Citizens concerned about ‘Shortoff Woods’ project

A request for a letter of commitment from the town to supply municipal water and sewer to the proposed workforce housing complex on Buck Creek Road caused outcry from citizens at the Wednesday, July 2 Town Board meeting. "If you’re going to offer water and sewer to this private entity, everyone should be offered water and sewer," said Mike Byson.

Shortoff Woods Apartments proposed to be built on six acres off Buck Creek Road, 1/10 mile from U.S. 64 east, will be "a quality, low-income 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $25. Rain or shine.

- Eastern Star Hot Dog & Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the lawn of the Highlands United Methodist Church. Proceeds go to the chapter’s various charities.
- Highlands Playhouse auditions for a girl, age 8-14, to sing "Tomorrow" from "Annie" for "70th Anniversary Salute to Broadway." Call Sam Dunaway at 770-981-4025.
- At Cynar's from 1-3 p.m., journalist Dudley Clendenin to sign "A Place Called Canterbury." Sunday-Monday, July 6-7
- The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival features the Eroica Trio in "A Night at the Opera — Without the Singers!" Call the festival at 828-526-9600.
- Through July 6
- Sunday, July 6
- The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation presents Watzele of Love by Brahms at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary. It’s free.
- Mon.-Fri., July 7-18
- Highlands Playhouse Children’s Theatre 9 a.m. to noon for ages 6-10, and 1-4 p.m. for ages 11-15.
- Monday, July 7
- HIARPIT Lecture at the Episcopal Church. Dr. John Dominic Crossan at 7 p.m.
- At CLE, Dr. Sean O’Connell Eastern Hemlocks in Southern Appalachia. Call: 526-8811.
- Tues.-Sat., July 8-12
- The Mountains in Bloom Garden Festival — a multi-day spread of garden-themed events. Call 526-8811 for ticket information.
- Tuesday, July 8
- HIARPIT follow-up discussion with Dr. Crossan. 10:11 a.m. at the Episcopal Church.
- Wednesday, July 9
- The Festival’s free "Bach at Buck's" series with Grammy Award winner Sara Sant'Ambrogio playing solo Bach cello suites 8-10 p.m. at Buck's Coffee Café on Main Street.
- At CLE, Dr. Debra Burke Landmark Supreme Court Cases. Call: 526-8811.
- The free interlude concerts presented by the First Presbyterian Church held on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
- At CLE, Dr. Jane Exmost. Studying Cherokee Culture: From the Ground Up. Call: 526-8811.
- Thursday, July 10
- The Bascom's lecture/demonstration/lunchenook sign featuring Ron Morgan, 11 a.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.
- At...the Verandah, a Robert Craig Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. $115 per person. Call 526-2398 for reservations.
- Thurs-Sun., July 10-20
- Thurs-Sat., July 10-12
- "The Best of Parallel Lives," at The Instant Theatre Company on Main Street. Call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-0197.

Highlands celebrates the 4th of July with a lineup of activities into the night. From 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. there are old-fashioned games at the ballfield on U.S. 64 with the Rotary Clubs annual BBQ cranking up at 11 a.m. in the community building next door. Then at noon skydivers will descend to the ballfield. In the evening, there’s free mountain music in the Highlands School old gym featuring Frazzled Edge from 7:30-9 and a free patriotic 40-min. mini-concert in the First Presbyterian sanctuary followed by the town’s annual fireworks display as soon as it gets dark. Set up a chair from anywhere in town and look skyward.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

Parking amendment passes again

The amended parking ordinance was illegally put into effect last week but it’s legal this week. Since last week’s amendment to the parking ordinance was “a first reading” and since the motion passed 3-2, a second reading is required.

"The General Statute says you can only adopt an ordinance at the first reading if it’s a 4/5 vote. Since it was a 3-2 vote it has to be read again but it can pass on a 3-2 vote the second time,” said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

Despite deference given to Realtors and despite Police Chief Bill Harrell’s claim that the town’s parking ordinance “is the hardest ordinance he’s ever had to try to enforce in his tenure as a law enforcement officer,” the amended ordinance passed 3-2 once again with Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross against it.

As per the ordinance, all two-hour parking in town has been abolished and it is now illegal for employers or employees of downtown businesses to park in any spaces, both adjacent to the curbs and in the center, on Main Street between Second and Fifth streets and that...
Forest Service Seeks Comments on Upper Chattooga River Draft Environmental Assessment

Preferred alternative allows some new limited boating opportunities on the upper river

The U.S. Forest Service today released a pre-decisional Environmental Assessment (EA) of recreation uses on the upper Chattooga Wild and Scenic River. The public will have 30 days to comment on the agency’s preferred alternative and accompanying EA.

“After two years of considerable analysis and extensive public involvement, we reviewed eight alternatives in detail and selected a preferred alternative, Alternative 4, which allows some new limited boating opportunities on portions of the upper Chattooga,” said Sumter National Forest Supervisor Jerome Thomas. “It also takes steps to reduce resource damage from existing and future recreation uses.”

“Our proposal maintains the existing high quality trout fishing experience on the Chattooga while providing some additional opportunities for challenging whitewater boating in a remote setting,” said Thomas. “Specifically, boating will be allowed from County Line Road Trail in North Carolina to Burrells Ford Bridge between December 1 and March 1, when mean daily flow levels average 450 cfs or more, which is above those levels considered optimal for fishing.”

The Forest Service preferred alternative also calls for limiting overnight camping in the upper Chattooga to designated sites and closing and/or rehabilitating a number of user-created campsites and trails. To relieve congestion and reduce impacts, roadside parking will also be prohibited within ¼ mile of Burrells Ford bridge.

Comments on the pre-decisional EA are due to the Forest Service by Aug. 1, 2008. They may be e-mailed to comments-southern-fsmarion-sumter@fs.fed.us or surface mailed to U.S. Forest Service, Chattooga River Project, 4931 Broad River Road, Columbia, SC 29212. A copy of the predecisional EA and a summary of the alternatives is available on the Francis Marion and Sumter National Forests’ web site at http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/fms.

North Carolina Drought Advisory

The North Carolina Drought Advisory issued by the Drought Management Advisory Council has been updated to reflect drought conditions on June 24, 2008 indicated on the weekly U.S. Drought Monitor of North Carolina. Until further notice, the NCDMAC strongly urges the implementation of drought response actions, for all water users located in or dependent on water resources from the areas of the state experiencing the following drought conditions:

(D4) Exceptional drought conditions.
(D3) Extreme drought conditions.
(D2) Severe drought conditions.
(D1) Moderate drought conditions.
(DO) Impending drought conditions (abnormally dry conditions).

The highest drought classification applies to the entire county, if any portion of the county is depicted on the US Drought Monitor Map of NC as meeting the higher drought conditions.

The following counties are in the “Exceptional Drought” category: Buncombe County, Burke County, Cleveland County, Gaston County, Haywood County, Henderson County, Jackson County, Lincoln County, Macon County, McDowell County, Polk County, Rutherford County, Transylvania County, and Yancey County.

The NCDMAC urgently advises all water users in the counties that are indicated on the US Drought Monitor Map of North Carolina as suffering from Exceptional Drought (D4) conditions to enact the following precautions in addition to previous advisories until further notice:

All water users are advised to follow their Water Shortage Response Plan (WSRP). An effective WSRP should adhere to the guidelines set forth by the water use rules during drought that became effective March 19, 2007. Water users without a written plan are advised to follow the applicable default water use reduction measures outlined in Section 0614 of the rules during exceptional drought designations:

- Limit water usage to those uses that are essential to ensure public health and safety.
- Prepare for the likelihood of community water systems requiring water rationing.
- Participate in regional and local coordination for the management of water resources.
- Stay informed on drought conditions and advisories (www.ncdrought.org).
Marvin Edward Reed

Marvin Edward Reed, age 48, of Goldmine Road, Highlands, NC, passed away Thursday, June 19, 2008 in a local hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of Lester Reed, Jr. of Highlands, NC and the late Evelyn Watts Reed. He was a heavy equipment operator.

In addition to his father, he is survived by three sisters, Teresa L. Davis and her husband, Oren W. of Pine Creek, NC, Diane Watts and her husband Gilmer and Karen Hooper and her husband Danny all of Franklin, NC; one brother, Stanley Reed of Highlands, NC.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 22 at 2 p.m. at Goldmine Baptist Church, with Rev. William Wooten and Rev. Alton Dendy officiated. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Pallbearers were Doyle Wayne McCall, Michael Dendy, Shelby Davis, Corey A. Watts, Thomas Franzo, Gary McClure and D. J. Owens.

Verne Inman, Sr.

Verne William Inman, Sr., 69, a carpenter, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at Wuesthoff Hospital in Florida.

Inman was born in Michigan and went to Brevard County, FL, in 1985 from Highlands, N.C.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary E. Inman of Cocoa; a daughter, Lorrie (Michael) Simpson of Palm Coast, FL; a son, Verne W. (Michelle) Inman, Jr., of Cocoa, FL; and daughter, Melissa E. Inman of Cocoa. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 21 at Wylie Baxley Rockledge Funeral Home in Rockledge, FL.

Rich Gap Landfill closed to C&D debris

The dreaded day has arrived. Construction and demolition (C&D) debris is no longer accepted at the landfill on Rich Gap Road. The site is being reconfigured as per state mandated specifications.

Until the site is upgraded, C&D debris must be hauled to the landfill in Franklin on 1448 Lakeside Drive. After it’s renovated, C&D debris will be accepted again.

However, the Rich Gap Road landfill is still accepting landscaping debris – trees, leaves, etc. – and garbage. The metal dumpsters are still available for household wastes and the recycling containers.

People are encouraged to recycle whenever they can at one of the county’s 11 recycling centers. For Highlands area residents those are located 10333 Buck Creek Road and at the landfill on Rich Gap Road.

On June 3, 1997, the Macon County Board of Commissioners adopted the Macon County Solid Waste Management Plan. The solid Waste Management Plan established a goal of 10% waste reduction by June 30, 2001 and 25% waste reduction by June 30, 2006.

However, currently the county is at a 10% waste reduction. See LAND FILL page 14

Birth

Melcher family welcomes Audrey

Isaac & Darlene Melcher are happy to celebrate the birth of their daughter, Audrey Elyse Melcher, born May 13.

Dotson graduates

The president, faculty and graduating class of Wake Forest University congratulate Miranda Lee Dotson upon her successful matriculation and graduation from Wake Forest University. Miranda was placed on the Dean’s List for Spring Semester 2008.

Dotson is the recipient of a B.A. in Communications with a minor in political science. Commencement exercises were held on May 19, 2008 at Hearn Plaza on the Reynolds Campus.
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**Laughing at Life**

The 30-minute ‘O’

Even though we are a rowdy, sometimes raucous bunch of writers here at the Highlands’ Newspaper, there are certain words and phrases we can’t put in print. Instead, our editor chooses to walk a “word and topic” tightrope that has made the Highlands’ Newspaper the most popular, most read paper in Highlands. I would like to think it’s because of its writers. Sooo, after much hand wringing, consultation and deliberation, the powers at hand (that would exclude me) made the correct decision on the “O” word. If you are confused about the “O” word after reading this column, then maybe you should sign up for my hands-on sex education course.

