Pearlstein out; surgeon search on

Dr. Leslie Pearlstein’s credentialing process is over but he won't be employed by Highlands Cashiers Hospital.

Tuesday afternoon hospital officials announced he didn't pass the final inspection – that of his peers at the hospital.

"This decision by the hospital's medical staff represents the culmination of a very thorough review process, performed with the highest integrity," read hospital CEO Ken Shull from a prepared statement. "It was a difficult decision, not reached lightly."

The staff voted Thursday, Sept. 21, to recommend not granting staff privileges to Pearlstein. Though Shull didn't say why the medical staff recommended against Pearlstein, he did say it had nothing to do with the previous

Highlands grad named 'best' in county

At the Sept. 25 school board meeting held in Highlands, Superintendent Dr. Frank Yaeger and School Board Chairman Kevin Corbin, presented John deVille with the Macon County Teacher of the Year plaque. The county's teacher of the year is selected from the 10 teachers of the year pool which were announced Sept. 12. deVille now advances to the regional and state competition. Dr. Yeager said deVille represents the caliber of graduate produced by Highlands School. "Thank you for turning out someone like John deVille," he said. "I'm hearing great things out of Highlands School this year." deVille graduated from Highlands School in 1980. He is "Teacher of the Year" for Franklin High School where he teaches history and philosophy. As a parent of children under deVilles instruction, Corbin said deVille challenges his students and makes them think. He is the son of Ralph and Lynn deVille of Highlands.

Speaker calls for 'resolve' in war-on-terror

By Susanna Forrester

General Richard B. Myers, retired former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spoke at Western Carolina University's Fine and Performing Art Center on Monday, September 18.

Myers became 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on October 1, 2001. For 19 months before that he served as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. "A week after I was chairman there was war in Afghanistan," said Myers. "Myers' speech, entitled "World War 'X': What's At Stake In the Global War On Terror" was accompanied by several standing ovations as he recounted inspiring tales of the bravery of men and women in the armed forces, as well as his personal experiences with the President of the United States and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Myers described visits to military hospitals in Washington where he visited with injured soldiers whose bravery had not ended once they left the

School board fires personnel director

Former Macon County School System Executive Director of Personnel Tamra Tisdale was officially terminated at Monday night's school board meeting.

At the Highlands meeting, Superintendent Dr. Frank Yaeger was given permission by the board to publicly address the issue.

"Because this matter has been the subject of significant press coverage which has included allegations that the Macon County Board of Education has handled the situation inappropriately, the board concluded that pursuant to N.C. General Statutes, Section 115C-321 (b) releasing this information is essential to maintaining the integrity of the board and the school system, read Yeager from a prepared statement.

In February, 2006, charges and counter-charges about wrongdoings and violations of Macon County Board of Education policies and NC state law were levied at and between Tamra R. Tisdale and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rodney Shotwell concerning alleged sexual harassment and other charges.

Tisdale also directed separate charges at five other board of education employees.

In March 2006, the board employed the law firm of Helms, Mullis and Wicker from Charlotte, NC, to investigate both the charges and counter-charges made by

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From my perspective

There has been an uproar on the plateau this past week regarding plans to build a 10- to 12-story condominium complex on the Cashiers Road across from the Community Bible Church. Many citizens of Highlands and the surrounding area are very concerned over this project and hope that it does not come to pass. At the Board of Commissioners meeting last week I read a statement about this and said that “its height, scale, and huge visual impact would be out of character with this area of Macon County and it would not be welcome. Our past and present Planning Boards, Land Use Committees, and Town boards have worked long and hard over the years to develop reasonable land use regulations in Highlands which, although not perfect, regulate exactly this kind of development inside the Town limits. “The Town of Highlands extended its extra-territorial jurisdiction last year because of a desire to restrict inappropriate developments of this type in the area immediately adjacent to the Town. However, this property on Highway 64 is beyond the limits of our ETJ. A project like this brings to mind the rise spawns two lawsuits” we mistakenly stated “...developer allege county officials said they’d rather see the condominium complex on the property than 15 to 19 residents” It should have read “county employees.” We regret our error and are happy to set the record straight.

Correction

In the Sept. 21 article entitled “High-rise spawns two lawsuits” we mistakenly stated “...developer allege county officials said they’d rather see the condominium complex on the property than 15 to 19 residents’ It should have read “county employees.” We regret our error and are happy to set the record straight.

Woe to muddy lakes

Dear Editor,

Bravo for the letter written by Bill and June Hogue in last week’s Highlands Newspaper.

Yes, there are others who are concerned and distressed about our lakes.

Larry and I worry each time we look at Mirror Lake. He can remember when the lake was deep enough at the bridge area to dive. The water was pristine and reflected its name of Mirror Lake.

As a member of Mirror Lake Improvement Association, I have worked on committees which hold meetings with federal, state and town officials. In 1997, I was chairman of the Benefit Auction to raise funds to save Mirror Lake. Because of government regulations and bureaucracy it seems our efforts and hard work have failed. As to dates, complacency seems to have settled in and the lake just gets muddier.

I hope others will come forward and show their concern. If we lose our lakes, we have lost a big part of the beauty of Highlands and then what has all the big building have to offer?

