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Friday, August 12, 2005

- Live music at Jack's at Skyline Restaurant every Friday and Saturday nights.
- "Jerry's Girls" at Highlands Playhouse through Aug. 21. Call 526-2695 for tickets.
- Live Music at Buck's Thurs.-Sat., 8-11 p.m.
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- Live music at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-10 p.m.
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Aug. 11

- Live music at SweetTreats from 7-10 p.m. from 7-10 p.m.: Carol Guise, piano
- At B-L Gallery, a lecture, "Collecting Wood Art Works" by Arthur & Jane Mason at 7 p.m.
- The Rev. John Shelby Spong, presents "The Christ Story Posed Against the New Diagnosis" at PAC at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 11-13

- At Acorn's - Detra Kay Jewelry and Flying fig Scarves, Trunk Show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Aug. 12

- Live music at SweetTreats from 7-10 p.m.: Kevin Bolick, guitar and vocals
- Mary Lee Malcolm will sign copies of *Silent Lies* on Friday from 1-3 p.m. at Cyrano's Bookshop.

Aug. 12-13

- Fair Trade Coffee Fair at Buck's at 8 p.m. Fri. and tasting with Campesino at 4 p.m. Sat.

Aug. 13

- Live music at SweetTreats from 7-10 p.m.: Carol Criminger, vocals & Jerry Lambert, keyboard.
- 125th Anniversary of Highlands' Inn.

Aug. 14

- Audubon Annual Picnic, Highlands Rec Park, 5 p.m. All are welcome, please call 526-2775.

Aug. 15

- The Rev. John Shelby Spong, presents "Christ Our Passover: Breaking the Power of Death" at PAC at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 16

- Live music at SweetTreats from 7-10 p.m.: Bobby Sullivan, keyboard and vocals.

Aug. 17

- Interlude at the Episcopal Church featuring Brevard College artists Kathryn Palmer, pianist and David Kirby, clarinetist, 2 p.m. It's free.

- Highlands School Athlete Physicals, at the Peggy Crosby Center. Girls: 3 p.m.; Boys: 4 p.m. Forms at the school - must be signed by parents.

Aug. 18

- Music and dancing at Fressers in Helen's Barn, 8-12 p.m.

- Relay for Life Survivor Dinner at CBC at 6.

- Live music at SweetTreats from 7-10 p.m.: Bobby Sullivan, keyboard and vocals

- The Rev. John Shelby Spong, presents "My Struggle for a Christianity of Integrity, Love, and Equality" at PAC at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18-20

- HCP's "Dearly Departed," opens Thursday at PAC at 8 p.m. Call 526-2084

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Positive changes at Police Dept.

By Kim Lewicki
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The look and feel of the Highlands Police Department is changing inside and out.

The tiny space the department

occupies on Oak Street is getting a much needed face-lift with new flooring and rugs, a fresh coat of paint and lots of reorganizing and renovations.

Structuring within the department is

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The race for Highlands Town Board



**Mayorial
Candidate
Mayor Buck
Trott**



**Mayorial
Candidate
Zeke Sossomon**



**Mayorial
Candidate
Don Mullen**



**Commissioner
Candidate
Amy Patterson**



**Commissioner
Candidate
Hank Ross**



**Commissioner
Candidate
Eric Pierson**



**Commissioner
Candidate
James Manley**



**Commissioner
Candidate
Larry Rogers**

Learn about them on page 2

Town Board candidate lineup

It looks like this year's Highlands Town Board race will be an interesting one.

Three candidates are running for mayor - incumbent Mayor Buck Trott, Zeke Sossomon and Dr. Don Mullen.

Five candidates are running to fill two seats on the Town Board - incumbents Dr. Amy Patterson and Hank Ross, Eric Pierson, James Manley and Larry Rogers.

Terms for both the mayor and commissioners are four years. The terms alternate so every two years there is an election for either two commissioners and a mayor or three commissioners. Alternating off the board means the board is nev-

er made up of all new people.

Election Day is Nov. 8. Precincts open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Highlands' polling place is the Highlands Civic Center.

The deadline to register to vote in Macon County is Oct. 14 at 5 p.m.

Absentee voting by mail begins Friday, Oct. 7 at 5 p.m. The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Tuesday, Nov. 1 by 5 p.m. The last day for absentee ballots to be returned to the Macon County Board of Elections at 5 West Main Street, Franklin, N.C. 28734, is Nov. 7 at 5 p.m. - the day before the election.

For more information call 349-2034.

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Work to start on Bowery Rd. Mon., Aug. 15

By Kim Lewicki
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Work on Bowery Road is set to begin Monday, Aug. 15.

NC DOT originally scheduled the job for mid-September but when supplies for another job failed to come in, the department decided to pull of it and move on to the Bowery Road project.

Wesley Grindstaff, with NC DOT said a "promised" pre-construction meeting will take place Friday, Aug. 12, 11 a.m. at Town Hall.

"We're actually going to be mobilizing on Monday, but we want to talk to the residents in the area so they know what to expect," said Grindstaff.

NC DOT accepted the recommendations of Mary Pope with DOT's historical commission branch, as to how construction should progress through the historic designated area. The first seven-tenths of the road are listed on the National Register as the Playmore/Bowery Road Historic District.

She recommended an 18-ft. road built without curbs, that the roadway be covered with a chip and seal surface to maintain the its rural character and that clearing along the road be kept to a minimum.

"Some areas won't have to be cleared to the edge of the right-of-way," said Mayor Buck Trott. "Some curves will have to be adjusted, but bank slopes and crews will keep clearing to a minimum."

Work on Bowery Road culminates years of legal battles between the town which has opted to improve Bowery Road and then turn it over to DOT and residents along the first-seven tenths who wanted the road to remain as it is.

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Why should I be the next mayor of Highlands?



Mayor Buck Trott

When the Highlands voters make a decision as to who will be their mayor for the next four years, consideration must be given to past performance.

I honestly feel that during my eight years as mayor the record of successful accomplishments will withstand the most critical review. Each success reflects improvements for the total community.

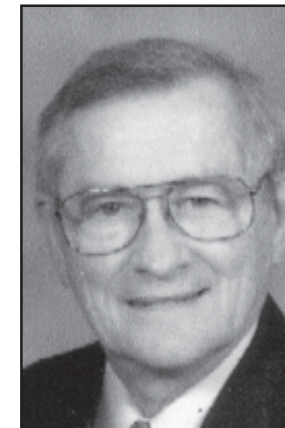
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Zeke Sossomon

Highlands' Mayor needs several things: Some history — to remember where we came from to get to where we are; Some vision — to have an idea of where we can go from here; Some common sense — to learn what's best for all of us, and what can really be done to accomplish this; Some ability — to explain the choices we have and why we do what we do in a way that everyone can understand;

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Dr. Don Mullen

As a seventh generation western North Carolinian I have a deep love not only for this area but for the people of our area of this state. With my experience in international (medical missionary activities in many developing countries for the past 25 years), national (both medical and religious organizations), and local (board membership on several not-for-profit organizations) activities I think

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Why should I be a Town Board Commissioner?



