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## The week of June 18-24

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### June 18 & 19

• **OUTDOOR ART** – "Don't Count Your Chickens" 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Highlands Conference Center and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Featuring items for your garden, inside and out. It's free but donations are appreciated.

• **ART WORKSHOP** – More Than A Likeness, Portraits in Pastel at Bascom-Louise Gallery from 9-12 and 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$125.

### June 19

• **LIVE MUSIC** – Arthur & Katie at Buck's Coffee Cafe from 8:30-11 p.m.

• **NIGHT HIKE** – At the Nature Center. Bring flashlights, 9 -10:30 p.m. Ages 6-Adult. Pre-registration and a fee of \$2/person Call 828-526-2623.

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

• **LIVE JAZZ** – At PAC featuring Solar Impulse with John Williams, Mary Beth Brody and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan. 3 p.m. Adult tickets \$10, Students, \$5. Tickets available at the door.

### June 24

• **FREE LECTURE** – Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at the Highlands Nature Center. Dr. Ron Pulliam will give a talk entitled "The Value of Biological Diversity." 7 p.m. Free to the public.

## Town gives McCarroll Construction ultimatum

By Kim Lewicki

Permission to use the town's streets and sidewalks for construction will be a thing of the past for McCarroll Construction Company if its subcontractors don't comply with parking restrictions on Fourth Street on the hill.

At the June 16 Town Board meet-

ing, commissioners changed the two-hour parking in town to 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and gave McCarroll one week to get their subcontractors to comply with parking restrictions.

Town crews will put up new signage Thursday, June 17 and that's when the

clock starts ticking.

"I hate to put pressure on McCarroll, but being part of a team means seeing things get done right," said Commissioner Dennis DeWolf.

A few months ago, commissioners agreed to let McCarroll use the town's

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## Defining high impact uses first step in land-use plan

By Kim Lewicki

Why do we need a countywide land-use plan?

"Because we're moving closer and closer together," said county planning board member Larry Stinger. "There used to be lots of land and less people – 71 per square mile 30 years ago, now that's up to 150 per square mile with projections doubling that," he said. "Density is driving the issue."

Tuesday night, June 15, marked the second of 10 public forums the planning board is holding in communities throughout the county through August.

The purpose — to come up with the beginning of a land-use plan for the county.

"We have to think about what we want our county to look like in 20 years," said Macon County Commissioner Charlie Leatherwood. "What we do know will ensure how it looks 20 years from now."

Last year, county commissioners charged the planning board with the task of coming up with a land-use plan citizens can live with.

"It's the local citizens, full and part-time, who need to be involved in this process," said Leatherman.

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Photo by Jim Lewicki

Jack Brooks, outgoing Highlands School Principal with the new principal Monica Bomengen in the "new" old gym and performing arts center at Highlands School. The stage is up, the windows are out, the soundproofing is in and "it will be ready by Aug. 5, the first day of school," says Brooks.

## At work at Highlands School

By Kim Lewicki

School is for kids.

"That's my motto," said Highlands School principal Monica Bomengen. "That's the reason we're here. They are the primary stakeholders."

Wednesday, the Highlands School principal spent her first full

day at the school and she's ready.

"There are special challenges at a K-12 school in a rural area – challenges of trying to meet the needs of individual students without the resources of a larger more urban or suburban school," she said. "The first few months will

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## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### *In Highlands, firemen still rescue cats*

Dear Editor,

First of all, a huge thank you to R.L. Forrester; Cliff Ammons of the Highlands Police Department as well as Chief Manley, Roger Lee Wilson, and Wayne Henry of the Highlands Fire Department. They kindly, graciously and aptly rescued my cat from behind the fireplace insert in a neighbor's home.

Thank you for your humor and kindness.

My cat fell down the chimney of a house next door. I only knew the owner's last name and had no way of contacting them. After getting the number from the police department, the phone was never answered. What if the house had caught on fire or a tree had crashed into the house? The "what ifs" are endless. After this I will make certain one of my neighbors has a key to my home when I'm gone. Even if you are a permanent resident of the Highlands area I would suggest that you give someone you trust a key to your home and let them know when you're going to be out of town.

As our area continues to grow and expand it is more vital than ever to maintain a sense of community. The next time my seasonal neighbors are visiting I plan to make certain they know me and I, them. My only regret is that I've waited this long. I surely hope their mailing address is current; it would be nice to let them know why the house may smell of tuna and the living room furniture has been rearranged!

**Jenny King  
Highlands**

### *An ode to Fred and the Bowery, too*

Dear Editor,

Oh! Fred, Oh! Fred we may be in trouble,  
 They're trying to turn our road into rubble;  
 To cut down our Rhodys and chop up our land  
 And give us a road very wide, paved and grand.

They'll bulldoze our gravel, a precious commodity,  
 'Tho some city slickers think it's an oddity.  
 They'll cut down our trees and our banks ever flowery  
 And give us, instead, the Boulevard Bowery.

But fret not, dear Fred, and don't be upset;  
 Believe it or not, they haven't won yet.  
 We're raising more salamanders and geckos galore  
 That even the supreme-est of courts can't ignore.

But here is the best news, and this I declare;  
 An owl full of spots! I saw one! I swear!  
 Nesting and burrowing right in the road!  
 Creating a cozy gravel abode.

Oh! Fred, Oh! Fred, I swear that it's true,  
 The Spotted Owls have listened to you.  
 And harkened your message and come to our aid;  
 Of what now, dear Fred, should we be afraid?

**Alice Nelson  
Highlands**



• OBITUARIES •

**Susan (Suzy) Alene Calloway**

Susan (Suzy) Alene Calloway, age 47, of Wynoak Drive, Highlands died Monday, June 14, 2004 at her parents' residence.

She was born in Prince William County, Virginia, the daughter of Bob and Alene Houston Calloway of Highlands, N.C. She was a registered nurse and a member of the NC Registered Nurses Association. She was a member of Buck Creek Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a daughter, Callee Zachary of Highlands, NC and one brother, Mark Calloway of Highlands, NC.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 17 at 2 p.m. at Buck Creek Baptist Church with Rev. William Wooten, Rev. Ricky Harrell and Rev. Bobby Cloer officiating. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery. Tony Corbin, Paul Corbin, Harold Ammons, Algie Bolick, Glandon Vaughn, and Clayton Vaughn will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Buck Creek Baptist Church Piano Fund, c/o Geneva Vaught, 133 Ember Drive, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Keith Gunnar Johnson**

Keith Gunnar Johnson, age 74, of Highlands, NC died Sunday, June 13, 2004 at a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was born in Brockton, Mass., the son of the late Gunnar and Martha Josephine Norman Johnson. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII and was a retired sales representative for Schumacher and Company Wholesale Decorative. He was Vice-President of Mirror Lake Improvement Association and was an avid golfer at Mill Creek Country Club.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Elaine Copeland Johnson; one sister, Barbara Foster and husband, Eugene of Scituate, Mass., and one brother, Wayne Johnson and his wife, Faye "Frankie" of Washington, DC.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, June 19 at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands with Mayor Buck Trott officiating.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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be a time for me to listen and get the lay of the land."

Working in K-12 school isn't completely foreign to her. Over her 25 years in education, she's been involved in pre-school to community college.

"The first school I worked in was grades 9-12 in Gwinnett County and it had 356 students."

So far, she's encountered a lot of parental satisfaction with the Macon County School system. But most of all, she wants to hear from the students.

"Over the first few months I'm going to go through a process of interviews and surveys with the

students so we can get an idea of where we want Highlands School to be in three to five years and then figure out how to get there," said Bomengen. "I want to know what people are happy with and what they want changed."

Meanwhile, she's enjoying being back in Western North Carolina — she was born and raised in Hayesville. She likes the fact that Highlands has the qualities of a small mountain town but the sophistication of something bigger.

Bomengen is the mother of two teenage children who attend high school in Connecticut.

The Rotary Club of Highlands would like to extend thanks and appreciation to the players and sponsors who made our **16th Annual Golf Tournament** a great success.

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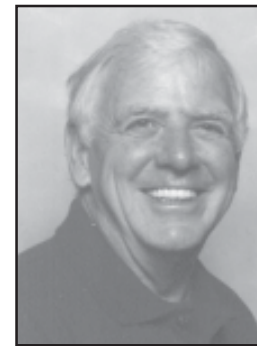
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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### 'Big Red' riding leaves the hood

Here is another of my famous children's stories, especially designed to entertain those very sophisticated big city type three to five year olds who are bored with all the unrealistic blah, blah, blah they're dishing out these days.



Fred Wooldridge

Remember to hold your little whipper snapper close for the scary part. Speak real slow, like when you're trying to explain to your yard man exactly what you want done.

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Red Riding..... well, maybe she was not so little since she was only ten years old and already tipping the scales at 150 pounds. Red loved fast food and ate it all the time. The kids at school called her "Big Red." Can you say "Big Red?"

Red lived in a very scary place called Buckhead, where practically everyone was divorced and no one spoke to anyone because they were too busy making money and adjusting their 401k plans.

One day, while her mother was at work, "Big Red" decided to leave her neighborhood (the hood) and visit her Grammy, who lived far, far away and high, high, high in the mountains at a wonderful place called Highlands. Since there were no fast food restaurants in Highlands, Red decided to buy a six pack of "Big Macs," a full bag of trans fat fries and several chocolate shakes to tide her over until she got home. There are no trains, planes or buses that go to Highlands, so Red had to spend her entire child support payment from her daddy to rent a limo to get there.

