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- Rotary Club Bingo at the Highlands Community Center. Number calling begins at 6:30 and will last until about 8:30.

- Wine Tasting 6-8 p.m. at the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

Friday-Monday, May 25-28

- Trunk Show at Acorn's featuring Azarra, Shondra Leigh and Lori Frantz Conig.

Fri. & Sat., May 25 & May 26

- Highlands Playhouse Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Preview Party, slated for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. The \$15 donation covers admission, wine and hors d'oeuvres, and the first right to purchase.

Saturday, May 26

- Grand Opening of Basketcase on 294 S. 4th Street. Hors d'oeuvres & beverages from 1-4 p.m.

- Artist's Opening Reception at Summit One Gallery at its new location on S. 2nd St. and Helen's Barn Ave., from 5-7 p.m. Kick's off exhibit "East of the Sun, West of the Moon" featuring artists Rosemary Stiefel and Don Penny.

- Thea performs at the Instant Theater featuring selections from her new CD "My Mother's Garden" 8 p.m.

- Groundbreaking of Fine Arts Center 11 a.m.-2 p.m. BBQ, music and fun.

- Scaly Mountain Women's Club's Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

- "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 - 10:30 p.m., ages 6 - adult. Bring a flashlight. \$2 per person, Registration required. Call 526-2623

- Village Square Art & Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Mountain Garden Club plant sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the baseball park on the corner of Highway 64 East and Hickory St.

- Live Music at Cyprus Restaurant in Dillard Village Shopping Center, 9:30 until 11. "I am a Lava Lamp" Genre-defying acid jazz. \$10 cover.

Sunday, May 27

- At Cyrano's Book Shop, Danielle Bernstein signing copies of her new guide "Hiking the Carolina Mountains" from 2-4:30 p.m.

Tues. & Wed., May 28 & 30

- Annual spring blood drive at the First Citizens Bank, Tues. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at the hospital on Wed. from 9-11 a.m.

Monday, May 28

- Memorial Day Cookout at High Country Cafe on the Cashiers Road. Featuring live music. \$10 per person.

- Memorial Day Pool & Hot Tub Cookout at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road. \$10 per person.

Tuesday, May 29

- Sarah H. Hill will autograph her book, "Weaving New Worlds: Southeastern Cherokee Women and Their Basketry" at the Fine Art Center/ Bascom-Louise Gallery on Tuesday evening immediately following her 5 p.m. lecture there.

'Affordable Housing' could become reality

As of its May meeting, the Affordable Housing Committee has a new, solid direction.

It knows what's needed; it knows who its clients are; it knows what it would like to see — now all it needs is money and land.

At a recent housing conven-

tion, members learned there are lots of ways to get funding for "affordable housing" now referred to as working people housing, but that it takes experts to both guide and apply for it.

"This is a very complicated procedure," said Chairman Mary

Ann Sloan. "We need to partner with anyone we can, public or private, city, county, developer, non-profit, anyone who can help us apply for tax credit financing."

Preferably, someone with a track record, she said. "Otherwise, no
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Greenway Trail work on schedule

Greenway proponents are ready to blaze ahead and are now at the "prioritizing" part of the plan.

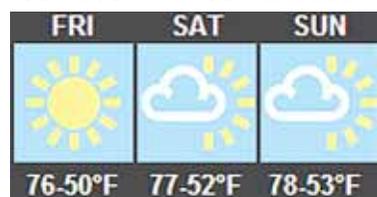
At a Greenway public session held Monday night at the Rec Park, Hilrie Quinn outlined the Greenway project. "A greenway is different things to different people," he said. "But basically it's a corridor of open space, a conservation area, a link to natural areas, a link from natural areas to other natural areas or a link from natural areas to urban areas."

He said with continued growth in Highlands threatening its "village character" there is a renewed emphasis on the Greenway. "We need to grow the Greenway to keep things in balance," he said.

The current "greenway" includes various paths, sidewalks, and trails from Sunset Rocks to the Nature Center, the Old Kelsey Trail and the trails that run behind the Rec Park from the old jail to Mirror Lake.

The trail system ceased to be coherent long ago, but it does have the ability to access 170 sites which could be enjoyed and interpreted via the trail system. Some of those sites include 64 historical structures.
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Weekend Weather:



HS 'Fans of the Year'

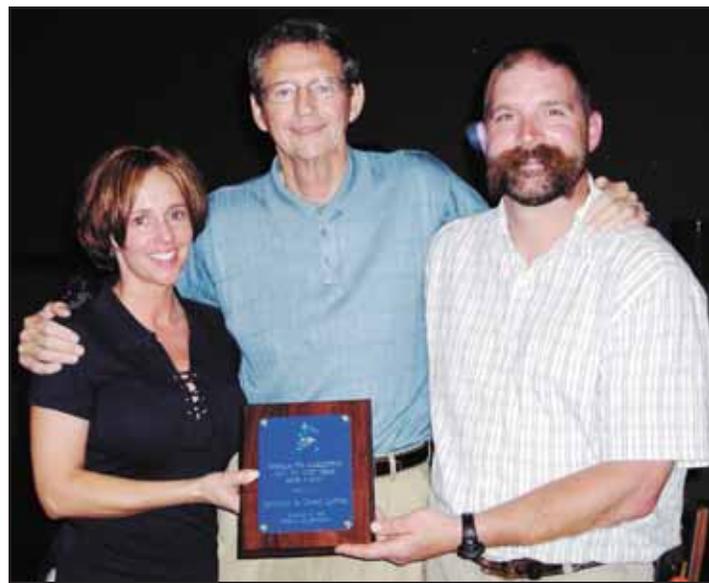


Photo by Barbie Aspinwall

For the second year in a row, student athletes named Sammie and David Leffler Highlands School "Fans of the Year." The Lefflers, whose son Hunter is a sophomore, never missed a game and show unending support of Highlands School athletics. At the Highlands School annual Athletic Banquet, May 22, high school athletes were recognized for their participation and standing in their sport. Highlands School Athletic Director, Butch Smart presented the Lefflers with their plaque.

Months-long paving to begin

Talk of paving N.C. 106 during "the season" has merchants, restaurateurs and citizens worried about loss of business and just plain inconvenience. But there's nothing the town or anyone else can do about it.

This week NC DOT assembled "Road Closed" and "Detour" signs in preparation for work to begin Tuesday, May 29 from Main Street to Spring Street.

The 10-mile job from Main Street to the Georgia line will be completed in three phases so no

one area will be jeopardized for very long.

According to Trent Andrews in the construction office of NC DOT, the three phases involve milling and patching; leveling and finally resurfacing.

"We expect the first phase on the block from Main Street to Spring Street on N.C. 106 to take 1-3 days at the most," said Andrews.

From there the crew will continue milling and patching until

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Variances and Campbell's removal subject of PB

During most of the May 21 Planning Board meeting, members discussed variances requested for the South Slope Subdivision off the old Walhalla Road.

Five houses were planned for 4.4 acres.

After prolonged discussion both from Lee Whipple with Peterfield Engineering who spoke on behalf of the subdivision owner, property owners in the vicinity of the proposed development who are against it, and members of the Planning Board, member Pat Taylor made the motion to deny the three variances.

Access to and the elevation of the property were the reasons the variances were requested. "It's too steep without the variances. About half the road needs the variance," said Whipple.

Road grade variances of 18% instead of the standard 14% was requested, road width variances of 12 feet instead of normal 18 feet and 90-degree road curve radiuses instead of the standard 150-degree radius.

Chairman Griffin Bell said it was obvious all of the variances were dependent upon each other for the development to work.

In the end, the board agreed unanimously to recommend to the Town Board that the variances be denied.

The board also said goodbye to the two outgoing members —

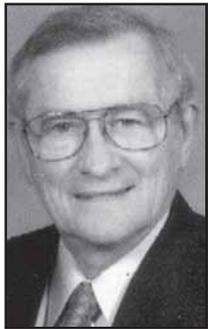
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From my perspective



Mayor Don Mullen

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors had an incredibly productive all day retreat at the Mountain Retreat facility this past Thursday. We invited a nationally known and respected hospital consultant from San Diego who has consulted with hospitals around this area in general and at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta in particular.

We all came away from this gathering not only with a clear understanding about our future course of action but also with a good knowledge about medical and hospital trends in the past, present and future in our country. What most of us already knew was confirmed — that the hospital and medical business is the most complicated financial and business operation one can experience because of intricate relationships not only with complicated government regulations regarding Critical Access hospitals, Medicare and Medicaid and hospital business in general, but also doctor-administrative-nurse relationships, and a host of other activities.

Our consultant, Nate Kaufman, told us our situation was particularly complicated and difficult for a number of reasons, not the least being our rural location and those detractors who think they know hospital business better than professional hospital personnel. With this consultant and the one we had last October, Jamie Orlicoff from Chicago, we feel very well positioned for the future.

This past Friday night my wife and I went to see the Highlands Community Players' rendition of "Enchanted April" at the newly renovated Performing Arts Center. We are truly blessed in this community with a wealth of talent. I know I keep saying this but it is true. The acting was as professional as one will see anywhere and believe me I have seen a lot of plays, including plays in New York, on the west coast and in Europe. The show was marvelous in every sense, from set design to lighting to acting. I encourage everyone who enjoys

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• OBITUARIES •

Lt. Col. Roy Gerard Runken

Lt. Col. Roy Gerard Runken (ret.), age 76, of Woodland Trail, Franklin, NC, died Friday, May 18, 2007 at a local nursing home.

Born on January 8, 1931 in Bay Shore, Long Island, NY, he was the son of the late Gehard Rudolph and Gladys Irene Church Runken. He retired from the US Army and was a member of Morrison Presbyterian Church. Mr. Runken was a general contractor and started Scaly Mountain Builders, Inc. in 1981. He previously served as an elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Highlands, and was a charter member and former chief of the Scaly Mountain-Sky Valley Fire Department. He was also active in many community activities.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Johanna Becker Runken; three sons, Frederick Runken and his wife, Karen, of Scaly Mountain, NC, Michael "Chris" Runken of

Durham, NC, and Jeffrey Runken and his wife, Michaelle, of Franklin, NC; a sister, Daphne Irene Mann of Miami, FL; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.



Lt. Col. Roy Gerard Runken

A celebration of life for Mr. Runken will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2007 in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Franklin. Rev. Wendell Ligon and Rev. Vic Greene will officiate. The Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 will conduct military funeral rites.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m., one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Scaly Mountain Community Association or to Morrison Presbyterian Church, 1148 Bates Branch Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Janie Roberta "Polly" Crain

Janie Roberta "Polly" Crain, 67, of Ritchie Road, in Scaly Mountain, N.C., died Monday, May 21, 2007 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late Andrew and Bessie Mae Billingsley Crain. She was a Macon County magistrate in Highlands, and a member of Flats of Middlecreek Baptist Church. She was an avid rock collector.

She is survived by one sister, Kay Bryant of Anderson, SC; one niece, one nephew and her best friend, Betty Butts of Highlands, NC.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 24 at 2 p.m. at Flats of Middlecreek Baptist Church, with Rev. Zane Talley and Rev. Dwight Loggins officiating. Burial will be in the Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Tim Hunter, Woodrow Wilson, Donnie Bryant, Neal James, Lamar Nix, and Lamar Billingsley.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 p.m., Thursday, prior to the service at the Church. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Miller Northrup

Donald Miller Northrup, 60, died Saturday, May 19, 2007 in Orlando, FL. He was a native of Buffalo, NY, and lived in Highlands, NC. He was the son of Sybil Morgan Northrup of Orlando, FL and the late Myron Northrup.

He produced jewelry shows for television. Mr. Northrup was a sculptor and avid fisherman, and was a veteran of the U.S. Airforce. He traveled throughout the world. He was a member of Eastway Church of God in Charlotte, NC, and was a member of Promise Keepers.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Shirley Clayton Northrup; one daughter, Lisa Northrup of Highlands, NC; two sons, Joshua Northrup and his wife Helen of Cullowhee, NC and Shannon Childers of Medesto, CA; two brothers, David Northrup and John Northrup both of Orlando, FL; one granddaughter, Trinity Dendy. He was preceded in death by a son, Culver Northrup.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands, with Rev. Bobby Ross officiating. Burial will be in Highlands Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, one hour prior to the service at Bryant Funeral Home. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Carson Lee Keener

Chrisitan and Caleb Keener are proud to announce the birth of their brother, Carson Lee Keener. He was born on Wednesday, April 4 at 8:50 p.m. in Zurich, Switzerland. He weighed 9lbs 10oz and was 21 inches long. Michael and Stephanie Keener are the proud parents. Paternal grandparents are Mary Keener and the late Jamie Keener of Highlands.

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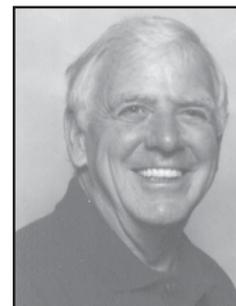


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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

You're gonna do what?

If you're the parent of grown children (or a child) this has probably already happened to you. If not, fasten your seatbelt because it will. They march into your home, sit you on your couch, tell you to remain calm, then announce they are about to make what you know is the most boneheaded, asinine, stupid life-altering decision of their lives. If you are lucky, this will only happen to you once per child. We have a kid that does it every few years.



Fred Wooldridge

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what?" is all I could think to say to him. I begged him not to go, his police chief begged him not to leave, his girlfriend refused to go with him, but Jeff was determined.

It took about a year for him to realize that moving furniture around might not be his forte. One hot summer day in Greenville, he sat in a sweaty moving truck and watched a Lear executive jet cross in front of his truck in a landing pattern. He thought, "Here I sit with a four-year

degree, a certified police certificate and a pilot's license to fly the big carriers and I'm running a moving business."

If any good came from this adventure, it was that he met his wife, Lisa, a cute North Carolina girl who was an opposite type who could balance out his life. So he and Lisa moved to South Florida and Jeff landed a job flying the Boeing 737. They married and life got calmer for all of us, but not for long.

He sat us on our couch again to tell us he had accepted a job in the Middle East. Emirates Airline was hiring pilots to fly the giant Boeing 777, one of the largest commercial aircrafts in the world, out of Dubai.

