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## The week of May 21-27

### May 21

▪ **SOCCER SIGN-UPS** – County League Fall Soccer sign up for 5-15 year olds, 6-8 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Need birth certificate, \$40 registration fee - \$35 for each additional child.

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Singer-songwriter Angela Faye will perform at Buck's Coffee Cafe Friday, May 21 at 8:30 p.m.

▪ **SEMINAR** – "What You Need to Know About Wage and Hour Laws," by Penny Wofford of Edwards Ballard from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Cost is \$10.

### May 22

▪ **CAR WASH** – The Highlands School Volley Ball teams are having a car wash at First Citizens Bank.

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Arthur & Katie play at Buck's Coffee Cafe at 8:30 p.m.

▪ **MEETING** – Mirror Lake Improvement will have a workday (litter pick up) 9 a.m. Meet at Thorn Park.

▪ **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – The Scaly Mountain Women's Club is serving a complete seated breakfast of homemade pancakes, meat, coffee and juice from 7-11 a.m. at the Scaly Mtn.. Ski Lodge. Proceeds go to area agencies and local scholarships.

### May 23

▪ **SENIORS** – Baccalaureate at Highlands United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. Seniors to be in the fellowship hall no later than 2:30 p.m. Wear caps and gown and dress code applies.

### May 24

▪ **CLEAN UP** – The Town has designated the week of May 24 as Spring Cleanup Week this year. Call the Town Office at 526-2118 during business hours, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

▪ **SEMINAR** – "Credit Card Fraud and Shoplifting," by Sheriff Robbie Holland from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Cost is \$10.

### May 25 & 26

▪ **BLOOD DRIVE** – The AnMed bloodmobile will be at the Highlands Civic Center on Tuesday, May 25 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Wednesday, May 26, it will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers from 2-5 p.m.

## Town's nonprofit budget capped at 50,000

By Kim Lewicki

Commissioners agreed it's too late in the budget process to establish a new procedure for nonprofits requesting funds, but they did agree to cap the town's nonprofit expenditures at \$50,000. for 2004-2005.

With the finalization of the town budget just around the corner, commissioners heard budget requests from seven nonprofits at the May 19

Town Board meeting. All together they have asked the town for a total of \$115,000.

"This is twice as much as we've ever been asked for before," said Commissioner Hank Ross.

"And we're likely to have two times as much requested next year," said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

Ross suggested the board arrive at an application system and a logical

set amount of money be set aside in the budget consistent with what the town's been giving in the past.

Last year, the town dolled out about \$47,000 to nonprofits. For the 2004-2005 budget year, commissioners agreed on \$50,000.

"We still have to pick and choose about who gets what," said Mayor Buck Trott. They agreed to do that at

▪ See **NONPROFIT** page 3

## Boy Scout Roundup at site of McCall Cabin



Last Friday, local Boy Scout Troop #207 hosted the Old Scouter's Roundup at the USFS's McCall cabin on Walden Way. From left front row: Jack Creighton, Matthew Neely, T.C. Creighton, Billy Ray Converse and Robbie Reed. Middle row: Bob Litten, Spencer Nadler, Samuel Wheeler, Chris Potts, Clay Creighton, Tyler Converse, Margaret Shaffner and Buck Trott. Back row: Bill Dyar, Phil Williams, Michael Kaye, Meagan Potts, Sam Potts, Steve Taylor and Teresa Converse. See story pg. 3.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

## Streetscape issues make the 2004-2005 budget

By Kim Lewicki

In a roundabout way, some of the land use committee's ideas have found their way into the town's 2004-2005 budget.

With streetscape high on the committee's list, a public works committee was formed including commissioners and Town Engineer Lamar Nix and ideas are becoming reality.

The committee suggested replac-

ing six planters on Main Street in front of Reeves and Highlands Suites Motel with a pilot design estimated to cost about \$2,000 each. The same planters are being built on Pine Street.

Nix's design brings the trees within the curbed planter farther away from the sidewalk and leaves room for either a bench, a garbage can or both.

At the May 19 Town Board meet-

ing, commissioners agreed to budget for the planters but to ask the Chamber of Commerce and merchants to help fund the benches and the trash cans.

Trash cans have been discussed at length by everyone – mostly because they are so expensive. Price points range from \$600 to \$1,200 per can and about 56 cans are needed in the

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## Retiring teachers, volunteers recognized at last Highlands School PTO meeting for 2004

At the final PTO meeting of the school year, Tuesday, May 11, Principal Jack Brooks commended the PTO for the outstanding work it has done for the school during his five-year tenure with Highlands School and this past year, in particular, he said.

"In the five years I've been here the PTO has brought \$150,00 into the school," he said. "Plus, more than 6,000 hours of volunteer service has been documented during the 2003-2004 school year and that's a phenomenal gift to the school."

He said parents and community members who work "hands-on" in the school and in the community is what Highlands is all about.

"I want to say thanks to everybody," said Brooks. "To the PTO, the

parents and the students who supported me as a principal all these years."



**Great Beginnings teacher Jodie Zoellner is retiring after 18 years at Highlands School.**

Photos by Kim Lewicki



**On behalf of the PTO, President Sherry Sims presented Principal Jack Brooks with "flowers of appreciation" as a "good-bye" gift.**



**Speech Assistant teacher Susan Bauknight is retiring after two years with Highlands School.**

**Coming off the board are Andrea Chalker, past president who served for 3 years; Anna Wilson who retired as senior parent rep and past treasurer for two years; and Rebecca Shuler who served as treasurer for two years.**





## ● LETTER TO THE EDITOR ●

### Opinions shouldn't be based on 'hear-say'

Dear Editor,

I'm compelled to write a rebuttal statement to Mr. James Jenkins' letter in the May 14 issue of Highlands' Newspaper.

I find it most interesting that Mr. Jenkins as an employee appears to be scratching his own back for personal betterment. First of all, a retired police officer of all people should know that one should never base an assumption on hearsay. Stating that he wasn't present at the meeting means his opinions refer to facts to which he has no firsthand knowledge.

There's always two sides to every story and I trust that the Macon County Board of Education will in the end, make the best possible decision regarding the best interest of "all children" who opt to attend Highlands School.

After all, isn't it all about our kids' welfare and their opportunity for a fair and unbiased education?

**Karen Reese  
Highlands**

## Old scouting techniques explored at 'Roundup'

Scouters from local Boy Scout Troop #207 presented an Old Scouter's Roundup Friday, May 14 at the new home of the old McCall cabin off Walden Way.

The troop cooked an old-fashioned meal with the help of a new-fashioned smoker but topped it off with dutch-oven cobbler cooked over the fire.

A travelling presentation showed scouting gear from 1910 and adult

scouters talked about scouting in 2004 and in the future.

Scouter Robbie Reed is the great grandson of Doshie McCall Wilson, the only living sibling of the McCall clan who grew up in the cabin at its original site in Clear Creek.

The USFS purchased the cabin, reassembled it on its present site. Eventually, the site will be a USFS visitor center and a living example of bygone days in the mountains

### ... NONPROFIT continued from page 1

the June 2 Town Board meeting. State law mandates the budget message be presented before the end of May but the final budget doesn't need to be adopted until June 30.

Over the next few months the commissioners will develop an application procedure similar to the Macon County Funding Pool's current procedure so nonprofits will have something to go by for next year.

Christy Kelly, director of the Peggy Crosby Center, said the county system works well, it's just time consuming. "It's a good model, one you may want to adopt, but it takes about a year for the process to be completed," she said.

Since the May 5 Town Board meeting, two more nonprofits have requested funds.

The Literacy Council requested \$6,473 and the Jackson-Macon Con-

servation Alliance requested \$4,118 for seed money to begin a fundraising campaign to help fight the Woolly Adelgid.

