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Of those, motorcycle operators had the highest proportion, as a percent of all motorcycle drivers involved in fatal crashes, to be speeding. The estimated cost of these fatal crashes last year for the State of North Carolina was $1.4 billion, and it is estimated that the economic cost of fatal crashes nationwide is $927 billion.

Seat belts also play a large part. It is estimated that 48 million people do not regularly put on seat belts when they are on the road. Of the 31,000 people killed each year in passenger vehicles, about 65 percent were not wearing seat belts. Seat belts also reduce the distance necessary to stop a vehicle, and increases the distance a vehicle travels while a driver reacts to a dangerous situation.

Higher crash speeds also reduce the ability of vehicle, restraint system, and roadway hardware such as guardrails, barriers, and impact attenuators to protect vehicle occupants. Speeding, in fact, is a factor in 30 percent of all fatal crashes. About 1,000 fatalities result from speeding-related motor vehicle traffic crashes every month and about 40 percent of speeding related fatalities occurred in a curve, nearly twice the proportion of non-speeding related fatalities that occurred on a curve.

An important hearing on the Upper Chattooga

Dear Editor,

Recently the Forest Service announced a public hearing to be held on July 27 between 6 and 8 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center to discuss the Upper Chattooga visitor use capacity analysis.

This rather complicated description belies the importance of this public hearing and the future of the Upper Chattooga River.

Ultimately what will be considered is whether the Upper Chattooga River will be opened to non-motorized boating. This 21-mile stretch of the Upper Chattooga includes the areas starting from Sliding Rock on White-side Cove Road to Burrell’s Ford Campground down to Highway 28.

In order to get a perspective on this issue a brief history is required.

In 1974 the Chattooga River was one of the first rivers to be protected under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Closely following this inclusion in 1974, a recreational boating ban was enacted on the Chattooga above the Highway 28 Bridge justified on the basis of public safety and in 1985 the ban was continued to protect “quality trout fishing.”

The reason for extending the ban appears to have rested on the fact that the Chattooga had been “discovered” by various recreational interests. The movie Deliverance (1972) caused a dramatic increase in boating. The result was a conflict between fishermen and boaters which was reported by USFS in the Federal Register, March 22, 1976, p. 11849.

Since that time the boating ban has been opposed on a number of occasions by American Whitewater and related recreational boating interests. AW argues that there is no justification for a boating ban on the river. The US Forest Service responded to AW in 2005 by maintaining the boating ban until a user capacity analysis can be conducted over a period of 2-4 years. This timeframe was apparently unsuitable to American Whitewater because in May of this year, AW filed a suit along with five other boating interests for an immediate lift of the boating ban.

In opposition to American Whitewater a group called the Friends of the Upper Chattooga has been formed in Upper Chattooga has been formed in...
Young attributes Highlands & Highlands School to her success

By Susanna Forrester

“Growing up in Highlands afforded me the opportunity to try out a number of different activities such as service organizations, sports, and international travel,” said Young, a Morehead scholar who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in International Studies in May of 2005.

During her time at UNC, Young studied at the American University in Cairo, Egypt and taught English in Northern Thailand. She also obtained an internship at the Albright Group, a global consulting firm in Washington, DC founded by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

“My passions are connecting with people about global issues, and that is a direct result of my experience abroad in Japan as a Rotary exchange student and the gratification that comes with sharing an experience like that with your friends, family, and community back home,” Young said.

Young, who speaks French, Arabic, and some Japanese, has traveled through Europe as well. Her love of travel has propelled her on a three-month solo trip from North Carolina to Seattle, WA where she works at the World Affairs Council, an organization involved in fostering discussion about international issues.

“I think small towns and schools are great because the relationships you have with those around you are so much deeper and more meaningful,” Young said. “You learn not to be intimidated by someone with a fancy title or a lot of accomplishments, because you know people so intimately who have attained greatness, and you realize they’re normal people just like you. That is inspiring in itself because it serves as a tangible example of what you can achieve.”

Do you know about a graduate of Highlands School that would fit in our series? Call Susanna Forrester at 526-0782.

List of break-in and burglary victims continues to grow

Highlands Police continue to connect the dots involving break-ins and burglaries at area homes that apparently occurred between November 2005 to the present.

On Friday, May 19, Deborah Ann Cross, 49, of Alpharetta, GA, was arrested for felonious larceny in connection with an incident at Highlands Country Club. She was caught at that home during a “sting” operation between Highlands Police and Highlands Country Club security.

“But there is a lot more to this,” said Chief Bill Harrell. “People are still coming to the station to report items missing from their homes both in the club area and elsewhere.”

The number of homes police believe were robbed by Cross number in the double-digits. Police confiscated thousands of dollars worth of arts, antiques and collectibles which Cross had allegedly stored in Georgia. As homeowners come in with descriptions of missing articles, police check loot for a match.

“Luckily, we’ve been able to return many of the items,” said Harrell. Meanwhile, the list of missing items continues to grow. On Wednesday, a couple visited the police to report statues and statuettes missing from a home they own in the Glen Falls area.

The home is up for sale and as they looked over the virtual tour set up by their Realtor, they noticed several statues and statuettes missing from tables and a curio cabinet.

Harrell said he has added their items to the list. Cross was indicted on charges in Macon County Court on June 5 involving the one case.

As part of her initial sentence for the incident, Cross was banned from Highlands.

Her family owns a home at V-Z Top, the site of several of the burglaries.

Chief Harrell said numerous other charges are pending and the case is far from over.
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Sleeping with the Little Missus

No, no, no, this is not about the “S” word. Well, maybe…a little. Although our town is becoming more sophisticated and cosmopolitan everyday, it is still not ready for a report about, well, you know, “S.” (Blush)

For starters, I would like to know how the term “sleeping with” became a sexual event. The way I see it if you’re sleeping with someone, there’s not a whole lot of activity going on, especially if it’s with me.

No, I am talking about “sleeping with” as in zzzzzzzzz, comatose, zonked out, oblivious to life, etc. And just to make sure I don’t get a bunch of WASPS wearing sheets at my front door, let me tell you I am married, making all of this permissible.

I have taken on a new fun habit called “boisterous snoring.” Now there’s an “S” word we can talk about and I am told I am quite good at it.

It is important for you to know I have awesome sleeping habits. After several Cuban coffees with Kahlua plus chocolate cake loaded with caffeine, I am able to fall asleep in less than 2 minutes after my head hits the pillow. Actually, my head does not even have to be on a pillow. Regardless of the outside noise level, I will not move for the next 6 hours unless, of course, I am forcefully attacked by the little missus. I say this is the mark of a wonderfully clear conscience. It’s a Mars thing.

Also know that if, during the dead of night, a tiny moth flies against our bedroom screen, the little missus will wake. She is my alarm system. Nothing gets by her, even when she is in REM, she will awaken to the raccoon scratching itself just outside our window.

The bottom line is I snore and she lies awake and listens to it while thinking of new ways to shut me up. We have all the literature and I have been to the “Snores r Us” store several times.

One evening at dinner, the missus informed me she had read a letter-to-the-editor from a lady about her husband’s snoring. She found that placing a pillow over his face and pressing hard for about 5 minutes permanently stopped his snoring. She waited patiently for my reaction and I avoided eye contact. I could feel her stare, watching every line in my face to see if the little missus will wake.

Keep reading...
A burning issue

For several years Republicans in the U.S. Senate have been trying to get another one of their politically-motivated constitutional amendments approved. This time they succeeded. The flag burning amendment was passed by the required two-thirds majority, with a dozen or so Democrat cowards joining the Republican majority.

It isn't that I approve of burning the U.S. flag. I don't approve of any flag getting burned, or, for that matter, arson in general. It's just that this annual exercise in fake patriotism exposes the worst side of a representative democracy. It is pure pandering to "popular" prejudices, the idea that those who would burn the flag are a bunch of long-haired, filthy radicals whose hatred of the United States must be punished. In fact, more often they are our own children or grandchildren, awkwardly protesting some injustice perpetrated by the government.

The Supreme Court has ruled (ergo the alleged need for the amendment) that flag burning is a form of speech, and is therefore protected by the first amendment. The Senate is trying to do an end run around the ruling. Three-fourths of the state legislatures will have to approve it before it can become part of our constitution.