We suggested this might not be the wisest thing for him to do, considering the world's volatile situation. His boss at Miami Air begged him not to leave, offering him an eventual promotion. Lisa was less than thrilled with the idea and we wondered how a nice, down-to-earth girl from Charlotte was going to manage in the Middle East? But, as always, he was determined.

So off they went, shipping everything they owned, including his parachute, 8,000 miles to a land run by Muslims. Today, Jeff and Lisa enjoy life at the top of the food chain. In Dubai, the airline treats pilots like CEOs and to our surprise, Lisa has come to love her life there. Whodathunkit?

For the li'l missus and me, we have made our own boneheaded, asinine, stupid life-altering decision. We sold the darn couch.

• Read Fred's column while you are away at: <http://www.highlandsinfo.com/newspaperdownload.htm>

His name is Jeff, our youngest, and he was our most difficult to handle while growing up. While we were always an adventurous, risk-taking family, there were limits on what we would tolerate in our home, like riding motorcycles.

Soooo, what was the first thing he did after leaving home? Yep, he sat us on the couch and informed us he had bought a racing cycle that cruised at 160 mph. We had hardly recovered from hearing that when he sat us down again and announced he was taking up sky diving. Now he could ride to and from the "drop zone" at 160 mph on his new cycle.

Then, just when we were calming down from all of that, he arrived at our home again, sat us on our couch and announced he would give up his career as a pilot to become a cop, something I never wanted any of my children to get into. Not only was he jumping out of perfectly good airplanes and riding a motorcycle at break neck speeds, he now worked as a cop for a South Florida city that was rough and tumble.

After two head-on collisions with his motorcycle and walking away from both with minor injuries, Jeff decided his luck might be running out and sold his cycle. Now the li'l missus and I only had to sweat out the sky diving and we were actually getting comfortable with him being a policeman, even though it was a lot more dangerous than jumping from planes.

Then he sat us on the couch again and announced he will give up his career as a policeman and start a furniture moving business in Greenville, SC. My head dropped between my legs. "You're gonna do

• ANOTHER VIEW •

A farewell to grads

I wasn't invited to give the commencement address for the Highlands High School class of 2007. I'm not holding my breath for 2008. Maybe we could compromise. If I'm someday invited posthumously, I'll promise not to show up. Here's what I would say to the kids if I had the chance.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Parents, teachers, honored guests, and students. I often think about what I will tell my own son as he approaches manhood and prepares to leave home. The first piece of wisdom I would offer is this: stay out of Iraq. That introductory blast may set the tone for a somewhat contentious evening, but it is really important. It is not the trite reminder that a commencement is a beginning, not an end, nor is a rehash of the claim that a diploma is a passport to the future. If you are dead in the ground, there is no future and your commencement will prove to have been the beginning of the end. I accept the notion of a just war, but I don't think this one qualifies. Don't take my word for it. Ask yourself if this war is worth your life, or if a sign-up bonus, a recruiter's promise of computer training, or money for college is worth risking your life. That will be pretty much the theme of tonight's talk. Don't trust me. Don't trust your parents. Don't trust your clergy, and whatever else you do, don't trust politicians. Find answers for yourself.

First, I want to offer one bit of practical advice, something that will serve you well whatever your chosen path. When you screw up, tell the truth. Get it over with and put it behind you. If you can't bring yourself to man-up, then pick your best excuse and stick to it, and show a little originality. If you're late for work say, "I'm sorry I'm late. I had a migraine headache last night and didn't get to sleep until four o'clock in the morning." So far, so good. Leave it at that. If the boss looks skeptical, that's OK. Migraines are a good excuse because everyone knows they recur. You can use it again and again. You run out of grandmothers all too quickly. Here is what you don't want to do, offer a smorgasbord of excuses. "I'm sorry I'm late. I had a migraine headache last night and didn't get to sleep until four o'clock in the morning. Then my alarm didn't go off. I went out to the car and had a flat tire. There was a tree down across the drive and I had to call my uncle who has a chain saw, but he was out of town, and my aunt doesn't have permission to use the saw. I went back inside to call AAA and that's when I got the news about my

grandmother. I promise it won't happen again." Your boss is sitting there suppressing a laugh and thinking, "probably not!"

You have learned a lot in the last 17 or 18 years. You have been taught by your parents, teachers, preachers, and peers. You may have learned something from CNN, Discovery Channel, rap musicians, independent reading beyond People Magazine, or from a wise guy down the street. Some of

what you have been taught is true. Much of it is not. Much of life is learning the difference. Your preacher and parents taught you the existence of God, who probably exists in some form. If they also taught you that anyone who believes differently is doomed to hell, they were almost certainly wrong. Look first at the motivation of the person teaching you. If a guy tells you that global climate change is a bunch of hooey, and he makes a million bucks a year from Exxon-Mobil, you might want to be skeptical.

It's pretty easy to check out the truth of many things these days. Most of you are far more fluent with a computer than I, so you probably know how it's done. If you don't, you should learn. Click the links to the foreign press and see what the rest of the world thinks. They are not always wrong and we are not always right. Don't be satisfied with what you find on Wikipedia. It is the Cliff Notes version of knowledge. I can always tell if someone criticizes my opinion with a quote from Wikipedia. When in search of knowledge, get as close to the source as possible.

We live in a very conservative part of the country, one in which God and guns are nearly equally revered, with the slight edge to guns during hunting season and to God the rest of the year. You must learn that your's is not the only point of view and that intelligent, sincere people can believe that it's OK to harvest stem cells from left over embryos or that the union between partners of the same sex can be as deep and meaningful as a partnership between people of opposite sexes.

When I was in high school, my father took me to the last home college basketball game the great Oscar Robertson played. Oscar was to his day what Michael Jordan was to his, or what LeBron James is today. Oscar put on an inspired performance at both ends of the court and scored 38 points, many of them from seemingly impossible angles. With the game safely in hand, his coach

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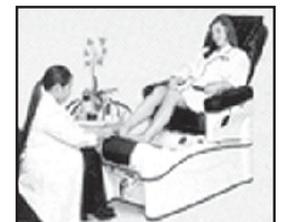
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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Memorial Day

On Memorial Day we remember the fallen soldiers of our wars, although I'm not sure how many Americans are aware of that anymore. I think a lot of people think of it as the three-day weekend celebrating the beginning of summer.



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Last fall after I watched a film about Vietnam, I wondered, "how long will it be until we can see the Vietnam War from a Vietnamese perspective?" Not long after that I heard about Clint Eastwood's twin films about Iwo Jima, one from the American point of view, the other from the Japanese. Ah, I thought, I guess it takes about sixty years.

Perhaps it is somewhat sacrilegious to talk about the experiences of the "enemy" at a time when we commemorate the sacrifice of our own war dead. Memorial Day's origins are in the years after the Civil War. Northerners and Southerners had their memorials on different days — they couldn't countenance honoring the other's war dead for a long time. If we can now accept honoring the enemy dead in a conflict in which brothers fought brothers, perhaps we can imagine honoring the dead of our enemy in other wars.

"The Burmese Harp" is a beautiful Japanese film set during World War II that I just saw for the first time, and it is a perfect film to watch in honor of Memorial Day. The film concerns a small group of Japanese soldiers who had been stationed in Burma. The captain was a musician who taught his men choral singing during the war. One of the men learned to play the Burmese harp to accompany the voices.

One day the Japanese found themselves surrounded by enemy troops. They decided to trick the enemy into thinking they were unaware of their presence by singing, and they launched into "No Place Like Home" (in Japanese of course!). Strangely, the enemy emerged from the jungle singing along in English. This is how the Japanese discovered the war had ended a few days before.

Another company of Japanese was holed up on a mountainside refusing to acknowledge the end of the war, and the man who played the harp was sent to persuade them to surrender. He tried, but the company refused, and in the barrage that followed only he survived.

A monk found the harp player and nursed him back to health. The man dressed himself in the monk's clothes and started south to join his countrymen who

had been sent to a prison camp.

But on the way he came across dead soldiers, sometimes stacks of them where a battle had taken place. Finally he reached the site of the prison, and since it was late at night (and he was dressed as a monk), he went to sleep in a monastery. The next morning he heard singing; a group of English nurses were singing a hymn at a grave

marked "the unknown Japanese soldier." All the unburied soldiers flashed in front of his eyes, and he turned away from the prison and returned to the nearest battlefield where he began to dig.

His fellow soldiers, who had vowed to leave no man behind, were desperately searching for news of him. Finally they discovered his identity shortly before they were to leave to go home, but the harpist told them that he could not go with them.

In a letter that the captain read on the boat home, the harpist said that he longed to return to his family and his home but until he had fulfilled his mission to bury all of the dead soldiers (of all countries) he could not leave Burma. (Japanese name "Biruma No Tategoto" 1956).

A new book at the Hudson Library, *Good-Bye to the Mermaids: A Childhood Lost in Hitler's Berlin*, is about the innocent victims of war. From the difficulty I had in checking this book out when it first arrived in the library earlier this year I think many people were interested to know what it felt like on the other side.

The author, Karin Finell, was seven when the war started. She saw horrible sights. She was bombed out of two homes, was riding on a train when it was bombed, and watched neighbors be torn apart by a bomb 25 feet in front of her after they had all shopped together. While shoveling rubble she saw the only well-fed residents of Berlin: the rats which fed on buried corpses. Can you imagine your 10-year-old child seeing this?

One thing Finell makes clear is that there was opposition to Hitler within Germany. As a child she was indoctrinated in school that the Fuhrer was her savior, but her parents and grandmother hated him.

The photos of wartime Berlin, including some taken by the author, vividly show the absolute devastation of the Allied bombing.

Then came something new in the

• HIS & HERS •

On crosses and commandments

I'm the kind of person who likes to understand things, so when I can't figure something out, it bugs me. For example, those "Baby on Board" stickers always puzzle me. What are these people trying to say? The life of their 18-month-old is more precious than my almost 80-year-old mother?



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They have a small child in their car, so they're not paying as much attention to driving as they should? The safety of their child isn't their responsibility, it's mine? Or are they simply saying, "I have a baby, and you don't. Nyah, nyah."

There are a couple of things which puzzle me about living in Western North Carolina. One of them is all of the crosses alongside the roads, and the other is the numerous signs with the Ten Commandments placed prominently in people's front yards.

I've been to other states, and even other countries, where they mark road tragedies by placing crosses by the side of the road, but I've never seen so many. What message are people trying to convey? Are they telling us that someone they loved died here, and this is sacred ground to them? Or, are they warning us that this is a dangerous place, to save us from suffering a similar fate? I'm not being flippant, and speaking without knowledge of the fact. My cousin Gerard was in a car with several of his friends, and their car hit a tree. In spite of the gravity of the accident, only my cousin was killed. He wasn't even 21. Both John's brother Walter and his mother were killed in car accidents. Twice a day, going to the post office to pick up our mail, we actually have to go past the place where Annie Linn Armor perished. The first 20 times we passed by that place, John would say, "Did I tell you that's where Mother died?" I asked John if he wanted to put a cross up, and he replied "I don't do that kind of thing." Still, both of us were both moved on a recent trip to Asheville, we passed by a place in the road where there was a large, lone wooden cross, with the words "Mommy" carved on it.

This leads me to all of the Ten Commandment signs. Why do people put these signs in their front yards? Do they think that there are actually people who haven't heard of the Ten Commandments? Or do they think that

other people need a refresher course? Are they saying "These are the rules of the house, and if you come in here, you'd better abide by them?" Are they saying, "This is the law, and by golly, you'd better obey it?" As my father often said, "Who died, and left you boss?" Or are they saying, "We're good

people," which kind of implies, "And you aren't."

I realize that the people who do this probably have the best intentions in the world, but honestly, do you really believe someone who has a sign in the front yard saying "We're good people?" If a woman tells you, "I'm pretty," don't you think she's vain and conceited? Surely, the best way to proclaim your virtue is to show by example. There was a piece of local television the other day about a man who was arrested for child molestation. The reporter interviewed his neighbors. One of them shook her head, and said "I can't understand it! After all, he has the Ten Commandments on his front yard!" I guess for this man, the sign part was easy. Living by the rules was the tough one.

In 1973, I had the good fortune to work for a gentleman named Myron Thomas. I have seldom met someone with a finer work ethic. He never asked anyone to do anything for him that he couldn't and wouldn't do for himself. When I was overwhelmed, he would sit at my typewriter, and type his own letters. He was a devoted father and husband, and respectful and loving to his parents. He never used bad language, and was consistently courteous and respectful of all people, whether they were CEO's or cleaning ladies. In an industry - insurance - which is not always known for integrity, he was integrity itself. My Jewish boss, Myron Thomas didn't have the Ten Commandments on his lawn; he lived them every day. Just remember, the Ten Commandments are at the heart of all the Judeo-Christian systems of beliefs. The hard part is not in seeing them, or remembering them. It is in living by them.

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N.C. DOT workers assemble signs in preparation for paving which is set to begin Tuesday, May 29. For 1-3 days, the block of NC 106 from Main to Spring will be closed to through traffic. Vehicles will be rerouted to and from town via Spring Street. The three-phased paving process of the 10 miles from Main Street to the Georgia line is expected to take a few months.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

Work continues on county's subdivision ordinance

By **Susanna Hearn**
Reporter

The Macon County Planning Board continued to hash out the terms of the proposed Subdivision Ordinance at its Tuesday, May 15 meeting.

Members voted to approve road standards for the ordinance, making the minimum road widths for subdivisions 14 feet whether paved or gravel with one foot of shoulder on either side.

The maximum sustained grades will be the same as those found in the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance — six percent for natural soils and grass, 10 percent for gravel or crushed stone, and 16 percent for paved.

County planner Stacey Guffey called these standards "a balance between safety" and the impact to the land. Narrower roads can prevent fire and rescue personnel from responding to calls, a concern voiced by citizens and board members at the meeting.

"The issue comes back to fire control," said soil and erosion control officer Matt Mason. "Everyone wants to go to the top (of the mountain). That's where the money is, where the views are."

Mason presented a slide show of different developments, citing examples of good slope and road design as well as poor slope and road design. He specifically mentioned bonding as an issue. Currently, developers are required to bond after five acres at a cost of \$1,000 per acre, but some developers run out of money before they can

complete the necessary work on roads and slopes to prevent soil erosion.

"Five acres of disturbed land is a lot of ground," said Mason. "Something I'd like to push is that they develop an acre and then move on and do the next acre or half acre."

