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The week of June 10-17

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▪ **HAPPY HOUR** – Get 'uncorked' at Wolfgang's on Main Thursday through Saturday starting at 4 p.m.

▪ **WINE TASTINGS** – at Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main every Sat. from 1-4:30 p.m. It's free.

▪ **HAPPY HOUR** – at ...on the Verandah every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. \$20 per person.

June 10 & June 11

▪ **ART SHOW** – Art League of Highlands presents "Summer Colors" Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 pm. at the Rec Park both days.

June 11

▪ **JMCA** – is holding an organizational meeting to raise funds to fight the Woolly Adelgid at 5:45 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, call 526-9938, ext. 320.

June 12

▪ **WEDDING** – Friends & family are invited to the wedding of Jeffery Porter & Amber Heller at 2 p.m. at Highlands First Baptist Church. Reception to follow.

▪ **CAR WASH** – By Highlands School Volleyball Team at First Citizen Bank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

▪ **FUNDRAISER** – Carpe Diem Farms "Be A Star for a Child," extravaganza. For more info call 526-2854.

June 14

▪ **SOCCER** – Macon County Soccer Club signups 8-10 a.m. at the Highlands Rec. Park. For more information call Charissa Robinson at 526-9915.

June 14-15

▪ **HIARPT** –Lecturer at PAC on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.

June 15

▪ **PUBLIC FORUM** – Community high impact land-use discussion at Civic Center with county planners.

▪ **AUDUBON** – The Audubon Society is hosting a field trip on Flat Mtn. Road. Meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 7:30 p.m.

▪ **MOVIE TIME** – 7:30 p.m. at PAC featuring "Jeremiah Johnson." Donations appreciated.

County wants public input about land-use

By Kim Lewicki

For the better part of a year the county land-use committee has been quietly working on land-use definitions – the first step toward a countywide land-use plan.

Now the group is ready to introduce what they have developed to the public. They're coming to the High-

lands Civic Center, Tuesday, June 15, at 7 p.m.

"Any ordinance we develop is going to be based on input from the community," said committee members.

Ten community meetings – or public forums – are being held throughout Macon County through

August. The first one was at the Macon County Fire Dept on May 25.

We are enthusiastic and eager to work as a conduit and to hear what people have to say, said the Macon County Board of Commissioners. They unanimously voted to support the group in their efforts at the April

▪See LAND-USE page 19

School board votes "no" to late start-up

By Kim Lewicki

With the House and Senate debating school start-ups the Macon County School Board decided to take a stand.

At its May meeting, members voted unanimously to sign a resolution supporting local control over school calendars.

"We elect local board members to represent the best interest of the children and to decide issues like the calendar," said Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell. "This is much bigger than accommodating the tourist industry."

Identical bills addressing the issue of early school start dates were introduced last week in both the House and Senate. HB 1464 is expected to be debated first and must receive majority approval in as many as three committees before going before the 120-member House of Representatives for a final vote.

Approval by the House would then send the bill to the Senate where bill 1213 would begin its journey through the Senate's committee process. The General Assembly scheduled to adjourn by the end of June.

The bills would require the following changes in how local school boards determine the traditional calendar.

- Require schools to open for students no earlier than August 25 and end no later than June 10.
- Reduce the number of required

▪See START-UP page 18

Girls' Clubhouse hits Chattanooga



A year of community service in Highlands culminated with The Girls' Clubhouse's end-of-year trip to Chattanooga, Tenn., where the girls did community service at the Creative Discovery Museum, watched NASCAR at the IMAX, toured the Discovery Museum, the Tennessee Aquarium and enjoyed a river boat dinner cruise on the Southern Bell. All this was made possible through generous donations and support by the Highlands Community. See more photos on pages 12 & 13. From left are chaperone Kim Lloyd, chaperone Megan Lewicki, Susan Barnes, LaDonna Rodriguez, Amanda Fuller, supervisor Kim Lewicki, Sarah Hedden, Sally Zachary, Adilene Jimenez, Yanet Rangel, Maricia Owens and guest Madison Lloyd.

Board questions temporary structure

By Kim Lewicki

Concern over a "permanent" looking "temporary" structure has zoning board members rethinking a project OK'd by the Zoning Administrator.

At the June 9 meeting, Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein said he OK'd the extension of Cosper's Flowers in Highlands Plaza and the pouring of a cement slab as the base purely for storm water control

measures.

The slanted cement slab covers an elaborate French drain system which is keeping the area from flooding, he said.

But board members said that storm water run-off could have been controlled through the French drains alone. A slab was not necessary, they said, and it makes a temporary structure look permanent.

Gantenbein said if he wrongfully

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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Make sure your vote counts

Dear Editor

I was standing among a million plus people from all across America and my heart sang. "This is what democracy looks like!" we chanted. Three generations of women and men, (yes men) joined in the "walk for women's lives" in Washington, D.C. on April 25, 2004. I was proud of that day and it opened up the future. All races, religions, ages, and sexuality were present and flowed with positive and inspiring energy. It brought hope to all women and all people speaking for choice and freedom. The event demonstrated that there still exists a democracy that is alive and well in our USA. This march inspired the notion that your political beliefs can be heard. How to make that effective is the other side of the coin.

Your vote can only count if it is traceable and recognized by the voting mechanism. Here lies the danger of computer voting and freedom. The computers created by Diebold have been proven faulty and there is an ongoing movement to refuse the use of computer voting machines that were used around the States in the 2002 elections. California is one of the first to dismiss this system and at present Ohio is doing the same, but this process will take more time to review and correct. What then, should we do as responsible citizens? The key element that we all need to address is to make your vote counts for 2004. As the time draws near it only makes sense to use the paper ballot and the only one available is the absentee ballot. These are easily obtained by going to the county courthouse or faxing a request to them for the ballot. You may request them on or after June 1st. When you receive the ballot it allows time to consider other issues that will be voted on in November as well as the ability to have a copy of your vote. Please vote and encourage others to make it count on paper by an absentee ballot!

**Lee Hodges
Highlands**

Community makes 'Career Day' a success

Dear Editor,

Highlands School would like to take this opportunity to thank every one who helped with our recent Career Day. Rotary Vocational Chairman, Rick Siegel, did an excellent job organizing volunteers from both the Rotary Club of Highlands and the Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club for the April 21 event. All students in grades 9 – 12 had the opportunity to participate in three career information sessions of their own choosing. Students and teachers were enthusiastic about the quality and variety of the 36 career areas represented. They were:

Chris Looney, Lynda Dryman, Bill Mann, Amy Patterson, Patric Branon, Mark Meadows, Mike Gantenbien, Steve Chenowith, C.D. Jenkins, Ryan Angel, David Jellison, Ronnie Waller, Tay Bronough, Dean Zuck, Zeke Sossomon, Lisa Billingsly, Wolfgang Green, Ralph Stevens, Fred Gerrish, Dennis DeWolf, Susie Owens, Lacy Jane Schmitt, Kevin Vinson, Patty Wheeler, Ken Wheeler, Dr. Stennent, Sherry Simms, Kim Ingram, Robert E. Smith, Bob Tevethan, Jane Chalker, Patsy Wilson, Carol Bowen, Dixie Barton, Rosemary Stieffel, Jeannie McCrea

Our community and school are fortunate to have not one, but two Rotary Clubs that are extremely generous in their support of our students. Our warmest thanks go to them all.