Other requests are from the Hudson Library (\$21,500), The Highlands Historical Society (\$20,000), The Peggy Crosby Center (\$32,500), and the Highlands Community Child Development Center (\$30,000). The town expects a request from the Macon County Humane Society but a specified amount hasn't been requested, yet.

Macon County budgets \$50,000 a year for nonprofits and the Macon County Funding Pool manages the money.

The Town of Franklin budgets \$60,000 a year and like Highlands, the town fathers administer the funds.

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### Warning: Don't become desensitized to life

When I don't know where I am going with a thought, I turn to the dictionary. Sensitive: to be affected by small amounts or changes. Readily or excessively affected by external influences. So, let's call desensitized, the opposite.



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

unexpected joy.

I wonder if we are becoming desensitized to life. One thing that makes life precious to me is to remember life is temporary. We are all going to die. We just don't know when. Make the most of your journey on earth.

Maybe we should live life like a thermometer. Paying attention to even the smallest changes in life and nature.

"What a wonderful life I've had! I only wish I'd realized it sooner."  
— Colette

I still have a Christmas wreath hanging outside and yes, I know it is May. It was hanging on my front door during the holidays and a bird has spent endless hours building a nest inside the wreath. I moved it from the door to my porch in hopes that the bird would continue to hang out there. For quite awhile, I thought I "shouldn't" have moved the wreath but just last week as I was walking toward my front door, I saw a bird in the nest. Not a big thing in life you might say and I would agree that to some it isn't, but for me it was just a little bit of

Maybe it's almost impossible to truly appreciate life while we're in the middle of it. To fully grasp the unspeakable miracle of things like clean sheets, hummingbirds, olives, or cold rain.

Maybe you have to get out of the fast lane to have time to appreciate life a bit more. In the internal environment of our hearts, we may be neglecting our love for others and life. If you are going too fast, it's difficult to bring beauty and love into our lives.

Nothing is more important than today. Are you enjoying the little things that life has to offer or are you letting them pass you by, seemingly going unnoticed? If I die tomorrow, at least I lived today!

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High school band performers got a standing ovation.

## Spring band performance a big hit

The Highlands School band played to a packed house, Tuesday, May 18, during its annual Spring Band Concert.

Band Director, Joe Powell, who took over for Ms. Teem when she transferred to Macon Middle School in February, said he is delighted and impressed with the calibre of students at Highlands School and in the band program.

Starting sixth-grade band students to veteran high school students wowed the audience with their renditions of "The Banana Boat Song,"

by the Sixth Grade Band, "Shake Rattle and Roll," by the Seventh Grade Band, "Sabre Dance," by the Eighth Grade Band and "It Don't Mean a Thing," by the High School Band – to name a few. Throughout the 15-song repertoire, the band students got several standing ovations.

Powell presented senior band students with plaques and they presented him with an autographed rock with the inscription "You Rock!" Ms. Teem was on hand to congratulate the students on a job well done and to say good-bye to the seniors.

The eighth-grade band played "Pink Panther," "Carolina Legend," "Sabre Dance," and "Louie, Louie"



The seventh-grade band performed "Shake, Rattle and Roll," "New World Symphony," and "The Funky Turtle."



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As a parting gift, senior band students presented Powell with an autographed rock. Ms. Teem delighted the audience when she showed up for a surprise visit.

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down town area.

"I do think we can do better than the ugly ones we have on Main Street now," said Commissioner Dennis DeWolf. "And I'm not opposed to approaching the business community about sharing the cost."

Commissioner Hank Ross suggested the town budget for and phase in the new cans over time. In the end, commissioners agreed to table the decision on the cans until they talk

with the Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioners agreed with the Public Works Committees recommendation to ask NC DOT to paint crosswalks across Fourth Street at Main, Maple and Laurel streets so that they will line up with existing sidewalks on both sides of Fourth Street. DOT is set to pave Fourth Street by July and the town will ask DOT to paint the crosswalks after paving is complete.

The public works committee also suggested budgeting for sewer line replacement and new construction along Poplar Street. The line would service the Highlands Conference Center, houses and businesses including town property in the vicinity of Poplar Street. Some homes along Hickory Street could benefit, too. It's expected to cost around \$280,000.

Commissioners agreed to budget \$5,000 to review the possibility of renovating, expanding or relocating Town Hall. But Commissioner Hank

Ross said he really didn't want to relocate Town Hall. "I like Town Hall and I think it's good that people can walk to it."

Commissioner said the \$5,000 to be budgeted is just for a preliminary study.

In light of the county commissioners suggestion to take over operations of the Highlands Rec Park, Town Administrator Richard Betz said he's budgeted for all operational costs except for the standard \$150,000 the county has been giving for the Rec Park over the years.

Like last year, the town made a 2004-2005 budget request of the county for half the operating expenses. It didn't come through last year and commissioners don't expect it to be allocated this year, either.

Town commissioners said the subject of the county operating the Rec Park isn't closed. "I think we should sit down with them and talk face to face about this," said Commissioner Herb James.

The board asked Betz to write a letter to County Manager Sam Greenwood, requesting a meeting.

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## Habitat to build homes for two families in 2004

The Morales family (left) – Jose, Frandisca, Juan and Jose of Franklin and the Green family (right) – Carlos, Christal, Chela and Griffin of Highlands have been chosen as recipients of housing through Macon County Habitat for Humanity for 2004.

As of 2003, Habitat has six families in Franklin, one family in Otto and three families in Highlands.

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We now has 6 Habitat families in Franklin, 1 in Otto and 3 in Highlands.

In 2004 MCHFH plans to double our annual build program with a house in Franklin and a house in Highlands. Our two 2004 families have just been selected, they are Jose' and Francisca Morales and their children Juan and Jose' in Franklin & Carlos and Christal Green and their children Chela and Griffin in Highlands.

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**Again, thank you Macon County! To God be the Glory!**

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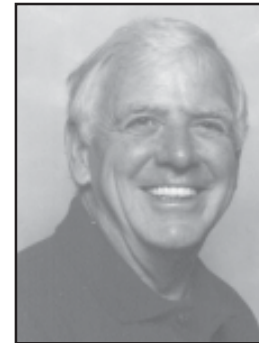
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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### For women only

**G**ather round, ladies, I have some wonderful news for you. Men, if you are reading this, stop now, 'cause this is not for you. OK, that said, let me give you gals some real important inside information about men that will help you get along better with them ... me ... us. I am an authority on this subject because I have been one for a very, very long time.



Fred Wooldridge

I know that a lot of you more cynical soft tails out there think that most men are shallow, unreceptive, uncaring, incommunicative, empty suits who are not interested in relationships and not very understanding. This is simply not true. We need more from our women than just showing up in the buff and bringing beer and pizza. We are complex creatures who also have needs and concerns. With just a few simple acts on your part, you can transform your relationship with your Martian into heavenly bliss. Here's how.

The single most important thing you can do when dealing with your man, at least once a year, tell him he is right. He doesn't even have to be right, just tell him he is. You will not believe what changes will occur if you can learn to say, "Gosh honey, you are right." I know it will be very difficult for you to form these words and practice is necessary. I suggest you go to a men's department store, walk up to a mannequin and say "You're right" several hundred times before trying it on your guy. Crossing your fingers behind your back also helps. If you are really smart, you will create a "You're Right" day, where, for a full 24 hours, no matter what he says or does, you agree. If you do this, I almost guarantee you will see a remarkable change in the number of times he leaves the toilet seat up, which brings me to the next item on how to better control your man.

Issue "Leave the toilet seat up" coupons. What you are doing here is giving him full approval to do whatever he wants with the toilet seat. When he decides to leave it up, he merely rips a coupon from his booklet and presents it to you. You are then required to leave

the seat up until its next use. Clever, huh?