In the meantime, Tubby Arbuckle, a fast food addict himself who lived near Grammy, got wind of "Big Red's" visit and knew she would arrive with greasy burgers and fries. He also remembered that Grammy would be away the entire day in Cherokee gambling away her dead husband's hard earned inheritance.

Tubby raced home to put on his Halloween bear costume and after jumping into Grammy's nightgown and hat, waited in her bed for "Big Red's arrival."

When she finally arrived, Red spotted the fake bear outfit and knew it must be Tubby, looking to pull off a

scam to scarf down her food. She decided to play along. "Oh Grammy, what big ears you have," Red proclaimed as she pulled a succulent burger from her sack and took a bite, allowing the greasy juices to drip onto Tubby's costume. "The better to hear you eating that wonderful burger. Does it have extra cheese?" Tubby asked.

Big Red pulled ten fries from her bag and shoved them all into her mouth at once. "Oh my, what big eyes you have, Grammy." "The better to see how many fries you have left in your bag, Do you think Grammy could have just one fry,?" Tubby asked. "Maybe," Red retorted, holding a single fry over Tubby's mouth which was now wide open. "Maybe not." and pulled it away, shoving it into her mouth.

Tubby could hardly stand the pressure. The smell of the burgers and watching Red eat them was more than he could take. "Grammy has not had lunch yet. Maybe we could have lunch together?" Tubby asked. "Great idea, Grammy. Let me fix you a plate of your favorite broccoli and bean casserole."

That was it. Tubby leaped from the bed and pulled off the bear costume, demanding that "Big Red" share her food with him. (This is the scary part and it gets a little violent, but nothing worse than what your child sees on the evening news or morning cartoons.)

"Tubby Arbuckle, I knew it was you, you scoundrel. I'm not sharing my food with the likes of you." Red knew she would be no match for Tubby in a tussle, so she grabbed



## • SPORTS PICKS •

### Sports talk between fanatics

One of the greatest aspects of sports is the discussion that they generate between people.

Today I have brought reinforcements in the form of my brother, the fantastic and fabulous Ween. (Also, known in some circles as Christopher Potts)



Ryan Potts

While some of you may know Ween, you might not know that he has developed nicely into a sports fanatic. (I wish I could relate the proud feeling I had when I typed that)

We will be discussing various sports subjects – beginning with the flare-up in the media that occurred with several statements made by athletes this weekend.

First, Detroit Piston Rasheed Wallace commented on the state of the NBA and early entry candidates.

**GOOFOTI32:** Referring to High Schoolers as “dumb ni\*\*as.” Ween, what do you think?

**wHoAmI313:** Sheed may not be the most politically correct person when it comes to what he says, but he at least has a point.

**Goofoti32:** Well are HS’ers nothing but dumb puppies following the money?

**wHoAmI313:** Wallace realizes that the NBA cares nothing for the well being of its players, where they are jilting veterans out of contracts in hopes that the HS kid they drafted in the first round will prove to be the next LeBron James. HSers know NOTHING about life outside of high school, college prepares a teenager for the rigors of outside life. Then again

**Goofoti32:** Good point. A career in the NBA is getting shorter and shorter, but what about guys like Methusalah Elden Campbell?

**wHoAmI313:** I don’t blame the HSers. If I had millions of dollars in endorsements being waved in my face I’d take it as well. Elden Campbell is one of the rare players who plays because he loves the game, not so much the money. While Elden makes a good amount of money, its nothing compared to Carmelo or LeBron

**GOOFOTI32:** Ok, well that was

some Detroit bias slipping through there-but let’s move on. Larry Bird also made some comments this week. Stating that he was insulted when guarded by white players and that the NBA could benefit from more high quality white players

**wHoAmI313:** Yes, but

the flip side of the coin here is the comments on Donovan McNabb by Rush Limbaugh, who said that he did not think a black QB was smart enough to win it in all in the NFL

**GOOFOTI32:** Now Larry is about as bulletproof as they come-but does he have a point here? I mean, the majority of the NBA audience is white-would white players make the league more popular?

**wHoAmI313:** I do believe that a lot of people are taking too much out of context, but Bird also wasn’t right in saying what he said, at least how he said it. Actually, I believe so. Notice how many good white players in college basketball there are. JJ Redick (as much as I can’t stand him) Gerry McNamara, and Nik Caner-Medley are just a few of them

**GOOFOTI32:** OK. So, if that would make the league popular then isn’t Bird telling the truth?

**wHoAmI313:** Not necessarily. Blacks may be more athletic, but in most cases, whites can be more cerebral when it comes to playing. Any sheer athlete can drive by a defender and dunk the ball, but to watch a player shut down another by sheer studying of the player is also interesting. I agree that what I said doesn’t come off as PC or anything

**GOOFOTI32:** Ween, you ignorant slut. That is about as stereotypical as you can get. I’m not talking about athleticism versus cerebral-I’m talking about the market

**wHoAmI313:** However, it is

somewhat true. Ha Ha Ha.. The market appeals to white middle and upper class people more than anything else.

**GOOFOTI32:** If it is mostly rich

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her food and ran, but Tubby was able to tackle her as she ran to the

front door. Thinking quick, Red pulled a Big Mac from her bag and

tossed it across the room. Acting on instinct, Tubby turned her loose and raced toward the burger, allowing Red to leap into her limo

and head for home.

Our story has a happy ending and, of course, everyone lived happily ever after. "Big Red" returned home safely, eating all her burgers and fries. Tubby got his one free burger and Grammy hit the jackpot at the casino. She just can't figure out how all that grease got on her nightie.

**'El Mercado' set for June 26**

The International Friendship Center will benefit from a rummage sale "El Mercado/The Market" on Saturday, June 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church as a combined effort with the Episcopal, Presbyterian and Catholic churches. Donations are needed (except clothing) and may be dropped off at the Peggy Crosby Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call Shelley Vidmar at 526-0622.



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whites watching from the stands, then wouldn't white players be more marketable?

**WHOAMI313:** because they're the only ones who can afford the tickets. No. Well... maybe. Lately, the NBA is all about flashes of brilliance. Look at Kobe, Rip Hamilton, anyone who has the ability to take over the game and lead his team to victory. What sells tickets are thunderous dunks and high scoring games

**GOOFOTI32:** So you are saying that it is the state of the game that is causing this rather than race?

**WHOAMI313:** But what sells the sport in the long run is great teamwork. Yes. The NBA is horrible to watch during the regular season.

**GOOFOTI32:** True, it is

**WHOAMI313:** Until there is an age cap or education requirement on the NBA, we will have players retiring by their 30s. We will see middle schoolers being recruited by NBA teams

**GOOFOTI32:** And I agree that most of the problems in the NBA stem from age, management and also the loss of faith in the coach. OK, let's switch gears here.

**WHOAMI313:** and the quality of the game will deteriorate and collapse both the professional and college games. OK.

**GOOFOTI32:** Detroit leads LA 2-1 after absolutely dominating them at Auburn Hills. What's the story here? I think its Gary Payton. The Lakers have been waiting for him to come out for so long he might as well be renamed Mr Constipation.

**WHOAMI313:** Detroit is the better TEAM here. Shaq and Kobe are incredible players, but they cannot keep expecting them to take over the game every time.

**GOOFOTI32:** Speaking of constipated-he looks constipated when he is sitting on the sidelines in the 4th quarter.

**WHOAMI313:** Well, I think it's the injury riddled bench that is the Lakers main problem

**GOOFOTI32:** BTW. Ween is incredibly biased towards the Pistons- which isn't a bad thing — seeing as I am too. But I am biased because I hate the Lakers

**WHOAMI313:** Horace Grant and Rick Fox are both out on the sidelines, and Karl Malone has a knee injury that I heard just as much about as

Chris Duhon's ribs in the NCAAs. As do I. The Lakers are evil. I may be biased, but I also give credit where credit is due

**GOOFOTI32:** Don't be dissing Duhon's ribs. What a player, what a man.

**WHOAMI313:** I'm not dissing Duhon so much as I am dissing the media. I hate it when the media fixates on ONE aspect of something and runs it into the ground.

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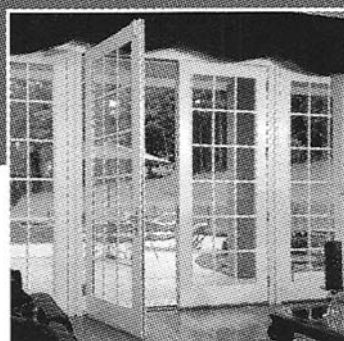
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*Iyali Ruiz, rising 12th grader, Megan Lewicki, rising 11th grader and Maciek Golaszewski are three of five Highlands School students attending the Rotary Leadership Camp this year. The week-long camp held at the Brevard Music Center teaches students how to get along with strangers, to trust and how to become leaders so that they are more likely to succeed in their life-long endeavors. Seminars and programs include "How to be a Survivor," "Dining with Etiquette," "Personality Evaluations," "Relationships," "Getting in to the College of Your Choice," and more. They experience high ropes, lost in the wild survivor techniques, a talent show and they perform community service. Other participants sponsored by Highlands Rotary and Mountain Top Rotary are Caitlin Huitt and Ali Roman. The camp is from June 13-19.*

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## • MOVIE PIX •

### Willow

**S**tarring Val Kilmer, Joanne Whalley, Jean Marsh, and in what I think is the best role of his career, Warwick Davis in the title role.