Angie Reynolds

Highlands

UCWAs position on condos

Dear Editor,

I would like to clarify that the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association (UCWA) and its board of directors has not taken any position either for or against the proposed condominium project on U.S. 64 east. My correspondence to the state Division of Water Quality representatives had the sole purpose of gathering facts about the regulations governing effluent discharges in the WSII watershed of Big Creek, as clearly stated in the Sept. 21 article in Highlands Newspaper. Once we know all of the facts and understand the specific project plans for drinking water supply and waste water treatment, UCWA may consider the merits of the project as it relates to water quality protection of the upper Cullasaja River and Big Creek watersheds.

Bob Wright

UCWA president

Highlands
Sheriff candidates speak out at ‘League’ forum

Sheriff candidates Sheriff Robbie Holland (Rep.) and C.D. Jenkins (Dem.) spoke at the League of Women Voters Election 2006 Candidates Forum, Sept. 14 at Tartan Hall in Franklin. A series of questions were taken from the audience. Here are the candidates answers.

**QUESTION #1**

Why do you want to be sheriff? Tell a little about your background, experience and accomplishments.

Holland

I began my law enforcement career as a volunteer cadet in the juvenile division of the Sheriff’s Department. I was a juvenile officer, the first animal control officer and worked my way up through the department. I want to be re-elected because I want to continue to make a difference. The crime rate in Macon County has fallen over the last four years with an overall decrease in crime of five percent. Violent crimes are down. Macon County has the lowest crime rate in North Carolina. As I said from the start, I promise an honest, above-board campaign. I look forward to serving you another four years.

Jenkins

I’m from Graham County, North Carolina. I served in Viet Nam. I’m well-qualified for the job.

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Myers explained that without the offensive as well as the defensive sides of this campaign America would never be truly safe from its adversaries. “You can never build walls high enough to protect yourself,” he said. “We have a lot of work to do in making sure we can deal with large natural or manmade disasters. It’s got to trickle down to people on the ground.”

Myers also said that the war on terror would take years, even decades, to be successful. “The tools to fight it would not only be military but diplomatic. It’s going to take diplomatic actions and education to prevent men and women from wanting to go to Jihad,” he said.

“The way we deal with challenges is the way we’ve always dealt with challenges — with courage and resolve,” said Myers. “What it really going to take to win? It’s going to take our will, our resolve, and our patience. There are folks who have good will, resolve, and patience and those are the United States military.”

Myers reminded the audience of the difficulty our infant country faced during the year 1776. A relatively new general, George Washington, was being driven back from America’s major cities by the British. “We were very optimistic,” said Myers. “We wrote and signed the Constitution that year. The Constitution, Declaration, and other documents don’t mean anything unless we’re willing to sacrifice.”

**QUESTION #2**

What do you think are the primary issues for this term in office?

Jenkins

Drugs is the number one issue. It’s a problem all over the country. I will continue to work to curb drugs using state, federal, and local resources.

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battlefield. One young man who had lost his leg was still eager to join the Army Rangers after he recovered. Another young man was hoping to get back to Iraq to continue helping with the efforts of local Iraqis in establishing their democratic government.

Myers, who personally advised President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld, described a steadfast president who knew after the 9/11 attacks that he would be making unpopular decisions. He described a Secretary of Defense whose concern for the safety of the troops caused him to make unpopular decisions. He described a steadfast president who knew the way we deal with challenges is the way we’ve always dealt with challenges — with courage and resolve.”

“I know some people who still don’t fly. I know some businesses still haven’t recovered. I’m surprised we haven’t been attacked again. These people would use any means to perpetrate this terror.”

Myers spoke of a former website used by Islamic extremist groups that showed a map of the world. “They have this view of turning these countries in North Africa and the Middle East into a theocracy. They show it all in red,” said Myers. “In a couple of hundred years they show everything on the map in red.”

“The global war on terror isn’t descriptive of what it’s about,” said Myers. “It’s not a war on terror. It’s a war against violent extremism — those who use terror as a tool. They’re trying to create fear, doubt, and loss of hope in their adversaries.”

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I lifted the rifle to my shoulder and took careful aim, aligning the front and rear sights to the proper position for a kill. The bird’s orange chest was accented against my deadly black sights. Slowly I squeezed the trigger. The robin was startled by the sound of the BB but it was too late. It struck him dead on and fell from his limb. I had killed a helpless, defenseless creature of God.

I stood before my kill, poking it with the end of my barrel just to make sure my shot was fatal. Then I knelt and picked it up. It was beautiful, with colors more vivid than when I spotted him in the tree. I spread his wings and looked for the bullet hole. I could find no blood or point of entry. Slowly, my glee turned to regret as I stared at this beautiful work of nature. At the age of 10, I had made my first kill.

That evening in bed, deep sadness poured over me. I thought about the bird lying in his shoebox grave and pondered the fact that, if it were not for me, this creature would be comfortably sleeping in his tree and getting on with his life. Instead, I decided it should die a meaningless death.

That incident occurred a very long time ago and through the years, I have become a bird person. I am not sure what significance that incident had on my current love of birds, but I would like to think it had an impact.

I am the Bird Barn’s best customer for buying seeds. Daily, my backyard is a frenzy of activity with birds of every kind vying for a spot on my feeders. A small stream next to our home provides the perfect bird bath. Just born juncos play tag and hide from each other on our deck. American Gold Finches camp out on our porch rail, waiting their turn at the thistle. Hummers are everywhere.

