Zoning Board says ‘yes’ to Nick’s

With his zoning permit in hand, Nick Moschouris’s next stop is the county courthouse where he plans to pick up his building permit.

At the Zoning Board’s June 14 meeting, Moschouris met no resistance to his plans to convert the old Patterson house on the corner of First and Main streets into a new version of the old Nick’s Restaurant. With the Appearance Commission’s recommendation as a starting point, the board voted unanimously to accept the Nick’s

Map pinpoints landslide-prone areas in county

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Ashlyn Williams
Report

People have long come to the mountains of Western North Carolina to build their dream house on the top of mountains where they can be greeted with an exquisite view each morning.

However, when Hurricane Ivan caused havoc across Western North Carolina, officials and homeowners began to rethink construction techniques and building placement on mountain slopes. Now with Alberto, the first tropical storm of the season swirling across northern Florida on its way to Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, memories of previous years’ catastrophes are resurfacing.

Currently, the North Carolina Geological Survey (NCGS) is working on an intense Landslide Hazard Mapping Program for 18 Western North Carolina counties — the subject of a League of

Class options expand at HS

By Susanna Forrester
Report

The future is bright for students at Highlands School as they take advantage of SCCs ITV classes, on-line web courses, and a progressively expanding network of learning opportunities including Advance Placement courses.

“These programs are particularly valuable to small schools such as ours because of our numbers we don’t have as many course offerings as larger

County accepts bare bones version of subdivision ordinance

Compared to Highlands, Macon County is clearly behind the times when it comes to land use regulations but commissioners took a big step at their June meeting and passed a bare bones subdivision ordinance.

Charged with writing a subdivision ordinance in 90 days, the Macon County Planning Board began the painstaking process on Feb. 25. But as the 90-day deadline approached, the board was still at odds as to what should be included in the ordinance, while developers and real estate agents claimed an ordinance wasn’t even needed.

But County Attorney Rickey Moorfield said it had come down to a
North Carolina’s mercury problem

Dear Editor,

Mercury is not something that we should be exposing ourselves to, yet North Carolinians may be doing so everyday without even knowing it.

If you’re an avid fisherman or just love the occasional seafood dinner you should be concerned about the rising mercury levels in our own state’s waterways. North Carolina is most highly at risk because of the 14 coal power plants that are presently in use. About 70% of the mercury in our waterways is from these plants’ operations.

Solutions must be met by new government standards on mercury emissions, which have so far been slow in coming. North Carolina should be leading the forefront on these types of controls because it is estimated that residents of the southeastern portion of our state show the highest levels of mercury in their bloodstream compared to those elsewhere and well above the EPA standard of what is considered to be safe levels.

Exposure to mercury can cause effects such as personality changes and can be damaging to the fetus of pregnant women (one of the biggest issues showing up in NC). Presently, fish in the waterways east of I-85 are already under mercury advisories. It is important that we let the state know this is an important issue. Let your voice be heard by writing your officials for stricter policies on run-off from coal power plants. Help to protect our state and keep all of NC healthier.

Help take action at:
www.nncconservationnetwork1.org/campaign/mercury_public_comment and http://www.southernenvironment.org/cases/mercury_nc/casepage.htm

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School sports physicals set for June 17

A special sports physical clinic for school athletic programs is being held at the Macon County Public Health Center. The clinic is open to 7th -12th grade students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2006-2007 school year. The clinic will be offered on the morning of Saturday, June 17.

Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County Public Health Center by calling 349-2081.

There will be a charge of $30 for the physical and all proceeds will go to the Schools’ Athletic Fund.

Letters to the Editor Policy

We reserve the right to edit submissions. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands’ Newspaper. Please email letters by Monday at 5 p.m. 500-word limit without prior approval.
Obituaries

Anne Virginia Moore Berry

Anne Virginia Moore Berry, age 93, of Ellijay Road, Franklin, NC, died Friday, June 9, 2006 in a local hospital.

She was a native of Macon County, daughter of the late, Parker Moore and Salie Stewart Moore. She was married to the late William Wymer “Dude” Berry, who died in 1971. Mrs. Berry was a homemaker and had worked at Van Raalte; she also owned and operated Ann Margaret Fabric Shop. She had handmade over 100 wedding dresses. She was Macon County Home Extension Woman of the Year in 1978, she was also President of the Cullasaja PTA, and was on the Board of the Cullasaja Fire Department. She was a Charter member of Higdonville Baptist Church.

She is survived by five daughters; Margaret B. Moses and husband, George of Franklin, NC; Katherine Sorrells and husband, Chester of Waynesville, NC; Nancy Scott and husband, Wendell of Canton, NC; Sarah Woods and husband, Duane of Franklin, NC and Sue Henry and husband, Warren of Franklin, NC; three sons, Allen Berry and wife, Dot of Franklin, NC, Andy Berry and special friend, Wanda Holland of Franklin, NC; Tommy Berry and wife, Doris of Blairsville, GA; daughter-in-law, Wanda Bredenberry of Franklin, NC; one step-son, Reece Berry of Onedia, TN; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild also survive.

She was preceded in death by two sons, William “Bill” Berry and infant son, Ronald Berry, one grandson, and two great-granddaughters.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 12 at 2 p.m. at Higdonville Baptist Church, with Rev. Mack Hutson, Rev. Roy Lowe, and Rev. Ricky Potts officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery. Grandsons served as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Higdonville Building or Cemetery Fund, c/o Harold Rayborn, 1459 Cat Creek Road, Franklin, NC 28734 or to Angel Home Health and Hospice, 170 Church Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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legal issue and something was needed on the books by the start of the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

“DENR said it won’t issue permits if it can’t tell which parcel is what,” hesaid.

As crazy as it sounds, the county didn’t have any standards or requirements to record a plat when parcels of land are split up. This meant there was no official record of lot boundaries.

“We need plats and splits to know what’s out there,” said Moorefield. “This will allow us to develop a consistent method of handling everything. Up until now there has been no requirement to record plats.”

Moorefield said the bare bones version doesn’t designate lot sizes or the placement of wells or septic and eventually the county’s subdivision ordinance needs to address a multitude of problems.

After months of work, the draft only has two major provisions – that a plat be recorded at the time of the sale of the lot and that lots that don’t meet the minimum road requirements of the NC Fire Prevention Code as adopted by the Board of Commission be noted as such on the face of the plat.

“This isn’t to say that such roads have to comply, just that the noncompliance must be noted on the plat,” said Moorefield.

Ronnie Beale, on the Macon County Planning Board, said the board has been very deliberate in its work and agrees more work is needed. “But there was a sense of urgency about this as more and more plats are coming in,” he said.

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The seven-page document submitted to county commissioners was boiled down from 22 pages. It was reduced to an administrative ordinance only, but the planning board expects to fill it out in the future.

What would happen if the bird flu were discovered in Western North Carolina?

