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Aug. 23-Aug. 27

• Film Festival at the PAC. Thurs., Aug. 25: "Movie Under the Stars." Free at the Ball Field. Aug. 27: Screening of "Millions." For tickets, call 526-9938.

Aug. 25

• Highlands School starts. Full day, 8 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

Aug. 26-27

• Relay for Life activities at Highlands Rec Park begin at 6 p.m.

Aug. 26-28

• HCP's "Dearly Departed" Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m. and on Sun. at 2:30 p.m., at the Conference Center. Adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$8. Call 526-8084.

Aug. 26-27

• Opening reception for fine jewelry & chandelier designer, Dorian Webb, at Cool Cats Hot Dogs, on S. 4th Street, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Trunk Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Aug. 27

• Complete pancakes breakfast Saturday at the ski lodge on NC 106 in Scaly Mtn., 7:30-10:30 a.m. \$5 for adult, \$2.50 for children.

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Aug. 28

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Aug. 29

• The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Cullasaja Club. This tournament is open to all golfers and all proceeds go to the Town of Highlands to fund scholarships. Call David Cull at 526-3531.

Aug. 29 & Sept. 1

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Aug. 30

• The Eagle Lady, Doris Mager at the Civic Center, featuring live birds at 7 p.m.

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Harrell staffs school with SRO

By Kim Lewicki

Ever since he took office Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell has been working hard to establish a full-time Student Resource Officer at Highlands School. And now it's official.

Harrell cleared the last hurdle at the

Aug. 22 School Board meeting when members voted to except Harrell's candidate and to help in a small way to fund the position.

Though the SRO will be employed by the Town of Highlands as a Highlands

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Ministers bless Highlands School



Rev. Eddie Ingram from Highlands United Methodist Church represented one of the eight churches to participate in the ecumenical "Blessing of the School Year" service held at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Sunday, Aug. 21. See prayer on page 21.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Questions raised about Pine St. Park

Several questions have been raised by area residents about the proposed Pine Street Park on the corner of Pine and Fifth streets. Following are the questions and answers from the Pine Street Park Committee.

Is .36 acre large enough for a town commons?

Yes, because the .36 acres of the Pine Street Park (the old post office site) completes the design for a larger town commons area, which includes the landscaped portion of the Macon County Bank site facing Pine Street and the portion of Pine Street between the bank site and the old post office site. The total proposed park will actually be .8 acres and will have a table seating capacity of 1,000 or a standing capacity of up to 4,000.

Is the Town of Highlands in favor

of this park?

Yes. As of July 1, 2006, the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners has voted to provide \$300,000 for the park. They have also agreed to close Pine Street for events and provide barriers and appropriate police presence. They are considering providing town equipment and personnel for the renovation of the site (concrete removal, etc.).

How will the Pine Street Park be managed and maintained?

The Town of Highlands will be the ultimate owner of the property. They have agreed to be responsible for the security and maintenance of the park. The town will be required to honor its commitment by a conservation easement, deed restriction, or some other mechanism yet to be finalized.

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MC Schools hitting marks set by state

By Kim Lewicki

As the 2005-2006 school year begins, parents of students in Macon County Schools should be pleased to know the education in Macon County nears the top in NC public schools.

At the Aug. 22 School Board meeting, members learned that since 1997 when the State Board of Education adopted the ABCs Accountability Model to hold each public school accountable for the academic progress of all students in the school, Macon County, and Highlands specifically, have made the mark.

But the 2004-2005 scores were particularly impressive. "This year we had the

■See MC SCHOOLS page 8

Carolina Court to stay RV park

By Kim Lewicki

With road blocks thwarting multi-family development in Highlands, property "on hold" for that purpose will now stay as is - only get better.

Developer Bill Nellis has sold his position in the Carolina Court property on Chestnut Street to an avid RVer Charles Dasher who plans to upgrade the property but keep its use the same.

"The use is grandfathered in and stays with the property not the owner," said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein. "Frankly, I'm looking forward to Dasher making some improvements up there."

For decades, Carolina Court has been home to visitors seeking an escape from the heat in the lowlands May through October. Currently the 28 spots each lease for \$2,000 a season and house typical tag-along RVs commonly called fifth-wheels.

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Relay for Life Aug. 26

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the cause. There will be food,
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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Citizen supports area youth

Dear Editor,

On Thursday, Aug. 11, I had the opportunity to drive a bus full of students to Six Flags. These students were members of the graduating class of 2005 and were taking this trip together as a farewell. The beautiful thing about this trip is that these students were provided this opportunity at no cost to themselves by an outstanding and caring member of our community.

John Shearl cares deeply for the students in our community and has gone out of his way to give something priceless to them, memories. He refers to these kids as his own and treats them as such. On top of paying for them all to get into Six Flags, he took a day away from his business (J & J Landscaping), bought coolers full of Pepsi's for them, and allowed them to share one last fling together before they all part ways for college.

I think the whole town should know what a selfless act of kindness this man has shown to our youth. I also believe that the best way to thank John would be for more of us to get involved with our school and more importantly with our students.

Thank you very much John Shearl. Thank you for caring about our kids and thank you for doing something about it. Well Done!

Ryan Sprague
Highlands

HCP's 'Dearly Departed' a hit

Dear Editor,

We applaud the Highlands Community Players! What better way could there be to celebrate the end of the Players 10th anniversary year than by the public demand that the HCP add an additional performance to the run of their very successful and popular show Dearly Departed.

May the Highlands Community Players continue to grow and flourish and enrich our community for another ten years, and many more years beyond.

Congratulations.

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Bel Canto celebrates 'beautiful singing'

Dear Editor,

Bel Canto certainly lived up to its name "beautiful singing." The voice of baritone Kelly Anderson rocked our Performing Arts Center! What a treat to hear him blast out those low notes! Moments later we delighted in his duets from La Bohème and Don Giovanni with Stella Zambalis. What a lovely blend of voices!

Stella was splendid as she performed those arias to perfection. Toward the end of the program she playfully joined Kelly in Papagena Papagena. I was reminded of my first Bel Canto in 2001. Stella was making her Highlands debut and in her audience was her voice coach from Daytona Beach whom she had not seen in 20 years. I was thrilled to get pictures of their tearful reunion. It was a poignant moment for them and for me. She told me last night how precious those pictures are to her!

Stephen Dubberly was his warm and charming self as he related to us the background of the operatic selections, but MAGNIFICENT as he played Sonetto Petrarca 104! He read the sonnet that inspired the piece and told us it would be full of the exuberance and pathos of 17-year-old "LUV".

The food at Highlands Falls Country Club was outstanding. People "grazed" from one delectable station to the next. Chef Bruce outdid himself! To enjoy such a concert and such delicious food and know that you are supporting the Bascom-Louise's permanent collection and the music program at Highlands School doubles the pleasure. All of you who wish to treat yourselves to something special, plan to put Bel Canto on your calendar in 2006! BELISSIMA!

Edna Foster, Highlands
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Rotary exchange student arrives



On Wednesday, Aug. 17, Franka Dadic from Hvar, Croatia, arrived at the Charlotte airport for her year-long visit to Highlands as Highlands Mountaintop Rotary's incoming exchange student. With her is Megan Lewicki who recently returned from France where she spent a year as Highlands Rotary's outgoing exchange student. Franka's first host family is the Lewickis. She will be a senior at Highlands School.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

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Visitor drowns in Mirror Lake

By Kim Lewicki

A summer sojourn turned tragic Sunday, following a drowning in Mirror Lake.

Albert Fry, 71, from Geneva, Switzerland, who was vacationing in Highlands with his wife before heading for Princeton, New Jersey, died Sunday, Aug. 21 at 4 p.m. when he drowned while fishing near the Mirror Lake Bridge, said officials.

Around 3 p.m., Joan Fry went into the house they were renting to take a nap while her husband grabbed some fishing gear and headed out in the canoe to fish. When she awoke to find he hadn't returned, she called 9-1-1. Dispatch got the call around 7:20 p.m.

Meanwhile, around 6 p.m., a man

in a canoe on Mirror Lake spotted a body in the water, paddled to shore and asked another man to call 9-1-1.

The Highlands Police Department and Highlands Fire and Rescue responded immediately, arriving on scene at 6:28 p.m.

Firemen Karl Zoellner and Greg Bryson manned the boat while rescue divers, Eric Pierson and Jimmy Tate recovered the body in about seven feet of water, west of the Mirror Lake Bridge, at 7:09 p.m.

Joan Fry said her husband couldn't swim and had two artificial hips. Police said there was water in Fry's canoe so it may have capsized at one point.

