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July 21-23

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July 22-23

- Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery will be at Hen House signing his pottery from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

July 23

- Pancake breakfast at the ski lodge on U. S. Highway 106 from 7:30-10:30 a.m.
- A Bolivian Mission Fun Day featuring food and games 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Highlands United Methodist Church.
- Valley Art Fest II in Sky Valley, Ga., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the pavilion in Sky Valley rain or shine. Admission and parking are free.




July 24

- The Instant Theatre Company's High School Summer Acting Class presents a showcase of scenes on Sunday at 2 p.m. at The Studio on Main. The event is free.

- A photo workshop for beginners at Mill Creek Gallery & Framing. Call Cynthia Strain at 787-2021 for reservations.

July 25

- "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining" at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro. Wines by St. Francis Winery & Vineyards. Art by John Mac Kah. 6 p.m. Call 526-3807.

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Declining room tax explained

By Kim Lewicki

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The question has been on everyone's lips. If room tax proceeds are down, where are all the people in town lately, staying?

Turns out the room tax proceeds aren't as down as the Chamber of Com-

merce thought. What's down is the amount sent back to both Highlands and Franklin after the county takes its administrative cut.

Room tax proceeds for January 2005 through June 2005 is down \$25,000 from last year.

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Above is one of three scenarios for the Pine Street Park by Landscape Architect Hank Ross.

Village green in the works

By Kim Lewicki

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When the sales contract for the lot at the corner of Pine and Fifth streets fell through, some people were likely disappointed, but others realized a door had suddenly opened and they're marching right on through.

A group of Highlands residents - eight people who have dubbed themselves The Pine Street Steering Commit-

tee - have rallied forces to buy the property for a much-needed village green for Highlands.

"The town has no common area to complement the 'village feel' of the town," said King Young who is spearheading the project. "A village green is something the Land Use Planning Committee supports and is encouraging."

The property costs \$800,000 and the

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Gym occupancy still a question

By Erin Brown

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It looks like a few more items have been added to the "punch-list" before the Highlands School gym can be occupied, and this time it's from Highlands Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein.

In a discussion with Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen, Gantenbein said to receive a Certificate of Occupancy from the Town of Highlands two things must be done -

the grounds must be completely clear of construction debris; and permanent stormwater controls must be in place for the parking lot and downspouts. Gantenbein suggested a perpetual holding pond or rain garden be constructed behind the facility because there is a water drainage problem on the property.

Architect Donny Luke said he had just "gotten word" of the controls

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Last hurdle cleared for Bowery Road

By Kim Lewicki

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It looks like work could begin on the first-seven tenths of Bowery Road within the next two months.

That was the town's perceived outcome of the July 20 meeting of the North Carolina Historical Commission which met at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.

As part of its agenda, the commission reviewed requests and made recommendations concerning the proposed improvements and paving of the first seven-tenths of Bowery Road.

Representatives from both camps were at the meeting, including lawyers from both sides and about 15 residents for improvement and a few against improvements.

Mary Pope with the Historical Commission did the most talking, making specific recommendations for construction. If the Historical Commission accepts her recommendations, an 18-ft. road will be built without curbs, the roadway will be covered with a chip and seal surface to maintain the rural character and clearing will be kept to a minimum.

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

Over the years it's taken a lot to solidify the proposed improvements, the first part of the road was designated as an historical district and is now listed on the National Register as the Playmore/Bowery Road Historic District.

As a historical district, the improvements and paving project must be considered - as required by N.C. General Statute 121-12(a) - to see how improve-

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• FORUM •

Our third year begins

Highlands' Newspaper just celebrated its two-year anniversary. Since July 18, 2003 we have provided the Highlands' community with 102 weekly issues of news, editorials, columns, and features — free of charge.

I was working out at Mountain Fitness the other day and a business associate said, "No one thought you'd make it, you know. But you have and you're doing a great job."

In response to that comment both of my daughters said, "That was silly. They obviously don't know you and Dad."

Going up against a multimillion dollar corporation that owns 35 newspapers in four states, as well as the presses they are printed on has been challenging, to say the least.

They have always held all the cards — at least the financial ones — and finances are what usually drive start-up entrepreneurs into the ground.

Declining CNI Regional Publisher Ralph Morris's offer June 13, 2003, to take a demotion from News Editor of The Highlander to staff writer of The Franklin Press was probably the best and gutsiest decision I've ever made — possibly ever will make.

After five years, I walked out of The Highlander building for the last time and straight into my husband, Jim's office. Right then and there we decided to start Highlands' Newspaper.

Two years previously, when I was first passed over as publisher at The Highlander, several people in the community offered to back me in starting another newspaper. At the time, I wasn't ready. But when the same scenario happened a second time, I was and the decision was easy.

The hard part was the finances, of course. Jim and I decided to go at it alone — without financial backing from silent partners, without a bank loan, nothing.

How have we done it? We have worked hard to produce a product that is worth reading. A product that serves as a watchdog of the government, a source that informs, educates and entertains — while trying to keep a balanced mix.

We are forever grateful to our advertisers — many who have been with us since our inaugural issue — and those who have come on board when they realized that the only product worth advertising in was the product with readership. Without the support of our advertisers, paying to print the news for

free each week wouldn't be possible. We buy "down time" at the Asheville Citizen press and decided from the start to use high-quality paper for the job.

We print 5,500 papers each week and deliver to 100 locations in Highlands, Cashiers, Lake Glenville, Lake Toxaway, Sapphire, Scaly Mountain, Sky Valley, Ga., Otto and Franklin.

A complete PDF version of the paper is uploaded to www.highlandsinfo.com each week and over 1,000 people read it online.

Earthlink does our statistics which enables us to see exactly what issues are being

read and by how many people. We are constantly amazed and delighted at the coverage the paper gets on the Internet alone.

At Highlands' Newspaper we are lean, to say the least. Without Jim's technological expertise, stamina and vision, the task would be almost impossible. But camaraderie, an ability to wear many hats, technology, college degrees and experience in the field enable us to produce a weekly paper with just three people — and the help of the numerous contributors who enjoy writing for us.

We are forever grateful for the dedication and diligence of Steve Koletnik with the Asheville Citizen-Times who helped birth our paper, our proof reader Mr. Tom Merchant, several columnists who have been with us from the beginning — Fred Wooldridge, who never ceases to amaze, delight and anger our readers in his "Laughing at Life" column; Stuart Armor, who in his "Movie Pix" column constantly reminds us that the best movies aren't always at the cinema; the "men and women of the cloth" who religiously contribute to our "Spiritually Speaking" column; the learned and articulate Katie Brugger with her book reviews and our travel writer, Phyllis Pickelsimer.

Staff writer Erin Brown has been a God send. And the dependability of contributing writer Nancy Welch and graphic artist Darlene Melcher has been greatly appreciated.

What's ahead? More of the same, only more!

I looked back at the headlines on the maiden issue of Highlands' Newspaper — "Cable Group franchise in jeopardy," "Town eyes water use and flow," "MC Heath Dept. finds new home in Highlands" and "Joel Walden recounts summer days in Horse Cove."

Two years later, we continue to provide interesting features, while

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Kim Lewicki
Publisher

• OBITUARY •

Docia Masters Sloan

Mrs. Docia Masters Sloan, age 94, of Fayetteville, Tenn. and Highlands died Wednesday July 13, 2005 in Donalson Care Center following an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted July 15, 2005 in the chapel of Higgins Funeral Home with Brother Jim Black officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery beside her husband David Carroll Sloan who died in 1988.

A native of Clay County, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Walter Gray and Gypsy Ann Brown Masters. Mrs. Sloan was a graduate of Tennessee Polytechnic Institute earning degrees in home economics and elementary education. She taught in the Lincoln County and Fayetteville School Systems. Mrs. Sloan was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Washington Street Church of Christ.

Mrs. Sloan is survived by two sons: Walter Sloan and wife Elizabeth of Fayetteville, and Wiley Sloan and wife Sarah of Highlands, North Carolina, two sisters: Mrs. Grace Masters Eblen of Lenoir City, Tenn., and Mrs. Helen Masters Shearer and husband Danny of Lenoir City, Tenn., two grandsons: Larry Sloan of Franklin, Tenn., and David Sloan and wife Tina of Fayetteville and three great-grandsons: Tanner and Levi Sloan both of Fayetteville and Dylan Sloan of Whites Creek, Tenn., many nieces and nephews and devoted friend Ruth Askins.