The 1988, PG rated, action, adventure, fantasy, comedy, spoof, and cheesy monster/villain movie.

OK, we got a world, a la Lord of the Rings, peopled with Daikini (big people), Newlyn's little people) and Brownies (really, really little people who are hysterically funny and very obnoxious). Oh, and lots of bad guys, monsters, and a bunch of people who change back and forth into goats, birds, pigs and, well, lots of other things. The **Storyline:** You got your basic evil sorceress queen (Marsh), an enchanted baby she wants to kill (I forget exactly why, it doesn't really matter, that's just what evil sorceress queens do), and an unlikely hero, the diminutive Willow (Warwick), who finds the young Alora Dannen, and starts his quest to take her to, well I forget where or why, but none the less he starts off on the journey. Along the way, he meets fairies, Brownies (they are one of the funniest parts of the whole film), a few devil-dogs (they look terrific, and very scary!), and the greatest swordsman who ever lived, Madmardigan, a scoundrel, cheat, and prisoner (Kilmer is having a great deal of fun



**Stuart Armor**

with this role). Lots of adventures, bad guys, great special effects, and a monster or two later they end up in a spectacular battle with the aforementioned evil sorceress, and well, there are a few surprises, but you can kinda guess the ultimate outcome.

Great battle

scenes, cool monsters, spectacular scenery (filmed on location in Wales and New Zealand),

and special effects

very impressive for 1988

make this a visually

appealing movie, but one

of the things that is fun about the

story is the hero, Willow. Other than

his small stature, he very much an

ordinary guy, who would just like to get

back to his farm and family. Elements of the

story are reminiscent of Star Wars (it was written and

produced by George Lucas), the Hobbit, and the Lord of the

Rings Trilogy. A bunch of fun for

most of the family, some of the battle scenes and monsters may be

a little spooky for the youngest of viewers, but it's worth a look for

fans of fairy tale type stories.

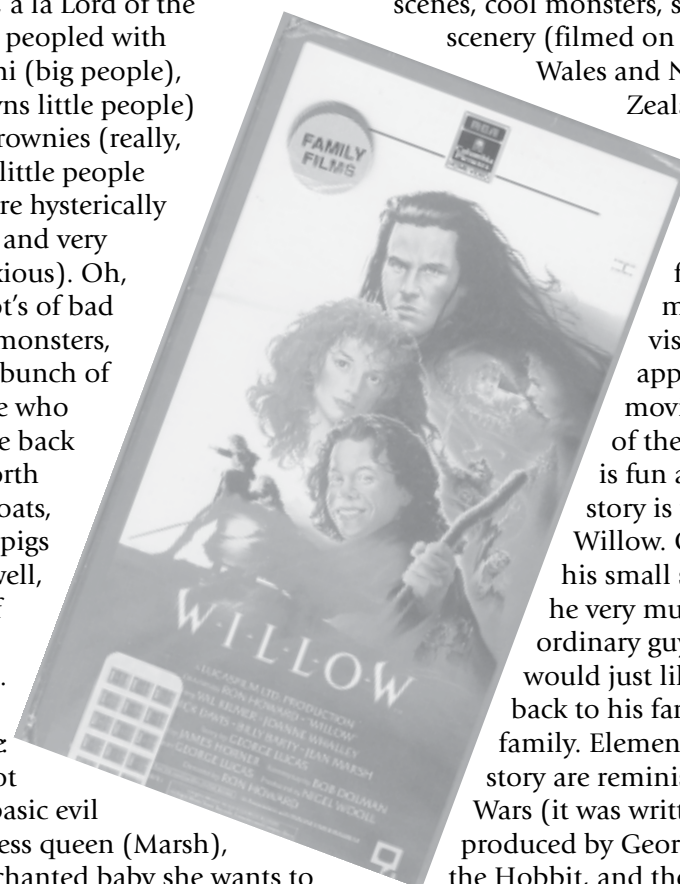
A few similar films are Princess Bride, Labyrinth, BeastMaster, Fire

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## • LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION •

**"It's not having what you want,  
...it's wanting what you've got"**

– Cheryl Crow

"The rainbow is more beautiful than the pot at the end of it, because the rainbow is now. And the pot never turns out to be quite what I expected". – Hugh Prather

Expectations of a person or a situation hold the possibility to disappoint us. We get caught up in an expectation trap. I wonder if we stay too busy controlling life with our expectations instead of just letting it flow. Just for a day, try not having any expectations of yourself or others. I would dare you but then that would be an expectation of mine.

As a real estate professional, I've learned quite a bit about expectations. Mainly to "let go" of them. Thinking this person will buy and they don't, after three long days of trying to find just the right home or piece of land. Or, when I expect a pending contract to close, only to have it fall through and turn into a huge fiasco. Or simply starting in the morning with a huge blue sky outside soon to be replaced with drizzle that lasts the entire day. Yep, real estate has taught me a lot about expectations. And so now, I try my best and whatever happens...happens. What's that saying? Whatever will be, will be?

It can be a struggle to become a person. Sometimes it's hard to not let life pass you by as one day disappears into the next. It can



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

also be a struggle to connect and appreciate the life you have.

If we are to grasp the reality of our unique life while we are living it, we need to be "knowing" every moment.

Because even when "stuff" is not going our way, there is something in our life to be appreciated, and if not, then we better start investigating what we *can* change.

Learning to respond now is the only thing that we can change. Checking out to see if our expectations are doable and realistic and if not, not reacting, but acting in a positive manner to put them in perspective. I don't know, but just maybe if we wanted what we had in life right now, it might get a little easier. I am not saying you shouldn't strive for more, but if you listen hard enough, you just might not have to strive so darn hard. Our time might be better spent if we stop looking for what is missing, and instead delight in what is already there.

I don't know. I *really* don't, but if you have been reading my column for awhile, you already know this. "The little I know, I owe to my ignorance". – Sacha Guttery

When I started writing my column this week, I *expected* it to be about something entirely different.

"Keep high aspirations, moderate expectations and small needs." —H. Stein

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## Playhouse gets facelift – innovative fundraisers begin

By Kim Lewicki

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Patrons of Highlands Playhouse will notice a more sophisticated feel as soon as they step upon the new bricked “arrival court.” It’s covered by an expansive awning and in the center is a granite and marble inlay of the Highlands Playhouse logo – all if it donated by Bonnie and Barry Halperin.

The old box office in the lobby is gone leaving an open common area for gathering. The walls are textured in a soft mellow pantina trimmed in black – the perfect backdrop for three stained-glass panels created and donated by Howard Weston.

Also new this year are two new fundraisers which Dwight Bryant, president of the Playhouse board of directors and owner/artist of Bryant Art Glass hopes will bolster the Playhouse endowment fund. “We hope the fund will ensure the operations of theater production into perpetuity,” he said.”

Patrons can have their names engraved into a single or double

brick in the arrival court — \$125 for a 4”x 8” brick, \$275 for a 8”x 8” brick.

Three double-hung Playhouse windows, circa 1929, were replaced but far from forgotten. Bryant has decorated the window panes with his 2004 Hydrangea motif, ferns and day lilies. They will be auctioned off during a silent auction sometime during the summer season – starting bid \$250.

For several years, the Highlands Playhouse board of directors has been quietly renovating the 92-year-old structure – stabilizing the foundation, installing air-conditioning, insulation and a new roof.

This year, patrons will actually “see” a difference in the new façade, entryway and lobby.

The musical Annie runs through July 4; The Odd Couple runs from July 8-18; the musical Honk from July 22-Aug. 8 and 6 Rms Riv Vu runs from Aug. 12-22. Adult tickets are \$22 & \$20. Tickets for children under 12 are \$9.

In September, a “Big Band” concert is also planned.

For more information, call 526-2695.



*Father and son, George and Paul Schmitt put finishing touches on the common area of the spruced up Highlands Playhouse Saturday, June 12, the day “Annie” opened. The stained-glass panels were made and donated by Howard Weston.*



*President of the Highlands Playhouse Board of Directors and artist/owner of Bryant Art Glass displays the windows up for auction and the granite and marble inlay in the new bricked arrival court of the Playhouse. Proceeds from the commemorative bricks and the windows will bolster the Playhouse endowment fund.*

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**GOOFOTI32:** Well, it's been that way since the beginning of time. I personally have run my hatred of the (expletive deleted) into the ground.

**wHoAmI313:** Notice, whenever Dickie V (or Dookie V) called a game, regardless of who was playing, it was necessary to mention the ribs at LEAST 10 times a game. Anyways, back to the topic, what do you think of the recent hiring of an agent by JR Smith and Shaun Livingston?

**GOOFOTI32:** Oh hush. Dickie V is the king of kissing rear-he doesn't care whose brown is on his nose — as long as its fresh.

**wHoAmI313:** Yes true. I'm sure he'll be kissing Roy Williams' butt next season.

**GOOFOTI32:** Livingston hasn't hired an agent yet. But I am sure he will.

**wHoAmI313:** I saw a report saying that he declared he's staying in.

**GOOFOTI32:** Smith made a tough choice. I think it was influenced by the fact that David Stern is talking about an age limit. Where was that, Carolinahatesdook.com?

**wHoAmI313:** No, it was on SportsLine I believe. Maybe not an agent yet, but soon

**GOOFOTI32:** Yeah, expected to announce, but it ain't official yet. THERE IS STILL HOPE. He's gone

**wHoAmI313:** We'll see

**GOOFOTI32:** A lot of guys are going this year because it might be the last year we have early entry

**wHoAmI313:** Yes, that's very true. But we have something like 95 early entries right now, and only 60 something slots. 63, I think.