The board also addressed slope compaction, agreeing to require compaction on all slopes; location and insulation of utilities, with most members agreeing that utilities should be kept on the cut side of the road or if utilities are placed in the fill side, they be compacted; and stormwater runoff provisions.

Mason suggested that a sediment trap within culverts might be a solution to stormwater runoff. Members agreed that "the quicker we can get stormwater back into the groundwater instead of letting it run for miles the better off we'll be."

A continuation meeting was set for Tuesday, June 5 at 5 p.m. at the Environmental Resources Center in Franklin. The board will continue discussion on road standards, improvement standards, and design standards. The regularly scheduled planning board meeting will be on June 19 at 5 p.m. at the Holly Springs Community Center.

On Tuesday, June 12 the Land of Sky Regional Council will hold two public sessions to discuss ideas on steep slope issues. The sessions will be held at the Macon County Library from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Last week, Highlands Police officers Ronnie Castle and Erika Olvera visited with the children at the Highlands Community Child Development Center to teach "Stranger Danger Safety & Police Officers Mentoring." Though Castle was teaching them to beware of strangers offering rides in cars, the children did get to sit in the police car. Photo by Jim Lewicki

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one will even look at our applications. It's even possible to get the entire project funded. We need to keep this as inexpensive as possible which will keep the rents as inexpensive as possible," she said.

Member Dick Lawrence said at the convention he learned that the middle class in North Carolina is quickly disappearing. "Much of the state is like Highlands," he said. "Developing costs and land values are skyrocketing which makes it hard for everyone to find homes they can afford."

Based on research and information gathered, the group has ruled out single-family home ownership and opted for rental units. "They said single-family homes are just money down the drain. Only scenarios like Habitat for Humanity work," said Lawrence.

So far two tracts of land have been noted — a 27-acre tract on Holt Road for a million-plus and a 50-acre tract in Scaly for about \$500,000.

The tract on Holt Road only perks for

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Included in the greenway plan are interrelated trails, park areas and trail head parking areas for vehicles — all of which could be used as alternative transportation routes for those who don't want to drive around Highlands.

Before the night was over, participants indicated the main reasons for a Greenway. There were 13 votes indicating its purpose was to preserve and enjoy nature; 11 votes said its purpose was for walking; 10 said it was for hiking; 8 said it was a good way to access historical sites; and 7 said it was a way to enjoy wildlife.

Quinn said the completion of the Greenway could take years, but hopes to get started December 2007. With that in mind, the group prioritized loops it wanted to see completed first. They were Rhododendron Park-Kelsey connector and the Mirror Lake to Watkins Road-Watkins Road

three homes, so it would require town sewer. Mayor Don Mullen said sewer to the site might be a possibility. The 50-acre tract is more than what is needed for the project. Sloan said the tax credit financing doesn't look favorably on overbuying but it's possible a portion could be sold.

The group wants to start working with an architect to help develop a preliminary plan. "Maybe 24 units either an apartment building or townhouse duplex design," suggested Lawrence.

Sloan suggested about eight buildings with up to 24, two to three bedroom units with a playground included in the project. "That will most definitely be a requirement of the project," she said. Single-bedroom units were also discussed.

The first week in June, the group will have its meeting in Franklin to look at the two housing projects constructed there some years ago. They will look at design and discuss housing management procedures.

to Cliffside Lake connectors.

Quinn said a myriad of funding opportunities will be explored including grants, donations and funding from both Macon County and the Town of Highlands.

However, at the recent preliminary budget briefing at the May 16 Town Board meeting, commissioners agreed that before Greenway funds are budgeted for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, as requested by the Greenway Committee, they want to make sure the committee has exhausted all other funding possibilities.

The Greenway Committee requested the town budget \$300,000 a year beginning 2007-2008 to be replenished each year with the amount spent by the committee so that the fund is always \$300,000 strong.

A map of the proposed Greenway Trail is in the board room at Town Hall.

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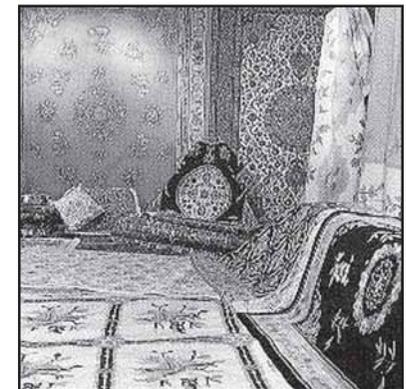
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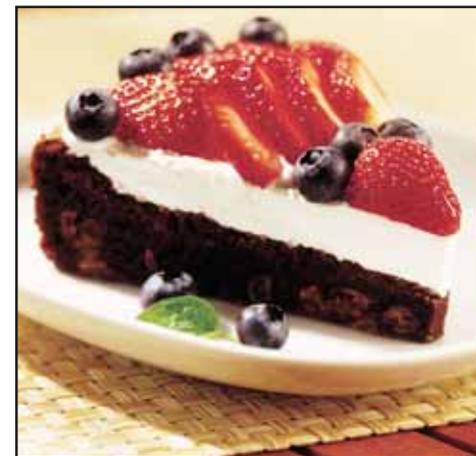
Red, White & Blueberry Torte

Makes 8 to 10 servings

- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 1/2 cups (9-ounces) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, *divided*
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 of an 8-ounce container frozen light whipped topping, thawed
- 2 cups sliced strawberries
- 1/4 cup fresh blueberries

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Line 9-inch-round cake pan with wax paper; grease paper.

COMBINE 3/4 cup sugar, butter and water in small, *heavy-duty* saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Add 3/4 cup morsels; stir until smooth. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract. Add eggs, one at a time, stirring



well after each addition. Add flour, baking soda and salt; stir until well blended. Stir in *remaining* 3/4 cup morsels. Pour into prepared cake pan.

BAKE for 20 to 25 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out slightly sticky. Cool in pan for 15 minutes. Invert torte onto wire rack; remove wax paper. Turn right side up; cool completely.

BEAT cream cheese, 2 tablespoons sugar and *remaining* 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract in small mixer bowl until creamy. Stir in whipped topping. Spread over torte; top with berries. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Grilled Onion Cheeseburgers

Total preparation and cooking time: 35 to 45 minutes

- 2 pounds ground beef
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
 - 1 tablespoon minced garlic
 - 2 large yellow or white onions, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
 - 1 to 2 tablespoons vegetable or olive oil
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 4 white or whole wheat hamburger buns, or Kaiser rolls, split
 - 3 ounces crumbled or shredded cheese (such as blue cheese, smoked mozzarella, goat cheese, feta)
1. Combine ground beef, thyme and garlic in medium bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into eight 1/2-inch thick patties. Brush both sides of onion slices with oil.
 2. Place patties and onion slices on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill patties, uncovered, 11 to 13 minutes to medium (160° F) doneness until no longer



pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. Grill onions 15 to 20 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally and brushing with oil. Season patties with salt and pepper, as desired.

3. Top burgers with desired cheese about 1 minute before removing from grill. Place cheese-topped burgers on bottom of each bun and top with 1/2 of grilled onions. Close sandwiches. Makes 4 servings.

Cook's Tip: Any type of sliced cheese may also be used to top burgers, including Cheddar, Swiss, provolone or Gouda.

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Keep on following the money

Last week we learned of various groups over the years that exist(ed) for the purpose of controlling man's societies and cultures as far as possible. They had various purposes. The 18th century European Illuminati seriously felt they were truly above the mortal man and their enlightenment gave them the mandate to rule the world behind the scenes. Their ongoing affect is unknown by this writer.

While it didn't start out this way, the quest for more recent influences led directly to the Rockefeller family, headed by John D., Sr., founder of Standard Oil. He became the first billionaire, a serious philanthropist and father of John D., Jr., who turned his



Don Swanson
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family's wealth into a power to be reckoned with.

We must now address the matter of the motivation of Rockefeller activities in the

future. Benevolent or sinister? After two weeks of research, I'm still not sure, but since Junior and I share membership in Alpha Delta Phi, I might cut him some slack.

Junior, after developing Rockefeller Center, became president of Chase Manhattan Bank and one of the most powerful movers and shakers in the 20th century. A committed internationalist, he financially supported programs of the League of Nations and funded the founding and ongoing operations of

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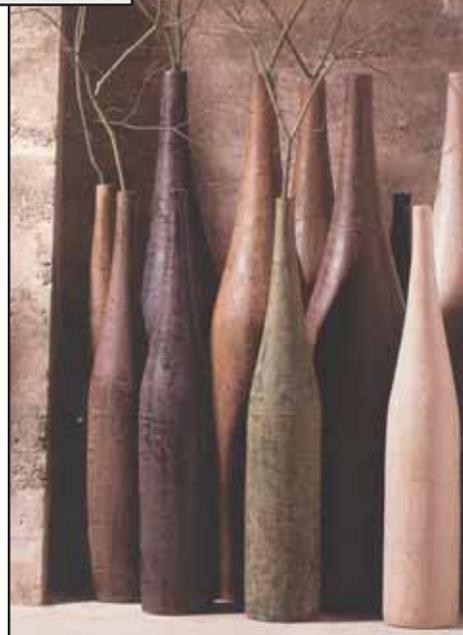
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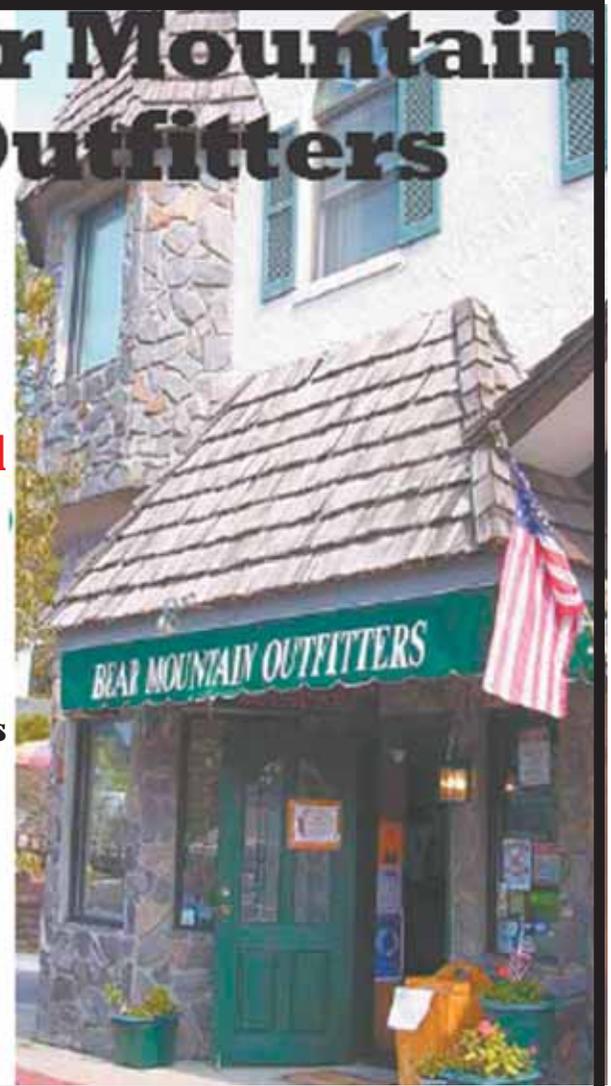
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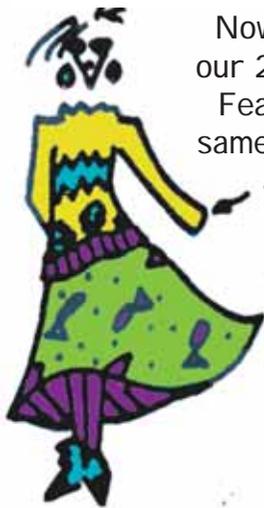
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Clem Patton, whose term ends May 31 and Doug Campbell who was removed from the Planning Board by the Town Board with a 4 to 1 vote at the May 16 meeting. Commissioners replaced him with Thomas Craig, who

lives in the ETJ area of Horse Cove and who is for ETJ.

"I certainly hope I wasn't removed due to my voting record," said Campbell.

Member Mike Bryson said he was sure that had some-

thing to do with it and thanked Campbell for his participation on the board. "I believe history has been made," he said. "No one has ever been taken off mid-term."

Town Administrator Richard Betz said Mayor Don Mullen will be writing Campbell a letter to explain the town's position, since Campbell learned of his removal after reading Highlands' Newspaper.

Betz said the board thought the Town should appoint a member from the ETJ area for the Planning Board. "This way the county appointed two and the town appointed one," he said.

But at the May 16 meeting, Commissioner Amy Patterson was more to the point. "We need someone who lives in the ETJ and represents those people in favor of ETJ. It's also fair for citizens to be represented by people who live in the area they do."

It was the Town Board's understanding that Campbell lives outside the ETJ area. However, Campbell told the Planning Board he actually represents every facet of Highlands-area property ownership.

"I actually own property in the ETJ, outside the ETJ and in town," he said. "I wonder if that would make a difference?"

Last week, commissioner Herb James voted against the motion to remove Campbell.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the town has new processes and new controversies and it needs to realign the Planning Board with people who are actually being served.

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took him out midway through the forth quarter, so that the fans could pay tribute to one of the greatest players in history. Nearly everyone in the field house rose as one in a lengthy standing ovation. Two who did not were Catholic priests sitting right behind us. One said to the other, "They insult not only our religion. They insult our race." The opponent was Xavier, a Catholic college. Oscar Robertson was black. I learned a lot about intolerance that afternoon.

Travel when you get the chance. You'll learn that people in the rest of the world are pretty much like us. They want to live secure lives and see their kids do better than they. Not many people look forward to burying their children. They want enough to eat, a job, and a chance at a better life. Not many people really want to be terrorists and blow themselves and others into small pieces. It is a response to desperation and the perception of injustice. The people ordering the bombers may have other motives, but that is a story for another graduation. Remember, security and prosperity and better antidotes

to terrorism than even the best Army.

That's pretty much it. Doubt, question, search, decide. You've been great. You've listened politely, even if some of your parents and teachers have not. The last great lesson is this, say what you have to say and sit down. Never write a 10-page paper unless you have 10 pages worth of stuff to say. Teachers who mandate 10 page pages don't get it. If your grade or life depends on it, select a topic that you can cover in exactly 10 pages. Then sit down. You don't want to listen to any more from this old geezer. I've said what I have to say and I'm going to sit down.