While such a scenario appears highly unlikely at this point, the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is preparing for just such a disaster. A drill this week will focus on a hypothetical outbreak of the H5N1 virus, which is commonly known as the avian flu or bird flu.

Dave Taylor, Clinical Services manager, says, “Our hospital has to be prepared and practice for all potential disasters and that is why holding disaster drills such as this is so important.”

The goal of this particular drill is to create awareness for the amount of preparation and the possible effects of a real outbreak of bird flu, or other highly infectious diseases. Under the proposed drill scenario, a case of bird flu has been found at an undisclosed location in Western North Carolina. All NC Hospitals have activated their disaster plans and the governor has activated the National Guard to assist the local authorities. However the drill assumes that no cases have been reported so far.

Throughout next week the hospital will be on Code Yellow status. This will be a drill “on paper” only. There will not be a drill “on paper” only. There will not be any persons involved in acting out the role of actual victims. However this will be an opportunity for hospital personnel to brush up on procedures for controlling the spread of highly infectious diseases among patients.

While according to the Center for Disease Control the spread of H5N1 viruses has not knowingly occurred directly from one person to another, all influenza viruses have the ability to change, and scientists are concerned that H5N1 might one day be able to be transmissible between humans.

Most cases of avian influenza in humans have resulted from contact with infected poultry (e.g., domestically kept chicken, ducks, and turkeys) or surfaces contaminated with secretions/excretions from infected birds.
London budget falling down, falling down...

I know this might be a bit of stretch, ole chap, but if you intend to holiday in London, you might consider selling your first born into slavery in order to get enough pounds to make the journey. The exchange rate is simply dreadful.

Hey, how’s that for Brit talk? I went to London and became an instant Limy. I just knew my ancestors were coaxing me on and I could feel I belonged. Of course, I was broke, but so what.

The little missus and I went there and had a blast. I have things to tell you that you won’t find on the web or from your travel agent, so pay close attention. The minute we stepped off the ship, every single dollar in my pocket became fifty cents. That would be okay if things were cheap, but they aren’t. Paying four pounds, or $8, for a tasteless hotdog was only the beginning of our great adventure.

The first night, the little missus and I spent the evening rearranging our budget. The Peking duck at $96 a person at the small Chinese restaurant across from our hotel was scratched. Also, we would not be bringing back a tin of Ox tongue, complete with blood jelly, at $50 a pop from Harrods. Instead of the duck, we opted for chicken nuggets at McDonald’s.

Here’s a fun thing to do if you want to rapidly speed up your chances of getting lung cancer. Visit an English pub and swill beer for about an hour. The secondhand cigarette smoke was so thick I couldn’t see the men’s room from my stool. The friendly bloke sitting next to me told me a lengthy story of which I actually picked up on every third word. That was enough to learn that he thinks George Bush and Tony Blair suck. Later, I learned he was a bloody (dirty talk) Cockney.

On our first morning we trekked through the cool London fog to the infamous Marble Arch, just a short distance from our abode. There, we learned of the efficiency of the London executioner, who owned a tree limb that could accommodate 24 nooses at once. Thousands would go there to cheer on the executioner, eat scones and drink the best tea in the world.

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Fred Wooldridge
Dissent and resistance

In 1953 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were executed for allegedly passing critical nuclear secrets to the Soviet Union. Later evidence indicated that Julius Rosenberg was indeed engaged in espionage for the Soviets, although the significance of his activities was probably exaggerated. No convincing evidence of Ethel’s involvement was ever presented; however, she seems to have known of her husband’s transgression.

In the Cold War hysteria of the time, there was little chance that the Rosenbergs would be granted much mercy. But the subsequent wretchedness suffered by their two sons, Michael (then six) and Robert (four), was inexcusable. When their parents were arrested, their relatives were so frightened of being associated with “communist spies” they refused to take the boys into their homes.

At first, Michael and Robert lived in a shelter. Later they were taken in by family friends in New Jersey, but Michael was thrown out of school when the local school board found out who he was. After their parents’ execution, the New York City police seized them from their temporary home and placed them in an orphanage.

Eventually, through the efforts of many friends, the boys ended up with the Meeropol family and were adopted by them. According to all accounts, they flourished in the loving atmosphere of their adoptive family. They grew up as Michael and Robert Meeropol and escaped further hardship. Today both are successful professionals, living quietly in obscurity.

My purpose in writing about them is twofold. I want to issue a warning toward dissent, past and present. As I stand up to him, and it was finally an

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The underlying motif of the permanent “war on terror” is a permanent culture of fear. And fear, in turn, legitimizes repressive measures, including violations of law by the president, without subsequent Congressional censure. It’s a boon to incumbent politicians, who are rarely replaced in times of fear.

During my lifetime, the most repressive times were the days of Senator Joseph McCarthy’s pinnacle, when government workers covered in fear of being swept up in his indiscriminate accusations of “communists in every Department, in our armed services, and in the highest posts of government.” Neither President Truman nor President Eisenhower stood up to him, and it was finally an
I want to tell you about my dog. I know that no one wants to read a dog story, but give me one minute. I haven’t let you down yet, have I? I know, I know. Anything but a dog story. Even a Bigfoot story would be preferable to a dog story. OK. Here’s what I’ll do. I’ll make a deal. I’ll tell you only about the last day of my dog’s life. The rest I’ll summarize in four sentences.

Eschuche was a good dog. He was a lab so he could be both smart and dopey at the same time. He was 12-years-old, arthritic and senile, when we decided that we had to put him down. I wanted one last weekend with him, so we drove to the beach. I hope you’re still with me. Here we go.

It was still dark when I woke at Edisto Island, not black but the predawn gray that lets you see shapes without detail, all shadows and shrouds. It was close enough to dawn that I knew I’d see pink before the coffee finished brewing. I pulled on swimming shorts, flip flops, and a T-shirt, and I called Eschuche. We’d both slowed up a lot in the years we’d been together, he more than I. “Come on, boy. Let’s make a day of it.” Our condominium was about two blocks from the beach, equidistant to the ocean or the sound. I picked the sound. Sometimes you get lucky. We walked together to the beach. I say together. He more than I. “Come on, slowpokes.” I had no idea what a dog story was going to do with orthopedic problems. I call “medial epicondylitis” if you happen to throw and throw until my arm hung limply at my side. And he never got bored. Time and time again, he dashed into the water, fetched the stick and dropped it at my feet, as if he too sensed the finality. We were both young again, for once more alert than he had in months, his ears up, his tail wagging, his whole body bounding into the still water. It was late summer. The ocean was warm, the sound warmer yet, so it wasn’t much of a shock when he returned with the stick, dropped it at my feet, and shook himself. I threw and threw and he retrieved and retrieved until my arm couldn’t throw a stick anymore, until my arm hung limply at my side. Then we drove to the beach. It was as if they were there all his life, or the 75-year-old lady with leather skin who arrives every year on Memorial Day and stays until after Labor Day. There is magic in a dolphin. A dorsal fin and a bit of back are enough to captivate us. For a while we watched their antics. Then we started walking slowly up the sound, toward Big Bay Creek. We were walking into a dolphin convention. They were everywhere, more and more the farther we walked. It was as if they were escorting us into our special day while becoming a very memorable part of it.