Once all of this is accomplished, you are ready for phase two, control of the TV remote, also known as the clicker. Here, another major attitude change will be needed on your part. Giving up the remote for one hour does not mean you will lose control of the

entire relationship. I recommend two clickers at first, one for each of you. Your man's remote doesn't even have to work. He just needs something to hold in his other hand while sipping his beer and watching TV.

Now, since HBO's "Sex in the City" is finally over, (Thank God.) it is time for you to do a reality check on yourself and realize that men are not what that program suggested, a bunch of easily manipulated boneheads, only interested in sex, who could be controlled and cast aside as needed. What that program failed to recognize was that we would concede to all those things if we could only be right once a year.

Giving your man his very own remote and telling him he is right once in a while will give him a feeling of great power. Also, tell him he never has to watch the "Lifetime" channel again, even if it is not true.

I have saved the hardest adjustment for last. Keep your lip zipped while he is driving the car. I know you see this as his most vulnerable time and want to take full advantage of him at a time when he is concentrating on keeping you alive in heavy traffic, but avoid this temptation. I know you want to rag him over something you have strong feelings about and what better time than when he is busy and can't think of great come backs. Instead say, "You are such a good driver. Didn't you used to drive for NASCAR?" Or better still, "This is thrilling. Try taking the curves a little faster." Stuff like that.

And finally, when you decide to present him with his very own gift wrapped TV remote and his very own booklet of personally autographed toilet seat coupons, do so in the nude. Offer beer and pizza.





Photo by Laurel Magazine

Steve Perry deals cards to the gang from Jolies

## Monte Carlo Night now May 28

Monte Carlo Night is an opportunity for area residents and visitors to support the important work of the Highlands Literacy Council while having a great time. The council's free services include after-school and summer tutoring for school students, adult education, including GED preparation and English as a Second Language.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the date of the annual Monte Carlo night has been changed to Friday, May 28 at 5:30 p.m. This is a very enjoyable and important fundraiser for the work

of the Literacy Council. There will be food, fun, silent and live auctions and gaming tables.

Tickets are available now for \$35 each. This includes playing chips worth \$15 along with food and drinks. Chips earned at the gaming tables are redeemable for wonderful donated items at the silent or live auction.

Donations of auction items and food are now being accepted. For tickets and more information, call Angie at the Literacy Council at the Peggy Crosby Center at 526-9938, ext. 240.

## Innkeepers tour coming up

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Accommodations Association will co-sponsor an Accommodations Tour for Highlands Businesses on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25 and 26. The tour is open this year to business owners and their employees.

It will be held each evening from 5 to 7 p.m. The tours will begin at the Lodging Information kiosk next to Fireside restaurant at Wright Square. Maps of the different venues will be given to those going on the tour. The individual accommodations will furnish refreshments with some offering door prizes.

"We want the business people in Highlands to get a feel of the in-

dividual properties and what each has to offer so that they will feel comfortable in making recommendations," said Helene Siegel of the Accommodations Association.

Those properties that will participate both evenings are 4 1/2 Street Inn, Chandler Inn, Colonial Pines Inn, Hampton Inn, Highlands Inn, Highlands Suite Hotel, Main Street Inn, Mirror Lake Suites, Mitchell's Lodge & Cottages, Mountain High Lodge, and Old Creek Lodge. Kelsey & Hutchinson Lodge will be open for the Wednesday session only.

For more information, contact Missy Owens at the Visitors Center at 526-2112.

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## Vice principal Melissa Porter recognized

At Thursday night's scholarship presentation at PAC, Mayor Buck Trott took a moment to present Vice Principal Porter with a plaque of appreciation from the Secretary of Education in Washington, Rod Paige for her commitment to education.



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## • MOVIE PIX •

### The Siege

The 1998 political action thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Annette Bening, Tony Shaloub and Bruce Willis, written and directed by Edward Zwick.



Stuart Armor

Very suspenseful, pretty scary, well written and acted, a very realistic tone throughout the movie, even though the ending itself is a little "Hollywood," and not irrelevant, given the news of late.

The story line: FBI Anti terrorist experts Hubbard (Washington) and Haddad (flawlessly portrayed by one of my favorite actors, Tony Shaloub) are in New York City, working on a series of terrorist attacks.

As the number of incidents and body counts rise, the city reacts with predictable panic and all to realistic attacks on Moslems, Arabs, and, as happened after the September 11th attacks, assaults on Sikhs and Hindus as well. Public outrage and fear, and political pressure come to bear, the president invokes the War Powers Act and Martial Law is declared in NYC.

General Devereaux (good job by Willis here) gives several good and realistic speeches and descriptions regarding the awful potential of this decision, but Hollywood being Hollywood, his character is quickly turned into some kind of Neo-Facist, Dr. Strangelove-esque bad guy type. Elsie Kraft (great job by Bening), a CIA agent with a past, forms a reluctant alliance with the two FBI agents as they try to break up the terrorist rings.

Right up to the end, the story rings true, showing some realistic and disturbing events that could well take place. Lots of tension, twists, and some edge of your seat time in this film.

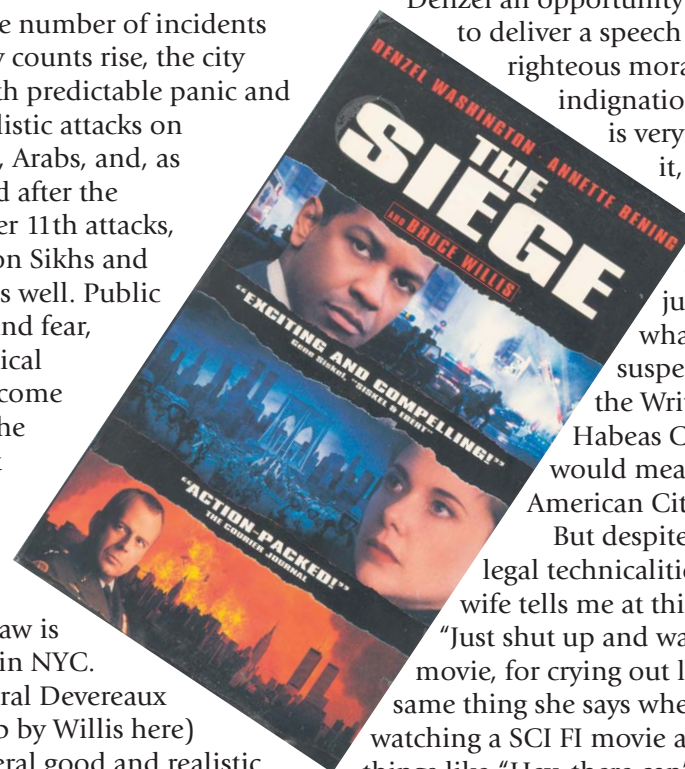
The last scene, while it does give Denzel an opportunity to deliver a speech of righteous moral indignation (and he is very good at it, as he always is) overlooks just exactly what a suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus would mean in an American City.

But despite a few legal technicalities (my wife tells me at this point "Just shut up and watch the movie, for crying out loud!" the same thing she says when we are watching a SCI FI movie and I say things like "Hey, there can't be a fire ball in space, there's no oxygen!"), it's a good, if disturbing, movie.

If you like this one, try Rules of Engagement, Courage Under Fire, Philadelphia, Bone Collector, Patriot Games, and Nick of Time.

These and about 5,000 other titles are available on VHS and DVD at Movie Stop Video, stop on by and give a look.

Would you like to serve on a Town committee or board? There are several openings on several boards. Call Town Administrator, Richard Betz for details at 526-2118.