Dr. Amy Patterson

The job of town commissioner has practical and philosophical components that are both important.

A good commissioner does her/his homework and takes the time to learn and digest the facts. Consistent, logical decisions are

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Hank Ross

Highlands and the surrounding area is growing and will continue to grow. We must respect the rich traditions of our town and the people who live here by better managing this growth. We should have only the growth that enhances

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Eric Pierson

I believe I will be a good commissioner for several reasons.

Being born and raised here and the fact that my family has lived here for many generations, I feel that I have a vested and true interest in the town. I want to see

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James Manley

I have lived in Highlands all my life. I have nothing to gain by being on the Town Board, I would just like to try to do what's best for the town.

As chief of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., I am called upon to make major decisions in life-threatening

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Larry Rogers

Having been a life-long resident of Highlands, I have seen it grow and change in a tremendous way. Since we all know that growth is a part of every town, I would like to be someone that the people can talk to if they have a question or

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Brian Starr artwork (left) won the adult division category for the Cajun Festival Poster Contest and Corey Baldwin won the children's division.

Poster winners kick off festival

Many thanks to everyone who entered the Cajun Music and Dance Festival Poster Contest. We had two winners in the adult division. Brian Starr will have his original art appear on the poster designed by Bonnie Earman. It is a great poster and captures the flavor and energy of the festival. Corey Baldwin won in the children's division and will receive two tickets to the festival and a gift basket from The Toy Store.

The Cajun Dance and Music Festival is a fundraiser for the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center and will take place at PAC on Sunday, September 4 at 6 p.m. The Atlanta Swamp Opera will be performing with dance lessons by Carolina Cajun Dance and some great Cajun cuisine provided by Let Holly Do The Cooking and Don Leon's Deli Cafe. All of the art work of those participating in the poster contest will be on display for viewing.

Buy your tickets now at The Toy Store, PAC, Let Holly Do The Cooking or Don Leon's Deli Cafe. Don't miss the big fun this Labor Day Weekend!

• OBITUARIES •

Fern Wiley Reuter

Fern Wiley Reuter, age 87, of Highlands, died Monday, August 8, 2005 in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was a native of Meridan, Miss., a daughter of the late William F. and Leona Chaney Wiley. She was married to the late Frederic Luther Reuter. She had worked for a collection agency. She attended Highlands First Presbyterian Church. She is survived by a special friend, Alice Gadilhe of Highlands and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 10, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Hunter Coleman officiating. Burial was in the Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Highlands First Presbyterian Church, PO Box 548, Highlands, N.C., 28741.

Byrant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Martha W. Mangum

Martha W. Mangum, 79, a longtime Highlands resident, died after a short illness, August 8, 2005 at her home.

She was preceded in death by her husband Dr. C.T. "Mike" Mangum.

She was born in Eden, N.C., to Alice and Homer Wright and attended Greensboro College and Wake Forest University.

In Highlands, she was an avid bridge players, gardener, artist and reader. She regularly sketched scenes of the Highlands plateau.

She is survived by nine children and stepchildren: daughter, Alice Welden and her husband David of Powder Springs, Ga.; son Tim Kirkpatrick and his wife Anne of Chapel Hill, N.C.; son Michael Kirkpatrick and his wife Susan of W. Palm Beach, Fla.; son John Kirkpatrick of Louisville, Ky.; stepdaughter, Dr. Michele Mangum and her husband Jim Stiles of Highlands; stepdaughter Marsh Gunnell of Providence, N.C.; stepson, Geoff Mangum and his wife Anne of Greensboro, N.C.; stepson, Steve Mangum and his wife Beth of Marietta, Ga.; and stepson, Michael Mangum of Eden, N.C.

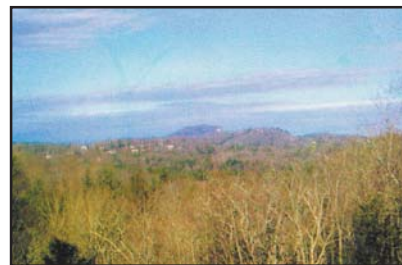
She is also survived by brothers Homer Wright and James Wright of Eden, N.C.

A memorial service was held Thursday, August 11, 2005 at Highlands Memorial Park. Pastor Eddie Ingram of Highlands United Methodist Church presided.

Memorials may be made to Highlands United Methodist Church's Bolivia mission.

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Yearly "They and Them" Gadfly Report

Yes, it's that time of year again when I make a serious (ha) attempt to dispel rumors, make predictions and set the record straight on our many social and political happenings going on right here in Highlands. Here is my grand report.

Norma Rae Wellington arrived in



Fred Wooldridge

town from Climax, Georgia and announced to all eligible males that she is looking for a beau. Mike Smith, of Highlands Hiker fame, couldn't wait to meet her. He recommended a special they are running that comes with five arrows and a sheath.

There is no truth to the rumor that wannabe Mayor

Zeke Sossomon, incumbent Buck Trott and newcomer Minister Don Mullen (who)? will mud wrestle in the social hall of a local church. I believe it has been moved to the Pig Pen Restaurant in Dillard.

Trott accused Sossomon of mud slinging and Minister Mullen is walking around saying, "Oh, Lord, what have I done." Let's see, a Lawyer, a Santa and a Minister in the same ring. Is there a joke there somewhere? More to come. Maybe a winkin', blinkin' and nod story is in order. Whadayathink?

Prim and proper Sally Duncan Moore of Highlands has announced she will marry scoundrel Jeffrey Easley Now of Otto. The Now family

submitted this for the newspaper, "Duncan Moore/Easley Now Wedding Announced."

If Lenny Baer, our brave new lawyer in town, goes into practice with Franklin lawyer Michael Butts, it would be the Baer Butts Law Firm.

Bill Bassham, Director of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, will have a ceremonial ribbon permanently grafted to his hand.

A Cherokee Indian burial ground will be uncovered during the paving of Bowery Road. The Indians will declare the land sacred and build a casino right over the site. Cars will drive between the slots and black jack tables and DOT will mark the area

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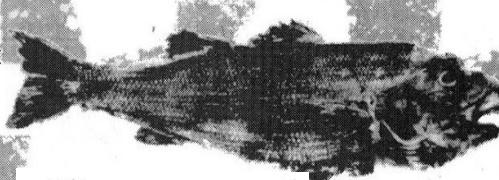
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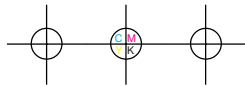
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TAKE-OUT



Play golf for Highlands School

By Misty Thomas
Staff Writer

That's right, golf can be a giving sport. When golf enthusiasts think of mountain golf, Highlands is certainly on the list of "must do's." The breathtaking views, small town charm, and mild climate make for an enjoyable atmosphere. Now let's throw in the fact that the courses have been designed by many greats, including Arnold Palmer, and that the legend Bobby Jones still holds records waiting for someone to break; well, you've got some golfer's dream come true.

Did you know that by golfing in Highlands on August 29 you can help make many students' dreams come true? Here's where the giving begins.

