other people donated necessary items such as lamps and tables.

The new library was built on donated land next to the Episcopal Church (where the church's new wing is today), and for the next forty-five years the library grew until it once again overflowed its space.

Our current library was completed in 1985, once again with funds obtained through donations and community fundraisers. The original library building can still be seen—it was moved and is now part of the Highlands Historical Village, housing the museum and archives.

The Hudson Library is now entering a new and exciting phase of its long life. Next year the Bascom-Louise Gallery will move out of the Library into the new Fine Art Center, allowing the library to expand and fill the entire building.

Celebrate the library's birthday by stopping by the library to see some of those original "mostly bound and new" books—just ask at the front desk.

'Walk in the Park' this weekend

The Highlands Historical Society presents its 8th annual "Walk in the Park" June 29 and 30, and July 1. This year's performance will tell the life stories of families who lived in the HHS house-museum from 1877 until 1976 when last occupant, "Lizzie" Prince, died.

In addition to the performances at Highlands Memorial Park, the town's cemetery, there is also a performance at PAC Sunday, July 1 at 4 p.m.

Friday and Saturday performances begin with shuttles leaving the Highlands Community Center every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15; students are admitted free. Tickets are at D & J Express Mart, the Old Rangoon, Cyrano's Bookshop, or on the day of performance at the Community Center or PAC.



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Most Tuesday mornings you can find a group of Fidelia Eckerd residents creating one-of-a kind greeting cards which will be sold at local shops and galleries.

The cards sell for 75 cents at the Bascom Louise Gallery, the Historical Society, the High Country Café, the hospital gift shop, and the Mill Street Gallery all of Highlands. The funds generated from the sale of the cards are saved for special outings by the residents to places like High Country Café where residents can enjoy "real eggs."

"They enjoy what they eat and what they do," said Shorty Billingsley, activities coordinator at Fidelia Eckerd. "We try and make it special for them."

The residents enjoy many other activities along with card-making, such as gardening, exercising, and fishing. Fidelia Eckerd also has a vibrant inspirational

program that includes many of the local churches in Highlands and Cashiers.

"Their favorite thing is bingo," said Billingsley. "The Bingo points they earn are worth 25 cents a piece and they spend the money at Wal-mart."

The residents also enjoy the company of several furry friends, "Chichi," the dog, and two cats, "Samantha" and "Amber."



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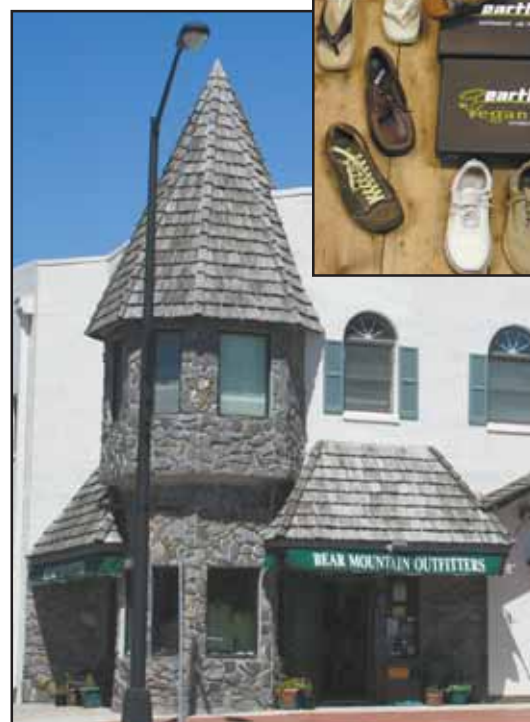
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financial records are often less than precise.

Though county officials say recently Highlands Chamber/Visitor Center audits have improved, the gray area is what it is trying to clear up because it is legally bound to do so. In fact, County Attorney Lesley Moxley is clarifying a lot of issues for commissioners.

County Manager Sam Greenwood said the county may allocate the chamber/visitor centers a proportional amount and then allot the rest of the funds to other organizations; or the chamber/visitor centers will join everyone else vying for the funds. The process is yet to be decided.

Travel and tourism is a major industry in Western North Carolina and counties and municipalities are feeling the effects both good and bad. The increased traffic is good for every sector of the economy but it also strains infrastructure including roads, utilities, recreation centers, parks and more.

Consequently, some municipalities have taken over visitor center operations so they can tap room tax funds to help

offset those costs of growth..

What's happening in Macon County is a sign of the times and economic development countywide is part of that.

Up until about eight years ago, Highlands nonprofits that promoted travel and tourism could apply to the chamber for a portion of the room tax funds. When the chamber's overhead increased and the allocation of money changed, that practice ended. There are times when the chamber funds a nonprofit's cause, but typically it's a cause or event the chamber is co-sponsoring.

With the re-allocation of room tax funds at the county level, the task of ensuring that all Highlands entities that qualify for room tax proceeds get their fair share, will largely be the responsibility of the Highlands District I Macon County Commissioner.

If in the course of things, Highlands ceases to get its fair share of room tax funds, Highlands Newspaper will be quick to speak to the issue.

Until then, let's give the county a chance.

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What's Behind That Wall?

For most of us, our home is more than just four walls. It's our most valuable asset; a structure that shelters those we love as well as our precious belongings. And while homeowners desire a structure that is safe, hidden behind those walls could be an unhealthy presence — mold.

Mold remediation can cost homeowners thousands of dollars. Additionally, the high influx of mold-related claims has prompted some insurance companies to stop covering mold in their home policies.* The best way to avoid a hefty bill and skyrocketing insurance payments is to help prevent mold before it starts.

Homeowners should be aware that mold thrives in moist, warm areas. In fact, mold can develop in as little as 24 hours after being exposed to water. ** A simple untreated water leak or an unvented shower can harbor a mold infestation.

To prevent mold, follow these guidelines:

- **Fix the Leak:** If there is a leak in your home, fix it immediately. Leaks from water heaters, air conditioners, broken shower tiles, and washing machines can cause serious water damage. Be sure to check these and other water sources on a regular basis.

- **Let Some Air In:** One easy way to prevent mold growth is to reduce indoor humidity to less than 50 percent by using air conditioners and increasing ventilation in moisture-prone areas around the house.

(Note: If unsure about the home's humidity level, consider purchasing a hygrometer, which is an instrument that measures the water vapor content in the

air.)

- **Build Smarter:** When building or remodeling a home, consider using DensArmor® paperless drywall. This mold-resistant drywall incorporates glass mats on the surfaces of the drywall panel instead of paper facings found on traditional drywall. Typically, 70 percent of the interior surfaces in a home are comprised of drywall, so building or remodeling with paperless drywall is a sound decision that can help protect a home's interior wall surfaces from the potential for mold development.

- **Build a Barrier:** The Insurance Information Institute recommends painting the home's exterior to help reduce the chance of moisture penetrating the home.

If you find mold in your home, here's what to do. For small mold patches, you can use a combination of water and detergent to remove it.

However, if the patch returns, that can be a sign of an internal leak. For larger mold growths, consult a trained health and safety professional who has experience in mold remediation procedures. Depending on the severity of the infestation, certified mold inspectors can safely search and treat the home.

For more information on how to prevent mold, visit www.stopfeedingmold.com.

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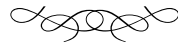
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The group envisions apartment complexes similar to this one in Franklin.

complexes in Franklin to better understand complex development and operations. Though Highlands' clientele will differ greatly, they came away with a clear vision of the type of complex they believe the

Highlands community would like to see..

Land is still the issue – the idea is to use town property or obtain about five to six acres at a “reasonable” price so that development costs can be kept to a minimum and rents can thereby be “reasonable.”

Typical year-long rental property in Highlands goes from \$900-\$1500 a month for a modest two- to three-bedroom home; \$500-\$750 a month for a “rare” one- to two-bedroom apartment.

Sloan reported that she had spoken to two men long in the business of developing apartment complexes for both seniors and working folk. One has 30 years experience and one has 45 years experience; both have worked with municipalities and in urban planning. They will be visiting with the group on July 13 to offer ideas and insight. Both men suggested financing options rather than the competitive, time-consuming tax-credit option and will likely come to the table with financial solutions.

Initial survey results indicated a need for more child care in Highlands with in-home child-care being suggested as an option. There is a required certification process for anyone wishing to operate a child-care service from one's home. Jill Montana, who can be reached at the International Friendship Center has the information for those interested in getting into that business. The next POWR meeting is July 13.

Tug Wa Ridge on tour

The Tug Wa Ridge Highlands Show-house tours run from Saturday June 30 through Saturday July 7. Hours are: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon until 5 p.m. Parking is on-site and guests are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and no strollers please. Tickets are \$25. They may be purchased in advance at BlackRock Realty, next to Sweet-Treats in Mountainbrook Center and The Summer House on the Dillard Road. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information call 828-526-0000.

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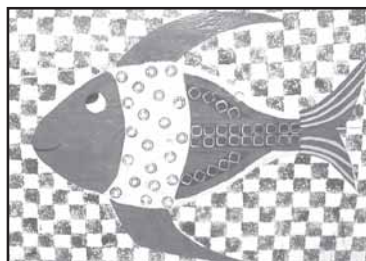
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'Loving Literacy' – A premiere gala fights illiteracy in Highlands

The Literacy Council of Highlands, Highlands Community Players and the residents join forces to break the cycle of illiteracy.

On Wednesday, August 15th the Highlands Community Players will perform for the first time, "How the Other Half Loves," a delightful comedy by British playwright Alan Ayckbourn. This premiere performance will benefit the Literacy Council of Highlands, and will be the council's major yearly fundraiser. This star-studded event will be held at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands, NC with an opening reception of wine and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., performance at 7:30 p.m. and, after the play, coffee and dessert.