## Recruits needed for 2004 class

Leadership Highlands is seeking nominations for its 2004-2005 class. Applications will be received beginning June 1 with the deadline for candidates to send in their completed applications being Wednesday, July 28. Although most nominations are received from previous Leadership alumni, self-nominations are welcomed.

Our Leadership Highlands program was founded in 1998 to benefit the community by identifying emerging and existing leaders, and encouraging increased participation in community and civic affairs – a “commitment to community”. Our classes are composed of business, professional, government and community service volunteers. We are a diverse group, seeking higher ground to build a better community by finding common ground with one another. There is a seat at our table for all walks of life.

Our mission is to enhance the development of long-term leadership in the Highlands community by:

- Identifying existing and emerging leaders from various segments of the community who have a sincere commitment to remain in the Highlands area.
- Acquainting the selected participants with a wide range of community issues, resources and opportunities that exist in Highlands.
- Increasing the leadership skills of participants and developing an *esprit de corps* which will enable them to work together effectively on present and future community projects.
- Providing the opportunity for participants to meet and exchange ideas with each other and other community leaders.
- Assisting participants in finding placement in volunteer roles in the Highlands community
- Acquainting participants with the

### Chamber Series

Friday, May 21 – “What you need to know about wage and hour laws,” by George May of Edwards Ballard from 10 a.m. to noon at the Conference Center. Cost is \$10.

Friday, May 21 – “What you need to know about employee benefit laws,” by Penny Wofford of Edwards Ballard from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Conference Center. Cost is \$10 or both seminars for \$15.

Leadership Highlands Alumni Association

The program runs from August 2004 through May 2005. The tuition includes an opening reception, an overnight opening retreat, seven full-day “special days,” a closing retreat, and a graduation program and dinner. Strict attendance policies are adhered to. Scholarships are available.

All graduates become a part of the Leadership Highlands Alumni Association that offers continuing education and additional opportunities to learn, bond and serve.

If you too love our area and have a sincere commitment to be a leader and serve, consider joining us. For nomination and application requests, call the Highlands Visitor Center (526-2112). If you would like additional information or have questions, call Jim Rothermel (526-5903).

## Mountain Garden Club elects officers



The Mountain Garden Club installed its officers for the upcoming year. From right, President Ginny Harris for a second term, First Vice President, Jeannie Chambers, Recording Secretary and Second Vice President, Nancy Bowen, Corresponding Secretary, Ann Maxwell, Treasurer, Caroline Cook and Parliamentarian, Joan Levinson. The Mountain Garden Club is most noted for its Spring Garden Sale and for being very benevolent by issuing scholarships and maintaining numerous garden areas in town.

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# Highlands School winning 2004 sports & their teams

## — VOLLEYBALL —

## — SOCCER —



Varsity Volleyball Team



Junior Varsity Volleyball Team

### Varsity volleyball team sets conference record

The Highlands Women's Varsity Volleyball team finished the regular season as conference champions with a 5-1 conference record, and became the conference tournament champions by winning an exciting four-game final match against Nantahala.

During the season, the Highlanders leader in aces, kills, digs, and blocks was Caitlin Rawlins, and was led in assists by Margie Potts and Janice Talley.

Alana Wilson, Kayla McCall, Angela Aspinwall, and Iyali Ruiz also aided the Highlands attack with good kills on well placed hits and good hustle.

Defensive specialist Jessica Potts and Rosalyn Ashburn

made some great saves and digs, and played well on defense the entire season. Serving specialist Anna Claire Sims did an excellent job of serving.

"The success of the Highlands varsity team this season was a combination of dedication, hard work, and coming together as a team and playing their best volleyball at the end of the season," said Coach Rick Rawlins. "Assistant coach Danielle Schmitt also did a great job working with the players." The manager for both varsity and JV was David Tilson, who also did a great job.

The Smoky Mountain Conference selected Highlands' seniors Caitlin Rawlins and Alana Wilson as All-Con-

ference players for the 2003 volleyball season. Both players have lettered three years on the varsity team at Highlands, and finished their high school career with a great senior season.

Highlands Junior Kayla McCall, also a three-year varsity player, received Honorable Mention for the All-Conference selections. All three players played at the outside hitter positions, and helped lead the Highlands team to the regular season and conference tournament championships.

Caitlin Rawlins was also selected as the Smoky Mountain Conference Volleyball Player of the Year for the 2003 season, and will play college volleyball next year at Columbia College in Columbia, S.C.

### JV volleyball finishes season as Conference champs

The Highlands Junior Varsity volleyball team finished their season as regular season and conference champions.

"Our girls had a good season, and they finished with a great conference tournament that gave them the regular season and conference tournament championships," said Coach Rick Rawlins.

The Highlanders were led by Callie Rawlins, Ramsey Ashburn, Maggie Dearth, Anna Trine, Toni Schmitt, Becca Ashburn, Becca Wyatt, and Leslie Wilson.

Other players on the JV team that have had an important role in the success of the team this year were Katie Bryson, Stephanie McCall, Sa-

rah Bates, Angela Sanchez, Tiffany Austin, and Maggie Rogers. The Highlanders are

### Coach Rick Rawlins Selected Smoky Mountain 'Coach of the Year'

Rick Rawlins was selected Smoky Mountain Volleyball Coach of the Year for the 2003 volleyball season after coaching the Highlanders to the regular season and conference tournament championships.

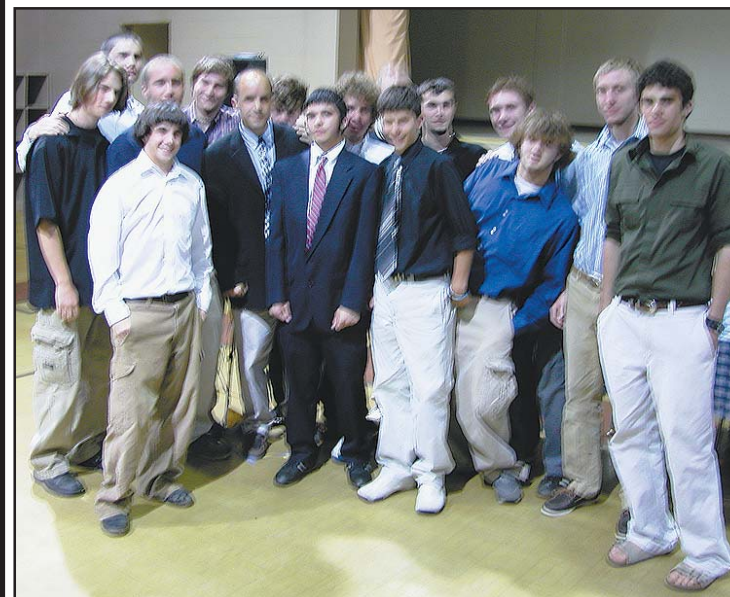
Rawlins has completed two years as the head coach of both the Highlands varsity and junior varsity teams, and has had winning seasons with both teams for both years.

"Our girls have shown a

great deal of improvement over the last two years, and I am very proud of what they have been able to accomplish," he said.

coached by Rick Rawlins and Assistant coach Danielle Schmitt.

Coach Rawlins has coached Rec. league soccer and softball since the family moved to Highlands in 1995, and was also the Rabun County High School girls and boys varsity soccer head coach during the 1995/96 season where he teaches mathematics.



Coach Mueller with his winning soccer teams at the Highlands School Athletic Banquet, Monday, May 17. Athletes representing all school sports were awarded pins, letters, certificates and trophies throughout the night.



### Soccer teams set records

#### — Mueller named 'Coach of the Year'

For two years Highlands School soccer teams have dominated the Smoky Mountain Conference Division 1-A. Their coach, Roger Mueller, has been named "Conference Coach of the Year" for both of these years.