Medical Examiner, Dr. Thomas Lindsay, declared the time of death at 4 p.m.

Tuition policy changes for 2005-2006

At the Aug. 1 school board meeting, members made some changes to the county's tuition policy.

About five years ago, Macon County Schools began charging parents of out-of-state students tuition. But if parents who lived out-of-state were full time employees of the Town of Highlands, Town of Franklin, and Macon County their children could attend school free of charge.

New for the 2005-2006 school year — out-of-state parents or students who

work full or part-time for the county or one of its two municipalities, may attend school free as long as they are employed by those entities.

Once employment with one of the three government agencies stops due to seasonal cutbacks or a change in job to a private entity, parents must pay the prorated rate of tuition for the remainder of the school year.

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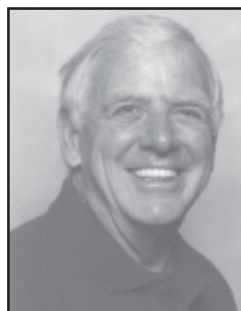
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Just exactly what is a 'local?'

I was recently accosted by a young lady who said, "I have a bone to pick with you. You wrote that (so and so) was a local and I'm here to tell you he ain't. He was born in Cullowhee." Not knowing what to say, I stammered, "Well, that's pretty local, isn't it?" She just shook her head and walked away in disgust. I



Fred Wooldridge

won't mention the person she was referring to because I don't want to embarrass the lawyer who is running for mayor.

The comment got my juices flowing and now I am doing research on just what is a local. I am almost finished with my study and I'm still not sure who is and who isn't. Furthermore, even

the locals are not sure themselves.

My investigation led me to make a phone call to Chief Running Cloud who is currently living in Wyoming. The chief runs a plastic tomahawk stand on the outskirts of town and caters to unsuspecting tourists who buy them as artifacts. Chief Cloud is the great, great, great grandson of Chief Two Dogs Jumping who was originally from Highlands until the white man packed his stuff and shipped him west.

Here is what I learned from Chief Cloud. Way back when Kelsey and Hutchinson were not even a twinkle in their Pa's eyes, Chief Jumping was in charge of Highlands. He and his small band of Cherokee Indians were the

only true locals.

Then along came the pale faces with their fire sticks. They shot a bunch of Jumping's friends and relatives and sent the rest packing. Once the Indians were off the plateau, the pale faces were free to call themselves locals, even though they were from weird places like Ken-tuc-kee and as far north as Pennsylvania and New York. These invaders were mostly a bunch of dad gum Yankees, if you can believe that. With no one around to dispute where they came from they proclaimed themselves as locals.

In the meantime, Chief Jumping had his own problems. He declared

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Are contributions tax deductible?

Yes. Contribution is to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, a non-profit organization recognized by the Internal Revenue Service. The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust has established a separate account for the Pine Street Park and 100 percent of all donations so designated will go to the park. Donations may be sent to: Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, P O Box 1703, Highlands, NC 28741 (Note on your check that it is for the "Pine Street Park")

How will the design of the park be determined?

Town Commissioner and Landscape Architect Hank Ross has already developed a conceptual drawing of the park. A group representing all interested parties will be led through the design process by a trained facilitator. This group will be asked to determine the potential uses for the park and the facilities required. The options will be priced out and presented back to the group for a final selection. Based on our commitments to those who have already contributed to the park, the scope of the alternatives will include art shows, concerts, community events and individual and family activities. Restrooms and storage are the only enclosed structures that will be considered for the park.

Why did the property cost so much?

Real estate in Highlands is expensive because of the high demand. The previous owner, Joel Crook, agreed to sell the property to us for \$800,000 which was less than two other offers he received.

What about pets in the park?

This park will be public property, so pets on a leash are welcome. Pet owners will be asked to keep pets in a designated area of the park not used for events.

Plastic bags and trash cans will be provided for the disposal of pet waste.

We would like to address those that we have heard, and ask anyone with any other concerns to please contact one of the members of the Pine Street Park Committee. We are: Stephen Lucas (526-2399), Mark Meadows (526-1717), Hillrie Quin (526-2385), Hank Ross (526-5074), Ginger Slaughter (526-8517), Zeke Sossomon (526-2101), and King Young (526-3443).

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• ANOTHER VIEW •

U.S. presidents continue to lie

As we acknowledge the 60th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the events that led up to them, we find a cautionary lesson for our own time. A recent documentary on CNN, supported by scholarly historical research, reveals that the American people were grossly misled about the true reasons for the nuclear destruction of the two Japanese cities. Even after more than a half century, the fabrication survives as putative fact in the minds of a vast majority of subsequent generations.

We knew that Eisenhower lied about the U-2 spy plane incident, for which he later apologized. Nixon lied about Watergate, Reagan about Nicaragua, Clinton about his sex life; none of their apologies, such as they were, seemed very sincere. But we still wanted to believe that our presidents were fundamentally honest. At least they weren't (palpably) enriching themselves in office, like those Latin American caudillos.

But could good old straight-talking, forthright, candid, Midwestern-upright Harry Truman be a dissembler? President of the "greatest generation?" On an issue as morally critical as the dropping of the first atomic bombs? Sure enough, folks. It just took a long time for the story to surface, which should give us pause when we consider that our current Commander-in Chief is still believed by many Americans as to why we had to go to war in Iraq. Hopefully it won't take as long for the historical record to reveal the deception this time. The tragedy is that thousands of lives will have been sacrificed in vain in the meantime.

Few in the United States doubted that World War II had been shortened by Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as well as preventing countless American deaths by obviating the need for an invasion of the Japanese mainland. This was the U.S. party line, repeatedly articulated by President Truman and the military. We find out now, more than half a century later, that Japan had made several efforts to surrender months before the atomic bombings, through contacts with the Soviet government. The United States rejected the offers repeatedly. Some of the rejections were based on Japanese insistence on keeping the Emperor as a way of saving

face, a request that was later honored anyway. But a major reason was to deny the Soviet Union credit for helping to negotiate a surrender.



Dr. Alex Redmountain

The first silent shots of the Cold War had apparently been fired. The U.S. wanted to keep Soviet influence in the Pacific in check, as well as make it clear to Stalin that we had the power to block Soviet ambitions in Europe. Our atomic monopoly would, according to this outlook advocated primarily by Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, achieve those

goals. He urged Truman to drop the bombs, even though there was strong opposition by some members of the cabinet and of the military and certainly by many in the scientific community.

There was probably an unconscious racist tinge to the decision as well.

Byrnes was a vocal segregationist with a broad assortment of prejudices. What better way to prove the efficacy of the bomb, to ourselves and to the Russians, than by annihilating some "lousy Japs," by then well-defined as sub-human enemies.

I bring all this up in 2005 as a reminder of the long history of duplicity by our government, from World War II to Vietnam to Nicaragua, Panama and Grenada, to the present fraudulent, undeclared, and illegal war in Iraq.

Although the Second World War was a just and necessary war, all our subsequent incursions (with the possible exception of Korea and the first Iraq campaign) have been Empire-accruing adventures, without Congressional approval of a declaration of war, and with little moral justification. We have been lied to repeatedly about the reasons for these conflicts and have reaped the harvest of those lies in the deaths of our brave, young men.

The current lie of the day is that we are fighting in Iraq to prevent terrorism at home. I don't know how many Americans still believe this, but the propaganda machine knows that—as the Nazis insisted—if you repeat a lie often enough people will buy it. Will we have to wait another half century to look back on our time and wonder at our gullibility?

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Forces rally against Knotweed

By Mercedes Heller

Operation "Knock Out Knotweed" has begun. The contract for Japanese Knotweed eradication was awarded to Hillside Services of Waynesville and the eradication process has begun along the corridors in Highlands.

The owners of Hillside Services, Patrick and Norene Langford, are highly qualified for the job. Patrick Langford is a Certified Arborist as designated by the International Society of Arboriculture; a licensed ground pesticide applicator with endorsements in ornamentals/turf, aquatics, right of way, public health, and forest pest control; and A Clear Water Contractor as designated by the NC Sedimentation Control Board. The owners are members of the North Carolina Exotic Pest Plant Council, and are Certified Plant Professionals as designated by the North Carolina Association of Nurserymen.

With all those credentials it is evident that the job will be done in an environmentally sensitive manner. The herbicide being used has been approved by the NCDOT, the Town of Highlands, and the NC Botanical

Garden. Langford cautions that some over-spray is inevitable, but in critical areas, shields will be used to keep over-spray to a minimum. The herbicide is safe to use in riparian areas and will not harm aquatic life.