Sponsors and patrons will enjoy a night reminiscent of a Hollywood academy award night. Walk down the red carpet, be greeted by paparazzi, and be interviewed by the press. Delectable appetizers will be prepared by Let Holly Do the Cooking. After the performance, mingle with the cast, have your photo taken with your favorite "star" and enjoy the scrumptious desserts by Blackberry Hill Bakery and Deli. But more important than the glamour and glitz, sponsors and patrons will be able to delight in the knowledge that they have been a major contributor in assuring that the Literacy Council of Highlands can continue to serve the community.

Fifty-one percent of Macon County's adult population is estimated to have functionally low levels of literacy. Functional illiteracy means that an adult is unable to read a newspaper or fill out a job application. The Literacy Council of Highlands is battling that daunting statistic with ambitious programs. Tutors offer after-school reading and math sessions, GED classes, English as a second language lessons and adult literacy programs. The Literacy Council provides these services at no charge to over 150 students each year. It takes immense effort, and funds, to make this happen. The Literacy Council of Highlands is asking its area communities to join the effort. Plan to attend "How the Other Half Loves" on Wednesday, August 15, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

The levels of sponsorships are: Pulitzer Prize (6 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - \$1500), National Book Award (4 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - \$1000), Best Seller (2 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - \$500), Patron (1 ticket - \$125) and Editor (unable to attend, but would like to contribute).

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Dealing with pests the 'earth-friendly' way

It's summer and time to start enjoying the fruits of your gardening labors by harvesting a bounty of vegetables, fruits and flowers. However, you aren't the only one who has been enjoying these luscious plants. Insect pests and diseases can take a bite out of your summer harvest. Many gardeners would rather not use toxic sprays in their yards and are turning to old-fashioned home remedies to control these pests and fertilize plants. But gardeners should discriminate between fact and lore.

"Over the years many crazy things have been recommended for getting plants to grow or controlling pests. While there's a grain of truth to many kitchen cures, be careful; some can be harmful, such as using ammonia as a nitrogen fertilizer," says Jeff Gillman, University of Minnesota horticulture professor and author of *The Truth About Garden Remedies* (Timber Press, 2006).

Here are some safe and effective home remedies that Gillman does recommend. Give them a try in your garden:

- **Got milk?** While not as effective as a commercial fertilizer, milk can deliver a noticeable amount of nitrogen to plants. It's simple. Milk is high in protein, of which nitrogen is a component. A solution of one part milk diluted with four parts water is recommended. Add 1 to 2 cups of this mixture to a medium-sized plant every week or two.

- **Yolk it up.** Eggs are a great source of nutrition for humans, and for your plants, too! Eggshells contain minerals that plants need, such as calcium and potassium. Creating a fertilizer based on eggshells is easy. Work four to five crushed and dried eggshells into the soil per plant. Or make a liquid solution by boiling 10 to 20 eggshells in 1 gallon of water for a few minutes. Let cool overnight, strain off the shells, and water your plants once a week with the

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mixture.

- **Some (don't) like it hot.**

Capsaicin, the active ingredient that puts the hot in chili peppers, is a known insect and animal repellent. It can deter a range of bugs, including mites, aphids and whiteflies. Simply mix a few tablespoons of hot pepper sauce in 1 gallon of water and spray. A tablespoon of liquid soap mixed in helps the repellent stick to leaves. To increase the potency, mix in a bulb of crushed garlic and strain. This repellent can last up to one week and will need to be reapplied, especially after a rain. Test this spray before you treat plants, as it could cause some burn.

- **This brew's for you, slugs.** Slugs are a big problem in many gardens. But it turns out, they like to wash down a meal of hosta and astilbe leaves with beer. So, you can use beer as a bait to trap these slimy critters. Bury a 6- to 8-inch-deep container in the ground around slug-favored plants so the lip is even with the

soil. Add beer to within 1 to 2 inches of the lip. At night the slugs are attracted to the beer, they party on and end up falling in the trap and drowning. Remove dead slugs in the morning and replace beer for the next round.

- **Charlie Nardoizzi**, a nationally recognized garden writer, book author, speaker and radio and television personality, has appeared on HGTV, PBS and Discovery Channel television networks. He is the senior horticulturist and spokesperson for

the National Gardening Association and Chief Gardening Officer for the Hilton Garden Inn.



Milk, eggs, and peppers are great ingredients for your garden's growth.

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and U.S. 64 east and stretch back toward the restrooms.

"The police department would like some separation from the Town Hall for safety and security reasons," said Sorin.

Not included in the scenario is the county-owned EMS building, the fire department building and the playhouse. "We understand none of that would be changing except that the EMS would move over to inhabit the entire building," said Sorin.

The team suggested making use of the topography of the property which falls off at various levels across the site, to accommodate tiered or leveled parking, possibly in some sort of parking garage concept, in the vicinity of the current parking lot between the playhouse and ABC store accessible by Oak Street. Egress could involve Maple Street.

"We're looking at the vertical falls of the property which helps us determine buildable area, placement of buildings and how to accommodate parking," said Sorin.

Low profile, tiered parking, or garage parking could be camouflaged due to the lay of the land and also architecturally, he said. He asked if the vacant property on the corner of Maple and Oak was available as it would lend itself well to a parking garage scenario.

Mayor Don Mullen said it was for sale, but currently the price is prohibitive for the town.

Sorin said they have accommodated the need for outside gathering areas with plaza-type courtyards at the lower entrance at the corner of Oak Street and U.S. 64 east and between the police department building and the government building somewhere near the current public restrooms and the Town Hall. That plaza could also be connected – at least visually – to Pine Street Park.

Commissioner Herb James asked if there was any way to incorporate the ABC store in the scenario. Sorin said not really and Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said the ABC store wanted to expand, anyway. "They said they want 5,000 sq. ft and that's half the size of the government building being proposed," he said.

The magistrate's office was included in the architects' scenario, but since it's a county function, commissioners wondered if it should be housed in the county's EMS building – where the police station is now.

Prior to hearing from Sorin and Fisher, commissioners heard findings generated by the Pine Street Park public meetings.

Robert E. Smith who facilitated the Pine Street Park public meetings said 95% of everyone voted for a park of some kind; but there was diversity as to closing the street or not.

Sorin and Fisher said they understand the significance of Pine Street Park both visually and physically and believe it's important to connect the complex and the park together in some way. "Tying it all together is key to establishing an identity and sense of place," said Sorin. "It's important to make

a connection to as many places as possible in the area."

Because of the lay of the land, part of the lower level of the government building would be a basement for mechanicals and archives. The other part near the corner of Oak and U.S. 64 could house the visitor center and public bathrooms.

The team is planning for additional parking on the site due to the potential loss of parking on Pine Street either during events when the street is closed, or if the street is closed permanently.

Though an exact connection between Pine Street Park and the government complex wasn't clarified, a connection was acknowledged.

Commissioner Hank Ross said the Pine Street Park committee has gathered information but it hasn't looked at the issues concerning parking loss or how closing the street would impact the area. "We haven't studied the issue," he said. "I think that should be done before we move forward."

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the issue is multifaceted. "Closing of Pine Street isn't just about parking, it's about its use as a thoroughfare," she said.

Since Pine Street Park is a noted byway around Main Street, the use of Spruce Street was suggested.

Ross said the Pine Street Park property is paid for but the committee can't move forward until the town agrees on a concept for the park.

Meanwhile, Mayor Mullen said he and the commissioners will look over the conceptual diagrams for the complex to determine the next step.

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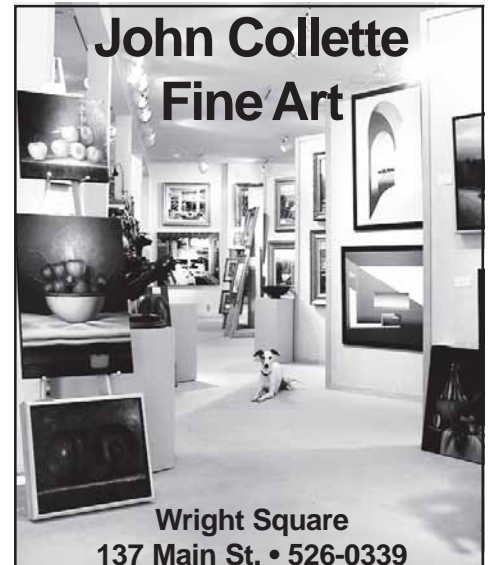
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1 medium poblano chile
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3 ears corn, husked
1 pound large uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
Oil for grilling (about 1/4 cup)
1 cup diced jicama (about 1/4-inch pieces)
1 pint small cherry or grape tomatoes, preferably a mix of red and yellow
1/2 pound corkscrew or penne pasta, cooked al dente according to package directions
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

In blender or food processor, combine dressing, avocado and 2 tablespoons cold water. Roughly chop cilantro, reserving 1/4 cup for garnish. Add remainder to blender or processor. Process until smooth. Refrigerate dressing, tightly covered, until ready to use.

Light charcoal and let burn until charcoal is covered with gray ash but still very hot. Or, if using gas grill or grill pan, set to medium high heat. When grill is quite hot, brush corn, poblano pepper and onion slices with oil; sprinkle corn and onion with salt and pepper. Thread shrimp onto skewers, brush with oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Grill vegetables and shrimp, turning regularly to ensure even cooking: 10 to 15 minutes for poblano (sear over hottest part of fire



until evenly blackened and blistered all over), about 10 minutes for onions, about 5 minutes for corn and about 4 minutes for shrimp. Cover poblano with towel to rest. When cool enough to handle, wipe off charred skin and remove seed pod and seeds. Rinse briefly, chop into small pieces and place in large bowl. When corn is cool enough to handle, cut kernels off cob and add to bowl with poblano. Chop onion into small pieces and add to bowl, along with whole grilled shrimp, jicama, tomatoes, cooked pasta, 1 to 1 1/2 cups of prepared dressing and 1 teaspoon salt. Stir to combine. Salad is best if covered and refrigerated for an hour or so. Taste and add additional dressing and salt, if desired. Serve sprinkled with reserved 1/4 cup cilantro.

