‘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 convention, 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, nonprofit, anyone who can help us apply for tax credit financing.” Preferably, someone with a track record, she said. “Otherwise, no

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.

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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.

HS ‘Fans of the Year’

Photo by Barbie Aspinwall

Vprises 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 Pestercfield Engineering who spoke on behalf of the subdivision owner, property owners in the vicinity of the proposed development who were 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.

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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 acting. See MULLEN page 19
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.

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 Nixon, 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.

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Christian 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 21inches long. Michael and Stephanie Keener are the proud parents. Paternal grandparents are Mary Keener and the late Jamie Keener of Highlands.
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.

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 he sat us on the couch again and announced he would 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 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 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.
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The Falls on Main

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Parents, teachers,
feedback is
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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.

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 im-
portant. It is not the trite reminder that a
commencement is a beginning, not an
end, nor is it 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 ac-
cept 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
recruit’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
don’t trust our future. Don’t trust your
dergy, and whatever else you do, don’t trust po-
liticians. Find answers for yourself.

First, I want to offer one bit of practi-
cal 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 lit-
ttle originality. If you’re late for work say,
“I’m sorry I’m late. I had a migraine head-
ache last night and didn’t get to sleep un-
til 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 re-
cur. 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 suppress-
ing 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 Cannel, rap
musicians, independent
reading beyond People Mag-
azine, 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 dif-
ferently is doomed to hell, they were al-
most 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 mil-
lion 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
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Memorial Day

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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 two 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.

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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.

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**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?

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 is it about 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 drove as they should? The safety of their 18-month-old mother?

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 your actions.

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 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.

**About the Author:** Michelle A. Mead is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She’s been living in Highlands since mid-November 2006, and is a member of the Highlands Writers Group.
**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 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.”

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.

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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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### COOKING ON THE PLATEAU

**Memorial Day Flavors**

Showcase the flavors of summer with this centerpiece on a dessert buffet. Red, White & Blueberry Torte is a patriotic treat bursting with chocolate morsels. The cake-like bottom is layered with a fluffy cream cheese and whipped topping mixture and decorated with colorful seasonal fruit. Blueberries and strawberries on the field of white make a festive statement for Memorial Day.

Sweet temptations and inspired summer dessert ideas can be found at www.VeryBestBaking.com.

**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.

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**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.

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Keep on following the money

Last week we learned of various groups over the years that existed 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 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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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 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 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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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 blisters, 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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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 lose 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.

Pat Griffin
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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 rumbles 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 WWII, the League of Nations was formed with the intent of preventing a recurrence 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 Iraqi 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 other skilled workers continues to decline? What happened to the manufacturing element of our economy? What happened to the morality of our society? What happened to the statehood 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.”

This is my Memorial Day, remembering the dead of all sides, including my former enemy.
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!
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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 High-lander 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 se-nior physicians and I were attempting to organize the retired physicians on the High-lands-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 High-lands 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, draft-ed. In those days every able bodied in-di-vidual, 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 let-ter that he was the only doctor in High-lands 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 them that he, Dr. Angel, was perfectly able to cover High-lands 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 obste-trics 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 recogni-tion goes out to the family as we remem-ber what this well liked and respected doc-tor 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 success-ful 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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LAURELWOOD LANE. Walk to town location from this cabin loaded with quality and rustic features. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths plus a den/office. Cathedral ceilings in the great room, custom kitchen, lovely covered porch with fireplace, garage. Shown by appointment only. Offered at $795,000. mls #56892.

A RARE FIND! Located directly on Mirror Lake off Hickory Hill Road, this charming cabin is the perfect getaway! Sitting on 2 1/2 lots, this cabin is suitable for year round living, recent renovations include all wood interiors and high efficiency heat. Paradise is found on the large deck overlooking the water. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, screened porch and a 2 car carport. $900,000.

MIRROR LAKE. This cute 2 bedroom, 2 bath cottage needs nothing but your toothbrush. Vaulted ceilings, open kitchen, stone fireplace. This doll house is the cleanest in Mirror Lake. Offered at $429,000. mls #59707

SAGEE MOUNTAIN. Lovely 4 bedroom, 4 bath features a flat lot with exceptional gardens and a large 2 car garage. This house was built for entertaining with a huge screened porch. If you like to garden, this is the one! Offered at $1,399,000.

