PB wants to change B3 regs

The proposed amendment of the zoning ordinance dealing with residential density in the B3 zone is set for a public hearing on June 7, but the amended version was never sent to the planning board for recommendation. Now the Planning Board wants its say and at the May 22 meeting members sent a different version back to the Town Board for consideration.

“The way this is written now, it’s a 70 percent commercial built-out, or only two residential units allowed per acre so you’re pretty much guaranteeing all B3 areas will be developed commercially.”

Police arrest suspect in HCC burglaries

The rash of burglaries that have plagued Highlands Country Club residents since March may be ending and the cases put to rest.

On Friday, May 19, Highlands Police arrested Deborah Ann Cross, 49, from Alpharetta, Ga., for felony larceny in connection with at least one residence. “Under tactics we’ve deployed with HCC security, in concert we caught Cross in the act of stealing property from a residence on Hutchinson Court on May 19,” said Police Chief Bill Harrell.

Though the case is still under investigation, other charges are pending in connection with the break-ins and burglaries of Highlands Country Club residences numbering in the double-digits.

“Through the continued ongoing investigation we hope to connect the other burglaries. We have reason to believe she was involved with many of the break-ins and enterings at the country club,” said Harrell.

The vehicle she was driving on May 19, a Jaguar on loan from Nelley Jaguar of Atlanta, was seized, as was her own car, a Lexus.

Evidently in the vehicle leads us to believe that we will be able to close out other breaking and entering,” said Harrell. “Among other items, several keys were found and we are checking to see if they are connected to Highlands Country Club.”

While Cross was in jail at the Macon County Detention Center, Chief Harrell worked with the Cobb County Police Department to secure a search warrant to search her residence at Paces Ridge Condominium in Alpharetta. Accompanied by the Cobb County Police Dept., Chief Harrell and Highlands Police Investigator Todd Ensley found

HS academic students honored

At the May 25 Highlands School Academic Banquet, students in grades 4-12 were honored for maintaining all As in 4th-8th grade and As and Bs in 9th-12th grades. April Hicks is Highlands School Valedictorian and Callie Rawlins is Salutatorian. Junior Marshalls are Chief Marshall, Chase Jenkins; Kelli Baer; Lucy Herz; Lara Gibson; Angela Schwartz; and Allison Winn. Also pictured are Interim Superintendent Dr. Frank Yeager, Interim Principal Larry Brooks and Assistant Principal Mark Thomas.

Growth tips come from Davidson

By Susanna Forrester

As a potential sister community, Highlands could learn a lot from Davidson, N.C.

Margo Williams, Commissioner of the Town of Davidson, spoke to interested Highlands residents, commissioners and planning board members on Thursday, May 25 at the Highlands Conference Center.

The Houston, TX native and former school teacher gave a humorous and candid presentation called “Growth in Davidson: Discovering and Sustaining Ourselves.” The presentation detailed the ups and downs of town planning in Davidson, NC — a bedroom community of Charlotte — and how the town managed the growth of their hamlet without losing its charm.

“It is not a blueprint for every town,” Williams said, “because every town is different.” But early on, the town board and citizens decided that they had to shape growth before growth shaped them.

“I’m just overwhelmed by the creativity in the Town of Davidson,” said Ginger Slaughter, a member of Highlands Planning Board, after the hour and a half long presentation concluded. She said it was amazing how Davidson reached its goals.

The town held many meetings that included citizens and town officials to determine the direction they wanted to go. Now the Planning Board wants to change B3 regulations.
MILESTONES

Jennifer Standish Dunn graduated cum laude from the College of Business and Behavioral Science at Clemson University with a major in marketing and a minor in communications. To receive the cum laude honor, she achieved a grade point ratio of 3.40-3.69.

Jen was raised in Highlands. Many wonderful teachers, administrators and staff guided her through her K-12 School. Upon high school graduation, the Heffington Foundation, the Rotary Club of Highlands and the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund helped her achieve her goal of graduation from Clemson with honors.