In addition to her husband and parents, Mrs. Sloan was preceded in death by five brothers: Walter Dan Masters, Will M. Masters, Clay M. Masters, Charles Masters and David Masters.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Highlands Historical Society, P. O. Box 690, Highlands, NC.

• MILESTONES •

Paul R. Frederick

Paul R. Frederick graduated from the United States Army combat medic school on July 19, 2005. He will continue follow-on training for the next year in nursing. He is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.



• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Proposed Interstate 3 a travesty

Dear Editor,

There has been \$400,000 appropriated by Congress that was billed as an economic development grant. This is not an economic development grant but a road to disaster! This money is for a feasibility study for Interstate 3 that would connect Knoxville with Savannah and Augusta, winding its way through the beautiful wilderness of North Georgia and Western North Carolina. The cost would be \$25,000,000 per mile, overall cost approximately \$50 billion! Why on earth would congress spend \$400,000 to study a road that is not needed or wanted? It is highly likely that this road would transport nuclear material.

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance has joined a coalition of organizations in the Southern Appalachians to alert its citizens to this heinous threat to our way of life. At this point there are various proposed routes — one through Cashiers on 107, another on 441 through Franklin. There would be a 1,000 foot right-of-way. Imagine what that would do to our plateau and surrounding area!

Time is of the essence! We must stop this before it gets started. Please contact your congressman, senators, county commissioners and Governor Easley, also Ga. Rep Charles Norwood, who came up with this wonderful idea, and say NO to I-3!

JMCA will hold a public meeting in the very near future to help the community speak with a common voice in preserving this wild and beautiful area. Watch for it and come and be heard!

Edna Foster
Highlands

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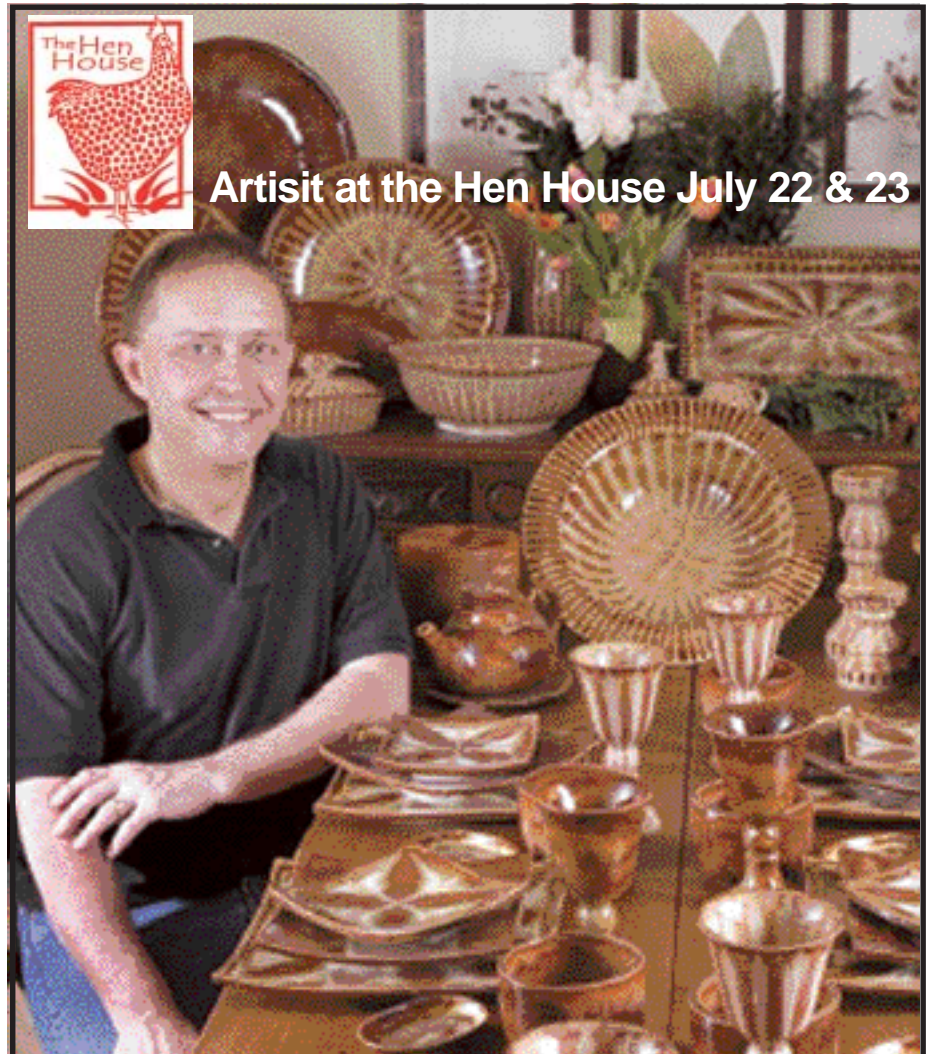
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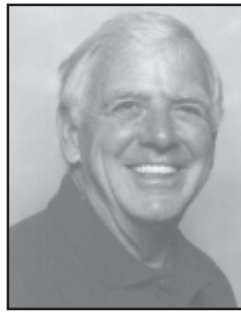


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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Warning, warning, keep away from Dr. Rodenbeck

Wisdom is wasted on old folks. I am convinced of it. I have finally reached that stage in life where people are either referring to me as "that old geezer" or "the white-haired guy who writes nutty stuff for the newspaper." Because of my longevity, I have acquired great wisdom that no one cares about. There are no people lining up at



Fred Wooldridge

my house to ask for advice, yet I have plenty to give.

For example, I learned long ago to never recommend your dentist to anyone. If someone approaches you and asks who your dentist is, my advice is to run. Back when I was more stupid than I am now, I recommended several dentists to friends with disastrous results.

Should you not take my advice, one of two things will happen. Your friend will call you and say your dentist is either a crook, incompetent or was the worst he has ever been to. If that doesn't happen, then your dentist will call and chew you out for sending him a kook who can't be pleased. Either way, you lose.

I say keep away from Dr. Fred for two reasons. He is my go-to guy and one of the best dentists I have ever encountered. With a first name of Fred, you know he's going to be good. Second, if everyone reads this and flocks to his office, I will find it harder to get an appointment, so don't do that. If anyone needs a dentist in this town, it's me. So keep

away from Fred, he's mine, mine, mine. (Yikes, I sound like my granddaughter).

While God blessed me with excellent health, my teeth are a whole different thing. I just may have the worst teeth in Highlands. It is really scary to look inside my mouth. Both my parents were toothless before their fortieth birthday and I inherited their tooth genes. My enamel is mush and I have so much metal in my mouth I can't get through airport security until I show them my molars, the few I have left. I have spent a great deal of my life in a dentist's chair and have faced many, many drill masters in my lifetime, so

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• MOVIE PIX •

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The Incredibles

The Incredibles, the 2004 Pixar release, voices done by Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Samuel Jackson, and many, many more. Directed by Brad Bird (of Finding Nemo, a number of the Simpsons specials, and the very cool animated film, Iron Giant). The sound track, a very well done series of Henry Mancini-inspired jazz pieces, add to the humor and real tension to the story.

The Storyline: Bob Parr is a man with a secret, actually he is a man with a secret identity. Bob, aka Mr. Incredible, who once had a promising career as one of the country's premier super heroes, is now a man with a new mission. Well, not much of an exciting mission, he is now a middle-aged, middle management, suburban guy, who has some new kind of crises to deal with, like middle age spread, mid priced cars, kids that act up in school and argue with their sibs.

Now, all of us like to think our kids are amazingly gifted, but these kids are a bit more gifted than most. Mom (previously known as "Elasta-Girl"), Dad, and their three little cherubs all have enough super powers to save a gaggle of Gotham Cities or a multitude of metropolises, but they are all a little under-employed at the moment. See, due to an unfortunate series of lawsuits, super heros now have to live under cover, but that can get kind of tough sometimes.

OK, the story is a bit (well, a lot) silly, the jokes a good mix of stupid and clever, and a good portion of it is both a spoof and homage to most of your better known super hero stories. But the quality of the animation is such that these characters come alive, with wonderfully active facial expressions, movement, perfect sound that is flawless, in the sight gags, the family dinners, and the really intense action scenes. And, while the film remains a comedy the whole time, the action scenes really are rather edgy, a la James Bond, Batman, and the like.