I have gone to great lengths to devise a feeder system that is bear, squirrel and raccoon proof. Even the flying squirrels will not make the dangerous leap required to reach my feeders. If you don’t have wings, you don’t eat at my feeders. I have learned that feeding birds comes with responsibility. A home can become their death trap. Occasionally I
The evil weevils

Dr. Alex Redmountain
Feedback is encouraged!
email: redmountain8@msn.com

And what about India and Pakistan? How come nobody is giving them a hard time? And Israel. How does Israel get away with it? We know they have more than a hundred nuclear bombs!

So it goes. Not to mention that Iran and North Korea want very much to be taken seriously, especially by the U.S. I don't know if North Korea has any realistic fear of being attacked by the United States or if they are just being paranoid. Iran certainly has reason to worry about it.

For some obscure reason, the United States refuses to even talk one-on-one with either member of the “axis of evil.” We act as if we wouldn't dignify our immaculate diplomatic hands with the likes of either country. To what end is this insistence on purity? I have researched and inquired, but I still don't have a clue. Needless to say, like any schoolyard kid who's shunned, it simply inflames his anger and hatred.

Even though Dr. Rice has made some effort to restore balance and rationality to our foreign policy, she is constrained by the arrogance of the neocons, represented in the White House by none other than Vice President Cheney, who whispers...

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suppliers to the best of my ability.

Holland
I have served as the Substance Abuse
Task Force chairman since its inception.
However, jail is not for rehab, it’s the place
for criminals. We do need more treatment
centers. So far we have The Oxford House
which has been set up for women who are
ready to live without drugs. We have spon-
sored the community drug forums to edu-
cate the community about drugs and to let
them know where they and their families
can get help because people don’t know
where they can get help. The way the sys-
tem is set up, if they can’t afford rehab, they
don’t get it. Or, if they don’t have insur-
ance, they don’t get it. It takes family sup-
port to get through it. But prevention is key.
So, we start early with school resource of-
ficers. They conduct classes in the school
system, they talk to the kids. But the coun-
ty and state need to come together because
right now our mental health system is in
shambles.

QUESTION #5
How serious is the drug problem in
the schools? Are there any developing gang
problems in the schools?

Holland
There’s not a school in America that
doesn’t have drugs in it. According to the
latest Risk Behavior Survey, fewer kids are
using drugs, but more kids know about
drugs and their availability. I know for a
fact people are talking about drugs because
drugs affect all walks of life, families and
their kids, too. As far as gangs go, there have
been a few people who have started gangs.
As soon as I heard about that starting at
Franklin School I contacted Raleigh to get
a gang unit here for a forum. But the truth
is the kids with drug issues and gang issues
are kids who don’t have parents or kids
whose parents are in jail. Fix families and
you fix kids.

Jenkins
I think Sheriff Holland has tried to af-
flect the drug problem in the county, I do.
But it’s about the kids. It’s about peer pres-
brure. That has a lot to do with drug use.
Can’t predict what’s going to happen, but
you help the kids by starting with the fam-
ily. It’s heartbreaking to see some types of
families and the way they live. Need resour-
ces to help with family problems. I’m not
aware of any gang problems. There certain-
ly aren’t any at Highlands School. But if a
supplier can get kids hooked on drugs, es-
pecially those with money, then you’ve got
a problem. We need to deal with this on a
local, state and federal level.

QUESTION #6
If elected or re-elected, would you im-
plement any reorganization plans in the
Sheriff’s Department?

Holland
I wouldn’t reorganize at this point. I’m
very satisfied and continue to expand what
we’re already doing. I will continue to ag-
gressively fight against drugs. I will con-
tinue to build partnerships within the com-
munity. I am committed to the youth of
Macon County. A Student Crime Stoppers
hotline is next. I will continue to be avail-
able to citizens of Macon County. Come
see me. Call me if I’m not there, leave a
message. I will get back to you. I go to orga-
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would find a dead bird on my deck. The reflection of the forest on our glass doors confuses birds and they would fly into it, breaking their necks. I realized if I were going to attract birds to our home, I had the responsibility of keeping them safe. Placing a decal or object in the window or door seemed to do the trick. When I leave for the day, I simply pull the curtains. End of problem, so I thought.

Last November the little missus and I returned to South Florida and, as usual, removed the hurricane shutters from our home. We live in an all glass home with tinted windows that are reflective. The first morning after the shutters were off, we were awakened at the crack of dawn with a pounding on our window. A magnificently beautiful male cardinal was attacking his reflection in the glass. Cardinals are very territorial.

After two weeks of being awakened at dawn and after following every piece of advice given to us by the Audubon Society, we broke down and bought a very expensive, lifelike replica of an owl, complete with bobbing head and scary eyes. It was the last thing on Audubon’s "things to do" list. I put the owl in a strategic spot so the cardinal could easily see his mortal...
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Florida but in Highlands we do not do it that way. We urge our county commissioners to consider again the urgent need for land use regulations in Macon County. They are long overdue.

We will soon be reaching out to the citizens who live on Hickory Hill road for rights-of-way so the NC Department of Transportation can move ahead with paving that road this coming spring. The importance of this paving to protect the source of our water supply in Big Creek cannot be over emphasized and we urge everyone to welcome this move. We also will soon be sending out right of way requests to the folk on Wyanoak road so paving of that road can begin in the spring.