Her family credits not only Jen for her hard work but also the Highlands community and the institutions we are so lucky to have. Thank you all! Your guidance, teachings and scholarships were put to good use. Jen has secured employment in Columbia, SC and will be moving there in June. – Karen Dunn

Hawk-eye’s View

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Highlands School Booster Club

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Volunteer hours take form as brick walkway

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Buy a brick for Highlands School

Commemorative bricks costs $50 and may contain up to three lines with 20 characters per line. Brick orders of 100 are turned in periodically. To order a brick, send a message and with the above requirements and a check or money order to Highlands School Booster Club, PO. Box 940, Highlands, NC 28741.

Congratulations to April Hicks:
Valedictorian for Class of 2006 and Callie Rawlins:
Salutatorian for Class of 2006!
Mountain Garden Club salutes new college graduates: Sam Chambers & John Warren

The Mountain Garden Club's annual plant sale, which took place this past weekend, is what makes scholarships possible and this year the club celebrates the end of a road for two of their recipients.

"We have two new graduates!" said Elizabeth Motz, scholarship chairman. Sam Chambers and John Warren graduated with bachelor of science degrees this month. Both young men received scholarships for two years from the Mountain Garden Club.

Sam Chambers earned a bachelor of science in forestry resources, and a minor in fire ecology, from the University of Idaho on May 13. Sam is the son of Wicdie and Tommy Chambers. Sam has accepted a job with Chestnut Ridge Forestry, a private forestry consultant with more than 20 years of contracting on over 35 National Forests in 20 states. Chestnut Ridge Forestry also consults with Indian Reservations and private landowners.

Sam's first assignment with Chestnut Ridge will be to work at Deer River, Minnesota. In August, Sam's job will take him to the Manzano Mountains in New Mexico. After that he will be working on the Hualapai Indian Reservation in Arizona.

Sam studied forest management at Haywood Community College during 2001-2003, while he was a recipient of a Dorothy Wetzler Scholarship from the Mountain Garden Club. Sam first heard about Chestnut Ridge Forestry from a consulting forester in Waynesville, NC. On May 12, John Warren graduated with a bachelor of science in marketing with a minor in sports management from Clemson University. John is the son of Peggy and Gary Warren. John began his college studies at UNC-Pembroke, where his major was Professional Golf Management during 2001-2003.

The Mountain Garden Club supports studies in professional golf management to promote sound environmental management of turf grasses, waterways, and wildlife areas on golf courses.

John continues to have a strong interest in golf management. This summer he will be the Assistant Director of Golf at Kanakuk Kamp, Branson, Missouri. Since 1996, the Mountain Garden Club of Highlands has provided over $22,000 of scholarships for college-level studies of horticulture or a related field.

Each scholarship is for one year of academic study and is awarded on the basis of need and merit. The scholarship recipients are selected by the Board of Directors.

The Mountain Garden Club is a non-profit organization. It provides opportunities for members to participate in educational programs, art events, and special projects.

The Mountain Garden Club is a member of the North Carolina Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Garden Clubs of America. It is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible.

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Fred Wooldridge spent nine of his 28 years with the Miami Beach Police Department as their SWAT commander. This event occurred 26 years ago this summer. The names have been changed.

When the phone rang around 2 a.m., the little missus and I let out soft moans at having been awakened in the middle of the night. I dragged the phone from its cradle to my ear. “I hope this is important” was all I could muster. “Captain, this is Conner in CDC. Sorry to bother you at this hour, but the shift commander deployed your alpha team 1 and is asking you to come in.”

“What’s up, Conner?” “Sir, you need to talk to Captain Smith. It’s a hostage involving an infant. Should I tell him you’re rolling?”

I jumped to my feet, grabbing a T-shirt and pair of shorts draped over a nearby chair and headed for the kitchen. Slipping on flip flops, I pulled my keys from their hook next to the door and headed into the sultry July night. Pulling out of the driveway, I sat the small portable blue light on the roof of my unmarked police car and set my speed at 90 mph once reaching I-95.

I switched my radio to the command frequency. “940 Charlie, this is 910 Alpha, copy?” There was silence but just as I started to repeat my call I heard a response. “I want you to know it gives me great pleasure to drag your sorry butt out of bed. When you going to Highlands?” I smiled, “Good morning, Smitty. Two weeks from tomorrow. Can’t wait to get there. I’ve saved up six weeks of leave and thanks for asking. What’s up?”