**GOOFOTI32:** Smith also had trouble qualifying at UNC-so he probably felt like he better go

**wHoAmI313:** there are going to be some VERY disappointed kids at that draft.] Yes I believe that as well, but reports also showed that he qualified as long as he maintained his current GPA.

**GOOFOTI32:** No joke. And these agents should be ashamed of themselves for trying to exploit these kids.

**wHoAmI313:** Arn Tellum has 25 percent of those kids under his watch

**GOOFOTI32:** It's shameful. Alright Ween, its been fun-but its time to split. What's your prediction for the NBA finals?

**wHoAmI313:** Detroit in 5 if they

keep up their defense. It should have been 3-0 after last night, but the Lakers had a couple of miracles to save their butts \*coughrefs\*cough\* Detroit has absolutely destroyed the Lakers on D when they are playing, and I believe that even with 2 days of rest the Lakers are going to have numerous problems with scoring.

**GOOFOTI32:** I'm going with the Lakers in 7-David Stern has too much invested in the Lakers to let them lose

**wHoAmI313:** I agree, but, not even Stern can deny the Pistons the championship in my opinion without blatantly cheating them. If that happened, he would be quickly ousted I believe.

**GOOFOTI32:** Well who knows-I hope the Pistons pull it out though.

Well, thanks again for reading and let's go Detroit!



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rights-of-way as staging and material storage areas as leverage to ensure Old Edwards Inn construction crews and traffic stay off Fourth Street.

"We agreed to renew the permit,

meeting to meeting, and up until now, there haven't been any complaints," said Town Administrator Richard Betz. "This time we've got a lot of complaints from business people on the hill and

the police have recently issued 85-90 tickets."

Business owners and the police allege construction workers are parking in the two-hour parking zone on the hill, moving one truck into a space as another pulls out and even wiping chalk marks off tires.

"Right now their breaks are at 10, 12 and 2," said Police Chief Jerry Cook. "If you make it one hour earlier, we'll be able to better enforce the ordinance."

Commissioner Amy Patterson said leverage was behind the rights-of-way permit and the town needs to play that

card.

"It was our way of telling them, 'If you park here, you can't store your stuff here anymore.' We knew our parking ordinance wasn't enough because we can't make it a rule that construction companies can't park, but we can tell them they can't use our rights-of-way."

Representatives from every business on the hill on Fourth Street were at Wednesday night's meeting saying the lack of parking and the continued "construction zone atmosphere" on Fourth Street is severely hurting their businesses.

"When people come into our store, they say 'How can you put up with this?'" said Ben McInnes with The Christmas Tree.

David Trapp, McCarroll Construction project manager said he has instructed his subcontractors to park elsewhere.

"We've told police to issue tickets and hired someone to go around and look for subs we know of and tell them to park elsewhere," said Trapp. He said forcing him to store building materials elsewhere will only prolong the Old Edwards Inn project. "But, we will do anything you want us to do to accommodate," he said.

Thomas Craig, who owns the Craig Building at the top of the hill said some responsibility should fall on the shoulders of the property owner not just McCarroll. "I hate to see McCarroll singled out when there are other people on the project, too," he said.

Kay Craig suggested an off-site parking area for construction workers, perhaps a shuttle to and from the job site during the day.

Business owners also requested the town make OEI complete projects on the east side of the street before being allowed to move to projects on the west side of the street.

At some point in the near future work is supposed to start on the Bakery/Café on the west side of the street across from the old inn.

"No one will venture up the street if they are working on both sides of the street," said McInnes.

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# Academic conference to put Darwinists on defensive

Is Darwin losing his grip on academia? A growing cadre of scientists is becoming disenchanted with evidence for Darwinian evolution. They want educators to start telling their students that the facts don't support what school children are being taught about the origins of life. The little mountain town of Highlands, NC will host this summer a three-day forum for educators, presenting views of ten academics who believe it is time for a change in the teaching of evolution. More than a third of those already registered for the conference are teaching professionals.

"The Intelligent Design Conference at the Community Bible Church will be a great opportunity for teachers to learn the evidence for design in nature," said Lehigh Professor of Biochemistry Michael Behe. "The teachers can then show their students that life is not the purposeless accident that aggressive Darwinists claim it to be."

From June 24-26, the conference will feature some of the country's most renowned scientists, authors, and educators in the field of "Intelligent Design," a growing movement maintaining intelligent agency in the universe and its origins. More than three years in the making, the conference will be a "first" in the U.S. for attracting such a large cross section of experts on the origins of life.

Included among the impressive list of speakers will be:

- Michael Behe, Ph.D. – Lehigh University Professor of Biochemistry and author of the bestselling book *Darwin's Black Box – the Biochemical Challenge to Evolution*;

- Charles (Chuck) Colson – author of 21 books and outspoken critic of the Darwinian world view;

- Hugh Ross, Ph.D. – astrophysicist, radio commentator and author of numerous books on Intelligent Design of the cosmos;

- Thomas Woodward, Ph.D. – Director of the C.S. Lewis Society and author of *Doubts about Darwin* and co-author of *Darwinism under the Microscope*;

- Charles Thaxton, Ph.D. in chemistry and author of *Mysteries of the Origin of Life* and considered the

father of the Intelligent Design Movement;

- Larry Vardiman, Ph.D. in atmospheric science; Russell Humphries, Ph.D. in physics; Kenneth Boa, Ph.D., M.Div.; Mark Eckel, Th.M.;

- Finn Larson, Director of Christian Educators Association International; and Casey Luskin, co-president of the IDEA Center.

A main theme of the conference will be to challenge with scientific facts the entrenched naturalistic theories of purposeless, non-directed chance as the only possible explanation for life. The paradigm shift against Darwinian evolution has grown in intensity as new discoveries have explained how DNA is actually a precise set of instructions found in every living cell. The DNA instruction manual in each cell is equivalent in detail to a library of hundreds of books, and is too irreducibly complex to have been randomly assembled by accidental chance. Attendees at the conference will hear supportive evidence proving this premise.

While the concept of Intelligent Design has obvious implications for a "designer," speakers will present scientific facts which can be presented in the public classrooms without fear of legal repercussions.

A major focus of the conference is directed at teachers to help them understand that the facts do not support concepts of evolution to which many of them have felt they must adhere. All teachers at the conference will be given a library of books and tapes to support their teaching protocols. They will also be advised of their legal rights to challenge Darwinian concepts of evolution and to explain the rationale for intelligent design in the classroom.

The conference has generated unprecedented interest in national publications and a contingent from the press is expected. Highlands is sure to receive major media attention because of the controversy typically generated when evolution is challenged.

The Intelligent Design Conference is sponsored by Community Bible Church and will be held at the church facility and the Highlands Conference Center, June 24-26.

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At the June 13th Highlands Playhouse reception in honor of patrons, Paul Schmitt thanked Barry Halperin and recognized him for his lasting contribution to the Playhouse in the form of an marble and granite inlay of the Playhouse logo and the bricked arrival court. Pictured from left are Paul Schmitt, Barry Halperin, Dwight Bryant and Mayor Buck Trott.



# Irene James – 99 & counting

By Kim Lewicki

**H**ighlands has changed greatly in 100 years and Irene James — likely the oldest living born-and-raised native in Highlands — has seen it all.

She was born one of four children to Edward and Cora Rogers Pickelsimer of Clear Creek.

Edward's father, Benson, sired 12 children with his first wife Nancy McCall in Tuskaseegee before migrating to Highlands and Clear Creek where he married Mary Thompson. They had six children, one of which was Edward, Irene's father.

Cora Rogers was a school teacher in the Clear Creek's one-room schoolhouse when she met Edward. She was four years older than Edward who was one of her students.

On June 29, 1900, when census enumerator Maria Hawkins stopped by Edward and Cora's cabin in Clear Creek, she found 84-year-old Mary Thompson, Edward's mother, living with the newly weds.

It's likely Cora was pregnant when Maria Hawkins came by because in 1905 Irene came along the third of four children.

Lyman was first then Almetta, Highlands' own "primitive artist," then Irene followed by Turley.

Irene is the only one of her siblings alive today. But she's not one to let life get her down.

On June 12, she celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> year with her extended family and many, many friends around her.

Though hard of hearing and legally blind, she heard and saw just fine that day, reveling in the love that surrounded her. She says Highlands has changed over the years, "but it's good," she says. "Everything is handier and life is easier," she said. "I used to have to walk from Clear Creek up to Highlands to go to school. It's all different, now."

Irene followed in her mother's footsteps and became a teacher. From the Clear Creek school house she moved to two more — one in Scaly Mountain and one at Gneiss before ending up at Highlands School.

She has watched the Macon County School system evolve from one-room school houses scattered throughout county communities to a centralized system with accredited teachers, administrators and curriculum.

The years haven't dimmed her wit or the twinkle in her eye. She's inclined to joke, loves to hug and accepts kisses whenever offered.

Her advice?

"Keep stirring around. There's no use in curling up and saying 'I'm old,'" said Irene. "I could still dance if someone would take me!"