I don’t remember what happened when we lost sight of the dolphins. Maybe they finally swam after a retreating school of mullet. Anyway, they were gone and I was holding a long stick, maybe two feet, at least an inch and a half in diameter with a big bend in the middle, like an elbow. If you’re ever lucky enough to own a lab and you’re at the beach and you find a stick in your hand, believe me, you’ll know what to do with it. I threw the stick into the water. Eschuche exploded from my side and I shouted “dolphin.” I didn’t think to count, but later I wondered. It was as if they were there for us, Eschuche and me. If you’ve ever spent much time at the beach you know that seeing a dolphin is special for everyone and it never gets old. Someone shouts “dolphin” and pretty soon, everyone on the beach is standing up, shielding his eyes with one hand and pointing at the dolphins with the other. It doesn’t matter if it is a kid on his first trip to the beach, a guy who has lived there all his life, or the 75-year-old lady with leather skin who arrives every year on Memorial Day and stays until after Labor Day. There is magic in a dolphin. A dorsal fin and a bit of back are enough to captivate us. For a while we watched their antics. Then we started walking slowly up the sound, toward Big Bay Creek. We were walking into a dolphin convention. They were everywhere, more and more the farther we walked. It was as if they were escorting us into our special day while becoming a very memorable part of it.

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schools,” said Patricia Catchings, guidance counselor at Highlands School.

In the ITV classroom two large televisions sit at the head of the class — the instructor displayed on one, another class on the other. Three or four different high school classes from different counties can participate in SCC’s college ITV classes at the same time. Students can earn both high school and college credit for these courses dubbed “dual enrollment courses.”

“It is truly interactive,” said Catchings. “ITV classes are taught through Southwestern Community College, and are specifically designed for the high school schedule.” This past year 22 SCC courses were taken.

A student who passes an ITV course gets high school and college credit which is guaranteed credit at any NC public college. Even better, as a dual-enrollment course taken through an agreement with SCC and Macon County Schools the courses are free, though students must pay for books if they’re required.

The introduction of AP classes, or Advanced Placement classes, has broadened the horizons even more. The school will be offering four AP classes during the upcoming school year, and with the addition of these classes they are anticipating an increase in the number of students who take college level classes.

“We expect the numbers to grow as students get used to taking more rigorous classes,” Catchings said. “We also expect ITV courses to get smaller because they are competing with AP courses.”

AP and SCC ITV courses can’t compete so SCC courses corresponding to AP courses are dropped.

Though the AP classes do not guarantee a student college credit, they do benefit the student in other ways. A student who earns an A in the class gains six quality points which, according to Catchings, “really helps grade point average and class standing.”

There were 31 AP classes taken during 2006-2007.

“Ideally AP courses should be taken for a year but with the block schedule we have to compact them into a semester which makes them really difficult,” Catchings said. “We don’t recommend that students take more than two at a time.”

After completing an AP class, students must take an exam to qualify for college credit. The exam is graded on a 1 to 5 scale, which colleges use to decide whether a student should be awarded credit for the class.

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No-Bake Treats for Dad

If your kids are like mine, Mother’s Day means breakfast in bed, and Father’s Day means … quite probably another tie, and Dad “gets” to take the family out to dinner.

Help the kids treat Dad like the king he is by making something special in the kitchen. Scotcheroos are a family favorite — one that kids enjoy making and Dad never tires of. Plus, these classic no-bake bars help children practice great kitchen skills, including melting, measuring, stirring and layering. Plan to have plenty of ingredients on hand: The kids might want to make one batch as a trial run, and another for Dad.

Next give the kids craft ideas for special Father’s Day gifts-from-the-heart:

- Make Dad “season tickets” to watch ball games on TV together all season. The kids can make the popcorn.
- Have kids write Dad a letter and let him know what they’ve learned from him.
- Scan old and new photos into the computer and put them on a CD for Dad.
- Create a memory jar. Write special or funny memories on slips of paper and place the slips in a jar. Dad can pull one out each day and have fun reminiscing with the kids.
- Let kids know that Dad would love just spending a little time together, doing what Dad likes to do — even if it means washing the car or watching golf.

Scotcheroos are only the beginning! Plenty of kid-friendly, no-bake treats can be found at www.VeryBestBaking.com. You’ll have all summer to search and bake your favorites.

Scotcheroos
(Makes 30 bars)

1 1/2 cups creamy peanut butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup light corn syrup
6 cups toasted rice cereal
1 2/3 cups (11-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Butterscotch Morsels

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 13 x 9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

2. COMBINE peanut butter, sugar and corn syrup in large saucepan. Cook over medium-low heat, stirring frequently, until melted. Remove from heat. Add cereal; stir until thoroughly coated. Press onto bottom of prepared baking pan.

3. MICROWAVE butterscotch morsels and semi-sweet chocolate morsels in large, uncovered, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power 1 minute; stir. Morsels may retain some of their original shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until smooth. Spread over cereal mixture.

4. REFRIGERATE 15 to 20 minutes or until chocolate is firm. Cut into bars.

Nutrition Information per serving: 260 calories; 120 calories from fat; 13g total fat; 5g saturated fat; 0mg cholesterol; 130mg sodium; 34g carbohydrate; 1g fiber; 28g sugars; 4g protein.

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Jenny Harper

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and drink tea, making it a fun day for all, except for maybe the guys sitting on the horses with nooses around their necks. Somehow, I sensed I had lost an ancestor on that big elm tree. Hmmmm.

All London taxi drivers are millionaires. It cost $4.40 just to open the door of the cab and a short ride is usually about $20 or more. It was hard to find a cab not occupied. Where is all this money coming from?

Instead of a cab we decided to take the “tube” which is an elaborate maze of subway tunnels that get you wherever you want to go in London at 60 mph. It was on the tube that I experienced a distasteful, dreadful, awful, awful incident. Are you sitting down? There was standing room only and the little misus was right next to me. A young lady, sitting nearby, jumped up and offered me her seat, not the little misus, mind you, but me, a man who was rappelling Whiteside Mountain just three years ago. I was stunned. I am no longer just a geezer, I am now ancient.

She had unwittingly nailed me with the ultimate insult. Instead of me saying, “You little smart aleck twit, I can stand on one leg for an hour,” I politely said, “How kind of you, but I’m getting off soon, but thanks.” I am such a wimp. The next morning, I was still hating myself. In fact, I am hating myself as I write.