**Jack Brooks, Principal
Patricia Catchings, Guidance Counselor**

Roadrunners give scholarships



"Vicki Heller presents the annual Highlands Roadrunners Club scholarships to this year's recipients, Caitlin Rawlins (L) and Katy Betz (R). The two \$500 scholarships, funded from proceeds of the Mountain Lakes 5-K Race, are awarded each year to top athletes at Highlands School who excel in athletics and intend to continue athletics in their college careers. Caitlin is the Salutatorian this year, and will be attending Columbia College in the fall; Katy is this year's Valedictorian, and will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill."

• OBITUARIES •

Thelma Goff Martin

Thelma Goff Martin, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., Naples, Fla., and Highlands, N.C., died on June 7, 2004 with her family present.

She was born April 18, 1915 in Memphis, Tenn., and Moved to Sarasota, Fla., three years ago. Mrs. Martin was a member of Faith Presbyterian Church in Sarasota.

She was an accomplished golfer and won many ladies club championships, including East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, home course of Bobby Jones; Wildcat Cliffs Country Club in Highlands; and Royal Poinciana Country Club in Naples. During her golfing career she had nine holes-in-one. She was also Georgia Senior Women's Amateur Champion in the 1970s. In Sarasota she was a member of The Meadows Country Club.

After WWII, Mrs. Martin and her husband, Lawrence P. Martin, founded a contract cleaning company that became one of the largest in the country and was later sold to Rollins, Inc. in 1964. Recognized as a skilled businesswoman, she handled the financial aspects of the company.

Survivors include daughter, Patti Patterson of Sarasota, Fla.; son, David Martin of Atlanta, Ga.; sister, Mildred Graves of Memphis, Tenn.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southwest Florida, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, Fla, 34238.

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The week of July 25-Aug. 1

• The Macon Aeromodelers will hold an "Old Timers" fly-in at the flying field on Tennessee Road in Otto on Saturday, July 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with other models flown afterwards. Spectators of all ages are invited.

• Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church is holding its annual yard sale on Saturday, July 26 at 9 a.m. Items for sale will include books, old records, toys, kitchen items and linens.

• Miller-Talley Reunion is Saturday, July 26, 11 a.m. at the Rec Park. Drink and paper goods will be furnished. Please bring a dish of food. For more information, call 526-2588.

• Wright Family Reunion is Saturday, July 26 at 11 a.m. at the Rec Park. Mrs. Ellen Greenwald, will portray the life of Jemima Norton Wright.

• Sunday, July 27, from 2-3 p.m. Scudders Gallery will be

Hospital water line funding in place

By Kim Lewicki

The financial pieces are finally in place for the hospital water line, but the target start-up date of November 1 still looms on the horizon.

"There is a lot of work to do in a short period of time," said Town

Engineer Lamar Nix.

McGill Associates, of Asheville, is the engineering firm responsible for designing the project, surveying and completing the permitting process, but as lead agency the town is concerned with the timetable.

"DOT wants to resurface U.S. 64 east during the next paving season so they want to know when the water line project will be finished," said Nix. "A lot is hanging on the permitting process and no one has much control over that

•See WATER page 3

Friends across the seas



Rainy weather-blast from past

By Kim Lewicki

Slowly but surely, Highlands is molding over.

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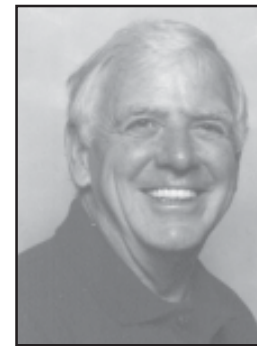
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Bowery Road folks, you are toast

Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, it got worse. That wild and crazy Supreme Court couldn't care less about your gravel, your green salamanders or your right to keep a little corner of your property. They have spoken and that's it. Or is it?



Fred Wooldridge

I have some very good news for you gravel lovers. I just saved a bundle of money by switching to GEICO car insurance. I'm not making fun here cause' I've got a plan. You need to get hold of this insurance company because they have a lovable little mascot called a gecko, a slimy green lizard who advertises for them. Bring this little guy in to organize your green salamanders. He drives a red convertible and, like politicians and big city land developers, smiles all the time so you can have him tool up and down Bowery Road with green salamanders in the back seat, telling everyone how much fun it is to drive on gravel. I know, I know, the Supreme Court couldn't care less, but the pressure on the local developers will be overwhelming. That's phase one.

Before I get to phase two, just let me say that the reason you are in this predicament is all your fault.

Way back before the developers found all that land up on Sagee Mountain and dollar signs flashed before their eyes, you should have known that, with a name like Bowery Road, big city slicker types from New York City would be attracted to that name. How many gravel roads can you find in New York City or better still, in the Bowery? When 911 came in, you had an opportunity to switch names. You should have named the road "Clem Kadiddlehopper Road" from Red Skeleton fame. No self respecting

big city slicker would ever live or buy land on a road called Clem Kadiddlehopper.

But that's history, so on to phase two. This part is important. Go out and capture a rare spotted owl and bring him to Bowery Road. The fact that this creature is on the

Federal Government's endangered species list and capturing one is punishable by two hundred years in prison is of little significance when one is as desperate as you are. The great part about having one of these little suckers around is that they nest in the ground. If you can get your owl to nest somewhere along the lower seven-tenths of Bowery Road, you are an instant winner.

I am not making this part up. Many, many years ago I had the privilege of training with the Army's Delta Force, the scariest people on the face of this planet. (You should thank God each night that they are on our side.) Anyway, in the middle of this training exercise, which included lots of explosives, gun fire, trucks, etc., someone sees a terrified spotted owl fly from his burrow and race into the sky in broad daylight. That was it. Within the hour, we were ordered out of the area, never to return. Delta, Shemelta, the environmentalists couldn't care less about training exercises for the defense of our country; we were done. These guys have power over everyone, including Supreme Courts. Even the president will not mess with an environmentalist who says the words, "spotted owl."

The only problem that I see in all of this is that, if you are successful, you may not be allowed to return to your homes, but that's the price you will have

• SPORTS PICKS •

Hockey – a sport worth watching

I just watched the most amazing thing and what will surprise you the most is that it did not involve a ball or a bat or a court.

While I realize that most people in the U.S. care as much about hockey as they do the exchange rate in Kraplakistan, most people are missing out on some of the best sports drama this side of Disney's Mighty Ducks. (BTW --I love that movie, especially the second one with the kid that shoots the "knucklepuck." There is no such thing as a knucklepuck, but there is no finer Disney moment when that sneaky Gordon Bombay suits the kid up as the goalie for the final shot and the evil Pat Riley clone coach screams NOOOOOOOOOOOOOO as the shot goes through. I love that.)

Calgary-Tampa Bay was not a traditional hockey series in the sense that it involved a decidedly non-hockey city and the redheaded stepchild of Canadian hockey. This was a great series because it featured unbelievable amounts of pressure on Calgary, who was playing not only for themselves, but for an entire country. (A Canadian team hasn't won the cup in 11 years)

Folks, if you want to see drama, if you want to see desperation, watch a playoff hockey game when one team is down a goal heading into the third period. The skill and precision with which the game is played is at a fever pitch and the leading team is doing everything possible just to hold on.

