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July 30

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – At the Gazebo on Pine Street from 7:30-9 p.m.

▪ **EXHIBIT** – At the Mill Creek Gallery in Highlands Village Square from 6-8 p.m. featuring noted wildlife & landscape photographer Bill Lea.

July 31

▪ **BOOK SIGNING** – Haywood Smith, author of the novel "The Red Hat Club" is signing copies of her book at Cyrano's Book Shop from 1-3 p.m.

Aug. 2&3

▪ **HIAAPT LECTURE** – The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong will present "Beyond Theism, But Not Beyond God" public lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday, in PAC and at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday.

Aug 4

▪ **OPEN HOUSE** – at Highlands School 4-6 p.m. Meet the new principal and vice principal and view classroom assignments.

• **BONE MARROW/PLATLET DRIVE** – for Irene Sanchez, 11-2 at Peggy Crosby Center.

Growth a priority for land-use committee

By Kim Lewicki

After three organizational meetings the town's land-use committee got down to the business of trying to clean up grey areas in the town's zoning ordinance to ensure Highlands can handle growth and maintain the environmental qualities that lure people to the area.

First up: Defining the Highlands

Plateau and answering the age-old questions – to annex or not to annex or how about extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ)?

At the July 26 land-use committee meeting, planning board members worked with Geoffrey Willet, with the League of Municipalities, to sift through the pros and cons of defining the township as the plateau

which reaches beyond the corporate limits of Highlands where development is currently ongoing — or limiting the target area as geographically delineated by altitude and watershed.

With growth an issue, committee members are concerned about regulating, on some level, what goes on immediately outside the town limits.

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Cool Summer treats in Highlands



Photo by Kim Lewicki

Cousins Briana Jenkins and Analyse Crook bask in the last rays of the setting sun – enjoying a cup of cool, sweet, ice cream in front of Kilwin's on Main Street.

Temporary structures now buildings

By Kim Lewicki

The allowance of temporary structures built in the setback area has finally been put to rest.

At the July 26 meeting, planning board members OK'd the re-wording of Section 1002 which basically says that "pole sheds, and other open walled buildings" previously considered "temporary buildings" are now plain buildings. As such they must conform to all building regulations, including

setback requirements.

Previously, pole sheds were allowed to be built in the setback because they were "temporary." But truthfully there is nothing "temporary" about existing pole sheds in Highlands – at Gates Nursery or August Produce. Next on the board's list of things to do – redefine the word "temporary."

"Is it the amount of time it takes to dismantle the structure or the amount of time the structure is up?"

Highlands School VP set to start Aug. 2

By Kim Lewicki

He came looking for a teaching position and ended up in administration.

Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen has selected her vice principal, Mark Thomas.

"He applied for the high school social studies position, but when I read his resume I decided to interview him for the vice principal job," said Bomengen.

Thomas, 42, a Campbell University graduate, has been teaching for 17 years. Currently, he's working on his administration internship in hopes of someday becoming an elementary school principal.

Bomengen said he's getting practice doing assistant principal duties at a summer school program where he is handling discipline.

"I think we'll be a perfect team," she said. "He thinks out of the box like I do and we both have the same philosophy on discipline and agree on how students should be educated."

Bomengen said the two will complement each other's strengths. "My strength is in middle and high

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school, and he's concentrating on elementary school, she said.

Thomas is originally from Douglasville, Ga., and is familiar with the Highlands area.

Lots of pieces are coming together at Highlands School.

The two custodial positions have been filled and the high school social studies position has been filled by Chris Green, a three-year teacher from Franklin who is a North Carolina Teacher Fellow. He will also coach middle school soccer.

Teachers return to school Aug. 2; students return Aug. 5. See more school news on pages 11 and 13.



Mark Thomas

Lawmakers stiffen penalties for methamphetamine producers

By Kim Lewicki

It's been tossed around the House and Senate for more than a year – but finally lawmakers have passed a bill to ensure methamphetamine producers get more than a slap on the wrist.

A couple of weeks ago, lawmakers stiffened penalties for those who make methamphetamine and even for those suspected of producing the stuff if they are found with large amounts of the ingredients needed to cook the drug.

Previously, the penalties for marijuana growers and meth producers were the same, said Macon County Sheriff Robbie Holland. "Basically that amounted to a limited sentence and a slap on the wrist," he said. "Anytime you create a stiffer penalty I think it does serve as a deterrent. This will be tougher and I am 100 percent for it."

The manufacturing and use of Ice — one street name for meth in its purest form — is burgeoning in North Carolina and the state needs to take steps to stay ahead of the problem, said Attorney General Roy Cooper.

Because of the dangers involved in meth's manufacture, Cooper said his first priority is increasing penalties for possessing and cooking the drug. Currently, selling the drug draws a much harsher sentence than just making it – but no more.

Law enforcement personnel say the toxic fumes emitted by labs have a nauseating smell, so cooks tend to set up shop in isolated mountain homes, forests, or even cars. Most of North Carolina's meth labs are being found in the western counties of

North Carolina.

Because cooking meth involves heating combustible materials, explosions can occur, posing dangers to users, neighbors, and rescue workers. In 2003, officials found children in a quarter of the labs they busted.

"Methamphetamine produced in secret drug labs is a serious threat to the safety of our families and communities," said Cooper in a recent statement. "Tougher penalties will discourage these illegal drug operations and put these criminals behind bars where they belong."

The House passed a bill to increase punishment for the manufacturing of meth from a Class H felony to a Class C felony which means they will serve active prison time.

But stiffer laws don't always deter drug users or manufacturers simply because of the court system.

"What people don't understand is that it takes a long time before a case gets through the court system," said Sheriff Holland. "Superior Court meets every three months and before defense attorneys and the district attorney finish continuing cases two or three times, almost a year has passed."

Holland says drug cases are continued by the district attorney while testing results are pending at the state lab.

"Continuances are granted while we wait for the result to be sent back to verify that the person is charged correctly for the drug they possessed and that it is in fact the drug," he said.

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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Kudos for the Town Board

Dear Editor,

At the Town Board meeting on 21 July, the plans for the restoration of Church Street were again discussed. As expected, there were wide differences between OEI's version of what the street should be and what the citizens, the Presbyterian Church, and small business owners required and wanted.

Amy Patterson was acting in Mayor Trott's behalf as he was not present. She and the rest of the board handled the discussions, the dissent, and the successful compromise quite skillfully. They tolerated some derision of OEI's attempts to privatize and obstruct portions of the street. They listened to questions and concerns from citizens, church members, and business owners.

They once again heard OEI's sales pitch for their "plan A" and then proceeded work with the "plan B", that the Town Board had previously requested, to craft a compromise that was a good balance of the town's requirements and the desires and needs of all parties.

I say Thank You and Well Done to our Town Board!

Larry Brannan
Highlands

Gar Kid's Camp unforgettable

Dear Editor,

A great big THANK YOU to Carpe Diem Farms for providing a lifetime memory at the Gar Kid's Camp this past week. I will never be able to thank Sue Blair, Fonda Haight and Leana Downs for all of the leadership, life lessons and just plain fun as they dedicated their time and lots of energy to all of the children who attended.

Anyone who is looking for a place to donate locally, this is the place!!! Carpe Diem Farms is a 501(C) nonprofit organization. Ivy will never forget her dream summer experience!!!

Skip and Patce Thornton
Highlands

SWCC is 40 years old

Dear Editor,

Southwestern Community College will begin celebrating its 40th anniversary next month. We would like to begin our celebration by extending our sincerest thanks to the citizens of Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties and the Qualla Boundary for your support over the years. The College is deeply grateful, appreciative and honored to serve you.