That evening, when we returned to our room, it seemed to have shrunken in size from that morning. We have a closet at home bigger than our hotel room, but what do you expect from an eighteenth century hotel, obviously built for little people. They could have at least changed the towels. Oh well, we Yanks are a spoiled bunch. It was a bit clubby in bed, with a sagging mattress, tired from accommodating fat Americans.

Anyway, like I said, our trip was awesome and we got to see it all. On the way home, I sat next to a London businessman heading to New York. I could actually understand every word he said. Every time I would mention an attraction we had seen, he would respond with “I’ve never been there.”

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obscure Secretary of the Army, Robert E. Stevens, who at a televised hearing challenged McCarthy and mobilized public opinion against the Senator.

Some people have compared our own times to the McCarthy era. I’m afraid that something much more insidious is happening. Never has the influence of money on Congress been as mendacious or as widespread as it is today. In fact, every political office, from the president on down, has gotten caught up in constant money-raising activities. What has happened, in fact, is that bribery has been legalised, and those with the biggest bucks wield the biggest influence.

This has primarily benefited the Republicans, who are known to be friendlier to business interests. Nothing new about this. What is new is the enormous sums of money expended in every election, which has required larger and larger “contributions.” An alliance has developed between corporate interests and legislative activities that is unprecedented. Even though we have familiarity with this kind of alliance, we never had the appropriate vocabulary to describe it. In Europe they call it fascism.

I don’t enjoy playing the chicken little role, crying “fascism! fascism!” in the street. I’m well aware that we still have a way to go before we become Mussolini’s Italy or Franco’s Spain. But it is never too early to sound an alarm when freedom is threatened. It is never too early to denounce those who would take power unto themselves and take it away from the rest of us.

And it is never too late to keep up the good fight.

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with a red Nike whoosh. He trotted beside me looking up, turning his head, so he could see me, the way a lab does when he wants to say, “I love you.” “It’s OK, I understand. I’m old and tired.” But let’s not waste today,” he seemed to say. I picked up my pace again, running now, flip flops flopping. And I ran and ran, and Eschuche ran beside me turning his head and looking up at me the entire time. I’d never run more than a few steps in flip flops and I expected to catch the toe and go sprawling, but it was effortless. After a few steps I learned that if I picked my feet up high and landed flat footed, there was no danger of falling. The beach sand, which usually boasts the consistency of wet concrete felt like a trampoline. I must have looked like a Clydesdale, but I felt like a thoroughbred. It was the first, and last time I ever flew; weightless, carefree, indefatigable. I wanted that beach to stretch before us forever. So, I suspect, did he.

A half mile ahead we reached Big Bay Creek. Pluff mud and an old fence blocked our path. A rickety stair case led up to the street. My thighs were suddenly on fire and my calves in pain. There was nowhere else to go, nothing else to do. Retracing our steps was somehow not an option. It was over. It had ended, abruptly, terminally. I reached down and petted Eschuche. His coat was hard, stiff with salt. “Come on boy,” I said, “let’s go home.”

We climbed the stairs on ancient legs that summer day, that final day. Email: hsalszarulo@aol.com
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Log Cabin - 3 bed, 2 bath, stone fireplace & vaulted ceiling, covered deck, full basement plumbed for bath, 62+/- acre, beautiful yard. Offered at $379,000.

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WILDCAT CLIFFS COUNTRY CLUB - 3 BED,3 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, bonus room off of the kitchen, Covered deck, Offered at $599,900. FURNISHED

WILDCAT CLIFFS COUNTRY CLUB - 9th Green. Cathedral living room, 3 bed, 3 bath & loft, large deck. Beautiful view. Offered at $890,000.

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LOG CABIN - 2 bed, 1 bath, stone fireplace, large deck, 1/2 acre +/- with gazebo. Offered at $295,000 with furnishings negotiable.

3 Bed, 2-1/2 bath, View of Satulah Mtn. 2 car garage. new appliances, wood floors, beautiful professional landscaping. Offered at $725,000.
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also recently been awarded a vital tool (Intoxilyzer 5000) by the Forensics Tests for Alcohol (FTA) Branch to further enhance our policing efforts to protect the citizens and visitors of our beautiful community and help preserve our envied quality of life. Officers are also trained to use portable alcohol screening devices for road side screenings during traffic stops and DWI checkpoints.

If you are drinking, you can also help with this problem by making sure that when you are impaired not to drive and have a designated driver or call someone to come and pick you up and take you to your destination.

If you decide to drive while you are impaired just remember that you are impaired just remember that you are putting other people’s lives in danger besides your own. You are endangering someone’s spouse, parent, grandparent, or child. In closing, if you drink, don’t drive and please be considerate of others if not for yourself!

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Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival
2006 Festival of Feasts

A Delightful Selection of Dinners and Festivities
to Commemorate and Support our Silver Anniversary

We proudly present a delicious assortment of Feasts for the pleasure of old and new friends. We hope you will attend more than one of these extraordinary gatherings, joining us in one of this area’s favorite indoor sports. Dining Out! As in previous seasons, the Feasts are hosted by hospitable friends of the Festival whose goal is to provide you with fabulous food, and enjoyable event and an opportunity to support one of the premier music festivals in the nation. Some feasts will be small gatherings, others will be larger affairs. Whether the location or size, each Feast is bound to provide a memorable occasion for anyone who loves good food and appreciates how much the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival adds to our communities.

Our hosts are generously providing the location, food and service as gifts at their expense so your support goes directly to the Festival. For a rather splendid gesture, why not treat several of your friends to a Feast? Make your good food and appreciate how much the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival adds to our communities. Our hosts are generously providing the location, food and service as gifts at their expense so your support goes directly to the Festival. For a rather splendid gesture, why not treat several of your friends to a Feast? Make your good food and appreciate how much the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival adds to our communities.

FEAST #1

W Wednesday, July 26, 6:30 PM
“ORIENTAL BANQUET”
Hors d’oeuvres, Soup, Chinese Entrees, Chinese & Thai Side Dishes, Tea, W ine, Beer, Chinese Cookies, Banana M uscadine Flambé Over Ice Cream, Fruit.
Host: Bob Bryan
Location: 411 Stillmont Circle, Cashiers.
Dress: Mountain Casual
Cost: $300 each. 20 spaces

FEAST #2

Saturday, July 29, 6:30 PM
“SUNSET ON SAGEE”
Duck Pâté, Smoked Salmon Éclairs, Frisée Salad, Filet of Beef Stuffed with Bleu Cheese, Walnuts & Spinach, Desserts, W ine
Hosts: Ruth Gershon and Sandy Cohn.
Location: 45 Sagee, Highlands.
Dress: Mountain Casual
Cost: $125 each. Spaces 22

FEAST #3

Thursday, July 27, 6:30 PM
“HIGH BALLS & HIGH TIMES
AT HILOCH!”
A Lavish Buffet by Chuck Hammock.
Chuck’s Famous Pate, Avocado-Egg Salad Mousse, Caviar-Party Bread, Grilled Tenderloin of Beef, Southern Fried Quail, Lobster-Shrimp Mousse, Chuck’s Smoked Ham, Finger Desserts, Hosts: Helen & Peter Steward and Louise & Rick Demetriou
Location: Steward Home, Arnold Rd.
Dress: Mountain Casual.
Cost: $100 each. 40 spaces.