Compare that with, say, the NBA finals, where the Lakers sleepwalk through 44 minutes of



Ryan Potts

basketball and then have Kobe and the refs bail them out at the end. (That's a whole 'nother column)

The Stanley Cup finals were a true display of skill, intensity, and an overall sense of pride that isn't always displayed in other sports.

Great storylines-you got 'em. Dave Andreychuk has played hockey for more than 22 years without a Stanley Cup, and finally wins the big one.

Jerome Iginla is the best player in hockey today. A controversial goal that was overturned in game six, a goal that would have given Calgary the Cup.

But most of all, you had the Flames playing for an entire nation. And for those of you who think hockey is about fighting and nothing else, think again. Hockey actually hands out suspensions for dirty hits, unlike the NBA, who looked the other way when Karl Malone played his tired middle-age tough guy routine once again.

While the Stanley Cup finals may not be as revered here in the states as it is in Canada, it certainly should be. The intensity and pressure is that of the Super Bowl, but without the cheesy halftime music. Unfortunately, because of labor problems, there may not even be a Stanley Cup Finals next year-which would be a shame for fans like myself who enjoy the passion of playoff hockey.

Whatever your sports tastes may be, I suggest you try a Stanley Cup game the next time it rolls around. You may find yourself wanting more. After all, it sure beats watching Kobe Bryant's sorry Jordan-wannabe act.

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Fred Bauknecht, owner of "Bear Necessities" has donated a little bear for the "Be a Star for a Child" auction at Carpe Diem Farms, June 12. Fred has trained his brother in his art and they use white pine, and incorporate red cedar and black walnut for their creations.

Last chance to 'Be a Star for a Child'

By Barbara Lawrence
Contributor

The countdown is on; all the helpers at Carpe Diem Farms are busy putting the final touches to 'Be a Star for a Child.' 2004. 5.30 pm is the time. Even if you have other events planned, stop in early and make your bid, there are very special items this year. You may be going home with a 24' cabin cruiser!

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Fred Bauknecht, owner of "Bear Necessities" has donated a little bear for your pleasure. Fred has trained his brother in his art and they use white pine, and incorporate red cedar and black walnut for their creations. The bears range in height from 1 foot to 12 ft, using a chainsaw with 18" blade. Fred and his brother recycle trees, using trees that have been cut down in clearing property, or they will even carve a design on an existing tree stump. They have 2 shows a year and have many awards for their work.

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• MOVIE PIX •

Hook

The 1991, family action fantasy adventure, written by Nick Castle, directed by Steven Spielberg, starring Robin Williams, Julia Roberts, and having way more fun than he ought playing the role of Captain Hook, Dustin Hoffman, in an update on the Peter Pan Story.

The Storyline: He said it wasn't gonna happen, but it seems it has. Peter Pan has grown up with kids of his own, morphed into a corporate attorney (Williams), and seems to have forgotten all about Neverland and his old nemesis, Captain Hook. but Hook hasn't forgot about Peter.

Peter Banning, New York lawyer par excellence, has taken a trip to London, and his children are kidnapped under more than odd circumstances. A little glowing fairy with a serious attitude, as well as a violent streak not exactly a mile wide (Julia Roberts is terrific as Tinkerbell) has a bit of difficulty convincing grown up Peter about the whole Neverland thing, not too surprising, really, when you think about it.

A forced trip to Neverland, an encounter with a bunch of skateboarding, basketball playing hoodlums that are the lost boys (that part's kinda weird, but whatever), and a meeting with the manic depressive, psychotic, and frankly really cool Captain Hook (Hoffman is one of the few principles that actually seem to be

having maximum fun with the role).



Stuart Armor

Battles and fights, flights, frights, and a lot of really impressive special effects. Would I be giving away too much to say that the good guys win in the end? OK, I won't say it.

All right, it's not a really great film, but it is a fun one (it did get 5 Academy Award nominations, after all). Impressive sets, 70 million dollars worth, good cinematography, fight scenes well choreographed, funny and cute, all you would want.

A neat romp that will entertain the little kids, and the old grown up kids too. Julia Roberts had the best role, but Hoffman gave the best performance. The movie teaches a bit of a lesson, but fortunately not much. A bit of trivia, somewhere in the cast are Glenn Close, Jimmy Buffet, and David Crosby, I couldn't find them, maybe you can.

Some more of Spielberg's greatest family films are of course E. T., and the Indiana Jones Stories. Some cool other world fantasy films are Princess Bride, Laberyinth, Willow, and Greenstone, as well as all the numerous Peter Pans from the Mary Martin one, up to one just released last month.

These and about 5000 other titles on VHS and DVD are available at Movie Stop Video, stop on by and give a look.



Moments with the Moon

Season is forcefully upon most of us that work and live full time in the mountains. And the real estate profession is no exception.

Thank heavens for the moon. I took a little relief with the full moon and paused for some enjoyment. It's a bit hectic right now. In fact, the only creatures that were fed really well last week, or at least a good breakfast, were my humming birds and the rest of wonderful creatures who delight in the bird seed.

Because of last week's crazy schedule, this column is an excerpt from my book, *Random Thoughts and Mine Always Are. Conscious Detours to Creative Power.*

It's simple, light, and a bit whimsical.

Moments with the Moon.

All my good friends know that one of my favorite things to do is to look up at the moon and just grin, wonder, and dream. The moon just hangs out in the sky with such a strong effect and yet it



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

ever so gently distributes brightness for all to admire as it tugs on the tides of the earth. The moon, with her fluctuating phases, has long been a symbol of perpetual change. She contains the powers of the stars

and heavens with her powerful positive energy. The moon is soft and reflective, yet filled with great and mysterious power.

OK, I confess. I do spend too much time smiling at the moon but you would too, if it smiled back at you.

Time spent wishing to the heavens is time well spent. There is a lot going on up there.

When was the last time you just looked up to the heavens and stared at the moon. How about making a date with the moon tonight?

"The moon like a flower,
In heavens high bower,
With silent delight,
Sit and smiles on the night.

– William Blake

Need a cup of coffee and one of Maryellen's books? STOP by the Schoolhouse in Cashiers! Summer coaching sessions have started. Email me for further information. melspeaks@aol.com. Dr. Maryellen Lipinski is a psychologist by profession and an international professional speaker by design. Currently, she coaches individuals to obtain their goals in life and works as a Realtor at Village Realty of Sapphire Valley. www.ilovemountainrealestate.com! www.maryellenlipinski.com

'Don't Count Your Chickens' art show set for June 18 & 19?

Don't Count Your Chickens art show will be held at the Highlands Conference Center from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday

It will feature fun items for the garden – inside and out! It will also include paintings, pottery, home accessories and other fanciful items for the home and garden, body and soul.

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Summer weavings latest creation of local artist

By Ann Baird
Contributor

When David La Cagnina could not find a warm winter scarf to his liking, his thought was "why not weave my own."

Although his father, the artist Henry La Cagnina, had at one time designed a tapestry loom and frequently worked with fabrics (in addition to his painting, drawing, enameling, woodcarving and furniture making), and his mother, Alice, had studied weaving at Penland, David had no experience in weaving, nor had he been instructed in the process or even seen a loaded loom.