I saw recently on "60 Minutes" an estimate that as much as $10 billion has been "misplaced" in Iraq. Most has been clearly stolen, some by individuals and not accounted for. All this under a regime of the former second-in-command civilian in Baghdad, a financial expert, said that cash was distributed in huge amounts and not accounted for. All this under a

*See REDMOUNTAIN page 7*
Grants available for ‘arts’ programs

The Arts Council of Macon County invites local non-profit agencies to apply for a Grassroots Arts Program grant to help fund community arts programs such as concerts, exhibits, or workshops.

The application deadline for the summer award cycle is June 26.

Special consideration is given to new projects designed to reach people not normally served by the arts. Grants are awarded on a funds-available basis and must be matched dollar-for-dollar by the applicant organization; awards generally range from $200 to $500.

Contact the Macon Arts Council at 524-7683 or e-mail arts4all@dnet.net to discuss your project and request forms.

In defense of snakes

I was turning onto my road Sunday evening following a work weekend at Edisto Island where my brother-in-law and I are renovating a house.

I had considered staying Monday and returning Monday morning, but I have a Monday afternoon deadline for this column and had neglected to bring my laptop. Do you have any idea what it is like to be without a laptop? It would have been easier to return on Monday, but what would you have read on Thursday?

There are no Internet cafes or sushi bars on Edisto, no place to write a column or eat raw fish, which is much of the charm of the island. I spent most of the trip home either listening to the Nextel Cup race or thinking about this week’s column.

I dismissed the urge to comment on rising tensions in the Middle East. I toyed with the idea of writing about tattoos, a column which has been bouncing around in my head for several months.

It was while entering my road that I saw a rattle snake soaking heat from the asphalt road. He hadn’t been hit by a car. There probably hadn’t been a car on my road since Friday. Earlier in the day he would have basked on a rock soaking up warmth, but as evening shadows lengthened, he reached residual heat from the black surface.

Most people hate and fear snakes. I admit that I would rather see a rattler than in my driveway, but his incursion seemed inadequate to harm him or decapitate him with a hoe. The hoe seems the weapon of choice when dealing with snakes, perhaps because the meeting often takes place in the garden.

I briefly considered capturing him and putting him in a vacant glass tank from which Bull and I recently released a yellow slider turtle. Lizzie and Bull are spending the week at the Outer Banks and would have been surprised, but not delighted, to find a snake on the breakfast bar.

I don’t exactly like snakes, but I respect them, and it bothers me that they are nearly universally hated because of myth, ignorance, and Genesis. People who do decapitate a snake rarely bother to first identify him, to ascertain if he is a potentially harmful viper or a harmless black snake just looking for a mouse for dinner.

Most would argue that I should have killed him to protect my family. After all, my son Bull and my dog Sadie play not far from where I spotted him. We have lived here for over five years and this was the first viper I had seen, thus I would answer that the chances of injury, or even a meeting, are remote. I have no idea how many rattle snakes live in the acres surrounding my house, but I’ll bet the number is more than one. What would killing this one have accomplished?

If I were a good husband, father, and pet owner I would move my family to an apartment in New York City or the even greater safety of a cottage in Ireland.

I don’t like killing, although I know many people enjoy it immensely, and even consider it a “sport.” We had trouble with raccoons damaging the roof of our beach house and moving into the attic. We solved the problem by pruning overhanging branches and repairing the roof. We laced the attic with poison, but if any of the coons took the bait, they went elsewhere to die.

A mother raccoon and her three offspring have since taken up residence in a drainage pipe that, in wetter seasons, serves as an overflow drain for our pond. I enjoy watching Mom and her three young ones navigate the tricky entrance. I enjoy watching them disappear into the pipe. And I enjoy watching them walk in file around the pond and across the yard. I enjoy life.

I was saddened when I heard my 10-year-old nephew ask his father how much he would be paid for each raccoon he killed. My God! A 10-year-old bounty hunter. The answer was three dollars. The little guy beamed. He had recently bagged his first squirrel and had savored the experience.

No, I’m not a vegetarian, and yes, I have some vague ideas of conditions in slaughter houses. And, no, I don’t believe that either my diet or my knowledge makes me a hypocrite.

When I was 10 or 11 and an acolyte, a new priest, Father Ryan, came to our parish. Father was flawed, perhaps deeply so. He had entered the priesthood late in life, following a career in international law. He took a liking to my brother and me and one summer’s visit. He was an alcoholic, a fact which escaped me, but was recognized by my older brother, Pete, who told Dad about Father’s intoxication, dangerous driving, and stop by a Highway Patrolman. Dad forbade us from ever riding with him again. Years later, allegations of sexual abuse of kids...
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Republican administration pledged to fiscal integrity.

While their corporate biddies helped themselves abroad, you can bet your bottom million that Republicans in Congress were getting their palms greased with “contributions.” And President Bush was taking care of his corporate chums as well.

All of this is nothing short of miserable for anyone who cares about his country’s future, not to mention its treasury. Little has been publicly written on the topic of waste in Iraq, which is again the fault of the media.

In Connecticut, voters are turning against both parties, with Republican Representative Chris Shea and Senate Democrat Joe Lieberman, former vice-presidential candidates, both in serious trouble because of their support for the president. Until recently, Lieberman still thought he had a chance for the presidential nomination in 2008.

That race, by the way, continues to be wide open in both parties. John McCain has a head start among Republicans, although many on the extreme right despise him for not being far-right enough to suit their taste. This could make his chase for the nomination...

Ohio. History. The same applies in spades to Rudy Giuliani, former New York (!) mayor. On the far-enough right, they have the unappetizing prospect of Bill Frist and a slate of no-name governors.

Among death-wish Democrats, Hillary is miles ahead. Every other prospect in the party is chasing her, but if good sense triumphs, someone will catch and pass her. And in case you think I feel this way because I’m a chauvinist-you-know-what, I invite you to ask your neighbors what they think about her.

Me, I’m waiting for 2016 and Barack Obama, even though I’ll probably be waiting in my grave.

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er, or not at all, these insects can keep reproducing,” said Costa. “This has serious implications beyond their annoyance to us—many biting insects are disease vectors,” he said.

Mosquitoes are carriers of West Nile Virus and La Crosse encephalitis, while ticks carry Lyme’s disease. Both can be very damaging and oftentimes detrimental to humans.

Not only can the changes in insect populations affect humans, they can also affect plant life and herbivores.

“Changes in insect populations affect plant life in various ways. One has to do with vectoring plant diseases, another is through an extended feeding period or herbivory,” said Costa. “The insects can start feeding earlier and continue feeding later than they could before global warming.”

In some respect, this may be a good thing for bird populations. As temperatures warm earlier in places like Highlands, the birds may return earlier to feed on these insects and keep the population down.

How is the insect population relevant to the public? According to Costa, insect populations are extremely significant in relation to us.

“Insects are the single largest group of animals—most animal species named are insects, to put that another way,” he said. “Some are agricultural pests and destroy our crops, while others are critically important pollinators of our crops. Some have medical and veterinary significance,” Costa said.

Clearly, the woolly adelgid population is more than problematic, and it is certainly not beneficial, he said.

“This [woolly adelgid] affects our area by removing key, dominant tree species from the plant communities, impact our ecological systems in ways we don’t fully understand. Only time will tell,” said Costa.

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and fine. Then during a downpour on Tuesday, July 11, a significant amount of silt ran into a stream that originates on the River Walk property, crosses neighboring property and empties into the Cullasaja River.

“Because the silt fences were filled, with Tuesday’s rain they overflowed into the creek and into the river,” said Gantenbein. “I fined them $500 for that.”

A deluge of rain the afternoon Friday, July 14, made the problem much worse.

“By then two silt ponds were filled, and overflowing. With the volume and velocity of the water running into the subdivision off U.S. 64, the silt fences just blew out,” said Gantenbein. “A ‘ton of silt’ ended up in the Cullasaja River.”

Gantenbein fined the Turrentines another $500 and has requested a revised erosion control plan for the development. He said if he doesn’t have it within 10 days, he will issue a Stop Work Order. “The current plan is inadequate,” he said.

The problem is the entrance into the subdivision off U.S. 64 east.