GREAT MIRROR LAKE LOCATION on Chowan Drive! Almost new, this lovely 3 bedroom, 3 bath cabin sits high on a hill and is in immaculate condition! Large covered porch and open deck, spacious open living room with fireplace. If you are looking for a mountain home, this one is not to be missed. Basic designer furnishings may be purchased at an additional cost. Offered at $595,000. mls #60210

STONEY CREEK CIRCLE. Excellent condition and very charming! This log sided 3 bedroom, 3 bath is loaded with custom features. Main level features an open airy greatroom with stone fireplace and accesses onto a large covered porch. Bedroom/den and one car garage. Upper level features 2 master suites with walk in closet and huge baths. Throw in a ridgeline mountain view and you have a great move in ready home! $595,000. mls #61435

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HIGHLANDS HILLS. Real value in this newly renovated log cabin in Highlands Hills! 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, great room plan plus an additional family room on the terrace level. Wonderful covered porch is a great place for relaxing. Community lake access makes this a great package! Offered at $498,000.

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One of the nicest properties in Highlands Country Club, this spacious home is set on an acre lot above beautifully terraced gardens. It features great detail in the custom finishes throughout. From the antique beams in the great room, to the three stone fireplaces, to the huge custom dual dishwasher kitchen, you will not be disappointed with the features and charm of this exquisite home. Custom features include: granite countertops and oversized cherry wood cabinets throughout the kitchen, marble countertops in the bar and all five full baths and an ample generator. An inviting floor plan flows for living and entertaining. The large main floor great room leads to a screened-porch large enough for both dining and seating areas in front of the stone fireplace. The screened porch overlooks the lovely terraced gardens and a stone patio featuring a lap pool and whirlpool spa with a fully automatic cover. The main floor master bedroom includes two walk-in closets and a large travertine tiled master 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.

SAGEE MOUNTAIN. Completed renovation on this contemporary 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath plus a den or office. Soaring living room with stone fireplace, wood floors and a wall of glass to take in the spectacular view of Horse Cove as far as the eye can see. Custom kitchen with granite and stainless steel. One of a kind hand hammersinks. Huge deck and 2 car garage. Offered at $1,795,000. mls #56924

ON APPLE LAKE. This lovely home offers 2 levels of gracious mountain living with the main floor kitchen, great room with dining & stone fireplace, master bedroom & bath, one guest room and wrap around decking, all accessible from the spacious 2 car garage. The lower level bedrooms & bath, party area and workshop lead to expansive decks that lead to the lake where you can feed the fish from the deck on the water surrounded by water lilies. Beautiful landscaping and an abundance of natural growth & garden area complete this very unique property that consists of the dwelling and 5 lots with a total of 2.16 +/- acres that offer great privacy and space. $1,200,000. mls #59116

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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

TOTAELY RENOVATED AND FURNISHED, warm 4 bedroom 4 1/2 bath charmer. Artistic special faux finishes throughout include hand stained unique kitchen cabinets, floor and bar with faux stone painting in the Kohler baths. The great room boasts barked beams and two massive wood burning stone fireplaces and stunning slate wet bar. This maintenance free home is for the discriminating buyer looking for mountain flavor enhanced with European flair. Brand new connected 2 car por-te-cache. Offered at $995,000. mls #61700
AFTERWARD SWING BY PEREGRINE

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This Memorial Day Join Us In Thanking All Veterans For Keeping America Safe!
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, furrowing 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 online 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 other 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 Dismal 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.
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 Vanaennam (10 yrs.)
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from 1920 to the present, including the 1920 Highlands census.

The Membership tab allows you to join the Society or change your address or even give a donation. Or if you’re interested in books about Highlands history, a visual history of the town on DVD, or the Legend of Highlands on a pewter plate, choose the Gift Shop tab.