“We got a 27-year-old woman, stoned on crack, threatening to kill her infant child if we don’t find her good for nothing *%#*@ boyfriend baby daddy and bring him to her. They got into a fight, he punched her pretty hard, packed his bags and left. The neighbors called this in and guess what? It’s a sweaty one-room efficiency on the 5th floor of the

\*See WOOLDRIDGE pg 7
We have more than two years of George Bush left, and if the nation can survive more or less in one piece until then, it will be a testament to our toughness and resiliency.

Even many conservatives are convinced that he is the worst president we’ve had in the last 100 years. Only a few voters still believe that he can “protect us from terrorism.” He couldn’t even protect us from levees collapsing in New Orleans or from the aftermath of the hurricane. He couldn’t protect our young men who lacked body armor while fighting in a needless war. He couldn’t protect our country from reaping the hatred of most of the world.

Not that all these things are his doing. I understand, but if they were going well, he’d be taking credit for them. So I think it’s only right that he should be blamed when they’re such a disaster.

Having an incompetent president for eight years will leave us with more than a horrendous fiscal deficit. It will leave us with a leadership deficit, a public image deficit, a unified nation deficit. It will leave us with a moral deficit.

George Bush, who pledged to bring us together, has driven us apart more than any president since Richard Nixon—and Nixon left office under threat of impeachment.

I used to think Bush was stupid; then I realized he was shrewd; now I don’t know what he’s up to. The recent shake-up at the White House, at the C.I.A., the assignment to the Pentagon of increasing intelligence work, are all public relations gimmicks likely to do more harm than good.

I don’t know if voters will be able to sustain their concentration until November and throw the Republicans out of office, but I sure hope so. Not that I think a Democratic Congress is any great improvement, but of the two parties, it is the only one that has a chance of restoring our civil liberties, stemming some of the corruption in Washington, and ending the anti-science, anti-homosexual, anti-working class bigotry rampant in this administration and especially in the House of Representatives.

I don’t know how she’s doing it, but Condoleezza Rice is restoring some sanity to American foreign policy. She is certainly working hard to counter some of the arrogance and needless nose-thumbing at friends and enemies indulged in by the President. She seems to be able to balance an willingness to talk with firm diplomatic limits.

A Condi for President movement is underway, some of it genuine and some of it meant to counter the Hillary bulldozer. Rice has said repeatedly she isn’t interested in running, but if pressed she will find it hard to hang on to her decision, not to mention her integrity.

The Network of Spiritual Progressives (NSP), of which I am a member, is holding its second major conference in Washington the week of May 15. The NSP, sponsored by the Tikkun community, was created...
Quality matters not longevity

Sunday, May 28, was a big birthday for me, a very big birthday. Sixty-five is not as big as it once was, when almost everyone retired at 65, when 65 was the end of a career. Employees eagerly awaited their 65th birthday, a gold watch, and retirement, followed by a few years of boredom. Today, many retire younger, but others choose or are forced to work longer, sometimes many years longer. I recently spoke with an old friend, who at 83 is working full time, with a backlog of some 7,000 autopsy specimens from mummies still to be sectioned and studied.

Still, 65 is pretty huge. Last Thursday evening, after a bike ride, I stopped at the Piggly Wiggly for a bag of dog food. I looked with dismay at the cashier's screen. I was the recipient of a $0.59 senior discount. No driver's license, no passport, no AARP card, no conversation, and no request. It just appeared, mockingly, offensively. So much for the oft-repeated lie that I don't look my age. There was irrefutable evidence that I look at least three days older than my age. Or maybe the discount kicks in at 60. I joined AARP when I reached 50 but didn't renew because I was too embarrassed to use the card. AAA is much less revealing. I didn't need a discount, didn't ask for one, and didn't want one if the price of securing it was acknowledging my status as a gray panther, or is it a golden oldie, and the payoff was 59 cents.