We are continuing to discuss and draft storm water requirements and ordinance changes for post-construction areas. These are being reviewed by McGill Associates and the town attorney and will be presented to the board in October. There will be an important meeting of the Upper Cullasaga Watershed Association on this Thursday night on the topic of our stormwater program. Forrest Westall of McGill will be presenting their recommendations to us at that time.

Erosion control still is ongoing in the Riverwalk development. As soon as our

See MULLEN page 15
Ode to our lakes

Dear Editor,

How sad to see that Harris Lake will have multi-family houses. How sad to see that developers creating erosion problems. How sad to see the local government ignore the desires of the residents and visitors. How sad to see Highlands not being protected. How sad that the residents and visitors don't flood the papers with their opinion on such development.

How sad.

Julia W. Gary, Highlands

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Humanitarian acts to be commended

Several years ago Dr. Paul Farmer told me the story of his first contact with the President William Jefferson Clinton. Paul was in his office seeing his customary daily load of 80 to 100 patients. Cange, Haiti, the location of Paul's clinic is a remote and impoverished region of a not so remote but very impoverished country, a mere two hours from Miami.

The only electricity available at the time was generated by a diesel generator in the back yard. No phonelines stretched to Cange, but a businessman from Oklahoma had read an article about Paul and his efforts to relieve suffering in rural Haiti. The man's business was satellite communication. Paul had explained his isolation from the outside world and the man had offered to install a satellite-based system. He included what was apparently a novelty in those days, voice communication.

Thus it was that Paul's computer rang. An employee rushed to Paul's crowded clinic. The president of the United States was on the line and asking to speak with Dr. Farmer. I can imagine Paul's reaction. He would have demurred, suspicious that was one of his always jovial staff was playing a prank. Finally he would have shaken his weary head at the unwelcome intrusion, apologized to his waiting patients, and trudged to the computer center. The command presence of the leader of the free world quickly dispelled the notion of a joke. A voice asked, "Dr. Paul Farmer?" After Paul had confirmed his identity, the voice said, "Please hold for President Clinton."

The president engaged in small talk, some flattery. He told Paul that he knew a great deal about him and his work. Paul had no doubt about that the President knew more than Paul might have wished, but suspected that any information was very recently acquired. Paul, who still thought of himself a Haitian country doctor, tried to imagine the purpose of the call.

Finally the president said, "Dr. Farmer, I need you to do a favor for me. I'm in Port au Prince," he drawled, "for an international AIDS conference and I need you to persuade President Aristide to stay away." Paul lamely explained that this was Haiti and that Aristide was the elected president of Haiti and that he could not simply wander into the office of the president and ask him to stay away at the host of a major international health conference being held in his nation's capital.

In the end, of course, that is exactly what Paul did. He put on his only suit, drove four dusty hours to Port au Prince, and explained to the president that his presence would distract attention from the crucial mission of the conference, treating AIDS in the third world. Aristide gratefully relented, although Mrs. Aristide was far less agreeable. In his absence, the conference proceeded without the distraction of a controversial president, and Clinton was grateful.

Within a few years the Clinton Foundation had pledged $56,000,000 for Paul to start a humanitarian effort in Rwanda, based on the Haitian model. For years, Paul had wanted to tackle disease and poverty in the world's poorest continent, but lacked the resources to make a start. The Clinton money was the seed he needed. Paul had spent most of the past year in Rwanda bringing health care to those who have never before enjoyed it.

Clinton explained that his greatest regret was his failure, as president, to intervene to stop the genocide in Rwanda. Like many other human beings, he sought forgiveness.

Last week at a gathering of the Clinton Global Initiative, donors pledged over $7.3 billion dollars to fight global warming, poverty, illness, and religious discord. Richard Branson alone promised three billion dollars. Political persuasion of attendees ranged from Barbara Streisand to Rupert Murdoch. Fifteen participants of last year's meeting, who had pledged but subsequently reneged on their commitments, were asked to stay away. Many of the world's business and political leaders and a host of celebrities fell under the spell of the Clinton charisma, just as had Paul Farmer, a decade earlier.

The world will be another place for their effort and for his. It is time to forget Whitewater and Monica and to concentrate instead on the humanity of this remarkable man.
**Players Post Scripts**

**About HCP**

In July of 1995, five people in Highlands had a vision. Fortunately for theatergoers in town, it was not a vision to march on Paris, build a baseball diamond in an Iowa cornfield, or having anything to do with the image of Elvis's face in a cheese sandwich. No, these theatrically inclined people had a vision of a community theater in Highlands, and decided to act on that vision and started the Highlands Community Players. Sara Mayer, Carol Lucas, Jerri Talley, Jean Morris and April Hersh, with a very small amount of seed money, chose several plays and wrote to get the rights to stage them. The first season consisted of Steel Magnolias, The Farndale Housing Estates Townswomen Guild Dramatic Society presents 'A Christmas Carol,' - yes that's an actual title and my first involvement with the Players – Dearly Departed, and Thurber Carnival. From there it was up and running — 41 plays, dozens of readings, and nearly 350 performances later, Highlands Community Players has become a local institution.