The Highlands School Golf Tournament is an all-volunteer event that helps raise money for the Scholarship Endowment Fund. This fund was created in 1987 and now contains more than \$625,000. Each year the interest earned by the fund is used to give many bright and needy students money for school. Last year that provided \$25,200. The more the fund grows the more interest it earns, the more money that can be given, and the more students that can be helped. Golf is good.

Who gets these scholarships? All graduates are eligible, regardless of GPA. Applications for the scholarship are reviewed by a committee appointed by the Town's Board of Commissioners. Students can use this scholarship at any trade school, college or university of their choice, and the funds are paid directly to that institution. The cost of a child's education is rising each year, making the family contribution even greater. One of the most awesome advantages to this fund is that graduates can reapply for the scholarship year after year to help with those expenses. The average scholarship awarded to each student is \$500. Now, there are three other awards given. The Jack Taylor award, \$1,500, is given to the Valedictorian. The Jack Brockway award, \$1,000, is awarded to a top student. The Edith Joel Memorial Scholarship, \$1,500, is donated each year by Richard Joel in memory of his wife, and given to an outstanding student.

Miranda Dotson, who was the receiver of the Jack Brockway award in 2004, attends Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC where her yearly tuition is around \$42,000. Miranda recently reapplied for the scholarship and was awarded \$300 to help with this year's tuition. Miss Dotson intends to reapply each year, and agrees that the extra money definitely helps ease the squeeze that families feel when it comes time to pay the tuition bill.

Now here comes the golf part. The event will be held, for the first time, at The Cullasaja Club. This course is beau-

tifully designed by Arnold Palmer with a No. 5 hole that Golf Digest put on its top 10 lists. The facility has recently undergone a \$10 million renovation that is sure to delight and exceed expectations. David A. Cull, General Manager, is looking forward to providing the venue for such a worthy cause. He very aptly put it as a way of thanking the future leaders of our community. A special thanks should be given to the Cullasaja Club members for graciously giving up use of their facility for the event.

The Club is also hosting the awards party, to begin at 5 p. m., and golfers may purchase an additional ticket for a guest. Attire for the event will be a "came off-the-course-casual" look, where cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. If you are a sponsor then you will receive two free tickets to the awards party.

There are several different levels of contribution available — platinum sponsor of the 1st or 18th tee with a \$1,000 dollar donation; Tee/Green Sponsor for

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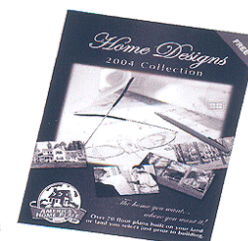


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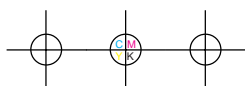
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Varsity Girls Volleyball

• Practice with Coach Rawlins starts August 8 at 5 p.m.

Co-ed Cross Country

• Anyone interested in running meet with Coach Thomas every morning until school starts, at 8 a.m. at the track.

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changing, too, for the better, hopes Chief Bill Harrell, all within the previously allotted budget.

By changing to 12-hour shifts from the six days on and three days off cycle, Harrell believes he can get more coverage with his 10 officers. "There will be two officers per shift at all times," he said. "With one of them a full-time School Resource Officer at Highlands School."

"We have the blessing of the Town Board, the Sheriff's Dept. and the school on this," said Harrell. "I am passionate about protecting the young people."

Two familiar faces are leaving the department - Asst. Chief Willy Houston will retire effective Aug. 31 and Officer Tim Cook resigned Aug. 7 to take a position with the Virginia State Department of Corrections.

The previous hierarchy of Chief, and Assistant Chief, has been eliminated. Now there are two captains under the chief - one who will head up investigations and administrative work and one who will head up field operations.

Detective Todd Ensley, has been promoted to Chief Detective and Captain of Support Services. "He will be responsible for investigations, administrative duties and executive decisions, at my discretion," said Harrell.

Tony Carver, previously with the Macon County Sheriff Department, took over Aug. 10 as Captain of Field Operations. "I hope the community will be pleased with the changes and all I ask

is that people be patient," said Harrell. "Good things are going to come of this."

He said what people will see is a very close relationship between the Macon County Sheriff Department and the Highlands Police Department. "It will be a marriage that will give us the best possible coverage and support," said Harrell.

The two most recent additions to the department have come from the Sheriff Department but Harrell said he's not intentionally recruiting from there.

"But when law enforcement officers in the area hear we have an opening, particularly people in the Sheriff Department with whom I have a relationship and respect, they express an interest in working with me in this community."

Doug Farmer, formerly a detective with Sheriff Department has also accepted a position with the Highlands Police Department and will be sworn in over the next few days.

All told, Highlands Police Department will continue to employ 10 sworn officers and one unsworn officer - Chris Allen, the "bike cop" will become a sworn officer when he completes the Basic Law Enforcement Test.

Harrell said the support he has received from the public since he took office July 11 has been outstanding.

"I am overwhelmed by the support," he said. "Actually, that's an understatement."

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concern.

I have also served on the Town's zoning board for more than 10 years and I am very familiar with the zoning ordi-

nance. I also have a particular interest in the water and sewer distribution of Highlands, since this is a necessity for the people inside the town limits.

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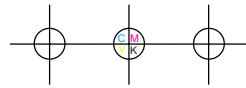
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I have a deep understanding and ability to communicate with people on all socioeconomic levels.

As a cardiac surgeon for more than 20 years and leader of a team in which life and death depended, I am very meticulous in organizational skills which result in success. As business manager for a large professional medical practice in Milwaukee with over 30 employees, I have the business sense and skills to be able to understand and supervise the business of the Town of Highlands. As Chairman of a multimillion dollar international organization for the last nine years (Philadelphia International Foundation), I am experienced in leadership and organization not only of people but money.

As Chief of Staff of one of the largest hospitals in the Midwest, I think I have "people skills" to manage efficiently and compassionately people working with me. My experience in moderating

many different boards and organizations in many difficult situations will give me the ability to moderate the meetings of the Board of Town Commissioners in an efficient, appropriate and timely manner.

As an educator (Professor of Surgery) at two medical universities, I have a keen interest in education and activities of young people. Our future is in our youth and we must pay special attention to this most important part of our community in developing programs and places where the young people can congregate and will feel comfortable.

As a physician and minister I have a deep compassion for all people regardless of socioeconomic or religious background and intend to protect the interest of all people in a fair, even and reasonable manner. The overall business and well-being of the people of Highlands is very important to me as I look to lead the town into a new era.

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Highlands, continuing to make it a great place to live and work. Along with this critical issue, I also have great concerns about the protection of our drinking water and natural resources, the improvement of our roadways and utilities in ways that reflect the quaint character of our town, and the upgrading of our recreation facilities to better meet the needs of our citizens, young and old.

The experience I have from my four years as a town commissioner will be a valuable resource to call upon during the next four years. Since Highlands is at crit-

ical time in its growth, I feel we need all of the knowledge and experience possible to help us deal with these challenges. Along with my experience on the town board, my land planning and construction background have given me the skills to do much of the commissioner's tasks. My environmental design education gives me insight into protection of our natural resources and greatly helps in planning for the needs of the town.