There is probably a spot where you have gathered ever since the first of you got a driver's license. You'll probably go there tonight, start a bonfire, reminisce, and drink a few beers. Don't sit too close to the edge of the cliff or too close to the fire. Bring along a junior to be the designated driver, and remember that, despite what I have said, life is not only about learning. It is also about loving, laughing, and living. Thank you and congratulations.

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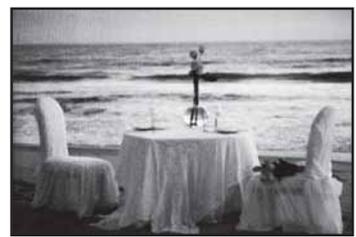
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Stop These Ants from Marching

A certain breed of ants is “marching” through the American South and beyond. These aren’t the common ants of the popular children’s counting song, however. These are red imported fire ants, whose destructiveness to humans in their path is the stuff of a science fiction horror film.

Termed “fire ants” because their bite burns and blisters, these insects are about a quarter of an inch long and reddish brown to black in color. They have two pairs of wings, elbowed antennae, and a narrow “waist” between the abdomen and thorax. When they bite into human skin, they first use their pinching mandibles, or jaws, to hold on before delivering the sting. And they swarm and all sting at once so it’s not like getting stung by a bee – you’re being stung by many ants. In addition to burning and blistering, the bite of a fire ant also causes nausea, vomiting, disorientation, dizziness, asthma, and shock.

Fire ants first entered the United States aboard cargo ships from tropical South America in the late 1930s. Since then, they have been reported as far north as Delaware and as far west as California. Today, fire ants infest 16 states, including Georgia, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Nevada, Alabama, Louisiana, North and South Carolinas, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Arizona. Fire ants not only hurt and kill humans, but also pets, livestock, and wildlife. They can chew through electrical equipment. Huge mounds of fire ants have been known to cause roadways to collapse.

The most effective treatment for fire ants requires a two-step approach, which provides both short and long-term control.

Step 1. First, broadcast Indoxacarb

bait insecticide over the entire yard for control of mounds in as little as two weeks. A bait is a product containing food and insecticide, which the worker ants take back with them to the colony to share with the queen and other ants. The more ants that eat the bait, the fewer ants you have! This product is best applied when you can see ants foraging near a mound.

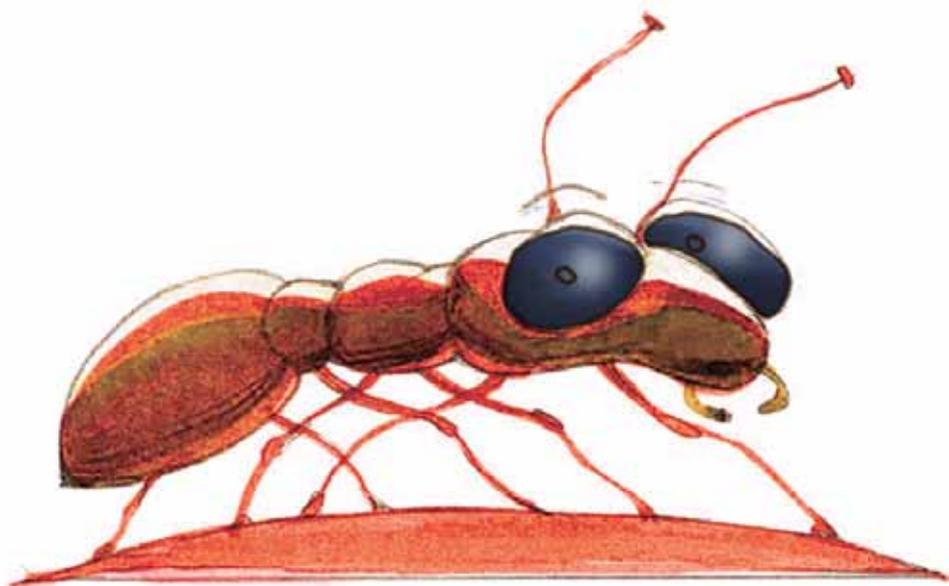
Step 2. For year-long control, take the second step and broadcast fipronil granules. Any remaining fire ants will also pick up fipronil—undetected—and carry it back to the mound. The insecticide is then picked up by other colony members through grooming, feeding, and general contact and, ultimately, delivered to the queen. Fire ants absorb the fipronil and die.

However, not all fire ants in the colony die. Survivors leave the mound and look for new places to infest. That’s why it’s important to not only treat your home and yard, but also encourage your neighbors to do the same. Experts say the most effective programs continue for years, as a lapse in treatment is an invitation for fire ants to return.

Indoxacarb bait and fipronil granules are best applied using a broadcast or drop spreader across your lawn and applied near troublesome mounds. When applied correctly, fipronil requires only one application and lasts the entire season.

Both products are available at many lawn and garden centers. For more information, visit www.gardentech.com or talk about your fire ant experiences on the Fire RANT! blog, <http://fireants.blog.com>.

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• LETTERS •

The most amazing thing

Dear Editor,

I went to Asheville to visit a patient we had transferred there, as we couldn't give him the care he needed at our hospital.

When I entered the room, I saw the most amazing thing! Against the wall was a machine that was not all that big, but it provided 24-hour dialysis in addition to

giving total nutritional support.

The nurse stated that it would also check certain blood parameters to be sure there was no abnormal clotting going on and critical lab tests such as sodium, potassium and sugar were automatically performed on a schedule. This machine could support life when the kidneys and intestines stopped functioning.

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you about the most amazing thing. Attached to this machine was my patient. He had two cardiac arrests, blackened fingers and toes, blister on his skin and he was still on a ventilator, but he was still alive.

That was the most amazing thing. He is fighting for his life because his wife, who is a cancer survivor, is three months pregnant and I am sure, many other

reasons.

All this comes with a price. Not to mention the cost of the machine and the medical costs of future treatment. He will lose the tips of his fingers and toes and he is now at a burn center at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital for three to six months to treat him for the skin loss that resembles a third-degree burn. All this from an infection that kills most who have the unfortunate luck to have contracted it.

If you would like to help with his medical and general expenses, please donate to your local church to the Jason Woods fund or send you donation to First Citizens Bank, P.O. Box 2108, Highlands, N.C. 28741 or call Nick Bazan at the First Citizens Bank at 526-9692 for more information.

Dr. John Baumrucker
Highlands

There's truth in humor

Dear Editor,

Don't ever loose Fred Wooldridge...he is just unbelievably funny. This article, "Voting for Elmer Fudd" in the May 17 issue of Highlands' Newspaper, however, had much more truth than poetry. How we can justify spending the amounts of money on each candidate is just unbelievable. We could feed many thousands of people with that kind of money. It is a sad thing that we have to live with unless we do vote for Elmer Fudd...think about it.

While I'm at it I would like to thank Horace Duncan for his letter of compliments to your paper, also in the May 17 issue. It's something many have thought but didn't bother to say.

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the Council of Foreign Relations.

Meanwhile, son David was working his way up the ladder at Chase (he really did) and finally became its president in 1960 and chairman in 1969, serving until 1980.

Under his stewardship, Chase spread internationally and became a central pillar of the world's financial system, including being the leading bank for the United Nations. His connections were widespread with the world's most powerful leaders. His influence in foreign affairs and international finance grew dramatically. The Chase Bank also has strong ties to the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

In 1965, Rockefeller and other senior businessmen formed the Council of the Americas to stimulate and support economic integration of the Americas. The Council subsequently played a key role in the passage of NAFTA. As mentioned last week, he became a member of the Bilderberg Group and ultimately formed the Trilateral Commission in 1973. The people involved in these organizations are the most powerful on earth and widely diverse. Presidents Carter, Bush One and Clinton, Vice-President Cheney, Kissinger, Albright, Rice and myriad others are involved.

So, are the folks who claim that the world revolves around "international bankers" crazy, misguided or not so dumb after all? In my early days, when I heard faint rumblings about David's activities, I thought the U. S. economy was large enough to satisfy the need for power and influence of the most ambitious financiers. Little did I know what these boys had in mind. Well, we're seeing the fruit of their labors now aren't we? The EU is certainly the first step in global amalgamation.

Has anybody noticed that their economy is at least on par if not ahead of ours. If the strength of the euro relative to the dollar is any indication, we are way behind.

If the diminution of the U. S. influence in the world is necessary to accomplish the next step, it is certainly well underway. After all, if the world is to be ultimately governed in Brussels, Washington and New York must cease to dominate. Previous columns have spoken of the formation of the North American Union which is currently underway before our very eyes.

As a result of WWI, the League of Nations was formed with the intent of preventing a reoccurrence of major military activities in the future. The U.S. refused to be a part of the alliance, which proved to be a wise move. WWII ended that dream only to be followed by the formation of the United Nations. Its headquarters was built on an 18-acre site purchased with a donation to the

UN by John, Jr.

The aims of the UN at inception seemed well intended, however, over the years, it has evolved into an instrument of doom for civilization, specifically the U.S. Over-statement? You be the judge. As a result of Saddam's invasion of Kuwait, sanctions were imposed on Saddam Hussein's government. Their liberal instincts kicked in and so they instituted the Food-for-Peace program, which was intended to provide funds for food and medicine for the people of Iraq. Instead, Hussein's treasury was enriched by \$65 billion which he doubtless put to bad use.

Bribery, graft and corruption, including the involvement Kofi Annan's son, fattened Saddam's war chest and allowed him to build a military organization that haunts us today. A UN program, ostensibly designed to help the Iraq people, created the environment that currently results in their death today.

Whether you believe that there is a

concerted effort to "level the playing field" to bring the U.S. down to the level of marginally developed nations or not, you can't mistake the signs that it is happening. Why has our educational system crumbled so that our production of scientists and engineers and others required to keep our economy strong and growing has gone? What happened to the manufacturing element of our economy? What happened to the morality of our society? What happened to the statesmanship of those who govern us? What caused some Americans to state that it isn't right for the U.S. to be the only superpower and that somehow we should diminish our power for the good of all people?

Is this unraveling happening simultaneously a coincidence? I don't think so. There are too many strong organizations working toward that end and the tool being used is the UN. If you have a differing view, I'd love to hear it.

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history of the world: a victorious power treating its former enemy as its friend. In June 1948 the Soviets blockaded Berlin. The Americans began the famous Berlin airlift, and Finell writes, "We felt a rush of love for America... It was astounding. When I think about the emotions we felt, of love mixed with gratitude, I believe they were unique in the annals of war."

One of the pilots in the airlift thought of dropping candy to the children of Berlin, and he formed tiny parachutes from handkerchiefs attached to bags filled with candy. Soon many more pilots followed suit, and Finell's grandmother said, "This shows it. Americans have big hearts. Pilots making these things with their own hands, paying for them with their own money, dropping them to children they'll never meet, children of their former enemy."

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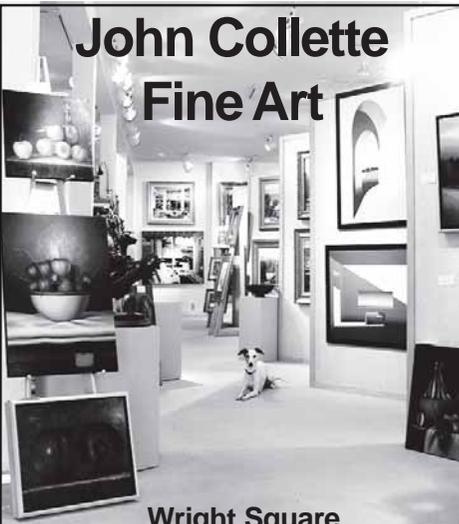
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• GARDENING ON THE PLATEAU •

The Perfect Plant for Sun and Shade

By **Carla Gates**
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When it comes to finding the perfect plants for your gardening needs, it's not always a breeze. The amazing summer climate that Highlands offers also presents another problem when it comes time for planting annuals. What will bloom all summer long with very little sunlight? That is the million dollar question! Partial sun and shade... we have a lot of it here in Highlands. But not to worry, we have your solution.

While we have the ever popular impatiens, not everyone is satisfied with this shade-loving annual.

My suggestion for partial shade to full sun is the even more popular begonia. Originating in China, India, South Africa and South America, the begonia has over 1,500 species throughout the world. Most people are familiar with the wax begonia used for bedding plants in landscapes. Hardy and continuous blooming throughout the summer, these begonias are not restricted to partial shade...they can tolerate full sun as well.

Wax begonias with bronze foliage do better in the sun than the green leaf variety. They withstand drought and heat better than the other varieties of begonias. They do prefer moist, well drained fertile soil. The wax begonia grows between 8 and 18 inches tall and wide. Red, pink

and white are the colors offered by this variety.

The tuberous rigor begonia is my personal favorite. While gardeners are fascinated by the new varieties and forms, the classics have graced porches and gardens for years. Resembling a small rose, the double bloom rigor is a show-stopper perfect for window boxes, containers, hanging baskets and garden beds and can grow up to 2 feet tall and wide. Available in many different colors, this is truly an amazing landscape plant. Requiring only dappled sunlight but also withstanding morning or afternoon sun, this is by far our best selling annual. Pair these beauties with ivy, ferns, and a shade loving caladium and you have the perfect partial sun/shade collection. Make sure not to over water these begonias. Keeping them slightly moist and well fertilized will keep them happy until our first frost and keep your garden or containers looking picture perfect!

The begonia family by no means stops here. Visit us to see Southern Living's 2003 Annual of the Year, the Dragon Wing Begonia. Taking intense heat and sun, these begonias are drought resistant (to a point) and require very little maintenance. Jim Tate of Tate Landscaping chooses these begonias year after year for the planters in downtown Highlands for just this reason. Whether you have several hours of sun a day or the slightest bit, we have a begonia for you!



Rigor Begonia

MC Soccer Club posts 7 wins and 1 loss



The Macon County Soccer Club Hawks finished their 2007 spring soccer season in the WNC Challenge League. The traveling team posted a record of 7 wins and 1 loss for the spring season with an overall record for fall and spring of 13-3 with a total of 39 goals scored. The Hawks also won the U12 Division in the Asheville Soccer Festival last week. The Macon County Soccer Club will be holding tryouts for Challenge teams on May 29 and 31 at 6pm, call 524-1928 for more information. The Hawks: Coach Guy Gooder, Manager Bill Richards, Cassie Doster, Ashley Ritter, Miguel Rodriguez, Sergio Reyes, Chris Richards, Krash Gooder, Griff Hornsby, Jake Gajda, Craig Ezechel, Sammy Lupas, Landon Sprinkle, Jim Armfield, Miguel Arajano.