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Home again

Our family which included four of our children, their spouses, 13 of our grandchildren along with my brother and many of his family have just returned from a marvelous trip to the Tuscany area of Italy where Patsy and I celebrated our 50th anniversary.

As many of you know Tuscany is one of the most beautiful areas in the world with rolling hills, beautiful villas and wine producing estates along with quaint little medieval villages where the charm of the area and the people can truly be appreciated. We tend to think of things in our own country as being old if they are 100 years old. The villa we all stayed in very comfortably was built in the 17th century and the tower just above us on that estate originated in Roman times nearly 2,000 years ago. The church on the property was finalized in the year 963 AD but originated in early Christian times.

Being with family during this celebration was a time which none of us will ever forget. Many in the family also took side trips to places like Florence, Siena, and Rome where there was much to see in culture and the arts. Patsy and I satisfied our cultural interests by staying close and visiting the medieval villages, castles, wine producing estates and wonderful restaurants relatively near the villa we had rented and stayed away from the hustle and bustle of cities which we had previously visited. We all feel very fortunate in being able to have an experience with our family such as this. But it is always good to be home where we can also enjoy the beauty of God's creation here in these mountains just as well. In fact, Tuscany in many ways is similar to the hills and valleys of western North Carolina.

While I was away, the Town Board of Commissioners finalized the decisions on the budget for the fiscal year beginning in July. Because of re-evaluation of property values in the community we were able to drop the tax rate from 19 cents per \$100 valuation to 13.5 cents. Even with all the new expenses we have, that is only 1 cent above revenue neutral. We simply had to put money away for the



Mayor Don Mullen

dredging of the Big Creek arm of Lake Sequoia for the protection of our water supply. Completion of the Harris Lake sewer project and other infrastructure activities such as utility pole change-outs and sidewalks along with greenway and park improvement, all things that the people of Highlands not only want but demand, has resulted in the budget which will be presented to the

people. We are a growing and progressive town which can afford these important modern conveniences while still maintaining our village character.

At the board meeting this past Wednesday we had an important discussion regarding the perennial streams in the Town as we prepare for new ordinances to protect them. Last summer interns with the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association had an important search along our streams, the Big Creek water basin in particular, for any perennial streams which were not charted in an attempt to discover and protect these areas. Because of this you will all see new efforts in the future to create means of protection of these vital areas not only in the Town but also in the Township plateau. I would like to commend Katy Calloway and her Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association along with Steve Foster for their important contributions to these efforts as we move forward to protecting the environment in which we live.

Another important presentation at this board meeting was from Jim Hickman who works with the NC Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (NCDENR) as an expert on recycling. I think the time has come for Highlands to seriously consider curbside recycling and I asked Jim to come and give this presentation to the Board and the community. I have appointed a task force headed by Robert E. Smith to begin to investigate the possibilities of curbside recycling and work closely with our public works manager, Lamar Nix, and Jim Hickman at DENR to facilitate this possibility and report their findings back to the Board of Commissioners. We all look forward to working with them to that purpose over the next few months.

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Leadership Highlands Launches Project

By R. Spilton

The Community Care Clinic (CCC) of Highlands-Cashiers is a local, non-profit organization that believes every individual deserves basic health care. With that in mind, CCC provides free health care for uninsured adults and children who meet financial need requirements and live or work in the Highlands-Cashiers area. Volunteer doctors, nurses, and health care workers staff the clinic. On Thursday evening, December 8, 2005, the CCC opened its doors to the Highlands-Cashiers Community. The CCC has been filled to capacity ever since.

The clinic hours are 5-9 p.m. every Thursday. The line of patients starts forming before 4 p.m., and the volunteer health care workers stay until every patient is seen. Since the clinic opened, they have seen over 1200 local patients.

The 2006-07 Leadership Highlands class decided that helping the CCC relieve the overcrowding would be its community class project. In existence is a usable but unequipped second treatment room. Medical

equipment and supplies are needed. The equipping of a second treatment room would allow the medical staff to treat patients in a more timely fashion, cutting the patient time in half.

Highlands Cabinets owner Kay Craig has generously offered to donate the necessary cabinets. The room will still need the following: a treatment table, exam stool, chart holder, wall mounted otoscope/ophthalmoscope, stainless waste receiver, Ritter 152 halogen exam light, exam glove holder, and specula dispenser.

The 2006-07 Leadership Highlands class is working to complete this project by August. If you have any questions please contact the CCC director Jerry Herman-

son (828)-526-1991 or if you would like to make a tax deductible donation: Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, 52 Aunt Dora Drive, P.O. Box 43, Highland, NC 28741 (Please put Leadership Highlands Project in the memorandum portion of the check).



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From left, Community Care Clinic Director, Jerry Herman, Bill Futral, of Leadership Highlands, Kay Craig, owner of Highlands Cabinet Company and Rick Trevathan, of Leadership Highlands are helping to equip and finish a treatment room at the clinic.

• A REVIEW •



Patrons enjoyed Shakespeare out-of-doors at Tug Wa Ridge this past Saturday. The performance of "Taming of the Shrew" will be performed Saturday, June 30 at Pine Street Park at 2 p.m. It's free. Photo by Kim Lewicki

Highlands Playhouse's 'Kiss Me, Kate' and 'Taming of the Shrew' perfect combination

Even in a hot scrubby field, the crew at Highlands Playhouse really knows how to bring Shakespeare to life.

Though some say that's the power of Shakespeare, it's likely the crew and cast played a big part in the final product.

The 25 people who ventured to Tug Wa Ridge Saturday afternoon to see Highlands Playhouse's performance of "The Taming of the Shrew" got a double treat — a good, free performance.

Under the hot sun, with less than minimal props, the talented crew took the audience to Padua, Italy in its abbreviated version of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Most of the cast also performs in "Kiss Me Kate," the musical inspired by Shakespeare's play on stage at the Playhouse through July 8.

What's interesting is watching the cast put their personal twist on characters as they swap parts in "Kate" and "Shrew."

For the free Saturday performances, Kate is delivered by Danielle Bailey Miller who portrays the shewish, volatile Kate with large movements and booming voice. Though in total contrast to Allie Payton's portrayal of Lilli Vanessi/Kate in the Playhouse production of "Kiss Me Kate," both deliveries ring true and thoroughly entertain.

Patrick Rose and Patrick Young who play the gangsters in the Playhouse production, of "Kate" changed course for "Shrew" portraying Baptista Minola and Lucentio, exemplifying the talent of this cast.

Director Bill Gabelhausn did a great job with "Kate" which is a play within a play and he is responsible for the abbreviated "Shews" each Saturday at 2 p.m. On June 30, "Taming of the Shrew" is at Pine Street Park. Don't miss it.

"Kiss Me, Kate" is the tale of two once-married, now-divorced musical theater actors — Fred Graham and Lilli Vanessi — who are performing opposite each other in their roles of Petruchio and Katharine in a Broadway-bound musical version of "Taming of the Shrew."

After the first two scenes of "Kate" the momentum really picks up and slams on through to the finale.

Hadley Crook who portrays Lois Lane/Bianca endearingly draws the audience to her heart despite her wanton ways. Allie Payton nails the man-hating Kate and the "frustrated between love" Lilli Vanessi.

Drew Doss does a great job as Fred Graham and Petruccio in "Kate" as so does Jeremy Miller in "The Shrew."

"Kate's" two gangsters steal the scenes they're in, but you'll just have to go see it — too funny.

The set design at the Playhouse by Rick Rose is a delight, particularly the scenes in Padua, Italy.

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— Kim Lewicki

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Also, Leatherman stated he never will be held hostage by a revenue-neutral budget again. If this means he, as Chairman, will advocate a tax increase next year, he would likely seal his defeat in the next election.

John Mell
Franklin

Legislators must plan for the future

Dear Editor,

Our state legislature is grappling with a projected North Carolina "population tsunami" of four million additional people between 2000 and 2030 for a total population of 12 million, or a 50% increase.

Our great State of North Carolina will be the seventh most populated state, ahead of Michigan and Ohio, up from the current national ranking of tenth. Our population increase will nearly equal South Carolina's current population of four million.

The impact to infrastructure including water, sewer, roads and schools could be severe. This incredible need to expand capacity for new population growth, while simultaneously rebuilding water and sewer lines, that in many communities, particularly rural areas, are reaching one hundred years of age, is going to be a tremendous challenge.

We must give our NC Legislature credit for tackling a looming problem before it becomes a statewide crisis. The Partnership for North Carolina's Future is rightly encouraging our General Assembly to address a range of issues that need immediate investment. However, state leaders must also have the fortitude to put the right financial resources in place.

That's why I encourage North Carolinians everywhere to call their legislators and ask them to stand up for North Carolina's future.

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Bishop Alex Dickson to visit Christ Anglican Church

The Right Reverend Alex D. Dickson, retired Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee, and his wife, Jane, is visiting Highlands this week. He will preach and celebrate Holy Communion at Christ Anglican Church at 11 a.m., Sunday, July 1. Worship services are at the Highlands Community Center adjacent to the baseball field. Visitors and friends are welcome!

Bishop Dickson is currently serving as Pastoral Bishop for the Southeastern Convocation of the Anglican Communion Network of Dioceses and Parishes. Highly active in the national Episcopal Church for many years, Bishop Dickson previously served on the Executive Council, the Standing Liturgical Commission, the Council for the Development of Ministry, the Joint Task Force for Lay Ministry, and served at 14 consecutive General Conventions from 1964 to 1997, first as a Deputy, and then as a Bishop. He also was a member of the Board of Regents of the University of the South.

Bishop Dickson served as a Founding Member and as Vice President of the American Anglican Council, as a Founding Member and member of the Steering Committee of the Irenaeus Fellowship of Bishops, and as Chairman of the Board of the North

American Missionary Society. Earlier he served as an Episcopal advisor to the First Promise Movement of the Episcopal Church and was co-consecrator of Bishops Chuck Murphy and John Rodgers in Singapore in January, 2000. He currently serves as a member of the Council of Bishops of the Anglican Mission in America.