Fall 2001 was Coach Mueller's first season at Highlands School. His team was a young group consisting of freshman girls and boys, sophomore boys, two junior boys and no seniors. The season was discouraging as the team lost game after game, however, Coach Mueller didn't give up! He worked the

team hard while encouraging them to stay in shape and practice soccer all year long. He also began laying plans for a new women's soccer team at Highlands School.

By the fall of 2002, Highlands School men's soccer had become a force with which to be reckoned. Not only did the team win the Smoky Mountain Conference title, but it also did so by going undefeated in the conference. The 2002 Highlands School men's soccer team made it to the third round of

▪ See SOCCER page 15



# Highlands School seniors awarded scholarships

Most of the 33 seniors of Highlands School graduating class of 2004 were acknowledged and honored by the Town of Highlands, countless community organizations and their prospective colleges at Senior Scholarship night, Thursday, May 13 at PAC. The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina which awarded 105 scholarships to seniors at 52 schools in 20 counties gave nine scholarships to Highlands School – more than at any other school in Western North Carolina. The Town of Highlands awarded a total of \$29,900 to seniors and continuing students – a total of 46 students. Awards were presented by Principal Jack Brooks, VP Dr. Melissa Porter, Mayor Buck Trott and organization representatives.

- Katy Betz (Valedictorian)**
- Highlands Roadrunners — \$500x4
  - First Presbyterian Church — \$1,000x4
  - Highlands Women's Club Bebe Kelly — \$1,000
  - Dorothy Wertzler Memorial — \$1,500x4
  - National Beta Club — \$1,000
  - Rotary Club International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands (Edith Joel) — \$1,500

- Caitlin Rawlins (Salutatorian)**
- Highlands Roadrunners — \$500x4
  - Highlands-Cashiers Board of Realtors — \$1,000
  - Rotary Club International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands (Jack Taylor) — \$1,500
  - Columbia College — \$18,000

- Cole Alexander**
- First Baptist Church — \$1,000x4
  - Stacey Russell — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$600
  - Nina Heffington — \$1,000x4
  - New Century Scholars — \$8,952

- Rosalind Ashburn**
- Rotary Club International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$1,000

- Cole Berg**
- Town of Highlands — \$800

- Kay Billingsley**
- Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Scaly Mtn. Woman's Club — \$500
  - Town of Highlands — \$700
  - Mars Hill — \$14,225

- Lauren Carnes**
- Nina Heffington — \$500x4
- Heather Dalton**
- Town of Highlands — \$500
  - Nina Heffington — \$500x4

- Miranda Dotson**
- Louis A. Edwards — \$500
  - Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Smoky Mtn. Quilters Guild — \$500
  - Jack Brockway — \$1,200
  - Gina & Lee Meyer — \$2,000x2
  - Reynolds Scholarship — \$2,000
  - Wake Forest College Scholarship — \$7,300

- Eric Fielding**
- New Century Scholars — \$8,952
- Paul Frederick**
- Episcopal Church of the Incarnation — \$2,000x2
  - Stacey Russell — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$700
- Meagan Gallira**
- Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$600
- Nathan Heffington**

- Scholarship — \$4,000x4
- NC Legislative Tuition Grant — 1,800x4
  - N.C. Contractual Scholarship — \$2,500x4
  - Founders Pfeiffer Grant — \$486x4
- Amber Manley**
- Highlands Women's Club — \$1,000
  - Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$500

- Margie Potts**
- Town of Highlands — \$800
  - Nina Heffington — \$1,000x4
- Brittany Potts**
- Lees-McRae College — \$3,500x4
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- Trent Reese**
- First Baptist Church — \$1,000x4
  - Highlands Woman's Club — \$1,000x4
  - Louis A. Edwards — \$500
  - Stacey Russell — \$1,000
  - Smokey Mtn. Quilters Guild — \$500
  - Town of Highlands — \$800
  - Nina Heffington — \$1,000x4
  - William Forster, Jr. & Nancy Forester Stevens — \$1,000x4
  - Gardner-Webb • Presidential Scholarship — \$5,000x4
  - Baptist Leaders — \$1,000x4
  - G-W Church Matching — \$1,000x4
  - N.C. Tuition Grant — \$1,800x4

- Brittany Shook**
- Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$800
- Anna Claire Sims**
- First Baptist Church — \$1,000x4
  - Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$800

- Danny Thomas**
- Town of Highlands — \$600
- Raymond Varn**
- Town of Highlands — \$600
  - Episcopal Church of the Incarnation — \$2,000x2
- Melissa Warren**
- Town of Highlands — \$700
- Stephen Warren**
- Town of Highlands — \$500
- Alana Wilson**
- Town of Highlands — \$500

## Highlands Rotary awarded 15 scholarships



Photo by Jim Lewicki

President of Highlands Rotary, Thomas Craig presented 15 scholarships to seniors Thursday night. From left, Kay Billingsley, Katy Betz, Roslind Ashburn, Rachel Lewicki, Amber Manley, Jessica Potts, Caitlin Rawlins, Brittany Shook, Anna Claire Sims, Trent Reese, Stephen Owens, Paul Frederick, and Cole Alexander. Not pictured are Miranda Dotson and Meagan Gallira.

- Wm. K. Stamey — \$2,000
  - N.C. Contractual Scholarship — \$4,000
- Pablo Escandon**
- Scaly Mtn. Woman's Club — \$500
  - Town of Highlands — \$500
  - Nina Heffington — \$1,000x4
  - New Century Scholar — \$8,952

- Town of Highlands — \$900
- Rachel Lewicki**
- Highlands Women's Club — \$1,000x4
  - Highlands Cashiers Realtors — \$1,000
  - Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$700
  - Nina Heffington — \$500x4
  - Pfeiffer University Legacy

- Stephen Owens**
- Episcopal Church of Incarnation — \$1,000x2
  - Highlands Women's Club — \$1,000x4
  - Stacey Russell — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$500
- Jessica Potts**
- Rotary International — \$1,000
  - Town of Highlands — \$600






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# Highlanders face final battles of 2004 season

**By: Margie Potts**  
12th Grade

## Highlands vs. Rabun Gap

Highlands baseball team battled Rabun Gap in a disappointing game April 29. However, the first pitch to the Highlanders was hit out of the park for a homerun by David (Buddy) Parrish. Later in the game Stephen Owens also hit a home run. Fielding errors gave Rabun Gap a 13-8 win.

## Highlands vs. Blue Ridge

The Highlanders lost a close game to the Blue Ridge Bobcats on May 4. With Highlands down 9-2 in the seventh inning, Allen Shearl, Stephen Owens and Tyler Wavra brought in six additional runs. The comeback brought Highlanders within one point of Blue Ridge for a final score of 9-8.

## Highlands vs. Andrews

Highlands played a double header against Andrews on May 7. Unfortunately, in the first game fielding errors resulted in a Highlands' loss 9-15.

Tyler Wavra hit a grand slam putting Highlands up by four in the second game to break a tie in the fourth inning. The fourth inning surge was short lived. Andrews came back in the fifth to win the game by one point.

## Highlands vs. Franklin

Highlanders battled Franklin in a strong fight that would turn out to be a loss. The boys stayed tied up for the majority of the game allowing for one extra inning. Franklin scored two more runs in the top of the eighth inning.

Then in the bottom of the eighth, Allen Shearl hit a homerun bringing in one additional run. With the bases

loaded in the bottom of the eighth, two outs, and a chance to win, Highlands left the runners stranded, and Franklin took the win 11-10.

"Our bats really picked up in this game, and our defense went with few errors," commented senior co-captain Stephen Owens.