I plan to continue working for a long time. When I finally retire, maybe I'll try to get a job writing a column for a weekly newspaper somewhere in the mountains. As many of you know, Lizzie and I have a 10-year-old son, Bull. What few of you know is that we are in the process of adopting a second son, a nine-month-old boy from Haiti. When Bull joined our family, I told Lizzie that it was important for him to remember his father working. I want the same for Paul. I believe that work is both necessary and noble, and the income beats the heck out of sitting on the porch drinking beer, which pays about the same as writing a column for a weekly in the mountains. I may look my age, but I haven't lost my sense of humor. Considering that Milton Berle, George Burns, and Bob Hope were cracking jokes on their 90th birthdays, a sense of humor may not prove much.

Whether Social Security is a retirement plan or a welfare entitlement, I'm just happy that there is still something there to "dip."

Last night I read that aging research is progressing at such a pace that in a few years it will be possible to slow, arrest, or even reverse the effects of aging. The article suggested 100 as a reasonable life span, maybe even longer. It said that if I could hang on for another 20 years or so, I might get to cash in on that advance. I hope Medicare wouldn't cover it, better to dump it with liposuction and lasik. Without liposuction, laik, and the fountain of youth, I'd probably still look my age, so I think I'll pass.

Of course, I'd like to meet Bull's great grand kids, but it's not worth a 115 years of "honey do" lists. If the word got out that I'd become damned near immortal, my partners would probably insist that I start taking calls again. Don't get me wrong, I'd like to live another 20 years or so. I'd like to guide my boys to manhood, maybe even see Bull get married. I might be lucky enough to see Paul graduate from high school, but college graduation might be a stretch. If I've become a little less controversial by then, maybe I'll be invited to speak at his graduation. I'd like that. I'd promise not to talk about my secret to long life. I have no desire to be photographed on my 100th birthday, toothless and grinning vacantly, oatmeal cascading down my chin, revealing the secret of my longevity, which would be, "I couldn't die, Lizzie and the boys needed the money."

Just a few weeks ago I heard a guy interviewed who had retired from the LA Transit System at age 100. In his 70 plus years on the job, he had been absent one day, which was for his wife's funeral in 1986. He was being questioned by his grandson, who asked the secret of his long life. I don't remember his secret, because frankly I didn't care, but I don't think it had...
Continued next week.

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SOAR race is June 24

This year there are 72 children of fallen Special Operation soldiers in Iraq. All the proceeds will be donated to the Warrior Foundation, a non-profit 501(3) organization with more than 600 children in its program. If you would like to donate to this cause please send your checks to Warrior Foundation, PO Box 923, Highlands, NC 28741.

We will raffle 2 oriental rugs from Shiraz and 3 leather USA jackets from Jolie’s. A raffle of two Oriental rugs from Shiraz and three leather USA jackets from Jolie’s will start May 1. The drawing will be June 24 after the race. The cost of the tickets is $2 each or 6 for $5. Tickets are being sold at Bryson Grocery and Oak Street Square. The following events will take place:

- **Wednesday, June 21** – Golf Tournament at Sapphire Mountain Golf Club, 2 p.m.
- **Thursday, June 22** – Silent/Live Auction, Conference Center, 5:30 p.m.
- **Friday, June 23** – Spaghetti Dinner open to the public, Recreation Center, 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, June 24** – SOAR Adventure Race, Elite 7 a.m., Sprint, 8 a.m.

The race will start on Main Street with veterans from four wars, and Mary Beth Brody singing the national anthem.

**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
Wednesday: 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 Sky Valley**
Sky 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 Pray 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**
The Rev. Thomas “Tommy” Allen - 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion: 4:30
(Community Bible Church)
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!

**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
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526-4685

3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship; 5:30 p.m. Students’ Dinner (free for kids in 8th grade and younger); 6:30 p.m. Supper; 6:45 p.m. Small Groups for kids Pre-K through 8th; 7:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study 6pm-7pm Choir Practice
Small Groups are offered for all ages through the week, see our website or call for more info.