HCP is the area's only year-round, all-volunteer theater company, and one that has obtained a reputation for excellence. This is due to the efforts of the volunteer casts and crews, and it is not only the visible ones (the show-offs on stage), but a long list of tech people that have built ever more elaborate and inventive sets, and some amazing props. It may not sound like much, but from an actor's perspective, a telephone that rings on stage, and stops ringing when you pick it up is very cool indeed.

In reality, some of the technical aspects of theater are every bit as creative as the process of acting and directing. It is not a very easy task to make people disappear on a stage, cars blow up, or ghostly manifestations manifest themselves and for newcomers and seasoned hands alike, inventiveness is the rule.

Light and sound is another area that can greatly enhance a show, usually not noticed directly by the audience unless it is done poorly, and the timing and exactitude of the work make it a fun choice for talented techno geeks.

The 2006 season will be showing Crimes of the Heart, Caught in the Villain's Web, Enchanted April, and How the Other Half Loves, with Crimes being in rehearsal as we speak. The director, Jim Gordon, has an extensive background as an actor, lighting engineer, set designer and more, so the show promises to be a good one.

It is a well known and well liked show, a charming, feel good, comedic story about adult sisters, family loyalty, and sibling rivalry. Oh, and it also has murder, adultery and suicide as well, so it has something for everyone. It will be staging October 26, with a two weekend run, so be looking forward to it.
Wine dinner a festive affair

On the night of Monday, Sept. 18, Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro presented the Oakville Ranch Wine Dinner hosted by general manager of Oakville Ranch, Paula Kornell and prepared by Chef Wolfgang Green and staff. Local Ed Bohling celebrated his birthday - the exact one wasn’t disclosed – during the affair. The next wine dinner is Monday, Oct. 9 featuring Torbreck Vintners. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

Singers needed for Christmas concert

Rehearsals have already begun, but there is still room for more. That’s the word from Mary Beth Brody, artistic director. Accompaniment will be provided by Paul Scott from Our Lady of the Mountains who will be playing the piano and organist Ann Hourdequin from Christ Church. Churches from Highlands to Glenville will be participating in the chorale.

The chorale began about 11 years ago as the Highlands Community Chorus after area churches decided to combine their musical efforts. Rehearsals are being held every Monday evening starting at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. Those wishing to join the chorale are asked to donate $10 for the purchase of music.

Performances begin on Dec. 9 at 4 p.m., followed by an encore at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10. Both performances will be at the Community Bible Church. The concert is free, but an offering is requested to help with the cost of the event.

If you want to sing, show up at the Catholic church Monday at 7 p.m.

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Perry moving on

Dear Editor,

After almost 30 years with the postal service and 13 years as the Highlands postmaster, my retirement is official. The effective date is November 6, 2006.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the employees and customers who I have had the privilege to work and serve with during these years. There have been ups and downs, however it has always been interesting and challenging.

The postal service has temporarily entrusted the Highlands office to Beverly Anderson. She will be in charge until a new postmaster can be appointed. I anticipate this to be after the first of the year.

I turn the page now and begin a new chapter of my life. I will have the time and hopefully the opportunity to pursue another career with challenges and adventure. At this time, I am keeping my options open. I plan to stay in Highlands and hope to see many of you along the way. I will miss you all.

Elizabeth Perry, Highlands

Thanks to the Sheriff’s Dept.

Through the Inmate Beautification Program, inmates will be picking up litter on U.S. 64 west from Gold Mine to Turtle Pond roads on Sept. 30. We greatly appreciate the Sheriff’s Dept. support in this matter and also thank the Highlands Chamber of Commerce for providing T-shirts and bottled water.

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**Girls volleyball on a winning track**

Toni Schmitt spiked it to score for Highlands. The Highlands varsity girls won their match 3-0 against Nantahala last week. They’ve won seven of their 10 games. The next home game is tonight, Sept. 28, against Tallulah Falls and then against Rosman, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.

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**Highlands Playhouse production ‘North Platte Canteen’ coming**

By Laurie Anderson

From Christmas Day 1941 to April 1, 1946, volunteers in North Platte, NE and the nearby region set up a hospitality center at the local train station to greet and feed soldiers on their way to war.

During 10-minute whistle-stops, they provided coffee, sandwiches, cigarettes and magazines to soldiers before they had to reboard and move on.

This October, the Highlands Playhouse will recreate this amazing and little known part of American history in The North Platte Canteen. When a train carrying a USO troupe gets caught in a snow storm, the troupe decides to put on a show for the canteen workers and the soldiers stuck at the station with them.

The performers are a comedic master of ceremonies, singers, dancers and other variety acts.

The North Platte Canteen runs October 6 and 7 at 8 p.m., October 8 at 2 p.m., October 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and October 15 at 2 p.m. For more information and tickets call the Highlands Playhouse at 828-526-2695.

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Shotwell and Tisdale

In April 2006, the law firm provided the board with an investigation report.

“No evidence was found to support any wrongdoing of any employee of Macon County schools other than Shotwell and Tisdale,” read Yeager.

On May 9, 2006, the board approved Tisdale’s short-term disability effective April 28. Shotwell resigned May 16, effective May 30, to take a job as superintendent of Rockingham County in North Carolina. Tisdale suffers from severe spinal stenosis and avascular necrosis in her right hip.

After Shotwell’s resignation, in June 2006, Dr. Frank Yeager was employed as interim superintendent.