So, comedy, real action, some really tense moments, and of course, you KNOW there's got to be a super villain around some where.



Stuart Armor
Movie Stop Video

And I'm not really revealing a hidden plot point by saying that the afore-mentioned super villain makes his appearance just about when you'd expect.

Give this one a look, especially if you're a fan of any of the newer or older super hero/super spy movies (Undercover Blues, The Man who Knew to Little, Sky

Captain, Spiderman, and National Treasure come to mind) and fans of any of the animated action feature films of late (Ice Age, Chicken Run, Finding Nemo, Team America and Titan AE, all good picks, some for the whole family, some for only part of the family).

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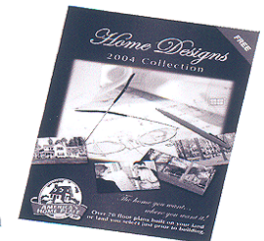
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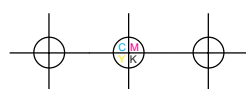


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• ANOTHER VIEW •

Not all evangelicals a threat

I want to emphasize that not all evangelical Christians pose a threat to our Constitution. I've criticized those that do as radical right-wing extremists who do not respect the First Amendment separation of church and state, and who essentially want to create a theocracy in America. But there is a larger yet much less well-financed and well-organized evangelical Christian behemoth, that is beginning to stir and awaken in mainline Protestant congregations, African-American churches, and among liberal Roman Catholics and Pentecostals, calling itself (for the time being) the Progressive Faith Movement (PFM).



Alex Redmountain

Led by *Sojourner's* Executive Director and Editor-in-Chief Jim Wallis, PFM is the offspring of Wallis' recent book tour in support of his blockbuster treatise, *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It*. *Sojourners* is both a magazine and a faith-based organization that has been around for more than three decades, but is just now beginning to challenge the religious radical right for national prominence. Its orientation is fundamentally (but not fundamentalist) Christian, emphasizing struggles against "poverty, war, the degradation of the environment, and the selective moralities of...the political Right and Left."

The good news is that everywhere Wallis has traveled, he has been greeted by enthusiastic supporters. "Here's who's coming:" Walls writes, "evangelicals who don't feel represented by Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and James Dobson—and there are millions of them; Catholics who don't feel spoken for by a small group of right-wing bishops who tell

them that they can only vote on one issue—abortion—and suggest they should ignore all the rest of Catholic social teachings; mainline Protestants who feel their faith has been ignored and disrespected in this debate; black Christians who believe this has been a very white conversation—when the media talks about

"evangelicals" they really mean white evangelicals; Latino and Asian Christians whose faith is changing their churches; rabbis who are coming out with their congregants and starting book studies in their synagogues; Muslims who hunger for a more compassionate, open, and tolerant Islam; people who say they are not religious but want to be spiritual; and almost every time, some young person says something like 'I am an agnostic, but thank you for making me feel included tonight, because I care about the moral values of politics too.'"

Wallis and *Sojourner's* primary focus is social justice. It is an appeal to the teachings of Jesus, not the distortions of Christianity historically promoted by church officials, Popes, and semi-literate television pitchmen.

Their Web address is www.sojourners.org, in case you want to check it out for yourselves.

I am not an evangelical Christian, but I think Wallis and those who have responded to his message are an important movement, dangerous for politicians to ignore. Their opposition to abortion is complemented by an opposition to the death penalty, bringing some true meaning to "a culture of life." Their resistance to all wars is consistent with the tenets of Christ. (Yes, I believe there are some "just wars," but few and far between.) And their concern and compassion for the poor seems to be in short supply in America these days.

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Sheriff department efforts appreciated

Dear Editor

The members of the Scaly Mountain Community Association would like to take this opportunity to thank Sheriff Robbie Holland for the department's diligent attention to one of the more serious problems in Macon County – apprehending drug suppliers and users. We certainly appreciate the recent road blocks, checking of driver licenses, etc., in the Scaly Mountain area and commend all of the law enforcement personnel involved.

Please keep up the good work and the road blocks in our township.

Joseph H. Simmons

President, Scaly Mountain Community Assoc.



• BUSINESS NEWS •

Highlands Whole Market officially opens



Chamber Director Bill Bassham with owner Robin Armstrong, a customer, and Jessica Ochoa at Highlands Whole Market's new location on the corner of U.S. 64 east and Chestnut Street. Now carrying local organic produce, free-range hormone-free meat and fish, a complete line of all natural groceries, beauty products and supplements. Business hours are Mon.-Fri., 10-5:30; Sat., 11-5. Phone: 526-5999.

Artists visit the Bird Barn & Hen House



Carver Billie Morgan delivered her carving of a Snowy Owl, Friday, July 15, just in time for the Harry Potter unveiling down the street at Cyranos! A Snowy Owl is Harry Potter's messenger. Morgan carves her pieces from one piece of wood, in this case white pine, using chisels, gouges and a mallet. She works from memory of animals she has seen in the wild. Her carvings are sold exclusively at The Bird Barn at the Falls on Main.



Potter Steve Turpin, known for is "face jugs" and other pottery, turned pots outside The Bird Barn on Saturday, July 16.



Artist Richie Watts will be signing his pottery July 22 & 23 at the Hen House at Fifth & Main streets.



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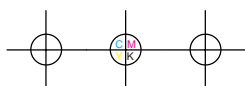
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Scaly Women's Marketplace 2005



The Scaly Mountain Women's Club Marketplace 2005 is set for July 29-31. A repeat of last year's very popular free preview party and auction kicks off the weekend from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, July 29. An array of choice items will be up for bids after guests enjoy complimentary refreshments at the ski lodge on NC Highway 106 in Scaly Mountain. On Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again Sunday from 1-4 p.m. browse and buy among art, antiques, books, gently worn boutique clothing, household items, and furniture. A special treat will be a bake sale chock full of all the goodies for which club members are famous. Money raised goes to the group's scholarship fund that assists local students in their post-secondary education and in donations to area human service organizations. Donations of items for marketplace are most welcome said Kay Munns and Faye Bellwood who again are chairmen of the event. For details call 526-9079 or 526-5657

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I speak with great authority.

Dr. Fred once looked in my mouth for the longest time and kept referring to a tooth chart he was holding. Then he said in a most inoffensive way, "You have the teeth of a 80-year-old man." That would be OK except I was in my early sixties. He is very brave because he allows me to continue to be his patient and only does this because I am a fellow Fred.

Dr. Fred is a no bells and whistles guy. No video screen on the ceiling, no earphones to wear with ads persuading you to have every tooth in your mouth ground away and capped, no razzle dazzle dentistry which makes you want to pull out your checkbook and give him more than he deserves. Nah, none of that. Just your basic, plain old dental competency.

There's another thing you need to know about us Freds. Nationally, policemen (I used to be one.) and dentists have the highest rate of suicide of all occupations except for psychiatrists, who are always number

one. Are bridge players in there somewhere? Well, Dr. Fred and I are not on that list. We have made the adjustment and are not going to take the pipe, even though I am still his patient. I guess we're just having too much fun.

Last month I had a panic attack. My son arrived in Highlands and announced, "I have a terrible toothache. Who's your dentist?" Not knowing what to say, I asked, "How was your flight?" "Terrible," he grumbled, "who's your dentist?" Then the thought hit me. "If you promise to sign a paper saying you will only go to my dentist this one time only, I will take you to see him." Puzzled, he agreed. Dr. Fred fixed the tooth that same day.

At dinner, my son announced he liked my dentist so much, he's going to switch to Dr. Fred and fly to Highlands for his regular checkups. "You can't do that, you signed a paper." He slid the paper across the dinner table and said, "Check the signature." It was signed, Donald Duck.

Wine & Cheese Tasting to benefit Hudson Library

Scott Rody of The Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop at Falls on Main will hold "A Wine and Cheese Tasting" for the benefit of the Hudson Library on Tuesday, August 2 from 5:30-7 p.m. Special wines and cheeses will be poured and served.

There will also be a door prize of a very special bottle of wine but you must be present to be eligible to win. Admission to the event is \$60 per person (cash or checks only) and you can sign up at Hudson Library.