Prior to becoming the first Bishop of West Tennessee, he served as Rector and Headmaster of All Saints Episcopal Church and All Saints Episcopal School, Vickburg, MS. He earlier served three other churches in Mississippi. Bishop Dickson received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Mississippi, a Master of Education degree from Mississippi College, and his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Divinity degrees from the University of the South.

His wife, the former Jane Carver, and her family owned a home in Highlands for many years. She and Bishop Dickson look forward to being reunited with many long time friends during their visit.

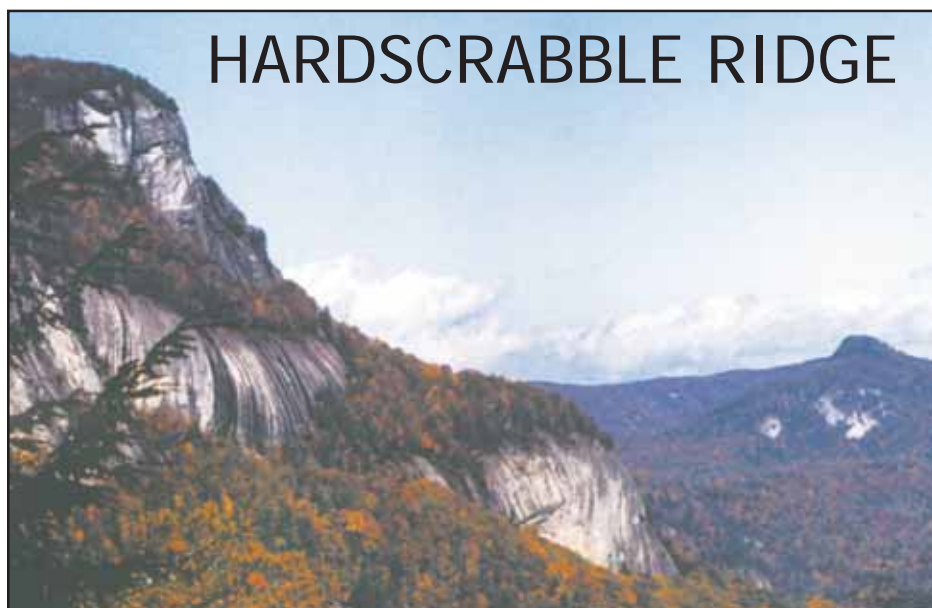
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Two Author Signings at Cyrano's Bookshop on June 30

A retired naval officer who pens page-turning legal thrillers set in the Navy's JAG Corps and one of the funniest writers in the country will both be autographing their books at Cyrano's Bookshop this Saturday, June 30. Don Brown signs copies of "Treason" from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Gayden Metcalfe will sign "Somebody Is Going to Die if Lilly Beth Doesn't Catch That Bouquet: The Official Southern Ladies' Guide to Hosting the Perfect Wedding" from 5-7 p.m.

"Treason" is the first novel in Don Brown's Navy Justice series, which follows the career of Lieutenant Zack Brewer, an attorney in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG). With his colleague (and sometime-rival) Diane Colcernian. The young lawyer must prosecute a group of radical Islamic clerics who have infiltrated the Navy Chaplain Corps, inciting sailors and marines to commit acts of terror. It's the court-martial of the century and Brewer finds that the case is a challenge to both his legal skills and his Christian faith. Mr. Brown writes in a taut, fast-moving style that propels his characters and plot across continents and cultures. Other titles in the Navy Justice series include "Hostage" and "Defiance." The author is himself a former Navy JAG officer who rose to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. Mr. Brown is a recipient of the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; he was born in Washington County, N.C., and practices law in Charlotte.

In "Somebody Is Going to Die if Lilly Beth Doesn't Catch That Bouquet," Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays do for southern weddings what they did for

southern funerals in their first book, "Being Dead Is No Excuse." The Washington Post said that "If you want a good laugh . . . pick up 'Being Dead Is No Excuse.' And if you are a southerner, you will laugh until the tears come." As in their earlier work, "Somebody Is Going to Die" is packed with recipes that come in handy for all the events before and after the Big Day, not just the wedding itself. Whether it's the Delta Wedding Brunch for Yankee Guests, featuring Bloody Marys, cheese straws and venison grillades—or cocktail smokies and meatballs à la mobile home for that shotgun wedding you're still trying to forget, you'll find the perfect menu. Of course this is really a book about manners, and Ms. Metcalfe has plenty of opinions and advice, such as limiting "your hospitality to the number of people who can be served without resorting to plastic forks" and remembering that the most important people at any wedding are the bride and her mother (the groom's mother is a distant third). And there's a discussion about whether or not the main reason Baptists don't drink is to annoy Episcopalians attending their nuptials (probably, but they won't admit it). You don't want to miss Gayden Metcalfe, who is as funny in person as on the page. Recipes from "Somebody Is Going to Die" will be among the refreshments offered during the signing on Saturday evening.

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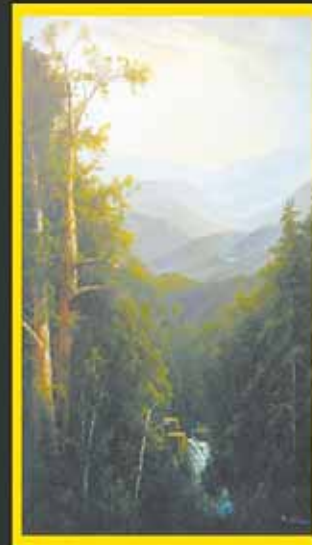


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What are you worth?

By Darlene Melcher
Community Bible Church

A gentleman and his wife meandered between booths at the Arts & Crafts Fair. It had been a pleasant day, mildly entertaining and uneventful until they approached the potter's stand. The man surveyed all the different vessels and he eyed one in particular and asked the potter, "How much for this one?" The potter quoted him a price that the man thought was a little steep. He was considering it when something unusual happened. The vessel in question began to totter from its place and spoke to the man, "I'm not really worth that much," the vessel whispered. The man peered suspiciously and checked to see if anyone else was witnessing this strange occurrence. The vessel then repeated itself and this time, the potter took notice. "What do you mean by all this?" the potter inquired. Meanwhile, the confused man hurried off to find his wife.

"Well," answered the vessel, "I just don't think I'm worth as much as you say. Well, look at this funny place on my rim. See how it is pushed out and oddly shaped?"

The potter shook his head and replied, "That is a spout, my little vessel. If you were to be used as a pitcher, your contents could be more easily poured out."

Undeterred, the clay vessel continued, "But look at my glaze. Who likes this color anyway? Surely no one would desire this shade."

"Look around," the potter retorted, "all my vessels are unique in color and shape and purpose. Each one is special and specifically designed. Were you there when I chose a lump of clay and turned you on the wheel? Were you there when I formed you with my hands and decided your purpose? I am the potter. I decide what shape to create and what color to glaze." By now the potter was getting a little perturbed by the silly little vessel's lamenting.

"Ah ha!" The pot exclaimed, "But what about this spot here. This stain is clearly a blemish which makes me unfit to be appraise at the price you're suggesting." The vessel thought he had the potter now. But the potter's eyes just softened as he tenderly ran a calloused finger over the dark spot.

"As a potter, my hands are constantly in water and clay. My hands get so dry and cracked while forming each piece, even to the point of bleeding. This spot on you is my blood. You may see is as a blemish, but I see it as proof of your worth. I could have quit spinning you and forming you, but I deemed you worth my time, my sweat and even my blood."

We can get so caught up in what we think about ourselves that we completely ignore what our Maker says about us. We get snagged by words like "self-esteem" and "self-worth" and we don't even realize how silly it is for us to claim that we should decide how much God's workmanship is worth. The Psalmist said it well when praying to God, "For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works and my soul knows it very well."

Not only did God tenderly and lovingly knit us together, but when we decided we knew better than God and chose our own way, as each of us has done, and when we created the chasm between us and God with our own pride, His work was not finished. He decided that His creation was worth saving. Worth sending His only Son to die the death we deserved so we could live the life He deserved. To God, we are worth His blood. We should honor Him by believing Him and the value He has placed on us. By seeing His death for us as proof of His love for us and the worth He bestows.

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

Sky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999
Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770

Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy
Communion each service

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

CHRIST ANGLICAN CHURCH

Office – 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion – 11 a.m.
(Highlands Community Center on. U.S. 64 next to the
ballfield in Highlands
Monday: Evening Bible Study at 6 p.m.
Tuesday: Women's weekly Bible study at 2 p.m.
Wednesday: Men's Bible study at 8 a.m.
at First Baptist Church

Pot Luck Lunch last Sunday of each month.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

3rd & Spring Streets
Sunday 11 a.m.
Wednesday testimony meeting 7 p.m.
Study room open Tuesday 2-4 p.m.

CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

(Evangelical Presbyterian Church)
www.cbchighlands.com • 526-4685
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Students' Dinner
(free for kids in 8th grade and younger);
5:30 p.m. Supper; 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 pm Small Groups
for kids Pre-K through 8th; 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm Adult
Bible Study 6pm-7pm Choir Practice

• Small Groups are offered for all ages throughout the
week, see our website or call for more info.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

The Rev. Brian Sullivan – Rector: 526-2968
Sunday: 8 A.M. - Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Chapel
8:30 A.M. - Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.
Monday: 4 P.M. Women's Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 A.M. Men's Cursillo Group
4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday: 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 A.M. Daughters of the King

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

FIRST ALLIANCE CHURCH OF FRANKLIN

Rev. Mitch Schultz, Pastor • 828-369-7977
Sun. Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.; 6: p.m.
(nursery provided)
Sun. school for all ages 9:45 a.m.
Wed: dinner 5 p.m. followed by childrens
Pioneer Club 6 p.m.; Junior & Senior Youth Group 6:30
p.m.;
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Small groups available throughout the week.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526--4153
Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;
School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15
Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.;
Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; Sun.School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Mondays: 8 a.m. – Men's Bible Discussion & Breakfast
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers
Choir – 7

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS 7TH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group
Wed: noon – Men's Emmaus Reunion Group; 4:45 –
Children's choir and handbells; 5:30 – Supper; 6 –
Adult Handbells; 6:15 – children, youth, & adults
studies;
7:15 – Adult choir

(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs:12:30 – Women's Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

Chaplain Margaret Howell
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741

Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

LITTLE CHURCH OF THE WILDWOOD

Services at the Church in the Wildwood in Horse
Cove. Sundays at 7 p.m. through Labor Day. Dress is
casual. Old fashioned hymn-sing.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871
Friday: Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m.
For more information, call (706)-745-1842.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Rev. Tien, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.
SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School –10 a.m.; Worship –11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time) 526-9769
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

• BUSINESS NEWS •

'Ron Williams: Hudson River Valley School Meets Southern Appalachia' opens Saturday, June 30th at Summit One Gallery & continues through July 26th



Knoxville artist Ron Williams is continually inspired by the beauty and grandeur of the Southern Appalachians. While the Hudson River Valley School artists painted the Adirondacks and Catskills, Ron adapts the style to the Smoky and Blue Ridge Mountains, rivers and streams. Often times painting the view as it may have been observed at the turn of the century. He has achieved mastery in his field beyond comparison in contemporary art. One has to go back to view the paintings of such masters as Frederic Church and Albert Bierstadt in order to find American landscapes of comparable importance. There is no question that Ron has the soul and spirit of a master. His ability to express his passionate enthusiasm for the mountains and valleys of his homeland in oils is self-taught. He continually works to improve his skills and studies both the Amer-

ican and European masters for insights into their techniques. His majestic canvases of mountains and rivers in oils have become legendary

and widely collected. The Knoxville Convention Center is home to two of Ron's landscapes, and his works are also included in many corporate and private collections around the globe — including the American Embassy in Poland and private collections in London and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Ron Williams: Hudson River Valley School Revisited will continue through July 31. The Artist's Opening Reception will be Saturday, June 30 from 5-7pm. All are welcome. Summit One Gallery is located in "The Galleries", South Second Street, Highlands. 828.526.2673

summitonegallery@verizon.net
www.summitonegallery.com



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Gift Basket Company
294 South 4th Street
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Owner Krysti Rogers works hard at everything she does. With her motto "Love never fails" to guide her, Basketcase will likely become one of the many loves of her life and will likely fill her days and probably her nights!

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Wrap Around Deck • Gorgeous Wooded Setting
Within Walking Distance to Roaring Creek and Waterfalls
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526-8288



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Furniture • Home Accessories • Lacquerware • Gifts • Jewelry
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All with Asian Flair

10am to 5pm Monday thru Saturday

Open Sunday July 1

Visit our Kiawah/Seabrook Islands Store

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.
- Hal Philips at the piano at Skyline Lodge and

Ruby Cinemas

Hwy. 441, Franklin
524-2076

June 29-July 5

RATATOUILLE rated G

Daily: (2:10), (4:15), 7:10, 9:15

LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD

rated PG-13

Daily: (2:00), (4:30), 7:00, 9:30

1408 rated PG-13

Daily: (4:20), 7:15

OCEAN'S THIRTEEN

rated PG-13

Daily: (2:05), 9:20

FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER

rated PG-13

Last Showing on Monday July 2

Daily: (2:15), (4:10), 7:15, 9:10

TRANSFORMERS

rated PG-13

Starts Tuesday July 3

Daily: (1), (4), 7, 10

The 2007 Ruby Cinemas

Free Summer Kids Movie Program shows
at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road Fri. & Sat. at 6 p.m.

• Registration has begun for this summer's nature day camps at the 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. Call 526-4340.

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

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

• 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.

First Mondays

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

Every Monday

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

Every Tuesday

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

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

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

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

Every Third Wednesday

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

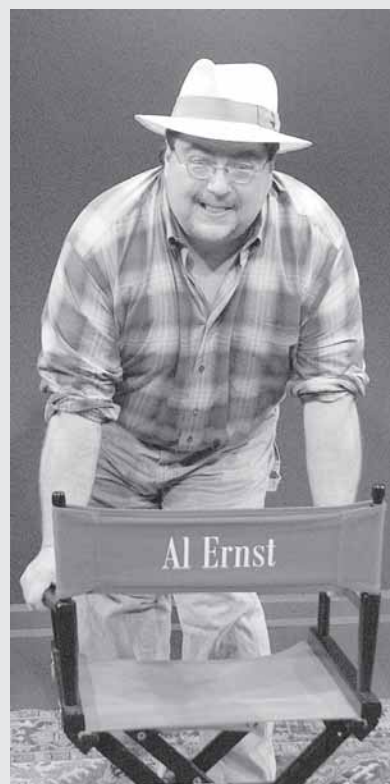
Every Thursday

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

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

Every Saturday in July

Comedy Buffet coming to ITC



Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30 at 8 p.m. come to the ITCs Studio on Main and laugh until tears are rolling down your cheeks. Al Ernst is coming back to town with all his "All You Can laugh Buffet." Take a trip off the beaten path with Al, creator of the E-MAN NATION. Not only is Al a one-of-a-kind comedian, he is also a presenter of meaningful and funny personal development seminars. Make a date to spend one of these two evenings enjoying Al's performance in comfortable director chair seats with a glass of wine, a beer, or a fine cup of coffee in your hand. The Studio on Main is located in Oak Square at 310 Main Street, Highlands. For reservations call 828-342-9197. Seating is limited.

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

Every Saturday

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

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

Through Friday, 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.

Through Saturday, July 14

• A "Baskets at the Bascom" exhibit will be held at the Bascom-Louise Gallery in Highlands from June 16 to July 14. This is the gallery's first national show featuring the NBO (National Basket Organization). Baskets from all over the nation will be on display, from Nantucket to Appalachian to Avant-garde. A free exhibit opening will be June 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. For information, call 526-4949.

Through Tuesday, Aug. 14

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

Wednesday-Friday, June 27-29

• At Bungalow Boutique, (next to AnnaWear) a Indo-Chic Trunk Show. Glorious Silk in Divine Colors – Jackets, tunics and pants, much more. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, June 28-July 1

• At Acorn's, Mary Louise/Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show.

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-Sunday, June 29-July 1

• The Highlands Historical Society will present its 8th annual "Walk in the Park" June 29 and 30, and July 1. Friday and Saturday performances will begin with shuttles leaving the Highlands Community Center (former "Conference Center") every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets for any of the three performances are priced \$15 each, with students admitted free. Tickets are available at D & J Express Mart, the Old Rangoon, Cyrano's Bookshop, or on the day of performance at the Community Center or Performing Arts Center. All proceeds are used by the Historical Society for the upkeep of the Highlands Historic Village. Sunday's performance is at PAC.

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 non-members. Call 526-8811.

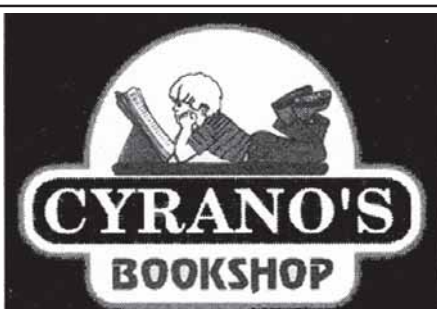
• "Earl Cowart and Heart of Dixie Band" performing at the FREE Annual Mountain Music Concerts sponsored by the Just for You Relay for Life team. Clogging or square dancing runs from 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts run from 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly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

From June 30-July 7

• 2007 Highlands Show House at Tug Wa Ridge, ca. 1920. All proceeds to benefit the children's programs at Bascom-Louise Gallery, Carpe Diem Farms, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Highlands Playhouse. Hours are Mon-Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and noon-5 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$25. Call 526-0000 for ticket information.

From June 30-July 31

• At Summit One Gallery at its new location on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave.,



390 Main Street • 526-5488

Upcoming Book Signings

June 30

- 1-3 p.m.
Don Brown
"Treason"
- 5-7 p.m.

Gayden Metcalfe

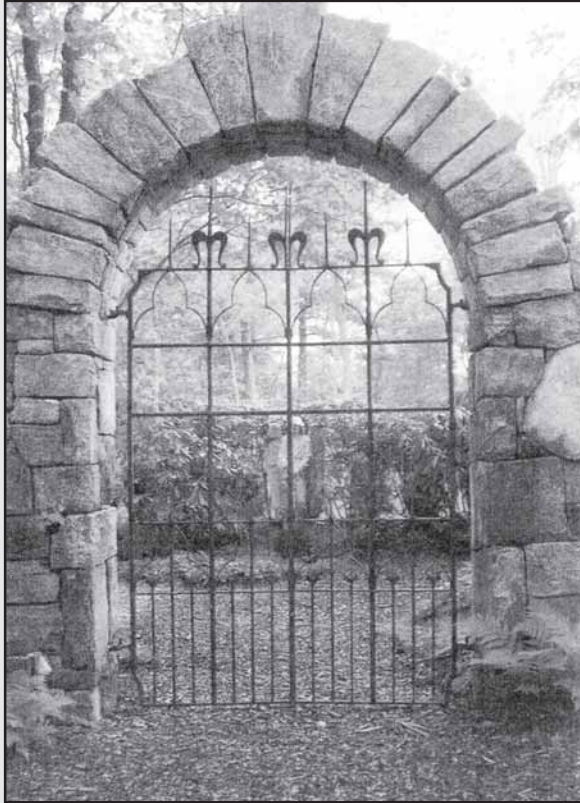
"Somebody is Going to Die if Lilly Beth
Doesn't Catch that Bouquet"

July 7

- 1-3 p.m.
Charles Martin

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Fisher estate gardens on tour Saturdays beginning June 30



Cathy and Bob Fisher are sharing their great series of gardens with wide ranging views and exquisite landscaping atop Sagee Mountain in Sagee Woods. These tours are dedicated to benefit the Outreach Programs of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. You will marvel at the sense of antiquity, as well as the compatibility of the handsome home and the complimentary gardens.