FEAST #4

Saturday, August 26, 6:30-9 PM
“ON THE BORDER”
of Cullasaja & Highlands Falls.
A lavish buffet of Cullasaja & Highlands Falls specialties.
Host: Bob Bryan
Location: Frog Pond Farm, off Dillard Rd, Highlands
Dress: Mountain Casual
Cost: $100 each. 10 spaces.

FEAST #5

Saturday, August 26, 6:30-9 PM
“Topolobampo,” Chicago’s famous restaurant where Rick Bayless is chef.
Host: Jo & W ood Lovell.
Location: Villa Cascata.
Dress: Mountain Casual
Cost: $75 each. 75 spaces.

FEAST #6

Sunday, August 27, 6 PM
“SOUTHERN SUPPER IN HISTORIC HOUSE”
An Elegant Five Course Dinner with a Musical Interlude.
Location: Cullasaja Country Club
Dress: Mountain Casual
Cost: $100 each. Spaces 20

FEAST #7

Saturday, September 9, 6PM
“SOUTHWESTERN FEAST”
Scrumptious Seafood with a Southern Touch to Southwestern Cuisine.
Location: North Drive, Little Bearpen Mtn.
Cost: $100 each. Spaces 20

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING:
• All reservations will be by phone only at 828.526.9060, from 10 AM to 2 PM Monday through Friday
• Slots will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Payment is required at the time of reservation.
• Only V isa and M astercard may be used for payment. Y ou will be sent a confirmation letter with directions once your reservation is confirmed. N o refunds will be made although we will attempt to facilitate and exchange.
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which is offered by NC DPI Distance Learning. “It’s mainly for the student who has maximized their experience at Highlands School and SCC, and who is eager for more challenges,” said Catchings.

Students who have wanted to take foreign language courses or higher math have been able to take advantage of Learn NC’s extensive course selection, which offers courses through many different programs. Learn NC also includes AP courses.

There were 13 web-based classes at the school this year.

The opportunities at Highlands School are not only helping students explore their interests, but also helping them to get ahead. Catchings said that one student last year completed her associate’s degree the summer after she graduated from high school. Another student finished his high school classes the first semester of his senior year and was a full-time college student the next semester.

In the coming year, the Franklin campus of SCC will be expanding and offering even more courses which Highlands School students can take. Any student who is 16 years old can take classes at the SCC campus or online purely for college credit.

For the first time this past year, students took courses at SCC — Cosmetology, Computer Networking, and EMT training — previously designated for Smoky Mountain High students. This has launched them into an early career.

“It takes a very mature student,” Catchings said. “They need to be self-starters and self-disciplined. But it’s also a growing and maturing experience.”

HCC thief indicted

Deborah Cross has been indicted in Macon County court on one count of felony larceny and one count of felony possession of stolen goods in connection with string of thefts at Highlands Country Club recently.

On May 19 she was arrested at a home on Hutchinson Court in HCC where she was in the act of stealing a table from the porch.

With no previous marks on her record, prosecutors agreed to charge her with the one incident even though authorities thought she might be involved with the string of thefts at the club.

Her attorney said she has agreed never to return to the club or Highlands.

Many items have been returned to homeowners with more pending, said officials.

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Highlands School Class of 2006 Graduates Saturday, June 10

Community members, family and friends of graduates gathered in the school's new gym to celebrate the graduation of the school's largest graduating class -- the Class of 2006 with 48 students.

Principal Larry Brooks made everyone feel at home in the new gym with his easy, intimate manner. Speaker Claire Young urged graduates to "get out of their comfort zone and pursue their passions. Salutatorian Callie Rawlins reminded her classmates that despite all odds, they will remain friends and family all their days. Valedictorian April Hicks said the next years will test the foundation laid out by parents. Krysti Rogers sang graduates a heartfelt farewell song. Pipers punctuated the ceremony with pomp. Mascots Benjamin Miller and Emily Crowe even received diplomas with the Class of 2006.

Junior Marshalls carried on the time-honored tradition of giving each graduate a flower which t
As Principal Larry Brooks announced the graduates, Superintendent Frank Yeager presented them with their diplomas. Once they left the stage, each graduate moved the tassel of the previous graduate signifying a potential graduate now a graduate. Pictured above are Andrew Willhide and Tyler Wavra.

Left: Megan Lewicki delivers a flower which they delivered to their parents.

Tossing the 2006 mortarboard.

Photos by Josh McClure
Highlands School Scholarship Awards - 2006

Some scholarships are for one-time only; some are renewable, though not necessarily at the same initial amount, and some are automatically issued for two or four years. Graduates should contact their scholarship administrator for details. Top awarders were Art & Angela Williams of OEI who awarded $50,500 in scholarships to all graduates attending college. This is the third year they have done so. The Town of Highlands awarded $20,700 to new graduates and about $10,000 to enrolled college students as scholarship renewals.

Ramsey Ashburn
Town of Highlands 650
Williams OEI 1000
Newberry College (all renewable) 7500
Leadership 2000
Legacy 1000

Tiffany Austin
Town of Highlands 400
Williams OEI 1000

Nicole Barnes
Town of Highlands 500
Williams OEI 1000

Jacob Chandler
Town of Highlands 500
Williams OEI 1000

Matt Chenoweth
Town of Highlands 500
Williams OEI 1000

Stephanie Dalton
Town of Highlands 400
Williams OEI 1000

Maggie Dearth
Town of Highlands 400
Williams OEI 1000

Rebecca Dotson
Town of Highlands 650
Williams OEI 1000

Robert Edwards
Town of Highlands 650
Williams OEI 1000

Claire Frederick
Town of Highlands 1500
MC State Employees Credit Union 2500 (4 Yrs)
Williams OEI 1000

April Hicks
Town of Highlands 1500
Williams OEI 5000
Heffington Sch. 500
National Beta Club 1000

David Hodges
Town of Highlands 750
High. Rotary (Men) 1000
Heffington Sch. 500
SM Quilter’s Guild 500
Williams OEI 1000

Alex Johnston
Town of Highlands 400
Williams OEI 1000

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Mayor Don Mullen presented the town's awards at the June 9 ceremony in the new gym.