Upon completion of the initial spraying, the contractor will return in approximately 30 days to re-spray as Japanese Knotweed is very tenacious. Treatment may be required in 2006, to rid the town of any remaining Knotweed, according to Dr. Kenneth McCaskill of the NC Cooperative Extension Service.

Only public property and rights-of-way will be treated, but help is available to private property owners. The Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau are preparing packets of information that will be available at the Nature Center, Highlands Town Hall, and at the US Forest Visitor's Information Center within the next week. Names of licensed contractors who can assist private property owners, and instructions for do-it-yourself eradication techniques will be included in those packets of information.

School phone system a 'major' plus

By Erin Brown

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With the beginning of school comes a new change for both parents and students. For those who remember the irritating busy signal when calling Highlands School, this year communication will be easier.

Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen said the number one goal of the School Improvement Plan 2005-2008 is to improve communication.

"One step we have taken in that direction is the installation of a new phone system with voice mail boxes for

the entire staff. This system includes four lines rather than one single line, to reduce the possibility of getting a busy signal when you call the school's main number," she said.

Bomengen said last year when anyone called the school's main phone number, 526-2147 the caller got a busy signal if someone was using that line. The only way to reach any other line, such as Guidance or the Athletic Director's office, was to dial it directly.

Now, the call will "roll over" to one of the next three lines, all of which will

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himself a year-round local at the reservation out there and was attacked by other Indians, mostly Navajo, who had a bone to pick with him about being called a local. Chief Jumping eventually had to sign a treaty that he was not a local.

Anyway, more pale faces arrived in Highlands and wanted to be called locals which infuriated the original bunch. This set off the first round of what later would be known as the "local wars."

Then one night, a distant relative of Chief Jumping, soused on fire water, came out of hiding in Horse Cove and said, "I have a bone to pick with you." This sent the pale faces reeling and a meeting was held by the town fathers on the issue. They concluded this person was really born way out in an area we now call Clear Creek and therefore, was not a true local. He was shipped west.

So this brings us to our current time. What exactly is a local? How far out of town can you live and still be a local? If you were born close by, some say you are and some say, if your parents weren't born right here, you

aren't. Just where is the boundary line that makes you a local? Do you have to be born in the Highlands hospital to be a true local? I don't have a clue. We need a proclamation from the town fathers on this issue.

If you were born in Atlanta and raced up here to give birth to a child, the kid is definitely not a local so don't try that. In fact, some say if you ever had a relative from Atlanta, you can never be a local.

All of this has given me a headache and I am sorry I started the research. Here's what I have come up with so far. First, if you are a "Jumping" or a descendant thereof, you are definitely a local. Secondly, if you are a pale face, or a descendant thereof, you are definitely **not** a local, but possibly a descendant of a Yankee intruder from New York City, posing as a local. Will someone please write in and clear up this confusion.

Meanwhile I am quickly packing my bags and leaving town before the tar and feathers arrive. What does "I have a bone to pick with you," mean anyway?

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most Schools of Excellence since the beginning of the program," said Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell. "And this is the second time in four years that nine out of 10 schools met their expected or high growth."

To be "A School of Distinction" 80 percent of the students must be on grade level. During 2004-2005, 87.4 percent of Highlands School students were on grade

level. To be "A School of Excellence" 90 percent of the school must be on grade level.

During the 2004-2005 school year, two schools - Cartoogechaye Elementary and Nantahala School met high growth.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 levied more measures to determine adequate yearly progress (AYP) of spe-

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Woman receives 'gift of life'

We've all heard it many times: "Give the gift of life."

But for one area woman, "gift of life" isn't just a cliché or a clever marketing slogan. Without a transfusion each month, Gail McMahan simply could not survive.

McMahan, who spends nine months of every year at Highlands Country Club, has a rare, cancer-like disease of the bone marrow called myelofibrosis. It interferes with the ability of her bone marrow to produce properly formed red blood cells. Those are the cells which carry oxygen to muscles and organs throughout the body and without enough of those cells, life eventually becomes impossible.

"As my hemoglobin drops, I get very tired and pale. If I wasn't able to get more red blood cells, I couldn't last more than two or three weeks," she says. "For me receiving blood donated by others really is a gift of life."

The two units of "packed" blood she receives periodically at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital are a small part of why the hospital uses nearly 450 units of blood products each year – and why the hospital needs blood donors to turn out in large numbers this Friday at Relay for Life.

"Each unit of blood we use impacts someone's life. Maybe it's helping to keep Gail going until a cure is found; maybe it's a one-time transfusion that saves a life," says Ann Greenlee, manager of the hospital's laboratory, which handles transfusions. "Those who give blood usually never see the person they help, but every one of those patients has a face..., and a family, and loved ones. Each unit of blood someone donates affects many, many people."

For the first time locally, the AnMed Bloodmobile will be at Relay for Life. This

year's event will take place this Friday night at the Highlands Recreation Park. The bloodmobile will be accepting donations from 5:30 until 9 p.m. at Relay. For those unable to go to Relay, the bloodmobile will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 1-4 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Nearly half the blood products used at the hospital last year went to transfuse patients with cancer or cancer-like diseases – like Gail's. Many of those were chemotherapy patients.

While a crisis such as 9/11 always brings out donors in large numbers, hospital officials point out that for many patients like Gail, there is always a crisis. Her plea comes from personal knowledge: "Please don't wait for a tragedy to donate blood.

There's always a need."

In her case, transfusions of blood cells are a stop-gap measure. She will eventually develop antibodies that will make transfusions impossible. She is currently participating in a clinical trial of a new therapy at the M.D. Anderson Clinic in Houston, Texas, that doctors there hope will prove effective in halting her disease. A bone marrow transplant is a possible last-resort option, but for patients in her situation there is only a 65 percent chance of success.

"This is like a ticking time bomb inside me. But thanks to the help of my faith in God, many friends, my family, and these beautiful mountains, I've been able to keep a positive attitude," she explains. And some of those friends are at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

"The staff at the hospital has been tremendous in caring for my needs, I can't say enough about them. We have a good time together."



Gail McMahan

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ring in the Main Office. If all lines are in use, then the voice mail directory will activate.

The new phone system is just one of the improvements being made to Highlands School.

Macon County School Superintendent Rodney Shotwell pioneered the installation of the Connect-Ed automated notification system. The system will be used to remind parents and teachers of PTO meetings and other important school announcements, such as when school has been cancelled or delayed due to

inclement weather.

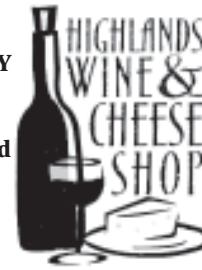
Bomengen said every family will be given a telephone message the moment the decision made regarding the schedule. Parents should check their current number with the office to ensure proper notification.

Bomengen said they will also use the Connect-Ed system to notify parents of changes in the athletic schedule.

"This wonderful innovation should make a tremendous reduction in the number of phone calls into the school during class time," Bomengen said.

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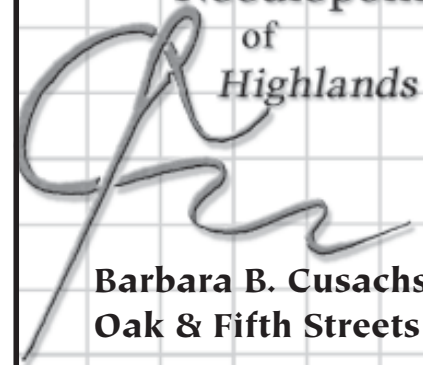


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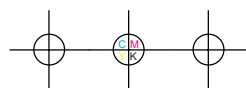
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Highlands School News

MS picnic area gets makeover

By Dr. Rebecca Schilling

Highlands Middle School students have a pleasant surprise waiting for them. Their picnic area—previously a stark, wet place—has a fresh new look and feel.

Gone are the mud and weeds. In are two red maple trees, 8 lush rhododendrons, fresh topsoil, cypress mulch, a new retaining wall of railroad ties, and better drainage.

"This is nice!" said substitute teacher Mozelle Edwards when she saw the area.

The project was a joint effort of the Mountain Garden Club (MGC) and the Highlands School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

The MGC provided \$1600 for the renovation. The PTO provided the labor. David Sims of Highlands Lawn and Garden donated many materials for the project, which enabled the PTO to stretch project funds to the max.

PTO volunteers included middle school students Clayton Lassiter, Olen Schiffli, and Bevan Schiffli. Adam Schiffli, Whitney Billingsley, and Jacob Billingsley provided invaluable help as well.