For starters, there are certain things in life I wish I had never learned. It was bad enough knowing turtles can breathe through their rectums and that most restaurant food contains at least 0.01% feces, now someone sends an email informing me that, during sex, pigs have 30-minute “O’s”! Proving, once again, life is not fair. Could I make this up? When you are a scribe, you have to brace yourself for weird and scary stuff in your mailbox.

During my research to report the truth about pig “O’s”, I went to the Internet where all things, good and bad, are known. This turned out to be a bad thing because, in my quest to learn more, I found that some lions have sex 50 times a day. Good grief! Do the math. That’s once every 28.8 minutes and they’re not even Catholic. Once again, life is not fair.

By the way, I once knew an Irish Catholic couple with seven kids and I know they had at least equalled the lion. Please don’t send me Irish Catholic sex jokes; I know them all.

During my research, I also learned the strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue. Don’t even ask how I found that while searching for the sex life of a pig. And here’s more information on the tongue: I know you’ll agree with. Women’s tongues are stronger than men’s because they can talk continuously without rest. Are you aware a Japanese camera manufacturer has developed a camera that operates at such high speed, it can actually capture a woman with her mouth shut?

During my search, I also learned that cat’s urine glows under a black light. Police detectives use the black light to search for semen at rape scenes. Now I am wondering how many guys are sitting in the slammer because cat urine was found on the bed sheets. As I said, life is not fair. I hope you’re rewriting this down.

Just when I’m feeling envious of pigs and lions, I learn the only creatures on this planet that have sex for pleasure are humans and dolphins.

Now I’m feeling sorry for the pig. Can you imagine a 30-minute “O” and not enjoying it? Bummer!

This one particular website had more information than I needed. For example, are you aware starfish have no brains? We definitely need a starfish on the selection committee for Town Manager. We can blame the starfish when we subsequently shoot ourselves in the foot by letting Betz get away. And speaking of brains, are you aware cockroaches can live for a week after having their little heads chopped off? They starve to death. We definitely need a headless cockroach on the committee.

All this talk about “O’s” and Town Managers reminds me of the ole Peter Principle which says, “In a hierarchy, every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence where he or she remains for the rest of their career. Right now, I’ll bet you’re thinking of a town employee who fits that saying. Hey, I’m living proof of the “Peter Principle” does work. Actually, none of this has anything to do with pig “O’s” but is merely the work of a wandering, very weird, overactive and unstable mind.

Finally, I found this on the pig website. Definitely write this down. If a person continuously passes methane gas for a period of six years and nine months, there’s enough energy produced to create an atomic bomb. Whoa, don’t tell the terrorists.

- Are you aware Fred is decomposing?
- Read his book, I’m Moving Back to Mars
Where I learned to write

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ast night, a woman asked me where I “acquired my writing skills.” She meant, “How did you learn to write?” No one had ever hinted that I kept a secret that I might be willing to share. I thought, “She shouldn’t be asking me how to write. She should be asking how I am doing at skiing camp? That’s a question I can answer.” Actually, he’s doing very well, despite the menacing presence of “Tony” a kid whose real name is Nick, but I call Tony, because that was his name when I first imagined him. I thought, “ski camp at Mount Hood. What can go wrong?” The answer wasn’t sun blindness, lost luggage, a broken leg, or dehydration. It was Tony. The Tony of my nightmare turned out to be a spitting image of the real Nick. He’s 13-years old, stands 5’8” and weighs 122 and a half stone. He looks like he does in the brochure in front of his parents, and buys his lycra racing suit at the super hero costume shop. The other thing about Tony, the one that scares me to death, is that Tony feeds on smaller children. Yeah, and he’s in Bull’s cabin.

Even though I know very well that I write a column for a local paper, I don’t think of myself as a “writer.” At most, I think of myself as a doctor who writes, or a guy with a patient editor. I wonder if the woman was toying with me, but she seemed a nice lady and unlikely to ask a trick question, so I took a leap of faith and blurted out: “Uncle Frank. If it’s really a serious question, the really serious answer to a trick question, so I took a leap of faith and blurted out: “Uncle Frank. If it’s really a serious question, the really serious answer is Uncle Frank.”

She seemed interested and asked me how Uncle Frank had helped with my writing. It felt pretty cool to be interviewed, so I answered. “He told me to stay focused. Stick to the point. And cut the crap. Get rid of the adjectives. Adjectives don’t add anything to the story. He said to keep it simple, concentrate on telling a story. Don’t insult the reader by trying to impress him. Honor him by informing him. Choose the exact word that conveys the thought, not the fanciest. Get rid of the thesaurus. The word you want is here, not there.” He pointed to his brain. It’s easy to identify a writer who owns a thesaurus. He inserts a word, a perfectly good, although slightly obscure word, that isn’t quite right. Interesting, fancy, and a little bit off.

I had given Uncle Frank an example of my prose, but had expected him to praise rather than edit it. Actually he had butcheted, more than edited it. His harsh appraisal really hurt. Here was my uncle acting like my editor. The thing he had critiqued was trash, of course, flowery trash. He probably said, “Cut the flowery crap.”

Uncle Frank was the auto and agriculture editor for the Indianapolis News. He thought and wrote like a journalist. He edited like an editor possessed. In the long run, I guess it was good, even if it hurt to be called a show off. The Sisters of Providence were the other notable influence on my development. Almost all our elementary teachers were nuns in those days. It was easy to recruit nuns in the days before longshoreman’s union was open to women. If my prose, but had expected him to praise rather than edit it. Actually he had butcheted, more than edited it. His harsh appraisal really hurt. Here was my uncle acting like my editor. The thing he had critiqued was trash, of course, flowery trash. He probably said, “Cut the flowery crap.”

Uncle Frank taught me how to tell a story, the nun told me how to build it. If he was a journalist, they were brick masons. The Sisters taught me to diagram sentences and love adjectives. In those days we called it gradeschool. Today it is elementary school or K-8. Whatever it was called, it was nine terrifying years with the nuns, nine years of metal edged rulers and rumors of violence. Uncle Frank would have termed it “terrifying” if he were alive and editing this piece. He would have claimed that it didn’t contribute to the story. He was a newspaper man who wrote about cars and crops. He didn’t waste a lot of words.

Most of the nuns who taught me were thin and ramrod straight, as if they ate only what the Lord provided and had re-bar where their spines should have been. They wore floor length black robes. Their faces were encircled with starched white cotton. Their necks, foreheads, and sides of their faces were covered. Their eyes, noses, and mouths peeked out like divers in cold water suits. Their cheeks were covered by huge starched, stained bibs. They often hid their hands under the bibs. They wore wedding rings and said they were brides of Christ, which still seems weird, if I might say so. A cross hung from the neck, and a rosary dangled from some unseen belt. They glided along on unseen feet and taught me to build a story, with the grammatical precision of a brick mason. If I couldn’t diagram a sentence, I learned to cut it in two, or scrape it altogether. Nouns and verbs were my bricks and the diagram was my level, but I kept a few adjectives around for mortar.

I owe a debt to Uncle Frank and the nuns, especially Sister Irma Loretta. God rest your souls, and “Thanks.” And thanks to you, Shirley, for asking the question. This is a more complete answer than I gave you the other evening. That’s a good thing about being a writer. I never have to say, “I wish I had said...” I just think about it for awhile and then, when I’m good and ready, write the answer.

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One hundred dollars—even $200 for a barrel of oil will be a good thing.” So wrote the author of a book I just finished, a book written in 1998, back when gas sold for $1.15 a gallon. Who could this author be other than a wild-eyed environmentalist with no understanding of business or economics? In fact, what makes the book so interesting is that it was written by the founder and (until recently) chairman of a global corporation doing more than $1 billion in annual sales.

Ray Anderson founded Interface, based in Atlanta, the world’s largest manufacturer of commercial carpet tile. In 1994 he was asked to give his company’s salespeople something to talk about Interface’s approach to the environment. So he started researching environmental issues, and thinking about them.

Mr. Anderson had what he calls his “conversion experience” when he asked in 1995 for an analysis of the quantity of raw materials his factories used. The answer came back: his factories and his suppliers produced 1.224 billion pounds of materials to produce $802 million dollars worth of carpet products in the previous year.

Of those 1.2 billion pounds, 400 million were relatively abundant inorganic materials, and 800 million were petroleum-based, coming from oil, coal, or natural gas. Mr. Anderson wrote in his book Mid-Course Correction, “Now here’s the thing that gaged me the most: roughly two-thirds of that 800 million pounds of irreparable, non-renewable, exhaustible, precious natural resource was burned up — two-thirds! — to produce the energy to convert the other one-third, along with the 400 million pounds of inorganic material, into products. That fossil fuel is gone forever — changed into carbon dioxide and other substances, many toxic, that were produced in the burning of it.”

“BUT REALLY, THIS CANNOT GO ON INDEFINITELY, CAN IT? Does anyone rationally think it can? My company’s technologies and those of every other company I know of anywhere, in their present forms, are plundering the earth… I stand convicted by me, myself, alone, and not by anyone else, as a plunderer of the earth. But no, not by our civilization’s definition; by our civilization’s definition I am a captain of industry. In the eyes of many people I am a kind of modern-day hero, an entrepreneur who founded a company that provides over 7,000 people with jobs.”

Mr. Anderson concluded, “I remember hearing a NASA scientist say once, talking about Apollo XI, that first man-on-the-moon expedition, that 90 percent of the time the spacecraft was off course. The critically important mid-course corrections made it possible to reach the moon, and that determined the outcome. I stand firmly convinced that Earth — no, humanity — is off course and desperately needs a mid-course correction.”

Mr. Anderson has made it his mission to make Interface the first truly sustainable enterprise one that takes nothing out of the earth that cannot be recycled or quickly regenerated, and one that does no harm to the biosphere through pollution or waste. He envisions in fact becoming a “restorative enterprise” that will improve the Earth as it does business.

The first steps Interface took towards this goal was to increase energy efficiency, thereby cutting waste and increasing the business’s bottom line, making this a popular program with the shareholders.

Cheap energy has made possible our modern way of life that is incredibly destructive to the Earth, and ultimately to ourselves. Our business models are flawed, Mr. Anderson claims, because they do not count the real costs of materials. He asks, “How can we create a true wealth when it comes by consuming Earth’s capital reserves? Could we run our businesses or our households that way for very long, consuming our capital?”

Expensive energy will help us see the flaws in our economic thinking. Also, expensive oil will make alternative energy sources more competitive and thus accelerate their development.

Expensive energy will also encourage all of us to reach for the easiest alternative energy source of all: increased efficiency. You could say increased energy efficiency is a way we could “drill” for more oil at home without the need for new oilfields.