“No one contemplated how the River Walk entrance would affect the stormwater runoff,” said Gantenbein. “The entrance acts like a funnel and the stormwater just pours in. Instead of the water falling out around the curve it goes straight down the subdivision road.”

In addition to an erosion control plan, Gantenbein has requested a hydrology study done to quantify the amount of stormwater that comes into the subdivision via the highway entrance.

Gantenbein said it’s likely the developers will have to enlarge the silt ponds and reset the grade of the entrance so it’s tilted toward the high side away from the river side so stormwater doesn’t have a path into the subdivision but instead stays along the road.

“Drastic temporary measures have to be done right away,” he said. “They will have to hydro-seed the raw areas or spray emollients to stabilize the embankments and road ways.”

Gantenbein said the variances the Town Board recently granted the Turrentines may have added to the stormwater runoff problem because with the variances “a lot more dirt was opened up,” he said. “The curve radiiuses on the roads within the subdivision were altered and the right-of-way setback was moved at the entrance.”

The variances were meant to preserve, but for some areas in the subdivision they were requested and granted after the fact which means double the initial area was disturbed, said Gantenbein.

Meanwhile, the Mirror Lake Improvement Association is keeping its eye on River Walk. The organization has measurements of both water and silt depth in the lake and it wants to make sure that nothing changes due to development at River Walk.

*See RIVERWALK page 9

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by priests surfaced and were confirmed. I have since wondered if my brother’s observation and my Dad’s prompt action saved us from such a fate. I’ll never know, but the pattern is similar to that reported by victims. Father was flawed. He risked the safety of young boys by driving drunk. All the same, I loved him that summer. Even as a child I admired his wit and intellect. Even more, I loved the attention that my own father was too busy to provide. He may have been a sexual predator, but he may simply have been an aging man who longed for a loving son as much as I hungered for an attentive father.

An event took place, during one of those drunken drives to Connersville that I will never forget. A snake lay on the road, sunning itself. Father didn’t run over the snake or drive around it. He stopped the car and ushered the snake off the road. That act of kindness convinced me that imperfect as he was, there was good in the man.

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The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance has followed the development of this issue with interest because it pits a number of environmental and recreational interests against each other in war of words and legal wrangling. Alliance has followed the development of this issue with interest because it pits a number of environmental and recreational interests against each other.

Gantenbein said the town doesn’t have a before and after measurement of silt in Cullasaja River for evidentiary purposes, but it’s likely the Turrentines will be removing Friday’s silt dump from the Cullasaja.

The town has also billed the Turrentines for replacing a power pole and re-hanging utility lines which came down during right-of-way clearing recently.

Riverwalk changed contractors a few weeks ago and new contractor who was “trying to do a lot of work in a hurry,” said Town Engineer Lamar Nix, ran into some problems. “A tree he was cutting down got away from him and knocked down power, cable and phone lines and actually broke a utility pole,” he said.

The trees were cut down to clear the right-of-way along the roads within the subdivision. The town sent crews to the sight on a Tuesday, twice on a Friday and once on a Saturday to repair the damage and all the town can do has been done, said Nix. Riverwalk has been billed by the town for wires, labor and a utility pole.

However, Nix said the town isn’t allowed to restring phone or cable lines. He doesn’t know when the phone and cable companies will get into Riverwalk to restring lines properly. “I think the neighbors have service, but it’s probably not pretty,” he said.

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Also included is information on “Do It Yourself” eradication. For further information, contact Dr. Kenneth McCaskill at the Macon County Extension Service (828) 349-2046.

Not your normal British farce

Most of you know I’m a sucker for any live performance. A show would have to really, really stink for me to tell you not to go. And, most of you know that my daughter Megan is in the Playhouse’s second show of the season “Noises Off.”

But what you don’t know is when I tell you to go see this crazy fun-filled performance, it has nothing to do with Megan or the fact that I’m a sucker. This innovative rendition of a British comedy is worth seeing.

A few minutes into the first act of “Noises Off” you realize there’s something very different about this British comedy. It’s all very familiar at first – for years the Playhouse featured a British comedy on the bill so settling in is easy – but then suddenly the audience realizes it’s watching the “rehearsal” of a British comedy set to open in a matter of hours.

A lone figure in the audience begins calling for changes, lines, characters. He approaches the stage as needed, joins his actors more than once. The first act goes well – at least the audience is satisfied, even though the director continues to fight, and through the windows they see and hear the backstage “soundless” fighting, and through the windows they see and hear the “on stage” show they just saw in the first act. It’s absolutely crazy. There’s something worth watching and laughing about at every angle.

The third act is again “front stage” but now the cast is absolutely done in. They’ve been on the road far too long, they know each other far too intimately and their final show basically crashes and burns. But remember, it’s supposed to.

How the director Marie Bruce orchestrated this madcap rendition of a madcap British comedy is a wonder. How the actors keep it all straight – the lines, placement, ins and outs, ups and downs – is also a wonder. But they did it and it all worked.

Definitely go see this innovative, fun-filled show. They’ll be no dozing off, in fact it will invigorate.

The show runs four more times — Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday for the final matinee at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

It’s not your normal British comedy. If you miss it, you’ll be missing a very special show demonstrating an enormous amount of talent and energy.

- Kim Lewicki
Eradicating Knotweed

The second phase of “Operation Japanese Knotweed” has begun. You will see, in different parts of town, Hillside Services hard at work spraying this invasive plant that is crowding out native plants and disrupting wildlife habitat.

The Land Stewards and the town of Highlands formed a partnership in 2005 to rid the corridors of this tenacious invader.

For more information, contact Dr. Kenneth McCaskill at the Macon County Extension Service (828) 349-2046, or the Land Stewards at email address landstewards@aol.com.

Scene at the Instant Theatre Company’s Studio on Main. Cocktail Hour Theatre is sold out for July 21, but tickets are available for performances on July 28, August 4, 11, 18, and September 1. Cocktail Hour Theatre runs 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Reservations are required and early reservations are suggested. Call 342-9197.

Saturday, July 22

Songwriter Jon Zachary hosts Songwriters-in-the-Round at 8 p.m. This series which began in the early winter of 2005 in the Studio on Main has brought together some of the most talented songwriters in the South to offer Jon is bringing back the popular Freddy Bruburk. Freddy writes songs like no one else in the world. His songs are like little movies with greatspecial effects. He is insightful, touching, and hilarious. He is also warped. Wonderfully warped. Returning also by popular demand is the beautiful songstress Lisa Stevens. Listening to Lisa play and sing her passion-filled songs will resonate in your heart and soul long after the last note wafts away. For those of you who have heard Lisa Stevens you know what I mean, if you haven’t, well, now is your chance. Jon has filled out the evening with, new to Highlands, Phyllis Tanner-Frye. We were lucky to get this George Sewo. We were lucky to get this George- town County, S.C. performer who has been described as riveting and a visionary who writes and plays music in a folk, low-country style. Tickets are $15 for adults and $7.50 for 17 and under. Complimentary wine and soft drinks are served before the performance. Doors open at 7:30, show starts at 8 p.m. Reservations suggested, call 342-9197.

Tuesday, July 18

Star Pony Electronics brings you Spiritual Cinema Circle at the Studio on Main at 8 p.m. See Dystenchanted written and directed by Terry Edd Miller with Snow White and Cinderella dealing with their hopes and dreams and seriously neurotic behavior with a psychiatrist (Jim Belushi). [8 minutes, English]. Then take a spiritual journey through the Tibetan countryside in Travellers and Magicians written and directed by Tibetan Rimpoche Kyentse Norbu. [108 minutes, in Tibetan with English subtitles. A $5 donation is requested. Freshly made popcorn, soft drinks and theatre sweets are available. See instanttheatre.org for complete information. Limited seating.

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New officers elected at Mountaintop

James Aydelotte, Rotary Governor, was present at Mountaintop Rotary's installation of new officers. From left is past president, Joe Simmons, James Aydelotte, and new president, Jim Mullen. Jim Mullen was also named “Rotarian of the Year” for his dedication and willingness to go the extra mile at every turn.