Adult PTO volunteers included PTO president Susie deVillie Schiffli and her husband, Johnny Schiffli; Assistant Principal Mark Thomas; David Sims, Sherry Sims, John Shearl, Kim Ingram, Gina and Keith Billingsley, Debbie Lassiter, and Sara Mayer.



PTO volunteers, from left, Assistant Principal Mark Thomas, Bevan Schiffli, Olen Schiffli and Adam Schiffli.

Tucked away between the old gymnasium and the middle school, the picnic area is now a secret garden worth seeing. To get there, turn at the butterfly garden and drive into the back parking lot. Go all the way to the rear.

Then, if it's lunchtime on a school day, just follow the sound of laughter.

Varsity and J.V. Volleyball 2005

Date	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Th	Aug 25	Nantahala	Home	5
Tu	Aug 30	Cherokee	Away	4
Th	Sept 1	Walhalla	Home	5
Tu	Sept 6	Rosman	Home	4
Th	Sep 8	Swain	Away	4
Tu	Sep 13	Hiwassee Dam	Home	4
Wed	Sep 14	Walhala	Away	5
Th	Sep 15	Blue Ridge	Home	5
Wed	Sept 21	Rabun Gap	Away	5
Th	Sep 22	Nantahala	Away	5
Tu	Sep 27	Cherokee	Home	4
Th	Sep 29	TBA		
Mon	Oct 3	Blue Ridge	Away	5
Tu	Oct 4	Rosman	Away	4
Th	Oct 6	Swain	Home	4
Tu	Oct 11	Hiwassee Dam	Away	5
Th	Oct 13	TBA		

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Men's Soccer 2005

Day	Date	Time	Field	Opponent
Tues	Aug-23	6	Home	Franklin
Fri	Aug-26	5	Home	Rabun Gap
Mon	Aug-29	6	Home	Polk County
Thurs	Sept-01	5	Home	Tallulah Falls
Thurs	Sept-08	6	Away	Franklin
Fri	Sept-09	6	Away	Madison Co.
Mon	Sept-12	6	Home	Hiawasee Dam
Tues	Sept-13	6	Away	Brevard
Wed	Sept-14	4	Away	Hayesville
Mon	Sept-19	6	Home	Andrews
Wed	Sept-21	6	Away	Murphy
Tues	Sept-27	5	Away	Rabun Gap
Wed	Sept-28	6	Home	Blue Ridge
Mon	Oct-03	6	Away	Swain Co.
Wed	Oct-05	4	Away	Hiawasee Dam
Thurs	Oct-06	6	Away	Polk County
Mon	Oct-10	6	Home	Hayesville
Wed	Oct-12	6	Away	Andrews
Mon	Oct-17	6	Home	Murphy
Mon	Oct-24	4	Away	Blue Ridge
Wed	Oct-26	6	Home	Swain Co.

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The soccer season ahead

By Coach David Parrish

Last year the Fighting Highlanders posted their best season ever, ending the season with a record of 16-4-2.

Victories against Franklin (6-1) and 2-A powerhouse Madison (3-1) who were ranked 10th in the State for 2-A Schools, complemented their undefeated Big Smokey Mountain Conference Title (12-0). With a tie at Polk County (4-4), then ranked # 3 in the state (State Champions for the last two years) late in the season, the Highlanders were poised to make a run at a State Title.

In the first round of the State Playoffs last year Highlands walked away with a 3-2 victory over East Wilkes on a rainy night that saw winds in excess of 45 mph. In the second round the Highlanders found themselves down 4-1 mid way through the second half, but 4 unanswered goals sealed the incredible come back over the #2 seed from the Yadkin Valley Conference (Who's #1 seed won state).

In the third round of the State Playoffs, the fighting Highlanders fought their way to a 5-2 lead over, now

2-A High School, Surry Central (Ranked #3 in the State) from the Northwest Conference. With 20 minutes left in the match Surry Central caught on fire and the Highlanders feel back on their heels watching Surry Central steal the game 6-5 in the final minute, ending the Highlanders run at the State Title.

Last year the team scored 83 goals during conference matches and allowed 3. The last three season your Highlanders have gone 36-0 in the Big Smokey Mtn. Conference. Total goals scored all games last year - 128 against 23 allowed.

This year's team is looking to top last years performance with the help of returning seniors Buddy Parrish (Co-Captain), Ryan Bears (Co-Captain), Matt Chenoweth, Ryan Perkins, Tyler Wavra and returning Juniors, Alec Schmitt, Nick Kerhoulas, Jason Aspinwall,, Gray Alexander and returning Sophomores, Jake Heffington, and Greg Potter. Additions include Seniors David Hodges and Andrew Willhide, with Freshman Jordon Johnson, Mikey Lica, Hunter Leftler, Ezra Hertz, and Taylor Parrish.



HS News

New medication policy in effect

At the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year, students can no longer receive medication at school without permission from a doctor, including over-the-counter medication.

This change came about after the state decided that Macon County needed to update its medication policy.

Doctors offices across the county have been notified of the change and will be expecting to fill out permission forms, but parents should take responsibility and remind their doctors.

The forms will require doctors and parents to sign for medication that the child can have during the school day, including over-the-counter medicines like pain relievers and cold medications. Teachers and school personnel will not be allowed to administer any medication unless the proper forms are completed.

Medication sent to school will also need to be in a properly labeled prescription bottle or original over-the-counter bottle. Any medication that is sent to school in any other container will not be administered to students.

Parents' responsibilities in the new medication policy are as follows: sign the "Request for Medication to be Given During School Hours" form and return it to the school; have the pharmacist label two

containers – one for home and one for school use if the child is to receive the medication at both sites, have the medication placed in an appropriately labeled container which indicates the student's name, the name of the medication, the unit of dosage to be given, the number of dosage units, the time the medication is to be given, and how it is to be administered. A new container is required every time there is a change in the dosage or medication or when there is a refill of medication; notify the school administration, in writing, when a child's medication or dosage changes; remove medications from school premises when treatment has been completed.

If a student must carry certain medication(s), such as inhalers, at all times and be allowed to administer the medication himself/herself, the parents must make the request in writing and have the "Request for Medication to be Given During School Hours" form completed.

Parents must also submit proof that their doctor has instructed the student on the use of medications.

If parents have any questions regarding this new policy they should contact School Nurse Jennifer Garrett at their child's school.

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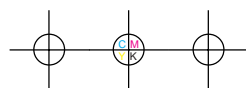
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New valedictorian, salutatorian requirements at Highlands School

By Kim Lewicki

The Macon County School Board has firmed up its valedictorian and salutatorian requirements after recent controversy in its high schools brought loopholes to light.

Effective immediately for the class of 2006, grade point averages (GPAs) since the freshman year will be calculated for those in the running for valedictorian and salutatorian as usual, but a full course load must be completed by seniors during the 2005-2006 school year.

"The GPA for all four years of high school count in the calculation for top honors – valedictorian or salutatorian," said Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell. "But beginning with the 2005-2006 school year, anyone wishing to be considered for these honors must take a full course load each year in high school."

For the class of 2006, contenders must take a full course load during this school year, said Shotwell. "Being a teacher's aid won't count as a course, if the student is interested in high

honors."

The qualifying GPA average will be calculated based on weighted courses. For instance, an "A" in a regular course is worth four points, in an honors course five points and in an AP course, six points.

A full course load for block session is four academic courses during the fall and four during the spring.

For the class of 2007, a full course load must be completed during the junior and senior year to qualify for valedictorian and salutatorian


standing.

For the class of 2008, a full course load must be completed during the sophomore, junior and senior year to qualify for valedictorian and salutatorian standing.

And for the class of 2009, a full course load must be completed during each year of high school – freshman, sophomore, junior and senior years – to qualify for valedictorian and salutatorian standing.