Much has changed in the four decades since Southwestern Community College opened its doors to students, but one thing has not — our commitment to excellence. With a growing enrollment and expansion of services to the community, SCC annually provides a quality education and extensive opportunities for more than 8,000 students.

As the "community's college," part of our mission is to be a catalyst for community service—removing barriers, creating linkages, building relationships and integrating resources to enhance the quality of life for the people in our community. We do this by partnering with local businesses, community groups and public entities — such as our public schools, the medical community and public libraries. Through these efforts, we look forward to continuing to help build a more prosperous, healthy and rewarding future for the citizens we serve.

On behalf of the Southwestern Community College faculty, staff and administration, please join us over the next year as we celebrate 40 years of serving our community.

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Is being dead like holding your breath forever?

This is my take on what it's like to be dead. By tomorrow morning, all 371 pastors and the one Catholic priest living in the Highlands area will probably be mad at me. They will join the ever-growing list of members in the "Mad at Fred" club which, just to mention a few, includes OEI folks, building contractors, deer hunters, OEI folks, snooty people, Buckheaders, OEI folks, Miamians, cops, homosexuals, OEI folks.....

A comedian once said being dead was like holding your breath forever. I hope he was wrong because I hate doing that. I always came in last place at Camp Pee-a-ming-o in the 'sit on the bottom of the pool' contest. I will make a lousy dead person if I have to hold my breath.

And I certainly hope my third grade teacher, Sister Whachamacallit, was wrong when she said, "Child, the fires of hell await you, the flames so hot that a spoonful of molten lava will taste cool on your lips." I had just been caught eating a bologna sandwich on Friday. Because of her, I can no longer eat bologna, which, by the way, is made from chicken lips and birdie butts.

It was about that same time I came to realize that life was not fair. There are the have and have nots. Some get off easy, some struggle, smart and stupid, rich and poor, bad and good and, most importantly, people who can eat bologna sandwiches and those who can't. People do get away with murder and we are not created equal.

Life is puzzling because bad things always seem to happen to good people. If you ask a man of the cloth about this he will probably say "The Lord works in mysterious ways" which, of course means "I don't know either."

After I grew up, I rationalized



Fred Wooldridge

that our Creator is probably not too hung up on eating bologna on Friday. Besides, eating birdie butts and chicken lips is currently way down on my list of bone headed, stupid stunts I have pulled since the third grade.

Here is another issue I struggle with. I once

knew a black man, born into the world with absolutely nothing, which included being born black in the fifties. Below average in intelligence, he made his way through life as best he could. His Mom was a hooker and his dad just one of her customers passing through town. The main influence in his life was his mom's pimp, who had him running dope by the age of 12. By age 28, they were strapping him into an electric chair for killing a cop.

What fate met this man in death? Will he be judged harshly for his crimes or will he be at peace? How does he stack up in death with the white guy, born with wealth and intelligence, who had everything going for him, lived a good religious life and only ate one bologna sandwich on Friday? The answer, of course is "The Lord works in" oops, I mean I don't have a clue and neither does anyone else.

I have learned this much so far. It is easy not to be prejudiced if you have never been exposed to or been a victim of prejudice, to love everyone if you have not been hated, to be good when you are surrounded with all things good and to be bad and evil if that is all your life has been. In death, I believe God will sort this all out in a fair manner which, hopefully, will not include the eating of bologna sandwiches.

Religion has a way of simplifying how to live. Follow the rules and go to heaven; don't follow

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• COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

Remembering those we love through food

Food & Friends Forever" is a compilation of tried and true recipes made by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

There are 500 pages of recipes ranging from a basic White Sauce to Cathy's Scrambles.

The book was published by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Eastern Star and they cost \$10. All proceeds go toward the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of North Carolina, a nonprofit home for the elderly established in 1912.

On the back cover is a photo of the Chapel at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, located in Greensboro, N.C. It is the central building in a complex of care facilities. In the complex are independent living condominiums, assisted living quarters and a care center which provides for the residents' well-being.

Huntington Chicken Casserole

1 med. chicken
1 12-oz. pack of noodles
2 10 3/4 cans cream of mushroom soup
1/2 pound sharp cheddar cheese 1/2 grated and 1/2 sliced.
1 8-oz can sliced water chestnuts
1/2 cup margarine
3 cups celery, diced
1/3 cup onions, diced
1 cup green pepper diced
1 4-oz. can pimento diced
Cook, bone and lice chicken.
Cook noodles in chicken broth.
Mix cream of mushroom soup,

grated cheese, and sliced water chestnuts; mix with chicken and noodles. Saute margarine, celery, onions and green peppers. Add pimento and vegetables with chicken and noodles. Put all in a 9 x 13-inch baking dish; put sliced cheese on top.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. -

Juanita Letterman.

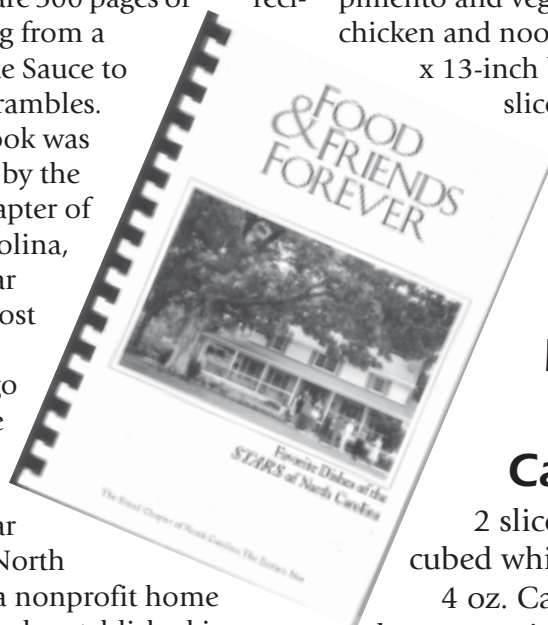
Bacon & Egg Casserole

2 slices toasted, cubed white bread
4 oz. Canadian style bacon, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. onion powder
1 4 oz. package cheddar cheese, shredded
4 eggs
2 cups skim milk
1/2 tsp. prepared mustard
1/8 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray baking pan with cooking spray. Arrange bread cubes over bottom of pan. Sprinkle with cheese and top with bacon. In medium bowl, heat milk, eggs and seasonings pour egg mixture into pan and sprinkle with remaining 2 ounces bacon. Bake 45 to 50 minutes (until top is browned and knife, inserted in center, comes out clean). Can make one day and cook the next. Four servings. -

Faye Gatton

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Cisco Kid

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Stuart Armor

Dominique) and Jimmy Smits in the title role. Directed by Luis Valdez, written by Michael Kane.

A very funny remake of the old Cisco Kid stories, also one of the few movies I actually liked Cheech Marin in, a little saccharine, but a well done action/buddy/comedy film. Not rated, but probably about the equivalent of a PG or PG13.

The storyline: It's 1867, and the people of Mexico and the forces of Benito Juarez are locked in battle with the Austrian Emperor Maximillian and his French Armies. They are in desperate need of a real hero, but that's not exactly what they get when the soon to be named Cisco Kid and Pancho meet in prison on their way to the firing squad. At just the last moment (what are the odds!) they escape, but their fates are still bound together. Well not bound, actually, they are still wearing prison shackles. Pancho tries to convince the reluctant Cisco to

join the cause for Independence; Cisco just wants to sell some guns.