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good theater to support the Highlands Community Players. They are terrific.

The older I get, it seems, the more I seem to look at the obituaries in the newspapers. In a recent obituary in the Highlander the death of Dr. Sherman Pace in Clearwater, Florida, caught my eye. Most of you would not know who this was unless you lived in Highlands in the early 50s. My knowledge of him was purely serendipitous. I would not have known who he was unless I had received a letter from him several years ago. Let me tell the story.

About five or six years ago several senior physicians and I were attempting to organize the retired physicians on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau so that we could get together for seminars and social events to support the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. I sent several hundred letters out to those who were known to either live in the area or spent a good bit of time here either in second homes or by visiting the area frequently.

In response to this appeal I received many letters in support for the idea. One came from Dr. Pace in Florida. At the time he was almost 80 years old and still practicing medicine and had little time or energy to come to Highlands very much. But he also told me of his relationship to Highlands and many stories about his brief stint here. Dr. Pace had worked in Highlands at the old Highlands Community Hospital from 1952 to 1953 until he was drafted into the service during the Korean War. Yes, drafted. In those days every able bodied individual, including doctors, carried draft cards and were subject to being called. In fact, I

also was called in 1963 and served for over two years in the Army.

At any rate, Dr. Pace told me in his letter that he was the only doctor in Highlands at that time and did not think he would be called because he served a critical area. However, Dr. Angel in Franklin wrote his draft board and told that them that he, Dr. Angel, was perfectly able to cover Highlands and a doctor was not needed here much to the chagrin of the young Dr. Pace who had finished Duke Medical School in 1947.

So Dr. Pace served his time in the army honorably but never returned to Highlands to practice medicine. When he got out of the service in 1955 he returned to his home state of Florida and to a family and obstetrics practice until the day he died at eighty three. There he received many awards for his service to his community of Clearwater where he was mourned recently in his death.

An interesting bit of history that we should know! Our sympathy and recognition goes out to the family as we remember what this well liked and respected doctor did for us many years ago. Who knows what would have happened if Dr. Pace had not been drafted into the army in 1953.

Incidentally, our attempt to organize the senior physicians in this area was successful and we now have at least two seminars a year with invited speakers who are experts in their fields as we retired physicians try to keep up with modern trends in medicine. These seminars are well attended at our hospital not only by retired physicians but by those who are in active practice.

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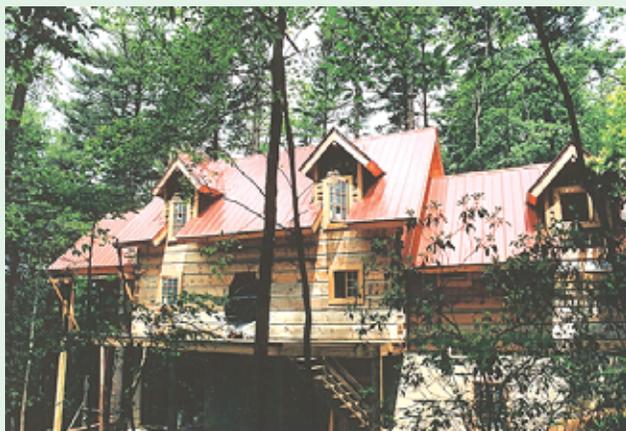
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bath with separate tub and spacious dual controlled walk in shower. Off the master bedroom is a large high-ceiled room with marble fireplace and separate outside entrance. Currently used as an office, this would also make a very nice sitting room for the master. Also on the large main floor are a second bedroom with full bath currently used as a library media room, an exquisite power room and a spacious laundry. Upstairs has two bedrooms, two full baths, cedar closet and ample storage. The terrace level also has a gardener's room with half-bath and ample storage. The grounds feature extensive landscaping and a small stream winds through the gardens pass a new gazebo. Don't miss this move-in condition home, complete with the immediate availability of a golf equity membership upon satisfaction of club requirements and payment of fees. Unfurnished \$3,300,000.



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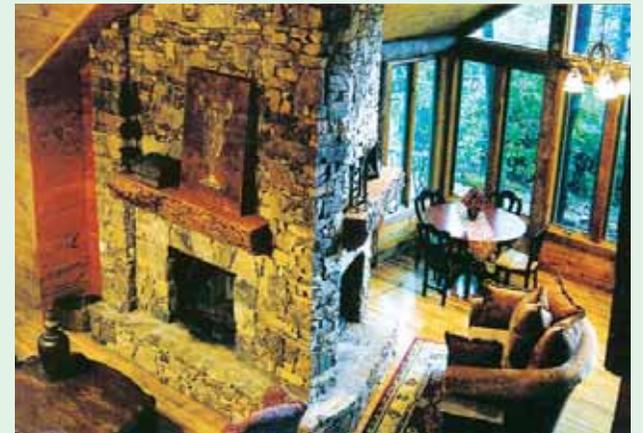
LITTLE BEAR PEN MOUNTAIN. Great neighborhood and on a level lot with a nice Mountain view. This 2 bedroom, 2 bath home has been renovated to include these great features. Vaulted ceilings in living room, stacked stone fireplace, large French doors off living room, new kitchen and baths, new front entry and screened porch, new paint on all of the exterior. Offered at \$639,000. mls #58492



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Last weekend, the Basketball Youth of America (BYOA) combination team for Highlands, Cashiers, and Rabun County – The Lady Bobcats — played in a tournament. The games played on Saturday determined the seating for the playoff on Sunday. The Lady Bobcats ended Saturday with a record of 2-1, with a second seed for Sunday.

On Sunday the girls made it to the championship game and lost by 6 after

being down by 20 points in the fourth quarter. The girls showed a lot of heart and determination and never quit. Overall, the team played well and the girls are continuing to grow as a team and as individuals. Their next tournament will be on June 1 in Cherokee.

Middle school players destined for the varsity team in the 9th grade were selected for the team.



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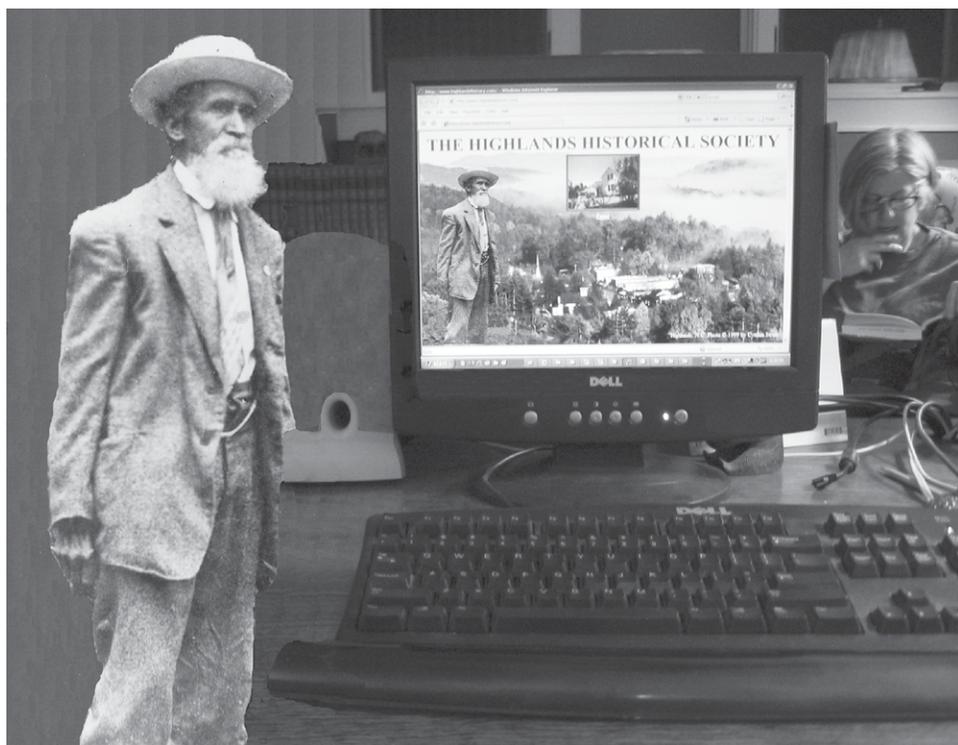
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Highlands Historical Society dogged by its website



By **Ran Shaffner**

On September 11, 1884, Albert Clark, the editor of the first newspaper in Highlands, reported that an old gentleman had come to town bartering some chickens for tobacco and calico. Highlands was only nine years old at the time with a population of 300 residents who were served by only five stores on Main Street, but the old gentleman was heard to remark in astonishment, "I'll be dogged! If Highlands don't begin to look plum like a city!"

Perhaps it was this same old gentleman but much, much older who was seen the other day standing in front of the public computer at the Highlands Historical Museum, frowning his ancient brow, scratching his snow-white beard, and remarking in astonishment, "I'll be dogged! If that ain't me in your peep show there!"

That peep show is the new web site for the Highlands Historical Society, which went on line last November as www.highlandshistory.com. And the old gentleman was Jonathan Heacock (pronounced "Hay-cock"), a relative of Wild

Bill Hickok and veteran of the Union Army, who came to Highlands in 1880 and gave Ahmihcahlahlagah Falls the name we know it by today: Glen Falls.

Heacock's photograph and biography are saved at the Highlands Archives, where you can view them on the Museum computer. You can also look through genealogies, family histories, hundreds of photographs, and over a thousand documents and artifacts.

But some of what populates the museum computer is also readily available on the new web site. If you want to know what's happening in Highlands, check out the Calendar of Events, which gives the dates and times of the very popular Walk in the Park, the annual Tour of Historic Homes, Open House, lectures, and classes. It is continuously updated.

You can even see some of the Exhibits from the Archives. Students can view a pictorial history of Highlands School, and there are special scenes of old Highlands by such master photographers as John Bundy, Henry Scadin, and George Masa, as well as an account of the now-famous Moccasin War of 1885.

One exhibit on the web site displays road maps of the Highlands area in 1865, long before the town existed, and in 1882, after its founding. It also shows the first map that Kelsey drew of his new town in 1881 when it was only six years old. If you've ever wondered where Garnet Rock, Fat Man's Misery, and Whiteside Cave are located, you can zoom into a sharply detailed close-up of the former Kelsey Trail that ran from Highlands to Whiteside Mountain.

T. W. Reynolds, who wrote four books about the Highlands area in the 1960s and spent seven years interviewing and traveling "some thousands of miles back and forth and over and over again" along secondary roads that "warn't fitten to travel," created two comprehensive maps filled with his fascinating historical notes. Here you'll see the first road to Highlands from Whiteside Cove, the spot where miller Partridge's body was found in 1908, and where Rev. Hawkins was lost in 1928 and not discovered until 18 years later. There's the "so-called" Spanish inscription at Devil's Courthouse. Perhaps the most interesting are the odd names of such features as Screamer Mountain and Scream Ridge, Democrat Creek, Dripnose Mountain, Sticking Up Rocks, Dirty John Creek, Smash Wagon Ford, Lost Bridge, and the Dismal.

If you've lived in Highlands all your life, you're surely find many relatives on the Ancestor Research page. This page links you to national and regional genealogical web sites but also to many people buried in cemeteries in and around Highlands and to over 10,000 obituaries

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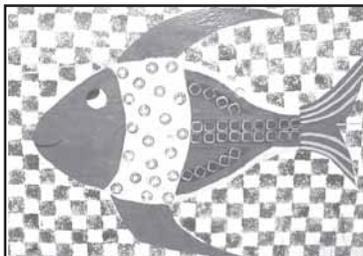
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Satulah Mountain

Local businesses support Land Trust Day

By Julie Schott

On Saturday, June 2, eco-minded businesses in Highlands and Cashiers will show their support for the conservation efforts of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust by taking part in the first local celebration of Land Trust Day. In 1992, the first Saturday of every June was named "Land Trust Day" to coincide with National Trails Day. This year, several North Carolina retailers will display information about their local land trust in their stores and donate a percentage of their sales on this day or will become corporate members, in an effort to recognize how their customers value the open spaces, hiking trails, scenic views and other outdoor recreation areas that land trust protect.

Highlands and Cashiers residents can show their support by dining at The Orchard in Cashiers or by shopping at Whole Life Market in Highlands or at any of the

Highland Hiker locations in Highlands or Cashiers. It has never been easier to support local conservation efforts, simply patronize these local businesses on Land Trust Day and beyond. They have set the standard by stepping up to the plate and contributing to the commitment HCLT has made to protect the places we all love.

The mission of HCLT is to preserve the natural areas, scenic beauty and green spaces of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau for the enjoyment and benefit of the public. Working with landowners through donation, purchase or conservation easement, HCLT is active in protecting our rich natural heritage and is a partner in Blue Ridge Forever, a region-wide campaign to protect the southern Blue Ridge Mountains. To learn more visit www.landtrustday.org or call HCLT at 828.526.1111.

Hospital honors veteran employees



Highlands-Cashiers Hospital honored 17 veteran employees last week who reached milestones of service. To show the facility's appreciation, the hospital held a special luncheon and CEO Ken Shull presented each recipient with a gift certificate. The luncheon was one of a number of activities held to celebrate National Hospital Week (May 6-12). Receiving awards were (L-R) Sheraldean Norris (5 yrs.), Gary McCall (5 yrs.), Barbara McClure (5 yrs.), Karen Gregory (10 yrs.), Sherry Lewis (15 yrs.), Angela Ellerbe (5 yrs.), Patricia McCall (5 yrs.), Joy Martin (10 yrs.), Karen Hendricks (25 yrs.), Pam Smith (10 yrs.), Mandy Talley (5 yrs.), Linda Bennett (5 yrs.), Marcy Owens (5 yrs.), and Vicki Dalton (5 yrs.). Service award winners who were not available for the photo are Tamuala Mason (5 yrs.), Lori Gross (10 yrs.), and Sharon Vanaernam (10 yrs.).

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from 1920 to the present, including the 1920 Highlands census.