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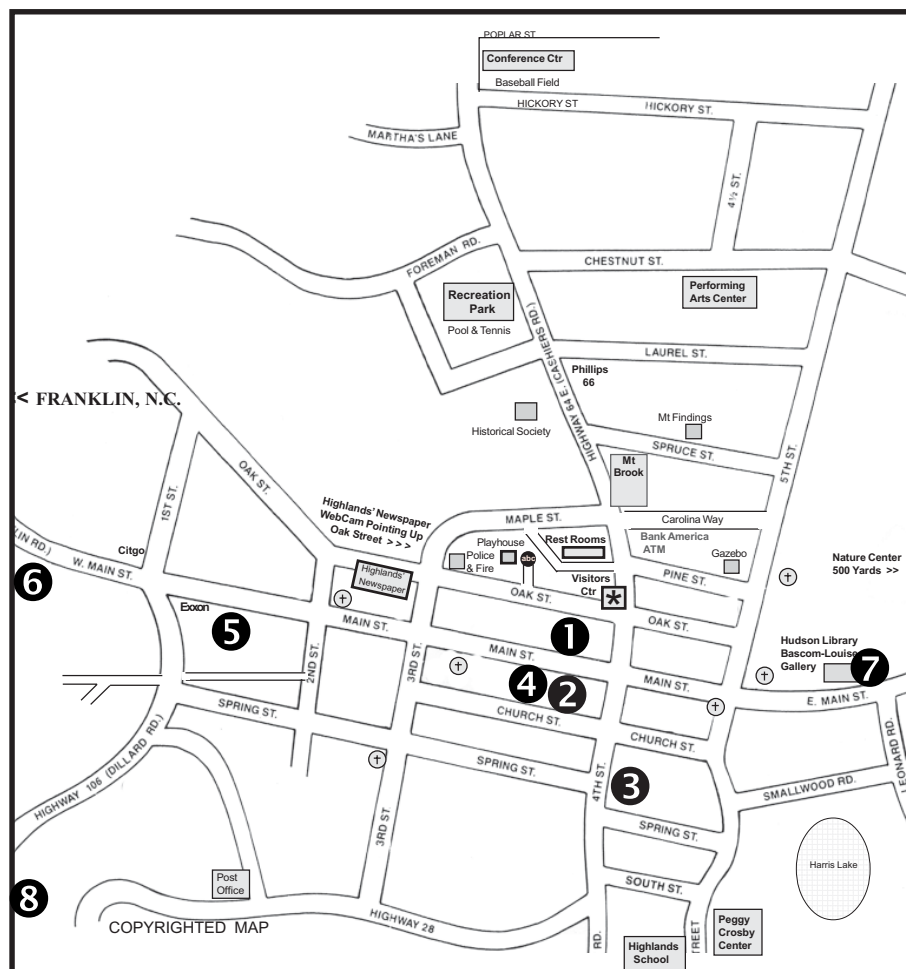


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New hospital administrator named, Graham to leave

The former president of the South Carolina Hospital Association has been named the new president of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Kenneth A. Shull, FACHE, who has more than 30 years experience in hospital administration, will succeed Administrator Jim Graham.

Shull will begin his duties August 29.

Hospital staff and members of the community will have an opportunity to say good-bye to both Graham and his wife Beth at a special public reception Friday, Aug 26. The drop-in event will be held from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in the main conference room of the hospital, and refreshments will be provided.

Graham, who has been administrator of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital since 1998, announced last May that he would be relocating to the Winston-Salem area for family reasons. Beth Graham has already assumed her new duties as Health Services Director of Salem College in Winston-Salem. Graham's last day at the hospital will be August 26.

"Jim has given the hospital seven years of outstanding leadership and the hospital, as well as our communities, will miss both him and Beth," said Walton K. Nussbaum, chairman of the hospital's board of directors. "However, we are fortunate to have found an administrator of Mr. Shull's abilities and experience."

"All of us at the hospital are saddened to see Jim and Beth leave us, but we understand their reasons for moving closer to the family members who need them," said Jack Calloway, CEO and president of the foundation. "Jim's contributions to the success of the hospital have been many and significant. His work ethic and his integrity have been beyond compare, not only here at the hospital but in the community as a

whole. Our communities, and the hospital, are much better places as a result of Jim's and Beth's involvement for the past seven years."

Graham expressed his appreciation to the Highlands-Cashiers community for its support during the last seven years.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who have supported this hospital, and me, over the past seven years. I have had the opportunity to serve many small hospitals over the past 30 years and I can honestly say I have never seen a hospital that has the amount of community

support that this one does," he said. "It has been my privilege to have had the opportunity to work with Jack Calloway, our CEO, and our board of directors to sustain and build a medical community that I believe continues to do an excellent job of meeting the medical needs of area residents."

Graham said that while he will certainly "miss my many friends here," he is pleased

that he could play a role in moving the hospital forward as an "exceptional place for health care."

"None of the hospitals that I've previously served have had such modern facilities, the technology, or as wonderful a group of employees and physicians," he added.

A native of Virginia, Graham came to Highlands from Roxboro, N.C., where he was administrator and CEO at Person County Memorial Hospital, and later owned his own financial consulting business. Graham said relocating to the central part of the state will place the couple much closer to Beth Graham's family, which has been battling serious illness, as well as closer to his mother's family in Galax, VA., and his daughter who is a nurse near Winston-Salem.



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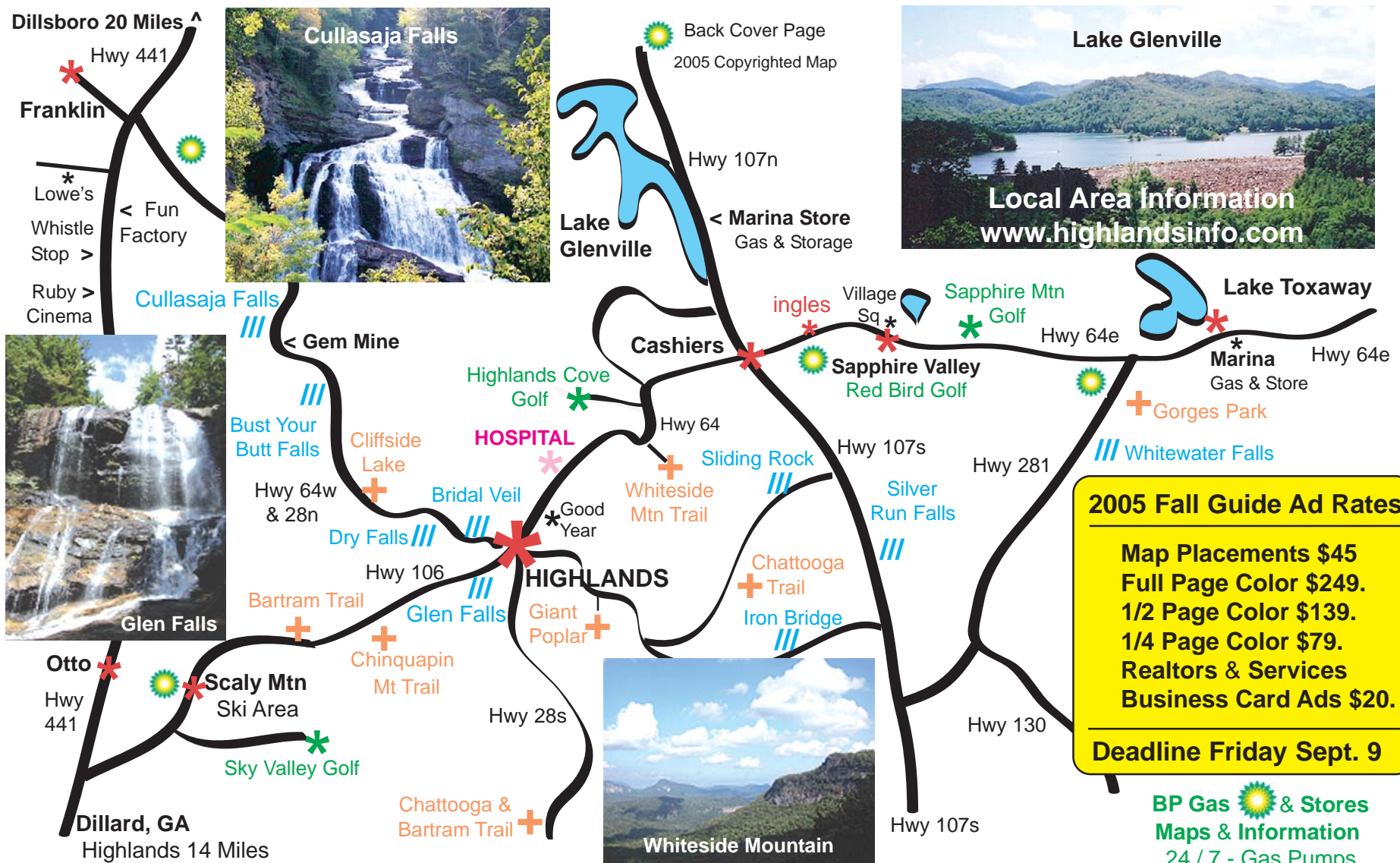
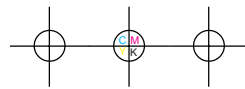
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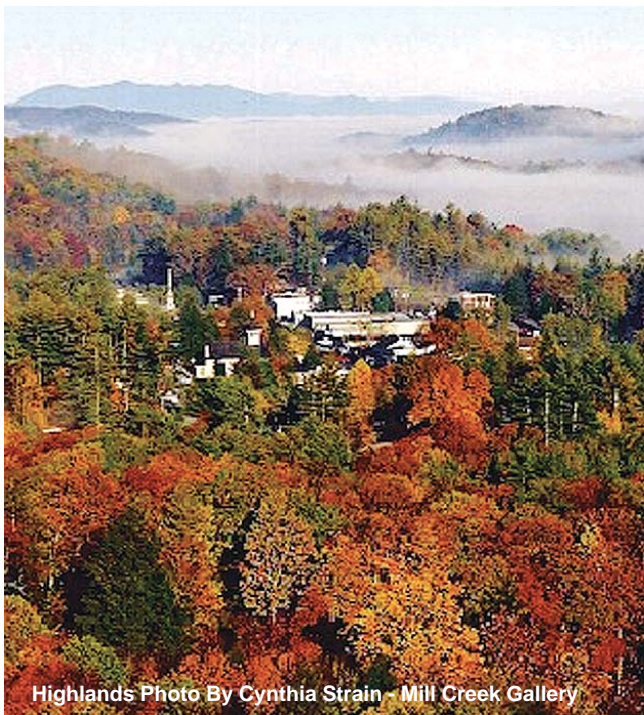
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And he was right. Within minutes of his arrival, Dr. John Baumrucker had diagnosed Clyde as suffering from an acute myocardial infarction. Using advanced clot-busting medications, Dr. Baumrucker and the ER staff were able to quickly stabilize Clyde's condition.