A series of accidental heroics draw the not completely noble; Cisco into the fold of the faithful. You got your damsels in distress, some gunfights, a barroom

brawl or two, some shifty Frenchmen with ludicrous accents, and a few more damsels in distress. Add it all up, and, well the actual story is not really the point here, this film is not Citizen Kane.

Smits does a great job as the smooth and

debonair Cisco, it probably

wasn't

Pancho's

proudest

moment

in film,

but he

really does

do a great

villain, and

Marin as

Pancho is both

funny, no surprise

there, but also

comes across

as more likeable than

in most of his earlier

films. Spectacular desert

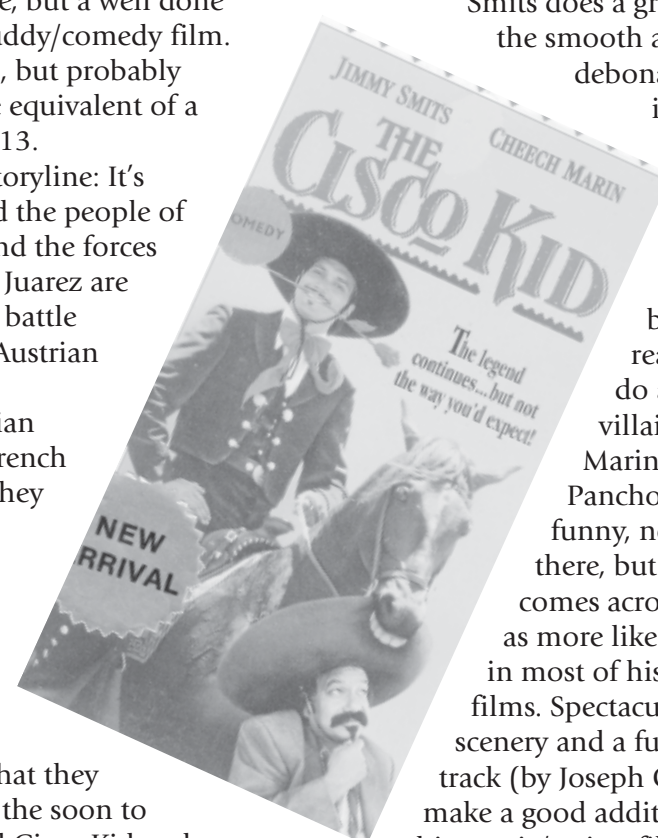
scenery and a fun sound

track (by Joseph Gonzalez)

make a good addition to

this comic/action film.

Some other comic spins on western themes are Rustlers Rhapsody, The Villain, Zorro the Gay Blade (which is laugh till you hurt yourself funny), Mask of Zorro, Frisco Kid, Blazing Saddles, and My Name is Trinity.



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the rules and sip the lava. Pretty simple stuff, but what about people like the black man who killed the cop, leaving two children fatherless?

Life is a mystery to me because I can't figure out why it has to be so cruel and unfair for some and so wonderful for others. I just hope there is not reincarnation as I am sure to wind up as Omar Khadafy's pet goat. Would that be scary, or what?

Finally, I have to conclude, while life is unfair, death is not. Death just has to be the great equalizer and cannot be as judgmental, cruel and unfair as life.

And I am still troubled with Sister Whachamacallit's comments on the bologna sandwich. Do you think she could have been right?

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I'm not sure what possessed me to write on the subject of spirit this week. Maybe it's because I'm speaking to over 100 new teachers who will be schooling grades 1-12. I've been pondering what a powerful influence their spirit will have on the thousands of kids that they will be teaching this year. I wondered how they could spread that spirit around in such a way that others will catch it.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "You must be the change you want to see in the world."

I simply think that spreading spirit might be a great way to go. Spirit! Zest, buoyancy, spunk, fun,



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

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It may be a lofty goal, this spreading spirit adventure but my mother taught me, through dying that I need to take the time to pause for spirit in my life. Her spirit lives on and has left a lasting impression on anyone who was blessed to have spent time in her presence.

Since you have a choice, why not spread more spirit wherever you go?

What are you teaching others? Are you sharing your spirit with others?

If you want to accomplish the goals of your life, you have to begin with spirit.

- Oprah Winfrey

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Bel Canto set for Sept. 5

Metropolitan Opera Soprano Joyce Guyer greets Tenor Issac Hurtado after his appearance in La Traviata with the Opera del Sol in Monticello, Fla. They will both star in the 12th Annual Bel Canto Recital, Sunday, Sept. 5 at PAC. With the singers are Guyer's husband, Ray Wise.



Macon County citizens target of phone scam

Macon County Sheriff Dept. 1 detectives have received several calls from citizens who were concerned about a possible scam in our county.

Several residents have received telephone calls from a person who tells them that they have received a government grant and that all they have to do to receive the funds is give the name of their bank and their account number.

If the caller gets a positive response from the "victim" he transfers the call to his "supervisor," saying the information needs to be verified.

A female claiming to be the supervisor then verifies the information given by the citizen to ensure they can receive the funds.

"Until we can confirm otherwise, we consider this to be a scam," said Sheriff Robbie Holland. "We encourage people to call the Macon County Sheriff's Office Investigations Unit at 349-2076, the Franklin Police Department or the Highlands Police Department if they gave any personal information to someone representing such a company. "Don't call 911," said Holland.

If someone has been a victim of such a crime, they should also contact their bank immediately, said Sheriff Holland.

"If it's too good to be true then it probably is," he said. "Never give your personal information over the telephone or to anyone that you do not have 100 percent trust in."

Holland said anyone suspecting an individual or company of offering a service or something that seems to good to be true can call him directly and he will have one of his officers check out the individual or the company they claim to represent.

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of Mill Creek Gallery

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"We have cases currently a year old with no results back from the state."

He said there are also cases where defendants have been charged over and over with numerous cases pending for the same kinds of violations.

"I am of the opinion that we need stiffer bonds set by our magistrates so that these people who continue to violate our laws can be taken off the streets," he said. "Why should we have to worry about our homes being broken into while these defendants are stealing what we work hard for just to pay for their addictions?"

He said defendants usually steal for their addiction not to pay lawyer fees because nine times out of 10 taxpayers pay for criminals' court-appointed attorneys.

"We have had cases where a defendant that my officers arrested for meth has gone before a magistrate

and is allowed to sign his own bond and never go to jail," said Holland. "This is very disheartening for the officers, as you can imagine. I understand you are innocent until proven guilty but when we have the same people arrested over and over for drugs and break-ins someone needs to take a stand and get tough!"

To lessen the load at state crime labs, Attorney General Roy Cooper is asking state lawmakers to add 13 chemists to the current 16 on staff. There are two forensic labs in North Carolina - one in Raleigh and one in Asheville. South Carolina has 11 labs and Georgia has seven.

The number of prisoners in North Carolina and neighboring states are closer in range - North Carolina has about 31,500 prisoners; South Carolina about 22,000; and Georgia about 45,600.

New pediatrician in Cashiers

Area families will soon have access to a local pediatrician, the first pediatrician to practice in the area in more than 20 years.

Dr. Leslie A. Scott will begin seeing patients at Mountain Area Family Medicine in Cashiers on Tuesday, Aug. 3. She will be available to consult with patients on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

"Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is pleased to be able to work with Mountain Area Family Medicine to bring the services of pediatrician to our communities," said Jim Graham, administrator of the hospital. "Pediatrics is a medical specialty that is of interest to a growing number of families in the area, and the hospital recognizes that need. We are fortunate that Dr. Scott was looking to practice closer to her home in Cullowhee and was willing to consider joining us in Cashiers."