Last week I interviewed Dr. Terry Tritt for the TV show Heart of the High Country. Dr. Tritt is a native of Highlands, a professor of physics at Clemson University, and a singer and guitarist in the band Grass Roots Revue. He was there to play in this year’s first Mountain Music Concert.

When I asked Dr. Tritt what his field of study was, he replied, “Thermal-electric materials.” He explained, “These are materials that convert thermal energy into electricity. One of the applications would be to put them on an automobile exhaust and take the waste heat that comes out of the automobile — which is about two-thirds of the energy — and convert that into electricity. With the price of oil today, it’s becoming an ever-more appealing area of research.” Imagine, two-thirds of the gas we burn in our cars is completely wasted! Compact fluorescent light bulbs use at least two-thirds less energy than standard incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light, and they last up to 10 times longer. According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, if every U.S. household replaced just one regular incandescent light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb, the energy savings would be the equivalent of taking 7.5 million cars off the road. Alternatively, the savings could light more than 2.5 million homes for a year.

The Center for Life Enrichment is bringing Mr. Anderson to Highlands for a lecture on August 25 and it will be very interesting to hear him talk about how his company is faring towards his goal of sustainability, and whether he thinks the high price of oil is still a good thing.

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This past Wednesday night the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Highlands had a busy and productive night. First of all, we approved the ’08-’09 budget and were able to keep the millage the same as it was last year which was revenue neutral after the new Macon County property assessments. In these difficult economic times the board believed that an increase in taxes was inappropriate. We were also able to give the town employees significant raises to bring them in line with other towns and employing entities. We are all fortunate to have a very fine town workforce and continuously congratulate them on the fine work they do for us. Working in this mountain terrain is not always easy and our team of workers deserves to be treated appropriately.

The Board also heard a presentation from Mr. Bill Wilder who will soon begin his search for a town manager for us. After his presentation the board passed unanimously a declaration of intent to move toward changing from a Mayor-Council form of government to a Council- Manager one. We will therefore have a public hearing on this intent our first meeting in August and in the meantime will begin the process of searching for a manager. With the retirement of our Town Administrator, Richard Betz, next March, we need to move ahead with this as soon as possible.

For several years now there has been discussion regarding our areas of parking in the downtown which was limited to two hours. After much discussion at this meeting, we have decided to eliminate this restriction. This also means employees now cannot park in the formerly limited spaces. We are trying to make it easier on people who come to our town to support our businesses without having to move their cars in an untimely manner. As you all know, we will soon be having an overall parking study done in Highlands as we attempt to make parking easy for everyone.

The new Pine Street Park master plan was approved and the name of the park was changed to honor our founders, Kelsey and Hutchinson. Hank Ross and his committee of Mercedes Heller, Kay Young, and Selwyn Chalker along with consultation with our Public Works director, Lamar Nix, have done a very credible job in bringing to us a plan in which we can all be proud. Some logistical problems must be first worked out and a budget developed before construction can begin. Hopefully, within the next year this construction can commence.

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Beyond Guns:
The deeper meaning of Heller

Everyone who has a TV, a computer, a newspaper, or a radio, knows that the Supreme Court handed down its decision on the Heller case on Thursday, ruling that the Second Amendment provides a personal right to "keep and bear arms." Therefore it struck down the District of Columbia law that has banned citizens from owning new handguns after 1976. But the case is much more important than that. Cases concern more than just the parties involved. The Heller decision will affect the rights of millions of Americans to protect themselves, their families, and their homes. But the "why" of a Supreme Court decision has far more importance than the "what" or "who." The logic of the decision will live on, and can apply to cases that have nothing to do with the facts of the current case.

An object lesson comes from the very first case ever decided by the Court, The Schooner Peggy. That case concerned whether a French ship, captured by an American privateer, was properly awarded to the captor. For centuries, we have had no more privateers. We are now fully friends with the French. But, in 1767, it cited that case in a Circuit Court case, and it was ultimately used in the Supreme Court as dispositive in an attorney's fee case out of Richmond.

How did that happen? Well, the "why" of the Schooner Peggy is that when the law changes between the trial in court and the Supreme Court review, the Court must follow the new law, even though the trial court was correct when it made the original decision.

Exactly the same will, I think, apply to the Heller case in the years and decades to come.

Heller was a 5-4 decision, and the majority Opinion by Justice Scalia had very harsh words for the two Dissents by Justices Stevens and Breyer. The divisions among the sides were harsh, and identical. Scalia's Opinion was joined by the Chief Justice, and Justices Kennedy, Thomas and Alito. Both Dissents were filed for all of the remaining Justices, Souter, Ginsburg and Breyer.

Here are some of the charges leveled by the Dissent against the Opinion From Stevens, the Opinion lacks "respect for the well-settled views of all of our predecessors on the court, and for the rule of law itself."

From Breyer, "The majority decision is a fact-based approach to the questions addressed by the Heller case, the justices will probably name at least two, possibly three, new Justices to the Supreme Court in 2008. Do not take my word for it. The Opinion and both Dissents are on the Internet. Laymen can understand most of the text. If more cases on any subject use the logic of the Heller case, the Justices will be more honest, and the Constitution will be safer.

The problem in reaching that result is that the next President of the United States will probably name at least two, as many as four, to the Supreme Court. If one considers the nomination of new Justices to be an overriding consideration in the 2008 election...

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is not so much as a whisper in [Joseph Story's Commentaries on the Constitution]... that favors the individual rights view. That's wrong."

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The real reason we celebrate

With the people are celebrating an occasion that many, if not most of us, have forgotten the meaning of. The 4th of July, 1776, signed the Declaration of self-rule, from which comes Independence Day. We enjoy the day with the consumption of vast quantities of hot dogs, beer, potato salad and anything else that's within reach. It's a day for family fun, frivolity and fireworks and this year it provides an early weekend break from work. If the weather cooperates, it can be a glorious day. It was a glorious day in 1776, when the rubber hit the road, and 56 brave souls put their lives on the line, declaring the separation.

Following are the first few paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence. As you read them, see if you don't think there are curious truths meaningful to today:

"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with one another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

These words were written at the time the Colonies had had enough of British rule. The Revolutionary War was a year old, British rule of the Colonies had been overthrown by the Patriots, and the Colonies indicated the desire to form the United States. Early in the freedom effort, since there was no unified army or navy to defend the Colonies, the war was waged by local militias that were not well organized, not well armed, not well trained and not willing to go far from home.

In 1775, the Continental congress named General George Washington to head the war effort and lead a small collection of his own troops and coordinate the many militias as more or less involved. It was a ragtag bunch at best. In 1778, France, Spain and the Netherlands entered the war on our side while the Germans joined the British. Indians and blacks fought on both sides. It seems to me that, considering the power structure at the time, this could be considered WWI.

Eventually, the British army surrendered at Yorktown, and in 1783, the Treaty of Paris recognized the sovereignty of the United States. In 1787, the Constitution became the law of the land, and the rest, as they say, is history.

What does all this have to do with today? If it hadn't been for the French and others helping us in our hours of need, we would call London our Capital and pay homage to the Queen. Aren't we giving the Iraqis the same chance we were given in our infancy? Gen. Washington's army was in tatters, supplies were short and we were in big trouble. Others pulled our fat out of the fire and enabled our ultimate victory.

Furthermore, our fight for freedom officially started in 1775. The fighting lasted eight years and ended with the Treaty of Paris in 1783. Four years later, our Constitution was formed. The point? These matters take time to resolve. It's payback time for the U.S.

Finally, is your government doing the job that the Constitution says it should? Are our borders secure? Is your safety assured? You may want to reread the Declaration.
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I was going to write a piece about the rash of thefts in Highlands but I dropped the idea as I was too close to it and felt I couldn’t be objective about the subject. Then I wrote a piece on the state of the undocumented workers and the possible alternatives to that problem. I was comfortable with the subject and the effort thus far, then the Supreme Court of the United States issued a ruling on hand gun ownership and that became the hot issue of the day.

I scrapped the undocumented worker story and started on the hand gun decision. Somewhere between the initial keystrokes of my computer and determining the immediate impact on my little community I lost enthusiasm for the piece. The theft piece was already scrapped and the undocumented worker piece needed work. The path was clear — no column this week.

On Tuesday I went down to Atlanta, and along with my wife and two friends, we stopped at this large arena type structure where many thousands of people had come. They sat in hard seats all around this odd open-air structure and were watching what seemed to be two groups of men who were dressed in similar clothing. One man stood on a pile of dirt and threw a spirale object at another man who attempted to make it a hit with a stick. When he failed to hit the spherical object the crowd, who seemed to be dressed as he, called him names like “burn” and inferred he had difficult seeing.

When this same man was successful in hitting this spherical ball, this same group of people cheered wildly. This hitting man would then run to a pillow like object on this large field and stand there as if it were a base upon which he was safe from the other men who were throwing the sphere. There were other pillow like objects on this field and when these hitting men got to the second base, the crowd screamed more wildly. And then when he got to the third one, they went wilder still. At the same time, the other group of men stood all over the field and tried to catch the whacked sphere. When they caught the sphere, those people in the arena groaned. But there was another group of people who seemed to be dressed like the team that fielded the sphere and they cheered while the others booed and lamented.

The two groups took turns trying to hit and catch the whacked sphere. Then after the men took seven turns at the whacking, all the people in the arena stood and sang a song about peanuts and crackernack. Everyone sang together, even both groups of people who had previously boomed and cheered in opposition to each other. When it was over, they cheered together.

The arena was filled with people of all types, all sizes, shapes, all colors and description and there seemed no division between them as they all cheered, or booed together. This condition seemed the same for that second group of people, the smaller group of people cheering and booing for what must have been their group of hitters and fielders.

The groups of men on the field then took two more turns at whacking then they stopped. One group of whackers and fielders, along with their similarly dressed people in the arena seemed very happy while the other group and their fans, were equally unhappy with the result of the contest.

In all, this game of bases and ball was very strange.

As I watched this contest I somehow was not the older man that I am, but just 14 transported back to my hometown. I was sitting in a similar arena that was filled with people from my hometown and we were all wearing the colors of our team. As I looked onto the field, the faces of the men — these fielders and hitters — had changed, and I knew them by different names. Names like Mike Schmidt, Steve Carlton, Tony Taylor, and Larry Bowa were in my colors and men with names like Hank Aaron, Sandy Koax, Stan Musial and Bob Gibson stood formidably in the other color.

I felt the excitement of the contest and could see myself on this field. I had a glove of leather on my hand and I hit it with my first as if to make it ready to receive this hit ball.

I groaned down in my position waiting for my turn to catch this hit and throw it to the base a half step before the hitter got there.

I longed to hear my crowd cheer for me. I dreamed of being older, old enough to stand there and defiantly face that man throwing the ball, ready to hit the ball right out of the arena to the sound of cheers from my fans. I knew if I just got a little older, and got my chance I would be on that field with the warm sun in my face and a bat in my hand ready to join Schmidt, Aaron and the others in this great game.