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For those who love blogs, there's a page for suggestions, ideas, comments, news, and information, or you can Contact Us directly by e-mail.

Obviously there are too many records in the archives for the new web site to display them all, but visitors to the site

are also encouraged to stop by the museum and Archives for the rest of the story. And like Jonathan Heacock, if you're old enough, you may find to your astonishment your own photograph displayed on the screen of the museum peep show!

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There is so much talk about faith today. We are told faith is the cure to all our problems, it is some type of force that we can manipulate God with and get whatever we want from Him. All we have to do is to learn how to properly use it.

If you watched the moves in the two Star Wars trilogies you saw a very good presentation of this idea of faith. The "Force" was faith and it was necessary that Anican and Luke learn how to use the force if they were to overcome their enemies. This was very much along the lines of taking a blind leap and trusting that your "faith" would save you.

This is the popular concept of faith today. It is not a Biblical faith but a humanistic or man-centered faith. Man is seen as the final authority over his own life, by how well, he can handle the "force" of faith.

The faith I read about in the Bible is much different. It is true that man needs faith, God created him with that need. The faith that man needs is faith in the true and living God. Hebrews 11:6 tells us, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Take the account of the man Enoch. In the Old Testament, Genesis 5:24, we are told, "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." The New Testament adds to this in Hebrews 11:5, "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

Here is the proper understanding of faith. First, it must be directed toward someone, it must have an object. Second, it must believe something about the one it is directed toward. Enoch directed his faith toward God and believed that God was and that God would reward obedience.

Enoch was surely rewarded for his trust in God. This was no blind leap into the unknown. Enoch had lived and trusted God for a long time and God had never let him down. Neither will God let those today down who place their trust in the One He has sent to provide salvation. Place your faith in Jesus Christ and God will be pleased with you and will reward you with eternal life, just as he did Enoch.

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Saturday groundbreaking party to kick off new Bascom-Louise fine art center

A community dream will start to become reality this Saturday, May 26, as the Bascom-Louise Gallery breaks ground on a major, multi-purpose visual arts center for the mountains.

To celebrate, the gallery is holding a groundbreaking party from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day on the site of the new campus, at the Hwy. 64 end of Oak Street in Highlands.

The party will feature free barbecue, great music and lots of fun for the whole family. Transportation will be provided from Bryson's parking area.

A host of dignitaries is scheduled to be in attendance. The latest architectural plans will be on display, and people involved in the construction will talk about many of the property's key features. These features include a covered bridge donated by the Winingder-Coleman family, a pottery studio and kiln barn at the site of the historic Crane Barn, and an 18,000-square-foot main art center with six exhibition spaces on three floors, four primary studios and outdoor classrooms.

"It's sure to be a great time, mountain style," said Bob Fisher, chairman of the gallery. "Take this time to enjoy the five and a

half acres of rolling meadows, woods and crystal clear creek before it's closed for construction. We can't wait to show you what the art center is all about."

The gallery has already raised over \$5 million against a total budget of roughly \$9 million for the campus from 560 donors in the community. The architects are DeWolf Architecture in Highlands and Lord Aeck and Sargent in Atlanta. Financing for the art center is being provided by First Citizens Bank.

For more information about the groundbreaking party, call the gallery at (828) 526-4949 or 526-0207.

What:
Groundbreaking party
for Bascom-Louise Gallery

When:
May 26, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Where:
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The annual sale is at the ballfield on the Cashiers Road in Highlands.

Wertzler hostas at plant sale May 26

On Saturday, May 26, Wertzler hostas will again be available for purchase at the Mountain Garden Club plant sale. Buy one and you can be part of a long-standing Highlands tradition.

"Dorothy Wertzler had a passion for hostas and a passion for helping students get a college education," explained Barbara Werder of the Mountain Garden Club.

Thousands of hostas from the garden at the Wertzler home have been sold at Mountain Garden Club plant sales, helping pay for more than \$28,000 in college scholarships since 1996.

The Mountain Garden Club plant sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 26, at the baseball park on the corner of Highway 64 East (North 4th Street) and Hickory Street, Highlands, NC.

"Hostas are easy to grow, they love shady spots, and they come back year after year," said Werder. "Hostas can create visual interest and an oasis of serenity in any garden."

Hosta growers will be on hand at the plant sale to answer questions about growing hostas in the Highlands-Cashiers area.

In addition to hostas, there will be a variety of other mountain-hardy perennials and shrubs at the Mountain Garden Club plant sale.

Proceeds from this once-a-year sale support Dorothy Wertzler Memorial Scholarships for college-level studies of horticulture or a related field, the Wertzler Memorial Garden on the east side of Town Hall in Highlands, and other local landscaping projects and public gardens.



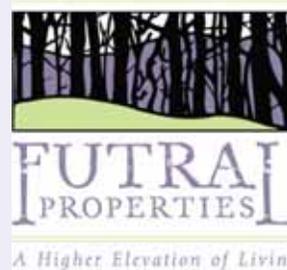
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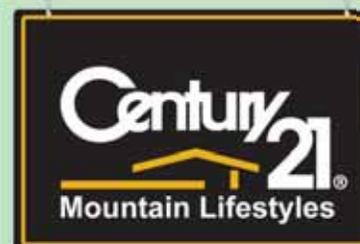
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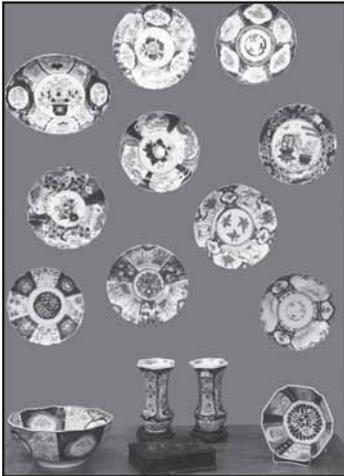
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Middle School science teacher Gene Borinio releases the first butterfly.

HS science class preps school butterfly garden for new arrivals

At 2:05 p.m. on April 24, Mr. Gene Borino and his 23 Highlands School 6th grade science students came to the butterfly garden in front of the school.

By 2:25 p.m. the students had distributed 225 bags of mulch around the garden.

"Mulch helps keep the soil moist," explained Lindsey Wagner, 6th grade science student. During times of no rain, that's especially important for root development.

Mr. Borino's students also dead-headed the pansies, learning that pansies can withstand colder temperatures than most flowers and that pinching back dead blooms encourages pansies to make more flowers instead of making seeds. The students also removed daylily leaves killed by subfreezing temperatures in mid April.

Fourteen members of the Mountain Garden Club were on hand to assist. David Sims, owner of Highlands Lawn & Garden, provided the mulch at a generous discount.

"The kids did a super job," said Dr. Becky Schilling of the Mountain Garden Club. "Thanks to them, the garden is in good shape for the butterflies they are raising in their classroom."

Each spring the Mountain Garden Club buys painted lady butterfly larvae (caterpillars) for the 6th grade science students at Highlands School.

Students get to watch the larvae feed, grow, form chrysalises, and emerge as adult butterflies. The process takes 14 to 20 days.

Students then release the adult butterflies in the butterfly garden.

As Schilling showed the students, mulching the areas around the butterfly garden helps control weeds. "With fewer weeds, there will be fewer weed seeds blow-

ing into the garden," she said.

The butterfly garden at Highlands School is an ongoing project of the Mountain Garden Club.

"Money from the Mountain Garden Club plant sale pays for everything we do in and around this garden," Schilling explained. "In April alone we've spent over \$800 on the garden and materials for students."

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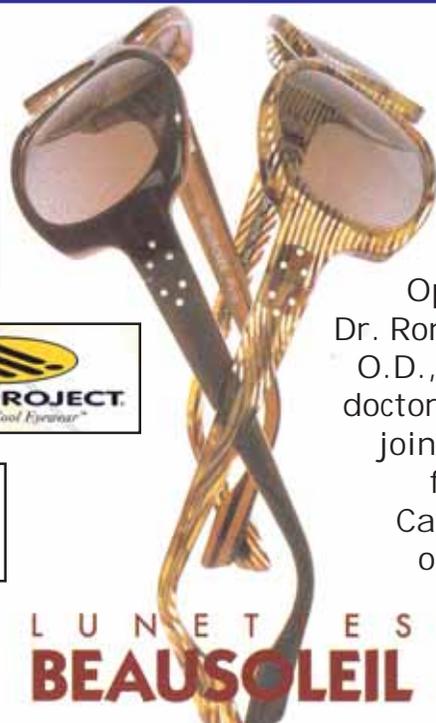
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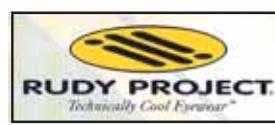


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Author Signings at Cyrano's Bookshop and The Fine Art Center/ Bascom-Louise Gallery on May 27 and 29

Local hikers, crafts enthusiasts and students of Cherokee culture take note: Danielle Bernstein will be signing copies of her new guide "Hiking the Carolina Mountains" at Cyrano's Bookshop on Sunday afternoon, May 27, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Sarah H. Hill will autograph her book, "Weaving New Worlds: Southeastern Cherokee Women and Their Basketry" at the Fine Art Center/Bascom-Louise Gallery on Tuesday evening, May 29, immediately following her 5 p.m. lecture there.

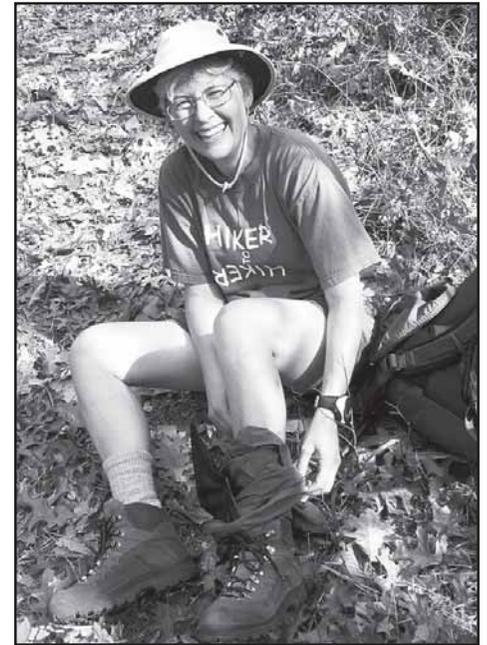
"Hiking the Carolina Mountains" is the first published guidebook to include the Panthertown Valley just outside Cashiers. Nicknamed the "Yosemite of the East" due to its many granite domes and waterfalls, Panthertown is relatively undiscovered and hence less crowded—and more in need of the detailed directions and routes offered in Ms. Bernstein's book. Among the 56 other hikes detailed are eight in the South Carolina mountains not far from Highlands, as well as Cold Mountain and a trip to the ruins of George Vanderbilt's hunting lodge near the summit of Mt. Pisgah. Each hike description includes everything you need to know to get out on the trail: maps and detailed directions, mileage and elevation gain, trail highlights, fees and hiking regulations, and even films and novels related to each hike location.

Before "Danny" moved to Western North Carolina for the hiking, she lived in New Jersey, New Zealand and England and did plenty of hiking in each locale, but thinks our mountains have the most to offer the dedicated explorer or casual

walker interested in both history and natural history. Radio listeners fortunate enough to have heard her interviewed on WCQS, Asheville's National Public Radio station, know how excited she is to share her hiking knowledge. Please come meet Danny Bernstein at Cyrano's, 2:00-4:30 p.m. this Sunday.

"Weaving New Worlds" is about baskets in the same way Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" is about building a raft. Sara Hill's utterly fascinating study of native basket making in the southern Appalachians from earliest beginnings until today is based on scholarly research, wide travel and personal interviews with basket makers and reveals a tradition passed from mother to daughter to granddaughter. Dr. Hill's book is divided into chapters that correspond with the favored basket material of the successive periods in tribal history: river cane, white oak, honeysuckle and red maple. Not just their creation, but their uses and trade with whites are examined. Did you know that Cherokee baskets were part of the original British Museum? They were brought back to London by Sir Francis Nicholson, royal governor of South Carolina in the 1720s, then given to Sir Hans Sloane, the physician and scientist whose collections formed the basis of the museum—just one interesting, unusual bit of knowledge from a book full of many more.

Images of those British Museum baskets are in the book, along with many other intriguing historic photographs of Cherokee women, their crafts and homes. As the author puts it in her introduction, "In a basket, there is both something very



Danielle Bernstein on the trail.

personal and something related to a collective consciousness." Dr. Hill is an independent scholar from Atlanta who received her Ph.D. in American Studies from Emory University. The signing at the Bascom-Louise Gallery follows her 5:00 p.m. lecture on Tuesday, May 29, which is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@nctv.com; to learn more about our store please visit www.cyranosbookshop.com.

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Village Square Art & Craft Show • May 26

From fine art to folk art, pottery to turned wood, a wide variety of local artisans will be selling their wares at the Highlands Village Square Art & Craft Show on Saturday May 26th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show will feature Tim and Karen Chambers with their funky folk art and decorated doors; jewelry by Nancy Pressley; quilts by Liz View; custom portraiture (photographic) by Annell Metsker; paintings by Susan Cornell, David LaCagnina and Laura John Jeffers; turned wood by Bob Williamson; pottery by Patrick Taylor; welded home and garden accessories by Clyde & Maranel Bowen; as well as numerous other talented artisans.

Live music by singer/songwriter Lee Knight will also be part of the excitement.

The Highlands Village Square is located just a block off Main Street at Oak and 5th Streets (around the corner from the Episcopal Church). The charming and colorful courtyard is surrounded by a collection of unique businesses, including Fresser's Express which will have food and drink available. There is also a public bathroom in the square.

For more information about the show, call Mill Creek Gallery & Framing at (828) 787-2021.



• BUSINESS NEWS •

Summit One Gallery gala features Stiefel and Penny

Summit One Gallery opens "East of the Sun and West of the Moon" a blended place where shape and image come into being, featuring Rosemary Stiefel and Don Penny on Saturday, May 26th in the new location in "The Galleries" on South Second Street in Highlands. The Artists' Opening Reception is Saturday, May 26 from 5-7pm.

When Summit One Gallery Director, Mary Adair Leslie paired ceramist Don Penny and painter Rosemary Stiefel together for the 2007 Season's Opening Exhibition, she did not realize (nor did they) that the two had studied under the same professors at the same time in the 1960's at Georgia State University.