Since April 2001, Dr. Scott has been a pediatrician with Hendersonville Pediatrics, a 10-physician group practice with offices in Hendersonville, Fletcher and Brevard. At various times, she has practiced at all three locations during her three and a half years with the

group.

"All of us at Mountain Area Family Medicine are looking forward to having Dr. Scott join us in serving the medical needs of the residents of the Cashiers-Glenville and surrounding areas. Her special training will bring an added dimension to the wide range of medical services we are able to offer the community," said David M. Wheeler, MD, one of the practice's founding partners.

Drs. Wheeler, Mark Heffington, and Rebecca Brooks, along with physicians assistant Richard Wayne, currently

practice out of the Mountain Area Family Medicine offices. However, Dr. Brooks is relocating to McDowell County NC where her husband will be principal of McDowell County High School.

MAFM plans to recruit another family physician to replace Dr. Brooks. "Meanwhile, we want folks to know that all of us at Mountain Area Family Medicine, with the exception of Dr. Heffington, are still accepting new patients," said Wheeler.



Dr. Leslie A. Scott

Open House at Highlands School

The Highlands School Parent-Teacher organization and Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen will cohost a Back-to-School Open House at the school on Wednesday, Aug. 4, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Students and parents are invited to drop in and view the posted classroom assignments and meet their teachers. High school schedules will be available at this time.

Several local school support

organizations will be on hand with informational tables and sign-up opportunities, including the PTO and the Athletic Booster Club.

Parents are encouraged to drop off their children's classroom supplies at this time (see the school's website, <http://www.highlands-school.org>, to see the supply list requests for each grade level).

The PTO will provide refreshments, and new students are welcome to tour the school at this time. Organizations wishing to set up an informational table should contact the school to request space.

Junta de Regreso a Clases en la escuela, el Miercoles

Padres de la escuela de Highlands-La organizacion de maestros y la señorita, directora Bomengen, dirigiran una junta de Regreso a Clases en la escuela, el Miercoles, 4 de Agosto, de 4 a 6 p.m. Estudiantes y padres estan invitados a venir y ver los trabajos de clase y a conocer sus maestros.

Varias organizaciones locales que apoyan a la escuela, estaran presentes dando informacion sobre su trabajo, por si alguien esta interesado en participar con ellos, incluyendo el club de PTO y el Athletic Booster Club.

Pueden los padres entregar los utiles de sus hijos en ese momento si lo desean (las listas de utiles de cada grado estaran disponibles en la pagina de internet, <http://www.highlands-school.org>).

La PTO provera refrigerios, y los nuevos estudiantes seran bienvenidos a recorrer la escuela. Las organizaciones que deseen preparar una tabla de informacion contacten la escuela para solicitar espacio.

Cualquier comunicado podra dirigirse a la señorita Bomengen al Tel. 526-2147.

Residents hear first hand about gallery



Bascom-Louise Gallery representatives met with Oak Street and Oak Lane residents last week to foster "neighborly relations" and to explain their vision for the gallery. Attendees enjoyed a dinner cookout, compliments of the gallery.

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County, town to discuss infrastructure funding

By Kim Lewicki

The door is by no means shut on the county's water/sewer fund allocations – in fact, parameters haven't been set yet, say officials.

Macon County Commissioner Allan Bryson — liaison between the county and the Town of Highlands for the infrastructure fund – said the county is trying to figure out who can apply for the money and how it is to be used.

"There's not that much money —

only \$450,000 — and Franklin, Highlands and the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital all want it, and there might be others," said Bryson. "The hospital has requested \$100,000 over the next two years to recoup the money it has spent on the water line."

Highlands wants to use the money to fund three projects – the Holt Knob Water System Improvement project to aid in the town's firefighting capabilities on the knob. It's estimated to cost \$150,000.

The Poplar Street Sewer Line, suggested by the town's public works committee in May, consists of installing a sewer line along Poplar Street to provide service to the Conference Center, Wilson Gas, and several residences along the street with failing septic systems. The estimated cost is \$282,000.

And, the Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion which is tripling the capacity of the facility to handle clients inside and outside the town limits. Its estimated cost over the next two years is \$3.9 million.

Bryson said the only project inside the town limits the county might consider funding is the Holt Knob Water System Improvements "because it's about fire protections."

Bryson plans to meet with the town's utility committee to further discuss the funding of the projects.

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"The fact is the Town only has jurisdiction within the town limits," said planning board member John Cleaveland. "Unless the Town Board is willing to evoke ETJ or annexation, there's really nothing anyone can do."

Extra Territorial Jurisdiction can be evoked one mile outside the corporate town limits. It's typically a way for towns to enforce environmental ordinances to protect water sources from run-off contaminants.

"Residents in the ETJ area can't vote in town elections, aren't taxed and they don't receive town services, but citizens from the ETJ area can sit on a town's planning or zoning boards," said Willett.

But given the ruckus the word "annexation" tends to start, Cleaveland suggested the committee move slowly. "Instead of evoking ETJ a mile in all directions, why don't we just consider it down the corridors," he said. "People feel that if they don't have a political forum in the town, then the town shouldn't be allowed to tell them what they can do with their land. But some kind of control will keep the corridors from becoming all junked up," he said. "And zoning does increase property values."

Though neither questions were answered Monday, at the next meeting overlay maps showing potential ETJ and "township" areas will help the group decide how to proceed.

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SCHOOL BOARD NEWS

By Kim Lewicki

At the July 26 Macon County School Board meeting, several loose ends were in time for school starting Aug. 5.

The school board approved Dr. Melissa Porter for a new position in the county system – that of Observer/Evaluator for Macon County Schools. She will be completing observations for all new non-tenured teachers in the district.

"This is a new position in terms of redirecting some federal and state funds," said Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell. "In the schools without an assistant principal, she will conduct two observations and one observation in the schools with an assistant principal."

Shotwell said this is a way to keep new teachers and to support them while creating a nurturing environment. He said the other component of Porter's job deals with testing.

"Due to NCLB and the NC ABCs, more and more demands are being placed on testing and we need staff to analyze testing data and help schools achieve their targeted growth," he said. Dr. Porter will be assisting Suzi Cabe, assistant superintendent, with the testing and training throughout the year.

"We were looking for someone who had experience working with teacher evaluations and a strong working knowledge of testing," said Shotwell. "There were a lot of applicants to choose from and Dr. Porter was the best fit for the position."

Shotwell also announced that renovations to the board room at the Macon County Administration Building in Franklin are complete.

He said money was saved by re-using windows removed from Highlands School gym.

"We saved \$12,000 by recycling the gym windows instead of buying new," he said.

Parents whose children travel on activity and school buses will be glad to know that almost all of the buses in the county are now equipped with radios.

"One tower is up and two more are coming," said Shotwell. "That means principals and dispatch can communicate with bus drivers while en route."

Two base stations have been set up – one in Highlands and one in Nantahala.

• HOME DECOR & FIXTURES •



Berkley's is new to the Highlands/Cashiers area, having opened in October of 2003.

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There are two subsidiaries of Design Environments, Designer's Extras and Designer Suites, both of which are managed by Greg. Designer's Extras is a warehouse showroom drawing its inventory directly from the overstocked furnishings of Design Environments. Designer Suites is Donna and Greg's newest endeavor, providing office space and resources to independent interior designers.