These minor details proved to be just small obstacles to overcome for this former Naval aviator and Annapolis graduate. First, he realized he needed a structure on which to weave. His solution was to use a discarded picture frame for his loom. For the warp or vertical fibers, he wrapped locally purchased yarn around the frame. To create the weft or fill, he then devised a shuttle from foam core to carry the yarn back and forth. With this simple equipment, La Cagnina began to weave.

Initially it took him several days to make a scarf, but now,



David La Cagnina beside his display of hand-woven and summer scarves along with Tecumseh. Both are wearing David's creations.

through practice, he has perfected his technique. Since January he has woven over 200 unique scarves in a myriad of colors and designs and, like a true artisan, is constantly learning, never tiring of the experience.

La Cagnina is so pleased with his scarves that he wears them frequently, almost always selling them to those he meets. For summer, he has designed a number of colorful, lightweight cotton and silk scarves. As with his woven scarves, these too have been scooped up on the spot by enthusiastic buyers.

Several of his scarves, sculpted into the intriguing three-dimensional piece "Ménage a

Trois," were recently shown in the Bascom-Louise Gallery's Open Exhibition where he has previously shown paintings and carvings, mediums he had worked with alongside his father. Rather than rip one of David's scarves off his neck, you might want to stop by his gallery, La Cagnina's on the Franklin Road, for a look, along with Henry's paintings, enamels, prints and furniture.

Weekly Highlands TV show set to air June 14 on channel 14

Katie Brugger, who writes the book reviews for The Highlands Newspaper, and her husband Arthur Hancock are creating a new TV show about Highlands and the surrounding area. "Heart of the High Country" will begin airing in June on Northland Cable's Channel 14.

"Heart of the High Country" will air four times a day — 8 a.m., 5 p.m.,

9 p.m., and 10 p.m. — seven days a week.

The first show is officially scheduled to air on Monday June 14, although the Highlands School graduation is airing now at 8 a.m., 5, 9 and 10 p.m.

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From left, Linda David, Joan Levinson, Barbara Werder and Bonnie Earman of the Land Stewards at the rescue site.

Rare lady's slippers rescued

Thanks to the watchful eye of Thomas Craig of Craig and Craig Builders, a large colony of rare Pink Lady's Slippers (Cypripedium acaule) was rescued from a construction site.

The beautiful orchids would have been destroyed except for the swift action of both Thomas Craig and the Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau. Upon notification that the Lady's Slippers were in the pathway of the construction, word quickly was sent to several rescuers and the rescued plants were dug and presented to Bill Wykle, horticulturist for the Highlands Botanical Garden. They were replanted in the Woodland Loop of the Botanical Garden where Pink Lady Slippers are already growing.

This species forms a symbiotic relationship with a micro-rhizomal fungus that is crucial for its survival, and the fungus is already established in that area, according to Dr. Robert Wyatt.

The Pink Lady's Slipper (Cypripedium acaule) is locally more abundant than the Yellow Lady's Slipper, but still rare. This species can be seen in late April and May depending on the altitude and grows 12 to 18 inches high.

Poaching, a major problem for Lady's Slippers, is made all the more

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Ron Sanders honored



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Year of service ends with trip to Chattanooga

All year long members of The Girls' Clubhouse, a group of middle school girls, do community service each week school is in session here in Highlands.

At the end of each school year, they are rewarded for their services with a trip to another community where they continue their habit of "doing for others" with a lot of fun mixed in. Thanks to the generous donations from the community, the group of nine girls and three chaperones enjoyed a fun-filled weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn., June 4-6, after they worked hard at the Creative Discovery Museum during their opening ceremonies.

A special "Thank You" to: Highlands Rotary, Prudential Highlands-Cashiers Real Estate, Signature Properties, Judy Michaud, Highlands United Methodist Church, Country Club Properties - Mt. Fresh Office, and everyone who bought baked goods during the club's bake sales.



Sarah Hedden, LaDonna Rodriguez, Sally Zachary and Madison Lloyd, pet sturgeon as they swim past in the "touch tank" at the Tennessee Aquarium.

Below, after a long day of service and fun, chaperone & ex-Girls' Clubhouse member, Megan Lewicki treated the girls to facials.



At the Creative Discovery Museum, members served drinks, attached wrist bands, and cleaned up the quad when the free pancake breakfast was over.





On Saturday night, the group enjoyed a riverboat dinner cruise on the Southern Bell which included live entertainment.



Photos by Kim Lewicki



Above, Sarah Hedden, Amanda Fuller and LaDonna Rodriguez play in Creative Discovery Museum's giant bubble maker. Below, Susan Barnes and Maricia Owens get a "fish-eye" view inside a special tank at the aquarium.



Library honors Shaffner for service

The Board of Trustees of the Hudson Library, Inc. is pleased to announce that Dr. Randolph P. (Ran) Shaffner has been selected to receive the *Gertrude and Dolly Harbison Award*. Named for Gertrude Harbison, the longest-serving librarian (1926-74) and her sister/assistant Dolly (1926-75), the award honors those who have given "Exceptional Service to the Hudson Library.

The presentation was made at the Library's annual birthday party. Depending on whether you date the birth of the library from the receipt of the books given in memory of Ella Hudson in 1880 or from its incorporation in 1884, the Hudson Library is at least 120 years old and is North Carolina's oldest public library. Shaffner served two terms as President of the library's Board of Trustees, is the

author of *Good Reading Material, Mostly Bound and New*, a history of the Hudson Library several poems and articles, *The Apprenticeship Novel*, a study of the

"Bildungsroman" as a type of fiction, and *Heart of the Blue Ridge, Highlands, North Carolina*, the 2003 Award Winner from North Carolina Society of Historians. He always stands ready to assist the library and its staff. Shaffner attended Davidson College, earned a doctorate in Com-



Beverly Rymer, VP of the Board of Trustees presented Shaffner with the award

parative Literature at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As an educator, he taught for the US Peace Corps in Thailand, St. Christopher's School in Richmond, Virginia, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Fairfield University in Connecticut, and Western Carolina University in Cullowhee.

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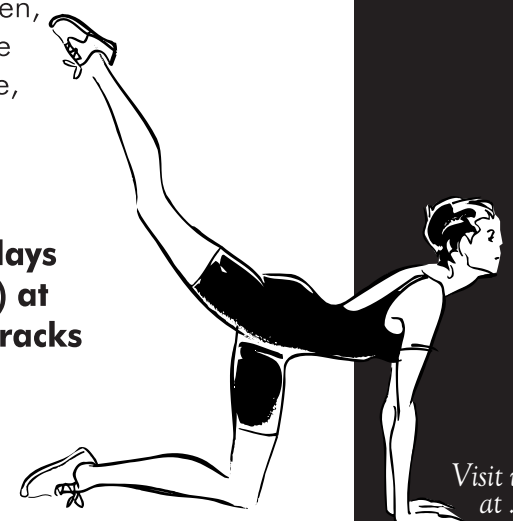
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‘Solar Impulse’ to hit the PAC

“Solar Impulse.” a Winston-Salem based jazz quartet, will be performing at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Saturday, June 19 at 3 p.m. The group is comprised of North Carolina School of the Arts graduates, and are frequently sought by jazz venues throughout the Winston-Salem and Piedmont Triad area.

They have performed at the

Morrow Bay Jazz Festival in Morrow Bay, California and have released two CDs.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students at the door.