Those artistic and philosophical influences quickly revealed themselves when the two met briefly in the fall of 2006 to discuss the theme of their exhibition.

Some of Stiefel's new work is a return to watercolor as she interprets the masterful Ikebana flower arrangements of Ralph De Ville of the Stone Lantern. Using the Stone Lantern Shop as a wonderful source of inspiration, and her studies of Eastern influences on Western art and music, plus conversations with her composer son and his Chinese wife, have made this painting journey all the more meaningful.

Stiefel says, "Individual elements of nature are revealed, compositionally, in a sanctity of isolation, using line and color to capture various atmospheres and moods of the seasons."

Penny is fascinated by the theme of geological change as manifested in the sedimentary canyons which are an integral part of the landscape of the Americas. He doesn't attempt to reproduce the phenomena which nature accomplishes much better. His work attempts to synthesize his own feelings about the earth, materials, and change, and is a reflection about these natural and human forces."

The landscape is a recurring theme in Penny's recent work as typified by the horizon, often presented compositionally framed by windows and doors. The event line, a horizon, is a metaphor for the meeting between two forces, dark and light, sea and sky, good and evil, and even being and non-being. Color accents become centers of focus for contemplation.

Rosemary Stiefel will give a Gallery Talk on the influence of the Eastern art and culture on Western art and the relationship between the ornament and abstraction; Sunday, June 10 at Summit One Gallery, 4 p.m. Renowned harpist, Valerie Whitcup will play an original composition, "The Light from the Stone Lantern"; which was inspired by the Stone Lantern of Highlands just as many of Rosemary's paintings were.

The 2007 Studio Dinner Series begins on Thursday, June 21 at the studio of Rosemary Stiefel. "East of the Sun and West



A piece by Rosemary Stiefel



A piece by Don Penny

Wine and Cheese Shoppe will provide and pair the wines for both dinners. For more information call Summit One Gallery: 828.526.2673. The Studio Dinner Series offers an opportunity to be surrounded by the creative environment and work of these outstanding artists. Great conversations and a great wine dinner provide a unique chance to understand what inspires an artist's creativity.

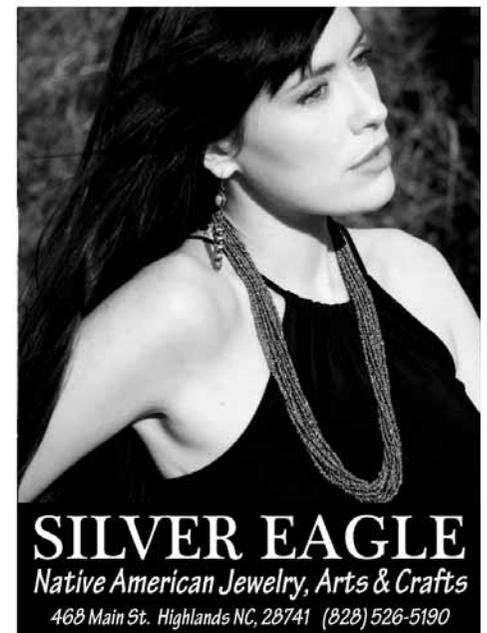
East of the Sun and West of the Moon continues through June 26. Summit One Gallery is located in "The Galleries" South Second Street, Highlands, 828.526.2673 summitonegallery@verizon.net www.summitonegallery.com

of the Moon" will again be the theme of the evening. The Euro-Asian cuisine will be catered by Holly Robert, of The Kitchen; as will be the second dinner of the series, "High Up Down Under" a New Zealand theme at the studio of Diane McPhail on Thursday, June 28. Scott Roddy of the Highlands

DonLeon's under new ownership



Ellen Westnedge (center) with her crew from left, Marilyn McIntyre, Susan Westnedge and Annette Gills. All have worked both with Leon at the cafe and in the business world for years. Helping to carry on the Don Leon tradition of good-hearted foolishness and great homemade foods are Ellen's business partners, Annette Gill, who has a background in restaurant management and medical experience, Marilyn McIntyre, formerly with The Mountaineer Restaurant for many years and Susan Westnedge, former World Class Marathon Tri-athlete and World Ranked Long Distance Swimmer and graphic artist with Delta Air Lines. Don Leon's is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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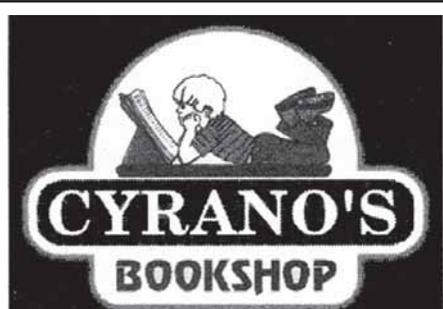
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- Services at the Church in the Wildwood in Horse Cove. Sundays at 7 p.m. through Labor Day. Dress is casual. Old fashioned hymn-sing.
- Registration has begun for this summer's nature day camps at the Highlands Nature Center. Please call 526-2623 or visit the Nature Center webpage at www.wcu.edu/hbs.
- NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



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Upcoming Book Signings

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- June 2**
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- June 9**
 • 1-3 p.m.
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- June 16**
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 Natalie Dupree
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 Jack Bass
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- June 23**
 • 12:30-2
 Bill Alexander
 "Biltmore Nursery:
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- 2:30-4:30
 Ann Ross
 "Miss Julia Strikes Again"
- June 30**
 • 1-3 p.m.
 Don Brown
 "Treason"
- 5-7 p.m.
 Gayden Metcalfe
 "Somebody is Going to Die if Lilly Beth Doesn't Catch that Bouquet"
- July 7**
 • 1-3 p.m.
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of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: www.ncmana.org.

- Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.
- Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass.
- Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes, a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class, and Pilates classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

• 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.

• Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons 6 p.m. until.

• Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery – cost is \$5 per student. Mondays: For Homeschoolers, classes are from 1-3 p.m. For 2nd to 5th graders, classes are from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Tuesdays: classes for pre-school are 11-11:30 a.m.; for kindergarten-1st grade, classes are 3:15-4:15 p.m. and for young adult independent study, classes are from 1-2:30 p.m.; Wednesdays classes are for middle school students from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

First Mondays

• Be more informed and participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Every Monday

• Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Every Tuesday

• Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

• Open Studio Night Figure Drawing Informal instruction available for beginners. Bring your sketch pad or paint box for a leisurely session of figure drawing/painting. Cost is \$12, \$10 for "Friends" of the Gallery.

Every Wednesday

• Wednesday Noon Prayers noon at First Presbyterian Church. A brief service of 20-30 minutes, led by Don Mullen, for reading of scripture, silence, meditation, prayer and communion in the sanctuary. A midweek time to come in adoration and prayer.

Every Third Wednesday

• As part of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin's "Life-Span Learning Curriculum," there are "Wednesday Night Chautauquas" which are media enhanced study sessions at the UU Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

Thursday, May 24
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• Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture Taking Stock in the Smokies: An Ambitious Inventory of the Biota in Our Most Popular National Park. John Morse (Professor of Entomology, Clemson University) • The Highlands Rotary Club will sponsor an evening of Bingo at the Highlands Community Center. Number calling begins at 6:30 and will last until about 8:30. Proceeds from Bingo will go to Rotary's Community Fund, which benefits the Highlands Community. Prizes are half of the individual game receipts and Bingo cards are on a pay per game per card basis. Refreshments will be offered by Highlands Boy Scout Troop #207 in this family and fun event.

• Wine Tasting 6-8 p.m. at the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will kick off its sixth season at the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Library in Cashiers. Chad Foster of ESPN2's Fly Fishing America will share film highlights of 7 seasons filming from the marshes of Louisiana to the Spring Creeks of Montana and top fly fishing locations around the U.S. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and concludes with a raffle for the surprise grand prize. Everyone is welcome. Call 828-743-2078 for information.

Friday -Monday, May 25-28

• Trunk Show at Acorn's featuring Azarra, Shondra Leigh and Lori Frantz Conig.

Friday & Saturday, May 25 & May 26

• Highlands Playhouse Garage Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. The sale is open to everyone. In addition, the playhouse will be accepting tax-deductible donations. To schedule a donation pickup, call Dianne Ray at 743-5625. To view the goods, plan to attend the Preview Party, slated for 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. The \$15 donation covers admission, wine and hors d'oeuvres, and the first right to purchase. For more information call (828) 526-2695.

Friday, May 25

• Highlands Duplicate Bridge at the Civic Center, 1 p.m. Call Duane or Marge Meeter 787-2174 for more info.

May 26-June 21

• At Summit One Gallery at its new location on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Avenue, the exhibit "East of the Sun, West of the Moon" featuring artists Rosemary Stiefel and Don Penny.

Saturday, May 26

• Grand Opening of Basketcase on 294 S. 4th Street. Hors d'oeuvres & beverages from 1-4 p.m.

• Artist's Opening Reception at Summit One Gallery at its new location on South Second Street and Helen's Barn Ave. from 5-7 p.m. Kick's off exhibit "East of the Sun, West of the Moon" featuring artists Rosemary Stiefel and Don Penny.

• Thea performs at the Instant Theater featuring selections from her new CD "My Mother's Garden," 8 p.m.

• Groundbreaking of Fine Arts Center 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Barbecue, Music and Fun.

• Scaly Mountain Women's Club's Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Guests can enjoy homemade pancakes, patty sausage, orange juice and bottomless cups of coffee prepared and served by club members. Blueberries in season can make your meal even more memorable. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

• At the Highlands Nature Center. "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 – 10:30 p.m., ages 6 – adult. Bring a flashlight to learn about nocturnal animals through a variety of fun activities, games, and observations along the garden trails. \$2 per person, advanced registration required. Call 526-2623

• Village Square Art & Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A public rest room will be available, and Fressers Eatery will be serving food and drinks. The Village Square is located just a block off Main Street at Oak and 5th (around the corner from the Episcopal Church). Call (828) 787-2021 for more information.

• The Mountain Garden Club plant sale will be held 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the baseball park on the corner of Highway 64 East (North 4th Street) and Hickory Street in Highlands.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.5 mile hike (with car shuttle) from the Fish Hatchery to Burrell's Ford (along Chattooga River). Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at CWB at 10 a.m. (return 4-5 PM); R/T Drive Length: 30-40 miles. Bring a lunch, a drink, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Virginia Talbot, 526-4904.

• Live Music at Cyprus Restaurant in Dillard Village Shopping Center, 9:30 until 11. \$10 cover. This week:

Sunday, May 27

• At Cyrano's Book Shop, local hikers, crafts enthusiasts and students of Cherokee culture take note: Danielle Bernstein will be signing copies of her new guide "Hiking the Carolina Mountains" at Cyrano's Bookshop on Sunday afternoon, May 27, from 2- 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday, May 28 & 30

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and AnMed Regional Blood Center will conduct their annual spring blood drive at the First Citizens Bank on U.S. 64 east, Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and at the hospital on Wednesday from 9-11 a.m.

Monday, May 28

• Memorial Day Cookout at High Country Cafe on the Cashiers Road. Featuring live music. Bring a chair or a blanket. \$10 per person.

• Memorial Day Pool & Hot Tub Cookout at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant on Flat Mountain Road. \$10 per person.

• Weigh Down Workshop Information Seminar 6 p.m. at the home of Sarah Chambers on 2199 Flat Mountain Road. Call 200-0366 for directions. Learn to lose extra weight by following God's perfect will regarding food.

• Highlands Duplicate Bridge at the Civic Center, 1 p.m. Call Duane or Marge Meeter 787-2174 for more info.

Tuesday, May 29

• Sarah H. Hill will autograph her book, "Weaving New Worlds: Southeastern Cherokee Women and Their Basketry" at the Fine Art Center/ Bascom-Louise Gallery on Tuesday evening immediately following her 5 p.m. lecture there.

• Sarah H. Hill will lecture on Weaving New Worlds at the Bascom-Louise Gallery in the Hudson Library at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 30

• The Friends of the Jackson County Main Library are hosting a reception to introduce Dottie

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Brunette, the new Jackson County librarian. The reception will be held 4-6 p.m., at the library on Main Street next to the Hooper House in Sylva. Local dulcimer musicians will provide entertainment. All Jackson County residents, children and adults, are invited and encouraged to attend.

Thursday, May 31

- Weigh Down Workshop Information Seminar 6 p.m. at the home of Sarah Chambers on 2199 Flat Mountain Road. Call 200-0366 for directions. Learn to lose extra weight by following God's perfect will regarding food.

- Thomas Rain Crowe (Author, Southern Environmental Law Center's Philip Reed Book of the Year Award 2006) "My Life in the Appalachian Woods: A Modern Day Walden" as part of the Zahner Lecture Series.

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture My Life in the Appalachian Woods: A Modern Day Walden. Thomas Rain Crowe (Author, Southern Environmental Law Center's Philip Reed Book of the Year Award 2006)

Friday & Saturday, June 1 & 2

- The Life and Times of William Bartram at the Highlands Biological Station and High Hampton Inn, in Cashiers For more information about the Bartram Symposium call the Cashiers Historical Society at 828-743-7710.

- The Appalachian High Folk Concert Series kicks off its second season on Saturday with Cosy Sheridan who has been described as "one of the era's finest and most thoughtful singer/songwriters." Cosy will also be teaching a two-day song-writing workshop Cost of the workshop is only \$50. Both concert and workshop take place at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main located at 310 Main Street. Concert Tickets are \$25 and reservations are strongly suggested. Call 828-342-9197 for reservations and information.

Friday, June 1

- Highlands Duplicate Bridge at the Civic Center, 1 p.m. Call Duane or Marge Meeter 787-2174 for more info.

Saturday, June 2

- Special sports physical clinic for school athletic programs are being held at the Macon County Public Health Center in Franklin. The clinics are open to rising 7th grade -12th grade students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2007-2008 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County Public Health Center by calling 349-2081. There will be a charge of \$10 for the physical and all proceeds will go to the Schools' Athletic Fund.

- On Land Trust Day, eco-minded businesses in Highlands and Cashiers will show their support for the conservation efforts of Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust by taking part in the first local celebration of Land Trust Day. Merchants will donate a percentage of their sales on this day or will become corporate members, in an effort to recognize how their customers value the open spaces, hiking trails, scenic views and other outdoor recreation areas that land trust protect.