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**
Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968
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; Sunday: 8:30 A.M. - Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School; 9:45 A.M. - Choir Practice; 10:30 A.M. - Children’s Chapel; 10:30 A.M. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II; 5:00-6:30 p.m. - Youth Group; Monday-Friday, 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: 10-12 - Highlands Women’s Club;
4 p.m. - Pastoral Care Mtg.; 4:30 p.m. - E.F.M.; 6:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal; 5:30 p.m. - Supper & Program
Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**
Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15
Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**
Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Wednesdays: Children’s Devotions – 9:30 a.m.
Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Bible Study - 10 a.m.
Sat: Adventists 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

**Highlands 7th Day Adventist Church**
Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

**Highlands United Methodist Church**
Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 11 a.m.; Youth Group
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. Melvin Chilton, Pastor
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

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

**MacEDonIa Baptist Church**
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Jamie, (706) 782-8770
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.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. Clayton Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

**Scaly Mountain Church of God**
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

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

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

**Whiteside Presbyterian Church**
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Lance Hollars and Bill Horwitz, tie yellow ribbons on poles around town to build awareness for the upcoming fourth annual SOAR race set for June 24.
Gardening with Charlie

Landscaping the front entry

Whether it’s a job interview, buying a car or going on a date, first impressions mean a lot. When it comes to making a good first impression with your home, the area to focus on is the front entryway. A well-landscaped entryway sets a welcoming tone and adds value to your home, Jonathan Bardzik, of the American Nursery and Landscape Association, says effective landscaping adds 8 to 15 percent to the value of your home. “A well-landscaped front entryway beautifies your yard, inspiring neighbors to do the same,” he says.

Ideas for Sprucing Up the Entryway

1. Gardeners in warm climates can spruce up the front entryway with cool-season annuals, such as pansies and primulas. In any climate, consider shrubs with distinctive bark, berries or branch structure — such as contorted hazelnut, hollies and birch trees — that are still interesting even after the leaves have dropped. Ornamental grasses, such as fountain grass, have richly textured seed heads that look beautiful all winter. Perennials such as teasel and coneflowers have interesting seed pods that can be left on through fall and winter.

2. Creating a walkway wide enough for two people to walk side by side to your house. There’s comfort in numbers!

3. Evaluate the exposure of your front entryway. Is it windy, open to the rain, sunny or shady? These environmental factors can determine what you can grow.

4. Instead of a direct path to your front door, consider creating a winding path that adds a sense of excitement and intrigue. Plant in layers along the front entryway. Place the tallest shrubs near the house, medium-sized shrubs in the middle and lower growing ground covers, perennials and annuals in the front.

5. Think about the structures you have or want to have around your front entryway. These could include an arbor or trellis for vines to climb.

6. Consider dwarf trees and shrubs that will look natural in relation to the size of your front entry area and serve as focal points. Plant perennials, ground covers or bulbs under the trees to fill out the planting.

7. Plant a mix of deciduous and evergreen shrubs throughout your gardens, and repeat the same grouping of plants around the front entryway. This draws your eye across the entire landscape, tying it together and making it look full.

Creating Four Seasons of Interest

While spring and summer are easy times to create interest and color in your entryway garden, fall and winter are a little more problematic.

Landscaping Basics

- Always choose plants adapted to the sun, drainage, exposure and winter low temperatures in your area. If planting under the eaves of the house, remember that rainwater rarely reaches there, so those plants need more water and protection from snow and ice falling off the roof.

- Charlie Nardozzi, a nationally recognized garden writer, book author, speaker and radio and television personality, has appeared on HGTV, PBS and Discovery Channel television networks. He is the senior horticulturist and spokesperson for the National Gardening Association and Chief Gardening Officer for the Hilton Garden Inn.

Every day at 8 a.m., noon, 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m., & midnight. The Visitor Information Program airs at 7 am, 9 am, 4 pm, 6 pm, 9 pm, and 11 pm.

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growth to take. They created a land plan in 1995 that contained their guiding principles for growth in Davidson.

Williams said Davidson’s “sense of community defines us.” The town endeavored to protect their big trees, sidewalks, and Main Street so that the town would not lose its pedestrian-friendly status. “We hoped to avoid loss of identity,” she said. “We want to look like ourselves.”

Davidson’s officials refused to allow the state to widen their Main Street, because they knew that it would make it difficult for pedestrians to cross. They also made sure that a CVS Pharmacy that wanted to build on Main Street followed their building codes so that it would exhibit a friendly and welcoming exterior and blend in with the colonial look of the town.