For more information contact the Hudson Library at 526-3031 or the Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop at 526-5210.



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"The legislature allows counties to take up to 15 percent out of the three percent room tax as an administrative fee," said Chamber of Commerce Director Bill Bassham. "It's just that since 1999-2000 they've only been taking five percent."

From 1987-1999 Macon County took 15 percent administration fee "but people thought that was too much so they cut it back to five percent," said Bassham.

Bassham said Macon County Commissioners increased the administrative fee to 15 percent in the 2004-2005 budget but they neglected to implement it. "So, since January 2005 they have been taking the new 15 percent plus the back part they didn't take from July 1, 2005 until January 1."

Both the county and the chamber fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30.

In 2003-2004, the county's administrative costs were \$19,962.93. So far, not including June's figures, in 2004-2005 the county's administrative costs are up to \$50,749.05.

Bassham said some county commissioners didn't realize the administrative cut had been raised to 15 percent. It was

put in the budget as a line item that slipped by. The cut wasn't passed by a resolution, it was just put in as a budget line item, said Bassham.

The chamber counts on the room tax to implement many of the programs it sponsors.

Both county commission representatives and town board members approved of the Chamber's 2005-2006 which reflects the decrease in room tax proceeds.

Bassham said the public will have to understand that due to the decrease in room tax proceeds and the increase in chamber expenses – mainly the move to new quarters at the Partridge-Rice House – it won't be able to underwrite or sponsor the programs and projects traditionally sponsored by the Chamber.

Bassham reminded the board that technically, the county doesn't have to give the room tax back to Highlands or Franklin. "They could keep it all if they wanted," he said.

Bassham said Macon County Commission Chairman Allan Bryson said the 15 percent will be levied through June 2006, but it's possible it could change back to five percent July 1 of next year.

Land Use Plan unanimously adopted

More than a year's worth of hard work on the part of the Planning Board has finally paid off.

At the July 20 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to accept the Land Use Plan as presented, but just as a first step.

They've accepted the plan with the understanding that they may not agree with everything in it, but they accept it as a plan and a strategy for the town.

"I don't agree with everything in it, but we can move forward from this point," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "From now on, we can put things on the agenda, even set public hearings, if necessary, to discuss certain points."

Commissioner Hank Ross was concerned about an aspect that suggested the town be responsible for maintenance of Highlands School.

"I have a problem with that," he said. "That's the county's job."

Patterson said she didn't necessarily agree with that point of the land use plan either, but said over time the board can work on particular items. – **Kim Lewicki**

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• BUSINESS NEWS •

Macon Bank breaks ground



Macon Bank has taken the first steps toward the construction of its new bank building on the "gazebo green" between Pine Street and Carolina Way this week. On hand for the "digging" were Bank President Roger Plemens with board members, Highlands Branch Manager Tony Potts, Architect Dennis DeWolf, Landscape Architect Hank Ross, George Schmitt of Schmitt Builders, Mayor Buck Trott, Chamber President Jim Mullen and others. The new bank will have state-of-the-art ATM, multiple drive-through lanes and ample parking. Plemens said the bank was designed around the Highlands community's gazebo which will continue to be a focal point for community events."

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Bob Jones Invitation Tournament

Once again, Highlands will be the site for a reunion of former Walker Cup players from the United States and the British Isles, who will compete in the 24th annual Bob Jones Invitational Tournament.

The tournament, which is named after the most illustrious amateur golfer, Robert Tyre "Bobby" Jones, will take place at the Highlands Country Club on August 7 and 8.

Bob Jones loved the Highlands area and spent 40 years coming to enjoy the mountains and the cool weather during the summer months. In 1928, he was involved in the development of the golf course, designed by Donald Ross, known today as Highlands Country Club and even hit the first ball to christen the course.

After his retirement from amateur golf, Jones only played in exhibition matches to raise money for worthy causes. He once teamed with baseball great, Ty Cobb, in a match in Highlands to raise money for the fledgling hospital.

Today, the Bob Jones Invitational Tournament carries on that legacy by supporting local charities, raising over \$2.5 million to date for the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital through sponsorships and donations of local participants.

The tournament is free, and the public is encouraged to attend. On Sunday, August 7 play among the Walker Cup

players will begin at 11 a.m.. Then on Monday, August 8 each Walker Cupper will be joined by a team of four local golfers for a one-day competition similar to a pro-am tournament with play starting at 8:30 a.m.. However, each Walker Cup player will combine his score from both days to determine the overall winner. The tournament is a wonderful opportunity to view excellent golf over the two-day event.

Players participating from the British Isles include Peter Benka, Brian Chapman, Martin Christmas, David Frame, Stephen Keppler, and Alec Shepperson. Players participating from the United States include Tommy Aaron, Doug Ballenger, Don Cherry, Bob Dickson, Doug Fischesser, Marty Fleckman, Vinny Giles, Jim Grant, Charlie Harrison, Jim Holtgrieve, Joe Inman, John Inman, Jack Lewis, Steve Melnyk and Griff Moody.

The Walker Cup competition began in 1922 and is named after George Herbert Walker, the maternal grandfather of former President George H. W. Bush and great grandfather of President George W. Bush. Hence, the tournament trophy donated by George Herbert Walker is known as the "Walker Cup".

During his amateur career, Bob Jones was selected to play on the Walker Cup team five times and served as captain of the United States team twice.

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Highlands goes wild for 'Harry Potter'



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Photos by Erin Brown



Golf tourney set for Playhouse

The Highlands Playhouse is having its 2005 benefit golf tournament on Monday at Highlands Cove. The event will feature a shotgun start and the \$125 fee per person includes greens fees, cart a box lunch, hors d'oeuvres, dinner prizes and an auction all at the beautiful

Highlands Cove. There will also be awards for a hole in one, closest to the pin and a putting contest to add enjoyment to the round of golf and challenge the contestants. To register, call 526-9443, or visit the Playhouse box office on Oak Street.

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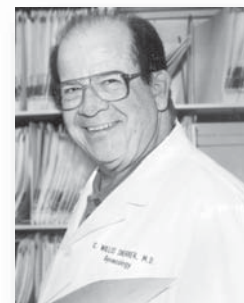
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Dining Out:

Monday, July 25, 6 p.m.

“Southern Chicken Fry”

Host: Hilda Blitch

Location: Cowee Ridge

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Sunday, August 14, 6 p.m.

“Simple Elegance at Fressers”

Host: Debbie Grossman

Location: Fressers Restaurant,

Helen's Barn

Cost: \$100 Spaces: 24

Thursday, Aug. 18, 6:30 p.m.,

“Oriental Banquet”

Host: Bob Bryan

Location: Stillmont

Cost: \$100 Spaces: 22

Saturday, Aug. 20, 6 p.m.

“Champagne on Sagee”

Hosts: Ruth Gershon &

Sandy Cohn

Location: 45 Sagee

Cost: \$125 Spaces: 24

Saturday, Sept. 10, 5 p.m.

“Champagne & Caviar Extravaganza”

Hosts: Margaret &

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Sunday, Sept. 11, 12:30 p.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m.

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Rain takes a break for Highlands' 'Walk in the Park'



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Thomas Craig portrays Joe Webb.



Elaine Whitehurst portrayed Margaretta Ravenel.



Glenda Bell portrayed Helen Wright.

Derek Taylor
portrayed
Japanese
photographer
George Masa



Photos by Kim
& Jim Lewicki



Exchange student from Mexico City made Highlands home

By Nancy Welch
Contributor

When Eugenia (pronounced oh-hane-yah) Green came to Highlands in 1971 she was 17 and spoke no English. The exchange student was the first Mexican to come to Highlands where she joined the senior class at Highlands School and was warmly welcomed, said the attractive brunette.

Green paved the way for many other Highlands' students to participate in exchange programs, like the Rotary Exchange Program that sends students all over the world to experience new cultures and countries.

But she was a bit nonplussed when she arrived at the Atlanta International Airport. The Hinkles, who were to be here hosts, held up a sign with her name on it. They then took the two-hour ride to Highlands.

"I kept wondering where I was going to live," she said. "Then they drove me down Main Street and said, 'There was town!'"

The Mexico City native had completed her high school education in her native country, but found English was going to be tough for her.