Sunday, June 3

- MountainTop Relay For Life Kick-Off Party at Drake's Diamond Gallery from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

- CLE's Gala Opening Concert and Preview Party to introduce this year's presenters at PAC celebrating its 15th Year featuring The Smoky Mountain Brass Band at 3 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres served

- The Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) and the Little Tennessee Watershed Association (LTWA) will be hosting a joint fundraising event on Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. The event begins at the Great Smoky Mountain Fish Camp at 81 Bennett Rd. in Franklin where, for a donation, canoes will be available to rent, you can launch your own canoe, or rent a comfortable inner tube to float down the river. Then after a pleasant canoe trip down the river, stop at the Cowee Creek take out to enjoy music, purchase food, and learn more about both organizations and their programs. For more information, contact Kate Parkerson at 524-2711

Tuesday-Friday, June 5-8

- Additional volunteers are needed now to proctor end-of-grade and end-of-course testing at Macon County Schools. To volunteer, please contact the school of your choice or Jennifer Jones at 524-4414 x 324 or jennifer.jones@mcsk-12.org.

June 6 - July 25

- Weigh-Down Workshop at Highlands United Methodist Church. Lose your extra weight permanently by following God's perfect will regarding food. The 8-week course costs \$125 for the materials. Classes are 6:15 p.m. Wednesday evenings. Call Sarah Chambers at 200-0366 for more information.

Thursday, June 7

- Come share your ideas for the design of the new Pine Street Park at a public meeting held to gather suggestions from the community about what kind of activities it would like to see happen at the park, which is located on the corner of Fifth and Pine Streets. The public meeting is being held at the Highlands Community Center (next to the ball field, on the Cashiers Rd.) at 5:30 pm.

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture Amphibian Conservation: The Lost Years Between Metamorphosis and Adulthood. Ray Semlitsch (Curators' Professor, University of Missouri)

Friday -Sunday, June 9-11

- Contemporary Ballet Theatre of Savannah will unveil "Dare to be Moved," a dynamic, creative and high-energy production with a large range of original choreography at the Highlands Playhouse at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. To reserve tickets, call the box office at (828) 526-2695.

Saturday, June 9

- The Highlands Historical Society will hold an Open House from 4-6 p.m. at the Highlands Historic Village located adjacent to the Civic Center on Highway 64 East. Everyone is invited to enjoy the Village, refreshments, and twin dulcimer music by Balsam Gap.

- Three book signings at Cyrano's Book Shop, at 390 Main Street. From 11-1 it's Toni Meyers "I Heard it on the Mountain, I Think I'll Tell It;" from 2-4 p.m. it's James Costa "The Other Insect Societies" & Brad Sanders "Guide to William Bartram's Travels." and from 1-3 p.m. it's Barbara Brown Taylor's "Leaving Church."

- Come get A Taste of Girl Scouting on 1-4 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church in Tartan Hall and learn how you can join the fun in Macon Coun-

ty. There will be a craft, you will prepare and cook your own camp snack, learn some fun songs and play some games. Girls of all ages are invited and must attend with parents or guardians. For more information, call Linda Mitchell, 800 522-6280 ex 305.

- At the Highlands Nature Center. 4th Annual "Salamander Meander" at the Highlands Nature Center. 9 p.m., ages 7 - adult. Join herpetologists on a night search to observe some of the area's magnificent salamanders in the wild. Bring rain gear and a flashlight. \$5 per person, advanced registration required due to limited space. Call 526-2623

Thursday, June 14

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture Letting the Land Speak to Us. Kay Byer (Poet Laureate of North Carolina)

Sat. & Sun., June 16 & 17

- Medicinal Plants of Summer Weekend Seminar at the Foxfire Center, in Mountain City, GA. Seminar times 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Cost for the weekend is \$180. To register, or for more information, call 706-746-5485 or visit www.botanologos.com. On-site accommodations are available.

Saturday, June 16

- Smoky Mountain Beekeepers will hold an advanced beekeeping school from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring Robin Mountain, president of the Kentucky Beekeepers Association. Basic bee biology and queen rearing will be covered, and the session will include a hands-on grafting session in the main gymnasium at SCC's Swain County Center, 60 Almond Road, off U.S. 19/74 west of Bryson City. Lunch will be provided. The charge is \$10, payable by cash or check. Call the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service by noon on June 14 at 586-4009 to register.

Wednesday, June 20

- A partnership between The Village Green and Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust brings a series of lectures and outdoor experiences to the Cashiers Library at 6:30 p.m. Peter Lundberg, commissioned sculptor for the Village Green.

- 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: High Up Down Under at Artist Diane McPhail's at 6 p.m. New Zealand cuisine catered by Let Holly Do the Cooking, wines by Highlands Wine and Cheese, part of art sales to benefit Highlands Community Child Development Center. Call Summit One Gallery for reservations at 526-2673.

June 21-July 8

- At The Highlands Playhouse, Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate," performed from June 21 through July 8. To reserve tickets, call the box office at (828) 526-2695.

Thursday, June 21

- 2007 Studio Dinner Series in artists' creative environments. Theme: East of the Sun, West of the Moon at Artist Rosemary Stiefel's at 6 p.m. Euro-Asian cuisine catered by Let Holly Do the Cooking, wines by Highlands Wine and Cheese, part of art sales to benefit the Highlands Land Trust. Call Summit One Gallery for reservations at 526-2673.

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture Left Brain,

Right Brain: Plants in the Arts and Sciences. Peter White (Professor of Biology & Director of the North Carolina Botanical Garden, UNC at Chapel Hill)

Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24

- Paws on Parade — a two-day-fun-filled summer event for the family and the family dog. Paws on Parade will be held Saturday, June 23, in Sapphire Valley Resort. Family lunches will be available at the Four Seasons Grill on the ski slopes. Any organization or business who is dog-related and would like to have a booth may call 743-1683.

Wednesday, June 27

- "Owl Prowl" at the Highlands Nature Center. 7:30 p.m., all ages. In collaboration with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Come to our amphitheater for a presentation by the Carolina Raptor Center featuring live owls, then stay for a night hike to look for owls in the wild. Bring your flashlight. Free, but contributions to CRC are appreciated. Call 526-2623

Thursday, June 28

- Lambert Bridge Vineyards Wine dinner at OEI's The Farm. Each dinner is \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Reception begins at 6 p.m. and guests will be seated for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Seating is limited, and advance reservations are required. Call 828-787-2604.

- Zahner Conservation Lectures 2007, 7 p.m. at The Highlands Nature Center: 930 Horse Cove Road. A reception will follow this lecture What Has Been Lost; What Must Be Saved: A Writer's Views on Environmental Issues in Southern Appalachia. Ron Rash (Author, James Still Award by the Fellowship of Southern Writers 2005)

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 25 & MAY 26 – The Highlands Playhouse Yard Sale – and looking for donations. There will be a "Preview Sale Party" on Friday night, May 25. A donation of \$15 will entitle anyone to purchase items the night before the sale on Saturday — along with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. The yard sale and preview par-

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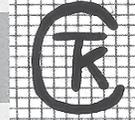
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• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of May 17-22. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

May 17

• At 3:06 p.m., a motorist at Hicks and Billy Cabin roads was cited for speeding 54 mph in a 35 zone..

May 18

• At 8:36 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at U.S. 64 and Oak Street.

• At 9 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 and Oak Street was cited for driving without carrying a license.

• At 10 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 and Oak Street was cited for driving without carrying a license.

May 19

• At 4:10 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 and Dillard Road was cited for driving without a license.

• At 11:48 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 and Cherokee Drive was cited for driving without a license.

• At 11:59 p.m., Tiburcio Garcia Sanchez, 44, was arrested for DWI at U.S. 64 and Webbmont Road when he was pulled over for speeding 55 mph in a 35 zone..

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the weeks of May 18-22

May 18

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Wyanoak Drive where a person had fallen and been cut. He was transported to the hospital.

• The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west at RBC Centura. The drivers sustained minor injuries and were taken to the hospital.

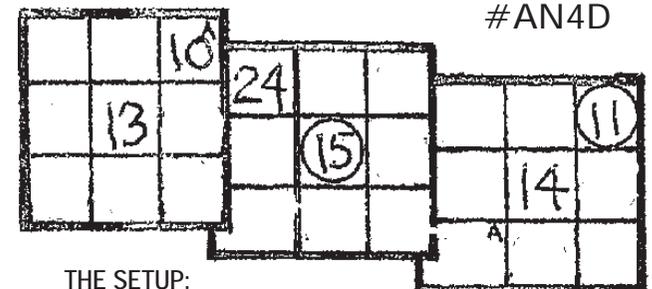
May 20

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. Highlands stood by while Cashiers tended to a fire at High Hampton.

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Dept. and helped extinguish a fire at the Chatooga Club..

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#AN4D



THE SETUP:

The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal, is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equalling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

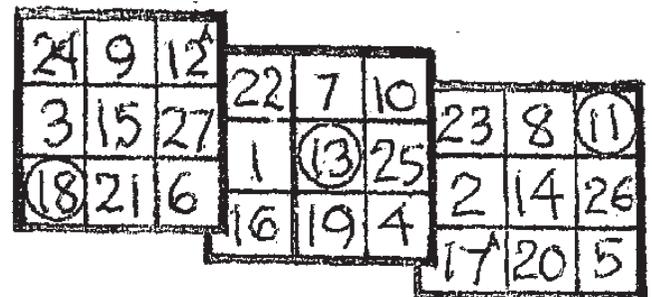
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Solution to #AN4C in the May 17 paper



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Divide the revenue stamp amount by two, and multiply by 1000 to get the sale price.

• 0501123, CHERNECKY, LOUISE FOWLER, 542 EL MEDIO AVENUE, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272, 14 COTTAGE 4 HLDS COUNTRY CLUB, 05-08-07, 0.0800, \$0.00, \$300,000., \$469,820., CHERNECKY, LOUISE F

• 0503200, CLARKSON, WILLIAM IV, 1540 WEST WESLEY RD NW, ATLANTA, GA 30327, 14 SEQUOYAH RIDGE #S 8,9,10, 05-09-07, 0.7200, \$930.00, \$271,640., \$233,880., ALEXANDER, LINDA WEBB & ALEXANDER, MARKHAM

• 0501597, BRUSHY FACE LLC, C/O LAWRENCE H DIMMITT II 1015 BAY ESPLANADE A CLEARWATER, FL 33767, 14 OFF U.S. HWY 28, 05-10-07, 4.8600, \$2000.00, \$1,900,000, \$847,350, DIMMITT, LARRY H JR TRUST

• 0503013, DENO, JOSEPH A, 6062 NAVAJO RD, WESTMINSTER, CA 92683, RD 1621, 05-08-07, 0.5000, \$0.00, \$80,750, \$51,330, DENO, W S

• 0502739, DALTON, JAMES GARY, 206 CHENEY LANE, HIGHLANDS, NC 28741, RD 1538, 05-09-07, 0.7600, \$0.00, \$64,080, \$145,700, DALTON, JAMES THOMAS

• 0542646, ADAMS, JUDITH GARRARD, PO BOX 401, PELHAM, GA 31779, LOT 4 HIGH COTTON ESTATES, 05-11-07, 0.0500, \$130.00, \$80,000, \$46,400, DECENZA, MARK STEVEN & DECENZA, CHRYL

• 0528542, CAMPBELL, J MICHAEL, 365 KELSON

DRIVE, ATLANTA, GA, 30327, LOT 5 SEC II BL J HFCC, 05-11-07, 1.4800, \$2350.00, \$215,120, \$1,029,120, NEW, LINDA W TRUSTEE

• 0501823, EAGER, GEORGE B, 404 EAGER RD, VALDOSTA, GA 31602, LOT 2 SEC E FLAT MTN, 05-14-07, 1.7100, \$1150.00, \$194,650, \$0, RUFFNER, SAMUEL CANDLER A RUFFNER, EDWARD HARRY EST

• 0501824, EAGER, GEORGE B, 404 EAGER RD, VALDOSTA, GA, 31602, LOT 3 SUB E FLAT MTN, 05-14-07, 1.4300, \$1150.00, \$197,680, \$0, RUFFNER, SAMUEL CANDLER A RUFFNER, EDWARD HARRY EST

• 0501825, EAGER, GEORGE B, 404 EAGER RD, VALDOSTA, GA 31602, LOT 4 SEC E FLAT MTN, 05-14-07, 1.7100, \$1150.00, \$194,650, \$0, RUFFNER, SAMUEL CANDLER A RUFFNER, EDWARD HARRY EST

• 0548891, UPSTREAM PROPERTIES LLC, 1359 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD, HIGHLANDS, NC 28741, BILLY CABIN RD, 05-14-07, 2.0000, \$0.00, \$513,000, \$0, BADCOCK, WOGAN S III & BADCOCK, MICHELLE E

• 0522385, SHEESLEY, SHIRLEY H TRUSTEE, 462 OSPREY POINT, PONTE VEDRA BCH, FL 32082, LOT 8 BLK L SEC II HFCC, 05-14-07, 0.9900, \$0.00, \$152,980, \$612,110, SHEESLEY, DEVERE L JR & SHEESLEY, SHIRLEY H

Man killed in Whiteside Cove; another arrested

Around 10:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, George Gunter, 73, of Whiteside Cove Road, was shot and killed.

Jackson County Sheriff deputies have arrested James Keaton Picklesimer, 62, also of Whiteside Cove Road, and charged him with the murder of Gunter.

"Officers arrived at the scene with EMS at 10:41 p.m. and found the victim lying in the downstairs living room/office area," said Sheriff Jimmy Ashe. "He was pronounced dead from a single gunshot wound to the head."

Picklesimer was jailed at the Jackson County Detention Center. Bond wasn't set. He will be arraigned May 29 at 8:30 a.m.

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it reaches the Georgia line. Then it will move back up to Main and N.C. 106 and start the leveling phase in the same fashion – one stretch at a time.

N.C. DOT contracts its paving out, and the same contractor it has hired to repave N.C. 106 has been hired by the town to pave Church Street Alley from Stone Lantern to N.C. 106 and Raoul Road from U.S. 64 to Cullasaja Drive. Town Engineer Lamar Nix said it saves the town money if it can "piggy back" on a contract when there's a paving contract taking place in the area.

Though inconvenient, paving can only be done in warm weather. Unfortunately, warm weather coincides with "the season" in Western North Carolina.