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Remembering when she wielded her 'divine' rod

By Nancy Welch

Contributor

Margaret Hall sits in her chair, a faux mink fur throw across her fragile shoulders. Her wide blue eyes sparkle as she tells tales of your younger years. The 92-year-old still has the regal bearing she inherited from her family.

A silver tea service sparkles on the sideboard in the dining room of her small apartment. Her collection of tea pots dot the room.

On a nearby chair are two tools of her trade – forked sticks – her divining rods – her water seekers.

Since she was a young girl, Hall has helped the people of Highlands find water on their land, carefully

using the rods to pinpoint the exact spot to drill a well, bringing life-saving water to the surface.

One forked stick, made of stripped peach, bears the marks of the many wells she located for homes and businesses in the Highlands area. Some locations and dates are noted in red ink, some in black and some appear to be recorded in pencil.

"Knight Mtn.;"

"Buck Creek, 8-1-72;"

"Brummel, 6-1-90;"

"Barnes, '80;"

I've been doing it for as long as I can remember, back into the 50s," Hall said. "Water has always been very important to this area. Many



years ago when my husband was on the town council, they called in a dowser from Bermuda to find a well for the city. He was here a very short time, but he found a place to drill a well under the old, old post office. I went to watch him and then to read about it.

Hall said, with her husband Tudor Hall's encouragement, began her career as a dowser, or water seeker.

"I had watched the man who came here and I began to learn how to find water. I think it came from the German side of our family, perhaps from my grandparents."

She said she never cut a divining rod. "I was very young and I was not allowed to have a knife," she said.

Her husband was in real estate (first of a long line of realtors here. Her family now has the Chambers Agency in Highlands.)

"My husband encouraged my ability to find water," she said.

Hall married at 16 and had the first of her four children at 18.

"I think any of them could do it (find water), I especially think Isabel (her daughter) could do it if she would just try," Hall said.

Isabel Chambers disagrees.

"I am told it is passed from father to daughter, to son, to daughter," she said, laughing. "I don't fit the lineage."

"I must say, I felt very important," Hall said. "I felt very necessary to this community."

While Hall doesn't remember exactly what she charged for her

water seeking services, Chambers remembers her mother made sure each check (usually for \$50) for the work was made out to the local Episcopal Church.

"She always gave to charity. She never took a penny for herself," Chambers said.

At Christmas, well drillers and property owners who had benefited from her talents sent gifts.

"Do you remember, Isabel, the year I received a bag of pecans?" Hall asked.

"Mom, every year you received gifts from the many people you had helped," Chambers said, laughing.

"Oh, yes," said Hall. "There was the time that lovely lady sent me all that face cream."

Hall said she slowed down in the early 90s.

"I wouldn't go unless one of the family went with me," she said.

Hall said one of the problems, once modern technology took over, was the well diggers wouldn't follow her directions.

"If I gave them a point to drill, it had to be right there, pointing straight down," she said. "If they drilled to the right or left or at an angle, they would miss it (the water)."

Hall loves to point a picture of rich history in Highlands and while she may forget details of her dowsing years, she cherishes her memories of families and friends.

"You know," she said her blue eyes twinkling. "I wanted to be a dancer, but I ended up being a dowser."



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Playing soccer for America in Sweden

Matthew Keener

Contributor

I'm going to try and tell you about my experience traveling with Sports Tours USA to play soccer in Sweden this summer.

Gothenburg, Sweden was the site of the Annual Gothia Cup – this year from July 8-19. It was such a beautiful town — so fresh and clean.

There were 60 nations represented by 180 teams who were all there to play SOCCER! The level of team play was amazing. These teams have been playing together for five to eight years. It was just unbelievable how good some people are. But when that's the only sport you play I guess it's easy.

I played for the U-18 boys USA team. The team was grouped with Austria, and two teams from Sweden — one of which was from the town of Gothenburg.

We played Austria first and lost 3-0. It was a hard loss to take. But the next day we played Sweden and scored in the first half. We couldn't believe we actually scored against such a good team but it happened. But late in the second half they got a

Matt Keener and his team from the USA in Gothenburg, Sweden.

goal on us. Our spirits were low after that and they attacked again and got one more goal before the game was over. So we lost our first two games.

On Wednesday we played the home team of Gothenburg. We scored early and kept the lead throughout the first half. Then in the second they scored. It was tied 1-1 and we were not going to let our spirits down this time. We stuck it out



and we got one more goal which gave us our first win. It was amazing.

More wins were in store for us as we entered the playoffs in third place. At our first playoff game of the tournament we were pumped and ready but we were let down because the other team didn't show up so they forfeited.

In the second round, we faced a team from Germany. We were tough, they were tougher. We were skilled, they were more skilled. We were quick, they were quicker. You get the

point. They beat us 3-0 and put an end to our dreams of gold. But we weren't upset. We got some friendly matches up and had fun winning the friendly matches. Our over all record including the friendly matches was 5 wins, 3 losses and 0 draws.

That was the end of my soccer in Sweden. I had a blast and I hope to be able to travel with Sports Tours USA again. I encourage anyone who is thinking about doing something with Sports Tours USA to do it. It will be an experience you will not forget.



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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Life then and now...



Stephen Hines
Episcopal Church of
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Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that school is about to start up again. I am reminded of an article I read a few years ago. It showed how disciplinary problems in schools have changed during the last 40 years.

Top offenses in public schools 40 years ago:

- Talking
- Gum chewing;
- Making noise;
- Running in the halls;
- Getting out of line;
- Improper clothing;
- Not using a wastebasket.

Top offenses in public schools today:

- Rape;
- Robbery;
- Assault;
- Burglary;
- Arson;
- Bombings;
- Murder;
- Suicide.

Indeed the prayer from the Episcopal "The Book of Common Prayer" is accurate when it states that our children are "growing up in an unsteady and confusing world."

Furthermore, the advice the collection goes on to give is accurate, too:

"Show your children, Lord, that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following after you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Saviour Jesus Christ."

C.S. Lewis put it nicely when he wrote to a young girl, "If you continue to love Jesus, nothing much can go wrong with you, and I hope you may always do so."

• PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU •

Blue Valley Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11
Sunday night services every second and fourth
Sunday at 7 p.m.
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.

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
Sundays: Worship – 10 a.m.; school & primary
classes – 11 a.m.; Women's & Men's Org. – noon
Tues: Women's Org. – 6:30 p.m.; Library – 6-8 p.m.
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Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685
3645 U.S. 64 east
Sundays: School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship – 10:45;
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Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45
Wed: Supper – 6 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Interim Priest: Stephen Hines, 526-2968
Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Bible Study & Book Study
classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;
Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.
Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4
Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8
Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

The Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel 14

First Baptist Church

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sundays: 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
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m. (child care at 11 a.m.);
School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;
Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.
Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5

Highlands Assembly of God

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

Highlands 7th-Day Adventist Church

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

Highlands United Methodist Church

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
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& 11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study &
activities – 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Family – ELCA

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Rev. Clifford Willis
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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.;
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Whiteside Presbyterian Church

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● HIKING THE HIGHLANDS PLATEAU ●

A day at Panthertown – Part II

By Leah Ferree
Contributor

This week, I have put together a few suggestions of certain spots you should include as you explore Panthertown Valley. Some of the more popular attractions in the valley include Granny Burrel Falls, Schoolhouse Falls, and Little Green Mountain. You can actually hit all three of these on the same 5.5 mile loop.

From the Salt Rock Gap Trailhead, pass through the service gate and continue on the road. Once you reach a split in the road, you will want to bear right. Keep in mind that this is a complete split in the road (actually leading three different ways). There will be other side trails before this one.