In June 2006, after reviewing Helms, Mullis and Wicker’s investigation, their report and other evidence, Yeager met with Tisdale and later recommended her dismissal to the board.

On Aug. 31, at the request of Tisdale and following state law 115C-325 (j2), the board met in executive session and conducted a personnel dismissal hearing from about 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. where several school system employees were requested to appear.

Tisdale contends despite letters from doctors, which made it clear she was in no condition to attend the hearing, she had to attend “to protect myself,” she said.

“People at the retirement division said people at the retirement division said that firing someone on disability is almost...”

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**See FIRES page 30**
By Kevin Murphy

Mark the weekend of Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8 to get out of the house, jump into the car, and visit over 30 artists’ studios on the first annual Haywood Open Studios Tour.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m.-5 p.m., artists will open their studios for the public’s enjoyment. The artists will be present to answer any questions regarding their work, and hopefully give some interesting insight into their particular studio set-up and style of work. The artists will also have examples of their work for sale at their studios.

To assist “studio seekers” in locating the artists’ studios, a tour booklet will be provided. The booklet includes a description of each artist’s work, directions to the studio, and a general map showing each location in Haywood County. The tour booklets will be printed as an insert in the Haywood County News on September 21st as well as being available at the artists’ studios, many Waynesville businesses, and at Gallery 86.

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discrepancy on his application dealing with past or current lawsuits. “It’s a personal, personnel issue,” he said.

With the staff vote in, Pearlstein withdrew his application for privileges which effectively ended the credentials process, said Shull.

Search is already on the way for another general surgeon. The hospital has enlisted the help of three recruiting firms – Med Staff, Merritt-Hawkins and Curare.

“The good thing is more general surgeons are looking than internal medicine physicians so we expect some activity within the next couple of weeks,” said Shull. “We’re looking for someone who is good, available, board certified in surgery and preferably with a North Carolina license.”

Someone with a NC license would expedite the matter because obtaining a NC license is about a four-month process.

Chief of the medical staff anesthesiologist Dr. David Register said board certification is important to the hospital because it represents the highest standard.

“It’s a standard which the medical staff adheres to and we expect that from each other. Furthermore, the community expects it, he said.

“So who is the perfect fit for Highlands-Cashiers Hospital? Ultimately, someone the medical staff approves of but also someone who is “a good fit, someone who’s the right person for the future needs of the hospital,” said Shull.

“He or she must be an experienced surgeon with a good history, who is willing to provide an intensive level of service, willing to go back to nuts and bolts surgery,” said Shull.

He also said the candidate must be able to sustain an independent practice, do well by themselves and get along well with other doctors who will be needed for referrals.

“We know this news will disappoint many in our community, but we respect the collective decision of the medical staff in reaching this difficult decision. It is also a blow to Dr. Pearlstein and we recognize the pain this will cause him, his patients and his family,” read Shull from the statement.

“Everyone in the process has a very high personal regard for Dr. Pearlstein. We wish him and his family the very best in the future.”

This ends a start-stop-start-stop again process that has lasted several months for Pearlstein.

Like every other doctor who comes to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Pearlstein started with temporary privileges pending completion of the credentialing process. Those were halted after he returned following his initial resignation following the application snafu.

He told hospital officials he wouldn’t be commenting on the situation.

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Bach’s six cello suites were composed between 1720 and 1725. Out of Köthen, where Bach lived from 1717 to 1723, came his greatest instrumental works: the trio sonatas, concertos including the Brandenburg Concerti, solo string works, keyboard works including Book I of the Well Tempered Klavier, and more.

A 26 year-old Ludwig von Beethoven wrote in a letter that he was working on a duet for viola and cello. The letter was to a friend, one of a small group of musicians that got together from time to time for chamber music, Beethoven playing piano or viola, and his friend playing cello.

The purpose of the letter was to arrange a sight-reading session where the two of them could try out the first movement of this new piece.

We are so used to thinking of Beethoven as an angry genius but this letter is extremely good-natured, with Beethoven joking. “I am indebted to you for the weakness of your eyes,” an allusion to the fact that both he and his friend needed spectacles, or eyeglasses to read music. In fact, Beethoven said, he had already named the piece in honor of the occasion.

So he did, and so we know it today as the Eyeglasses Duo.

For tickets to the Beethoven in Blue Jeans concert please call 526-9060. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students under 18.

Sherrer closes area practice

Gynecologist C. Willis Sherrer, who has practiced in Highlands on either a part- or full-time basis since 1999 has officially closed his one-day-per-week practice here. Sherrer said the expansion of his duties as Medical Director of Piedmont’s Mountainside Hospital in Jasper, GA, makes traveling to Highlands each Monday unrealistic.

“I very much regret having to close my practice in Highlands. I have many loyal patients and friends here and it has been a true pleasure to serve them over the course of the last several years,” Sherrer said this week. “However, practicing at Piedmont in Atlanta three days a week, and now serving as medical director at Mountainside Hospital two days a week, just doesn’t leave time for office hours in Highlands every Monday.”

Sherrer’s last day seeing patients here was Monday, Sept. 18.

“Dr. Sherrer will certainly be missed by his patients. He has been an asset to our physician community for the last six years,” said Highlands-Cashiers Hospital CEO and President Ken Shull. “However, we understand that his schedule and the traveling distance involved make it impractical for him to continue seeing patients here. We wish him the very best in the future.”