After the presentation, audience members asked many questions about how Davidson dealt with the issues that Highlands is facing now, including ETJ and the lack of affordable housing. Williams said that Davidson took their time instituting ETJ, but eventually the town decided to move forward on the decision. “We felt like we could prove to [developers] that we could improve the value of their property,” she said.

Though about about twice the size of Highlands, Davidson has been going through the same growing pains as Highlands.

“They instituted ETJ some 10 years ago and even though they had the same resistance we had, it has come to be accepted and, indeed, championed by not only developers but residents of ETJ,” said Mayor Mullen.

Williams said that Davidson’s citizens were concerned about the extravagant rise in housing prices. They created an Adequate Public Facilities Housing ordinance to give lower income families housing options within Davidson. The ordinance requires developers to include affordable housing in their projects, but it does not affect density within developments.

“She had much to say about greenways, development, and affordable housing,” said Mullen. “Affordable housing has been a very difficult issue for Davidson, too, because of rising property values. But Davidson has somewhat of an advantage over us in that it is in Mecklenburg County — the most populated county in the state and somewhat of an advantage over us in that it is in Mecklenburg County — the most populated county in the state and is adjacent to Charlotte which supplies Davidson utilities and sewage, at a cost, of course.”

Williams emphasized the effort that the board made to create a balance between the rights of the property owner and the rights of the community. She said the town does not force developers on the outskirts to annex to Davidson, but encourages them to do so.

“The town also created green resources such as parks and lakes to keep the town beautiful and undisturbed, and to boost the property value for all of its citizens. “Our citizens are the reason we worked so hard to protect Davidson,” she said.
Academic Banquet
May 25 at
Highlands School

Highlands Mtn. Top Rotary treated students at Highlands School in grades 4-12 to a banquet to commemorate their good academic standing. To be eligible for the banquet, elementary students had to get all As the first three grading periods. Students in grades 9-12 had to be on the A or A-B Honor Roll for the first three grading periods. The MC was Joe Simmons, president of Highlands Mtn. Top Rotary. Interim Superintendent Dr. Frank Yeager, Highlands School Principal Larry Brooks and Asst. Principal Mark Thomas presented the students with certificates and a medallion. Rev. Kim Ingram gave students an inspirational talk.

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what they believe to be property stolen from homes at Highlands Country Club.

"We appreciate the patience of the homeowners, the victims, and the community while we continue to work this case," said Harrell. "This is the kind of crime where there is no forced entry so it takes a lot of intrinsic work."

Cross isn’t a member of Highlands Country Club but her family owns a condominium at VZ-Top, the site of several of the burglaries.

Many Highlands Country Club second homeowners returning this spring found items missing from their homes — arts & collectibles, household items, stereo equipment, furs and antiques — valued from $100 to thousands.

Cross will be indicted on charges in Macon County Court, on June 5.

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said Chairman John Cleaveland. "We have to give people some opportunity not to build commercial. We’ve all said we don’t need more commercial right now."

The Town Board wants B3 to demand 22,000 sq. ft. per family for single-family residences, but Cleaveland said the price of land zoned B3 is too expensive to justify two residential units per acre.

The original concept behind amending the B3 ordinance was to make it a transitional zone between commercial and residential areas with clustering and multi-family projects considered a good transitional residential solution.

But when the B3 zoning ordinance was amended two years ago, the Town Board wasn’t ready to address multi-family projects in that zone and then details regulating clustering were left out of the amended version.

To fix all that, the Planning board wants to allow four detached residential units per acre but keep the 6,000 sq. ft. per family for incidental apartments, which could be built above a commercial project.

"That would have solved the problem we’re having with OER and it will make the density the same as multi-family," said Cleaveland.

Vice Chair Ginger Slaughter said the idea behind changing the B3 ordinance in the first place was so it could be a transitional zone with multi uses.

The Town Board will consider the Planning Board’s recommendations at the June 7 Town Board meeting.

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H S athletes honored at cookout at Rec Park

On Monday, May 22, Highlands Rotary treated student athletes, parents and teachers to a hamburger cookout at the Rec Park. The annual affair honors athletes at Highlands School.