"It was a quick diagnosis and quick action. I'm glad there are doctors like John Baumrucker and an ER as good as this one so close by," Clyde says.

This spring, Clyde fashioned a plaque using wood from his cabin and presented it to Dr. Baumrucker and the ER staff.

"This simple piece of wood represents a life saved," says Dr. Baumrucker.

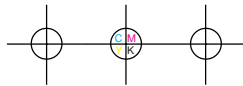
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cific subgroups of the school population.

All 10 schools met their AYP goals, but four schools were Honor Schools of Excellence and three schools were Schools of Distinction.

Especially impressive were some of the end-of-course test scores.

- Highlands tenth-grade writing scores were about 17 points above the state and other schools in the Western North Carolina region.

- The seventh-grade county writing average was above the state and the region.

- East Franklin and South Macon scored above the state and region on the fourth-grade writing test.

- Macon County third- and eighth-graders scored above the region on reading.

- Macon County third-graders also scored above the region on mathematics.

- Highlands scored above the region on the geometry, English I, biology, chemistry and Algebra II end-of-course tests.

- Nantahala scored above the region on the biology end-of-course test.

- Macon County improved reading scores from 2003-2004 at grades three, five, six and eight. And Macon County improved mathematics scores from 2003-2004 at grades three and six.

Last week Superintendent Shotwell raised the bar even higher setting grade and curriculum goals.

"Next year we want nine of our 10 schools to be at 90 percentile," he said. "We're very close right now. We're in the upper 80s."

He expects Franklin High School to raise to a "School of Distinction" where 80 percent of the students must be at grade level. For 2004-2005 Franklin High School met "expected growth" at 74.7 percent at grade level.

Shotwell said it's important for Macon County Schools to continue to upgrade its technology components. "We ranked seventh in the state last year," he

said. "We have 4,200 students and 2,600 computers. That's a good ratio, but it could be better."

Revamping high schools to keep students engaged is high on his list for 2005 and beyond. "We will be posting for the principal for the Early College/High School on the SCC campus in November and expect it to open the fall of 2006," he said. "If we get them doing something they love as early as middle school, they realize that doing something they don't love isn't that bad if it gets them where they want to be."

Shotwell plans to tap the Gates Foundation for \$1.5 million over the next five years to upgrade technology.

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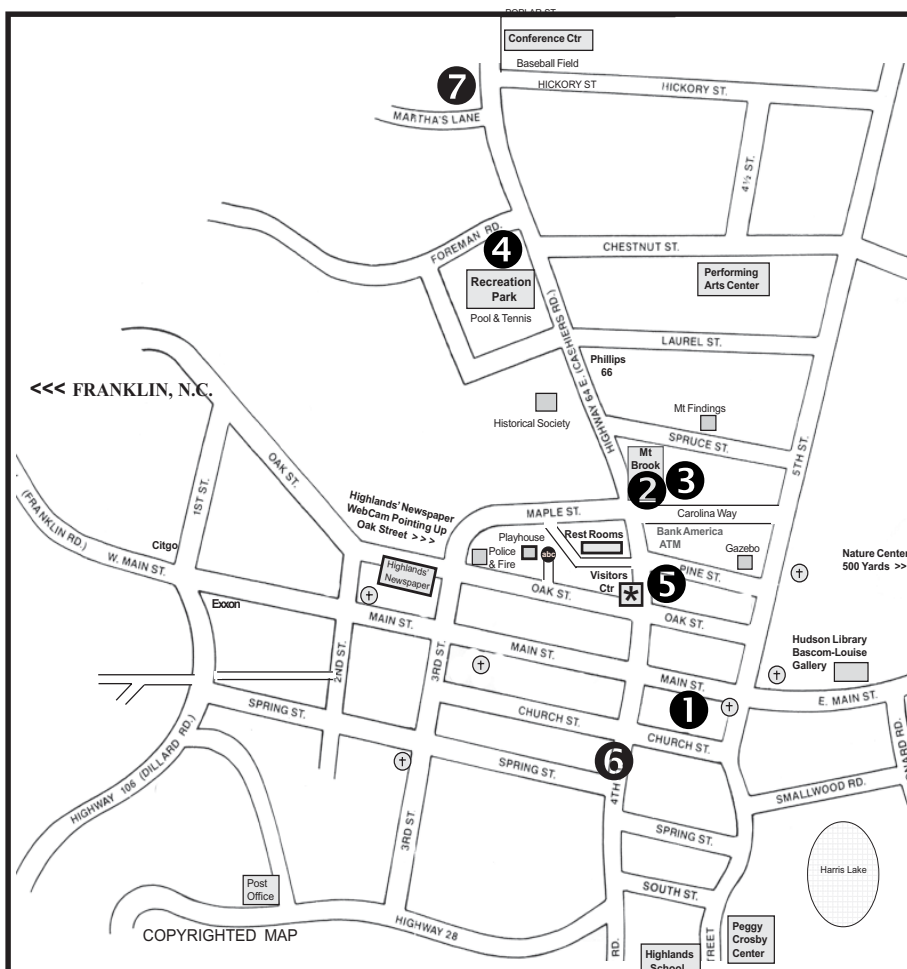
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Bill Bubenick, broker associate in the
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 diverse background in business,
 education, and coaching, as well as
 residential and commercial real estate.
 He has also built and sold several homes
 while operating three retail businesses in
 Highlands.

Sherman Pope, broker associate, also
 in the Highlands Office

Prior to working in real estate,

Sherman owned two gas stations and
 convenience stores. He has a Bachelor
 of Science in Psychology and
 Criminology from Florida State
 University. In his spare time, Sherman
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After nearly one year and a substan-
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 modations. After extensive renovations
 to the main lodge and grounds along
 with other enhancements, the property
 will be completed in early December
 2005. For more than 115 years, guests
 have been visiting this discriminating
 destination, formerly Kelsey and Hutch-
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 beautifully appointed guestrooms and
 suites. The Lodge is a sister property to
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The Lodge presents refined accom-
 modations situated on three lushly land-
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Library gets check from thrift shop



Hudson Library: Volunteers Claudine and Tom Bowes present a \$7,000 check to Mary Lou Worley, Branch Director, Tay Bronaugh, Treasurer of the Hudson Library Board of Trustees, and John Gaston, President of the Board. This year, Mountain Findings donated \$65,000 to community organizations.

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Police officer, Macon County Schools agreed to pay for his insurance for the first year and to supply an office and phone line at Highlands School indefinitely.

The first hurdle involved a take home police car – a necessary recruiting tool, said Harrell — which the Town Board OK'd at the last Town Board meeting.

Highlands Police officer Ronnie Castle, formerly with the Macon County Sheriff Department's Juvenile Division and most recently with NC State Corrections will be stationed out of Highlands School starting Thursday, Aug. 25, the first day of school, as its SRO officer.