This years ‘Jazz at PAC’ is sponsored by Lucas & Company, CPAs, PA, Creighton Sossomon, Attorney at Law, ...on the Veranda Restaurant, Laurel Magazine, and Regions Bank.

‘Cowboy Envy’ coming back July 2

The spirit of the old west comes to Highlands this summer with *Cowboy Envy*, an exciting evening of old-time cowboy songs and stories, presented by The Instant Theatre Company on July 2 & 3 at 8 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

From Wickenburg, AZ, to Des Moines, Iowa... from New York City to the Suwannee River, *Cowboy Envy* is doing its part to keep western music from being lost in the shuffle. With a healthy respect for the traditional and the familiar, these folks give cowboy music their own special touch — or should we say brand. They are all solo singers, songwriters and musicians in their own right and bring a variety of influences to this music... recreating the old and creating the new in the

western style.

Always in full cowperson regalia, *Cowboy Envy* is at its best in live performance. The humor is unbridled, the tales are spirited and it’s always fun. But you’ll get the idea if you listen to their CDs, “Real Cowboy Girl” or “Wagons Ho.” Who else has a cowboy tribute to Tony Bennett?

This lively quartet played two packed shows in Highlands last January. Don’t miss their return!

For tickets call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 or visit their office at the Peggy Crosby Center suite 218 on Fifth Street in Highlands. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$20 for Adults in advance and \$25 for Adults at the door.

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tragic as they rarely survive transplanting unless cared for by an expert horticulturist, especially the pink variety. Combined with a low reproduction rate, their future seems bleak.

In the early 20th century the Yellow Lady Slipper (*Cypripedium calceolus* var: *pubescens*), also known as Moccasin Flower, was harvested and sold to pharmaceutical companies to make an herbal elixir. Its efficacy, however, was questionable at the very least, and the manufacturing of the elixir was soon discontinued. However, not until the Yellow Lady’s Slippers became almost extinct. If the pouch is less than 1 inch long, it is the small Yellow Lady’s Slipper (var: *parviflorum*). Blooming time is

May.

If you happen to see the rare Pink Lady’s Slipper or Yellow Lady’s Slipper on one of your hikes through our mountains, admire its beauty, but leave it in its natural setting.

White Flower Farms of Litchfield, Connecticut, offers 3 varieties of nursery-propagated Lady’s Slippers, although quantities are limited and they are fairly expensive. The Yellow variety (*Cypripedium parviflorum pubescens*); *C. kentuckiense*, a harder-to-find variety known only by its botanical name; and *C. reginae*, called the Showy Lady’s Slipper are available commercially.

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Food, wine and art



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Wolfgang's on Main has paired up with **Mary Adair Leslie** of **Summit One Gallery** for the second season of "Monday Nights of Fine Art, Fine Wine and Fine Dining," at 6 p.m. The first artist featured this season was **Jane Smithers** (left) with wines by **St. Francis Winery** and cuisine by **Joe Green** (center) and his staff at **Wolfgang's**. The cost per person is \$85 and up and includes a multi-course meal with each course paired with the perfect wine. Reservations are required. Call 526-3807.

FREE health screening still an option for Cashiers/Glenville residents

The Cashiers/Glenville community health screening will be held Saturday, June 19 at Blue Ridge School in Glenville from 7:15 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Anyone interested in attending but not yet signed-up must pre-register for the screening no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 16.

Individuals may register via the internet by logging on to the hospital website at www.hchospital.org or by calling 526-1435 during regular working hours.

In order to provide the most accurate test results possible, participants should not eat or drink anything but water after midnight the evening before the screening.

Participants are also asked to wear short sleeves to the screening, since free access to the upper arms is necessary for certain tests.

For the ladies interested in bone density, this procedure requires easy access to the heel and are therefore asked to wear socks, no hose please.

Participants will be checked for important health indicators such as blood pressure, blood sugar levels, cholesterol levels, height, weight, body composition, and bone density. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to talk with experts on a variety of health topics including diet and nutrition. Confidential results of those tests will be mailed to each participant.

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

A Father's Responsibility

By Pastor Ron Wood
Bible Baptist Church, Coffeyville, Kansas
Text: Duet.6:4-9

As fathers we have a great responsibility to teach our families to love the Lord. God gives us the key ingredients to accomplish this purpose. Intertwined in this is teaching them to love, respect and follow God's Word. Notice three things that are vital to teaching our families to love Him.

- I. We need to Talk Of God's Word
 - A. We need to take the time to talk with our families of the things of God
 - Proverbs 22:6-15 admonishes us to "Train up a child"
 - 1. Dedicate or set aside for God's purpose.
 - 2. We must have clear cut objectives of what we plan to teach them
 - 3. We must create a strong desire for spirituality in there lives.
 - B. Some principles of Training
 - 1. Training is more than teaching.
 - b. Teaching deals with the mind
 - c. Training deals with the will
 - d. Training is not only TELLING them what to do, but SHOWING them how to do it.
 - e. Training is bringing our families to the place that they are accustomed to dong right habitually, willingly and happily!
 - 2. Prevention is better that Cure. This means start early and stay on the job constantly! Be aware of what is going on around us and our families.
 - 3. Habit precedes Understanding! It seems that when children get into their teen years they start to question the things we have taught them. This is the time that those things are being weighed. They are deciding if these will be THEIR convictions also.
 - 4. Example is better than Precept. Actions speak louder than words.
 - 5. Love that Draws is better than Law that Demands!
 - II. We need to Do God's Word
 - A. Pray FOR our families. Pray WITH them
 - B. Praise is very important
 - 1. Praise God!
 - 2. Praise your Wife and Children. This teaches them to be grateful
 - a. Listen to them. God listens to us! He even asks us to bring our needs to Him!
 - b. Spend enjoyable time with them!
 - c. We need to BE God's Word
- Matt.12:34-35 "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. 35A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things."
- Prov.4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.
- 1. We Must be saved!
 - 2. We Must have the "Great" commandment firmly placed in our hearts.

Matt.22:37-38 "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. "
 - 3. As we love the Lord we become more like him. As we become more like Him, more of His love and action show up in our lives.
 - 4. When our families see that the Lord is REAL to us they begin to realize just how important it is to also love Him and this is what being a father is all about!

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● UPCOMING EVENTS ●

On-Going

- 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.

- Get 'uncorked' at Wolfgang's on Main Thursday through Saturday starting at 4 p.m. Casual gathering features wine and appetizer pairings, flights of wine by the glass or bottle and appetizers.

- Free wine tastings at Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main every Saturday from 1-4 p.m.

- Happy Hour at ...on the Verandah every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. \$20 per person.

- Every third Thursday, join Mindy Green and the girls for "Wild Women Who Wine" a night of camaraderie, fun, food and wine.

- Workshops at the Bascom-Louise Gallery for young artists in grades K - 5 and beginning and intermediate level adult/teen art classes are being offered now. Call for further information!

- Seeking donations of rare books for its first-ever book auction the Friends of the Macon County Public Library has issued a "call for books" to add to a collection of valuable works that has been growing for the last several years. Deadline for donating books is July 1. For information, call Wallace at (828) 524-3600.

- Every Monday it's "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining," at Wolfgang's on Main at 6 p.m.

- 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. For more info, call 524-7395.

- Parents or coaches interested in starting a Soccer Challenge Team, call Charissa Robinson at 526-9915.