‘Interlude’ series continues

More than 300 listeners came to the Episcopal Church to hear the concert of spirituals sung by soprano Bernice Hall last week. The enthusiastic audience brought her back time and time again with standing ovations. Dr. Lawrence Weaver, her accompanist who has been heard in Highlands before, said it was one of their most appreciative audiences.

Next Wednesday, July 26, Highlanders will again be able to experience one of these fine concerts which are held at the Episcopal Church. Famous trombonist William Zehfuss will present a program accompanied by pianist Katherine Palmer. Both Zehfuss and Palmer are on the faculty of the Brevard Music Center and will perform at 2 p.m. Their evening performance will be in Brevard. Zehfuss is the principal trombone with the Charleston Symphony and frequently performs in the Spoleto Music Festival. In addition, he appears often as soloist with the Brevard Orchestra as well as the Atlanta Symphony.

Palmer, his accompanist for this event, is a graduate of Indiana University and is a touring artist for the North Carolina Art Council.

The concert which begins at 2 p.m. is free and open to the public. Everyone is invited.
Hospital Auxiliary donates furniture to ‘Living Center’

Kitti Barber of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary and Kurt Abshire, administrator of the Fidelia Eckerd Nursing Center and manager of the hospital’s dietary department, look over some new outdoor furniture that was recently donated by the Auxiliary. The new tables and chairs, which are located under the outdoor pavilion just outside the hospital’s cafeteria, replaced furniture that had suffered from exposure to the weather over the last several years. For more than 40 years, the Auxiliary has helped fund a variety of needs at the hospital and its nursing center. “The Auxiliary’s support has been an important part of making this an exceptional health care facility, and we certainly appreciate the many years of devotion to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital,” said Abshire.

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caused a ground wire running over the South Franklin Substation to snap. Safety devices immediately shut off power to protect the bush hog operator and the substation equipment.

Highlanders expecting to do business in Franklin that morning were notified via cell phones, to postpone until the power came back on.

Though the cause of the power outage was not the heat wave, Duke Energy officials are urging customers to conserve power while the extreme summer temperatures continue. The heat wave has caused air conditioners to run full blast and power bills to soar in the last month.

Duke officials say that conserving power is as simple as turning down the air conditioning and using fans instead. Also they recommend customers not use large appliances like dishwashers, clothes washers and dryers until the evening hours when temperatures are cooler.

Other tips to remember are avoid using the stove which increases temperatures and causes the air conditioner to work harder, keep blinds, curtains, or shades drawn during the day to prevent heat buildup, and turn on lamps only when necessary since bulbs are also a source of added heat.

This year was the sixth warmest year-to-date since 1880 when record keeping began. At least five states have experienced record setting temperatures, and no state has been cooler than average. The first half of the year has been the hottest on record since 1895 for the United States. The heat has caused drought conditions, wildfires, and heat related deaths across the country.

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each student subgroup in tested grades must meet certain targets. They must have a 95% participation rate in reading/language arts assessment, a 95% participation rate in math assessment, and meet or exceed the state’s annual objective for proficiency in reading/language arts.

They must also meet or exceed the state’s annual measurable objective for proficiency in math, and the school as a whole must show progress on the other academic indicator — attendance in grades 3 to 8.

For a high school to make AYP, each student subgroup must meet similar targets to elementary and middle schools. They must have a 95% 10th grade participation rate in reading/language arts assessment, a 95% 10th grade participation rate in mathematics assessment, and they must meet or exceed the state’s annual measurable objective for 10th grade proficiency in reading/language arts.

They must also meet or exceed the state’s annual measurable objective for 10th grade proficiency in math, and the school as a whole must show progress on the other academic indicator (OAI) — graduation rate.

Highlands School performed well on the report along with six other Macon County schools — Cartoogehaye, Coveee, Cullasaja, East Franklin, Franklin, and Nantahala — who also met all their targets. Highlands met seven of its seven target goals, or 100%.

If a school contains a combination of elementary/middle and high school grade ranges like Highlands and Nantahala, all available targets are used to determine the AYP status. Progress is defined as at least 0.1 percentage point increase from one year to the next, up to 90%. Any fluctuation above 90% meets the requirement for progress.

The ABCs of Public Education is a plan to reorganize public schools in North Carolina. The plan focuses on strong accountability, emphasis on the basics with high educational standards, and maximum local control. A key component of the ABCs of Public Education is an accountability program that focuses on the performance of individual public schools (rather than school systems) in the basics of reading and math.
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Risking it all at ‘Bust Your Butt’
Summer visitors from the lowlands enjoy frolicking in area rivers, streams and waterfalls. This member of the Highlands Playhouse cast of "Noises Off" joined others jumping off the cliff at Bust Your Butt falls on U.S. 64 west. Photo by Megan Lewicki

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percent of those were men. Lap and shoulder safety belts reduce the risk of death for those in the front seat of passenger cars by 45 percent and the risk of moderate-to-critical injuries by 50 percent. For drivers of sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks and vans who wear seat belts, the risk is reduced by 60 percent for deaths and 65 percent for moderate-to-serious injuries.

The State of North Carolina and the Town of Highlands have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for DWI (driving while impaired) offenses. One of the largest costs to society is the drinking driver. In 2004, the drinking driver was responsible for 23 percent of all fatal crashes (almost 17,000) and nearly $1 billion in health care and other related costs. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that three-fourths (75%) of drivers with alcohol in fatal crashes had BAC levels of .10 or .11 which is greater than the legal limit in all states. One-fourth (25%) of drivers with alcohol in fatal crashes had BAC levels of .21 which is more than twice the legal limit in all states. In 2004 there were 356 people killed by the impaired driver in North Carolina. The number of reported crashes that were alcohol-related was 1,574.

In summary, if you speed, don’t wear your seat belt or drive after consuming alcohol, you’re taking a chance with your life or the life of someone else. So please buckle up, slow down and have a designated driver or call for a ride.
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if prestige and power were the secret ingredients to happiness. I wonder if the winner of the argument at the roller coaster really enjoyed their ride on the Donald Duck? And I wonder if winning a conflict, gaining an advantage over another, makes the rest of life really that much more enjoyable?

In the scriptures, the book of James addresses this issue when it is written, “Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you Covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures….God opposes the person who wants to prosper, but the one who has mercy on the humble finds favor.”

The spiritual discipline we seem to be missing is submission. The symbol of ultimate submission is the crucified Christ, the one who loved the world so much he died so that we could win. The crucified Christ doesn't sit well with us. We like to strike back and seek retribution when we have been offended. Although the religious world has misinterpreted and abused the discipline of submission, particularly as it relates to men keeping women under their control in the home in the church and world, submission is simply the willingness to lay down our life for our neighbor, whoever they may be. The theologian Richard Foster put it this way, “It is the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way….People will spend weeks, months, even years in a perpetual stew because some little thing did not go as they wished. They will fuss and fume. They will get mad about it. They will act as if their very life hangs on the issue. They may even get an ulcer over it.” He goes on to say that most things in life are not nearly as big as we make them out to be. Our lives will not come to an end if this or that doesn't occur. What would happen today in your life if you began your day by saying “Dear Lord, today I surrender my desire to control what happens. I give up my right to have things go my way?”

People will often die for principles we think are sacred, but in reality, are trivial, even profane. We have witnessed tremendous church splits, family break-ups, wars and rumors of wars, abuse and even murder simply because of stubborn self-will. The true submissive spirit gives us the freedom to value other people. Submission opens the door to be able to love our neighbor without condition. Submission opens the door for service of others rather than self-service.

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At the end of June, the Blue Ridge
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received a check for $100,000 from
the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of
Winston-Salem, N.C. To complete the
purchase of the clinic facility in Laurel
Terrace. Using the grant money together
with locally generated funds, the full
$150,000 purchase price has been paid,
and BRMHP now owns the clinic facility
free and clear.

Susan Posey, BRMHP president, said,
"Paying off the building mortgage not
only lowers our operating costs, but it also
sends a powerful message that this fully
equipped dental facility will be a
permanent asset for Cashes, the plateau
and all of Western North Carolina. We
are deeply grateful, as well as deeply
humbled, by the financial support that
has been provided to this effort by the
Kate B. Reynolds Trust, as well as by local
individuals, churches, and civic groups,
regional church organizations, and other
foundations, including the Community
Foundation of Western North Carolina,
the Duke Endowment, and the Blue Cross
Blue Shield Foundation.