Once you take a right, you will continue on this path until you come to a little wooden bridge. As soon as you pass over the bridge, there will be a smaller trail on your right. You will be able to hear Granny Burrel Falls by this point. You can either follow the trail to the left to the top of the falls, or you can bear right and go straight to the water. If you are careful, you may be able to walk to the top from the rocks. There is not much of an incline, but wet rocks can be extremely slippery, so please be very careful if you choose to take this route. This waterfall is a nice calm one. However, there is not much of a sandy beach to sit upon. You can always sit on the rocks if you like.

To stay on the Little Green Mountain loop, follow the trail past Granny Burrel Falls, across the valley floor for 1.6 miles. Shortly after an uphill climb, you are going to want to bear left. Follow this trail up the south ridge of Little Green Mountain. (At some points, you may have to walk through a little bit of water depending on how much rain we have gotten). Once you reach the top of the mountain, you will be rewarded with a view of the valley floor beneath you.

The Little Green Mountain trail is a moderately easy one full of diverse landscapes. You will encounter lots of lush green ferns and mosses, one area full of nothing but pine trees, and yet another that contains all of the deciduous trees contained in this forest (including: poplar, oak, magnolia, birch,



School House Falls off the Panthertown Trail

rhododendron, mountain laurel, and mossy Appalachian bogs).

Schoolhouse Falls is going to be off the trail that you have been following. It will be about half way through the Little Green Mountain loop. You will be able to hear the falls from the trail and you will actually see one of the covered wooden campsites mentioned last week. You will have to take a side trail a few feet to actually get to the water, but once you are there, you will find a lovely sandy beach perfect for relaxing before you head back around on your loop. There is a little sandy island in the water on your left that you can easily walk out to. (The water will be about knee deep). You can also follow the path around to your right and actually walk behind

the falls. If you choose to do this, please be careful of the fragile plant life around you. There is also a nice wading pool at the foot of the falls. The falls are about 12-15 feet and are not that powerful. This spot is a perfect little oasis in the middle of the forest and is usually a very quiet spot to spend most of the day.

To get back to the Salt Rock Gap Trailhead from Schoolhouse falls, continue on the Little Green Mountain trail. Once you get to the main road that you took past the service gate, take a left. Remember to purchase a map before you go so that you do not end up getting lost. There are no signs except at the main gate and as you will find, there are many trails that may look the same.

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• SPORTS PICKS •

The joys of backyard wrestling

It was a glorious summer day. The air was crisp on the Highlands plateau as the gladiators prepared for battle. Well, at least that is how I remember it — others may have seen only a ragtag group of punk teenagers. But before I describe our exploits that summer day, it would be best to describe my fascination with wrestling.

I grew up on wrestling — when I was allowed to watch it. My parents tried to prevent me from watching Sting, Ric Flair, Vader, Bret Hart and my hero...the Undertaker. However, every Monday night I would sneak



Ryan Potts

downstairs so that I could watch Monday Night Raw, which was the main WWF program. I would also try to watch WCW Saturday night, but had less success watching that one.

Wrestling is something that me and my friends bought into

— a male General Hospital that connected through amazing characters and unbelievable moves. While wrestling is full of fake punches and bad acting, it is also equal parts athleticism and performance. Contrary to popular belief, it is not possible to fake being hit with a chair or being slammed through a table, but it is possible not to seriously injure yourself while doing it.

Bear with me here, because I realize that wrestlers are not exactly your friendly neighborhood sports figures, but they are amazing athletes nonetheless.

Ric Flair is 55 years old and can still wrestle a believable match — which would be like Jordan going and scoring 20 points at the age of 55. The Undertaker is 6'10" over 300 pounds and can walk on the top rope with ease. He can also amaze crowds with his ability to leap over the top rope and dive onto opponents.

These guys are real athletes, and they feel real pain when they are slammed to the mat — something that we often take for granted while pointing out the fake punches and the faux grimaces on the face of the performers. To some, wrestlers are sideshow freaks but to me and my buddies, they were important parts of our Monday night schedule.

After all, have you ever been to a Braves game and had to sit through a 8-1 blowout? You don't exactly get your money's worth when the game isn't exciting. But with wrestling you always get a good show, which is exactly what you pay for and one of the main

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reasons that professional wrestling has been so successful.

Naturally, when you watch someone on television, you want to emulate them in some shape or form. It was through this desire to perform that me and my friends created the HPWF, or Highlands Professional Wrestling Federation. Our ring was a trampoline in a backyard, and we created our own characters. There was our champion Pudge, as well as other colorful characters such as The Unit, Tony Montana, Big Sexy, The Birthquake, Triple B and his sidekick Whitey, Teeny Taz, The Mule, the White Pony and my personal favorite...Trojan Man.

Each character had its own signature moves ranging from the Buttinator (flying butt attack) to the Pimp Drop (Swinging DVD) to the Power Stroke (Swinging powerslam) to the Florida Panhandle Crab. (Single Leg Boston Crab)

Other signature moves included the Afterbirth (Pumphandle DVD), the Mule Kick (Double kick to the face), the Sackhammer (Underhook Legdrop faceplant), the Tap the Rockies (Falling Powerbomb), the Inbred Elbow (Running Elbowdrop) and my personal finisher, the Ween

Killer. (Aptly named because I almost killed my poor brother by powerbombing him off of a truck)

On certain Saturdays we would perform for the camera with death defying moves (in other words, we screwed up bad and almost killed each other) and interviews that would make a sailor blush. (Hey, in the world of wrestling there are no limits). We also each had our own personalized entrance music — although there was one song in particular that got nixed by a mother.

Was it ridiculous for grown boys to be out there pretending to be wrestlers? Absolutely! (Notice that there were also never any women involved in these wrestling events. Sad but true). But it was also fun and I have great memories every time I think about our careers on the trampoline. There are still a few HPWF tapes floating out there somewhere. I myself have one, but if you happen to come across a tape marked HPWF handle with care, and watch at your own risk because you never could tell what we were going to do next.

P.S. All names were omitted to protect the integrity of my friends who may or may not desire for me to write about the stupid things we did on the weekends.

... PEDIATRICIAN continued from pg 10

The group's office is already accepting appointments for Dr. Scott. For more information, or to make an appointment, call (828) 743-2491. Mountain Area Family Medicine is located in the Cashiers Medical Center on NC 107 South.

Prior to moving to Cullowhee, where her husband is a professor of philosophy at Western Carolina

University, Dr. Scott practiced with Aegis Family Health Centers of Wake Forest University and NC Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, NC.

Board certified in pediatrics, Dr. Scott is a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a member of the North Carolina Pediatric Society. She has been licensed in the state of North Carolina since 1994.

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Stuck on Main Street



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Saturday afternoon, July 24, a luxury RV towing a SUV Ford Explorer rounded the corner on to Main Street from Fifth Street and became impaled on a vehicle parked in front of Pro Nails. Highlands Police responded. No one was injured.

• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of July 22-27. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

July 21

- A little past midnight, officers responded to a call of a mental patient on Main Street.
- At 9:20 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Split Rail Row. All was secure.
- At 7:20 p.m., officers were called to a Highlands Manor about a possible structure fire but it was someone burning construction materials.

July 22

- At 6:50 a.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Cobb Road was cited for speeding 53 mph in a 35 zone..
- At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a call of a truck blocking the travel way at D & J Express Mart.
- At 2:22 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Big Bearpen Road. All was secure..
- At 9:10 a.m., officers responded to a 911 hang-up from Old Edwards Inn. All was secure.