**John Scott**
- Town of Highlands 750
- High. Rotary (Men) 1000
- Williams OEI 1000

**Tiffany Shomper**
- Town of Highlands 500
- Episcopal Church 1000 (4 yrs)
- Williams OEI 1000

**Tyler Shook**
- Town of Highlands 500
- High. Rotary (Men) 1000
- Williams OEI 1000

**Whitney Talley**
- Town of Highlands 400
- Williams OEI 1000

**David Tilson**
- Town of Highlands 500
- Williams OEI 1000

**Anna Trine**
- Town of Highlands 500
- Williams OEI 1000

**Tyler Wavra**
- Town of Highlands 500
- Williams OEI 1000

**Leslie Wilson**
- Town of Highlands 400
- Williams OEI 1000

**Ashley Winters**
- Town of Highlands 400
- Williams OEI 1000

**Tyler Wavra**
- High. Rotary (Men) 1000
- Williams OEI 1000

**Stacy Wright**
- William Forster, Jr. & Nancy Forster Stevens 2000
- Williams OEI 1000
- Highlands Rotary 1000
- First Baptist Church 1000
- High-.Cash. B of R 1000
- Wal-Mart Scholarship 1000
- Percy B. Ferrebbe 2000
- Town of Highlands 750

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Restaurant plans as submitted.

Architect Dennis DeWolf walked the board through the renovations planned for the structure just as he did for the Appearance Commission back on May 22. He explained the two levels, each with entrances and each with toilet rooms and eating areas; the outside garden area with waiting deck; the 50 seats and 20 parking spaces.

Though not technically part of the zoning board’s realm, acceptance of the landscaping plan, which includes rock walls, the preservation of dogwoods and chestnuts, was a slam dunk.

DeWolf said it took a lot of creative energy to convert the home into a restaurant and to carve the necessary parking from the property, but the task is complete — at least on paper — and owner Gus Lard and his tenant Moschouris are anxious to begin work.

Moschouris reiterated his hopes to be open for the leaf season and said it will be a smaller version of the old Nick’s Restaurant both in scope and fare.

“I’m going to feature the most popular items on the menu and I’m going to try a five-day-a-week schedule,” he said. “I want to run it instead of it running me.”

There will be dining on two levels — downstairs for general dining and upstairs for private dining. He is proposing lunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and dinner from 5:30 to 10 p.m. just like at the old Nick’s. “But we’ll see,” he said. “That’s what I’m hoping for.”

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**Jenny Bird in Concert at ITC**

Saturday, June 17 at 8 p.m., doors open at 7:30 at The Instant Theatre Co. Studio on Main In Oak Square. Tickets are $25 and include complimentary Buck’s Coffee Café shade grown and organic coffees, and fine wine selection. Reservations STRONGLY suggested, call 828-342-9197
Special Operations Warrior Foundation

“A Night to Honor Our Fallen Heroes”
Silent and Live Auction
Thursday, June 22, 5:30 p.m.
Highlands Conference Center

$25 per person with reservations. Call 526-0224
$30 per person at the door.

Catered by:
On The Verandah
5:30-7 p.m.
Wine Tasting:
Highlands Wine & Cheese

Entertainment:
Curtis Blackwell and the Blue Grass Boys

For auction: Many Wonderful Treasures
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Art & Photography
Beautiful Persian Rug
2 Nights – Biltmore Inn

Proceeds provide college scholarships to the children of Fallen Special Operations Warriors

SOAR Race is Saturday, June 24th

Upcoming
• Mom and Me Swim Lessons at the Rec Park. 10:30-11 a.m. Cost is $2 or a pool pass. Call 526-5982 for more information. Start date to be announced.
• ON-GOING
• New Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663 to register.
• Every Friday from 6-8 p.m., singer/songwriter Sylvia Sammons performs at the Highlands Village Square on Oak Street from 6 to 8 p.m. every Friday evening. Fressers will be open with food and drink for the occasion.
• Music nightly at On the Verandah at 7 p.m. Chad Reed plays Wednesday - Sunday night and Sunday Brunch; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Paul Scott plays every Tuesday.
• 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. Cost of the class is free with HealthTracks 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. Cost of the class is 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.
• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is $10 per session or $85(each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
• First Saturday June, July, 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: Tillie Arwood. Song Leader, Carol Shuttleworth.
• 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 (Hospice) 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 Theatre Company brought to you by StarPony Productions at 7 pm. Visionary, inspiring movies showcased at film festivals around the world are viewed. Suggested donation: $5. Beverages and snacks available for purchase.
• Live music at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night.
• Live music at Fressers in Helen’s Barn featuring Cy Timmons Wed., Fri., & Sat., 6-9 p.m.
• Live music at On the Verandah has featuring Chad Reed, Fridays and Saturdays from 7 pm-10 pm
• 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 starting from 4:30-6:30.

June 15
• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club presents local guide, Mac Marret of Brookings, at the kickoff meeting at Grace Community Church in Cashiers. Mac will present an extensive slide show focusing on the Chattooga River, discussing how and where to fish this local gem. The meeting begins at 7 PM and concludes with a raffle for the surprise grand prize. Everyone is welcome! Call 743-2078 for information.
• Zahrer Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Rob Bierregaard will give a talk entitled “Sex & Mice in the City: Barred Owls Come to Town.” 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. It’s free.

June 17
• HIARPT’s Women’s Dialogue Seminar at Highlands Falls Country Club at 10 a.m. The theme of this seminar is “A Feminine Alternative To The Hero Myth: The Goddess Phenomenon.” The seminar leader will be Dr. Jean Benedict Raffa. The readings for the seminar are Jean B. Raffa’s The Bridge to Wholeness: A Feminine Alternative to the Hero Myth and Leonard Shlain’s, The Alphabet Versus the Goddess: The Conflict Between Word and Image. For information on the seminar contact Dr. Carole S. Light at 526-9769. Preregistration is required. Seminar for women only.

June 17
• Live music on the covered deck at Oak Street Cafe. Singer/songwriter Zorki on acoustic guitar.
• A special sports physical clinic for school athletic programs is being held at the Macon County Public Health Center for 7th – 12th grade students who plan to participate in school athletics any time during the 2006-2007 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County Public Health Center by calling 349-2078. The $10 charge will go to the Schools’ Athletic Fund.

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Women Voters forum June 8.

“Our goal is to provide good, solid maps for the counties,” said Rebecca Latham, representative of the NCGS. For the first time in the United States, a Landslide Hazard Mapping Program is being created on a large scale with Macon County as the test site.

Members of the NCGS have identified areas prone to landslides because of natural earth and modified slope movement due to construction. But Latham said landslides occur because of a cumulative effect of a number of interrelated factors.

Specific causes include the underlying geology, geological morphology, hydrology, weather/climate patterns, slope morphology, and deforestation. All of which interact and can be triggered by volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, freezing/thawing, and storms like Hurricanes Frances and Ivan.

Even worse, the development of such areas into home sites can result in landslides. Latham said uphill/downhill connection — or a succession of building sites — can greatly increase the risk of a landslide.