I will work my hardest to bring people together to find solutions for all of these challenges in the next four years.

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For example, construction has started on the wastewater treatment plant and capacity expansion has been tripled and should satisfactorily serve the town for many years.

The Town recently adopted the required updated Land Use Plan. The plan will help control growth over the next 10 years.

The improvement of Bowery Road - which turned into a long and arduous task over several years - begins next week and will create a safe, usable road for our citizens.

The job of mayor involves consid-

erable efforts beyond the physical limits of the town. Close involvement with other government entities is absolutely essential to successful government. Network development and contracts allows expedition of desired results.

Over the past eight years, I have served on the Board of Directors of N.C. League of Municipalities, the Legislative Action Committee, the Western North Carolina Caucus, Macon Program for Progress, the Southwestern Economic Development Commission, Smoky Mountain District and Healthy

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a \$500 dollar donation; practice putting green sponsor, practice range sponsor. These two will allow mention in the program and a sign. For a \$250 donation patron sponsors will be mentioned in the event program. To be a participant costs \$125 per contestant. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

The tournament is an excellent way to give back and uphold the spirit of this community. To date, more than 695 scholarships have been given with an award amount totaling \$425,000. Please submit your entry form as soon as possible. The event is scheduled for August 29 and the activities begin at 11a.m.

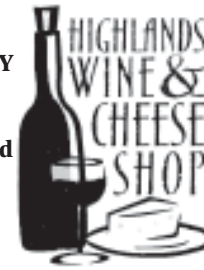
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ing circumstances. I try to use a common sense approach to my decision-making

in my leadership capacity and I would do the same if elected to the Town Board.

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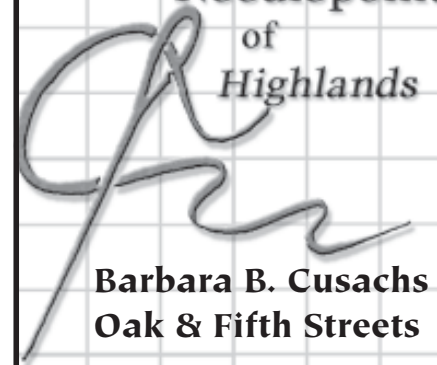


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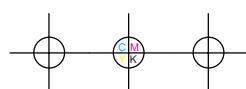
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Blood drive for Relay for Life

Participants in this year's Mountain Top Relay for Life will be asked to give some of their blood, as well as their sweat and tears.

For the first time, the AnMed Bloodmobile will be on hand for the local Relay for Life, which is scheduled for Aug. 26 at the Highlands Recreation Park.

The annual walk to raise money for the fight against cancer usually draws hundreds of walkers, cancer survivors, and onlookers. Organizers are hoping that will be the case again this year. And hospital officials are hoping that many of those who come out will take a few minutes to give "the gift of life."

"At first glance, some might wonder what giving blood has to do with fighting cancer," said Skip Taylor, director of Community Relations for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, and organizer of the hospital's blood drives. "However, there is a very direct connection, especially here. Nearly half the units of blood products used at the hospital each year go to transfuse patients with cancer or cancer-like diseases. Many of those patients are undergoing chemotherapy."

The hospital is expected to use approximately 450 units of blood products this year, some 45 percent of which will be used for patients with cancer or cancer-like blood diseases,

said Ann Greenlee, manager of the hospital's laboratory. The amount of blood products needed locally continues to increase sharply each year, up nearly 40 percent over last year.

"The need for blood products for area patients is far outdistancing donations at our annual blood drives," explained Taylor. "That is why the hospital is adding extra drives, such as the one at this year's Relay for Life. The need for blood is especially critical this summer."

Anyone can come out and give the night of Relay, which begins at 6 p.m. that Friday. The blood mobile will be accepting donations until 9 p.m., though Relay will continue until 7 a.m. the next morning. Those who may not be able to get to Relay will have another opportunity to donate blood earlier that day. The AnMed unit will be in the front parking lot of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. that Friday.

No appointment is necessary to donate at either location. To be eligible to donate blood, one should be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in generally good health. If you have heart disease or other chronic illness you may still be able to donate. Bloodmobile staff will determine donor eligibility on a case by case basis.

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with their cute little orange flags.

Dictator Jack Calloway, of Highlands Hospital, will travel to Asheville to have a strange growth removed from under his armpit. He will wake from surgery to find Dr. Heffington has successfully transplanted the growth to his nose.

Dosie Mae Reynolds, of Orchard Creek, came to Highlands to visit with her family but found they had quickly moved without telling her. Dosie suffers from skin rash and uncontrollable bowel fluid. If anyone knows where Dosie's relatives are, please call me at (828) GET-REAL.

The little missus and I attended a gala fifties dance at the Highlands Falls Country Club. Attempting to look like "The Fonz," I wore my best white T shirt, jeans and a black leather jacket. Just to make the event authentic, I picked a fight with John Cleveland and he beat the tar out of me.

Highlands' newest member of the clergy, Father Tien, held a special tea party just for the ladies of the parish; the event was called Tea "in" with Tien.

After much study, the Macon County School Board will vote to have a small creek run through mid court at the new Highlands Gym. Students will be issued waterproof

sneakers.

Even better, tourists will be charged a nominal fee to visit the gym to pan for gems (salted, of course) during off hours. Principal Monica Bomengen will name the building "The Gym Gem."

Emperor Art Williams, of the OEI Kingdom, will ask the town for permission to build a skyscraper condominium at the end of 5th Street. The board will approve but angry Highlanders will rebel and Mr. Williams will be forced into hiding. They will call the structure the "Where Fore Art Thou Williams" building.

The US Forest Service final report on the Bridal Veil Falls disaster is finally in. There is no longer any doubt in their minds that the rock fell as the result of severe gravity. The report also dispels rumors that a missing tourist is buried under the rock. A spokesman stated that he didn't think anyone would be strong enough to lift the rock and put someone under it. Good thinking, guys.

Finally, are you sitting down? Sweet little Miss Charlotte is sleeping with that scalawag, ole Dusty. What that poodle sees in that disgusting old bloodhound is beyond me.

Mary Lee Malcolm to sign at Cyrano's

Mary Lee Malcolm will sign copies of "Silent Lies" on Friday, August 12, from 1-3 p.m. at Cyrano's Bookshop. Inspired by true events from the author's family and based on actual historical occurrences between the two world wars, Malcolm's novel tells the story of a young man caught in a riptide of events beyond his control.

Born into poverty, Leo Hoffman is adopted by a wealthy Jewish family in Budapest, only to see his dazzling new life destroyed by the Communist takeover of Hungary in 1920. Relying on his amazing ability to mimic behavior and languages, Leo reinvents himself as circumstances require, eventually fleeing to Shanghai—the only place in the civilized world where, without a passport or visa, he could start over.