For now Sherrer will retain his medical staff privileges at the hospital. He also says he and his wife Pat intend to keep their home in Scaly Mountain for use at some point in the future. Pat Sherrer, Ph.D., is director of the Master of Business Administration program for Piedmont College in Demorest, GA, but works at the school’s Athens GA campus. The Sherrers have a home outside Athens.

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Despite Sherrer’s decision to close his office here, the area will continue to be served by gynecologist, Carmelo A. Hernandez, MD, who has specialized in obstetrics and gynecology in Brevard since 2001, currently comes to Highlands two Fridays each month. He sees both obstetrics and gynecology patients at his Highlands office, and can perform outpatient GYN procedures through Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He performs deliveries and inpatient surgery cases at Transylvania Community Hospital in Brevard.

Sherrer said he plans to continue his office practice in Atlanta three days each week. His offices are located on the same floor as the Women’s Center at Piedmont Hospital (Suite 2010 at 77 Collier Road in Atlanta).

“I will be happy to continue to see any of my Highlands and Cashiers patients in the Atlanta office,” Sherrer added. His Atlanta practice can be reached at (404) 355-6600.

“I’ve enjoyed my time practicing in Highlands and I want to thank all my patients there, and the other physicians, staff, and leadership at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. I want people to know that this decision is not because I have a problem with the hospital. In fact, I urge everyone to give the hospital their support,” he said. “I wish everyone there the very best in the future, and God bless.”

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In Highlands, nestled here in the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains, how can you visit or live here and not think about land? Nearly five years ago, upon our first visit to this place, our entire family was overcome with the beauty of it all - the rhododendrons lining the highways, the amazing overlooks, the sound of babbling creeks, the strength and beauty of bald face rocks. Upon first view, my words were “I can definitely live here.” And although by the routine of daily living sometimes I miss the beauty all around, it is in this season of changing colors and crystal blue skies that I remember all over again how beautiful this place is.

Historically, it has been the beauty of the land that has attracted people to our town to tour, to purchase second homes, to retire, and to relocate. This land is desirable. This land has been a blessing. We are naturally drawn to it. But with that blessing, there is a struggle. It is the same struggle the people of Israel faced as they entered into the promised land after many years of suffering and heartache, wandering in the desert. The struggle was the tendency to make the land their god. They too, upon looking out at their destination, seeing the incredible beauty of where they were about to live and saying “I can definitely live here,” were given a reminder by God about what tends to happen to us. In Deuteronomy 5:10-15 the caution is this, “When the Lord your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant – and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. The Lord your God you shall fear; Him you shall serve, and by His name alone you shall swear. Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the people around you, because the Lord your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God.”

God was reminding the Israelites that the land was important, but be careful that the land not become bigger and more important than their God.

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Holy Land, to the Spanish conquest of Latin America, to the humiliation of the Native Americans in our country, to the world wars, it has been about land – who owns it, who wants it, and how to get it.

There have been families split apart over how to divide inherited land. There have been great divisions in churches over the best use of property and land, and there have been little mountain towns in power struggles over land development. Just think about how important it has become to us.

If you want to know if an idol has become your god, just ask yourself these three questions: “Where do I spend my time? Where do I spend my money? What do I think about?” Our culture says land is money, and money is power.

God was reminding the people to watch out for the sense of entitlement they may feel upon living in the promised land – a sense that what they have, they have earned, and what they have acquired, they deserve.

And so we join in their struggle. You don’t have to drive very far in our wonderful town to see the real estate signs, and if you have forgotten just how important it is to us to own, control and restrict what we own, just read the headlines next week. It has been this industry has blessed our community with economic success, and blessed our churches and community with wonderful people from many places. But the truth is, when it comes to land, it is usually not ours at all. It is not ours because it was never for sale. It is God’s. It is a gift not just...
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• Last Highlands Al-Anon meeting is Oct. 15. Re-assembly meeting will be held on Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the old gym. This event is open to the public.
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September 28
Tom Smoot – The Edisons of Ft. Myers

October 7
William Rawlings – Crossword

October 8
Fred Wooldridge – I’m Moving Back To Mars

October 12 6-7:30 p.m.
Susan Mason – Silver Service

October 14
Joan Medlicott • 11-1, The Covington Series

October 21
Celia Miles • 11-1, Mattie’s Girl
Gayden McCallic • 3-5, Being Dead is No Excuse

October 28 • 10 a.m. – noon
Gerry Soud – Life As I Slice It

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The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to Yellow Patch on an old horse trail to Bear Pen then on the Appalachian Trail to Betty Creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 10:00 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, or reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike to four waterfalls on the Horse Pasture River with an elevation change of 700 feet. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at the Osage Mtn. Overlook on Hwy. at 9:50 a.m. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Oct. 8 • The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike to the Tennessee Rock overlook on Black Mountain in Georgia. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center on Hwy. 441 S. at 2:00 p.m. Drive 36 miles round trip. Highlands/Cashiers hikers can call leader for an alternate meeting place. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Oct. 10 • Tuesday at 7 p.m. Doris Mage, The Eagle Lady, will present her entertaining and informative program on birds of prey at the Highlands Civic Center. She will have an assortment of live birds of prey. Sponsored by Highlands Plateau Audubon Society.