"They found a wonderful way to teach me English," Green said. "They sent me to reading classes in the second grade and it was perfect. Soon I moved on to the fourth grade and then the ninth grade within six months."

Oddly enough, at the time the local school didn't offer a course in Spanish, so Green was truly on her own.

"It was pretty scary at first," she said.

Green was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stoney Hinkle while she completed her courses. Mr. Hinkle was the principal at Highlands School and the Hinkles had two children.

"They all did everything they could to help me. They were wonderful," she said.

Not long after she began attending school, she fell in love – with the school bus driver.

"Then, some juniors and seniors were allowed to drive the school bus and my stop was on Jerry's route," Green said. The two have now been married 33 years.

When her future husband graduated, he followed Green to Mexico City, where they were married on July 16. Her return to Highlands took some time, but she finally plowed through the paperwork and returned to live with her husband in September.

Green now works at Katy's on Main where she has been helping ladies find just the right outfit for many years.

"My co-workers are like my family," she said.

But, her career outside of work is just as important and very fulfilling.

"The Latin Americans who come here hear about me and come to me for all kinds of help," she said. "I fill out applications. I'm called to the hospital, the magistrate's office – everywhere. I am happy to go where ever I'm needed. I always wonder where God will

send me next!."

She recently returned from Bolivia where she was a translator for a surgical training team. A number of Highlanders go each year with Dr. John Baumrucker to provide medical aid and help the school in a small village in Bolivia.

She said the surgery wasn't bloody. "Most of it was laparoscopic," she explained.

Green has three children, Jose, 32, Carlos, 30 and Jackie 28 and two grandchildren Chela, 3 and Griffin who is one.

"I'm very proud of all of them," she said.

Green is a self-described "people person."

"I really love people," she said. "I will help them, listen to them, laugh with them and cry with them."

She said it is easy to help others and she truly enjoys it.

"I can do it because I love the Lord with all my heart," she said, smiling broadly,



Eugenia Green

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Gantenbein suggested in a meeting with Bomengen, but Gantenbein said he had been in contact with Luke regarding the permanent storm water controls for a year.

Gantenbein said Luke had to finalize the storm water controls on the site and submit a plan. "Something's also got to be done about the silt pond, under state law and town ordinance," Gantenbein said. "They could make it a rain garden as long as it was fenced for the kids."

There was also a discrepancy over the gym's warranty, but Luke said the warranty starts when the CO is issued, which he says should be days from now.

But Gantenbein said "they've got a ways to go before I issue a CO."

Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell is hoping the gym is opened for fall sports, practices and games.

"I realize there are going to be things that you are going to have to come back and do, but we just want to be able to occupy the building as quickly as possible," Shotwell said.

But water continues to come from some unknown source, puddling on the shiny new gym floor.

"We have water in the gym," said Luke. "There are spots all over the gym floor. That's the major issue right now."

Contractor David Shenaut and Shotwell peered up at the roof to see where the water was coming from. "We had it fixed after the last rain, but now there are leaks everywhere," said Shenaut. "It's not the roof it has to be the sprinkler system."

He thinks the sprinkler system is the culprit because most of the leaks line up with the sprinkler piping.

Meanwhile, Shotwell is worried about mold.

"If water gets caught between the substructure and the roof, I don't want any mold," Shotwell said.

But Shenaut reassured Shotwell saying the ceiling was cement board and that wouldn't happen.

But currently there is mold on acoustical ceiling tiles in the weight room. Shenaut still says that's also from the sprinkler system.

"In terms of what it's going to take to get the CO, he [Gantenbein] did mention that we needed to work with the plan in order to do it, but he wasn't very specific in terms of what that would entail," said Luke.

He said they would have to try to get something underway in terms of satisfying Gantenbein. "Most of the other items I have on my list are minor in the way of touch ups," Luke said.

Katy Calloway, director of Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association, met with Luke and shared with him her expertise on creating retention ponds on either side of the gym and controlling exterior water drainage.

"The biggest issue relative to the

runoff in the back is their main concern, and we're going to have to address that," Luke said.

"We want to get in as fast as we can," said Shotwell. "It's a dog-eat-dog world and I'm at the end of the chain."

Macon County School Board has already withheld \$87,000 from contractors for not completing the gym as specified.

At the July MC School Board meeting Shotwell said they had suspended payment because there "hadn't been any progress since March."

An inspection the last week of June revealed "a lot of little things" still needed to be completed.

Vice School Board Chair Donnie Edwards said the main problem was the contractor drives from Asheville each day with a crew he pays about \$11 an hour.

"That drive-time is work time we're not getting because he doesn't want to pay Highlands' prices for workers," said Edwards.

"We want to be in this building and use it because we've got fall sports beginning on August 1. This is one reason why we built this thing so it would be more conducive for them to use," Shotwell said.

Bomengen said her main concern is that the school is offering so many more P.E. classes to our high school students this year that have to be taught here because the third through eighth grade students have P.E. in the old gym.

She said what the teachers plan to do is utilize the space between the bleachers and the actual court by painting hopscotch and four squares so that on rainy days the primary students can have access to the gym.

"When it's raining there's no where for them to go, they can't get into the old gym because third through eighth grade is in there and every period there's a class in there.

She said high school students will be using the main floor and the weight room.

"We want to use every single inch of useable space," she said

Bomengen said it will be a big deal if the CO isn't issued. "The volleyball teams will have to use the old gym for practice, and they will have to go consecutively."

She said after school it would be nice to have all the teams practice at the same time so everyone could be out of practice by 5:30 instead of having athletes occupying the gym until 9 or 9:30 p.m.

Gantenbein said he has met with Luke several times over the last year in meetings that included Town Administrator Richard Betz.

Luke said if the certificate of occupancy isn't issued soon, there will be monetary penalties levied against the contractor.



• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Seeds

(Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)



Rev. Eddie Ingram
Highlands United Methodist Church

In the parable of the sower told by Jesus, the sower of the seed flings seed in all directions. Much of the seed is wasted, falling on bad soil, landing in adverse circumstances, where it quickly dies. Only a very small portion of the seed actually falls on good soil.

Speaking as one who hates to see waste, it is difficult to take all of this wasted seed. I save old shirts, old magazines, conserve energy and recycle. My life thrives on efficiency. I lost my calendar a few weeks ago and was literally lost. My day is regimented, my kids are on a schedule (or so I would like to think), my energy must be conserved and divided over my day or else I run out of gas. I know that if I spend too much time "lollygagging around" on Monday or Tuesday of a week, it will come back to haunt me as the Sunday sermon draws ever closer. Sunday is always coming. It is hard to take wasted time, money, and energy.

But in scripture, King Herod slaughters innocent baby boys just in an effort to find the Jewish king. Waste. The magi show up with gold, frankincense and myrrh to present to the child of a refugee family. What will they do with all of this? Jesus tells many parables about waste, like the story of a shepherd leaving 99 sheep to find just one lost sheep, and another of a man who finds a treasure in a field and hides it then sells all he has to buy that field. Another of a merchant with one pearl of great value who sold all he had to buy that pearl, and a fisherman who catches a net full of fish and then keeps only a few baskets of good fish and throws out all the rest. A man finds a total stranger lying in a ditch and spent all he had to bandage the man's wounds and provide a room for him to stay. A father allows his son to leave home with his inheritance, and then after the son has wasted all of it, receives him back with open arms and throws a party when he returns. There is so much waste in the Kingdom.

When you work in the church long enough, you get accustomed to failure and waste. Our church has a group of persons who minister to the boys at the Swannanoa Youth Development Center in Black Mountain, many of them serving time as

•See SPIRITUALLY page 18

• 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

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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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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

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

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SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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

Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

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

Art of all kinds destined for auction

The Bascom-Louise Fine Art Center is preparing for its Annual Art & Wine Auction to be held September 30 and October 1st. It is to be a weekend extravaganza with Friday night, September 30, wine tasting, silent auction bidding and a live auction of an on-site painting by artist Julian Davis; on Saturday, October 1, a seated dinner and live auction. One of the donating artists is Janet Verdegem, an award winning and gifted artist. Janet's artistry is matched only by her imagination! She creates whimsical, zany fish characters claimed by some of their owners to be "the most loveable, unique fish characters



known to all of fishdom." For more information, to reserve a ticket or a table for this annually sold-out event, call the Fine Art Center at 526-4949.