Fraught with intrigue, passion, and adventure, Malcolm's book is both a romantic rags-to-riches tale and a suspenseful thriller, reminiscent of Susan Horowitz and Jeffrey Archer.

Malcolm has won several awards for her short fiction, including special recognition in the prestigious Lorian Hemingway International Short Story competition.

After three years of practicing law in Atlanta, she determined that she and the law "were not meant for each other" and is now a self-described "recovering attorney" living in the Los Angeles area with

her husband, John, and children, where she works as a free-lance journalist.

Author to sign book at Shakespeare & Co.

Is there a restaurant where even the President of the United States and other world leaders will stand in line? According to Marda Burton and Kenneth Holditch, authors of the new book, "Galatoire's: Biography of a Bistro (Hill Street Press, July 2004), during their respective tenures, Franklin Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower, and Jimmy Carter gamely stood in line at Galatoire's, the famed 100-year-old New Orleans restaurant, but Gerald Ford and Charles deGaulle refused.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 4-6 p.m. (4:30 reading and remarks by Burton) at Shakespeare & Co. in The Village Square at Oak and Fifth streets, there will be a book-signing party in the spirit of the famous Paris used-bookstore of the same name, where American visitors and expats often gather salon-style on weekends to share their talents and literary offerings.

Travel Editor of "Veranda" magazine, Marda Burton has spent the last few summers in Highlands working on the Galatoire's book, which is full of quirky and ironic stories that epitomize New Orleans.

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Carolínians.

Serving on these groups allows me to get projects focusing on our town underway. It involves considerable travel to both Raleigh and Washington, D.C. But such efforts lead to essential contacts and personal influence leading to legislature favoring Western North Carolina and our area specifically and gives me first-hand information about program development for our area at its earliest stages.

The role of mayor of Highlands is a demanding position involving hours of articulating the needs and require-

ments of our town. Locally, the role of monitoring town projects and supervisors is truly demanding, however, the oversight of budget activities is most essential.

I am pleased to say that the town has undergone many costly and necessary projects over the past eight years. Our town is solvent and has adequate reserves to face future unforeseen crisis.

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– News from King William's Town, South Africa, part 1 – New rules, new language, new friends

By Sara Bates

Highlands Rotary Exchange
Student

As you are reading this, I am on the other side of the world and six hours ahead of your time in South Africa!

My name is Sara Bates, and right now I am into the second week of my one year Rotary Youth Exchange in King William's Town, on the Eastern Cape of South Africa.

After four flights and 40 hours from my departure in Charlotte to my final destination in South Africa, it feels wonderful to be here. I never thought all the clothing on my bedroom floor would fit into my two duffels, but with the help of my "vacuum pack storage bags" and my mom's very effective way of squeezing the air out of the bags by sitting on them, somehow it all fit with room to spare.

From shopping for a very strict British-style uniform, to my first bash (barbecue), and my first bash (party) life here is very new and interesting.

My uniform consists of stockings, a sweater, and a blazer, all in navy, a white blouse (buttoned to the top), with a red-striped and a (sorry to say) tie and "Carolina blue" jumper.

While my friends back home at Highlands High School will be wearing American clothing, I will not be wearing jewelry or eye makeup to school, but my hair ties will offer some variety, red in the winter and white in the summer. So creative! Also, in the summer, the navy colored stockings will change to knee-socks! We will take a picture when my uniform is complete.

Just a few days into this experience and I already feel very comfortable. The people here have interesting British



Sara at home in Cashiers with her buddies, Buckwheat and his sister Spanky who are part Great Pyrennes.

accents, which I have already picked up, and they are very warm and welcoming. Kingsridge High School is about 75 percent black and many of the rest are "coloured." There are 422 girls in KHS who all seem curious about how I am doing, if I like South Africa, and how many famous people I know back home. Coming from America means that you live with movie stars and famous musicians!

My classes at school will include English, Art, Biology, PE, Science, Math and Afrikaans as my foreign language.

School starts at 7:15 everyday except for Monday, which begins at 8:30. The classes are challenging, but the teachers seem very willing to help me catch up. In any case, after morning "tea and biscuits" the day seems much

more manageable!

King William's Town is bigger than Highlands, (most cities are), but it is small enough that I am sure I will become very familiar with the city soon. My current home looks down onto the city and valley below, with the rugby fields and cricket fields within view. Most of my new friends play rugby, field hockey or water polo, and my host sister Lauren is at a tennis match at the moment. Everyone I have spent time with has been very friendly and welcoming.

Well, I must go. I already have a good amount of homework I need to work on! I hope everyone back at home in the mountains is doing well, and I promise to stay in touch. Many thanks to the Rotary Club of Highlands and all my family and friends that have made this experience possible.

So, as everyone here says,
"Cheers!"



King William's Town on the southern tip of South Africa.

Note: Sara Bates is one of the two Highlands Rotary out-going exchange students. Like Rachel Power, who is now in Arica, Chili, Sara is jumping into school mid-semester. In the southern hemisphere, our summer is their winter. Their "summer break" comes at Christmas time.

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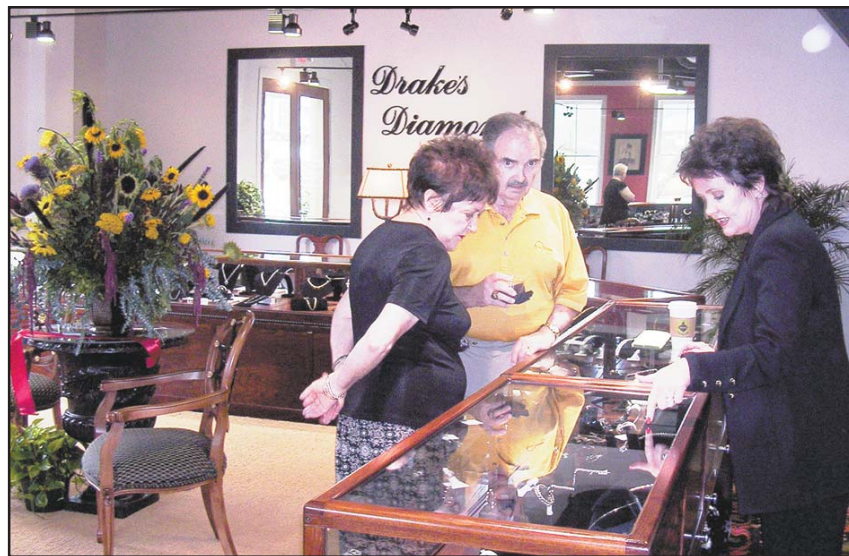


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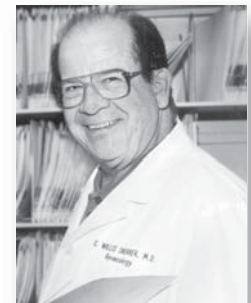
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Highlands grow enough to remain viable while maintaining its character and charm.

I am a member of Highlands Fire & Rescue, have worked with Macon County EMS, served on the Town of Highlands Planning Board and Appearance Commission for eight years, served a stint on the Macon County EDC and I've been a member of the Macon County Planning Board for the last few years.