"I believe our success with the Kate
B. Reynolds Trust was based on the
quality and quantity of care provided by
our dentists, Tom Smith, Michelle
McDonald and other occasional
volunteers; and on the Trust’s recognition
of the long-term dental crisis confronting
many low-income Western North
Carolina residents. Another key factor is
the support and encouragement we receive
from the local community, which made the
Trust confident that its investment will help
direct that problem for years into
the future."

The application process with the Kate
B. Reynolds Trust extended over a year,
and involved several visits to Winston-
Salem and a visit to Cashes by a Kate B.
Reynolds representative. In addition to
Posey, other BRMHP board members
who met with Trust personnel were
Penny Johnson, Vice President David
Bean, Executive Director Karen Minton,
Beth McDade, and Treasurer Bill Jacobs.
Brenda Acosta also played an important
role in preparing the application forms
and packages of supporting documents.

Including equipment, the BRMHP
Clinic has a value in excess of $300,000.
But for this facility, its potential will
require about $100,000 per
year, even with volunteer dentists. In
general, foundation funding is less
available for ongoing operations than for
start-up purposes, so BRMHP is initiating
the "Tooth Fairy Magic" Community
Capital Campaign, with the goal of
establishing a $500,000 endowment.
This level of endowment would provide
income covering about 25% of future
operating budgets.

Posey added, "The Magic refers to
many aspects of this project – the effect
on the health and lives of our patients,
and the wondrous outpouring of
volunteer and financial support. It also
refers to how our clinic, with its building
and equipment paid for, and with its
volunteer dentists, is able to expand
each donated dollar into around $4 of
sophisticated, high-quality services. With
the Tooth Fairy Magic Campaign, we
hope to establish a financial base to
assure that our wonderful facility will be
a permanent resource for addressing
critical dental health problems among
our low-income neighbors."

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable
Trust was created in 1947 by the will of
Mrs. William N. Reynolds of Winston-
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are designated for use for health-related
programs and services across North
Carolina and one-fourth for the poor and
needy of Winston-Salem and Forsyth
County.

Donations to the Free Dental Clinic
Community Capital Campaign may be
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Box 451, Cashiers 28717. Inquiries about
donations of appreciated securities may
be directed to Bill Jacobs, at 743-9924.

WIC providing assistance for eligible women and children

WIC or the Special Supplemental
Nutrition Program provides supplemen-
tal nutritious foods, nutrition education,
breastfeeding support, referrals to health
care and community resources to partic-
ipants, & vouchers for healthy foods. The
WIC Program is available at The Macon
County Public Health Center.

To be eligible a person must:
- Be a pregnant woman; a breastfeeding
woman who has had a baby in the
last 12 months; a woman who has had a
baby in the last six months; an infant;
or a child up to the fifth birthday;
- Reside in North Carolina and in
the health delivery area of WIC agency;
- Meet the income eligibility scale -
The gross annual household income
must not exceed 185% of the Federal
poverty income guidelines - All Medicaid,
Food Stamp and Work First recipients meet the
WIC income eligibility criteria; and
- Have an identified nutritional risk
as determined by a health professional.
Nutritional problems include anemia,
poor growth, previous poor pregnancy
outcome, inadequate dietary intake, and
other nutrition related health problems.
WIC and the Macon County Pub-
lic Health Center are equal opportunity
providers and employers. For more in-
formation about WIC or to make an
appointment please visit The Macon Coun-
ty Public Health Center, 1830 Lakeside
Drive, Franklin, or call 349-2081.
Third show at the Playhouse

“2 for Broadway” starring Robert Ray and Courtenay Collins, July 27-Aug. 13 at the Highlands Playhouse. Robert Ray who produced 5 hit shows last season for the Highlands Playhouse returns for 3 weeks only in a brand new Musical Revue, “2 for Broadway” which will also star Highlands’ favorite, Courtenay Collins, who appeared in both “Jerry’s Girls” and “Let the Good Times Roll” last season. The singing and dancing duo, backed by a 5-piece on stage band recently appeared at The Piccolo Spoleto Festival where they were greeted with nightly standing ovations and rave reviews. The 90-minute show is broken into four distinct sections. The first section features traditional Show Tunes; the second is a salute to Broadway composers; the third and fourth sections feature all time favorites. Call 526-2695 for ticket information.

Wilmington professional b-ball team announces open tryouts

The new Wilmington-based American Basketball Association (ABA) professional basketball team is pleased to announce a two-day free agent tryout scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30 at Trask Coliseum on the University of North Carolina–Wilmington campus. Kevin Whitted, a co-owner of the newly franchised team, will serve as general manager and head coach. He played high school basketball at Laney High School in Wilmington NC, collegiate basketball at the University of Tennessee and then professionally for the Dallas Mavericks in and Europe. He is returning home from Atlanta where he coached the Atlanta Vision ABA team which won its division championship last season.

“We are looking for 12 serious ball players to come to Wilmington with a hunger to win and a desire to learn,” says Whitted. “From this two-day intensive tryout, twenty young men will be invited to Vet Camp on November 1st.

Interested players may arrive at the gym as early as 8 a.m., with tryouts running from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Participants must be 18 years of age with a high school degree or equivalent. Players should wear appropriate shoes and clothing and come ready to compete. Advance registration is $125 and is due by July 26. On-site registrations will also be accepted at a charge of $150. All registration fees are non-refundable and payable by check or cash. Please be advised that participation in the open tryouts may jeopardize a player’s NCAA eligibility. If you have any question about NCAA eligibility, please consult with your current basketball coach.

A news conference unveiling the team name, logo and mascot is being planned for the end of July.

For more information or to receive an application please contact Robin DeVido at 910-256-7956 or email at rdevido@seagatemgmt.com.
This week’s performances at H-C Music Festival

Jazz Meets the Classics Friday, July 21st at 8 p.m. in Highlands and Saturday, July 22 at 5 p.m. in Cashiers with a mixture of classical, semi-classical and jazz played by the Gary Motley Jazz Quartet and the members of the Vega String Quartet. With music from Bach, Mozart, Stravinsky and Ravel to Claude Bolling, George Gershwin, Fats Waker, a Shorter/Hancock collaboration, and a brand new composition by Gary Motley performed by the Gary Motley Jazz Quartet and the Vega String Quartet.

Sunday, July 23 at 5 p.m. in Highlands and Monday, July 24 at 7 p.m. in Cashiers will bring a change of pace with the Vega String Quartet again performing.

This time it will be the music of Mozart, Bartók, Ibert, two Shaker songs arranged by long time Festival favorite Valérie Von Peddy Whitcup and the world premiere of Nantahala for Harp and String Quartet by Sofia Kraetscha.

The ‘art’ of ‘sound’ at the B-L Gallery

What happens when fine art and music combine forces in an exhibition? Visit the Bascom-Louise Gallery and find out! Contemporary paintings come alive when you listen to musical selections that are matched to their texture, color, and energy.

In addition to a marvelous showing of paintings, you will see an exquisite collection of reproductions of early hand-made instruments: harp, hurdy-gurdy, krummhorn, and more. This interactive exhibit is dedicated to the celebration of the Chamber Music Festival’s 25th Anniversary.

Garden Tour Tickets are on sale!

Call the gallery and reserve your space. You have five choices this year: Thursday’s Patron’s Party, Friday AM Tour, Friday PM Tour, Saturday AM Tour, and Monday PM Tour. Be sure to mark your choices on your Painting Through the Garden Post Card to reserve your space. Don’t have a card? Call the gallery, 526-4949.

Exclusive Moultrop Show

On July 27-29, the Bascom-Louise will host an exclusive showing of Philip and Matt Moultrop pieces for exhibit and sale 10-4 each day. On the 29th, the Moultrops will be guests of honor at a tea from 1-2 p.m. The public is invited.