Oct. 12, 14, 15 • At the Highlands Playhouse, “North Platte Canteen,” Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

Oct. 14 • 24th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Free admission and parking. Breakfast and lunch available. Over 100 vendors. Raffle drawings with prizes, Sponsored by the Highlands Woman’s Club and the Highlands Recreation Department.

Oct. 15 • A musical variety show with heart, “The North Platte Canteen” at the Highlands Playhouse. It recalls the days of soldiers, war and hope. When the Union Pacific is snowbound, USO performers entertain soldiers. Oct. 5-6 at 8 p.m., Oct. 7 at 2 p.m., Oct. 13-14 at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the box office at 362 Oak Street. Or call 526-2695.

Beginning Oct. 16 • The Power of a Praying Woman, Mondays, 1-3 p.m. by Stormie Omartian (10 week course) at the Cashiers Methodist Church. Call Phyllis Edwards 828-743-9648 for more information.

Oct. 16-21 • At ITC in Oak Square on Main Street, “Sylvia” - a romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog.

Oct. 21-22 • Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Highlands Rec Park sponsored by the Art League of Highlands. All original fine art. Over 50 artists. Children’s Art Room and Show both days. Free admission. Door prizes. 10-5. Contact: Robin Anne Cooper 864-654-2068.

Oct. 28 • The Buckerettes at the Studio on Main. Channel your inner cowboy and cowgirl and dress up in your western duds to hear this all girl cowgirl band from Asheville. The Buckerettes play a variety of toe-tapping music ranging from “cowboy” to swing. Show is at 8pm. Call 828.342.9197 for tickets.

Halloween “Enchanted Forest” Nature Trail at the Highlands Nature Center. 7 – 9 p.m., all ages. Bring a flashlight to go trick-or-treating through the Botanical Garden and encounter friendly forest creatures who share interesting nature facts about themselves. $1 per person. Call 526-2623.

“Pumkin Run” 5K in Franklin to benefit The Dave Linn Foundation, Inc. - a nonprofit foundation designed to help the physically challenged of Western North Carolina and North Georgia develop an active lifestyle at 6 p.m. at the Tassee Shelter. Registration begins at 5 p.m. The cost of the run will be $20 for adults (18+) and $10 for children under 18. Costumes are optional! For information, call 828-369-6358.
to the highest bidder. It is a gift to all of humanity. It is good news that the land is not our God, because the real estate market is really crummy right now.

In a paraphrase of a portion of the Gospel of Matthew 6, Eugene Peterson in his book "The Message" reminds us of these words, "What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting so you can respond to God’s giving…Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met."

enemy. Then, at the crack of dawn, we heard the pounding on our glass again. When I looked out, I saw the cardinal sitting on the head of the owl.

Without exaggeration, this wacky bird was performing about 80 or 90 full body slams against our glass each day. I spent money designing a bird trap that didn’t work. The feathers hanging from each of our 37 windows didn’t work. Chimes didn’t work. (Our neighbors thought we were practicing Santeria.) A lady told me she had a cardinal attack the outside mirrors of her car as she pulled out of her driveway and drove down the street.

Six weeks later and after spending over $100 on gimmicks that didn’t work, I walked into Wal-Mart and asked the clerk, “Where are the BB guns?” I am truly for the birds.

• Meet Fred at Cyrano’s Book Shop for the signing of his book “I’m Moving Back to Mars” on Oct. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m.

prideful encouragement into the President’s willing ear. William Buckley, the conservative icon, probably the one man in America who is most responsible for the success of the conservative movement in the last decade, was asked what he thought George W. Bush’s legacy would be after he left office.

“Bush will leave no legacy,” he replied.

What is the sound of the neocon eagle, despite the debacle of Iraq, the cry that continues to emanate from the Pentagon and the White House? America uber alles, America uber alles! The punishment for hubris, as history has registered over and over, is an embarrassing fall from grace. 
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Police & Fire Report

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unheard of and making someone go through a due process hearing after two doctors have said the person is not able is something they have never heard of,” said Tisdale.

Both Dr. Yeager and Tisdale were represented by legal counsel at the hearing. On Sept. 19, the board met again in executive session to discuss the matter.

At the Sept. 25 school board meeting, the board upheld Yeager’s recommendation to dismiss Tisdale.

Her locally paid benefits, like sick leave and annual leave will stop, but the school district will continue to pay into the short-term disability program until the state labels Tisdale disabled which could then bring her under the state’s long-term disability program.

“Her short-term disability will continue with whatever rights and benefits the state’s disability program entitles her to,” said Yeager.

Yeager said he would rather not be specific as to why he recommended her dismissal. “I could not, in good conscience, allow her to come back to the school district under the circumstances.” He said he would not elaborate at this time.

Tisdale declined to say if she will appeal the board’s decision in Superior Court.

School Board Attorney John Henning said she does have that option.

Board chair Kevin Corbin said despite the problems the school system has experienced over the last year, the superintendent search is going well.

“The overwhelming feeling is that Macon County is a great place to work and this is a good board to work for,” he said.

The board met most of Tuesday to take the next step in the superintendent selection process. “We’re down to six candidates due to the self-elimination of the third,” said Corbin. Dr. Yeager’s last day is Nov. 8, 2006.

- Kim Lewicki