The Baseball Conference awards went to:
- All Conference - Ryan Bears; All Conference - Buddy Parrish
- Honorable Mention Conference - Ryan Perkins; Honorable Mention Conference - Tyler Wavra

The Soccer Conference awards went to:
- All Conference - Ryan Bears; All Conference - Buddy Parrish
- The Basketball Conference awards went to:
- All Conference - Ryan Bears; All Conference - Buddy Parrish; All Conference - Alec Schmitt
- Honorable Mention Conference - Nick Kerhoulas

2006 Highlands Coaches’ Awards

- Cross Country Coach’s Award – Stacy Wright
- Boys Varsity Soccer Most Valuable Player (MVP) – David “Buddy Boy” Parrish
- Varsity Soccer Highlander Award – Jake Heffington
- Varsity Soccer Sportsmanship Award
- Varsity Soccer Most Improved Player – Jason Aspinwall

- Varsity Volleyball Most Valuable Player – Anna Trine
- Varsity Volleyball Highlander Award
- Callie Rawlins
- Varsity Volleyball Sportsmanship Award – Ramsey Ashburn
- Varsity Basketball Most Valuable Player – Alec Schmitt
- Varsity Basketball Highlander Award – Eric Chen
- Varsity Basketball Sportsmanship Award – Ezra Herz
- Varsity Basketball Most Improved Player – Andrew Billingsley
- Varsity Soccer Offensive MVP – Callie Rawlins

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to counter the influence on politics of the Religious Right. Its first conference, in California in 2005, attracted several thousand.

The NSP stands for a new approach to government, with generosity, kindness and caring for each and every human being as its guiding principles. It bases its outlook on the major creeds of all religious traditions. Its founder, Rabbi Michael Lerner, has reached out to mainline Christians, Muslims, Buddhists and others, including agnostics and atheists, to establish a national movement that welcomes infusing all government policies with spiritual values.

I'll be attending the conference and will let you know how it goes. It takes a lot to get me to any meeting, but the idea, however idealistic, of injecting kindness and caring into the bureaucracy, was too appealing to pass up.

*In a 2005 study of undocumented workers in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, more than half of day laborers reported they had been cheated out of their wages at least once during the past year.

Either they weren't paid at all, or they were given checks that bounced.

Since they were illegals they had little recourse. They couldn't very well complain to the police, or go to the union hall, or write their Congressman. So they just kept quiet and swallowed the injustice.

I doubt such flagrant abuses occur in Macon County, where people often know each other and the word travels fast. But you can bet your last $5.25 (the prevailing hourly wage for illegal immigrant day workers) that various work site violations do occur. Which is all the more reason why we need comprehensive immigration reform, a decent minimum wage, and safe enforceable working conditions for all, be they American citizens, guest workers or illegal immigrants who are living among us.

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Highlands School PTO recently honored parents and community members who have volunteered at the school this year. As of April 1, 4114.5 hours have been worked which averages 10.36 hours per student! Volunteers enjoyed a breakfast prepared by the teachers and PTO Board members.

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nothing to do with needing the money. Anyway, a month later I read that he had died. Come to think of it, I think his secret was this; not retiring. I'd like to live a while longer, but on my terms. I don't care to survive a debilitating stroke, the kind that scrambles the brain, although I guess I could accept walking with cane if it wasn't one of those tripod aluminum models. I don't want to live long enough to become bored with life. I don't want azaleas to lose their magic. I might be willing to exchange my bike for an adult tricycle. That's a tough one. My brain must remain sharp. That is nonnegotiable. When I no longer search for answers or enjoy catching a glimpse of a deer, I'll know my time has come. If God forbid, I should happen to outlive my kids, I'll be waiting in line for my turn to join them. I don't want to go out like my Mom, rotting in a nursing home. There are worse things than death, and living forever may be one of them.

• Dr. Henry Salzarulo is a practicing anesthesiologist in Seneca, S.C. He lives in Scaly Mountain with wife, Elizabeth, and son, Bull. He can be reached at hsalzarulo@aol.com. All comments are invited, those offering conflicting as well as supporting view.

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The Mountain Garden Club sells native plants reclaimed from developments in the area. Proceeds go toward scholarships and other programs. Academic study, and recipients may apply for repeat scholarships.