Through my board and commission

affiliations, I have gained a good bit of knowledge about our town and citizens, and I have developed a solid working relationship with several members of the Macon County Board of Commissioners which I believe will be valuable for town and county relations.

And finally, I do not have a set agenda for the Town, so I am willing to listen to everyone's suggestions or ideas and be open enough to decide what is right for Highlands and the majority of its citizens.

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made within both the context of the current situation and the framework of the future and long-range consequences for Highlands.

A commissioner must have clear, guiding principles that provide the litmus test for all decisions. A commissioner's only special interest is Highlands. A commissioner must be part of the community on many levels and be empathetic to and approachable by fel-

low community members. A commissioner should understand and love the community in a visceral way. A commissioner needs to understand what is important to regulate for the good of the community and what does not need to be controlled.

These are the important qualities that make a good commissioner. I have always tried to adhere to these principles in my service as a town commissioner.

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The following are the Highlands Police
Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 4-10.

Aug. 4

- At 7:34 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone at Horse Cove Rd. and Sixth Street.

Aug. 5

- At 7 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Holt's Circle. It was false.

Aug. 6

- At 10 a.m., officers were called to Munger Lane where the owner reported two of his seven dogs were poisoned.

- At 1:04 a.m., officers were called to Cyprus Restaurant answering a noise complaint.

- At 4:11 a.m., officers answered an animal complaint call at a residence on Holt Circle.

- At 12:15 p.m., a motorist was issued a warning citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Aug. 7

- At 7:15 p.m., a motorist was issued a warning citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Aug. 8

- At 10:15 a.m., volunteers at Fibber Magee's reported finding a belt with a two-sided knife hidden inside.

- At noon, a motorist was cited for failing to yield the right-of-way at Fourth and Spruce streets which resulted in a two-vehicle accident.

- At noon, a motorist was cited for having a false registration at the scene of an accident at Fourth and Spruce streets.

- At 4 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Martha's Lane to tend to a deceased resident.

- At 6:33 p.m., officers were called to Highlands Quick Mart to deal with an irate customer.

- At 8:11 p.m., cars illegally parked at the ABC store were towed.

Aug. 9

- At 9:35 p.m., a motorist on N.C. 106 was cited for a headlight violation.

- At 10:50 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 61 mph in a 25 zone.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 4-10.

Aug. 4

- The dept. responded to an alarm set off by lightning at a residence on Kline Road.

- The dept. responded to two fires started by lightning. Both homes were vacant at the time. One on Apple Orchard Road was destroyed, the other on Beaver Run Rd. was damaged. The next day the returned to both houses, due to rekindling.

Aug. 6

- The dept. responded to an alarm at the Cullasaja Club. It was false.

Aug. 7

- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 28. There were no injuries.

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

Aug. 8

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Trillium Circle.

- The dept. responded to a trailer that went off the road. There were no injuries.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Upper Brushy Face. It was false.

- The dept. responded to an accident on Buck Creek Road. There were no injuries.

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

Aug. 9

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Oak Street where a person had fallen. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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Some courage — to try to lead the Town, even when the Town Board's decision is not universally popular.

I've spent most of my life in these mountains, first in Cullowhee, then Sylva, and for the last 20 years here. All of these mountain towns have mostly similar histories and similar problems and growing pains. We've all gone from being pretty remote, when just a few people knew about us, to being pretty popular as more and more folks discover the mountain experience.

It's going to get worse, so we've got to plan for it and deal with it.

I still work full time. That gives me daily contact with the things that are really going on here. It also gives me a pretty good idea of what others expect from us, and of what our citizens want for themselves. Being a lawyer in a small town puts you into contact with almost everybody at one time or another. You make your living explaining things to people, answering their questions, and trying to make sure they do things right.

I've served on both the Town Board and its Zoning Board. Neither is particularly glamorous, but I do know how the Town works, both the strong points and the weak.

The Town has an enviable situation and we can only be thankful that, for whatever reason, we have what we have. The trick for the next Mayor and Town Board is to lay the groundwork to keep as much as possible of what made us. You can't keep it all. Nothing stays the same for long. But if you do the job correctly you might wind up better than where you started. I think I can do that.

'Old' vs. 'New'

In my coffee house discussions, I am always struck by the way people view God in the Old Testament in order to excuse certain cultural practices in the 21st century. You have probably heard good people say, "Why is God so angry in the Old Testament. I think it's time we move on. The God of the New Testament is different, so loving." Is that so?



**Rev. Thomas Allen
Christ Church**

We live in a time when people have a lot to say about God. However, once the surface is scratched the god which is exposed is usually not the Triune God. My lament is that most people pay little attention of God's self-disclosure (fancy term meaning: revealing) as it unfolds in the biblical story. Let me explain.

The early church father Marcion alluded to this apparent problem of a God who is angry in the Old Testament and loving in the New Testament. In other words, the God of the Old Testament was inferior to the God of the New Testament. Thankfully, the church's response was to reject Marcion's teaching as heresy and to affirm that all the books contained in our canon were inspired by the one and same God. Since we are humans and flawed, Marcion's question remains with us today. Thankfully, God's self-disclosure of himself is still with us too!

Upon listening to people and to their complaint, I always look for a way to speak the truth boldly and tenderly. The reality is, and this is when the deer in the headlight syndrome appears, there is no difference between images of God presented in the Old Testament and New Testament. St. John clearly states that "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known" (Jn 1.18). What St. John is pointing out is that the very character of God the Father of the Old Testament is revealed to us in the person and work of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. To meet one of them is to meet them both! How wonderful and amazing that our God is unchanging in his character. If he was, the church would be confused as to say who God is. You see, Jesus is no more loving than his Father. The Father is no more judging than Jesus!

There are three crucial points which we all must remember: 1. There is love in the Old Testament; 2. There is judgment in the New Testament; 3. The main difference is a difference between judgment within history (Old Testament) and judgment at the end of history (New Testament).

In the Old Testament, God presents himself first and foremost as a God of love. Let's look at Exodus 34. 6-7: "And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion, and sin." We also see in the Old Testament God reaching out to Israel in their disobedience. Time and time again he calls Israel back to himself by sending prophets. When Israel kills the prophets, he sends more! That is love! That is mercy! In Hosea 11.8 God says to his people

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• PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU •

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Wed: 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 6:15 p.m. Supper;

7 p.m. Teaching

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968

Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Adult Sunday School

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

Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.;

Mondays: Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4

Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8

Wednesdays: Liturgy Mtg – 4 p.m.; Christian

Education – 5 p.m.; Supper & Program – 6 p.m.

Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;

School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15

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

Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Sun.: Worship – 8:30 & 11 a.m.; Sunday 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

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Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

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Rev. Clifford Willis

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

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore

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

Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

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

For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time) 526-9769

Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Interim Pastor, Terry Dixon

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

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All Sponsors will receive 2 Tickets to the Awards Party! Golf Contestants may bring a guest to the Awards Party by purchasing a ticket for \$50.