Also, part of the Wild and Wonderful Week of Wood, Terry Daniel, prize-winning wood-turner will be guest-lecturer, July 25, 7 p.m. at the gallery. He will conduct a demonstration in wood-turning, July 26, 10-4, at the Cashiers Community Center. This event is co-sponsored by the Western North Carolina Woodturners Club.
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On-going
• Al-Anon meets every Wednesday at 10:45 a.m. in the community room of the First Presbyterian Church.
• The Scaly Mountain Women’s Club’s pancake breakfast the fourth Saturday of each month through October from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
• Every Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Instant Theater in Oak Square on Main Street it’s “Cocktail Hour Theatre.” This unique, stylized, fun theater event features “real” complimentary cocktails made with premium liquors. They are “served” delicious hors d’oeuvres from either “The Kitchen” of Let Holly Do the Cooking, or by legendary chef Jerry Filler of the Oak Street Cafe. At 6 p.m. sharp everyone gathers around and are thoroughly entertained by sharp, intelligent, clever improvisation. The antic, jocose and playful Instant Theater Troupe is deftly given to capricious behavior, thus providing a positive outlook on life for their audiences. Call 342-9197 post haste, your playful side deserves it.
• The “Zachary-Tolbert House” in Highlands will be open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through October 14. The house is located at 1940 Highway 107 South, two miles south of the Cashiers Crossroads. Special tours and events may be arranged by calling the Cashiers Historical Society, 828-743-7710.
• The Highlands Historical Village Museum and Archives are open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• New Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have a lot of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.
• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will have osteoporosis prevention exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free with Health Tracks Membership or $8 per class for non-members. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.
• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free with Health Track Membership or $8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
• First Saturday August and September “Happy Hour!” an old-fashioned hymn sing at Highlands United Methodist Church in the Sanctuary from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Pianist: Tillee Anwood. Social Leader: Carol Shultsworth.
• Yoga at Highlands Rec Park every Mon. & Wed. beginning June 2. $7 per person per class or $50 monthly pass.
• A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospital) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.
• Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.
• Every Tuesday evening, Spiritual Cinema Circle at The Instant Theater Company brought to you by Star Pony Productions at 7 p.m. Visionary, inspiring movies showcased at film festivals around the world are viewed. Suggested donation: $5. Beverages and snacks available for purchase.
• Live music nightly at On the Verandah at 7 p.m. Chad Reed plays Wednesday. Sunday night and Sunday brunch; Angie Jenkins plays Monday. Paul Scott plays every Tuesday.
• Live piano music with Hal Phillips at SkyLine Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night and Sunday brunch.
• Live music at Fressers in Helen’s Barn, featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m. until.
• Live music at Cypress Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.
• Live music at SweeTreats every Friday and Saturday.
• Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 3:30-6:30.
• Live music at Wolfgang’s Bistro every Sun. and Mon. It’s Momo on Piano; every Wed. It’s Paul Scotts Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri It’s Ricky Dean on piano.

Through July 23
• Noises Off” at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.
• At Acorn’s, Francesca Romano Trunk Show.

July 20
• The next meeting of the Gem City Toastmasters Club will be Thursday evening at 5:30 at the Prudential Realtors Building, 144 Porter St., Franklin, NC. Guests are welcome. For more information please call Jean Logan at: 369.3022.
• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will meet at Grace Community Church, Cashiers on Thursday, July 20 at 7 p.m. Rod and Matt Champion, father and son team, and owners of Champion Outfitters will discuss fishing the Holston and Watauga rivers in East Tennessee. Rod and Matt are professional guides and fly tyers and have developed special patterns for these rivers. A raffle for a guided fishing trip by Brookings will be held and all are welcome. Call 743-2078.

July 21 & 22
• Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Days at the Sapphire Valley Resort in Sapphire. Includes hikes, field trips, exhibits and family programs. It’s free. Call 828-743-7663.
• Mountain Music Concert featuring Mountain Faith in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It’s free.
• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday 8 p.m., at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 22 & 23
• Art League of Highlands Summer Colors Fine Art Show will be fun for both children and adults. Its set for Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23 from 10-4 at the Rec Park in Highlands. While people are enjoying the show of all original work, children will have their own room for art projects and art show in the gymnasium.

July 22
• Memorial Service for Wistar Perry at the Episcopal Church at 2 p.m.
• Scaly Mountain Women’s Club Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Community Center at the corner of NC 106 and Buck Knob Road, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Adults $5, children $2.50 (blueberries extra $0.50) Full-seated meal of juice, coffee, pancakes and local patty sausage. Benefits scholarship program and area non-profits. Call 526-5657 or 526-9079 for details.
• At...on the Verandah, the Trio Locomo will be playing four dates of jazz, soul, R&B and rock and roll from 9 – midnight in the piano bar.
• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous hike 3.6 mile hike, limited to 12 people. Reservations are required. The hike is to Three Forks where three streams come together in dramatic cascades to form the West Fork of the Chattooga River. Drive 20 miles round trip. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America Office of the Realtors Building, 144 Porter St., Franklin, NC.

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Franklin, NC
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July 21-27

LADY IN THE WATER
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Mon - Fri: (4:20), 7:10, 9:30
Sat & Sun: (2), (4:20), 7:10, 9:30

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rated PG
Mon - Fri: (4:10), 7:05, 9:10
Sat & Sun: (2:05), (4:10), 7:05, 9:10

YOU, ME AND DUPREE
rated PG-13
Mon - Fri: (4:15), 7:10, 9:20
Sat & Sun: (2), (4:15), 7:10, 9:20

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN:
DEAD MAN’S CHEST
rated PG-13
Mon - Fri: (4), 7, 9:45
Sat & Sun: (1), (4), 7, 9:45
July 23
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- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
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- At HIARPT Professor Donnien's second lecture at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room, entitled "Imagining Progressive Religion: The Making of American Liberal Theology."
- Heath Shuler, candidate for the U.S. Congress, will speak at the Cashiers Valley Community Center on Monday, at 7 p.m. This free event, sponsored by Mountain Area Democrats, is open to the public. Light refreshments. Music. Speech is free.

July 24
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at PAC, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at PAC, Movie: "The Magic Flute." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 25
- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, lecture on woodturning with Terry Daniel at the Cashier Community Center, $15 or $10 for Friends of the Gallery.
- The Pendleton District Gem and Mineral Society will hold its next meeting on 7 p.m. at the Blue Ridge Art Center, 111 E. South Second Street in Seneca, SC. The topic "Garnet, The Other Gemstone," led by Ben Smith, a gemologist.
- At HIARPT a seminar with Dr. Donnien will be in the Jones Room at 10 a.m.
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 11 a.m. at PAC, Family Concert: "Young Artists from Brevard." Call 526-9060 for ticket information.

July 27-29
- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club presents The Mountain Market Auction and Boutique.
- "Give My Regards to Broadway" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

July 28
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday at 8 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
- At Bascom-Louise Gallery Tea with artists Philip and Matt Moulthrop. Father and son woodworkers. 1-2 p.m. Free/donation.
- "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 p.m. Bring your flashlight for a night walk to learn about the adaptations of nocturnal animals through games, activities, and observations. Ages 6 to adult, $2 per person. Advanced registration is required, please call 526-2623.
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From the Magic Kingdom to the Kingdom of Heaven

Rev. Eddie Ingram  
Highlands United Methodist Church

We had the opportunity to spend a few days this summer in Orlando with my family. We were at Walt Disney’s Magic Kingdom, the happiest place on earth, where the words to “It’s a Small World” ring over and over in your ears.

Standing with our two children, Katie and Andrew, a fight broke out in the Donald Duck roller coaster line between two adults. The wait to get on the Donald Duck kiddie roller coaster in the sweltering heat had been well over 30 minutes with the line mostly in the direct Orlando-in-July sun. Patience was growing thin for everyone, when through the line came two persons, making their way past all of us in an attempt to get to the rest of their family who had been saving their place in line. It was obvious they had been enjoying an ice cream cone, a nice cool drink and some time in the shade while the rest of us weary folks had followed Disney policy and etiquette by waiting our turn in line.

When they excused themselves past us, I looked at my wife, Kim, and said “There is going to be a fight over that.” Sure enough, around the next turn where the line doubled, two men were yelling profanities at each other in the presence of Mickey, Donald and the 100 or so young children within earshot. The tension was fierce and the anxiety was high.

I went to Disney to try to get away from this kind of stuff! A man in front of us grabbed his child by the hand and led him out of the line and out of the way of the incident. The rest of us stood in shock as we listened and tried to pretend it wasn’t happening. After all, it was supposed to be the Magic Kingdom, the happiest place on earth, right?