I watched the game for three hours on

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It's time for summertime eats

With warm weather upon us, it's time to dust off the grill and patio furniture and get ready for backyard parties and barbecues.

When it comes to entertaining outdoors, easy yet flavorful dishes that spotlight the season's bountiful harvest can keep prep time to a minimum.

Plus, they're sure to please guests' palates. The arrival of summer means a sudden availability of all sorts of fresh vegetables — from familiar zucchini and eggplant to more exotic mushrooms and chilies.

Entertaining a summer crowd can be easy, delicious, and inexpensive if you let the season's produce do most of the work. These two simple recipes highlight fresh summer fare. Grilled chicken skewers feature bite-size marinated chicken chunks paired with succulent pieces of mango and pineapple. Providing a unique summer spin on a popular potluck dish, this shrimp pasta salad showcases a medley of summer colors and flavors from corn, jicama, avocado, tomatoes, and poblano chilies. Try these tips for a successful summer spread.

Opt for organic. Organic products besides fresh produce are popping up on grocery shelves. Hidden Valley's new Organic Ranch makes a perfect topping for a hearty salad or veggies.

Know Your Way Around the Grill. Whether using a charcoal or gas grill, heat the grill rate thoroughly before putting food on, and avoid moving the food until it is well browned. His prevents food from sticking to the grill. Keep a spray bottle filled with water on hand to handle flare-ups that can rise from fat drippings.

When in Doubt, Just Chill. Simple marinades can take meat and seafood to a new flavor level. Save time by marinating the main dish for a few hours prior to your guests' arrival and keep it refrigerated. Then put it on the grill when it's time to eat. A little preparation can lead to big, bold taste.

Grilled Chicken Skewers with Mango and Pineapple
Serves 4

3/4 cup Hidden Valley Organic Ranch dressing
1 canned chipotle chile in adobo sauce, seeded and finely chopped*
2 teaspoons adobo sauce (from can)
1 tablespoon honey
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
1/2 teaspoon salt

1 pound chicken tenders, each cut into 3 equal pieces
1/2 pineapple, rind and core removed, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 large mango, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks
1 small red onion, quartered and separated into layers

Oil for grilling (about 2 tablespoons)

1/4 cup roughly chopped cilantro
1 lime, quartered

1/4 pound cooked shrimp
2 tablespoons chopped onion

In medium bowl, combine dressing, chipotle chiles, adobo sauce, honey, lime juice, and salt for marinade. Stir well.

Assemble 4 skewers from ingredients in following order: onion, chicken, mango, chicken, pineapple, chicken, onion. Repeat twice to complete skewer. Lay skewers in shallow pan. Pour 1/4 cup marinade into small dish; set aside. Brush remaining marinade over skewers, coating all sides evenly. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate about an hour. Light charcoal and let burn until charcoal is covered with gray ash but still very hot. When grill is quite hot, remove skewers from marinade; discard excess; brush lightly with oil. Lay oiled skewers on hot grates and grill until marked on all four sides and cooked through, 10 to 12 minutes total. Arrange skewers on serving platter, drizzle with reserved 1/4 cup marinade, garnish with chopped cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

*These ingredients are available in the Mexican food aisle, or the ethnic/gourmet aisle of your grocery store. Recipe created by Rick Bayless on behalf of the makers of Hidden Valley Original Ranch dressings. For more delicious summer recipes, visit HiddenValley.com.

All materials courtesy of Organic Hidden Valley Ranch.
Summer basketball update

One of the things that many people do not realize about high school basketball is the emphasis that has been placed on off-season workouts. There was a time when basketball season was the only time that teams worked out together, and all other practice or training was done individually or as a player’s own terms. However, due to the prevalence of summer leagues, AAU Basketball, team camps and the like, it is now a necessity for teams to have some kind of off-season summer program in order to keep up with the competition.

This year at Highlands our basketball teams have participated in a number of summer activities that have been designed to help build basketball skills as well as communication and teamwork.

For the past several weeks we have been practicing at the school as well as playing games with local competition and attending camps at which we have scrimmaged a number of other schools. These activities have given us a chance to become better players over the summer, and have helped us to stay in shape for the season.

Coach Brett Lamb’s Lady Highlanders have had a very eventful month of June, competing in summer league games with Rabun County, GA and Franklin and attending camps at Mars Hill, Western Carolina and UNC-Wilmington.

With practices nightly in addition to the games, camps and fundraisers, the Lady Highlanders have worked extremely hard this summer to prepare for next season. Coach Lamb thinks that the hard work will pay off, noting that his girls have been much more successful in recent weeks due to the effort that they have put in and the promises shown in scrimmages with larger schools throughout the summer.

Lamb predicts that his team will have the chance to compete for a Conference Championship, provided that they continue developing at the rate they have shown during the summer activities.

While the Highlander men have not traveled the state as much as the ladies, they have also participated in several summer league games, including matches with Rabun County and Cherokee.

Additionally, they have also played in team camps at Western Carolina and Hendersonville, competing with schools such as Pisgah, Asheville and East Henderson. By playing larger schools during the summer, Coach Butch Smart hopes players will develop good habits against the athletes and size of larger schools. With four returning starters and eight or more varsity players returning from last season, Coach Smart looks for the Highlanders to be in the hunt for another Smoky Mountain Conference Championship and once again make some noise in the state championship playoffs.

While it is difficult for these young men and women to give up their valuable summer time, it shows the tremendous commitment to athletics that is required in today’s current high school sports world.

Every sport from soccer to baseball to football, provides summer workouts to keep their players in shape and prepare for the season ahead, and players must “pay the price” for the opportunity to excel at their chosen sport.

As coaches, we certainly appreciate the effort these players show during the summer, as well as the relentless support of the parents and community who encourage these players to provide their best effort in athletics year round. I am extremely proud to be a Highlander, and I cannot wait to see the members of this community at the high school games and events in 2008-09.

ANOTHER POV

Tuesday night and in that time I never once thought of people taking what was not theirs, or of gun control, or of undocumented workers. I ate hot dogs and peanuts and drank a cold beer with my best girl. I watched, I cheered, and in my mind I played the game. All was perfect in the world.

I am a lover of baseball. I was born in Philadelphia and I love my Phillies, win or lose, always have, always will. If the manager of the Phillies was to knock on my door and say, “If you give me your house and all that is in it you can play one inning on my team,” I would do it.

To be young enough to play just once, play just one inning on that team, on that field, in a game I love would be the ultimate opportunity.

It is a very odd game, this singularly unique American pastime, this game called baseball. A game where young boys dream of being older and old men dream of being younger.

Next week I will express Another POV.
Public Works Committee suggests possible policy changes

At the June 25 Special Town Board meeting, the Public Works Committee discussed several potential projects involving paving and sewer policies, and recent vandalism at the Rec Park.

With two out of 43 homeowners holding up the paving of Wyanoak, the committee suggested amending the town’s paving policy.

The current policy demands that 100% of the homeowners along a roadway agree to give a right-of-way easement to the town for paving purposes.

“We should consider changing the policy,” said Commissioner Hank Ross. “This is important because unpaved roads are the biggest source of sediment in our creeks and lakes.”

Ross said the committee suggested lowering the percentage from 100% to 90%. “Our attorney said we can set the policy to whatever we want it to be,” he said.

Since there already is a 30-foot right-of-way along Wyanoak, the town doesn’t need to claim any property along the road to accomplish the paving, but the current policy of 100% agreement is the problem.

The board voted to change the policy and vote on it at the July 16 Town Board meeting.

Azalea Circle property owners spokesman Paul Iannacone asked the town to take over Azalea Circle and pave it. The Public Works Committee looking into the matter.

Town Attorney Richard Betz announced that NCDOT was “setting the roads” in the Hickory Hill Paving project from July 21-Aug. 21 and that the paving is expected to be complete by Sept. 1.

Ross also suggested the town invest in a video surveillance system throughout all town buildings and properties which could be monitored from a central point.

“Because of the recent vandalism at the Rec Park and the vandalism that takes place in the public restrooms we need this,” he said.

John Cleaveland, who was in the audience last Wednesday night, suggested simply locking the Rec Park gates after a certain hour to deter people from hanging out there after it’s closed.

Extending sewer along Chestnut Street and its vicinity was discussed again.

Homeowner Doug Helms asked permission to extend the sewer line 200 feet along Chestnut and the town is accommodating him at his cost.

The town’s policy for extending sewer is that the town pays for it if it is part of its master sewer plan to keep area creeks and water bodies clean. If a homeowner outside those areas wants sewer he must pay the town to do the job.

At Wednesday night’s meeting, the subject of running sewer up 4 ½ Street came up for the third time.

Some months ago, Mayor Don Mullen said he had been approached by homeowners on Foreman, Chestnut and 4 ½ streets about getting sewer to their properties.

Since running sewer only where the town deems necessary for water protection is the standing policy, the issue was dropped.

Shortly thereafter, Commissioner Hank Ross said Rick Siegel of 4 ½ Street Inn asked him if the town would consider running sewer up his street. Again, the policy was explained.

“Our policy has been that the homeowner pays for sewer extension,” said Town Engineer Lamar Nix.

Then at the June 25 Town Board meeting, Commissioner Larry Rogers suggested the town run sewer up 4 ½ Street “So if anyone up there ever wants to hook on they can,” he said. “There are several homeowners up there who might want to do that someday.”

Nix was instructed to engineer the Helms line along Chestnut Street at such a grade to make future connections into that line conducive, should homeowners on 4 ½ Street or further down Chestnut decide to pay for sewer on their street, or if the town changes its policy.

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To meet these goals, the Solid Waste Management Plan identifies services, activities and efforts to be implemented during the next three years.

Highlands Town Board is determining if curbside recycling is fiscally possible for Highlands and is also discussing a recycling deposit area somewhere in town.

The C&D component of the landfill will hopefully be reopened within a few months.
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Jim Breedlove

ity to swing the vote. “In Franklin the candidates are often favorite sons of their regions, so the different constituencies tend to cancel each other out,” he said. “The Plateau has the opportunity to cast the votes which often decide the election.”

Jim Breedlove is running for the District IV seat currently held by Board of Education member Susie McCoy. There are three openings on the Macon County School Board.

d’eVille described Breedlove as a clear-eyed realist whose romanticism gives him his vision. Breedlove said “I am very interested and devoted to the Macon County School system. It is one of the finest in North Carolina, I want to continue to maintain that level of excellence.”

He said it is important that the Board of Education become engaged in all aspects of the issues and actions that take place. “Tell me what it is that we need to do for our school system, and I will listen to you. I’m not bashful about stealing good ideas,” Breedlove said.

Breedlove mentioned the stance of the Board of Education on anonymous letters. “I will listen and take what you have to say down.” He said he isn’t afraid to stand alone. “That is the approach we need to bring to the Board of Education. We should listen to everyone involved,” Breedlove said.