Event Agenda

11 a.m. – Registration & Lunch Buffet in Clubhouse, Practice Range Open, Tee Gift Distribution, Complimentary Beverages on Course

12:30 p.m. – Shotgun Start – California Scramble

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Cocktail, Hors d'oeuvres and Awards Party

To become a Sponsor or make a gracious donation you may contact Helen Simmons at 508-2542. To make arrangements to play in the event you may contact David Cull at 526-3531. You may also fax this form to David Cull at 526-3560 after making credit card payment arrangements with him.

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On-going

• Through Sept. 3, local photographer, Reuben Cox, is featured in an exhibit "The 2004 Contract Bridge World Championships!" a The Captain's Bookshelf at 31 Page Ave. in Asheville. Call (828) 253-6631.

• Adult Swim at the Rec Park. Mon-Fri, 8-9 a.m. and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday

• Highlands School Cross-country team training, every day until school starts, 8 a.m. at the school track. Coach Assistant Principal Mark Thomas is looking for interested male and females in grades 7-12 for this year's team. The team will compete in the Smoky Mountain Conference. Only requirement is a sports physical on file at the school.

• Thursdays at the Library — an eclectic mixture of programs by authors and musicians on topics designed for enjoyment and education of area residents and visitors alike. All programs are free and start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information, please call during Library operating hours at 524-3600. Library hours are 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

• Cashiers Quilters Guild which meets at the United Methodist Church in Cashiers, every Wednesday at 12:30.

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, "Wood Works," an exhibit of fine art works created from wood by 13 accomplished artists

• Camp activities for the entire family at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center. Adults can relive summer camp days and children develop an appreciation of the out of doors; you can learn new skills, meet new friends, and experience the joy of summer. Whether it's reading a book or playing field games, we have something for everyone! Call 526-5838, ext 203 or email info@mountaincenters.org.

• Live music at Jack's at Skyline Restaurant every Friday and Saturday nights.

• "Jerry's Girls" at Highlands Playhouse through Aug. 21. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

• Music and dancing at Fressers in Helen's Barn the third Thursday of each month, 8-12

• Live Music at Buck's Coffee Cafe Thursday-Saturday, 8-11 p.m.

• Piano Bar at ...on the Verandah seven nights a week accompanied by jazz guitar Tuesdays and Thursdays all at 7 p.m.

• Live music at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro, Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-10 p.m.

• This Week at Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Friday and Saturday: Artist Helena Meek. Saturday: Featuring the Wines of Dionysus Distributors. Complimentary Samples Saturday 4:30 until 6:30. Wine Flights Thursday-Saturday 4:30 until 6:30.

• HealthTracks, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, offers a special class fitness classes Monday through Thursday. HealthTracks at 526-1348 for details.

• Various art classes held for children and adults at the Bascom-Louise Gallery throughout the week. Call, 526-4949

• Each Thursday – Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Highlands-Cashiers only senior residential community. Refreshments and tours of the model home and Clubhouse.

• Al-Anon Group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.

• Mountainview Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, Mondays at 8

p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

Aug. 11

• Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m., from 7-10 p.m.: Carol Guise, Piano

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, a lecture, "Collecting Wood Art Works" presented by Arthur and Jane Mason in the Gallery at 7 p.m.

• The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, presents "The Christ Story Posed Against The New Diagnosis" one of four public lectures in the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series in August at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Highlands, at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 11-13

• At Acorn's – Detra Kay Jewelry and Flying fig Scarves, Trunk Show, 10 a.m. -6 p.m.

Aug. 12

• Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m.: Kevin Bolick, Guitar and Vocals

• Mary Lee Malcolm will sign copies of *Silent Lies* on Friday from 1-3 p.m. at Cyrano's Bookshop.

Aug. 12-14

• A Singles Get-Away at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center. Singles from Atlanta, Highlands and Asheville are encouraged to meet new friends while swimming, dancing, exercising hiking. Call 526-5838.

Aug. 13

Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m.: Carol Criminger, Vocals and Jerry Lambert, Keyboard.

• 125th year Anniversary of Highlands' Inn. Food, music and tours are planned.

• Cashiers quilters guild quilt show from 10 - 4 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community enter (3 mi. east of Cashiers crossroads on HWY 64 in Fairfield Resort area) Numerous quilts; boutique; silent auction of miniature and small quilts; door prizes; quilt raffle; demonstrations; vendors. Arts & Crafts Show in same area. Everyone welcome!!

• Nantahala Hiking Club annual picnic at Cliffside Lake

Aug. 14

• Audubon Annual Picnic, Highlands Rec Park, 5 p.m. All are welcome, please call 526-2775 and bring a dish to share. Meet at the South Picnic Shelter.

Aug. 15

• The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, presents "Christ Our Passover: Breaking The Power Of Death" one of four public lectures in the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series in August at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Highlands, at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 16

• Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m.: Bobby Sullivan, Keyboard and Vocals.

Aug. 17

• Highlands School Athlete Physicals, at the Peggy Crosby Center. Girls: 3 p.m.; Boys: 4 p.m. Forms available at the school and must be pre-signed by parents.

• Brevard College Artist to perform at 2 p.m. at the Episcopal Church Interlude. Pianist is Kathryn Palmer pianist, David Kirby, clarinetist. It's free.

Aug. 18

• Relay for Life Survivor Dinner at CBC at 6 p.m.

• Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m.: Bobby Sullivan, Keyboard and Vocals

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library in Cashiers. Alan Rogers, head guide for Smoky Moun-

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

tain Fly Fishing, will discuss fly fishing on the Oconoluftee River in the Cherokee Reservation and surrounding waters.

- The Right Reverend John Shelby Spong, Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, Retired, presents "My Struggle For A Christianity Of Integrity, Love, and Equality" one of four public lectures in the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series in August at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Highlands, at 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18-20

- HCP's "Dearly Departed," opens Thursday with a complimentary catered reception for audience, cast and crew after the performance. The performances continue Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The play is rated PG 13. Individual adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$8, and tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$12. For reservations, call 828-526-8084.

Aug. 19

- Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m.,: Kevin Bolick, Guitar and Vocals

Aug. 20

- Yard Sale at Our Lade of the Mountains Church. 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Hot Dog Plates will be for sale.

- Live music at SweetTreat, 7-10 p.m.,: Carol Criminger, Vocals and Jerry Lambert, Keyboard

- Marda Burton and Kenneth Holditch, authors of the new book, "Galatoire's: Biography of a Bistro (Hill Street Press, July 2004), will sign copies of their new book "Galatoire's" from 4-6 p.m., Saturday. (4:30 reading and remarks by Burton) at Shakespeare & Co. in The Village Square at 204 Oak Street

- On Saturday, four local churches are hosting a "Back to School Field Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town ball field. There will be games, lunch, inflatables, cotton candy, and fun. Preschool and elementary children are invited. In case of rain, it will be held in the Rec Park gym.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3.5 mile moderate-to-strenuous hike to Three Forks, where three waterfalls converge to form a fork of the Chattooga River. A swim in the river at your own risk is optional on this hike, which requires a river crossing and a scramble down a steep bank and over rocks. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at the Scaly Mountain post office at 9:50 a.m. Call leader Mo Wheeler, 526-9561, for reservations

Aug. 21

- On Sunday, the Highlands Ministerial Association will host the "Service of Blessing for the School Year." This ecumenical worship service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church. The service will offer a blessing and encouragement to faculty, staff, students, parents, volunteers, and the community who supports students and schools. A nursery will be provided. Please bring school supplies as an offering.