I saw Katie’s eyes fixed on the argument, and my first reaction was to take her out of there. But then I thought it best to just let Katie listen and see this microcosm of the real world from which I often seek to shelter her. The argument ended abruptly with a few finger pointings and threats, and the jarring last words, “When they excused themselves past us, I looked at my wife, Kim, and said “There is going to be a fight over that.”

Later on that day, Katie was recounting the argument to her grandma, who had been off with another granddaughter at Cinderella’s castle, a happier place and missed the entire Donald Duck incident. I turned to my daughter and said, “Katie, if that ever happens to you, promise me that you will let the other person win.”

Now as a parent or tough guy, we may not like that kind of advice. But I am completely convinced the desire to gain advantage over others, the desire to win at all costs, the desire to have our way, is one of the greatest slaveries of our time. We live in a society where the motto is “winning isn’t everything. It’s the only thing.”

I find myself constantly pushing my way to the front of the line in life, seeking to gain advantage over others as 

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**PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU**

**Blue Valley Baptist Church**
Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

**Buck Creek Baptist Church**
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

**Chapel of Skky Valley**
Skky Valley, Georgia
The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999
Pastor’s residence: 706-746-5770
Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

**Christ Church**
(English)
The Rev. Thomas “Tommy” Allen- 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion: 4:30
(Community Church of Highlands)
Tuesday: Bible Study in Cashiers at noon
Wednesday: Men’s Bible Study at 8 a.m.
(Highlands First Baptist)
Thursday: Morning Prayer at 10:30
(Peggy Crosby Center Rm. 203)
All are Welcome!

**Christian Science Services**
Third and Spring Streets, Highlands, NC
Sundays 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
Study Room opens Saturdays from 1-3 p.m.

**Clear Creek Baptist Church**
Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday – 7 p.m.

**Community Bible Church**
(Evangelical Presbyterian Church)
Steven E. Kerhoulas, Senior Pastor
www.ccbhighlands.com
526-4685
3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Students’ Dinner (free for kids in 8th grade and younger);
5:30 p.m. Supper; 5:45 p.m. – 7:15 Small Groups for kids Pre-K through 8th; 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm Adult Bible Study

**Eagle’s Nest**
(At HorseCove)
Small Groups are offered for all ages throughout the week, see our website or call for more info.

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**
Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968
Sundays: 8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist; Rite I; 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast; 9 a.m. – School; 9:45 a.m. – Choir Practice; 10:30 a.m. – Children’s Chapel; 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist - Rite II
Monday: 4 p.m. – Women’s Cursillo Group; 5:30 p.m. – Women’s Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 a.m. – Men’s Cursillo Group; 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting
Wednesday: 2 p.m. – Interfaith; 6:30 p.m. – Choir Thursday: 7:30 a.m. – Men’s Cursillo Group Meeting; 10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 a.m. – Daughters of the King Meeting; 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study
Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**
Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

**HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7 a.m.

**HIGHLANDS 7TH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**
Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
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**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
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Wed: noon – Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group; 4:45 – Children’s choir and handbells; 5:30 – Supper; 6 – Adult Handbells; 6:15 – Children, youth, & adults studies; 7:15 – Adult choir
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)
Thurs: 12:30 – Women’s Bible Study (nursery)

**Holy Family Lutheran Church - ELCA**
Rev. Delmer Chilton, Pastor, 2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

**Little Church of the Wild Wood**
Old Fashioned Hymn Sing, 7-8 p.m. Casual Dress.

**Macedonia Baptist Church**
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satoliah
Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

**Mountain Synagogue**
St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871
Friday: Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m.
For more information, call (706)-745-1842.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church**
Rev. Tien, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

**Scaly Mountain Baptist Church**
Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

**Scaly Mountain Church of God**
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Szemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

**Shortoff Baptist Church**
Pastor Rev. Wayne Price
Sundays: School – 10 a.m; Worship – 11 Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7 a.m.

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time) 526-9769
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.
in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3.5-mile hike up Chinquapin Mt., with an elevation change of 200 feet, for a nice view at the top. An optional extra mile can be added to return by way of Glen Falls. Meet at High-lands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. Call leader Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579 for reservations.

July 30
• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
• Annual Shape Note Singing at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library in Cashiers Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., song books will be provided. There will be a short introductory session to explain the cappella shape note system to newcomers. Contact Carl Blozan, 743-1765 for more information.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5-mile hike to Albert Mountain Lookout Tower. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Call leader Kay Coriel at 369-6820 for reservations.

July 31
• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
• At HIARPT Bishop John Shelby Spong (retired) will lecture at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 7 p.m. Spong’s overall topic for these lectures is “Jesus for the Non-Religious: Restating Our Faith in Christ for the 21st centu-ry.” Following each lecture, there will be Q&A following each lecture.

Aug. 1
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• The Audubon Society’s annual picnic at the Highlands Rec Park, Sunday at noon, $5 for drinks and hamburgers. Bring a covered dish. Please call 526-2775 or 787-1387 for reservations.

Aug. 10
• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, History of Southern art. Guest speaker Jay Williams of the Morris Museum of Art at 1-4 p.m. at PAC downtown. $15 for CLE members, $25 for others.
• Zahnier Conservation Lecture Series. Connie Barlow will give a talk entitled “Rewilding Torreya Trees to the South.” 7:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Cashiers. Admission is free.

Aug. 11
• At Bascom-Louise Gallery, Zelda Fitzgerald as artist. An exploration of her life. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at PAC downtown. $15 for CLE members, $25 for non members.

Aug. 13
• Encouragement for the Homeschool Family Conference By Steve & Teri Maxwell at Franklin Covenant Church, 265 Bellevue Park Rd., Franklin. Contact Michelle Loewy at shell@loewy.net, 828-349-3483 (home phone), or www.mcme.info for information & pre-registra-tion: Your pre-registration is greatly appreciated. You may pre-register (no cost) by contacting Michelle by e-mail or phone. This is a love-offer-ing event.

Aug. 25 & 26
• MountainTop Relay for Life begins at 5 p.m. at Cashiers Green and ends at 7 a.m. the next morning.

Aug. 28
• The 2006 Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament is Monday at the Cullasaja Country Club. Contributions may be presented to the Town of Highlands office any week day and designated for the scholarship fund.

Sept. 10-14
• Seymour Yee’s Garden Tour of Western North Carolina below the appraised value of $550,000. It is for “SALE BY OWNER.” Located in the Prestigious, “King Mountain Club,” a quaint gated community of only 55 homes. Our home is the only one currently listed under $1,000,000. “Burt Reynolds, Lori Anderson, Jim Nabor, and two Senators chose the King Mountain Club for their mountain retreats.” To learn more about this fully developed community go to kingmountainclub.org!

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John Schatti Real Estate is seeking an Office Administrator for our Main Street office. Our ideal candidate would possess strong interpersonal, administrative, and organizational skills. Duties include answering the telephone, meeting and greeting clients, scheduling appointments, assisting brokers, and performing office functions. Computer skills required. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Please mail your resume to Eleanor Crowe Young, John Schatti Real Estate. P.O. Box 725, Highlands, NC 28741 or email it to: eleanorcrowe@aol.com. For more information, call Eleanor at (828) 526-5750.

FULL OR PART-TIME RETAIL SALES – Weekends required, no exceptions. Must be responsible, professional appearing, enthusiastic and have retail sales experience. Call The Summer House in Highlands at 828-526-5577.

HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL – New full-time position for either part or full time. Salary depends on experience. Call 828-526-1303 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

THE SUMMER HOUSE – Now hiring for all positions, on the floor and in the kitchen. EOE employer. Call 526-0572.

CASHIER – New hire full or part-time help. Salary depends on experience. Call 526-5029.