The question then becomes “Is it really OK to build in the mountains?” “Yes,” said Latham. “It is perfectly fine to build houses in the mountains, but there are certain key standards for construction on slopes greater than 30 degrees. “I wanted something on the books for the season,” said Town Planner Larry Gantenbein. “But it will probably be expanded later.”

Surface runoff must be controlled onsite by implementing one or more of the NC Dept. of Water Quality approved Best Management Practices (BMP); wire-backed silt fences must be installed on the downhill periphery — 24 inches above the ground and six to nine inches below the ground; and driveways must be roughed in prior to the start of construction including installed BMPs; and driveways longer than 45 feet may require one or more cross driveway water traps with grates to direct stormwater runoff to an approved BMPs.

Part II of “Map pinpoints landslide prone areas in county” in next week’s paper will discuss the four types of landslides and how Macon County has been affected throughout history.

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The annual Reese reunion Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park. Please bring family, friends and lunch and join in the fun.

**June 18-22**

• Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church. 5 p.m. dinner; 5:30-8 p.m. VBS program. Adventure of the Treasure Seekers. Exploring God’s Promises. Call: 526-3376.

• Rider from The Instant Theatre’s successful show income is less than two times the poverty level.

**June 19**

• North Carolina Trout Unlimited sponsors Rivercouse, a Coldwater Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp at Lake Logan Center in Canton, N.C. for boys and girls ages 14-16. Campers are housed in two-person rooms which have their own bathrooms. Cost is only $495 and financial assistance is available. Contact Dick Heald at 828-654-8725 for information. Reservations are filling up so please act quickly.

**June 19**

• Sunday is Dental Sunday. Visit the free dental clinic in Cashiers, open to anyone whose financial assistance is available. Contact Dick Heald at 828-654-8725 for information.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On the Hill on S. 4th Street

In the “Craig Building”

Mill Creek Gallery at 787-2021 for info.

Hand-made papers and other materials. Call the hand-made papers and other materials. Call the Instant Theatre Company at 342-9197 to register or for more information.

• At HIARPT Mary Doak, PhD., will present a second lecture related to her recent book entitled Reclaiming Narrative for Public Theology. The title of her lecture is “The Stories We Live By.” Dr. Doak is a lay theologian and is assistant professor of theology at Notre Dame University.

• Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: “The Art of Book-Making,” a workshop by Bill Richardson, at Highlands Village Square. Cost $60 includes everything connects. Session One is for grades 5th-7th, starting June 19 through June 30, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The tuition for the two-week session is $175 for 25 hours. Each session is limited to 10 students. Early registration is strongly suggested. Call the Instant Theatre Company at 342-9197 to register or for more information.

June 20

• Highlands Male Chorus at PAC. Tickets are $15. Directed by Orville Wike and accompanied by Angie Jenkins.

• Highlands Male Chorus at PAC. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 787-2021 for more info.

• Highlands Male Chorus at PAC. The lecture and seminar will be in the Jones Room of The Episcopal Church.

**June 22-25**

• Detra Kay Jewelry Trunk Show, Thursday through Saturday at Acorn’s on Main Street.

• At HIARPT seminar with Professor Doak on at 10 a.m. The lecture and seminar will be in the Jones Room of The Episcopal Church.

**June 22-July 9**

• “Fiddler on the Roof” at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tues.-Sat. at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2973 for tickets.

• “Vacation Bible School at Highlands United Methodist Church. 5 p.m. dinner; 5:30-8 p.m. VBS program. Adventure of the Treasure Seekers. Exploring God’s Promises. Call: 526-3376.

• The title of her lecture is “The Stories We Live By.” Dr. Doak is a lay theologian and is assistant professor of theology at Notre Dame University.

• Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: “The Art of Book-Making,” a workshop by Bill Richardson, at Highlands Village Square. Cost $60 includes hand-made papers and other materials. Call the Instant Theatre Company at 342-9197 to register or for more information.

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• Digital Camera Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Spiritual Light Center (in Heritage Hollow) in Franklin. Subject is learning how to use the MODE dial. Call 524-9005 for more info.

• The Franklin Camera Club meets at 7 p.m. featuring a slide show by acclaimed photographer Bill Lea, author of “Appalachian Wildlife Portfolio” published in 2005 at Franklin’s Heritage Hollow in the Spiritual Light Center. Call 787-2021 for more info.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Zahrner Conservation Lecture Series. Charlie Williams will give a talk entitled “Michaux and the Lost Shortia.” 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.  
  - June 23

- Mountain Music Concert featuring Frazzled Edge in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It’s free. 
  - June 24

- Jazz at the PAC returns for the fourth year on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands. This year jazz artists include Joseph Hundertmark (Guitar) and Nathan Scott (bass) from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, both graduates of the North Carolina School of the Arts. Tickets for the event are available by calling the PAC office at 526-9047. Tickets are $15 per person.  
  - June 25

- A photography workshop led by well-known local photographer Cynthia Strain from 2 to 5 p.m. at Mill Creek Gallery will help digital and film photographers better understand their camera controls and will teach participants how to take better pictures. Cost is $35. Call 787-2021.  
  - June 26

- At HIARPT lecture is at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Ronald Stone, PhD., will be our Langdon Gilkey Lecturer for 2006.  
  - June 29

- Zahrner Conservation Lecture Series. Dr. Jim Costa will give a talk entitled “The Social Lives of Insects.” 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Admission is free.  
  - June 30

- Mountain Music Concert featuring Upward Bound in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It’s free.  
  - July 7-9

- Walk in the Park presented by the Highlands Historical Society. 6-7:30 p.m. July 7 & 8 and 4-6:30 p.m. on July 9. Tickets are $15 available at D&J Express Mart, The Old Rangoon or at the Conference Center the day of the walk. Students admitted free.  
  - July 7

- Mountain Music Concert featuring Grass Roots Revue in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It’s free.  
  - July 8

- At On the Verandah Trio Lococo playing four dates of jazz, soul, r&b and rock and roll in the piano bar, 9 p.m. until midnight.  
  - July 9

- Fred Wooldridge announces the signing of his new book, “I’m Moving Back to Mars” on Sunday at 4 PM. at Shakespeare’s & Company book store, 462 Oak St. in Highland’s Village Square. Fred will read his favorite short story and all are welcome. Come and meet the author.  
  - July 10

- Cajun dance lessons with Morris and Anita Williams of Carolina Cajun Dance Monday at the Highlands Recreation Park. For more information call 526-9713. As an additional treat or lagniappe (as it’s called in Cajun Country) members of the Atlanta Cajun/Zydeco Association, and some real honest to goodness Cajuns will be available as dance partners during the evening. As the Williams’ say “there are no wrong moves in Cajun music, just new steps.”  
  - July 11

- At Jacob’s Well Christian Book Store on the Cashiers Road, a book signing with author/artist Janet Carpenter a contributing author of “God Allows U-Turns for Women: The Choices We Make to Change the Story of Our Life,” at 1 p.m., Tuesday. During the book signing, there will also be a mini art show of several of her paintings including her most recent 30” x 40” oil of “Jesus with Our Children” depicting the love languages of her four oldest grandchildren. Gary Chapman’s book, “The Five Love Languages of Children” will also be available.  
  - July 12