June 10 & June 11

- Art League of Highlands presents "Summer Colors" Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rec Park both days. There will be live music and children's activities. For more information, call 524-8585.

June 10

- The Highlands Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours on Thursday, from 5:30-7:30. The event will begin with a tour through the Museum of American Cut & Engraved Glass located at 472 Chestnut Street. Visitors can park at the Performing Arts Center for a shuttle by The Adventure Depot to visit two bed and breakfast establishments, 4 1/2 Street Inn and Colonial Pines Inn. There they can enjoy the sumptuous food and beverages provided by Fressers. Cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for prospective members. For reservations, directions, or instructions, please call the inns at 526.4464 or 526.2060.

June 11

- JMCA is holding an organizational meeting to raise funds to fight the Woolly Adelgid at 5:45 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, call 526-9938, ext. 320.

June 12

- "Annie" opens at the Highlands Playhouse and runs through July 4. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets are available at the Box Office on Oak Street and are \$22 for adults and \$9 for children under 12.

- Car Wash by Highlands School Volleyball Team at First Citizens Bank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Carpe Diem Farms "Be A Star for a Child," extravaganza. There will be a silent auction, food and music with all proceeds benefiting children's programs at Carpe Diem Farms. For more information call 526-2854.

June 14

- Macon County Soccer Club sign-ups 8-10 a.m. at the Highlands Rec. Park. For more information call Charissa Robinson at 526-9915.

June 14-15

- HIARPT lecturer at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. will be Dr. Wentzel Van Huyssteen, the James I. McCord Professor of Theology and Science, Princeton Theological Seminary. His subject will be based upon his Gifford Lectures, which he is giving in a series in Scotland.

June 15

- County Planners are holding a

public forum about the high impact designations in the proposed county land use plan at the Highlands Civic Center at 7 p.m.

- The Audubon Society is hosting a field trip on Flat Mtn. Road. Meet at the Town Hall parking lot at 7:30 p.m. Call 787-1387 or 526-2775 for more information.

- Plateau Fly Fishing Club meeting 7 p.m. at the Albert-Carlton-Cashiers Community Library. The program is about how the hatchery raises more than 100,000 trout annual for release in local rivers and streams. For more information, call 743-2078.

- It's movie time at PAC featuring "Jeremiah Johnson" sponsored by the Bascom-Louise Gallery at 7:30 p.m. Donations appreciated.

June 16

- Retired homicide detective turned author of "On My Father's Grave," Marshall Frank, will talk about the craft of writing, converting true events into fiction and discussing criminal justice issues at 2 p.m. at Hudson Library.

June 15 - 18

- "NatureWorks" at Highlands Nature Center. Ages 8 - 11, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily. Cost \$75 per child. Campers will learn about basic ecological concepts such as predator/prey adaptations, wildlife habitat needs, competition for resources, and life cycles through interactive games and hands-on activities.

Through June 17

- Folk and Outsider Art Exhibit continues at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Don't miss this opportunity to view a fabulous collection of some of the best outsider and folk artists.

June 18 & 19

- More Than A Likeness, Portraits in Pastel at Bascom-Louise Gallery from 9-12 and 1-4 p.m. In this two-day workshop students will discover the essence of portrait painting. Posing and lighting the model, capturing the attitude and spirit of the models personality, getting a correct drawing, composition, working value, color, edges, using dynamic application with pastels. Instructor: Suzanne Karnatz. The cost is \$125. Recommended Supplies: Pastels of choice; paper for pastel application - Canson color #336 (not sketchpad); charcoal stick; pastel pencils; sketchbook or

notebook; C-clamps; palette; paper towels (Viva brand); smock.

June 19

- Reese Family Reunion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Bring family, friends and food.

- Wine Flights at Highlands Wine & Cheese 4:30-6:30 at Falls on Main. Winemaker Hilda Jones of Abacela Winery in Roseburg, Oregon will feature her wines and talk winemaking.

June 25

- Hurricane Creek will play a mix of classic and original "country-fried rock & blues" at Buck's Coffee Cafe from 8-11 p.m.

- American Red Cross CPR and AED Infant/Child CPR course starts Monday, June 28 from 8:30-4:30 at the Macon County Public Health Center. Register by June 25. For more information, call Jennifer at 349-2439.

June 26

- El Mercado sponsored by the International Friendship Center, is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Episcopal Church. Come buy treasures from Mexico and help raise funds for the center.

June 22 - 25

- "Junior Ecologists" at Highlands Nature Center. Ages 11 - 14, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Cost \$100 per child. This camp provides a more scientifically-advanced look at the natural world.

June 29

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will host a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway from Balsam Gap to Graveyard Fields. Meet at Town Hall parking lot at 7:30 am to car-pool. Contact, Brock Hutchins, 787-1387, or Edwin Poole, 526-2775.

July 9

- Hurricane Creek will play a mix of classic and original "country-fried rock & blues" at Buck's Coffee Cafe from 8-11 p.m.

July 11

- The University of Florida annual Gator Gathering is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more information and reservations call 352-392-5407.

July 19-23

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days in the school calendar from 220 to 210.

- Eliminate 10 teacher workdays from the school calendar without reducing teacher pay, thus changing the pay rate from 1/22 to 1/21 of the monthly rate of pay.
- Ensure teachers are paid in August.
- Require that five of the remaining workdays be restricted to instructional and classroom administrative duties.
- Make the new calendar mandate effective with the 2005-2006 school year.

"I believe in local control," said Shotwell. "School boards adopt their calendar based on the needs of and input from their communities."

Principal Jack Brooks said schools in Western North Carolina are more susceptible to inclement weather and as such must be able to control their school calendars.

"In Western North Carolina, we have always been required to make up 100 percent of our snow days," said Brooks. "Other areas in the state have had days and weeks waived and haven't been required to make them up. Local control allows us to take care of that."

Brooks said he's all for teachers getting paid for less work days, but not at the expense of professional development and preparedness.

Under the new plan, work and staff development days would be cut in half.

"That means teachers would be responsible for continuing education and development in the summers which puts an additional burden on them," said Brooks.

Save Our Schools (SOS) is a North Carolina coalition of people who want to restore the traditional school calendar throughout the state. Their objective is to preserve the summer for childhood and family learning experiences.

But Shotwell and members of the opposing organization, Educate Our Kids, believe family time would neither increase nor decrease under this proposal.

"School districts would still be required to provide 180 days and 1,000 hours of instruction," said Shotwell. "That means we would have to shorten or eliminate events such as winter break, spring break, Thanksgiving and other long weekends to achieve the days and hours of instruction within the mandated start and end dates."

He said "summer slide" is a big issue, too. "Studies have shown that during an extended summer break, students experience learning loss," he said.

... START-UP from 18

"It takes one to two weeks for students to get used to being in school when they return. Extending summer will likely worsen this effect."

It is unclear in the legislation how non-certified personnel, including teacher assistants, custodians and clerical staff, who traditionally work on teacher workdays, would be impacted.

"It's likely those employees will have to be paid on an hourly and daily basis," said Brooks.

Some of the lowest paid employees will receive a 10-day pay cut, said Shotwell.

To understand both sides of the equation go to www.educateourkids.org or www.saveoursummers.org.

... STRUCTURE from 18

interpreted the ordinance it's his fault, not Cosper's. "So don't come down too hard on Cosper's," he said.