CASHIERS HOSPITAL – Full-time, year-round employment, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., various days of the week. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Competitive salary and full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

CATERING AIDS AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL – Full time, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., various days. Must be able to work weekends and able to read and speak English. Salary depends on experience. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

PATIENT SERVICES COORDINATOR AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL – Retail store operations and reception experience required for this full-time, Monday-Friday position. Excellent public relations and customer service skills a must. Reception duties for Healing Touch, Healthy Pathways, and MRI services. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL – This full-time position is for 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, nights. Must have completed two years of college from an accredited program in Medical Technology and possess a credential as an M.L.T. from either ASCP or HEW. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL AND FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER – Must have B.S. or M.S. Degree in Occupational Therapy and current N.C. licensure. Requires two years’ experience in either acute care or rehab. Competitive salary. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

New for 2006! FREE By Owner classified ads for items under $1,000. (Excluding Real Estate or Vacation Rentals.) Otherwise terms are 20 words for $5; 5 for each 10-word increment. Email copy to highlandseditor@aol.com or FAX to 1-866-212-8913. Send check to Highlands' Newspaper, P.O. Box 2703, Highlands, NC 28741 or stop by at 265 Oak St.


C.N.A. OR CNA II FOR FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL – This full-time position is for ten-hour days including every other weekend. Attendance in the fall 2006 C.N.A. class will be required. Starting salary is $8.00 per hour, increasing to $9.50 per hour after graduation as a C.N.A. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1303 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

HOMES FOR RENT IN HIGHLANDS – 3 bedroom, 2 bath in town. $1,600 to $1,900 per month. Call 772-215-5896 or email twalinski@aol.com.

APARTMENT – Scaly Mountain. Furnished, one bedroom, laundry, desk microwave (no stove) $300 a month plus utilities, 6 months lease. No smoking, no pets. 526-1552.

VACATION RENTAL – Sapphire/Cashiers: 4 bedroom/3 bath, stone FP, all conveniences (plasma TV, PC, good linen, towels, china, sat.); Gated community/club. Lake access, with horses, kayaks, canoes available. Weekly, monthly and long holiday weekends possible. $900 week, $3000/month. 3 day minimum by-the-day/weekend. 770.479.5535 x239 days - kevin. 770-704-9926 eves.

VACATION RENTAL – The Lodge on Mirror Lake, fish or canoe from dock. Available weekly, monthly, 3-day min. Call 828-342-2302.


REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

ELEVATION, LOCATION, Furnished Cashiers cabin, 2/2 on 1.4 Ac. Total rehab. Good rental investment. Reduced $138K. Call for appointment. 828-743-5782.

BY OWNER/LOT – Private, wooded; Great location high on a ridge; Cashiers area. Sapphire Valley Resort amenities (golf, boating/fishing, swimming, tennis), skiing and 230’ of rockcastle backing ridg. $45,900. Call Eva (404) 819-8380.

LAND FOR SALE – Courtland, LLC. – 674 Chestnut Street. A Park Home community. Own a piece of Highlands’ past. 28 lots – restrictive covenants. $69K-$99K. Inquiries. 828-526-5939 or 828-526-9493. email: carolinacourt@mac.com

HOME FOR SALE – Courtland: 674 Chestnut Street. Lot #1 includes 32 feet of Luxury Craft with two tip-outs, full-size refrigerator, screen porch & deck, furnished. Lot, association fee, common area. $69K. On main road. Call by or call: 828-526-5939 or 828-526-9493. email: carolinacourt@mac.com

STOP RENTING OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE

– New building with three 2,200+ sq ft retail office units and 3,000+ sq ft drive-in storage units. Highly visible location along NC 106. Great visibility. Call 828-526-5577 or visit www.chospital.org.

HOMES FOR RENTING OFFICE/RETAL SPACE

– Ferry building & land in Highlands at 828-526-5577.

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CONDO FOR SALE BY OWNER

– Great 2-bed, 2-bath upstairs condo in town. $219,000. Call for details. 526-3671. Brokers protected.

YARD SALE

– July 22-23. Sat. & Sun. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

– Antiques, furniture, household misc., clothes, books, office supplies, electronics, holiday decor,

– Building supplies. Two miles north on 107 from Cashiers Crossroads, left on North Norton, 1 mile, turn right on Guise Lane. 40 Guise Lane.

– July 28-30. Like Antiques? Don’t miss the clearing out of the Old Pierson Inn, closed since the 1950s. Friday-Sunday. July 28-30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

– Much of this stuff has been packed up for years. Furniture, brick-aba, oil paintings,

– Pictures, lamps, twig furniture, country store and advertising items, granite and trivnare, china and great home accessories. We hope the house and yard will hold it all! On South Street next to professional building.

ITEMS FOR SALE

– FOR SALE BY OWNER: Vermont Castings

– Winterwarm wood burning fireplace insert with ash pan and pan cover, fire screen for door, vent pipe, and owner’s manual. $900.00 Firm. Sold as is where is.

– Call 828-743-9340 for details.

– ANTIQUE FURNITURE: beds, love seats, chairs, tables, lamps, curio cabinets and collectible paperweights, Royal Daltos, Hummels, etc. By appointment only. 828-526-3258.

– 22” DIAMETER BRASS OR COPPER POT – Rustic and Decorative. $150. Good condition. Call 526-1773.

– OLD TWIN WICKED OIL LAMP – Now $75. Call 526-1773.

– LAWN BOY MOWER – 2 cycle 21-inch cut, 4-horse power. Good condition. $150. Call 526-1773.


– See CLASSIFIEDS page 26
WOODCHIPPER – excellent condition. $125 or best offer. Call 526-4749
SNAPPER SR 1333 RIDING MOWER – $350 or best offer. Call 787-1310
ALL WOOD LARGE (6" TALL X 7" LONG) ENTERTAINMENT CENTER – lighted with stained glass upper doors, wood doors on bottom, has open shelves too, very nice $450 obo. King size bed frame with brass headboard $75 obo, please call 828-369-2223 or after 5pm 828-331-8422.
AKC REGISTERED SHELTIES. Sable Merle & Blue Merle. $300. Call 706-982-9325.
SINGER FEATHER-WEIGHT SEWING MACHINE – in black carrying case with all attachments and many extra bobbins. Model 221 Serial # 102409. $595 or best offer. 828-526-4077.
MAJESTIC FREE-STANDING OPEN-FACED FIREPLACE. Barrel shape on metal pedestal base. White porcelain finish for gas or wood. $875. Call 828-526-4077.
FULL SIZE WASHER & DRYER – $175 or will trade for stackable. Call 421-7922.
OAK ROCKER. Over 100 years old. From E.B. (Ted) Melt Estate in Athens, Ga. All original including leather seat. Call 828-349-4581.
RAINBOW E-SERIES VACUUM CLEANER. excellent condition with all accessories, $925 call Dee @ 828-369-8282.
SOLID DARK OAK DINETTE CABINET, 19"x64"x36". 2 glass windows on top. 3 drawers on bottom, 2 bottom doors with keys. Imported from Belgium. Excellent condition. $1,500. Call 369-3250.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

2003 DODGE STRATUS – red exterior, gray interior, 30,000 miles, AM/FM cassette, A/C, PW, PS, PB, clean, $8,000 obo 828-526-3257.

SERVICES


H & D HOUSECLEANERS – We're the team for minor clean. Dishes, bed, floors, & baths. Give us a call “cause we are the Best!” 706-982-1994 or 706-782-0376
HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTIES OWNERS’ ASSOCIATION – is compiling a roster of insured vendors in the following categories: painting/pressure washing, light carpentry, and general handyman services. If interested call Dan (828) 526-8286 ext. 264.
SCOTTS CONSTRUCTION ‘ME FIX IT’ – Decks, roofs, pressure washing, painting, lawn service, small electrical, floors, carpet cleaning, house cleaning! No job too small. 30 yrs. exp. Call David at 828-369-5886 or 828-347-5051.
C&C CONTRACTING – WE GET IT DONE – SMALL OR LARGE – Remodeling, decks, doors, windows or the whole house! Call Art Doughty at 828-508-1360 Workmen’s Comp, General Liability, References.
HIGHLANDS SHUTTLE SERVICE – Atlanta Airport Shuttle. Drive Away • Auto Delivery All Out-Of-Town Trips Driving Services. Call 526-8078.
RoadRunner Driving Service — Serving all Airports. Call Darlene: 524-3265 or Cell (706) 201-7719.

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DISCOVER ARBONNE™ – pure Swiss skin care, nutrition and aromatherapy. Learn about the incredible products. Call Darlene Melcher at 526-4685 (day) or 526-8402 (night).
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