*Irene James, 99, (center) surrounded by some of her life-time friends — Madge Merrell, 97, of Cashiers and Ruth Garland, 93 of Highlands. Almetta, Irene and Madge went to school together in Cashiers when Almetta and Irene lived with their aunt so they could go to school in Cashiers one year. Ruth and Irene are members of Highlands United Methodist Church.*



*Above she cuddles her great-grandson Taylor Carter, 4 1/2. His mother is her granddaughter, Melanie James Carter. Widowed early in life, she raised five children as a "single and working Mom."*

*At Saturday's birthday party at the Highlands Civic Center, Irene's cake and other decorations were in her favorite colors — purple and red.*



Photos by Kim Lewicki



# 'Adventure' is her middle name

By Kim Lewicki

She's Highlands' own "Indiana Jones" but the treasures Claire Young discovers are found in the cadences of language and nuances of exotic cultures.

Her insatiable hunger for language has her gobbling up as many as she can. She's been all over the world – in France with her parents King and Janet Young as a youngster, in Japan as a Rotary Exchange student, in Thailand as a teacher, and most recently in Cairo, Egypt, as a student in the Study Abroad Program at the American University in Cairo. There she immersed herself in Arabic.

Interestingly, it's the most recent immersion that has her focused on her future.

A rising senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, which she attends as a Morehead Scholar, she has changed her major from mere linguistics to international studies with a focus on the Middle East.

"This is the first time I want to delve in deeper," she said. "There's so much history I can learn and learn and never get bored."

The program in Egypt is particularly "language intensive" and that's just how Claire likes it. "I got the bug from my daddy," she said. She just can't learn too many languages.

Her studies involved two Arabic languages, modern and standard Arabic but also colloquial and "media" Arabic. "Arabic is a lot like English in that there are millions of words with their own meaning," she said.

Beside the intricacies of Arabic, she learned political science with a global twist – comparative politics of the Middle East, global political economy, political and social thought in the Arab world and more.

She lived in a dorm the first semester at the American University in Cairo where there are 5,000 students from 160 countries.

The second semester she shared an apartment with other American students. Forever a sports enthusiast, she was a member of the rowing team, volley ball team and basketball team where she was the only American.

The team traveled to Hungary to compete and during that sojourn Claire was truly immersed in Arabic.

"Everyone in Egypt speaks English very well

and as soon as they see someone with light hair and blue eyes, they start speaking English. But in Hungary, the team only spoke Arabic unless they saw I was really struggling and then they spoke English," said Claire.

As might be expected, the culture is somewhat fundamentalist but not extreme and not focused on violence, says Claire. "The mainstream fundamentalism in Egypt is a lot like the current fundamentalist trend in America. People are re-looking at their values and where their society is headed."

She said the Arabic world is very class-based and it's the men in the lower classes that tend to openly flirt with women.

"You get used to the wolf whistles, the 'hey, babies,' the 'I will give your father 100 camels for your hand in marriage,' but it's not considered sexual harassment; it's more complimentary like flirting," she said.

Her habitual clothing was T-shirts, jeans, skirts below the knees. "The more skin you show, the more harassment you get on the street."

Food was primarily Lebanese – tubuli, humus, falafala, baba ganouj – mashed up eggplant with garlic. "Delicious," says Claire.

Alcohol consumption is frowned upon. "There's not a dance scene in Egypt, or places like American bars. It's more like restaurant lounges turn into clubs very late in the evening but it's not socially acceptable for women to be out late at night.

"All of my Egyptian girlfriends had 11-12 p.m. curfews," said Claire.

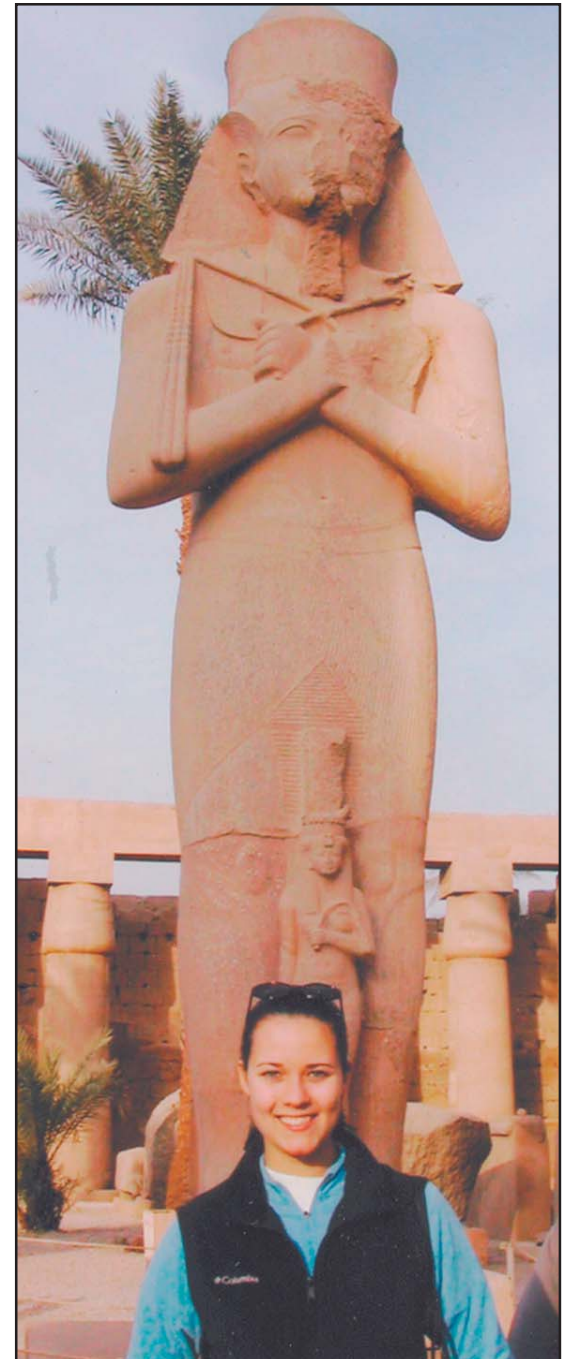
So what next world will she conquer?

This summer she's staying stateside – working as an intern with the Erskine Bowles campaign.

When she graduates from Chapel Hill, graduate work is next. Where, she's not sure. But as the recent recipient of the President Harry S. Truman scholarship for "exceptional leadership potential and commitment to a career in public service" the \$27,000 she gets toward that endeavor will surely be a foot up.



*Claire is draped in a bedouin weaving she wears as a shawl.*



*Right: Statue at entry of Karnak Temple in Luxor, Egypt.*

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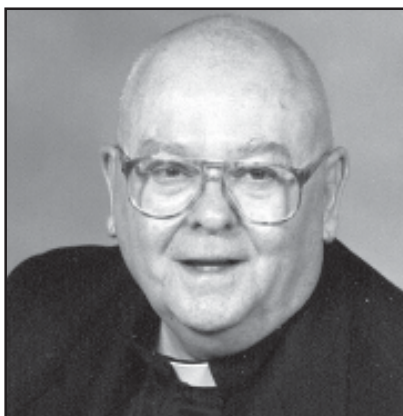
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## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### The solemnity of Pentecost



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The gospels tell us much about Jesus, both his sayings and his doings. And, in those sayings, Jesus told us much about the Father. But the Spirit is harder to get a grasp on.

That may just be because, where Jesus is the human face of God, the Holy Spirit is God's own divine face. The Holy Spirit is what God looks like when he looks in the mirror. Today's feast of Pentecost can help us to articulate a description of this mysterious Spirit, the heart that beats at the center of our Church.

The first thing to recognize about the Spirit is that our scriptures sometime seem to be talking about two different persons. There is the Spirit of Pentecost, a Spirit of fire and wind – violent images. And the results of that Spirit's coming are also violent. The disciples are propelled from the room in which they were hiding to proclaim to the crowd outside God's marvelous doings.

But there is another Spirit in our scriptures, a more subtle and gentle person. This other Spirit does not bludgeon us but operates nevertheless with sharpness of a two-edged sword. This is the Spirit who hugs our hearts when they are empty and fills them with words of prayer. This is the Spirit who allows us to imitate Jesus in calling God "Abba" – Daddy – that very intimate name that a child has for his or her "Dad" who is love so much.

What's going on here? Is this a Jekyll-and-Hyde Spirit, blowing hot or cold as it wills? This contradictory portrait of the Spirit is actually our own doing – human beings have painted this portrait of the Holy Spirit. There are times in our lives when we need fire and wind; there are other occasions when only gentle care will cure us.

The place to begin talking about the Spirit is to talk about ourselves. Some of us approach life carefully, tentatively, even fearfully. There is some justification for this. After all, each of us is a

■ See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 20

## • PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU •

### Blue Valley Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965  
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11  
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Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

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Wed: Supper – 6 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

### Scaly Mountain Church of God

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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;

Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

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

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# Cast & weekend set for annual 'Walk in the Park'

**By Elaine Whitehurst**  
Contributor

Plans are set for the fifth annual "Walk in the Park," sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society.

Mark your calendars for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 16, 17 and 18 with rain-dates the following weekend, July 23, 24 and 25.

The Friday and Saturday hours are 6-8 p.m., and Sunday's are 4-6 p.m. Advance tickets are available at Cyrano's, D & J Express Mart and The Old Rangoon, or on the day of attendance at the Conference Center next to the baseball field.

Historic people to be portrayed were selected because of their importance to the institutions that have made Highlands special – its churches, local government, business, education, medical services, and recreation. where attendees will park and be loaded into vans for the ride to the Highlands Memorial Park.

The earliest Highlands resident to be featured in this year's presentation is businessman, **Henry M. Bascom**, who arrived in 1882, just seven years after the town was founded.