July 23

- At 9:35 a.m., officers responded to a call of someone camping on private property on Horse Cove Road. The campers were told to move on.
- At 2:25 p.m. officers responded to a call of a hit and run in the Highlands Pharmacy parking area.
- At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a call of a car being vandalized in the parking lot of the Rib Shack on Spring Street.
- At 10:30 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at the Bank of America. All was secure.

July 24

- At 9:30 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Old Edwards Inn. All was secure..

- At 6:50 a.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Cobb Road was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.

- At 9:45 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint on N.Cobb Road. It was children playing by the lake.

- At 11 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint on Arnold Road. Attendees at a party were told to quiet down.

- At 11:55 p.m, officers responded to a noise complaint on Mt. Lori Drive. Occupants were told to quiet down.

July 25

- At 5 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and N. Cobb Road was cited for driving without a license..

- At 11:20 a.m., officers responded to a call of fireworks going off near Shelby Place.

July 26

- At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to an accident on South Fourth Street. There were no injuries..

July 27

- At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident at Fourth and Main streets.

- At 11:20 p.m., officers responded to an accident

- At 6:50 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 54 mph in a 35 zone at U.S. 64 east and Webbmont Road.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue log entries for the week of July 21-27:

July 21

- The dept. responded to a possible structure fire on Spring Street. A stove had caught fire..

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Bonny Drive. The victim was

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- Round Robin Tennis with the Nantahala Tennis Association at the Rec Park every day at 9 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. Meet at the Memorial Bench and allow 15 minutes for other players to arrive. Sometimes we're slow at the beginning of the season.

- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement meeting room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times are Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Call 524-7395.

July 29-Aug. 1

- "Come Get Uncorked" Thursday through Sunday; 4 pm – 6:30 pm at Wolfgang's on Main. Wine and Appetizer Pairings, Flights of Wine, Wine by the glass or bottle/Appetizers.

July 29-30

- Highlands Wine & Cheese presents Wines of Napa & Sonoma. Special wine flights 4:30-6:30 p.m.

July 29

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at the Highlands Nature Center. Jim Warren Professor of English, Washington & Lee University: The Two Johnnies in Georgia: Muir and Burnoughs Visit the South. 7 p.m. Free.

July 30-Aug. 1

- SCALY MTN. MARKETPLACE — Scaly lodge, Hwy 106, auction, flea market, bake sale. Preview/auction Fri. 6-8 p.m.; Sales Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. & Sun. 1-4 p.m.

July 30

- Grand Finale of live music at the Gazebo on Pine Street from 7:30-9 p.m. The concert is sponsored by The Joy Team for Relay for Life.

- Open House at the Mill Creek Gallery from 6-8 p.m. featuring noted wildlife and landscape photographer Bill Lea. Located at Oak & 5th St. in Highlands Village Square 787-2021.

July 31

- A car show and a flea market are two summer fund-raising events for the 2004 Macon County Senior Games/Silver Arts. The car show is from 10 am to 2 pm at the County Community Building parking lot at 1288 Georgia Road (U.S. 441 South), Franklin. Registration fee for cars to be displayed is \$10 per vehicle and will be accepted from 10 am to noon the day of the show.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will

take a 4.5 mile moderate-to-strenuous hike from Burningtown Gap to Wayah Bald with an elevation gain of 1,200 feet. Meet at the Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 9 a.m. Bring a drink, lunch, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 60 miles round trip, returning 4-5 p.m. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Al Bruce, 369- 2024, for reservations, more information, or in case weather

Arts from 9-11 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike to Rock Mountain near High Hampton Inn. This is a moderate 4-mile hike with a 800-foot elevation to the top to enjoy a beautiful view of the surrounding mountains. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank at 9:30 a.m. Drive 2 miles round trip, returning 2-3 p.m. Call leader Eva Hansen, 743-1611.

Aug. 1 & 2

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music performances Sunday and Mon-



The Mill Creek Gallery will be exhibiting works by photographer Bill Lea in August.. Come meet Bill at our Open House, Friday July 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. Bill is best known for his portrayal of deer, black bears and scenery in the Smoky Mountains. This is Bill's first gallery showing. The Mill Creek Gallery is located in Highlands Village Square at 5th and Oak St. behind Wolfgang's Restaurant.

looks doubtful on day of hike. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Aug. 1

- Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main presents Gerhart Reisacher of Delectus Winery in Napa Valley - an 8th generation winemaker from an Austrian family.

- Wolfgang's On Main presents "Dinner and Jazz" from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm with Paul Scott on piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

- Zorki on the deck at Cafe of the

day performances will feature Enoch Arden - a melodrama; NaidaCole, piano and Tim McDonough, narrator. Also free Family Concerts on Monday in Highlands at PAC and Tuesday in Cashiers. For more information, call 526.9060.

Aug. 2

- The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, will present the sixth public lecture in the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on Monday, at 7:30 p.m. in PAC. The topic of Bishop Spong's lecture is "Beyond Theism, But

Not Beyond God."

- Wolfgang's On Main and Summit One Gallery present "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining, Fine Music" with art by Vivian Jendzio, Wines by Hertz Wine Cellars and music by Paul Scott on piano and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan singing. 6 pm – Passed Appetizers. 6:30 pm – Dinner. Reservations 526-3807.

Aug 3

- The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, will lead a discussion/seminar for the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series at 10 a.m. at PAC. Bishop Spong will lead the discussion on his lecture on "Beyond Theism, But Not Beyond God."

- The film "Fairy Tale: A True Story," at PAC at 7:30. Contributions for Bascom-Louise Gallery accepted. FREE.

Aug 4

- Open House at Highlands School from 4-6 p.m. Meet the new principal Monica Bomengen and vice principal Mark Thomas and view classroom assignments.

Aug. 7

- Bolivian Mission Breakfast & Bake Sale, Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

- Highlands Fire & Rescue Open House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enjoy free hotdogs, drinks and rides on a firetruck.

- There is a bone marrow and platlet drive for Irene Sanchez at the Peggy Crosby Center from 11-2. Also, a fund in her name has been set up at First Citizens Bank to help pay for her mounting medical bills.

Through Aug 8

- "Honk" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$22; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office on Oak Street.

Aug 9

- Highlands Playhouse Annual Golf Tournament 2004 at Highlands Cove 12 noon Shotgun Start; \$125 per golfer includes box lunch & dinner at Peregrine Restaurant. 2 Hole-in-One Prizes: 2004 Chevrolet Corvette and an Applachain Golf Cart Tournament format: Captain's Choice. For more info call Tim Greene at 526-4450 or the Highlands Playhouse at 526-2695.

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- Historic Home Tour, sponsored by Highlands Historical Society, 9:30 to 3. Call 787-1050 for reservations.

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Above: Carlos and Crystal Green, recipients of the Highlands Habitat for Humanity house, with Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity. The "A Good Turn for America" Banquet benefitted the Daniel Boone Council, Boy Scouts of America.



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From left: Boy Scouts T.C. Creighton, Matthew Neely, and Clayton Creighton.



Boy Scouts Clayton Creighton and Austin Reese.

Photos by Barbara Lawrence

Fundraisers starting for 2005 Bolivia Mission trip

The Bolivian Mission team has announced several fundraisers for next year's mission.

The first will be a breakfast, cafeteria style at the Highlands United Methodist Church on Saturday morning from 8-11 a.m. on Aug. 8. The breakfast will feature a variety of breakfast foods and a bake sale. The proceeds will support the foster home for boys, medical and dental clinics, building of houses and clinics, and evangelical projects.