## Highlands vs. Hiwassee Dam

Highlands' baseball team played their final game of the season against Hiwassee Dam on May 12. Fielding especially well was Nathan Heffington, first baseman. Stephen Owens pitched well consistently throughout the game.

Tyler Wavra displayed exceptional batting along with Allen Shearl who batted in David (Buddy) Parrish, Highlands' only run of the game. Highlands and Hiwassee stayed tied 1 to 1 up until the third inning when Hiwassee scored two more runs. Unfortunately, Highlands was unable to score any additional runs. Hiwassee took the win 3-1.

"It was a rebuilding year so it was frustrating at times but overall it was a good experience for the whole team" said senior Nathan Heffington.

"I think our team has improved every day in all phases of the game. Our pitching, hitting, fielding, hard work and enthusiasm have vastly improved. Our players have given their all every day in every situation," said coach Brett Lamb.

"With a year off in our program, we are behind all other teams. However, I think that with the players' great attitudes and dedication we are a team our school can be proud of," said Lamb.

# May blood drive at H-C Hospital

One out of every three persons will need a blood transfusion some time in his or her life.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and AnMed Regional Blood Center will conduct their joint blood drive May 25 and 26. The AnMed bloodmobile will be at the Highlands Civic Center on Tuesday, May 25 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Wednesday, May 26, it will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and at the library in Cashiers from 2-5 p.m.

Each unit serves the needs of up to four different patients. Red cells are separated and used to help accident victims and those who need transfusions

as a result of surgery. Platelets are used to treat those undergoing chemotherapy and who suffer from other types of illness. The plasma stock derived from each unit is used for burn victims, while other elements are removed and given to hemophiliacs and other patients with clotting deficiencies.

Anyone 17 years or older can give blood. If you are taking medication, you can still give, just bring the name of the medication with you.

Those uncertain whether they can donate, should come to the blood drive and let the AnMed officials determine their eligibility through the donor screening process.



## Peregrine's opens at the Cove



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Owner and head chef, Nick Figel and General Manager, Tori Madagucci of Peregrine's Restaurant and Bar at Highlands Cove welcomed Mayor Buck Trott and about 200 other folks to the restaurant, Sunday, May 16 for a sampling of wine, drinks, appetizers, entrees and desserts. The restaurant features three dining rooms each with its own theme – The Greenside Terrace, Personalized Dining, and the Peregrine Bar. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner. Call 787-2465 for reservations.

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the state playoffs where they lost to Surry Central 3-2.

By the spring of 2003 Coach Mueller fielded the first high school women's soccer team to represent Highlands School. The women's first season was as frustrating as Coach Mueller's first 2001 men's season. But he encouraged the women to work hard, stay in shape and practice.

Last August 11, Highlands School men's soccer began the 2003 season with an exciting 2-1 win over Franklin High School. Once again, Mueller coached the Highlanders to the Smoky Mountain Conference title and a second straight year of undefeated conference games. Sadly, the season ended in the first round of the state playoffs, when during a torrential rain, Highlands suffered a heartbreaking loss to South Stokes.

This spring the Lady Highlanders hard work paid off when they won the Women's Smoky Mountain Conference title. The women went undefeated in their conference, but ended their season in the second round of the state playoffs with a loss to Forbush.

Coaching one team to a confer-

ence title in such a short span of time is admirable, but winning three championships in two years is phenomenal! Playing in Division 1-A means that Highlands School with a total of about 140 high school students plays against high schools with up to 700 students. The largest schools in Smoky Mountain Conference average approximately 550 students.

In addition to Highlands School, Smoky Mountain Conference men's soccer includes Hiawassee Dam High School, Blue Ridge School, Hayesville High School, Andrews High School, Murphy High School and Swain County High School. Each team plays the other two times during the season. Women's Smoky Mountain Conference includes Cherokee High School, Andrews High School, Murphy High School and Highlands School.

At the end of the season high school soccer coaches meet to vote on the All Conference Team as well as pick the Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Coach Roger Mueller for having been selected Smoky Mountain Conference Soccer Coach of the Year for 2002 and 2003!



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Your ancestors were monkeys...

At least that is what most of our children have been taught over the past two generations. This theory, first proposed by Charles Darwin more than a century ago, was controversial when first presented. Still in its infancy, the theory suggested that all living things had evolved by random chance from the simplest of organisms, and that humans had evolved from apes. Darwin's theory remains controversial to this day – primarily because it has not been supported by scientific facts.

#### **What is different now?**

This Darwinian tradition of random evolution often ignores the growing body of scientific evidence that indicates that our universe could not have progressed by random chance. And yet, in most of our public schools only Darwin's theory of evolution is taught. No reference is made to the scientific concept that all living beings are part of a planned and intelligent design.

Respected scientists and scholars continue to introduce compelling evidence that is often in marked contrast to many key elements of Darwin's theory. This approach to understanding the origin of life is called "Intelligent Design." Many scientists agree that our universe had a beginning...so it would follow that there was a designer. New research into the complexities of DNA introduces

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## • PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU •

#### **Blue Valley Baptist Church**

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965

Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11

Sunday night services every second and fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

#### **Buck Creek Baptist Church**

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

First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329

Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

Sundays: Worship – 10 a.m.; school & primary

classes – 11 a.m.; Women's & Men's Org. – noon

Tues: Women's Org. – 6:30 p.m.; Library – 6-8 p.m.

Wednesdays: Boy Scouts of America mtg. – 6:30 p.m.; Young women's activities – 6:30 p.m.

#### **Christ Anglican Church**

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Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 7 p.m.

#### **Community Bible Church**

(Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685

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Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45

Wed: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Guys Sr. High Discipleship – 6

#### **Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**

Interim Priest: Stephen Hines, 526-2968

Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Bible Study & Book Study

classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;

Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.

Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4

Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8

Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

The Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel 14

#### **First Baptist Church**

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sundays: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30

p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.;

Choir – 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6

p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

#### **First Presbyterian Church**

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175

Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m. (child care at 11

a.m.); School – 9:30 & 9:45.

Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;

Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5

#### **Highlands Assembly of God**

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

#### **Highlands 7th-Day Adventist Church**

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study

Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

#### **Highlands United Methodist Church**

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376

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Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study & activities – 6 p.m.

#### **Lutheran Church of the Holy Family – ELCA**

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Parish office, 526-2418

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Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

#### **Scaly Mountain Baptist Church**

Rev. Clifford Willis

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

#### **Scaly Mountain Church of God**

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Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

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

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#### **Shortoff Baptist Church**

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

#### **Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**

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Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)

Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

#### **Westside Baptist Church**

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Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby

Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

#### **Whiteside Presbyterian Church**

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

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



# ● UPCOMING EVENTS ●

## On-Going

- It's time to preregister for summer camps and other programs at the Highlands Nature Center. Four different camps are being offered this year: "Amazing Animals," "NatureWorks," "Junior Ecologists," and "Mountain Explorers." Descriptions and dates for each camp are available at [www.wcuedu/hibio/ncschedule.html](http://www.wcuedu/hibio/ncschedule.html), or by calling the nature center. A different camp will run each week (Tuesday - Friday), in June (session 1), and will be repeated in July (session 2). Space is limited. To sign up, please call 828-526-2623. When calling, please indicate the title and session of the camp you want your child to attend.

- 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.

## May 21

- County League Fall Soccer sign up for 5-15 year olds, 6-8 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Need birth certificate, \$40 registration fee - \$35 for each additional child.

- Singer-song writer Angela Faye will perform at Buck's Coffee Cafe Friday, May 21 at 8:30 p.m.

- "What You Need to Know About Wage and Hour Laws," by Penny Wofford of Edwards Ballard from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Cost is \$10.