The board voted to ask Cosper's to stop work on the project and that a certificate of occupancy be withheld until the board reviews the site plan, parking and traffic flow.

"Permanent or temporary, it's important that we understand how the project impacts the site," said board member Bill Rethorst.

The structure's 4"x4" poles are resting on 2"x4" sill plates on a slanted concrete slab. The walls of the structure are sheathed with lattice and a tin roof is laying on rafters.

As required for temporary structures, there is no plumbing, electricity or siding.

... LAND-USE from 1

meeting.

Though there is a lot to consider in any land-use plan and much to do prior to the adoption of any ordinances, the definition of high-impact uses is first on the committee's list.

By identifying uses like airfields, asphalt or concrete plants, outdoor amusement centers, junkyards, kennels, quarries, sawmills, slaughtering & processing plants, solid waste management facilities, the manufacturing and storage of inflammables the committee can then work with communities in the county to designate areas where these activities are allowed.

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"We are hoping for and expecting good results from these forums," said committee member Susan Erwin.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week
of June 2-9. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were
arrested.

June 2

- At 6:35 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone at U.S. 64 and Webbmont.
- At 9 a.m., a workman reported missing tools which fell out of his truck. They were found and returned to him.
- At 9 a.m. business owners reported a car blocking the alley between Oak and Pine streets.
- At 7:10 p.m., a motorist passing by the ballfield on U.S. 64 east reported a ball smashed his windshield.
- At 11 a.m., business owners reported someone had tried to pick a lock on a door.

June 3

- At 6:20 a.m., a motorist at NC 106 and N. Cobb was cited for driving 49 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 6:50 a.m. a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for driving 49 mph in a 35 zone..
- At 7:25 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 east and Pine Street was cited for driving 39 mph in a 25 zone.
- At 7 p.m., residents on Satulah Road reported workmen working after 6 p.m.

June 5

- At 6:50 a.m., officers responded to an alarm activation at the First Presbyterian Church. All was secure.
- At 6:15 p.m., a motorist was cited for exceeding a safe speed at U.S. 64 east and Laurel Street..
- At 7:45 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Great Things on N.C. 106. All was secure.
- At 7:40 p.m., a visitor reported losing a watch.
- At 11:20 a.m., a motorist on Main Street was issued a warning citation for not having a current inspection sticker.

June 7

- At little past midnight, officers were called to U.S. 64 west and the Wachovia Drive-thru where a child was reported screaming in a car. Witnesses said an SUV trailing a jet-ski was travelling west on U.S. 64. Police were unable to find the vehicle.
- At 6:15 p.m., officers were called to the Rec Park to break up a disturbance between a crowd of juveniles who were fighting over girlfriends..

June 8

- At 1:50 a.m., a tree which had fallen across the road near Fourth and Spring streets was removed.
- At 11:15 a.m., residents on Mt. Lori called about aggressive dogs.
- At 1 p.m., officers responded to a call of juveniles hanging around Highlands Hill Deli and flirting with construction workers.
- At 1:15 p.m., officers responded to a call of illegal parking outside Old Rangoon on Fourth Street.
- At 3:30 p.m., a visitor reported losing a gold bracelet while in Highlands.
- At 8 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 and N.C. 106 was cited for driving without a license.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the
week of June 2-8.

June 2

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

June 3

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

June 5

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Oak Lane. There was no need for a transport.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a life-line call from Chestnut Hill. But it was a false alarm.

June 6

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

June 7

- The dept. responded to a call of an explosion and fire at the Highlands Falls Country Club maintenance building but it was cancelled en route.
- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on U.S. 64 west and Goldmine Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

June 8

- The dept. responded to an accident at U.S. 64 east and Wildwood. There were no injuries.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Shelby Place. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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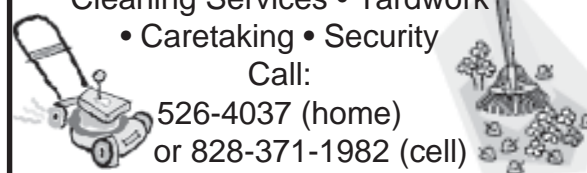
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Ladies team, Barbara Lawrence, Andrea Schmitt, Marie Schmitt and Gabrielle Schmitt.

Rotary golf tournament raises \$12,000

The 16th Annual Rotary Gold Tournament was held on May 24 at Trillium Golf Links.

Thanks to all the sponsors and volunteers, the Rotary Club of Highlands expects to make over \$12,000 for community projects.

The weather was perfect and all golfers had a good time. Overall winners were Rob Williams, Bill Stone, David Parmelee and Rick Parsons who shot a net 56 – 15 under par. The winning team was sponsored by Carolina Smokehouse and Grill in Cashiers.

Golfers of all levels were welcome and having got rid of the rust spots at the tournament, are looking forward a good summer of golfing.

The ladies had a splendid day although there was almost a search and rescue for them when it came time for the door prizes! Turned out they were having such a good time on the course they were in no hurry to finish.

The food by Trillium was delicious, and we thank the sponsors who made this day such a success.