Trott reconsiders Mayor race

By Kim Lewicki
highlandseditor@aol.com

It's true. He said he was through, not running in the 2005 Town Board election. But all that's changed.

"I realized I just had too many unfinished tasks," said Mayor Buck Trott. "Initially, I thought they'd all be done in four years, but it looks like I couldn't get them done in eight years."

Running for his third term as mayor, Trott has a plan. "I have a vision for Highlands of controlled growth while retaining its village charm," he said. "It's going to be a real challenge over the next four years even into the next decade."

Unfinished business includes the improvement and paving of Bowery Road, the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant, the Mirror Lake and Lake Sequoyah Remediation Project, and addressing the stormwater run off issues plaguing the town lately, to name a few.

Trott said he's got plenty of energy for the job and if elected will continue to treat it like a full-time job. "I think



Mayor Buck Trott

the town government needs continuity right now," he said. "The doctor has given me a clean bill of health and it would just be selfish of me to let go at this point."

Above all else, he intends to keep the town financially solid. "I want to keep the tax rates where they are now."

Though there's talk of buying property to build a new Town Hall, Trott said with the Chamber moving to its new location, Town Hall could be expanded and renovated with very little money. What he really wants to focus on is sewerage the town. "But it's not cheap," he said.

So far James "Popcorn" Manley is the only contender to throw his hat in the ring for one of two commissioner spots and Zeke Sossomon will run against Trott.

Open on the board this election are positions currently held by Commissioners Amy Patterson and Hank Ross – and that of the mayor.

The election is Nov. 4.

2nd annual film festival coming up

The second annual Highlands International Film Festival will run Tues., Aug. 23– Sat., Aug. 27 at the Performing Arts Center.

The following films are scheduled: Aug. 23: screening of "Undertow," filmed on location in Savannah, Ga. and the premiere of "The Baxter," with Producer Jonathan Shoemaker to introduce the film.

On Aug. 24, it's "Alfred Hitchcock Day." On Aug. 25 it will be "Movie Under the Stars" at the ballfield, sponsored by Macon Bank. Bring a blanket and a picnic!

For Aug. 27, it's the screening of "Millions," an endearing British film to warm your hearts. Presenting Sponsors, the Old Edwards Inn and Spa, will host the "Wrap Party" at The Farm, filmmakers and celebrities will be in attendance.

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covering the news in this diverse, multi-layered community.

In the 102nd issue of Highlands' Newspaper – "Town feels rise of stormwater surge," "Commissioners against Supreme Court ruling," "County's high-impact ordinance done," "Sexually-oriented businesses targeted."

Obviously, there's nothing sleepy or "soft" about Highlands or the county's news, and we intend to keep you "in the know."

I look at the events in the maiden issue and see much of what is still talked about and attended today – "Walk in the Park," "Tickets on sale for Highlands Playhouse," "HealthTracks classes offered."

Highlands enjoyed another "Walk in the Park" just this past weekend, along with the Bascom-Louise Tour of Homes and Patron Party, and the opening of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at the Highlands Playhouse.

Of course, much has changed in two years. Number one in our book is the establishment of the Highlands'

Newspaper office at 265 Oak Street. But there's more. There is more live music venues and theater performances than ever before. There's more building, as established businesses like Macon Bank expand, new businesses popping up on every street, new restaurants and hotels and major expansion at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. There are new faces at Highlands School, too, new ministers and priests at area churches, and new directors at area non-profits.

Over the next few years, we will see Highlands change even more – but don't fear, our town fathers are working hard to control growth while maintaining Highlands' village character.

So, keep reading. We at Highlands' Newspaper intend to keep you informed, educated and entertained every step of the way. And as always, thank you readers and advertisers for your continued support.

And yes, when we have a chance to take a breath, we will have an anniversary celebration and ribbon cutting, and you are all going to be invited!

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Doll-making class at Sky Valley

On July 27 there will be a one-day doll making class at the Gallery of Arts in Sky Valley from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Anne Schroeder, doll designer, will be the instructor. One of Anne's latest designs, the Fairysicle ©, will be the focus of the class. The fee is \$30, plus a \$12 kit. The kit, including pattern and some fabric, will be sent to participants prior to the class for a minimal amount of machine sewing.

Anne's doll, red ribbon at the Southern Doll Conference in Innerscape, won the Daytona Beach, Fla., January 2005.



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• "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" at Highlands Playhouse through July 31. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

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

• 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 4:30-6:30 p.m. Guest Michael LaGrange with Wagner Family Winery, featuring Mer Soliel and Caymus. Saturday afternoon: Guest Adrienne Cogbill of Old Bridge Cellars, featuring an Australian portfolio. Wine Flights Thursday-Saturday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Complimentary samples Saturday from 12:30 until 4 p.m.

• HealthTracks, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, offers a special class on Mondays and Thursday to help reduce the risk of osteoporosis by building strength and helping to increase bone density 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at HealthTracks. Cost is \$8 per session. Call HealthTracks at 526-1348.

• HealthTracks is currently offering two yoga classes per week, both taught by certified instructor Carole Mackey. "Gentle Yoga" is held each Tues. at 5:15 p.m. "Hatha Yoga" is offered Wed. at 5:15 p.m. in the fitness studio on the first level of the Jane Woodruff Clinic. Cost is \$12 per session or 10 sessions for \$100. Call HealthTracks at 526-1348

• HealthTracks offers a Pilates class on Mon. and Wed. at 4 p.m. Classes are taught by certified instructor Sandie Trevethan in the fitness studio on the first level of the new Jane Woodruff Clinic. Cost is \$10 per session or \$80 for 10 sessions. Call HealthTracks at 526-1348

• HealthTracks is offering a special toning class on Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Cost is \$6 per session for HealthTracks non-members. The classes are held at HealthTracks. Call HealthTracks at 526-1348

• Adult Drawing 101 with Kathy Evans at B-L Gallery Tuesdays from 10-12 through July. Take one class or take them all! This beginning level class will provide instruction on various techniques along with aspects of design and composition. Call 526-4949

• Independent Study Art Class with Kathy Evans at B-L Gallery Tuesdays from 1-3 through July. This adult class offers independent study in a medium of your choice at the Intermediate and Advanced level. Call the gallery at 526-4949

• Open Studio with a live model at B-L Gallery on Tuesdays from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per evening. Please call the gallery by Monday evening if you will be stopping by Tuesday night, so that we may coordinate with our models. Call the gallery at 526-4949.

• Improv Classes for high school and college students Mondays at 6 p.m. at Instant Theatre's Studio on Main, 310 Main Street. 526-1687. FREE.

• 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.

July 20-22

• Watercolors, In the Audubon Tradition with John Ruthven at B-L Gallery. Register as soon as possible. Call the gallery at 526-4949.

July 21

• At The Farm at Old Edwards Inn - Wine Dinner at 6 p.m. featuring The Hess Collection Winery with presenter Henri Ferrier. \$149 per person, Call 526-9319, ext. 2609 for reservations.

• Live music at Fressers. Chuck Beatty at 8 p.m.

• Mozart at Wolfgang's on Main at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Highlands Chamber Music and Wolfgang's.

• InterChurch Pot Luck Supper at Highlands United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Call 526-2418.

July 21-23

• At Acorns - Francesca Roman Fine Jewelry Trunk Show 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

July 22

• Instant Theater Little Entertainments features guests Mt. Quartet, John Williams and Max Vogler \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197. Saturday specials: \$15 adults, \$7 students. All proceeds finance adult and children FREE acting classes.

July 22-23

• 2nd Annual Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Days at Sapphire Valley. A day of lectures, slide presentations, hikes, children's programs and live animal exhibits. For information, call 743-7663.

• Ritchie Watts of Good Earth Pottery will be at Hen House signing his pottery from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

July 23

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will hold the third in its summer series of seated pancake breakfasts July 23 at the ski lodge on U. S. Highway 106 from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Guests will get a full breakfast of orange juice, coffee, pancakes, patty sausage and plenty of warm syrup and butter. Members of the club will serve the food at tables, or you may order take-out if you choose.

• Instant Theater Little Entertainments features Thea & The Green Man. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Call 342-9197. Saturday specials: \$15 adults, \$7 students. Ticket prices finance adult and children FREE acting classes.