He was 28 years old, and because he was suffering from tuberculosis, he had already had one lung removed. He lived to age 90, attributing his longevity to Highlands' healthy climate.

The Bascom-Louise Gallery resulted from a bequest by Bascom's son-in-law, in honor of Bascom and his daughter, Louise. Bascom's role will be portrayed by businessman, Wiley Sloan.

Dr. Rebecca "Becky" Schilling will portray **Dr. Mary Lapham**, who came to Highlands in 1893. Observing that medical care for Highlanders was virtually non-existent, she enrolled in medical school, then went to Europe to learn the Swiss method for treating tuberculosis, a significant problem at the time. Returning to Highlands, she established a sanatorium where she treated TB patients.

Many patients who came to "Bug Hill" after being told they were dying with TB not only survived, but lived to unbelievable ages for that period.

In 1885 "**Bennie**" Rogers was born in Highlands, one of eleven children. His mother operated a laundry with 27 employees near the present location



**From left: Brian McClellan will portray Robert B. Dupree; Dr. Rebecca "Becky" Schilling will portray Dr. Mary Lapham; Ginny Harris and Bonnie Powell (far right) will portray Gertrude and Dolly Harbison; attorney Charles Edwards will portray Bennie Rogers; Wiley Sloan will portray Henry M. Bascom; and Thomas Craig will portray Otto Summer.**

of Gates Nursery on the Franklin Road.

Bennie, a colorful character who will be portrayed by attorney, Charles Edwards, served as the town's policeman from 1912 to 1945. Some of his "unusual" methods of maintaining law and order will be described at the Walk in the Park.

Two of the daughters of Highlands' renowned botanist, Professor

Thomas Harbison, who served as the librarians at the Hudson Library for 50 years will be featured at the Walk in the Park – **Gertrude and Dolly Harbison**.

They were born in Highlands in 1903 and 1905 respectively, and will be portrayed by Ginny Harris and Bonnie Powell. Through

hired to teach in Highlands. He became the principal of Highlands School, and served in that position longer than anyone else.

Highlands builder, Thomas Craig, will portray Mr. Summer, who not only served as school principal, but was one of three men who built the Galax Theatre on Main Street. He started and published a mimeographed newspaper called the *Galax News* to advertise movies and provide local news.

One of the most beloved former citizens of Highlands, **Robert B. Dupree**, will be represented by stockbroker, Brian McClellan.

Born in South Carolina in 1911, Mr. Dupree brought his wife, Mary, to Highlands to serve as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. He became the town's recreation director, and was active in establishing amateur theatre in Highlands. He was active in so many civic endeavors that in 1980 the Chamber of Commerce established the "Robert B. Dupree Award" to be awarded annually to the person who has made the greatest contribution to the community. He was the first recipient of that award.

A part-time resident of Highlands, "**Bobby**" Jones, will be portrayed by Highlands merchant, Tony Potts.

Jones' father had been one of the organizers of what is now the Highlands Country Club. In 1930 at age 28, "Bobby" made golfing history by winning the Grand Slam, the British Open, the British Amateur, the U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur tournaments. He came to Highlands to train for the fourth leg of the Grand Slam. He never played in tournaments after that but played exhibition matches as fund-raisers, including one in 1931 that is credited with saving the Hudson Library from insolvency.

Proceeds from the "Walk in the Park" will go toward restoration and beautification of the Historic Village adjacent to the Civic Center on Highway 64.

a conversation between these two sisters, those attending the "Walk" will learn of the stages through which the Hudson Library has come, starting as the first public library in the State of North Carolina with a gift of books from friends of Ella Hudson.

**Otto Summer** was also born in 1903, but in Pomaria, South Carolina. After graduation from Newberry College in 1927, he was



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**By Delia E. Frederick, BSN, RN**  
 Contributor

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Elevated blood sugar levels affect a person's body at the micro-and macrovascular level – each cell and all organs of the body.

In addition to elevated blood sugar levels, diabetes causes other diseases (co-morbidities) such as hypertension, atherosclerotic disease, cardiovascular disease, neuropathy, nephropathy and retinopathy.

To bring the risks of diabetes down to an easy level to understand, diabetes is too high a sugar in the blood that damages the cells and organs. The high blood sugar causes high blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes, nerves to lose their sense of feel, kidneys to no longer clean out wastes or work at all, and blindness can occur.

While people 65 to 75 continue to have the highest incidence of diabetes, women between the ages of 20 and 45 have demonstrated the most significant increase in type 2 diabetes in the years between 1997 and 2000 (CDC, 2000). Thirty-three percent or 9.3 million of women over age

20 have type 2 diabetes. Even of more concern is that in this age group, people who have diabetes are at even greater risk of developing more aggressive cardiovascular disease along with other the other co-morbidities described above. This group is at higher risk to have a heart attack or stroke in their young adult years.

If blood sugar levels are kept in a normal range of less than 126 mg/dl these co-morbidities can be prevented.

Blood sugars can be kept in normal range by following a diet containing fresh fruits, green leafy vegetables, whole grains, and nuts. Exercise to keep your weight in it's healthy optimal range.

While studies have shown that diet, exercise, and weight control are effective means to control blood sugar levels, the demands of following the lifestyle of diabetes is not described by research literature.

I am a graduate student at UNC at Greensboro in nursing education. Because the challenges of the diabetic lifestyle are poorly understood I would like women age 20 to 45 who have type 2 diabetes to tell me their story of living with diabetes. You can contact me at (828) 526-3028.

More information of diabetes can be found at the American Diabetes Association web site <http://www.diabetes.org>. or the National Diabetes Information Clearinghouse at <http://diabetes.niddk.nih.gov/dm>.

### HIARPT brings Raposa June 21

Dr. Michael Raposa will present the third lecture of the fifteenth season of the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on Monday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. The topic of his lecture is "Martial Spirituality and the Logic of Pragmatism."

A discussion/seminar with Dr. Raposa will be held on Tuesday, June 22, at 10 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium of PAC.

Dr. Michael L. Raposa joined the Department of Religion Studies at Lehigh University in 1985. Previously, he taught for four years at

Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut. Raposa received his undergraduate education at Yale University. After a year of graduate study at the University of Toronto, he returned to Yale and completed his master's degree at the Divinity School there. In 1979, he entered the doctoral program in Religious Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned the PhD in 1987.

Raposa's primary research and teaching interests fall within the areas of modern western religious thought and the philosophy of religion.

The public is invited to attend his lecture and the discussion/seminar.



## Free CLE lecture Wed. June 23

The CLE "Wednesday Night Lecture Series" presents Professor Brian Railsback of Western Carolina University's English Department. Professor Railsback, Dean of The Honors College and University Scholar will present a program entitled Wallace Stevens: "The Palm at the End of the Mind," on June 23.

Wallace Stevens, one of the most successful and strange poets of the United States was both a poet, a vice-president of an insurance company, a man who struggled with weight problems, and a man who decided to fight Ernest Hemingway in a Florida bar (Stevens broke his hand on Hemingway's jaw).

At times deceptively simple, most of his poems seem an enigma yet some of them are the best poems produced in our country. We will focus on one of the greatest poems of the

20<sup>th</sup> century: "The Idea of Order at Key West."

Railsback, who has served as a department head of English at WCU is an internationally recognized scholar of John Steinbeck's works (and will do a series of talks on Steinbeck for CLE this September).



**Brian Railsback**

He has given lectures on Steinbeck and Native American Literature throughout the United States, Japan and Mexico. Aside from essays, book chapters and short stories, he has published a scholarly book: *Parallel Expeditions: Charles Darwin and the Art of John Steinbeck*. This year he published his first novel, an eco-thriller entitled *The*

*Darkest Clearing*

The CLE Wednesday Night Lecture Series takes place at the Recreation Center at 8 p.m. The lectures are open to the public and free.

## Cooking class at Hudson Library

The first of the Library Cooking Classes for 2004 will be held on Tuesday, June 29 where Jan Zeher of the Main Street Inn will answer the question, "Company's Coming: What Shall We Serve For Breakfast?"

Jan's cooking expertise comes from a love of eating and a cookbook collection of approximately 500 volumes. She avidly reads and re-reads from her collection and the collection of the Hudson Library. The breakfast menu at the Main Street Inn reflects Jan's cooking expertise. She likes to prepare good food

like your mom used to make but with a twist. A favorite breakfast item is the scrambled eggs with blue cheese, toasted pecans, and cherry tomatoes. It seems natural that Jan will be able to provide an elegant answer to the question; "Company's Coming: What Shall We Serve For Breakfast?"



**Jan Zeher**

The Library Cooking Classes have been a popular part of the Highlands summer season for fifteen years and a few openings remain for some of the 2004 classes. Contact the library at 526-3031 for more information.



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## Craig Building officially opens



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On Tuesday, June 15, The Craig Building on Fourth Street officially opened. On hand were Madeleine Davis representing Icon Fine Art Gallery; building owner Thomas Craig; Chamber of Commerce president Allan Schultz; Chamber of Commerce Director Bill Bassham; Chamber of Commerce board member Michele Hubbel; and cutting the ribbon, Samuel Craig. The Craig Building houses Icon Fine Art Gallery, The Old Rangoon, Highlands Cabinet Company and Craig & Craig Builders.