A native of Macon County, Breedlove graduated from Franklin High School in 1975 and went on to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he completed a BS degree in Business Administration in 1979.

Breedlove has spent the majority of his professional career working in the banking industry, and he earned his MBA from Western Carolina University (WCU) in 1986. Breedlove is currently the city president of United Community Bank’s Franklin office, a post he has held for the past six years. Breedlove is also serving his third term on the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce.

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cally sponsored, privately owned and operated multi-family, 48 unit, one- and two-bedroom apartment complex.”

As a blended community, 24 apartment units will be offered to the public as a primary residence requiring a one-year lease at the market rate of $1,000-$1,200 a month. The other 24 units will be eligible for lower, affordable rates based on a family’s income – 60% of the current Area Median Income of $44,000 – at $500-$600 a month. They, too, must be used as primary residences requiring a one-year lease.

“Any project can’t be successful without the town’s commitment to provide water and sewer,” said MaryAnn Sloan, chair of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

But the question citizens wanted answered was: “Who can get water and sewer?”

“I’m concerned that you would give water and sewer to this project when the town has never given water and sewer to anyone along the U.S. 64 corridor,” said Judy Michaud, who with her family owns property in the vicinity of the proposed complex.

John Cleaveland questioned the precedent the town may be setting in arbitrarily supplying infrastructure.

“Next you’re going to have a 50-house subdivision come in and ask for water and sewer and are you going to give it to them? If not, you may have a lawsuit on your hands,” said John Cleaveland. “Plus, it’s not the responsibility of the citizens of the town of Highlands to help pay for it out there. From a policy standpoint you might be opening a can of worms you can’t close,” he said.

As per the town’s policy, if it agrees to supply infrastructure in the hook-up fee per unit would be $5,000 – double the in-town residential hook-up rate—the same rate the hospital and Chestnut Hill residents pay.

The hospital is selling the six acres for $750,000, which represents the only local contribution to the $6.5 million project. The rest will be paid for by government funding projects.

“The land will be the community’s contribution and will be donated to the private company who will own the project,” said Sloan. Local fundraising will hopefully supply the $750,000 as well as a possible contribution from the town.

Another issue concerned the recipients of the housing units.

Mayor Don Mullen said the target recipients were school teachers, childcare workers, police officers, town employees, healthcare professionals and others who are essential to the quality of life in Highlands.

“For the most part, this housing will be for government employees,” said Bryson.

Herein lies the board that 10 years ago, when area country club and businesses asked the town for help with employee housing, the town said “It wasn’t its problem,” he said.

“Now that the government needs housing, you’re real for it.”

He said a lot of private businesses spent a lot of money buying properties to solve their employee housing problem and now the town wants to solve the same problem for the government.

Michaud also voiced concerns about the location saying the Buck Creek-U.S. 64 crossing is dangerous and adding the potential of 48 more cars to the area will be a tremendous strain on the corner. She also said 48 more families will put a strain on area services, even the school system.

“Living out there, they won’t be contributing to the town’s tax base,” she said.

In addition, she said the complex could have a negative impact on the Chestnut Hill Retirement community which she said is struggling to survive.

To continue work on the project, which involves fundraising and funding applications, the Affordable Housing Task Force needs the town’s decision in writing no later than Aug. 6, 2008.

Mayor Mullen said the board would vote on the issue at the Aug. 6 Town Board meeting.

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Board of Directors. He is an active member of the Smoky Mountain Development Corporation, which is an organization devoted to promoting and developing small business in western North Carolina.

He has served as president of the Franklin Little League Baseball in the past and currently umpires for the League. Breedlove also attends First United Methodist Church and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Macon County Community Foundation.

Breedlove’s wife of 27 years is Kathy Gautier Breedlove, a school counselor currently working at FHS. They have two children who have attended Macon County schools: son Jared who is working in Highlands after recently graduating from WCU, and daughter Annie is a senior at WCU.

Next deVille introduced Bobby Kuppers, who is a candidate for the Macon County Board of Commissioners. “His listening skills are unparalleled: he listens, analyzes, asks questions, synthesizes, and debates,” said deVille.

Kuppers is currently an FHS social studies teacher. He graduated from FHS in 1971 and entered the U.S. Naval Academy where he earned a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. Kuppers served in the U.S. Submarine Force for 25 years before his retirement in 2000. His assignments included a tour as Commanding Officer of the USSE Key West as well as working with the head NATO submarine admiral in Europe during his time in Northwood, U.K. Kuppers completed his final tour as a commanding officer at the Trident Training Facility in Kings Bay, GA.

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Researchers Work to Keep Rare Fish Off Endangered Species List

On the bank of the Little Tennessee River, downstream from the town of Franklin, biologists squeeze tiny yellow eggs from a fish into a plastic bag. Unlike caviar, these eggs won’t be eaten, but rather trucked to a high-tech aquatic lab in Knoxville, Tenn., to join an effort to keep a rare fish off the endangered species list.

The fish is a sicklefin redhorse, a recently discovered species found only in the western tip of North Carolina and a small bit of North Georgia. The extremely limited range of the animal and the precarious state of the streams where it lives raise questions about its long-term well-being, and whether it needs protection under the Endangered Species Act.

These eggs are part of a project to conserve the fish and expand its range, undertaken by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Conservation Fisheries, Inc., a Knoxville-based non-profit specializing in the captive propagation and rearing of the region’s most imperiled fish.

“With the sicklefin redhorse, we have a chance to take some early conservation action and hopefully increase the size and number of spawning populations,” said Mark Cantrell of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Biologists collected 27,000 eggs from seven different fish in this, the second year of the project. The eggs were taken to CFI’s Knoxville laboratory where they’ll be fertilized, hatch, and grow for about three months.

No one has done this type of work with the sicklefin redhorse, so there is a steep learning curve,” said CFI’s Pat Rakes, commenting on the fact these fish have never been reared in captivity.

In the Tuckasegee River, spawning sicklefins swim from as far away as Fontana Reservoir. But instead of swimming up the Tuckasegee River, they turn and swim up the Oconaluftee River, spawning below Ela Dam, and fueling a lot of speculation.

There is some thought the fish might imprint on a river, returning to that spot for spawning. With that in mind, Steve Fraley, a biologist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, hypothesizes that decades of pollution may have wiped out sicklefin that spawned in the Tuckasegee River, while those spawning in the cleaner Oconaluftee River would have survived, though the construction of Ela Dam cut their migration.

Once the fish in CFI’s aquaria are about 1.5 inches long, about half will be moved to a hatchery operated by Cherokee Fisheries and Wildlife Management, in the Oconaluftee River watershed. From there, they’ll be released above Ela Dam, where biologists hope they’ll expand their range up into the Oconaluftee River. The remainder of the fish will be put in the Tuckasegee River, above Dillsboro Dam. The fish hatched this year will return to spawn in about 5 to 7 years, well after the scheduled removal of Dillsboro Dam.

CFI’s captive rearing has been supported with money from the Service, and next year an grant from the Cherokee Preservation Foundation will allow the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to hatch and rear eggs at their hatchery, an expanded role of a facility that has always produced trout.

The sicklefin is one of 15 redhorse species and was favored by Native Americans who built extensive fish traps and weirs for this important source of protein. The sicklefin, which derives its name from its long, sickle-shaped dorsal fin, was first recognized as a distinct fish species by Roanoke College professor Robert Jenkins in 1992. Looking at various redhorse specimens, he noticed some specimens from the Little Tennessee River basin were different, and it became clear that instead of being an odd fit for other species, this was a new species, the sicklefin redhorse.

It is also found in the Hiwassee River basin. Growing to about a 1/2 foot, sicklefins are bottom feeders, eating aquatic insects, but will forage along downed logs, even turning upside down to eat along the log’s surface where one biologist has even heard them slurp.
‘Always....Patsy’ on stage now at Highlands Playhouse

If the Highlands Playhouse 2008 season lineup is received as well as “Always....Patsy Cline” has been received, the Playhouse’s economic woes may be over.

The first show of the 2008 season marking the Playhouse’s 70th anniversary hit every mark. A great set, impeccable talent and a subject that appealed to ages across the spectrum.

Even folks too young to have experienced Patsy Cline when she was alive have come to love her songs and her story as heard over the airwaves and seen in movies.

Her torch songs are timeless and speak to everyone who has ever “been done wrong” by a lover -- well, really a man -- in any generation.

Helping some remember Patsy and others get to know her, is actress Cindy Summers who is such a Patsy look-and-sound-alike it’s scary. Her energy and stamina defies logic as her voice streams steady and strong throughout the performance depicting sorrow, frustration, happiness and excitement. The numerous costume changes are fun, as well!!

Another absolutely delightful element of “Always....Patsy Cline” is the performance of Maria Vee as Louise Seger, a Cline fan to the ultimate degree.

Vee adds an unexpected dimension to the production, stealing the show with her story – really the Cline and Seger story – her gyrations, verve and all around sex appeal.

Turns out both Summers and Vee have performed “Always....Patsy Cline” countless times – just not together. As experienced professional actors, they were able to come together a couple of days before opening night to deliver a combo-performance that is over the top.

As word has spread, each performance of “Always....Patsy Cline” has been a sellout but if you’re lucky, someone won’t show up and you can grab a ticket at the last minute. Give it a try — you’ll be glad you did.

Next up is “On Golden Pond” a big-screen bittersweet favorite starring Katharine Hepburn and Henry Fonda, July 10-20. For tickets call the boxoffice at 526-2695.

If the crew, cast and board of Highlands Playhouse continues to pay attention to the details and caliber of performance as witnessed in “Always....Patsy Cline” in subsequent shows, it’s likely the snowball affect of sellout performances will be a seasonal sensation.

- Kim Lewicki

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“Bobby retired from the U.S. Navy in 2000 and two days later joined Macon County Schools as a teacher and football coach,” deville said. Kuppers’ teaching positions have included 7th grademath, algebra, world history, civics and economics, and Advanced Placement U.S. government.

He has been head coach of junior varsity football and assistant coach of junior varsity and varsity girls’ basketball as well as junior varsity boys’ basketball. Kuppers has also coached varsity football.

He married high school sweetheart Peggy Cabe, who is the daughter of Leon and Jesse Cabe of Franklin. They have three daughters: Amanda is a graduate student at the University of Memphis. Lauren graduated from Appalachian State University and is now married and working in Asheville as a social worker. Kuppers’ youngest daughter, Susannah, recently graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is preparing to start graduate school.

He said that he can’t predict how he will vote as a county commissioner, but he believes that commissioners need to listen to the public.

“Democracy doesn’t work if we don’t listen to you,” Kuppers said. He stated that the citizens of the county have a responsibility to keep their commissioners informed about the issues that are important to them.

There have been too many personal agendas and not enough of what you want,” he said.

He suggested a rotation where the commissioners visit different communities in the county. “There are 15 precincts and five commissioners in our county; each commissioner could go to one precinct each month, and in three months we could cover the whole county,” he said.