First you will see the beds of peonies, roses and dahlias before seeing the brilliant cutting garden. Near the pool, you view the loser fruit and vegetable garden where you will see an inventive mix of nasturtium and gourds climbing sturdy wooden trellises. The perennial beds planned by famous English garden designer Rosemary Verey are perhaps the highlight of the tour.

Tickets are \$25 per person available at the Episcopal Church on Main Street. Carpools leave from the gazebo on Pine Street hourly 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Saturdays June 30, July 7, July 28 and Aug. 4. For more information, call the church at 526-2968 ext. 202 during office hours, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

exhibit "Hudson River Valley School Revisited" featuring artist Ron Williams.

Saturday-Tuesday, June 30-July 3

• Sapphire Valley Arts and Crafts Festival, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 100 artists and crafters displaying and demonstrating their original works. Live Bluegrass music, food stand, drinks, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society Stop and Adopt. Route 64, 3 miles east of Cashiers. Free admission and parking. Call 743-1163.

June 30

• Highlands Girl Scout Troop #219 will be hosting a fundraiser on Saturday 11 -1 p.m. at Bryson's Food Store. They will be selling Girl Scout Cookies, lemonade and home baked goods. Come by and

cool down in support of our local Girl Scouts • At Peak's Experience, Artist Vicki Love Trunk Show presenting her handcrafted leather – purses, belts, skirts and more – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 2820 Dillard Road. 526-0229.

• "Taming of the Shrew" by the Highlands Playhouse at Pine Street Park at 2 p.m. It's free.

• 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.

• 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.

• American Legion Post 370 of Highlands is having a re-organizational meeting at the Highlands Community Center. A pancake breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. followed by the meeting. Newly elected Commander Ed Jones asks all eligible veterans to come and enjoy breakfast and a cup of coffee and rub elbow with other comrades in arms. For more information, call him at 743-0986.

Sunday, July 1

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a five-mile moderate hike, with car shuttle, on the Appalachian Trail to Rock Gap. Meet at Westgate Plaza (opposite Burger King) in Franklin at 2 p.m. Drive 31 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; For reservations call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Monday-Friday, July 2-8

• At Acorn's a Coralia Lee Jewelry Trunk Show.

Tuesday, July 3

• Opera stars performing at PAC to benefit the Community Care Clinic. At 7 p.m., Sergio Blazquez, leading tenor at Mainz Germany's prestigious opera house will perform with Lee Lanier, leading soprano with Atlanta's Lyric Opera Company, in some of opera's best-loved duets. The will be accompanied by international award-winning pianist Robert Henry. Send donations for the clinic care of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

• Abe Lincoln impersonator performing at Tug Wa Ridge, the Highlands Showhouse, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$125 per person includes wine, hors d'oeuvres and an invitation to the showhouse. Call 526-2112 or 526-4464 for tickets.

Wednesday, July 4

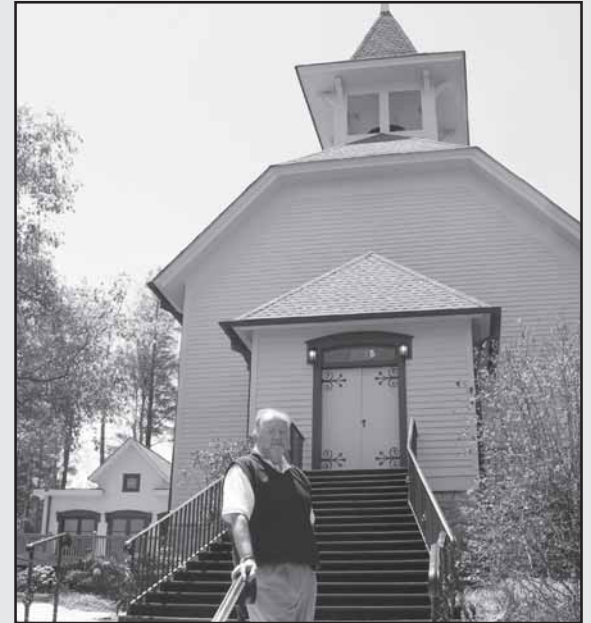
• Pine Street will be closed for fireworks viewing. Bring chairs and blankets. The show is set to start at 9:30 p.m. Free bottles of water will be distributed by Leadership Highlands, compliments of Sapphire Lakes Country Club.

• Rotary's 4th of July BBQ from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center at Poplar and U.S. 64 east. Eat at the community center or pick up BBQ to go at Bryson's Drive Thru in Highlands Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. BBQ plates are \$8 and Hot Dog Plates are \$6. Also will be selling in bulk for \$10 per pound.

• At noon at the ballfield, old-fashioned 4th of July festivities plus

• See EVENTS page 34

Annual 'Walk in the Park' set for June 29-July 1



Robert Walter Reese, who painted the First Presbyterian Church, will be portrayed by Ron Leslie.

The Highlands Historical Society presents its 8th annual "Walk in the Park" June 29 and 30, and July 1. This year's performance will tell the life stories of families who lived in the HHS house-museum from 1877 until 1976 when last occupant, "Lizzie" Prince, died.

Each summer for the last seven years the Highlands Historical Society has presented lessons on the history of the town through stories told by actors portraying people from the town's past.

In addition to the performances at Highlands Memorial Park, the town's cemetery, there will be a performance at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Sunday, July 1 at 4 p.m.

Rick Trevathan will portray builder Arthur House, who arrived in Highlands shortly after its founding in 1875. Rick Siegel will represent the second owner of the house, Frank Boynton. In 1889 the house was sold to Ms. Alicia Trapier, the daughter of Episcopal Bishop William Trapier of Charleston who is represented by Sally Sausman. The next occupant of the house, Robert Walter Reese, who painted the First Presbyterian Church, will be portrayed by Ron Leslie. The "Billy" Potts family then lived in the house until 1913. Helen Regnery will tell the story of the Potts family as it might have been told by "Billy's" wife, Mattie Ammons Potts. After the Potts family moved out, Frank Wright and his young family moved in. Unfortunately, he developed typhoid fever and died at the age of 33, leaving a wife and two young children. His story will be told by Eric NeSmith. The last occupant of the house was "Lizzie" Prince, the sister of Frank Wright. She will be portrayed at "Walk in the Park" by Pegi Williard.

Friday and Saturday performances begin with shuttles leaving the Highlands Community Center (former "Conference Center") every 15 minutes from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tickets for any of the three performances are \$15; students are admitted free. Tickets are available at D & J Express Mart, the Old Rangoon, Cyrano's Bookshop, or on the day of performance at the Community Center or PAC. Proceeds will be used for the upkeep of the Highlands Historic Village.

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skydiving!

- Abe Lincoln impersonator 5 p.m. at PAC. It's free. All donations to benefit area nonprofits.. Free tickets available at PAC or the Chamber of Commerce.

- Patriotic music for 30 minutes at the Presbyterian Church at 5 p.m. featuring Larry Black on the trumpet, Angie Jenkins, organist, Stell Huie, baritone with the Martin-Lipscomb All Male Choir.

- 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 526-2121.

Fri., Sat. & Sun, July 6-8

- Watergarden Tour to benefit the Shriner's Child Burn Unit and daycamps for under privileged children. \$25. Call 828-877-5041 for reservations and directions.

Friday, July 6

- CLE presents a Chamber Music Lecture with Dwight Andrews "Jazz as Chamber Music." 10-noon at PAC. \$20 for CLE members and \$30 for non-members. To register, call 526-8811.

Saturday, July 7

- At Instant Theater, singer-songwriter, Chuck Pyle of the Appalachian High Concert Series 8 p.m. Concert tickets are \$25, doors open at 7:30 p.m. Call 828-342-9197 or 828-526-8534 for more information.

- Appalachian High Dinner Theater Event includes ticket for Chuck Pyle at the Instant Theater and Dinner Theater Bistro at Fireside Restaurant at 6 p.m. Pre-fix menu is \$65 and includes concert tickets, tax and tip. Call the Instant Theatre Box Office for reservation at 828-342-9197 or 828-526-8534 for more information.

- 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 Monday-Friday.

- "Terry Triff 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 is at 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts are at 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You: survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

Monday, July 9

- The Highlands Audubon Society will have a program on the birds and other animals of China, Southeast Asia and India Monday 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. The speaker will be Romney Bathurst of Highlands. She will share pictures and stories from her travels in these countries. Refreshments will begin at 7 p.m. • At Wolfgang's Restaurant & Bistro, a wine dinner featuring Wimbledon Wine Company's Grand Tour with Richard Morgenstern Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Wimbledon Wine Company Portfolio of wines include: Mettler, Mendleson, Hahn and Jessie's Grove Call 526-3807 for reservations.

Monday-Friday, July 9-13

- 4th Annual Challenger Soccer Camp. Half-day camps available for all ages from 3-16 and full-

2007 Highlands Showhouse at historic Tug Wa Ridge Estate



One of Highlands' few remaining estate properties is the venue for the 2007 Highlands Showhouse.

The Event, Co-chaired by Joanna Baumrucker and Dwight Bryant is benefiting the Highlands Mountain Foundation with all proceeds going to: Carpe Diem Farms, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc., THE FINE ARTS CENTER/Bascom-Louise Gallery Children's Program and The Highlands Playhouse. Sponsors of this year's event are: BlackRock Realty Group, Cimarron Builders and The Summer House.