## Quilt on display at Bank of America



Once again the amazing handiwork of local artisans, such as quilter Hazel Miller, has come together to create a family heirloom. The quilt will be raffled off this fall by the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary, Sat. Oct. 9 at Highlands Own Craft Fair at the Rec Park. For the last 13 years, Hazel has lovingly hand stitched the wildflower quilt. Work on each year's quilt begins over the winter, as auxiliary members and friends hand embroider the designs of local wildflowers on the 36 panels. This year's quilt is currently on display at Bank of America in Highlands. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5, and can be purchased from auxiliary members in both Highlands and Cashiers, at the hospital gift shop or Bank of America in Highlands. Tickets can be purchased at the fair, too.

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pioneer in the unexplored wilderness of our own lives – and pioneering is always an insecure, awkward, risky enterprise.

Once in a while, we find ourselves mired in the muck, stunned by our insignificance, anxious about our worth, our security, our integrity. We are powerless, we are unhappy, we are unproductive – but we do not want to change because change might be for the worse. That is when the Spirit goes into gentle mode, nudging and nuzzling like a favorite pet who wants our attention.

Other people relish newness and invite change because it might be for the better – because God seems on the side of movement, progress, growth. Life is, in fact, a series of stages. Whatever stage we are in, it gradually wears thin on us, leaving questions unanswered, needs unmet, gifts unused. Life on that level is simply not working for us.

That is usually a perfectly timed, tailor-made crisis occurs. Whatever form it takes, it is nothing less than an invitation to a higher level of life for us, personally. That is the Spirit, heating up the situation, pushing us into the future.

What is true for us as individuals is also true for us as a church. The Spirit, we say, guides the church. But, down through the centuries, the church has needed both the gentle touch and the violent shove. The Spirit has been perfectly capable of

supplying either when needed.

It is indeed at times difficult to discern – on either the personal level or the communal one – exactly where the Spirit is at work. Remember how Moses asked to see the face of God and the Lord responded this was not possible but he would let Moses see his back side?

The Spirit works like that. We cannot always see the Spirit coming but we can see the Spirit going. After the fact, we can see that the Spirit has been at work. The mystery remains as a promise of the fullness which is beyond our wildest dreams. After all, if we could explain the Spirit, would the Spirit be worth having? The mystery of the Holy Spirit at work among us is the real loving challenge.

The Spirit is not under our control, but has us under her control (I do not blaspheme here. Spirit in the Greek New Testament is "pneuma" which is a feminine noun.)

This is not a tyrannical domination, stripping us of freedom of action. It is a loving companionship. One day, when we finally do get to look into God's face, we will see familiar features: we will see the Holy Spirit who has been with us and guiding us all along. We will see the beloved face of the Holy Spirit with whom we have lived every moment of our lives since baptism.

## • POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of June 9-16. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

### June 9

- At 7 a.m., officers helped rescue a cat from a home on Pickelsimer Road.
- At 1:15 a.m., a motorist was cited at U.S. 64 east and Laurel Street for driving with an expired registration.
- At 11:45 a.m. officers mitigated in a civil dispute between two people..
- At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of a man sleeping in his car behind Mountain High Lodge on Oak Street.
- At 3:35 p.m., Nantahala Tire and Auto reported a possible "brake line cut" in a car.
- At 6:24 p.m., possible gunfire was reported in the vicinity of Webbmont and the Laurel Heights area. Officers determined it was skateboarders.

### June 10

- At 7:45 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving with an expired registration..

### June 11

- At 9:45 a.m. officers found an open door at Buttercup's on Main Street. All was secure..

### June 12

- At 7:45 a.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 and Sassy Lane was cited for driving with an expired inspection sticker.

### June 13

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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.

- At Wolfgang's on Main – Every Monday it's "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining," at Wolfgang's on Main at 6 p.m. 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. Every third Thursday, join Mindy Green of Wolfgang's on Main and the girls for "Wild Women Who Wine" a night of camaraderie, fun, food and wine.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main – Every Wednesday: through Sunday, cheese plates and wines by the glass 1:30 until 4:30. Every Saturday: complimentary tastings 1 until 4:30 Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:30 until 6:30 wine flights, prices vary.

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

- 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.

- 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.

## Through July 4

- "Annie" 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.

## 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.

- 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

- animals through activities, games, and nighttime observations. Ages 6-adult. Pre-registration and a fee of \$2 per person are required due to limited space. For reservations, call the Nature Center at 828-526-2623.

- Free health screening for Cashiers/Glenville residents, 7:15 a.m. at the Blue Ridge School cafeteria. Call 526-1435 for more info.

- 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.

- Jazz at ...on the Verandah featuring Solar Impulse from 9-11 p.m.

- Jazz at PAC featuring Solar Impulse with John Williams, Mary Beth Brody and Kyle Wiggins-Rowan. 3 p.m. Adult tickets \$10, Students, \$5. Tickets available at the door.

## June 24 & June 25

- The Intelligent Design Conference at Community Bible Church. Renowned scientists, authors and educators in the field who are proponents of "an intelligent agency in the universe." The main theme of the conference is to challenge with scientific facts the naturalistic theories of purposeless, non-directed chance as the only explanation of life.

## June 24

- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series at the Highlands Nature Center. Dr. Ron Pulliam will give a talk entitled "The Value of Biological Diversity." 7:00 p.m. Free to the public.

## 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 info, 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. Proceeds from the sale of treasures from Mexico will help raise funds for the center.

## June 26 – 27

- "A Steinway concert for Literacy" at PAC 7:30 p.m., Saturday and 2 p.m.

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## Special Operations Warrior Foundation "A Night to Honor Our Fallen Heroes" SILENT AUCTION

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running, mountain biking, rappelling, and paddling.

## June 18 & 19

- "Don't Count Your Chickens" 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday at the Highlands Conference Center and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Featuring items for your garden, inside and out. It's free but donations are appreciated.

- 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

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

- Arthur & Katie at Buck's Coffee Cafe from 8:30-11 p.m.

- Family Night Hike at the Nature Center. Bring your flashlights from 9 - 10:30 p.m. at the Nature Center for a Family Night Hike. Have fun learning about the adaptations of nocturnal



## • HOME DECOR & FIXTURES •

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

Welcomed by the changing of the leaves and the beginning of the holiday season, Berkley's is now looking forward to the warmer weather and the exciting times that lie ahead. Owners, Donna DeLuca and Greg Prey, have furnished their warm and inviting boutique with fine furniture, beautiful accessories and unique gifts. "We are excited to have opened Berkley's in this magnificent area. We have furnished it with what we feel tastefully blends in with the uniqueness of Highlands and Cashiers" says Donna.

Donna has been a professional interior designer over 20 years, half of which she has spent as owner and principal of Design Environments, Inc. DEI is an Atlanta-based interior design firm working with many of the nation's leading builders and developers. An award winning design firm, DEI specializes in the merchandising and marketing of model homes and clubhouses throughout the United States.

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.

Berkley's is Donna and Greg's third high-end retail establishment. Sydney's was their first store, opened in 2001 on Amelia Island, Fla. While the original Sydney's is located in the historic Fernandina Beach district, it now enjoys a second location on the island. "Donna and I have been fortunate in introducing our flair in furnishings to the residents of Amelia Island. We look forward to the opportunity here at Berkley's."



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"They will decide what direction Macon County takes."

Officials acknowledge that the county's last stab at establishing a land-use plan was a fiasco. "It caused a lot of problems," said Commissioner Allan Bryson. "This time we decided to do it slowly, do it right and to educate the public first."

The problem is people accustomed to living without zoning or land-use regulations bristle at the thought of someone telling them what they can do with their land, said commissioners.

"That's why we decided it was important to focus on what people might agree are 'high impact' uses first," said planning board chairman Ronnie Beale. "But this is just a discussion. We want to go to the communities to get input before we make even the definitions of high impact uses definite."

Uses such as airfields, asphalt or concrete suppliers, radioactive/hazardous waste disposal, junkyards, kennels, quarries, mobile home graveyards, vehicle graveyards, saw or chip mills, slaughtering & processing plants, solid waste management facilities and the manufacturing and storage of bulk inflammables may sound like logical high impact uses, but people interpret definitions differently.

"There is no black and white issue here, but we will work through this," said Macon County Commissioner and chairman Mark West.

Is a kennel a commercial venture where someone boards animals for a living, or does someone who owns 10 bear coons and gives away or sells four pups a year operating a kennel?

Are spare parts and pieces of heavy equipment left lying around for the purpose of potentially refurbishing machinery a junkyard, or are they necessary inventory for someone's business?

"A land-use plan is only as good as the person interpreting it," said Beale. "That's why it's so important that we determine what it is we agree on."

Beale said the "grandfather" concept will certainly be considered in

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whatever land-use plan that is developed, but so will the concept, "out of sight, out of mind," he said.

The planning board and commissioners listened to the concerns of a handful of citizens who turned out for the public forum in Highlands. Each was asked to fill out a questionnaire identifying what is a potential high impact use, what is objectionable about the use and how to reduce the impact of the use.

Objectionable aspects about a use might be appearance, noise, dust or smoke, traffic congestion, lighting, or odor.

Ways to lessen the impact of the use might be distance separation, screenings or buffers, setbacks, fencing, or hours of operation.

Macon County citizens are encouraged to attend a public forum on this issue sometime between now and August 23. They are always held at 7 p.m.

- June 21 — Holly Springs Baptist Church;
- June 28 — Nantahala EMS Building;
- July 13 — Otto CC & FD;
- July 20 — Macon County Courthouse
- July 27 — Cullasaja Fire Dept.
- Aug. 9 — Clarks Chapel FD
- Aug. 14 — Burningtown/Iotia Fire Dept.
- Aug. 23 — Cowee Fire Dept.