## May 22

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

- The Macon County Baptist Association is hosting a "Mission Fair" on Saturday, from 12-4 p.m. until at the Macon County Fairgrounds. The Fair spotlights mission activities in Macon County as well as around the world. Those attending will see first-hand how Macon County benefits from missions. Local volunteer agencies and churches will display services and ministries that reach out to those hurting and in need. For more information call Melissa Leatherman at

524-7092.

- Bel Canto Children's Choir's Benefit Gala is at the Franklin Fine Arts Center 7:30 p.m. Bel Canto will be performing a variety of sacred and secular classical music as well as Broadway, pop and show tunes, complete costumes and sets. Bel Canto's 28 girls and boys, ages seven to 14 will be presenting selections from Oklahoma, Beauty and the Beast, Les Miserables, and Newsies, to name a few. Tickets to the Benefit Gala are available

Seniors to be in the fellowship hall no later than 2:30 p.m. Wear caps and gown and dress code applies.

## Week of May 24

- The Town has designated the week of May 24 as Spring Cleanup Week this year. Residents may arrange for the collection of white goods, such as old washing machines or refrigerators, during that week by calling the Town Office at 526-2118 during business hours, 8 a.m. - 4:30

## Ray Reese Sings Mountain Memories

Son of a carpenter and a florist, Highlands-born Ray Reese describes himself as a jack of eight trades and master of none. From caddy to painter, carpenter's aid, actor, minister, insurance agent, chemist, and poet, Ray grew up in the Highlands of the 1930s through the '50s "when country bread was homemade," "a dollar was worth a simple and fun."



Rev. Ray Reese

Rev. Ray Reese, now living in Concord, N.C., has penned a book of poetry, called Mountain Memories, which recounts his early life in the Highlands when friendship was like a road to heaven. A devout Baptist he married a South Carolina belle with hair as red as his own and had three red-haired kids: a radio announcer, a highway patrolman, and a fireman, who all need one another, as "families are special."

"Good-bye tension, hello pension" is Ray's theme in retirement, but like all who left Highlands to live in the valley, he knows "way down deep in his soul" that "you can take the man out of the mountains, but you cannot take the mountains out of the man." He's the old man of the Piedmont who still longs for the hills.

Rev. Reese's "Mountain and Piedmont Memories" is now available for his "cousins by the dozens" and "good friends" of Highlands at Cyrano's Bookshop.

at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Corbin Agency, Dalton's Christian Bookstore, and Smoky Mountain Video. For more information, call 369-3699 or 371-0480.

- Mirror Lake Improvement will have a workday (litter pick up) 9 a.m. Meet at Thorn Park.

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club is serving a complete seated breakfast of homemade pancakes, meat, coffee and juice from 7-11 a.m. at the Scaly mtn. Ski Lodge. Proceeds go to area agencies and local scholarships.

## May 23

- Baccalaureate at Highlands United Methodist Church at 3 p.m.

p.m. Monday through Friday.

- "Credit Card Fraud and Shoplifting," by Sheriff Robbie Holland from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Cost is \$10.

## May 25 & 26

- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and AnMed Regional Blood Center will conduct their joint blood drive. The AnMed bloodmobile will be at the Highlands Civic Center on Tuesday, May 25 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Wednesday, May 26, it will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. and at the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers from 2-5 p.m.

## May 27, 28 & 29

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, Introduction to Soap Carving - This workshop is for students 8 to 14 yrs. of age. Soap carving will take place from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the gallery. The cost is only \$35 and includes all materials and tools. Sign up your child or grandchild now the class is filling fast!

## May 28

- Monte Carlo Night at the Conference Center at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Highlands Literacy Council. Tickets are \$35 and include gaming chips worth \$15. For tickets and more information, call 526-9938, ext. 240.

## May 29

- Highlands School graduation practice is at 9 a.m. The real thing is at, 7 p.m. at Highlands Civic Center.

## May 30

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 4.6 mile hike from Rock Gap along the Appalachian Trail and down Long Branch Trail. There will be an elevation gain of 900 feet. Meet at the Westgate Shopping Center in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for info.

## June 5

- This year, the Highlands Historical Society's annual fundraiser is called "Swinging on Satulah" because it's at the Elliot House on Satulah Mountain. A shuttle will leave from the gazebo on Pine Street at 6 p.m. Dinner will be prepared by "Let Holly Do The Cooking." Tickets are \$125 per person and will be sold in advance. For reservations, call Wiley Sloan at 526-5938

- The Audubon Society is hosting a field trip at Chestnut Hill featuring local breeding birds. Carpool at the Town Hall parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Call 787-1387 or 526-2775 for more information.

- Herb Fair at East Palmer in Franklin from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring culinary and medicinal herb plants, organic produce, naturopathic on site; wreaths & baskets. For more information call Darlene at 349-3024.

## June 6

- Second Annual Meeting of the Rustic Falls Homeowners Association at the home of Barry and Debbie Boher at 3 p.m. Call 787-1164.



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significant questions regarding Darwin's theory of gradual evolution. Each living being has its own unique set of DNA instructions in each of its cells, and those instructions, even for

the simplest of organisms, are irreducibly complex. No body of empirical evidence suggests that DNA can evolve.

### Evidence of a Designer

In his article, The Intelligent

Design Movement – Challenging the Modernist Monopoly on Science, Phillip E. Johnson suggests that asking the right questions in order to support fact rather than philosophy further supports Intelligent Design:

"The question for now is not

whether the vast claims of Darwinian evolution conflict with Genesis, but whether they conflict with the evidence of biology... I put this simple question to the Darwinian establishment: What should we do if empirical evidence and materialist philosophy are going in different directions? Suppose, for example, that the evidence suggests that intelligent causes were involved in biological creation. Should we follow the evidence or the philosophy? This is where the "Intelligent Design" movement's strategy comes in: to get the intellectual world discussing a new and possibly unwelcome question. It is not enough just to write a book or make an argument. We have to inspire a lot of people to start doing intellectual work based on the right questions, work of such high quality and persuasive force that the world cannot avoid discussing it."

Through asking the right questions and through careful consideration of Intelligent Design, we can inspire others to become informed about the facts. We are all educators in some capacity. Solid evidence can be presented in schools and in the public arena that challenges Darwinian theories and points us in the direction of a God who designed the universe.

### Conference Goals

- Present sound proof from a wide range of scientific research as verification of Intelligent Design.
- Educate participants about the compelling scientific evidence that dispels Darwinian evolution.
- Inform teachers, educational leaders and parents about legal rights when bringing Intelligent Design concepts into the classroom.
- Provide resources to aid teachers in developing effective teaching formats.
- Show young people the truth of Intelligent Design in order to prepare them for other theories they will receive in colleges and universities.

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# Land Stewards begin fifth year of service

**By Mercedes Heller**  
Contributor

The Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau (LSHP) are entering their fifth year of serving the community. Newly elected Chair, Glenda Bell and co-chair, Linda David, are eager to continue the programs and projects begun in the past four years.

In addition, new educational information is being developed on "Tree Substitutes for the Native Hemlocks in the Landscape." With the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and the Audubon Society, a brochure informing the public of native trees, shrubs, and flowers that provide food and shelter for birds is underway.

Recently the Land Stewards began a program called Partners in Stewardship where practitioners of responsible land stewardship are publicly recognized for their contributions to preserving the environment.

The organization is committed to both the preservation of native flora and maintaining the biodiversity of the Highlands Plateau. Its mission is to promote responsible land stewardship and preservation of native plant species through education and community service. To accomplish its mission the organization has done several things.

- A brochure, "Designing Your Home and Gardens to Preserve the Beauty of Our Mountains" is distributed at key sites in the community.

- Producing the brochure "Flowering Times of Native Wildflowers of the Highlands Plateau."