• A Bolivian Fun Day featuring a Pig Kissing Contest, where the "winner" of the most money in the jars set out in various places around Highlands will kiss a good looking pig at 2 p.m. on Saturday in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church. There will also be a yard sale, breakfast, and lunch served, a softball tournament and other fun events all day from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

• Valley Art Fest II in Sky Valley, Ga, on Saturday, The art festival is 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. at the pavilion in Sky Valley. Color-me T-shirts and small garden tools will be available for children. Snacks and beverages will be available. All events will take place rain or shine; in the event of rain all exhibits and activities will be in the nearby Sky Valley Lodge. Admission and parking are free.

July 24

• The Instant Theatre Company's High School Summer Acting Class will present a showcase of scenes on Sunday at 2 p.m. at The Studio on Main. The event is free and will last approximately 45 minutes. The showcase, features scenes by Shakespeare, Chekov, Lillian Hellman and Jean Anouilh.

• Giant puppets called Woopets will invade The Instant Theatre Company this Saturday at 8 p.m. This performance is tailor-made for Highlands, with Celtic music by William Jackson and featuring a theme of Nature Spirits. Puppets, some as large as ten feet, will invite you to escape into faeryland. Tickets are \$5 and complimentary lemonade will be served. To reserve tickets, the box office at (828) 342-9197.

• A photo workshop for beginners at Mill Creek Gallery & Framing. 35 mm or digital. 3 hours, including photographing in the field, \$25. Limited to 8 people. Call Cynthia Strain at 787-2021 to reserve.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike on the Pickens Nose Trail with views into Georgia from the top. Drive 45 miles round trip. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin across from Burger King at 2 p.m. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for more information.

July 25

• "Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining" at Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro. Wines by St. Francis Winery & Vineyards. Art by John Mac Kah. 6 p.m. Call 526-3807.

July 25-29

• Gar's Kids Camp at Carpe Diem Farms, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - working with horses, nature hikes and more. \$650 per child. Call 526-2854 for more information.

July 26

• Auditions for nine adult speaking parts and choral singers ages 12 up for the Liturgical Chancel Christmas Drama, "The Mystery of Christmas" at 6:30 p.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Wayah Street next to the Franklin Library. Call 369-9050.

July 27

• A one day doll-making class will be held Wednesday at the Gallery of Arts in Sky Valley from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Anne Schroeder, doll designer, will be the instructor. One of Anne's latest designs, the Fairyside®, will be the focus of the class. The fee is \$30, plus a \$12 kit. The kit, including pattern and some fabric, will be sent to participants prior to the class for a minimal amount of machine sewing.

July 29

• Renaissance Woman and multi-media artist, Thea (Cynthia Stacey), will be presenting her photography at Mill Creek Gallery & Framing in Highlands during the month of August. An artist's reception will be held on Friday, from 6-8 p.m. and will feature the music of singer-songwriters Thea & the GreenMan. Mill Creek Gallery is located in the Highlands Village Square on Oak Street (behind Wolfgang's Restaurant).

• Instant Theater Little Entertainments features guests Brian Reese & Uncle Bob. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Call (828) 342-9197. Saturday specials: \$15 adults, \$7 students. All proceeds finance adult and children FREE acting classes.

July 30

• Instant Theater Little Entertainments features The Wooten Performance Company - puppetry, song and dance. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call (828) 342-9197. Saturday specials: \$15 adults, \$7 students. All proceeds finance adult and children FREE acting classes.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3.5 mile moderate hike to Split Rock on the Chattooga River. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leader Mo Wheeler, 526-9561.

• The Highlands Playhouse benefit golf tournament on Monday at Highlands Cove. The event will feature a shotgun start and the \$125 fee per person includes greens fees, cart a box lunch, hors d'oeuvres, dinner prizes and an auction all at the beautiful Highlands Cove. There will also be awards for a hole in one, closest to the pin and a putting contest to add enjoyment to the round of golf and challenge the contestants. To registrater call 526-9443.

July 31

• Cajun Festival poster contest deadline is Sunday. The winning entry will receive two tickets to the festival, including dance lessons given by Carolina Cajun Dancers, some great Cajun cuisine from Don Leon's Deli Cafe and Holly Does The Cooking, as well as a Cajun gift basket from The Toy Store. Total prizes are valued at \$100. Entries may be any size, but must be turned in to The Toy Store or the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center by July 31. For more information contact Janet Wilson at 526-1552.

Aug. 1

• The Highlands Playhouse is having its 2005 benefit golf tournament on Monday at Highlands Cove. The event will feature a shotgun start and the \$125 fee per person includes greens fees, cart a box lunch, hors d'oeuvres, dinner prizes and an auction all at the beautiful Highlands Cove. Additional information and registration forms are at the playhouse box office or by calling 526-9443.

Aug. 5

• Instant Theater Little Entertainments features Cindy McConnell and John Roman. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Call 342-9197. Saturday specials: \$15 adults, \$7 students. All proceeds finance adult and children FREE acting classes.

Aug. 6

• The Macon County Art Association will present an outdoor "Art Show & Sale," Saturday. (Rain date Aug 13) from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the grounds of Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church - 5th Street in Highlands.

• Instant Theater Little Entertainments features Songwriters-in-the-Round feat. Jon Zachary, Freddie Bradburn, Lisa Stevens, and Thea & The Greenman. \$20 in advance \$25 at the door. Call (828) 342-9197. Saturday specials: \$15 adults, \$7 students. All proceeds finance adult and children FREE acting classes.

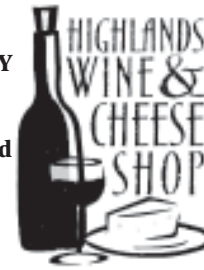
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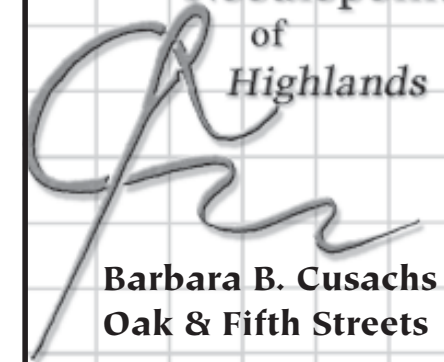


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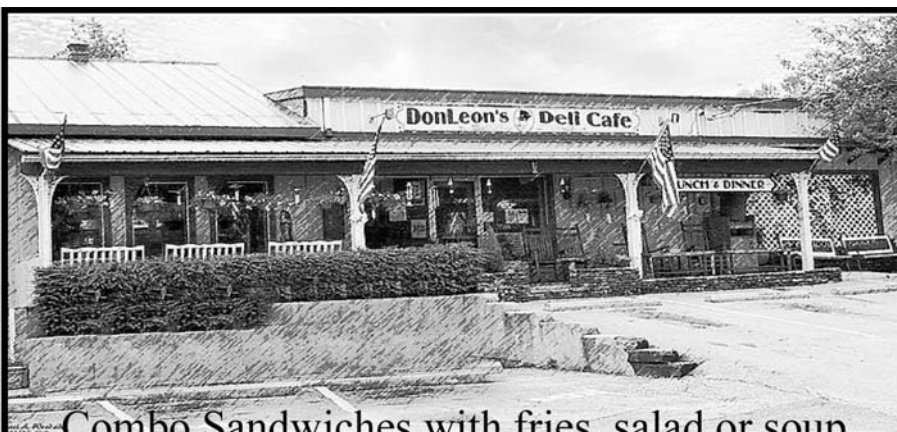
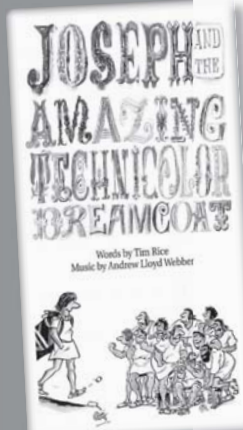
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group has about a week left to prove "due diligence" to purchase the property. "Right away we need pledges from people — not money right now — just pledges, to prove we want and can buy the property," said Young.

He said several individuals, banks and organizations have offered to loan the group the money it needs to buy and develop the property if it can be paid back in one year.

By Wednesday, June 2 — the group would like to hear from anyone willing to pledge any amount of money.

"We want this to be a community grassroots effort," said Janet Young. "We can accept pledges for any amount of money. The problem is the time constraint."