To be considered for a Dorothy Wertzler Scholarship from the Mountain Garden Club, students must: complete high school with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5; major in horticulture, botany, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, marine biology or a related field in college; be a resident of Highlands or Scaly Mountain, (zip codes 28741 or 28775) or be a graduate of Highlands School. Students apply in January for scholarships for the following academic year. For more information write to the Mountain Garden Club, PO Box 1021, Highlands, NC 28441-1021.
On-going
- 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. Cost of the class is $30 per session or $8 per class 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 for more information.
- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is $30 per session or $8 per class 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 for more information.
- 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 10:10 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.
- Registration is now open for the 2006 summer day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Five camps are being offered this year: “Amazing Animals,” “Nature Works,” “Mountain Explorers,” “3rd. Ecologists,” and “WOW!” Each camp runs from Tuesdays to Fridays. For details, call 526-2623.
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- Live music at Fressers in Helen’s Barn featuring Chad Reed, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m-10 p.m
- Live music at Cypress Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.
- Live music at Buck’s Coffee Café every Saturday night from 9-11 p.m.
- Live music at SweetTreats every Friday and Saturday.
- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30
- In June:
  - The Highlands Recreation Department will hold its annual Summer Recreation Camp Program for 2006 on June 12 and end on July 28. It will run for six weeks. Ages 5-10 years old (Child must be 5 years old as of June 14. No exceptions.) Call the Civic Center at 526-3556.

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June 4

- The Highlands United Methodist Church will recognize Highlands’ School graduating seniors in worship on Sunday at 11 a.m.
- Wolfgang’s Restaurant & Wine Bistro site for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival from 5-7 p.m. Featuring a gourmet dinner with wine pairing and entertainment by Chamber Music Festival performers. For reservations, call 828-526-9060.
- The Center for Life Enrichment opens its 2006 season with a fanfare concert by the regionally-recognized Smoky Mountain Brass Band. The public is invited to this celebration at the Performing Arts Center beginning Thursday. Call 526-2623 for more information.

June 5

- Highlands School High School Awards Assembly at 8:30 a.m.
- Proctors for End of Course testing from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you are willing to volunteer your time to help proctor one of our tests, please contact Annette Jenkins at the school at 526-2147.

June 7

- The Highlands Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Inkeepers Association the 2006 Innkeepers’ Tour on Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m. Each inn will be offering tours, refreshments, and door prizes. Participating inns this year are Chandler Inn, Colonial Pines Inn, Hampton Inn, Highlands Inn, Highlands Suites Hotel, Inn at Half Mile Farm, the Lodge at Mirror Lake, Main Street Inn, Mitchell’s Lodge & Cottages, Mountain High, Skyline Lodge, and Whiteside Cove Cottages. Directions to each location will be available at the Chamber office beginning Thursday, June 1.
- Bach at Bucks Thursday from 8-10 p.m. Buck’s on Main Street, Highlands. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
- Highlands School Senior Scholarship Assembly at 9 a.m.
- Cocktails Hour Theatre opens Friday and runs every Friday night (except June 30th) thru September 1st. The party begins at 5:30 p.m. with complimentary cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and music. The show begins at 6 p.m. and finishes at 7:30 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling 528-342-9137. The Studio is located at 310 Main Street, Oak Square (upstairs). There is an elevator at the back of the mall. For a complete lineup of all things Instant Theatre Company visit www.instanttheatre.org.

June 8

- Bach @ Bucks Thursday from 8-10 p.m. Buck’s on Main Street, Highlands. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.
- Zahner Conservation Lecture Series. Author Jean Maloff will give a talk entitled “Teaching the Tissues: Lessons from the Forest” 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.
- Highlands School graduation ceremony in the new gym at 7 p.m.
- “Nature by Night” at the Highlands Nature Center. 9-10:30 p.m., ages 6-adult. Bring a flashlight to learn about nocturnal animals through a variety of fun activities, games, and observations along the garden trails. $2 per person, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623 for more information.

June 12

- HIARP brings J. Wentzel van Huyssteen’s recent Griffith Lectures entitled Abide in the World? Human Uniqueness in Science and Theology. Dr. van Huyssteen has lectured several times previously for HIARP and you may recall that he is the James I. McCord professor of theology at Princeton Theological Seminar. Pre-registration is required for participation in this seminar. Not open to the public.