The Tug Wa Ridge Estate, at 10 Holt Road was built in 1920 and includes 16.5 acres of lush rhododendron thickets, a tranquil lake and wonderful established gardens. The complete equestrian facilities include a stable with paddock, grazing pastures and an outdoor riding arena. Guests visiting the estate will tour a classic Highlands resort home that's been completely restored and restyled to combine the original casual mountain style with all the modern conveniences. The four bedroom, four and a half bath residence includes three massive stone fireplaces original to the structure. Most rooms overlook the expansive gardens to the lake beyond. Also renovated is the charming guest house, nestled on the banks of the lake. There are hiking trails around the lake which feature the original granite dam, a lakeside gazebo and original boathouse.

The current owners originally envisioned a lakeside community of 12 homes on the property. After consulting with Doug Helms of BlackRock Realty and other Highlands Area real estate professionals, it was determined that the greater opportunity was to re-establish the property as a single estate. A group of individuals dedicated to the

preservation of the property was assembled. David Bock of Cimarron Builders and his excellent team of skilled craftsmen completed all of the renovations under the guidance of Designer/Consultant, Pamela Skinner of Skinner Framing and Decorating. Tony Raffa of Raffa Design Associates brings his many years of design experience in both the Houston, Texas and the Highlands/Cashiers area to create the stunning interiors of the main house. Ann Bergholt of Ann Bergholt Interiors, whose work has been published in Architectural Digest and Southern Living has created the quintessential summer cottage in the Guest House. Paula Jones of The Summer House has provided all of the furnishings for both houses with many items handcrafted from their own Tiger Mountain Woodworks. Mary Adair Leslie of Summit One Gallery has provided all of the original artwork for the main house. Jay Calloway of Mountain Hardscapes and Jimmy Tate of Tate Landscape Service get full credit for the magnificent grounds. Doug Helms is credited with coordinating it all.

The Showhouse runs from Saturday June 30 through Saturday July 7. Hours are: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, noon pm until 5 p.m. Parking is on-site and guests are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and no strollers please. Tickets are \$25. They may be purchased in advance by contacting any of the nonprofit organizations outlined above as well as BlackRock Realty, next to Sweet Treats in Mountainbrook Center and The Summer House on the Dillard Road. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, go to the website at www.tugwa.com or contact BlackRock Realty at 828-526-0000.

day camps for children 10 and older. For information call Christy Nix Weller at 526-9931 or Tony Esterwood at 524-1928. Register for camp at www.challengersports.com, 45 days prior to camp to receive a free challenger soccer jersey!

Monday, July 9

- Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's Restaurant & Bistro on Main Street. Wimbledon Wine Company's Grand Tour with Richard Morgenstern VP of Ales and Marketing. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

Tuesday, July 10

- The PAC Film Festival presents movies for the Chamber Music Festival. "Aria" Shown upstairs at PAC, 7:30 p.m. with refreshments at 7 p.m. It's FREE.

Thursday-Sunday, July 12-15

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

Thursday-Sunday, July 12-22

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

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 is at 6:45-7:30 p.m. Concerts are at 7:30-9 at Highlands School old gym at corner of Fifth Street and Pierson Drive. Weekly raffles and luminary sales are available. Funds raised support the American Cancer Society's "Just for You: survivors, strugglers, succumbed, servants and spared.

Saturday, July 14

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

- The "Jason Woods Benefit" will take place at the Highlands Rec Park at 4:30 p.m. Barbecue by Blue Valley BBQ Music by Uncultured Buttermilk, The Dendy Family, and Doug and Donna Ivie. There will be a live auction Proceeds will go to help with medical expenses.

Tuesday, July 17

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

Wednesday, July 18

- Folkmoot, the North Carolina International Folk Festival, returns to Highlands for a one night only performance at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Each year folk dancers and musicians from around the world gather for a two week festival at various locations throughout the mountains of western North Carolina. This year representatives from Russia, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Peru, Macedonia, Korea, Hawaii, Jamaica, Italy and Romania will be appearing. Three countries from this group will be dancing in Highlands. The exact participants in Highlands will be

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announced at a later date. Tickets for the Highlands performance are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 18. Tickets can be reserved by calling 828-526-4904, or at the door on the night of the performance.

Thursday, July 19

• 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: Mediterranean Odyssey at Artist Wesley Wofford's at 6 p.m. Mediterranean cuisine catered by Hovaness Kabbenjian Hovan

Gourmet from Atlanta, wines by Highlands Wine and Cheese, part of art sales to benefit the Village Green Sculpture Park in Cashiers. Call Summit One Gallery for reservations at 526-2673.

Friday & Saturday, July 20 & 21

• New and exciting programs will be featured at the 4th Annual Mountain Wildlife and Wilderness Days on July 20 and 21 at the Sapphire Valley Resort Community Center.

'Jukebox Journey' at PAC Saturdays in July



The Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center will be "hoppin,' boppin' and rocking" every Saturday evening in July at 5 and 8 p.m. to Courtenay Collins and Robert Ray's "Jukebox Journey." For tickets call 526-9047.

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Following their great response to "2 for Broadway" and "Let the Good Times Roll" this talented duo will kick off its 3rd season in The Highlands with a new musical revue featuring the greatest songs of the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's like "In the Mood" and "Sentimental Journey," as well as music by George Gershwin, Duke Ellington and Harold Arlen and songs made famous by Elvis, Ray Charles, Carole King, Barry Manilow, Patsy Cline, Etta James and Gladys Knight.

Fast-paced and beautifully costumed, "Jukebox Journey" will feature four of Atlanta's top Jazz Musicians under the direction of pianist, Tony Winston, plus Cabaret and Recording Artists, Marsha Dupree and Shawn Megorden, last seen in Ray's 2005 salute to Johnny Mercer at The Highlands Playhouse.

"Jukebox Journey" is truly a "not to be missed" evening for the entire family, giving the Grandparents a chance to reminisce about "big bands and bobby sox" and the baby boomers a time to

relive the eclectic sounds of the 60's and 70's, when the world was still "rockin' and rollin'."

Prior to this upcoming series at PAC, Robert has directed 4 hit shows during the 2005 Highlands Playhouse season: "Too Marvelous for Words," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat," "Jerry's Girls" and "Driving Miss Daisy."

Ray and Collins have spent much of this past year touring last season's hit "2 for Broadway" which received great reviews at the 2006 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

Courtenay who is a graduate of The Julliard School of Drama recently performed the title role in Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Evita" at The Atlanta Lyric Theatre and will be seen this fall in The Alliance Theater's Production of "Jacques Brel." She has toured Europe and the US as Christine in The Phantom of the Opera.

Ray appeared on Broadway in the hit Revival of Oklahoma! and is an award winning New York Cabaret Star.

"Jukebox Journey" will play every Saturday night in July at 5 and 8 p.m. at The Highlands Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 526-9047.

'Healthy Living Fair' at Hospital July 14

You can learn how to live better, look better, and feel better — and it's all completely free.

On Saturday, July 14, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is again hosting a Healthy Living Fair, featuring lectures by area physicians, fitness demonstrations, cosmetic makeovers, and health information displays from 17 different exhibitors from around the area.

It all takes place on the first floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, on the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The fair will last until 1 p.m. There is no admission charge and there is nothing to buy.

In addition to four lectures by area physicians and a host of demonstrations, there will be samples of healthy and hormone-free foods, as well as free samples of many beauty and skin care products, door prizes, and raffles for free massages, a free skin laser treatment, and other valuable items. Participants can receive a free 10-minute massage, have their body composition measured, be pre-screened for osteoporosis, and take an on-line health survey to assist their risk for heart disease, stroke, and several types of cancer.

Activities kick off at 8:30 a.m. with healthy breakfast items and beverages. The lectures series gets under way at 9 a.m. when local family physician Patti Wheeler will speak on breast cancer prevention in Suite 103. At the same time, certified instructor Sandie Trevathan will give a Pilates demonstration in the Level 1 fitness studio. Certified yoga instructor will follow at 9:30 with a demonstration of Hatha yoga.

The staff of the Medi-Spa at the Center for Plastic Surgery in Highlands will give a demonstration on peels and other facial rejuvenation techniques at 9:45 a.m. At 10 a.m., local cardiologist Carl Curtiss, MD, FACC, will speak on ways to lower your risk of coronary artery disease in Suite 103.

Also at 10 a.m., those who want to pick up some tasty recipes for healthy smoothies can join HealthTracks staff member Jeanette Fisher, BS-CPT, in suite

102 for some blender magic. Another yoga demo with Rebecca Landis is planned at 10:30 a.m. in the fitness studio.



At 11 a.m. local internist Debra Wagner, MD, will present a talk entitled "Food for Thought: Diet and Dementia?" in Suite 103, and Jeanette Fisher will give a demonstration of toning exercises in the fitness studio. Local plastic and cosmetic surgeon Robert Buchanan, MD will speak at noon in Suite 103 on strategies to slow the aging process.

In addition to scheduled lectures and events, a number of other demonstrations

will be going on throughout the morning. Healing Touch massage at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be holding an open house and providing free 10-minute massages. And The Center for Plastic Surgery staff will be doing makeovers at their booth in the main lobby. The Haywood Regional Osteoporosis Program will be offering ankle ultrasound scans to find those who may be at early risk for bone loss. Fair participants can also tour the mobile bone density scanning unit. There will also be plenty of advice and information on prevention as well.

Fair participants will also have an opportunity throughout the morning to take a computerized health quiz utilizing the Harvard School of Public Health's website at www.yourdiseaserisk.com. Dr. Curtiss and the staff from the Mountain Heart Center will be available for questions.

And if your golf swing is losing its zip, Kelly Childs, PGA golf pro at the County Club of Sapphire Valley will be providing tips and offering suggestions all morning long.

A wealth of information, samples and expertise will be also available at exhibits and displays. Most of the booths will have someone there to answer questions.