Kuppers feels that it can be intimidating... CANDIDATES page 23
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for citizens to attend meetings in the Commissioners' Board Room, and that more communication could take place if the commissioners were the ones to go out into the community to meet with citizens.

Kuppers said that since he’s a teacher and a coach, schools are very important to him. “I’m also the cheapest man on the planet,” he said. “My philosophy is that there is not enough money to do everything we want to do, but there has to be enough to do what we need to do.”

He said that he would love to keep schools as small as possible, but asked how much property tax would taxpayers be willing to live with? “It’s not a little more but a lot more,” he said.

While he acknowledged that many decisions regarding changes to county schools would most likely be underway before the elections in November, he also said that he was impressed with the quality of the new classrooms at East Franklin Elementary.

He said he is running for the office because there is a need to bring a sense of community back to Macon County. “My heart lies with the youth of this county. If we get it right for them, we’ll get it right for us,” Kuppers said.

“I don’t know what community is, but I know what it isn’t. It’s not a group that turns their back on kids or is afraid not to spend money on good ideas.”

He reminded the audience that political party associations shouldn’t be as important as our identity with the people of our county. “We are all Maconians. We win or lose together.”

In closing, Kuppers said that commissioners need to find out how constituents feel about decisions that have been made. “We need to listen to why you’re upset. If we don’t, we’ll continue to make the same mistakes.”

He said that not all decisions can be made on a referendum, but no decision should be made without input from the community.

The event was sponsored by Highlands resident and retired public school teacher Marilyn DeVille. More informative sessions are planned by the candidates to promote community involvement later this summer.

Round Robin and Cookout

It’s that time of year again to restrung your tennis racquet and pull your tennis shoes out of the back of the closet! The Nantahala Tennis Association is in full swing at Highlands Recreation Park. Come join us for some great fun on the courts, meet some new friends or reconnect with old ones. A Round Robin and Cookout is planned for Friday, July 18.

The Round Robin Fundraiser, on Saturday, will start at 3 p.m. at the Highlands Recreation Park tennis courts. All experience levels are encouraged to attend. NTA meets on a daily basis from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Saturday and always welcomes new players. The only fee is $2 payable to the Highlands Recreation Park.

The Fundraiser Cookout will follow tennis, at 5 p.m. The grill is located next to the tennis courts. Please bring a covered dish, non alcoholic beverage and $10 per person. Grilled hamburgers, ice for beverages, cups and plates, etc. will be provided. The proceeds from the event will be donated to the Highland Recreation Park for the upkeep of the tennis courts. Come out for an afternoon of tennis and great food. We have some folks that can handle themselves well on the court and the kitchen! See you there!

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- **Prestigious Sagee Mountain location with lots of trees and plants and a pleasant view of Fodderstack Mountain.** 4 bedrooms, 3-1/2 baths with great stacked stone, two car garage and one bedroom guest house above. 10 kw generator, new roof, new master bath, oak hardwood peg floors. Offered at $895,000. mls #65713

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As the House prepared for the Independence Day District Work Period several pieces of important legislation came before the House to be debated.

The first major bill, H.R. 6275, will protect over 25 million hardworking American families from being forced to pay higher taxes under the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). The AMT was originally created to ensure that wealthiest Americans were paying their fair share of taxes. Unfortunately, the AMT was not indexed to inflation and in recent years more and more middle-class families have been getting forced to pay the AMT. H.R. 6275, the Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act, will protect these middle-class families from the AMT by increasing the exemption amount for married couples filing jointly and for individuals.

H.R. 6275 also contained offsets to ensure that no new costs were added to the national debt in order to pay for this middle-class tax relief. The Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act simply closed tax loopholes that investment fund managers used to avoid paying their full share of income tax.

Protecting working families, while also ensuring that future generations of Americans are not paying the bill was the right thing to do. This commonsense bill passed the House with bipartisan support, 233-189.

As we all prepare to celebrate our Nation’s birthday, it is important to pause and remember all of those who have sacrificed to protect our freedoms. That is why I was so honored that the House passed my bill, H.Res.1231 Supporting the Goals and Ideals of Vietnam Veterans Day.

H.Res. 1231 calls on all Americans to recognize March 29th as Vietnam Veterans Day. It also asks all to commemorate those who sacrificed their lives, remember those who are still missing in action, honor those who were prisoners of war, and acknowledge all members of the Armed Forces throughout the Vietnam War for their service protecting our nation.

While we can never fully repay the debt we owe for their selfless service, the resolution makes it clear that we will never forget the more than 3,000,000 brave young Americans who served our Nation and the 58,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam

I introduced this bill to recognize a Vietnam Veterans Day after Mr. Derrel Maxwell and other veterans from the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 994 in Franklin approached me with the idea. It was endorsed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. I am honored that it passed the House by a unanimous voice vote.

The House will return to session on Tuesday, July 8th.
Learning the basics at HUMC Vacation Bible School

Children from various religious denominations gathered for Highlands United Methodist Church’s Vacation Bible School the week of June 29-July 3. Through activities including games, crafts, science projects, plays and music, they learned the importance of being obedient, kind, compassionate and humble. Members of the church and parents of children in the community all helped out during the week long event.

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The Highlands Cashiers Hospital Foundation did a tremendous job of promoting their benefit dinner. The restaurant was full to capacity as patrons dined in support of them. A great meal, good company and a generous check were the result of their efforts. We at Lakeside thank the Highlands Cashiers Hospital Foundation and all their supporters for a truly successful evening.

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**Lakeside Owners, Marty Rosenfield and Donna Woods**

Lakeside Owners, Marty Rosenfield and Donna Woods presenting a check to Chairman of the Hospital Foundation Board, Bill Gaston and Executive Director Russell Harris.
"Always...Patsy" Opening Night

Actresses Cindy Summers and Maria Vee at the opening night performance of "Always...Patsy" now playing at Highlands Playhouse with show sponsor John Lupoli and family.

Historical dwelling find new home at Carpe Diem Farms

Carpe Diem Farms recently acquired the old Shortoff Schoolhouse which rested at the corner of 64 and Buck Creek Road. The dwelling belonged to the Holcomb family, owners of Holcomb Antique Lumber and Timber. The acquisition was made as CDF was able to offer a permanent place for the historical building and rehabilitation through the use of reclaimed wood.

The cabin was restored by Douglas and G.R. Holcomb. The completion of the renovation will afford the community an opportunity to pay homage to a slice of Highlands' and Appalachian history. CDF is looking for stories or photos connected with the dwelling.

If anyone can share a piece of their history to help in the remembrance of the pioneering spirit of the space please contact the farm. Any pictures or documents will be digitally copied and returned immediately. Your memories and stories will be permanently honored and preserved at CDF and offered to the Historical Society of Highlands. The dedication of Cora Rogers' cabin will be Aug. 16 at 2 p.m.

Those wishing to attend the dedication, visit or book an event in this wonderfully preserved historical building may do so by calling Eleanor Crowe Young at 526-2854 or emailing eleanorcrowe@aol.com.
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Real Estate Transactions

PIN, Address, Grantee, Date, Sale, Grantor, Assessed Value

Town of Highlands
0528949, 574 BONNIE DR MIRRORMONT
SUBL, HALL DEBORAH ANNE, 4/22/2008, $0.,
VICKERY ROBERT M JR, $81,720.
1423258, RAVENEL RIDGE RD LOT 23,
CORNERSTONE HOMES OF HIGHLANDS LLC, 4/30/2008, $900,000.,
MOUNTAIN SOLUTIONS LLC, $650,000.
0546550, US 64E & 1541, SCUDDER
FRANK A AND JOAN S LLC, 5/7/2008, $1,100,000.,
REESE LUCILLE P, $1,230,400.
1450927, 801 SPLIT RAIL ROW SAGEE
MTN, WIEDMANN CLARK A, 5/30/2008,
$750,000., MERRY FINLEY H, $1,177,370.
1450928, 801 SPLIT RAIL ROW SAGEE
MTN, WIEDMANN CLARK A, 5/30/2008,
$230,000., MERRY FINLEY H, $356,400.
0560585, HWY 106, WORTH DAVID W, 5/11/2008,
$301,000., MAGRUDER JOSEPH P JR, $415,230.
0600148, 88 LLOYD COVE RD, FRENCH
WILLIAM H, $390,000., CLARK THOMAS J,
$315,520.
0550833, ON HWY 64 E, LUPOLI JOHN R
JR, 5/2/2008, $0., LUPOLI JOHN R JR,
$1,097,100.
0550835, CHESTNUT RUN, OGLE DWIGHT,
94,400.

Highlands Township
0504464, 94 NETSI PL DCPC HOLDINGS
LLC, 5/14/2008, $0., CAMPBELL PATRICIA
SKINNER, $341,610.
0503069, 20 DEER RUN LOT 65 COLD
SPRINGS, SKELTON SANDRA, 5/19/2008,
$0., SKELTON SANDRA, $519,670.
0503130, 55 OLD WAGON RD LAUREL
RIDGE, DCPC HOLDINGS LLC, 5/14/2008,
$0., CAMPBELL PATRICIA SKINNER, $21,760.
0503846, 39 ALEAZA LN WILDCAT
CLIFFS, WILDCAT CLIFFS COUNTRY CLUB
INC, 5/20/2008, $0., STIRLING EUNICE H,
$300,580.
0546004, 1546 MIRRORMONT LOT 35
MIRRORMONT SUBD, VICKERY ROBERT M JR,
4/25/2008, $0., VICKERY ROBERT M JR,
$127,330.
0549277, 91 BEARFOOT LN BEARFOOT
AT FLAT MOUNTAIN, BROWNE LYNNE U, 6/19/2008,
$0., BROWNE LYNNE U, $787,170.
0516687, 39 CHERRY TREE LN
ULLASAJA CLUB, PARHAM JIMMY W, 6/4/2008,
$610,000., DEMENT CAROLYN BETH,
$1,034,460.
0550965, 156 DOGWOD DR LOT 39 UNIT
B RIVERLAKE, MAYER DWIGHT J TRUSTEE,
0516913, LOT 7 ULLASAJA CLUB,
GRiffin R J JR, 6/4/2008, $0., DEMENT BILL,
$510,300.
0516991, 95 WEST VIEW ULLASAJA
CLUB, LATHEM WILLIAM C, 4/25/2008,
$915,000., SIEGEL IRWIN A, $1,022,750.
0503078, 43 DOGWOD CT VILLA 3 HFCC,
MASON FRANK H, 5/22/2008, $0., MASON
FRANK H, $346,150.
0507070, 175 PINE CIR LOT 23 SKYLINE
Lodge, GALLOWAY SUZANNE R TRUSTEE,
5/15/2008, $0., GALLOWAY SUZANNE R
TRUSTEE, $277,310.
0535216, 220 BLACKBERRY LN LOT 7
HIDDEN FALLS, BELL JOHN MICHAEL, 6/5/2008,
780,000., BOWEN WILLIAM M, $722,420.
0535706, KETTLEROCK RD, SULLIVAN
CLAUDE TOWNSEND JR, 6/9/2008, $400,000.,
J & H NC HOLDINGS LLC, $645,700.
0518780, 35 ROCK CREEK DR HFCC,
MOSBY JOHN D III TRUSTEE, 6/1/2008,
$3,100,000., MOSBY JOHN D III TRUSTEE,
$3,100,000.
0503258, LOT 125 SEC H WILDCAT
CLIFFS, HARTY JOSEPH E, 6/11/2008,
$420,000., REVIS EDGAR TRUSTEE,
$277,310.
0527983, 152 BLACKBERRY LN LOT 13
HIGHLANDS LLC, 6/6/2008, $0., BROWN
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Thoughts from a new little Methodist preacher

Hello Highlands! My name is Paul Christy and I feel privileged to be a new little Methodist preacher here in your beautiful town. For those who are not Methodist, let me explain how my arrival took place. You see we have a Bishop and a District Superintendent who tell us Methodist preachers where to go, when to go to another church, and how to behave at another church. Now I hope that you know that I am just kidding about the part of how to behave, but they do appoint us each and every year to a church. I have already shared with the good people that were in attendance at the Methodist Church this past Sunday that I was not moving from this place until I retire.