- Working with the Bascom-Louise Gallery, the Land Stewards have presented art exhibits including photography and paintings of native plant species.

- Community service programs include an Identifier Program and a Rescue Program. The Rescue Program's purpose is to save indigenous plants that are in the path of development.

- An Outreach Program helps organizations in other areas that are



**Glenda Bell and Linda David, (seated) newly elected Chair and Co-Chair of the Land Stewards receive congratulations from the out-going Chair and Founding Chair, Mercedes Heller.**

experiencing the same problems with rapid development and threatened loss of biodiversity.

- Provided educational opportunities for readers of local newspapers.

- Winter tree identification seminars are offered annually. Dr. Robert Wyatt has conducted those classes for the past two years. All who want to learn more about identifying native wildflowers are invited to join wildflower hikes each spring, which are led by Jim Whitehurst. Both are open to all in the community.

The last four years have been very challenging and rewarding for this group of representatives from the two local garden clubs and the volunteers who assist them in their mission.

More information is available by calling either 526-8730 or 526-9902; or email [landstewards@aol.com](mailto:landstewards@aol.com).

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## • POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of May 13-19 The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

#### May 13

- At 9 a.m., officers responded to a call of a transient on church property.
- At 9:09 p.m., police responded to a call about construction noise at the Highlands School gym.

#### May 14

- At 1:35 a.m., officers responded to a call of a broken water pipe at Town Hall.
- At 12:50 p.m., officers responded to a minor accident between two vehicles on U.S. 64 east and Memorial Park Drive. There were no injuries. One of the drivers was cited for failing to reduce speed.
- At 7 p.m., officers responded to a barking dog complaint on Foreman Road.
- At 8:15 p.m., officers were called to the magistrate's office in Town Hall to help with a disruptive person.

#### May 15

- At 8 a.m., officers responded to a barking dog complaint on Foreman Road.
- At 5:20 p.m., a breaking and entering was reported.
- At 10:35 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was reported on Heatherwood Lane.

#### May 18

- At 6:35 a.m., a motorist was cited for improper passing at U.S. 64 east and Foreman Road.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of May 13-19

#### May 13

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Mountain High Lodge. The victim was transported to the hospital.

#### May 14

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hemlock Woods Drive. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the magistrate's office at Town Hall. The person was transported to the hospital.

#### May 15

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Highlands Point Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to the call of smoke on Hemlock Woods Drive. It was a controlled burn.
- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Eckerd Living Center. It was false.

#### May 16

- The dept. responded to the call of an accident near Hicks Road; it was unfounded.

#### May 18

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N.C. 106. The victim was transported to the hospital.

#### May 19

- The dept. responded to an accident at N.C. 106 and Turtle Pond Road. One person was transported to the hospital.



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## Puzzle at the White House

— You won't find easy pieces in this jigsaw —

By Barbara Lawrence  
Contributor

Forget the stamped cardboard jigsaw puzzles that you see in stores. Betsy Stuart's handcrafted creations are several cuts above the rest.

Former President and First Lady Barbara Bush bought one of Betsy's puzzles — a picture of New York's skyline — to take on the

couple's 12-day Aegean cruise. Mrs. Bush said, "It drove us crazy, we loved it"

From her log home in Maine, Betsy Stuart with half a dozen craftspeople, turn out about 2,000-hand -cut one of a kind wooden puzzles each year. As well as George and Barbara Bush, customers include Ivana Trump, and designer Oscar de la Renta. The puzzles sell from \$30 for a simple design to \$3,000 for an intricate pattern. Prints are first mounted on mahogany plywood. The cutting is designed to challenge, and fake corners appear at random in the center of the puzzle. Every puzzle has embedded within it a piece shaped like an elm tree, and each corner leaves a thumbprint, such as an angel, horseshoe or rose. Said Stuart "It's a great way for the family to relax and talk, It's amazing what comes out when you're sitting around a puzzle."

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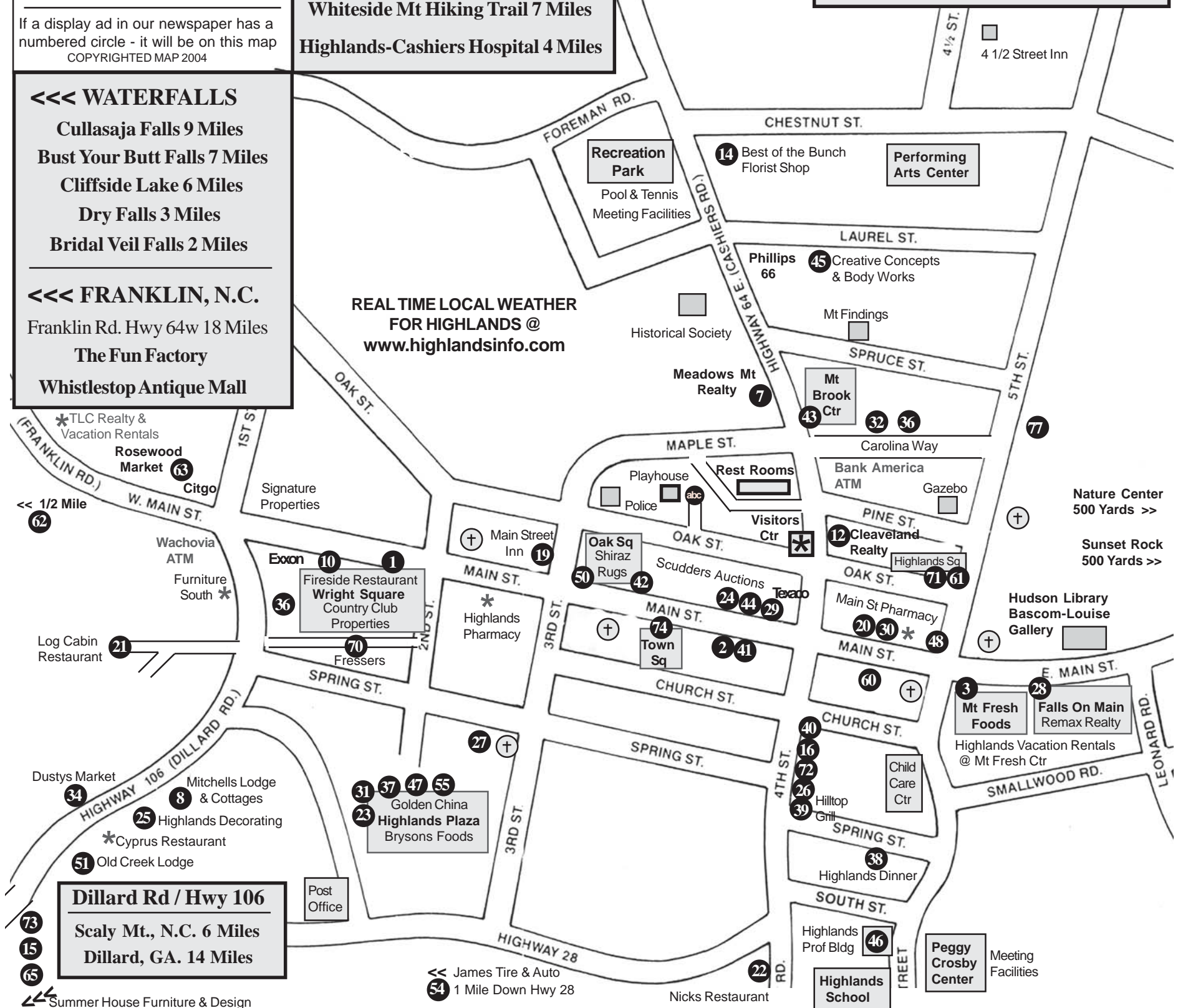
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