This past March, the group worked with eight churches in Montero, Bolivia to provide food for the body and the gospel for the soul. 6,000 Bibles were distributed in addition to showing the Jesus Film at over 20 churches and schools and the local jail.

Four houses for the Guarani Indians were completed and a carpentry shop was built and equipped for the foster home.

Dr. Rodenbeck supplied dental care, while Drs. Brooks and Baumrucker gave free medical care at the medical clinic. 17 youth made up half of the participants in this year's

mission, and the effect on them will last a lifetime.

The main fundraiser for the year will be the Bolivian Auction. This raised about half of the money needed for the mission last year.

Art and jewelry bought in Bolivia will be auctioned off by Al Scudder with a dinner on Sept. 18 at a local country club.

Reservations can be made by calling 526-3605 or 526-3376 which cost \$100 per person. Reservations are strictly limited to 200 persons. The art will be displayed at various locations around town before the auction.

Other breakfasts will be held later and a Bolivian Dinner will also be held at a local church in the fall.

"The support for this mission has been wonderful in the past and has allowed us to do much more than what I would have thought humanly possible," said Dr. Baumrucker. "You can really see the hand of God in the work we do there. I would like to thank our donors of time and money once again."

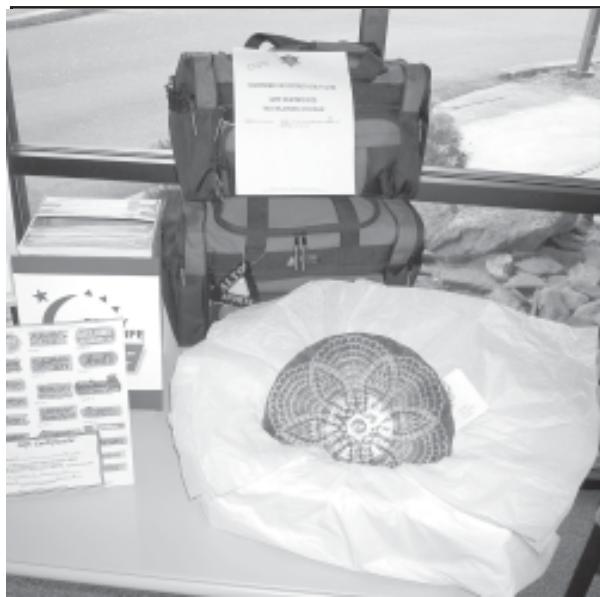
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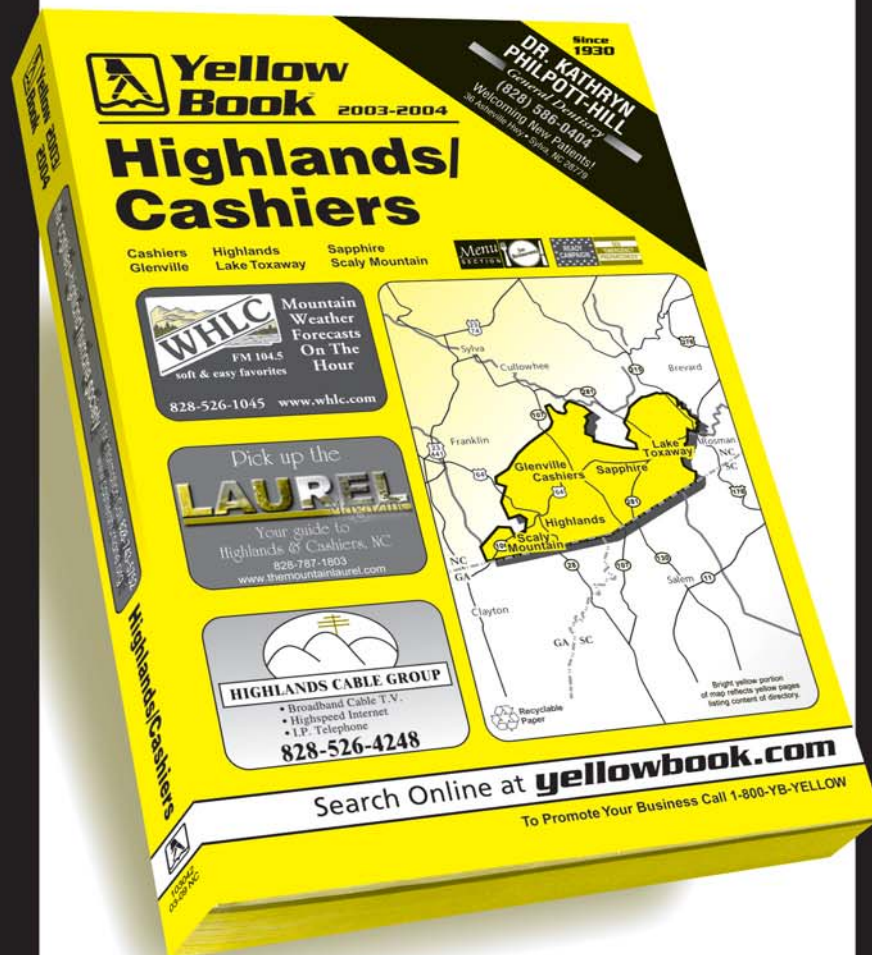
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CLE program about anti-government movement prior to American Revolution

Dr. Scott Philyaw of Western Carolina University will present a program entitled "The North Carolina Regulator Movement: Problematic Precursor to the American Revolution" at the Highlands Civic Center, Aug. 4 at 8 p.m.

This is part of the Center for Life Enrichment series ongoing in Highlands.

The North Carolina Regulator Movement (Ca. 1765-1771) has been called the largest episode of collective violence and protest in colonial America. Thousands of North Carolinians participated – some by signing petitions, others by attending mass meetings, and a few by chasing a lawyer out of town with a pack of dogs.

Around 2,000 took up arms against colonial authority at the Battle of Alamance in 1771. Royal Governor Tryon defeated backcountry insurgents

with the help of several units of eastern North Carolina militia. Ironically, the royal governor's supporters at the Battle of Alamance included members of the Sons of Liberty and future signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Within a short time, many of these same men would themselves take up arms against the King's authority. However, the opposition of many eastern North Carolinians (including the Sons of Liberty) and the conciliatory actions taken by Governor Tryon's successor, served to complicate the Regulators' response to the worsening imperial crisis and contributed to the bitter partisan fighting that took place in North Carolina during the Revolution.

The Aug. 4 lecture is free and open to the public.



Dr. Scott Philyaw

HIARPT presents Bishop John Shelby Spong

The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, will present the sixth public lecture in the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on Monday, Aug. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

The topic of Bishop Spong's lecture is "Beyond Theism, But Not Beyond God." He asks how people living in the 21st century can say the word "God" with integrity when the word is filled with ancient meaning to which we can no longer subscribe.

Spong's hope is that the church can learn to tell its old, old story in new

ways the modern world can hear. He argues that old forms of Christianity are dying because they have not been flexible enough to carry the great and complacency-shattering message of God's goodness and love.

Bishop Spong's major contribution has been his attempt to tell the Christian story in words intelligible to the world at the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st century.

A seminar with Bishop Spong will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 10 a.m. in PAC. This week's lecture is free to the public.

International weaver coming July 30

The Bascom-Louise Gallery and The Old Rangoon are pleased to welcome Carol Cassidy to Highlands for an exhibition and lecture on July 30, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Old Rangoon and July 31, 10-5 at the Gallery.

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Carol Cassidy

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