King Young said if they can prove they have the backing to pursue the purchase and secure the loan, it's a done deal.

"Our credit is good. Lot's of people want to loan us money. We just have to be sure we can pay it back in a year," he said.

The .36-acre parcel would complement the green space on the other side of Pine Street in the already approved Macon Bank plan. Macon Bank is build-

ing a new Highlands branch office on the green between Pine and Carolina Way but has offered to leave part of the property 'green' so the town can still use it as a gathering place.

Together these two sites could become a town commons where community and cultural activities could take place, said Young.

The total amount of money needed is \$900,000 to \$1.2 million which would include the purchase price and the construction of a park and pavilion with rest rooms.

"We will need to tear up the asphalt, fill in the property, possible re-route the creek that runs at a right-angle behind the property so it won't overflow in the future," said Young.

Members of the steering committee are ready to take calls from interested donors. Pledges to donate are needed immediately to meet next week's deadline.

Call Stephen Lucas at 526-2399, Mark Meadows at 526-1717, Hillrie Quin at 526-2385, Hank Ross at 526-5074, Ginger Slaughter at 526-8517, Zeke Sossomon at 526-2101 or King Young at 526-3443.

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sexual offenders. The odds are stacked against their rehabilitation in life. Is this a waste of time? Youth workers pour themselves out in time and effort only to see lack of interest, many no shows, and no harvest. Sermon after sermon preached on servanthood, humility, and self-giving, yet our world continues to be characterized by selfishness, pride and greed. The lure of power and wealth choke the word. Are sermons just wasted words? Churches and their leaders have a difficult time coming together for any common cause of Christian service, choosing to focus more on differences than on community. Why try to sow seeds when failure tastes so familiar?

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For 35 years my aunt prayed every single night for her prodigal son to come to know Christ. Night after night she had no idea what condition he would come home in, if he came home at all. Bound his entire life in a cycle of alcohol and drug addiction, her son, my cousin Doug, one night found himself in a rehabilitation center having to break up a fight between two men who were strung out. He held in his arms a man who had been hit in the head with a baseball bat, and as he looked into this man's eyes, he saw the rage.

The man desperately tried to free himself and get to the man who had done this. But as the blood poured down Doug's arms and onto his clothes, he was dying. In that moment of time Doug saw his own face on the man's face, and realized that if he didn't change his life that very moment, he would have the same fate. At that moment, he gave his life to Christ and has since been sober and drug-free for years.

A nightly prayer for 35 years by a persistent mother resulted in one tiny seed that fell on good soil.

Not every story ends so wonderfully. Not every seed lands on good soil. But we have the promise, that if we continue to sow seed, God, in God's time, God will produce harvest in our life. The harvest is bountiful and wonderful.

POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of July 14-20.

July 14

- At 7:55, officers responded to a motorcycle accident on Laurelwood Rd.
- At 10 a.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked on Mirror Lake Road.
- At 11 a.m., a resident reported a motorcycle illegally parked on Cullasaja Drive.
- At 7:10 p.m., officers served a warrant for the Sheriff's Dept.

July 15

- At 3 p.m., a driver was cited for driving a motorcycle without registration, insurance, or working tail lights.
- At 3:10 p.m., a motorist was issued a warning citation for failing to stop at a stop sign.

July 16

- A little past midnight, a motorist was issued a warning citation for a headlight violation.
- At 12:46 p.m., officers responded to a call of two children playing in the roadway of N.C. 106. They were escorted back to their home and handed over to their mother.
- At 10:10 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hangup from Highlands Manor. All was secure.
- At 11:40 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Radio Shack at Falls on Main. All was secure.

July 17

- At 11:10 a.m., officers logged an animal complaint when a man's dog was bitten by another dog while walking on Main Street.

July 18

- At 7:35 a.m., a motorist was issued a warning citation for no inspection sticker.
- At 9:30 a.m., D&J Express Mart reported a gas drive-off.
- At 2:10 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Raoul Road. There were no injuries.
- At 5:15 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on N.C. 106 and Spring Street. There were no injuries.
- At 5:30 p.m., an attempted abduction by a stranger was reported.

July 19

- At 8 a.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles in Highlands Plaza was reported. There were no injuries.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for July 14-20.

July 14

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on Laurelwood Road. There were no injuries.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Peggy Crosby Center. The victim was transported to the hospital.

July 16

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

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Laurel Street. There was no transport.

- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 east. There were no injuries.

July 17

- The dept. responded to an alarm at the hospital. It was unfounded.

- The dept. responded to a motorhome fire on U.S. 64 west.

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ments might adversely affect listed properties.

About a month ago, representatives from the commission visited Bowery Road to see for themselves where construction flags were planted along the road and to understand the lay of the land.

"What we understand is that the commission can't mandate anything to the NC DOT but it can make recommendations as to the scope of landscaping and scraping of the road bank cuts," said Mayor Buck Trott prior to the meeting.

Those opposed to improving the road suggested once again alternative routes through the area, but Pope said construction of alternative routes would be expensive due to the contour of the land.

Mayor Trott agreed. "Why develop an alternate route when we have a practically level route now?"

Town Attorney Bill Coward said he hoped the Bowery Road case was now over.

"From the beginning I thought the defenses presented were frivolous and the

Court of Appeals and Supreme Court have affirmed my belief," said Coward. "I felt it was ill-advised to state their defenses from the beginning and I'm amazed they did it."

Technically, once NC DOT receives the recommendations from the Historic Commission, it can schedule the project and work can begin. But Coward said nothing would surprise him at this point.

"I can't say for sure this is the end. They could come up with another frivolous defense to further delay the work."

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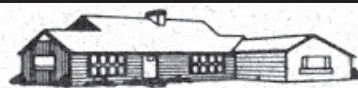
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As the story goes, in the end Joseph is reunited with his father Jacob and brothers.

Age old story comes alive at Highlands Playhouse

By Kim Lewicki

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It's obvious Highlands Playhouse Artistic Director Robert Ray knows how to produce a musical production.

Like show number one, number two in the Playhouse's lineup for the 2005 season, "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" was just plain fun and will light up an evening or afternoon.

Except for Jacob, played by Highlander George Gunter, "young people" make up the cast, but their abilities surpass their ages by light years.

Telling a 6,000-year-old story with cloggers Highlanders Alissa Cutshaw, 10, and Gemma Davis, 10, may sound out of place, but it's all part of play write Andrew Lloyd Webber's way of using contemporary settings to tell an age-old story.

The story is a Bible classic - Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, is sold into slavery by his jealous 11 brothers. In Egypt, Jacob, considered a "dream teller," becomes a favorite of Pharaoh and by listening to Jacob's dreams Egypt foregoes famine. Starving, his brothers go to Egypt, and eventually make amends and the family is reunited.

The "brothers" carried the show as a team with strong voices and precise choreographed movements. That's not too surprising when you realize most have acted and danced most of their young lives prior to and after graduating college.

Some are members of the Atlanta Opera, like Jonathon

Blanchard who plays Simeon and Potiphar, and Ben Perkins who plays Isaachar and the Butler. Scott Wilson, who plays Dan and Pharaoh, is a member of the Atlanta Ballet and CityDance Ensemble. Jason Minehardt who plays Reuben has been a professional actor for 10 years and everyone else is steadily working toward fame.

But, the six females who sing as narrators are amazing when you realize they are 13, 14, 16 and 17 years old. They all have stage presence and clear strong voices.

Instead of elaborate sets, Ray once again uses minimalistic props and backdrops - white screens illuminated with colored lights, brightly painted wood panels and cinched curtains - to illustrate various scenes. Instead, the actors illuminate the stage with songs, movement and colorful, yet simplistic costumes.

Music is simple, too -- a piano played during the entire show by Ray accompanied by a solo flute and clarinet player.

This was my first time seeing "Joseph," and I'm really glad I saw the Playhouse rendition. It truly is fun and will light up any evening or afternoon.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" continues through Sunday, July 31, with shows at 8 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Most credit cards are accepted and tickets can be order over the phone. Advance purchase is recommended. Call: 526-2695.

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Christmas Tree

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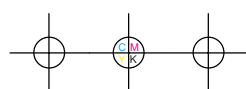
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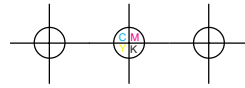
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