Highlands Wine & Cheese Sat. event

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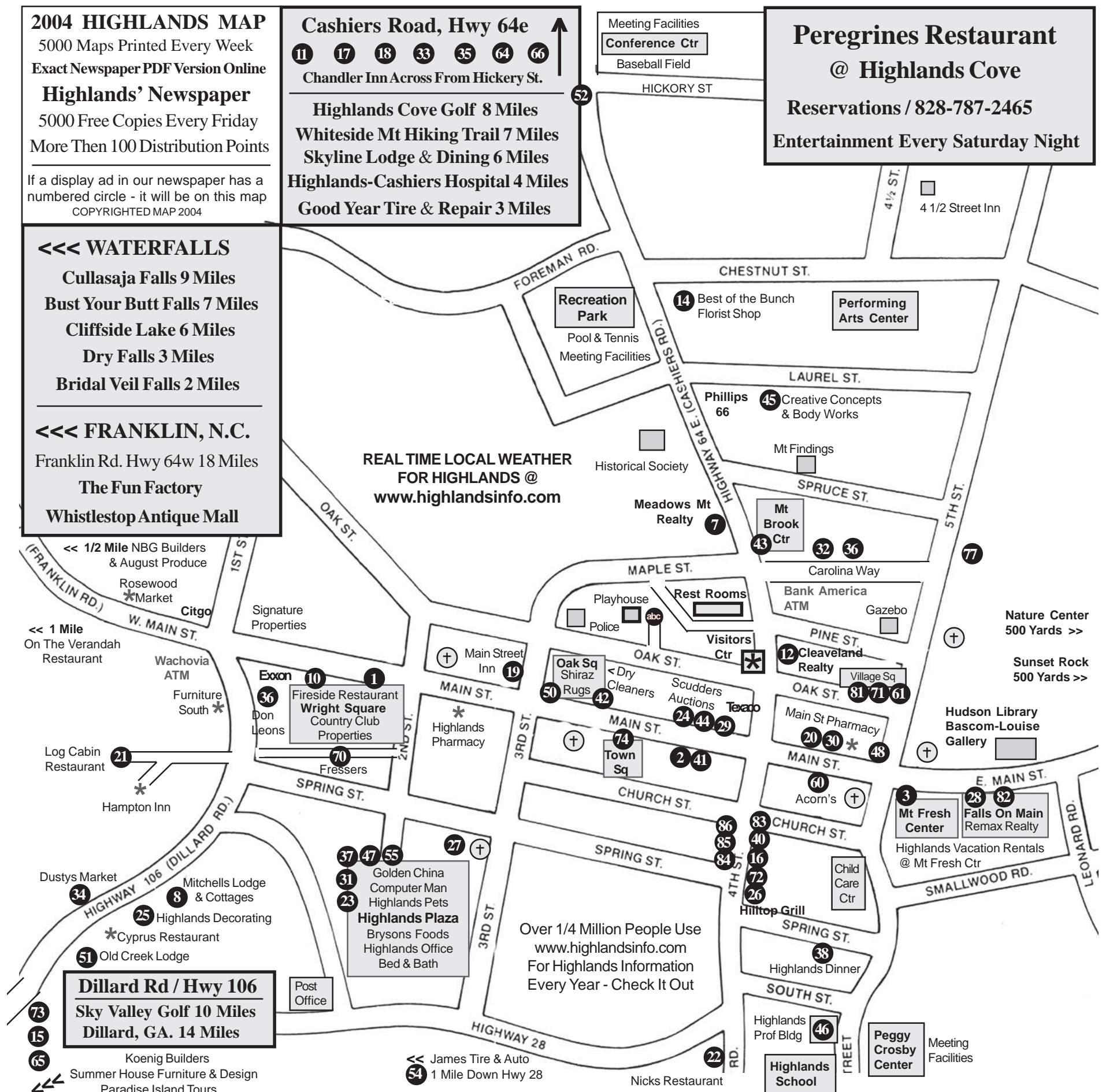
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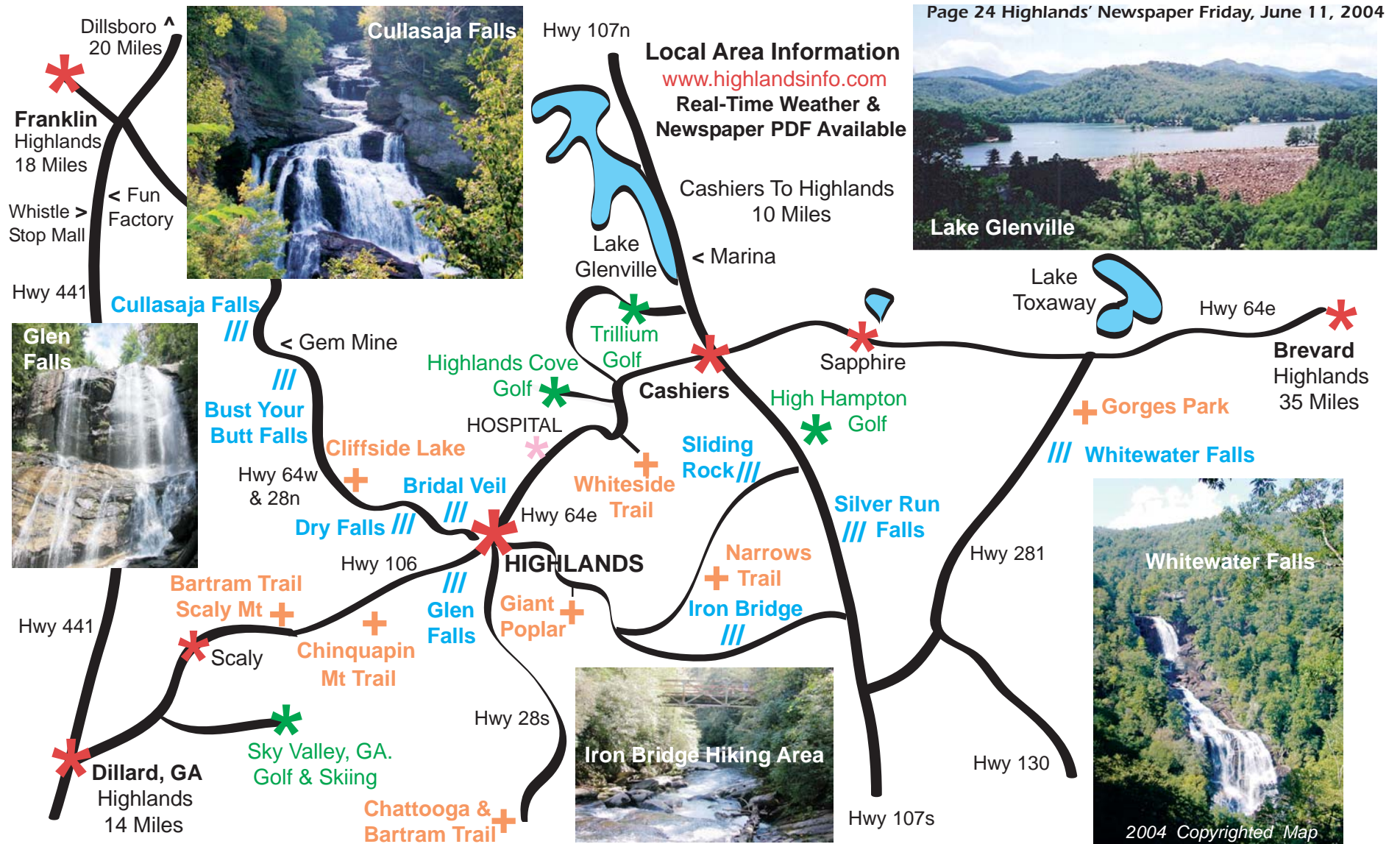
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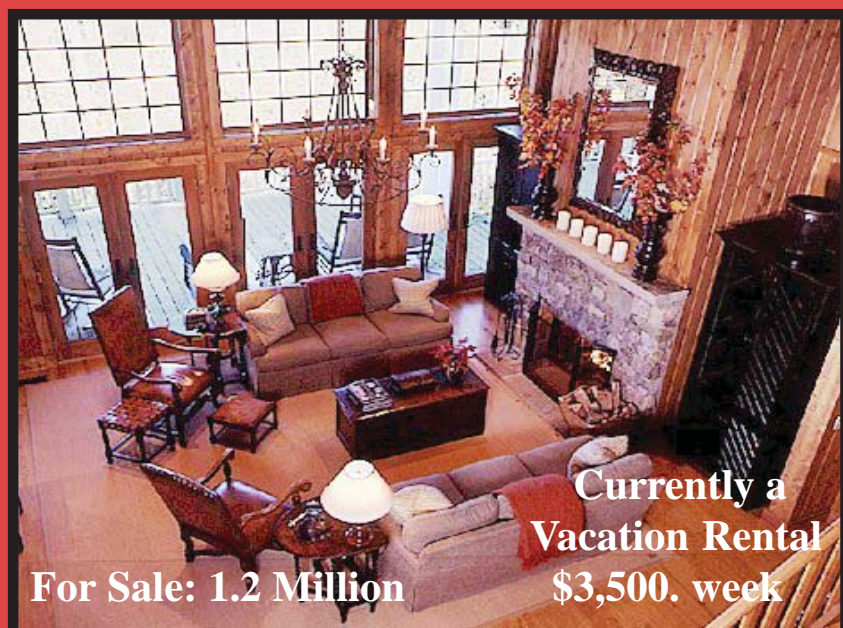
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