Harrell said he's a good fit for the position. "With his background, I am certain he will do the job that needs to be done," said Harrell. "This is the best way to serve the Highlands community and protect our children."

Since the fall of 2001 when Macon County Schools and the Macon County Sheriff Department began the SRO program at the schools, Franklin High School and Highlands School have shared a SRO officer.

Chief Harrell said it was time for a change and advocated staffing the position with one of his 11 officers. "Having a full time SRO is a vital piece of the community policing puzzle," he

said.

The function of the SRO is to collaborate on-site with the school administrator and staff, to investigate crime on school property, incorporate crime prevention into the school curriculum and enhance communication with the community through the school setting.

But the principal functions of the SRO is to provide a positive image, law-related counseling, law-related education and act as a law-enforcement officer utilizing the community policing theory in a variety of emergency and non-emergency situations.

Chief Harrell and Highlands Police Captain Tony Carver were both SRO officers in their day, spending time in both Highlands and Franklin schools.

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POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 18-24.

Aug. 18

- At 7:18 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a business on S. 4th St. All was secure.

Aug. 19

- At 9:05 p.m., a resident reported receiving threatening phone calls.
- At 11:30 a.m., a resident reported losing a cell phone.
- At 4:34 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on N.C. 106 and Hudson Road. One driver was cited for failing to decrease speed to avoid a collision.

Aug. 20

- At 1:30 a.m., Brentley Hudson, 26, of Highlands was arresting for DWI on Oak Street.
- At 1:03 p.m., officers responded to two-vehicle accident at Main and U.S. 64 east.

- At 3:20 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone at N.C. 28 and Sassy Lane.

- At 3:53 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone at N.C. 28 and Sassy Lane.

Aug. 21

- At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to a domestic dispute on Wahoo Trail. The people were told to stay away from each other.

- At 6 p.m., officers responded to a drowning in Mirror Lake.

- At 9:15 p.m., a motorist was issued a warning citation for failing to yield right-of-way on N.C. 106.

Aug. 22

- At 2:19 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a home on Ravenel Ridge Road. All was secure.

- At 8 p.m., a resident reported losing a wallet.

- At 6:45 p.m., officers patrolled a residence in Shelby Court following a suspicious incident.

Aug. 23

- At 4 p.m., a motorist parked on Main Street reported his car hit by a tractor-trailer turning onto the street.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 19-24.

Aug. 19

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Holt Circle. It was false.

Aug. 20

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. The call was cancelled en route.

- The dept. responded to a vehicle fire on Main Street. The engine was doused with water. There were no injuries.

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

Aug. 21

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. The call was cancelled en route.

- The dept. performed a water recovery of a drowned victim in Mirror Lake.

Aug. 23

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call to a residence on Keener Road where someone had fallen. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Aug. 24

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence at Highlands Mountain Club. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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Dasher wants to sell the spots so owners have a share in the association and will require new or late model RVs in the complex. Lots range from \$95,000-\$129,000.

"I think owners will be more inclined to keep up the property if they own it," said Gantenbein.

"I came to Highlands looking for a spot to put my Airstream and almost bought a lot across the street at the Coach Club, but then this opportunity came along."

Dasher said the interior of the complex won't change. "It doesn't look like

much from the street but once inside it's quaint and it will stay that way," he said.

Once he closes on the property, he intends to winterize the complex, so owners can live in their RVs longer than six months if they want. He said he's sure the infrastructure currently serving the complex will have to be upgraded and he's ready to do that.

His plans include developing an entrance with curb appeal — like the Coach Club entrance across the street, he said.

"RV parks are in high demand in Highlands," he said. "Carolina Court has

been there so long; in fact, my uncle stayed there in his RV years ago. I want to maintain the quaint atmosphere but clean it up a bit."

He said adjoining property owners should be pleased with the fact that nothing he does on the property should affect them. "Since it won't be developed for multi-family all those trees won't be destroyed," said Dasher. "And it's not meant for coming and going traffic."

Dasher isn't a developer — he owns an outdoor advertising company — but believes in RVing and thinks RVers should have a place to call home in Highlands.



• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church choir lead participants in the musical part of the service, Sunday, Aug. 21. Photo by Kim Lewicki

Ecumenical worship service blesses school

Faithful and ever-precious God, we lift to you our concern for education. We raise for your blessing and guidance all who work and learn in schools in our community and state. We bring to you all our hopes and expectations.

Now hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for schools where generations have gathered for learning, where knowledge has been advanced and individuals have grown.

May they be ever strengthened and ever faithful.

We pray for teachers, administrators and all who work in education. May they be blessed with renewed enthusiasm and determination.

May they recognize their own creativity, our thankfulness, and our caring.

We pray for students of all ages. Bless them with the understanding and confidence that their gifts and talents are their hope and future.

May they know the joy of learning.

We pray for legislators and school board members. Give them wisdom as they shape policy in our schools and our community.

May they seek your guidance and do your will.

We pray for those who advocate and those who volunteer. May their gift of time and talent be an example of your love and generosity.

May their efforts result in an effective and diverse education.

We pray for families who yearn for involvement. May they join in love and support of their children and theaters.

Help our school community realize the vital nurturing they provide.

Holy God, we ask for all of us your blessings and presence as we strive to do your will in this community. Keep us ever faithful in our caring, ready to support and challenge. Grant all these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, that great student and teacher who came that we might have life abundant. Amen.

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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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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

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-going

• Through Sept. 3, local photographer, Reuben Cox, is featured in an exhibit "The 2004 Contract Bridge World Championships!" at 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.

• 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 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

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

• "Driving Miss Daisy" at Highlands Playhouse through Sept. 4. 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.

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

• This Week at Highlands Wine and Cheese: On Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., it's Steve Pignaitello, a Burgundy importer of great wines from small, independent producers. Wine Flight Thursday and Saturday: 4:30-6:30 p.m.. Complimentary Samples Saturday 12:30-4 p.m.

• 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. 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.

Aug. 25

• The first day for students at the Highlands School is Thursday, Aug. 25. It will be a full day of school from 8 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

Aug. 25-28

• The Mountain Retreat Center will host the Technical Rope Rescue 3 International.

Aug. 25-Sept 4

• Highlands Playhouse presents "Driving Miss Daisy" Tues.-Sat., 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

Aug. 26-27

• Relay for Life activities at Highlands Rec Park begin at 6 p.m.

Aug. 26-28

• HCP's "Dearly Departed" The performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m., at Highlands Conference Center. 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 526-8084.

Aug. 26

• Opening reception for fine jewelry & chandelier designer, Dorian Webb, at Cool Cats Hot Dogs, on S. 4th Street, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Aug. 27

• Dorian Webb, jewelry & chandelier designer Trunk Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cool Cats Hot Dogs on S. 4th Street.

• Pancakes and plenty of them are on the menu for Saturday when the Scaly Mountain Women's Club hosts its monthly breakfast. A full meal of homemade pancakes (with blueberries if you like), patty sausage, coffee and juice will be available at the ski lodge on NC Highway 106 in downtown Scaly Mountain from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

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

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike on the Boogey Man trail at Cattanoochee, where it is possible to see the reintroduced elk herd. Meet at Macon Plaza (Bi-Lo) in Franklin at 8 a.m. Drive 120 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations or more information.

Aug. 28

• Open House at Carpe Diem Farms. Everyone is invited to come and see the lodge with accommodations, the conference center, stables and horses, the tepee, walk the labyrinth and go to the waterfalls, 2-5 p.m. on Sunday. Have some refreshments and enjoy the afternoon. Directions: Buck Creek Road 5 miles and turn right on Western Rhodes Road. Drive to the gate and you're at Carpe Diem Farms. For further information call: 526-4752.

Aug. 29

• The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday at the Cullasaja Club. This tournament is open to all golfers and all proceeds go to the Town of Highlands to fund scholarships. For information call David Cull at 526-3531. The Scholarship Committee welcomes all donations and sponsorships. Please call Helen Simmons at 509-2542 for more information.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Aug. 29 & Sept. 1

• Carolina Cajun Dance instructors, Morris and Anita Williams, will be offering dance lessons on Monday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Rec Park. Lessons include Waltz, two-step and jitterbug. Call 526-9713 to register. You can try out your new dance steps at the Cajun Music and Dance Festival on Sunday, September 4 at 6 at the fundraiser for the PAC. For ticket information call 526-9047. Sponsored by the Highlands Accommodations Group and PAC.