Do you realize that you all live in one of the most beautiful spots that I have ever seen in the world? I firmly believe that when God created the world, God said, I want to make a spectacular place in the tip of North Carolina and call it Highlands. You cannot help but marvel at the beauty of this place. I do want to thank all of you for the warm and loving welcome you have given me because everywhere we go people are nice and warm, and welcoming. And I want to focus for just a moment in my “first article” to talk about change. How many of us really like change?

Change is one of those things that tend to frighten us, but change is also one of those things that is always around us, always waiting to find us and always waiting to see how we will respond. Let me tell you a quick story about change.

I grew up trout fishing in a place called Little Snowbird in Graham County in North Carolina. My granddad and his fishing buddies formed a trout fishing club and I was a card-carrying member because my last name was Christy. For years, Little Snowbird was the place to fish unlike any other. It was a beautiful stream, no houses around and you would always catch fish. It was perfect! But then change happened, my Granddad and all his fishing buddies died and soon some of the land started to sell and soon homes were build right on the stream. Now the club still owned the stream but not the land. And I was not real happy.

People were building homes right on MY stream.

But last year, I was fishing with my little brother on Little Snowbird and we were remembering the way it used to be, and when we got back to my car, I had a flat tire.

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Now let me explain something. Little Snowbird is in the middle of nowhere, and I thought what am I going to do? But a man at one of the houses, those new houses on the stream came out and had a plug for my tire and an air compressor and fixed my tire. And he would not let me pay him. Because of change, I was helped in a time of need. What I learned from that was simply this, while many of us fight change, change is something that can help us as well. So next time change happens in your life, instead of looking for the negative, look for the positive because you might be surprised.

I look forward to meeting many of you and getting to know you, and remember, I am going to be here until I retire, so come see me and who knows we might have to just talk about change. My family, Jamye, Zack and Caroline are happy to call this beautiful place home. Grace and peace.

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POLICE & FIRE LOGS

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for June 25-July 2.

June 27
- At 6:20 p.m., the larceny of food stuffs and toiletries was reported at Bryson’s Food Store.
- At 6:49 p.m., Sherry D. Teta, 44, was arrested for larceny of items from Bryson’s Food Store, shoplifting, drug violations and possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 28
- At 9:30 p.m., visitor reported her purse and wallet stolen and then called back to report she had found it.
- At 9:35 p.m., officers assisted another agency.

June 29
- At 1:45 p.m., officers assisted an accident at Cobb Road and N.C. 106.

June 30
- At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to an unattended death of a 51-year-old man in a residence on Robin Hood Lane. During the week, officers issued 2 warning tickets and responded to 2 alarm activations.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of June 25-July 2

June 27
- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west at Turtle Pond Road but the call was turned over to the Cullasaja Fire & Rescue Dept.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hicks Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

June 28
- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 106. There were no injuries.

June 29
- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Horse Cove Road when a burned dinner set off the fire alarm.

June 30
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Robin Hood Lane where a man was reported DOA.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west and Bust Your Butt Falls. A toddler suffered minor injuries because he wasn’t in his car seat.
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Dr. Dozier brings almost 30 years of experience as a general surgeon to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Prior to joining our staff, he was president of Surgical Specialists of Greater Atlanta. While in Atlanta, he was on staff at several Atlanta hospitals, including Atlanta Medical Center where he held the position of Chief of General Surgery. A former Commander in the US Naval Reserve, Dr. Dozier is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Widely known throughout western North Carolina, Dr. Noell also brings extensive surgical experience to our communities. A graduate of the University of Arkansas College of Medicine, Dr. Noell completed his surgical internships and residency training at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. He practiced at Harris Regional Hospital (later West Care Health System) for 18 years, including serving six years as chief of surgery, before relocating his practice to Highlands in 2008. Dr. Noell is also a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

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Dr. Christopher Dyer, who has a private dental practice in Highlands, has begun volunteering his services to the Free Dental Clinic located in Laurel Plaza in Cashiers.

He is volunteering one Friday each month, and frequently is accompanied by his regular dental assistant, Kathy Sounia. The Clinic is operated by the Blue Ridge Mountains Health Project (BRMHP), and serves many residents of our community who are uninsured and unable to afford to pay for their dental needs. The Clinic is now typically providing 24 hours of dentists’ services weekly.

Karen Minton, Executive Director of the Clinic, says, “Dr. Dyer is an extraordinarily capable dentist and also a wonderful person. He and Kathy are making a great contribution in helping us provide dental care that is so critically needed by many of our low-income neighbors. Without them, our waiting list would be even longer.”

Dr. Dyer is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and the Dental School of the University of Alabama. During his spring breaks, while he was in Dental School, he volunteered to work in Honduras and Peru serving the dental needs in those countries. Since establishing his practice in Highlands in 2001, he has also taken time from his practice to travel to Africa to work with a dental clinic in that area. Volunteering is part of his life pattern, and is a great help here at the Free Dental Clinic in Cashiers.

BRMHP opened its Clinic in April 2005, and has increased its services as professionals have volunteered to help in their specialties. At the present time, the budget for operating the Clinic for one year is in excess of $140,000. The money comes from grants and donations from local churches, foundations, and individuals.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with this community service should call the Clinic at 828-743-3393. Donations may be sent to BRMHP, P O Box 451, Cashiers, NC 28717. Donations are tax deductible.
For most of us, reading is as natural as breathing.
We rely on our ability to read directions to sort through ideas about art, politics and the dizzying world of the 21st Century. During times of hardship, we’ve turned to books of faith and wisdom, and sought the comfort of authors and poets from long ago. And remember the joy of reading a book that opened the world beyond your room for the first time, or a poem that stirred your deepest emotions and resonated in your soul?
That’s what makes this statistic so poignant: Fifty-one percent of the adult population here in Macon County struggles with illiteracy.

Think about that! More than half of our neighbors cannot even complete a job application, not to mention enjoy the experiences of reading that we take for granted. And if these adults are illiterate, there’s a good chance their children will follow the same path.

Every day the Literacy Council of Highlands works hard to break the cycle of illiteracy. They are a small charity with a big job! Your financial support keeps their programs strong and effective as they continue their mission “To Enrich Lives through Literacy on the Highlands Plateau.” Together, we can make a difference!
The Literacy Council of Highlands is partnering with the Highlands Community Players for Loving Literacy: A Premier Gala. This event will be Wednesday, August 20th, at the Martin-Lipscombe Performing Arts Center. It’ll include an exclusive premiere showing of the hilarious and naughty play “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,” food and wine before the curtain opens, drawing for local golf packages and conclude with coffee and dessert while mingling with the actors. If you’ve ever wanted to attend a Red-Carpet Hollywood Premiere, well, this is about as close as you’re going to get on the Highlands Plateau!

This is the major fundraising event for the Literacy Council of Highlands. It’ll allow the council to continue to provide services to the over 150 students they work with each year. Please join in breaking the cycle of illiteracy. The levels of sponsorships are Pulitzer Prize (6 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $1,500), National Book Award (4 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $1,000), Best Seller (2 premiere seats and acknowledgment in the program - $500), Patron (1 ticket - $125) and Editor (unable to attend, but would like to contribute).

Please call Melody Mendez for more information at 526-9938, ext. 240. To learn more about the Literacy Council of Highlands and their mission, visit www.highlandsliteracy.org. Or, even better, visit them at the Peggy Crosby Center so that you can get to know and see how they are making a profound difference in the lives of children and adults here in Highlands.

On-going
• Raffle of handcrafted Stiefel Botanical Book to Benefit The Bascom. To purchase a raffle ticket, call 828-526-9805 or 342-0583 for further information. Four different images will be available for sale and for raffle, so people can buy all four images for $2,000 and have four different chances of winning.
• The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series is held each Thursday during the summer months at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center, 930 Horse Cove Rd. For a complete schedule, visit www.wcu.edu/hs.
• Oak Street Café is donating a portion of its revenues to the Playhouse from meals purchased prior to show time. Park your car, have a meal, then walk across the street to the Playhouse production!
• The Highlands Playhouse is taking reservations for “On Golden Pond,” Thurs.-Sun., July 10-20; “70th Anniversary Diamond Review,” Thurs.-Sun., July 24-Aug. 10; and “Inherit the Wind” Thurs.-Sun., James “Popcorn” Manley
Owner/Operator
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COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTIES
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Large family home located at the top of Highlands Country Club with views of Blue Valley and Whiteside. The elevator services all 3 levels with the master bedroom on the main level. 8 bedrooms, 8 1/2 baths, 6 fireplaces and everything you’d expect in a house of this calibre. Many fabulous details. $5.5 million.

Bear’s Den is in Whiteside Cove. A large rustic home on 8.86 acres with 7 bedrooms, 7 bathrooms a tennis court and much more. Beautiful mountain views abound. $1.2 million.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mountain Artisans craft show at WCU this weekend

The 19th Annual Mountain Artisans “Summertime” Art & Craft Show opens July 5-6, hours are 10-5 each day in the WCU Ramsey Center, Hwy 107, Cullowhee, NC.

The Mountain Artisan shows are highly anticipated because it’s where all the good artists are! Over 100 regional and mountain craftsmen present authentic art and crafts.

Particular customers know they can purchase an original art and craft and meet the one who made it. This year’s show will feature contemporary and traditional artists. Mountain homeowners will be able to purchase hand made rustic furniture, an original painting or stained glass panel.

Many of the old traditional crafts will include: A Shaker broom maker who will demonstrate his craft on a 100-year-old machine. The bowed psaltery makers will be playing the old tunes on their instruments and showing you how easy it is to learn to play too. The “forgotten mountain berry baskets” can be purchased from the demonstrator. Other mountain crafts will be quilts and wall hangings, pinecone birds, goat milk soap, weaving, and pottery. Pine needle baskets and the best clay and glass artists around will be there.