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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True faith

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 is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Here is the proper understanding of faith. First, it must be directed toward someone, it must have an end. 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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Tuesday, May 8: 8 A.M. ﾖ Men’s Cursillo Group; 9:30 A.M Staff Meeting; 4:30 P.M. EFM Meeting
Wednesday, May 9: 4 P.M. ﾖ Women’s Cursillo Group;
5:30 P.M. Dinner; 6 P.M. ﾖ Program; 6:30 P.M. ﾖ Choir Practice
Thursday, May 10: 10 A.M. ﾖ Holy Eucharist in Chapel;
10:30 A.M. ﾖ Daughters of the King
Sunday, May 13: HAPPY MOTHERS DAY
8 A.M. ﾖ Holy Eucharist (Rite I) Chapel; 8:30 A.M. ﾖ Breakfast;
9 A.M. Sunday School; 9:45 A.M. ﾖ Choir Practice; 10:30 A.M. ﾖ Holy Eucharist (Rite II); 5 P.M. ﾖ NO YOUTH Spend time with your mom!
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Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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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.
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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.

“Our 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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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 blowing 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.”

The 25th annual 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.

Proceeds from the plant sale also support the Wertzler Memorial Garden at Town Hall and scholarships for college-level studies of horticulture or related fields.
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The Rev. Ben Holland, Rector, St. Michael and all Angels Church, Kerrville, TX

**Sunday, June 10, 11 a.m.**
Holy Communion
The Rev. Mark Clavier, Rector, All Saint's Anglican Church, Arden, NC

All services are at the Highlands Community Center on Highway 64 next to the ballpark. For more information, call the Christ Anglican Church office at 526-2320. Visitors and friends are welcome!

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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 on 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.

“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, honesuckle 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 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 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 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 26 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 Presley; quilts by Liz View; custom portraiture (photographic) by Annell Metsker; paintings by Susan Corneli, 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.
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 sanctuary 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 of 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.

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

Don Leon’s under new ownership

Don Leon’s Deli Cafe on Main St, between Buck’s and the Highlands 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 of 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.

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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- **Highlands Playhouse Garage Sale**
  - Location: 390 Main Street, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary**
  - Location: Highlands Hospital, 9 a.m.

- **AnMed Regional Blood Center**
  - Location: Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- **Cashiers Boy Scout Troop #207**
  - Location: Highlands Elementary School, 3:15-4:15 p.m.

- **Highlands-Cashiers Rotary Club**
  - Location: Highlands Nature Center, 7:30 p.m.

- **Zahner Conservation Lectures**
  - Location: Highlands Nature Center, 7:30 p.m.

- **At the Highlands Nature Center**
  - Location: Highlands Nature Center, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- **Dinner and a Movie**
  - Location: Highlands Playhouse, 6:30 p.m.

- **Highlands Playhouse Dinner Theatre**
  - Location: Highlands Playhouse, 7 p.m.

- **Fresk's Fishin' Club**
  - Location: Fressers Eatery, 6-8 p.m.

- **Highlands Playhouse Variety Show**
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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. To learn to lose extra weight by following God’s perfect will regarding food.

• Thomas Rain Crowe (Author, Southern Environmental Law Center’s Phillip 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. Call 828-787-2604 for reservations and information.

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 828-743-7770.

• 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.

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

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

• 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 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 8
• Additional volunteers are needed now to provide food, lodging, and transportation for the 2007-2008 school year. Appointments are required and may be scheduled at the Macon County School. To volunteer, please contact the school of your choice or Jennifer Jones at 524-4414 or jennifer.jones@mcus-k-12.org.

June 6 – July 5
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Thursday, June 7
• 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. Call 828-342-9197 for reservations and information.

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 new dulcimer music by Balsam Gap.

Sunday, June 3
• Three book signings at Cyrano’s Book Shop, 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 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 County.

• 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. Call 828-787-2604 for reservations and more information, contact Kate Parkerson at 524-2711.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 4 & 5 – 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 enti-
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RANGE, DISHWASHER AND REFRIGERATOR – white, Kenmore. Like new. Call 828-342-8838.

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TIME CLOCK, Acroprint Model 125, and time cards. See Bob at SweeTreats, 526-9922.

BISTRO TABLE, 21” round (black and white), 2 black chairs. (4 sets @ $125 per set). See Bob at SweeTreats 526-9822.


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Solution to #AN4C in the May 17 paper

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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.

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 arranged May 29 at 8:30 a.m.

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