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. at Camp Memewoode. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.  
  - July 13

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  - July 13

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Thursday at 7 p.m. at Wolfgang’s, Mozart @ Wolfgang’s.” Call 526-9060 for ticket information.  
  - July 13-23

- “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.  
  - July 14

- Mountain Music Concert featuring The Dendy Family with Southern Gospel in the HS old gym, 6:45-9 p.m. It’s free.  
  - July 15

- The Atlanta Swamp Opera returns to Highlands on Saturday at 6 p.m. with a variety of toe tapping Cajun music! They will be performing on the stage at the Highlands Recreation Park. There is plenty of room to dance, lots of great Cajun food provided by Chef Tom and free dance lessons. Adult Tickets are $20 per person and $10 tickets are available to those 18 years or younger. Both tickets include the Atlanta Swamp Opera’s performance, dancing, Cajun dance lessons and Chef Tom’s Cajun cuisine! Proceeds are to benefit the Highlands Recreation Park Senior Adults Trip Program.  
  - Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Friday at 8 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.  
  - July 15

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Sunday at 5 p.m. at PAC, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.  
  - July 17

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Monday at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church in Cashiers, Festival Concert. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.  
  - July 18

- Highlands-Cajun Dance lessons with Morris and Anita Williams of Carolina Cajun Dance Tuesday from 30.a.m. to 2 p.m. at PAC, Lecture: “Chamber Music: An Insider’s View” class by Miles Hoffman. Call 526-9060 for ticket information.  
  - July 18

- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, Tuesday at 7 p.m. at PAC, Movie: “From Mao to Mozart.” Call 526-9060.  
  - July 19

- At HIARPT Dr. Gary Dorrien, the Reinhold Neibuhr professor of Christian Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Religion at Columbia University, will present two lectures/seminars at 7 p.m. in the Jones Room at Incarnation, with the title being “Imperial Designs: Neoconservatism, the Permanent War, and the Ethics of Resistance.”  
  - July 19

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**Kids’ theatre classes at the Playhouse**

What do children, games and professional theatre have in common? This July, they all share the Highlands Playhouse Summer Children’s Theatre Classes, a popular program that boosts verbal skills, physical coordination, confidence and self-discipline in youth, through work with speech, singing, dancing and storytelling.

Playhouse stage manager Shelley Carter directs the program, which runs Monday, July 10 through Saturday, July 22. Participants will learn theatre games, improvisation, voice, movement, simple choreography and ensemble work, with the emphasis on cooperation and fun, says Carter.

“I find that kids respond particularly well to improvisational games,” adds Carter, who holds a BFA in Theatre from Webster University Conservatory and has directed musical theatre camp for the YMCA. Carter plans to focus on situational activities that encourage creativity, imagination, and storytelling.

“By the end of the program the kids should demonstrate the ability to speak clearly onstage, take direction, improvise, show physical acting characteristics, and perform both within a group and solo.” These skills will be displayed in a rousing show presented at session’s end for family and friends.

“I try to cater the end of the session show to the strengths and interests of the group that I am teaching. In years past, I have used fairy tales, Aesop’s fables, and children’s books to create a framework for younger children, and used real scenes from plays (contemporary and Shakespearean) for the middle and high-schoolers. I would like to expose them to musical theatre as well and have at least a few Broadway songs.”

Carter will be assisted by Allie Payton, a theatre major at Brevard University who is performing this summer as Hodel in the Playhouse production of Fiddler on the Roof. The classes will be divided into:

- **Jr. Class** (8-12 years) 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Sr. Class** (13-18 years) 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

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The Instant Theatre Company (ITC) is offering two improvisational theatre camps this summer: one for 5-7 graders, one for 8-12 graders. Only a few spaces remain.

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Each theatre camp will start with basic beginner’s acting techniques like stage movement, voice control, and character development. From there you’ll work toward the improv technique called the “Harold,” similar to a made-up-on-the-spot three-act play.

These camps are a great introduction to acting and improv. You are sure to learn plenty about yourself, but more than anything, you will have a blast and laugh yourself silly.

The class fee is $175 per student for 25 hours of instruction. June 19-30 for grades 5-7, July 10-21 for grades 8-12, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. all classes. So talk to the responsible adults in your life, mow some yards or make some pizzas to help pay your way, and call ITC at 828-342-9197 today!

Instant Theatre camps for kids

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separate sessions for elementary age children and older youth.

“This program in particular is great because it is affiliated with a professional theatre,” says Carter enthusiastically. “With many children, theatre camp is their first experience being onstage and it is wonderful to get to introduce kids to something that I am so personally passionate about.”

The Highlands Playhouse Children’s Theatre classes fill up quickly due to their popularity and limited number of spaces. The two week session costs $150 and runs Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-noon for children ages six to ten, and from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for youth ages eleven to fifteen. Spaces are still available — for more information, call the Playhouse at 828-526-2695.

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**Police Reports**

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of June 9-13. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials are used.

**June 9**
- At 8 a.m., vandalism of the maintenance building at the Rec Park.
- At 7 p.m., vehicles parked in an blocking Satulah Road were reported.
- At 6:50 p.m., officers stopped two juveniles from skateboarding on N.C. 28.
- At 11:24 a.m., William Ross Brooks, 33, of Highlands, was arrested for assaulting a female in a residence on Paul Walden Way.
- At 11:24 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a residence on Satulah.
- At 5 p.m., Jose De Jesus Nava Garcia, 20, of Franklin, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident. He was held on a $500 bond.
- At 5:01 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 64. There were no injuries..
- At 6:30 a.m., a shoplifting incident involving $300 of arts & collectibles was reported at Juliana’s.
- At 8 am., vandalism of the maintenance building was reported.
- At 5:02 p.m., officers responded to a one-car accident at Main and Fifth streets.

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- At 5:02 p.m., officers responded to a one-car accident at Main and Third streets.

**June 11**
- At 10:50 a.m., $300 of arts & collectibles was reported missing from a home on Sassafras Court.
- At 11:15 a.m., officers responded to a two-car accident at Main and Fifth streets. There were no injuries.
- At 10:30 a.m., a shoplifting incident involving $300 of arts & collectibles was reported at Juliana’s.
- At 5:02 p.m., officers responded to a one-car accident at Main and Third streets.

**June 12**
- At 5:02 p.m., officers responded to a one-car accident at Main and Third streets.
- At 6:50 p.m., officers stopped two juveniles from skateboarding on N.C. 28.
- At 10:30 a.m., a shoplifting incident involving $300 of arts & collectibles was reported at Juliana’s.
- At 5:02 p.m., officers responded to a one-car accident at Main and Third streets.