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

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HIGHLANDS TOWNSHIP

- 0515188, BUCK CREEK RD HIGHLANDS, CHMAR ANDREW THOMAS, 6/5/2007, \$0, CHMAR ANDREW THOMAS, \$816,000.
- 0549335, 11263 BUCK CREEK RD HIGHLANDS, BUCK CREEK ENTERPRISES LLC, 6/8/2007, \$0, CAMPBELL PATRICIA SKINNER, \$357,690.
- 0515622, 118 CHEROKEE DR HIGHLANDS, SPEED-BEEGLE LORA, 6/5/2007, \$0, VINSON PAMELA MARLENE LIFE EST, \$42,820.
- 0516863, BUCK CR RD HIGHLANDS, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD, 6/5/2007, \$0, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD, \$816,000.
- 0500039, LOT 4 BEAR BEAR PEN MTN HIGHLANDS, DIETRICH DORIS ALLEN, 5/24/2007, \$0, DIETRICH DORIS ALLEN, \$141,570.
- 0500697, 191 SATULAH RIDGE RD HIGHLANDS, WORLEY JASON C REVOCABLE TRUST, 6/8/2007, \$335,000., BAKER JAMES W TRUSTEE, \$269,300
- 0500900, BUCK CREEK RD HIGHLANDS, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD ANDREW, 6/5/2007, \$0, CHMAR ANDREW THOMAS, \$959,610
- 0500903, 9601 BUCK CREEK RD HIGHLANDS, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD, 6/5/2007, \$0, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD, \$467,860.
- 0500904, RD 1538 HIGHLANDS, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD, 6/5/2007, \$0, CHMAR WILLIAM TOD, \$754,800.
- 0504373, 661 WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN RD

- WILDCAT CLIFFS HIGHLANDS, BERRY ROBERT ANDREW, \$225,000., HENDERSON JAMES, \$489,950.
 - 0504560, 75 BROADVIEW CIR HIGHLANDS, MAPS JOAN KATHERINE, 6/14/2007, \$269,000., YORK DAVID A, \$398,480.
 - 0645721, EVANS CREEK RD, BRYSON RYAN MICHAEL, 6/4/2007, \$57,000., SCOFIELD TIMBER COMPANY INC, \$38,320.
 - 0545606, 3585 CASHIERS RD, DEWEY FREDERICK R, 6/14/2007, \$0, DEWEY FREDERICK R, \$1,826,480.
 - 0513597, CINNAMON LN PARCEL 3, BURRELL CHARLES V, 5/24/2007, \$0, BURRELL CHARLES, \$89,250.
 - 0549441, HORSE COVE RD TRACT A PLAT CARD 5314 HIGHLANDS, PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS LLC, 6/5/2007, \$0, MONROE LINDA LOGAN, \$1,605,240.
 - 0549442, HORSE COVE RD TRACT C PLAT CARD 5315 HIGHLANDS, PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS LLC, 6/5/2007, \$0, MONROE LINDA LOGAN, \$1,399,150.
 - 0549443, 1311 HORSE COVE RD TRACT D PLAT CARD 5316 HIGHLANDS, PLAYMORE HIGHLANDS LLC, 6/5/2007, \$0, \$2,943,530., MONROE LINDA LOGAN, \$3,921,800.
 - 0549447, HORSE COVE RD PT TRACT G PLAT CARD 5319 HIGHLANDS, 6/5/2007, \$0, MONROE LINDA LOGAN, \$2,035,320.
 - 0549465, 1900 HICKORY KNUT GAP RD HIGHLANDS, ROCKWOOD LODGE LLC, 6/13/2007, \$0, ROCKWOOD LODGE LLC, \$1,826,480.
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• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of June 20-23. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

June 20

- At 11:55 a motorist with a defective muffler was cited at U.S. 64 and Sherwood Forest.
- At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two motorists at S. 4th and Church streets.

June 21

- At 5:15 a.m., a motorist U.S. 64 west and Sequoyah Point was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 7: 50 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Sequoyah Point was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 11:40 a.m. a laplop attache bag valued at \$625 was reported stolen from Highland Hiker.
- At 4 p.m., a wheel chair was reported stolen from a residence on Raoul Road.
- At 6:45 p.m., a motorist at Maple and Oak streets was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.
- At 11:45 p.m. a motorist at U.S. 64 and Sherwood Forest was cited for driving without registration.

June 22

- At 7 a.m., larceny of coin operating devices and damage to property was reported at the Washing Well on Main Street.
- At 9 a.m., copper flashing and tubing was reported stolen from a job site on Cobb Road..

June 23

- At 1:45 p.m., a motorist at N. Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 55 mph in a 35 zone.
 - At 6:31 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 was cited for speeding 55 mph in a 35 zone.
- During the week officers issued five warning tickets.
The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries

for the weeks of June 20-27

June 20

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

June 22

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

June 23

- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 28 south. There were no injuries.
- The dept. responded to an accident at Sassafrass Gap Road. The victim was taken to the hospital.
- The dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly Fire Dept. at a structure fire.
- The dept. responded to a call of a gas grill fire. It was extinguished.

June 24

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Bust Your Butt Falls where a man had jumped into the river and broke several bones. He was airlifted to a hospital.

June 25

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

June 26

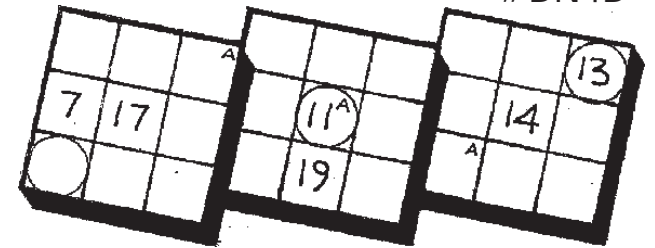
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Upper Divide Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

June 27

- The dept. responded to a report of a fire at Don Leon's Cafe. It was cancelled.

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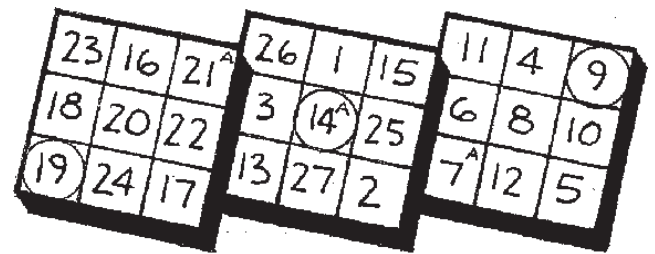
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- 0618834, LOT 69 ROCKY KNOB, RAUSCH STEFFI C G, 6/11/2007, \$0, RAUSCH FELIX ANDREW ANTHONY, \$47,630.
- 0645721, EVANS CREEK RD, BRYSON RYAN MICHAEL, 6/4/2007, \$57,000., SCOFIELD TIMBER COMPANY INC, \$38,320.

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2007, \$0, CAROLINA TIMBER COMPANY LLC, \$16,152,470.

- 0516282, VISTA CT LOT 8 BENCHMARK SUB HIGHLANDS, HIGHGATE LLC, 6/25/2007, \$400,000., WELLONS WILLIAM B JR, \$400,000.

- 0516291, VISTA RD LOT 17 BENCHMARK SUB HIGHLANDS, HIGHGATE LLC, 6/1/2007, \$0, REDBIRD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$275,000.

- 0516309, VISTACT LOT 35 BENCHMARK SUB HIGHLANDS, HIGHGATE LLC, 6/1/2007, \$0, REDBIRD CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, \$250,000.

- 0500428, 771 COUNTRY CLUB DR WILDCAT CLIFFS HIGHLANDS, SANDERS BETTY FOY TRUSTEE, 5/25/2007, \$0, SANDERS BETTY FOY TRUSTEE, \$879,430.

- 0517593, 414 WILDWOOD DR HIGHLANDS, BROUILLARD GEORGE A, 5/30/2007, \$425,000., LOOPER DOLORIS B, \$479,830.

- 0518611, LOT 23 BLK F SEC II HFCC HIGHLANDS, PAINTER MARY S, 5/31/2007, \$0, SUNBELT MECHANICAL HEATING AND AIR COND, \$131,030.

- 0520585, 463 WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN RD, HEARN ROBERT P, 6/12/2007, \$529,000., HEARN ROBERT P, \$879,770.

- 0503678, 37 MOUNTAIN ASH LN, MILLS CHARLES W, 5/25/2007, \$277,000., STEWART JOHN A TRUSTEE, \$520,870.

- 0503921, 154 HICKORY LN WILDCAT CLIFFS HIGHLANDS, LANZILLOTTI ROBERT F TRUSTEE, 6/12/2007, \$248,950., LANZILLOTTI ROBERT F TRUSTEE, \$1,021,380.

- 0538218, SR 1547 LOT 5 THE COTSWOLDS SUBD HIGHLANDS GRAHAM CAREY E, 5/29/2007, \$0, B AND C MOUNTAIN INVESTMENTS LLC, \$437,350.

- 0541768, 75 CAVE DR HIGHLANDS, KRIVANEK ROBIN C TRUSTEE, 6/6/2007, \$0, KRIVANEK ROBIN C TRUSTEE, \$276,610.

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- 0649449, 120 LOVE RD, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, 6/8/2007, \$0, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, \$75,830.

- 0649450, BILLINGSLEY RD TRACT 4, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, 6/8/2007, \$0, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE

EST, \$41,500.

- 0649451, LOVE RD TRACT 1, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, 6/8/2007, \$0, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, \$69,570.

- 0649452, BILLINGSLEY RD TRACT 5 BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, 6/8/2007, \$0, BILLINGSLEY VIRGINIA LIFE EST, \$48,730.

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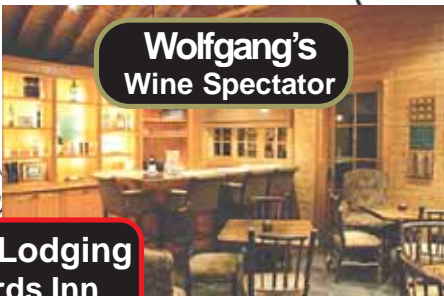
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