Aug. 30

• The Eagle Lady, Doris Mager, presented by Highlands Plateau Audubon Society, Highlands Civic Center. The program featuring live birds, begins at 7 p.m.

Sept. 1-4

• Julia Boss Fine Jewelry Trunk Show at Acorn's on Main Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 3

• Audubon bird walk at the Highlands Biological Station and Sunset Rock for fall migrants. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Highlands Town Hall. For information, call Edwin Pool, 526-2775.

• At Instant Theater Studio on Main Street. Dromedary - Instrumental duets that travel the globe. Last October DROMEDARY played to a sold out house at The Studio. They're back this year by popular request. Complimentary wine and soft drinks served with all performances. For ticket information call 828-342-9197. Only 50 seats available. Reservations STRONGLY Suggested.

Sept. 4

• Cajun Music and Dance Festival on Sunday at 6 at the fundraiser for the PAC. For ticket information call 526-9047. Sponsored by the Highlands Accommodations Group and PAC.

Sept. 7

• C.L.E. presents a talk about the life and music of Thelonius Monk by Mark Couture and Plavel Wlosok, professors at Western Carolina University at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. This lecture is free, open to the public and sponsored by the Center For Life Enrichment.

Sept. 8

• A trio composed of baritone Stell Huie and tenors Wayne Coleman and John Greene will be one of the features in the performance of the Highlands Male Chorus, sponsored by the PAC. The chorus is directed by Orville Wike and accompanied by Angie Jenkins. Admission is \$10, with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 526-9047.

Sept. 9-11

• Sixth Native Plant Conference sponsored by the Highlands Biological Foundation to benefit the Highlands Botanical Garden begins with a talk by gardening author Felder Rushing on Friday evening at 6:430 p.m. His talk will be open to the public at no charge, with seating at PAC on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is \$100 for all events. Forms available at the Biological Station or by calling 526-2602.

Sept. 10

• At Instant Theater Studio on Main Street. ROCK'O - An Acoustic Dance Party. Out on your dancing shoes and come dancing. We're rolling up the rugs, folding up the Director's Chairs and creating a Dance Hall tonight. Come dance to LIVE Classic Acoustic Rock & Roll in a unique and intimate atmosphere. Complimentary wine and soft drinks served with all performances. For ticket

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Sept. 12

• A Beth Moore Bible Study, The Patriarchs: Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, beginning Monday at Highlands School at 4 p.m. This study is open to anyone who desires to participate. There is a workbook to accompany the study, and there will be a video presentation and discussion each week for 11 weeks. Carol Bowen is the facilitator. Call 526-5168.

Sept. 13

• Doris Mager, the "Eagle Lady," will present program on Birds of Prey with live birds; sponsored by Highlands Plateau Audubon Society, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Sept. 15

• InterChurch Pot Luck Supper at First Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Call Pat Griffin at 526-2418.

Sept. 17

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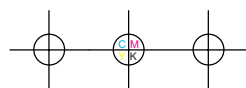
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Cashiers Designer Showhouse

Cashiers' newest 'shop' opens for 2 weeks

Seen the new shop in Cashiers? Filled with porcelains, antiques, small furniture, tables, lamps, chairs, antique linens, boxes, custom and silver jewelry; the shop will be open for just two weeks through Sept. 4 - at the Cashiers Designer Showhouse, The Homestead at Lonesome Valley.

Regulars and newcomers to the Cashiers Designer Showhouse eagerly anticipate the one-of-a-kind treasures at The Showhouse Shop, an annual tradition that will be larger than ever this year. Returning for their eighth year, The Showhouse Shop owners have spent the past year gathering carefully chosen collections, many from Europe, just for this year's Showhouse.

The Showhouse Shop is a collaboration of five well-known Cashiers,

Highlands and Atlanta dealers who have scoured American and European countrysides to bring to Cashiers everything to make a city or mountain home special - Little Things, specializing in a large collection of different types of porcelain, linens and small, decorative objects; Gatewood Antiques, returning with a large collection of porcelain and

Majolica, small furniture and bamboo tables; Jeanne White's collection of Primitive antiques, boxes, shells and tables; Becky Warner with furniture and lighting finds from France; Loot, specializing in antique and new sterling silver jewelry; and Virginia Rice Designs, with her innovative custom bracelets and necklaces.

Specially catered lunches by Chef William Neal Caterers are available daily.

The Cashiers Designer Showhouse, located 2 1/2 miles from the Crossroads in Cashiers, will be open daily through Sept. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m.

The Showhouse is presented by the Cashiers Historical Society, benefiting the Zachary-Tolbert House restoration fund and 2005 grant recipient Cashiers Community Council. The historic property, with spectacular views of Laurel Knob, was once owned by the Dillard family and called Dillard's Canyon. It was purchased by the Jennings family in the early 1900s and became home to several generations of Jennings. Showhouse corporate sponsors are McKee Properties, Macon Bank and Summit Building. Tickets can be purchased by calling 828/743-7710.



Rosemary Smith



The Gregory garden is one of several to be featured on the field trips planned for the Sixth Native Plant Conference coming up Sept. 9-11.

Native gardens featured during conference

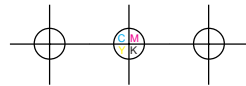
Participants in the sixth annual Native Plant Conference will be welcome to explore several gardens that incorporate native plants in their plantings.

The Highlands Biological Foundation will sponsor its sixth annual Native Plant Conference at the Performing Arts Center Sept. 9-11, starting with a talk by gardening author Felder Rushing on Friday evening at 6:30. His talk will be open to the public at no charge. Seating at PAC is first-come, first-served. Proceeds from the entire conference will go toward the maintenance of the Botanical Garden at the Highlands Biological Station.

Participants in the conference will

hear lectures on Saturday by five renowned botanists and landscapers, with emphasis on the use of native plants. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served prior to an auction of unusual plants that have been donated to benefit the Botanical Garden.

The conference will also include the opportunity for attendees to participate in two of eight field-trips or workshops, including the Tracey garden on Friday or Sunday afternoon. The registration fee for the entire conference is \$100 and is limited to 200 participants. Registration forms may be requested at the Biological Station or by calling 526-2602.



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Back to School Festival lots of fun

Dear Editor,

On behalf of The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church, Highlands United Methodist Church and Community Bible Church, I would like to express our appreciation to the following for their contributions to making the Back to School Festival a great success.

Selwyn Chalker and the Highlands Recreation Park, Dennis Wilson, Tay and Tamara Bronaugh, Tom Harris, Maggie Dearth, Jennifer & Robbie Forrester, Valerie and Lynn Long, Nancy Shirling, The Revs. Kim and Eddie Ingram, Marjorie Crowe, Cindy & Spencer Nadler, Kristen Karcher, Carol Fox, Kerri Moschouris, Jane Chalker, Sara Lindsay, Haley Chalker, The Murphy Family, Julie Potts, Bill McCutchen, and Ted Schmidt.

We believe that building communities of love and justice for all children begins at home. In effort to cultivate this concept we believe in working together in ecumenical events such as the Back to School Festival, Service of Blessing for the new school year, Family Fun Night at the Living Center, and Kids Night Out. Our next occasion will be Kids Night Out hosted by the Methodist Church on September 23 from 6-9pm. This is for ages nursery - fifth grade with dinner and fun provided! Please call 526-3376 to register.

Thank you again for all the generous help and support from the community.

Andrea L Chalker,
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation



Students lined up for a chance to bounce in the giant inflatable carousel at the Ball Park on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Photo by Marjorie Crowe

Shop early for Christmas while supporting the school

By Highlands School PTO

August 29 kicks off the first fundraiser of the school year and everyone is encouraged to participate!

All proceeds from PTO fundraisers support the students and provide resources for the faculty at Highlands School.

This year, we want to provide

funding for student projects, new school equipment, classroom materials and resources, and special educational events for students like guest authors and storytellers. We also plan to continue to purchase the Senior Class/Faculty caps and gowns, contributing money for New Century Scholars and Town of Highlands Scholarships, and gifting teacher

appreciation awards.

Join us Aug. 29 - Sept. 16. Look for Genevieve's packets to come home with students, swing by the school to pick one up, or visit www.genevieves.com (be sure to use Highland School's account number 10388 if you shop online).

Buying is easy and the products are great. There's wrapping paper, candy and

other special gifts, there are candles and calendars. The school gets a 40 percent return on the candles and calendars and a 50 percent profit on all other products!

The top-selling student will win an iPod Mini and an iTunes Certificate. The second prize is a \$100 Gift Card to Walmart. The homeroom with the highest sales wins a free catered lunch!



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