- Bel Canto 4 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-5252 for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Bascom-Louise Gallery and Highlands School.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Cliffside loop trail from the Skitty Creek trail on Hwy. 64 between Franklin and Highlands. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m., or call leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-2860 for reservations.

Aug. 22

- On Monday, at 6 p.m., in the school

cafeteria, the guidance office of Highlands School will sponsor "Junior Night" to discuss graduation requirements, NC Scholar requirements, financial aid and scholarships, PSAT, SAT and ACT exams, AP classes and SCC classes. On Monday, the Macon County Board of Education will meet at The Administrative Office Building in Franklin at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this meeting.

- Women's Invitation Golf Tournament at Highlands Falls Country Club. Club Professional Allen Chandler has designed an interesting format that combines nine holes of Captains Choice with nine holes of 1 Best Ball of Four - just for women. Cost is \$125 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and Tee gifts. To sign up, call Christy Kelly at the Peggy Crosby Center, 526-9938, ext. 110.

Aug. 23

- Audubon Work Day on the Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at the North Picnic Shelter at the Rec Park, 9 a.m.

- On Tuesday, John Rosemond, family psychologist, author, and speaker will present a seminar on "The Three Keys to Effective Discipline," at Highlands School. The presentation will be useful to parents, grandparents, and other adults who care about children, toddlers to teens. It will be at 7 p.m. It's free. Supper will be served for a nominal fee beginning at 6 p.m. and childcare will be provided for a donation to the Junior Class.

Aug. 24

- On Wednesday, singer, storyteller, and folk-theologian, Ed Kilbourne, will perform at Highlands United Methodist Church at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This popular artist is known for his collections of moving music, witty humor, and insightful monologues. He combines acoustic guitar, keyboards, and singing with a storytelling style that has been compared to Garrison Keillor. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. for \$4. Call 526-3376 to make a dinner reservation. Reservations are not needed for the concert.

- On Wednesday, the Highlands School administrators will hold an Open House from 4-6 p.m. Come say hello to Ms. Bomengen and Mr. Thomas and tell them what you've been up to this summer. Parents and students are encouraged to pick up schedules, meet their teachers, and drop off their classroom supplies. Student-serving groups in the community are invited to set up tables in the gymnasium to provide information to families. For more information, call 526-2147 or check the school web page at www.highlands-school.org.

- VIP staff and registration forms will be available on Wednesday, from 3-6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Highlands schools. Registration fee is \$25 and monthly tuition fee is \$150. The drop-in daily rate is \$9/day. There are no multiple children discounts. Hours of child care from 3-6 p.m. on school days. Full days of child care will be offered on selected teacher workdays/staff development days.

Aug. 23-Aug. 27

- The 2nd annual Highlands International Film Festival at the PAC. Aug. 23: a screening of "Undertow," and "The Baxter," with Producer Jonathan Shoemaker to introduce the film. The Gala Party follows at the Highlands Falls Country Club where guests will get a "Sneak-Preview" of the events for the week. Filmmakers will be in attendance. Wednesday, Aug. 24: "Alfred Hitchcock Day." Thursday, Aug. 25: "Movie Under the Stars" at the Ball Field. Closing Night, Aug. 27: Screening of "Millions," for tickets, call 828-526-9938.



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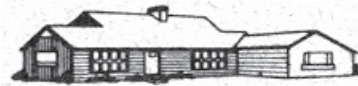
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'Dearly Departed' opens Thurs. Aug. 18

Funerals can be funny—at least the when the Turpin family of Timson, Georgia, is involved. Widow Raynelle is having trouble deciding on a casket, elder son Ray-Bud is perturbed over rising costs. Younger son Junior is trying to placate a suspicious wife and deal with their two undisciplined children. Little sister Delightful is drowning her grief with undisciplined eating. Aunt Marguerite is criticizing everything, most of all her lazy son Royce. Add to this a passel of other colorful characters, and you have a situation fraught with comic possibilities

All this action takes place in the hilarious, outrageous comedy *Dearly Departed* which will open Thursday, August 18, at the Highlands Conference Center, as the Highlands Community Players celebrate their 10th anniversary season by reviving a play from their very first season – the play most often requested by audiences who saw it in 1996.

"I am so impressed with the marvelous characterizations the 15 actors in this play have come up with," says director Virginia Talbot, "especially those performing for the very first time. Lee Lyons in her first role ever gives a touching, natural performance as Ray-Bud's patient wife. Ron Leslie, also a first-timer, creates a very funny good-old-boy. Taylor Earman is amusing and believable as the beleaguered younger son, Derek Taylor. Mary Haratsaris plays a properly haughty Yam Queen; Jennifer Royce is perfect as the whinny betrayed wife; Sue Manning gives a strong performance as the feisty widow. Jenny King is hilarious

as the yet-again pregnant mother of multiple children. Samantha Moore is delightful as Delightful, the family's daughter."

HCP regulars also give their usual professional performances: Jean Morris as the evangelistic aunt; Stuart Armor as her good-for-nothing son; Jody Read and Shirley Williams, alternating as Veda, the long-suffering care giver of Norval, played by Jim Schulte; Dean Zuch as the pompous preacher.

The "Joy of Life" singers, Donna Cochran, Dick Strain, Michelle Hott, Elaine Andrews, and MaryAnn Sloan will be adding some old time hymns to the production, accompanied on the keyboard by Chad Lucas, playing the role of the irascible Merline."

The fun begins on opening night, Thursday, August 18, with a complimentary catered reception for audience, cast and crew after the performance. The performances continue Friday and Saturday, August 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, August 21 at 2:30 p.m. The play will also be presented Friday and Saturday, August 26 and 27, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, August 28, at 2:30 p.m. The play is rated PG 13.

This is the 4th and final play for 2005 season ticket holders. Individual adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$8, and tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$12.

The Players' box office will open for season subscribers on Thursday and Friday, August 11 and 12, in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Chestnut Street in Highlands. The general box office will open the week of August 15. For reservations, call 828-526-8084.

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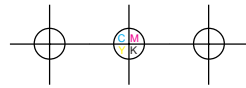
who have been disobedient, "How can I give you up." In Jonah 4.2 we read that God is a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love. We see clearly that God's dealing with his people is to bring forgiveness, not judgment. Judgment comes when the erring party does not seek repentance. I'm reminded of my parents' love and discipline for me as a child. They would warn me, hoping to bring me back to my senses. However, if I continued in my errors, my parents would punish me. Every parent knows how much it hurts to discipline their child.

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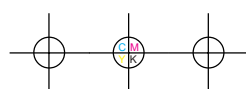
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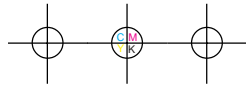
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