The planning board hopes to present the definitions and mitigating ways to address high-impact uses to the county commissioners early this fall.

## Music for literacy

International Steinway piano artist, Stephen Marq will perform a benefit concert at PAC for The Literacy Council of Highlands, Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27, 7:30 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$100 for patrons which includes two tickets and a CD.

The goal of this event is to raise 10 percent of all operating costs.

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- At 2:45 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at RBC Centura Bank. All was secure.
- At 10:50 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.

### June 14

- At 2:45 a.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang-up from a residence on Pinecrest. All was secure.
- At noon p.m., officers responded to a call of a “man lying on the floor” at 64 Stop and Shop. He was transported to the appropriate institution.
- At 4:10 p.m., officers responded to a call of a barking dog at a residence on Pinecrest..
- At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries..
- At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- At 5:15 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- At 9:10 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row. All was secure.

### June 15

- At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- At 6:10 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Foreman Road. All was secure
- At 5:35 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- At 9:09 p.m., Benita Fay, 45, of Alabama, turned herself into police on six outstanding warrants for passing worthless checks. She was released on a secured \$1,000 bond.

**The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of June 9-14**

### June 9

- The dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 64 west near Goldmine where two adults from Alabama and three teenagers from Franklin were injured. They were transported to the hospital..

### June 10

- The dept. responded to a call of “smoke in the house,” at Margaret's Lane. There was no fire..

### June 11

- The dept. responded to a call of a brush fire on Streamside Lane, but it was a controlled burn.

### June 12

- The dept. responded to an alarm at the Highlands Diner. It was false..
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call where a woman fell at the cemetery. She was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Netsi Place. The victim was “dead on arrival.”

### June 13

- The dept. responded to an accident between two vehicles on Mt. Lori. There were no injuries.
- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Brushy Face Road. It was false.

### June 14

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Log Ridge Circle. It was false.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Highlands Manor. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Main Street where a child fell and cut his head. There was no transport.



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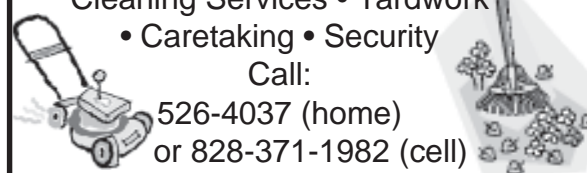
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## The week of July 25-Aug. 1

- The Macon Aeromodelers will hold an "Old Timers" fly-in at the flying field on Tennesse 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. Ms. Ellen Greenwald, will portray the life of Jemima Norton Wright.
- Sunday, July 27, from 2-3 p.m. Scudder's Gallery will be celebrating local artists.

## FREE Highlands' Newspaper

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### 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.

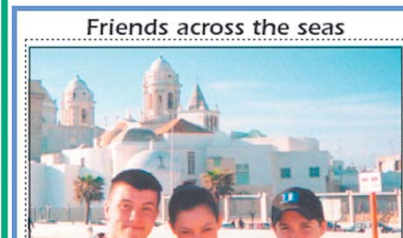
"There is a lot of work to do in a short period of time," said Town

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.

People new to Highlands in the last five years say they've never seen so much rain.

People who have lived here forever say "Welcome to the real Highlands."

Over the last five years, drought

## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

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Sunday. Tickets are \$30 per person, \$100 for patrons includes two tickets and a CD. Tickets available at The Bird Barn.

#### 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

- Business After Hours at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant, 5:30 to 7:30. Cost is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for prospective members. Call 526-5841 for reservations.

- The Highlands 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 8-18

- "The Odd Couple" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$20; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office.

#### July 4

- Highlands Rotary annual Fourth of July barbeque at the Highlands Conference Center and ball field 11-3. Barbeque and hot dog plates \$7-9.

- Macon County Recycling centers will be closed for the holiday. They will re-open the next day.

#### 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 10 & July 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.

#### 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 17

- Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Day 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Wildlife & wilderness experts serving as clinicians. Held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. It's free. Call 743-7663.

#### July 22 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.

#### July 19-23

- Macon County Soccer Camp. For more information or to sign up, call 524-1928.

#### Aug 12-22

- "6 Rms Riv Vu" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, \$20; Children 12 and under, \$9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office on Oak Street.

- email events to [highlandseditor@aol.com](mailto:highlandseditor@aol.com)

## Chamber Music feasts are selling fast

Chamber Music Feasts that are hosted by Friends of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival begin Friday, June 25 and 18 choices extend through October 30. These activities help support the FESTIVAL of world class chamber music beginning July 9 and ending with a final Gala August 15. Venues are in Highlands and Cashiers.

The following feasts are available but they sell out fast. Call 828-526-9060 for reservations.

- June 25: Bar-B-Que With All The Trimmings
- July 22: Thai With No Tie
- August 8: Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, Dahlias & Sunset
- Aug. 12: Venice Carnival

- Aug. 19: Great Gatsby Croquet Party
- Aug. 22: Southern Sunset Supper
- Aug. 22: Sunday, Down South
- Sept. 10: An Evening in Provence
- Sept. 11: Dinner Under the Dipper
- Sept. 18: Car Hop-Sock Hop
- Sept. 25: Coucher du Soleil(Sunset Supper)
- Sept. 28: Under the Cashiers Harvest Moon
- Oct. 9: Dining Under the Stars Over Sagee Mountain
- Oct. 16: Jazz, The Classics & Dinner with the Musicians
- Oct. 30: Witching Hour at the Haunted Butler Mansion

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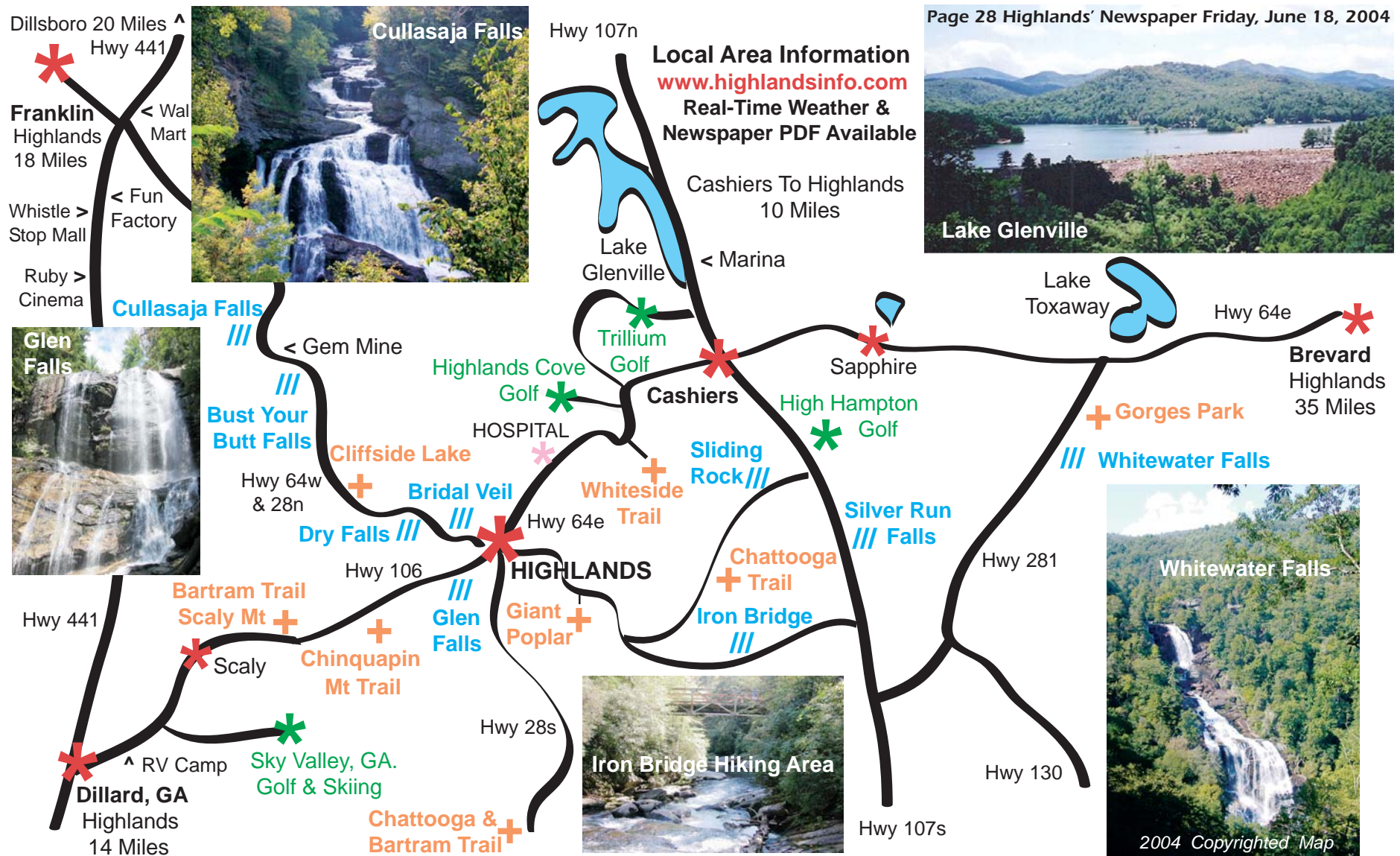
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