Our featured artist will be Regina Coffee who uses clay to reproduce barns, historic homes and farm houses. Each piece is fired and hand painted. She can bring to life your old homeplace if you bring her a photo.

Other exhibitors include rustic birdhouses, jewelry, folk art, fine art, weaving, woodturnings and much more. For a complete look go to mountainartisans.net.

Admission is $3 for adults, children under 12 free. Free parking. The Ramsey center is located on the WCU Campus, Hwy 107, Cullowhee, NC. Call 828-524-3405. Doris Hunter promoter.
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For millions of homeowners, turning a backyard into a golf course-quality green space is a springtime dream that seems just out of reach. The good news? Thanks to a new generation of easy-to-operate mowing equipment, a lush, manicured lawn is within most people's grasp. According to turf expert Paul B. Latshaw, using the right tools and techniques will help ensure that your lawn stays golf course vibrant all year long.

“Turning your attention to the turf in early spring makes all the difference,” says Latshaw, who has led the golf course turf preparations for three PGA events, including the 2004 through 2006 Memorial Tournaments at Muirfield Village Golf Club, Jack Nicklaus' home course. “A little work now will really pay off throughout the season,” he says. Latshaw teamed with the lawn care experts at Lawn-Boy to offer these tips to help turn your backyard into a space that will have your neighbors turning green with envy:

1. Get your equipment into shape. Golf course maintenance crews rely on their equipment to be in tip-top shape, and homeowners should expect the same type of performance. After sitting unused for several months, your mower will probably need a little TLC. Spring is the perfect time to check and change the oil, air filter and spark plugs. Also, be sure to check to see if your bladeneeds sharpening or replacing. If you're not up to the task, or simply don't have time, contact your local dealer to schedule a spring tune-up.

2. Use the right mower. If your mower didn't perform up to your expectations last year, it may be time to invest in some new equipment. Today, higher-end models combine professional-level effectiveness with lots of user-friendly features, including easier starting. When designing its new line of mowers, Lawn-Boy interviewed hundreds of homeowners and used their feedback to come up with innovative features like an easy-to-adjust handle height, a bag you can remove with just one hand, and a self-propel system that automatically senses and adjusts to your walking speed up to five miles per hour.

3. Water. Water is one of the most vital elements for a healthy lawn. But, contrary to popular belief, watering at night is not the best option. The best time to water is in the early morning so the grass can benefit from its a.m. drink throughout the day.

4. Aerate. Golf courses aerate regularly to relieve compaction. Most home lawns can benefit from this procedure as well. Mature lawns can often become compacted, reducing the ability of critical nutrients to reach grass roots. Aerialing helps loosen the soil, letting water, air and fertilizer make it down to the grass plant's roots. Manual tools work well for small yards or trouble spots. If you've got a large yard, consider renting a power aerator with a group of your neighbors.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Patriotic mini-concert at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, July 4 at 8 p.m. The concert will last about 40 minutes – ending just prior to the town fireworks display.

Wednesdays
- At the Nature Center, Nature Show & Tell Storytime 2:30-3 p.m., all ages: Come for a nature lesson based around a children’s storybook using items from the Nature Center.
- Highlands MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.
- Men’s interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Every Third Wednesday
- Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian 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.

1st & 3rd Thursdays
- The local affiliate of NAMI NC (National Alliance on Mental Illness), NAMI Appalachian South, meets from 7-9 p.m. at the Family Restoration Center, 1095 Wiley Brown Road, Franklin. NAMI offers peer support, education, and advocacy for individuals suffering from serious mental illness and their families and loved ones. Contact Ann Nandrea 369-7385, Carole Light 524-9769 or Mary Ann Widenhouse 524-1355 for more information.

Thursdays
- At the Nature Center, Zahner Conservation Lecture Series 7 p.m., 12 and up: An evening seminar series featuring leading scientists, historians, writers and artists on a variety of environmental topics (sched-
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World premiere performance at the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival grand opening concerts

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival kicks off its 27th season this Sunday and Monday (July 6 in Highlands and July 7 in Cashiers) with an incredibly exciting and imaginative program featuring the Eroica Trio in “A Night at the Opera — Without the Singers!”

Musical fireworks will be crackers from the stage as the Eroica perform virtuosic instrumental versions of some of the best-loved operatic music, including Mozart’s “Magic Flute” Overture, Sarasate’s “Carmen Variations”, and Liszt’s “Don Juan Fantasy.”

Continuing the Festival’s tradition of ground-breaking performances, these concerts will also feature the world premiere of a new arrangement of George Gershwin’s “Porgy and Bess” created especially for the Eroica by Kenji Bunch.

Cellist Sara Sant’Ambrogio said, “We are so excited because we have been waiting for this arrangement for a couple of years now. We will also be playing music from West Side Story especially arranged for us, and this is a great program for the Fourth of July weekend because these two pieces of music sum up two quintessential periods of American music. ‘Porgy and Bess’ was written at the height of the Jazz Age, and ‘West Side Story’ marked the beginning of the hip-hop music scene.”

These two pieces will be on The Eroica Trio’s newest CD, to be released in October, so Highlands and Cashiers audiences will be getting a sneak preview. This will be an all-American album, also including the Mark O’Connor ode to Johnny Cash, “Poets and Prophets,” arranged especially for the Eroica Trio and played at the Festival in 2006.

The award-winning Eroica Trio is the “most sought-after chamber music ensemble in the world” and has become a firm favorite of Festival audiences. At intermission, celebrate the opening of the 2008 Festival with champagne in Highlands and a chocolate fountain in Cashiers.

On Wednesday, July 9, the Festival’s popular “Bach at Buck’s” series returns with Grammy Award winner Sara Sant’Ambrogio playing solo Bach cello suites in the intimate and informal setting of a coffeehouse. Visit with Sara and hear some extraordinary music while enjoying a glass of wine or some coffee and cake 8:30 p.m. at Buck’s Coffee Café on Highlands Main Street, no admission charge.

For tickets for these don’t-miss performances, call the Festival at 828-526-9060, or online at h-cmusicfestival.org.

Festival events, including concerts, are on sale now online at www.thebascom.org or by calling 828-526-4949. The Morgan lecture tickets are $75, The Shambaugh lecture costs $30. Corporate sponsors are Northern Trust, WNC Magazine, The Highlander and The Summer House.

Floral designer Ron Morgan part of Bascom’s ‘Mountains in Bloom’ Festival

Ticket sales continue for “Mountains in Bloom 2008,” a four-day nature-themed festival featuring the very best that Highlands has to offer. The July 8-12 festival will showcase eight historic, in-town mountain gardens, as well as lectures, patron parties and the first Flower Show in Highlands since the 1940s. Proceeds benefit The Bascom, a nonprofit visual arts center.

One of the highlights of this year’s event is a lecture/demonstration/luncheon/book signing featuring Ron Morgan, celebrated American floral designer. The lecture is set for 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 10, at the Highlands Civic Center.

All four of Morgan’s books — “A Glass Act,” “A Celebration of Clematis,” “In the Company of Flowers” and “The Center of Attention” — will be available for purchase and signing.

Morgan is one of the most sought-after and well-recognized floral designers in the nation. He has dazzled lecture and garden club audiences for over 20 years with his wit, knowledge and unparalleled creativity. Through his imaginative use of flowers, fruits, vegetables and unusual items, he transforms the ordinary into the exquisite, artfully arranging his striking materials into masterpieces. His table escapes are legendary for their creativity, elegance and visual impact.

“We are incredibly lucky to have Ron Morgan come to Highlands to speak at our garden festival,” said Donna Woods, The Bascom’s director of events. “His witty nature combined with his supreme expertise will make for an unbelievably excellent event. It’s a don’t-miss for anyone who has an appreciation for flowers and nature. Gather some friends and make an afternoon of it!”

The Bascom will also offer another garden-themed lecture in this year’s festival: “The Language of Flowers,” featuring Highlands’ own Margie Shambaugh. That event is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street in Highlands.

Tickets for the lectures, along with the rest of the festival events, are on sale now at www.thebascom.org or by calling (828) 526-4949. The Morgan lecture costs $75. The Shambaugh lecture costs $30. Corporate sponsors are Northern Trust, WNC Magazine, The Highlander and The Summer House.

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- Highlands Playhouse is having auditions for a girl, age 8-14, to sing “Tomorrow” from “Annie” in our upcoming “70th Anniversary Salute to Broadway” which runs July 22-Aug. 10. Auditions will be held on Saturday, at Highlands Playhouse between 1-3 p.m. You can sing a song of your preference and a pianist will be provided. If you have any questions, call Sam Dunaway at 770-981-4305.

- Fisher Garden Tour atop Sagee Woods. Car pools leave from Pine Street Gazebo hourly 9:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tickets are $25 and proceeds fund the Community School in Cange, Haiti. Rain or shine.

- At Cynor’s Book Shop, journalist Dudley Cleveline will sign “A Place Called Canterbury” from 1-3 p.m.

- Mountain Artisan’s “Summertime” Art & Craft Show at Western Carolina’s Ramsey Center on Hwy 107 in Cullowhee. $3 for adults, children under 12 free. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 100 heritage and contemporary artisans. Call 828-524-3405 for more information.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take two hikes, mostly downhill, in the Wayah Bald area. Hike 1, from Wayah Bald to Wayah Crest, is a 4.2 mile easy-to-moderate hike. Hike 2, from Wilson Lith Ranger Sta...
Robert Henry – Prize-winning pianist to perform an Old Vienna afternoon concert

July 6 at 5 p.m.

An afternoon of beautiful Viennese Waltzes will be presented by the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation soloists and choir on Sunday afternoon as the first of their Great Performances series.

The concert, which will be given at the church, will feature six of the church's professional soloists along with the 28 voices of the choir. The outstanding choral ensembles under the direction of Fletcher Wolfe and Mr. Henry will be accompanied by two prize-winning pianists.

Robert Henry, winner of practically every international piano competition will play Viennese Waltzes by Liszt. Mr. Henry, winner of the Atlantic International Competition, The Cleveland International Competition, competitions in Italy, Germany and Canada and the world’s most distinguished pianists.

Mr. Henry will be joined for four-hand piano accompaniment for the Love Waltzes by Susan Clearman, renowned pianist and composer and recently engaged as organist at the United Methodist Church.

The concert is free and open to the public. A Viennese reception follows the concert with guests enjoying Sacher Torte mit Schlagsahne.

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On Saturday, July 12, performing at PAC, one of the most popular bluegrass groups in the southeast – The Dappled Grays at 8 p.m. Vocalist/fiddler Leah Calvert will appear for one night only. At only $10 each, tickets are expected to sell out fast. They may be charged by phone at 526-9047, or online at www.highlandsperformingartscenter.org.
UPCOMING EVENTS

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: "The Best of Parallel Lives," at The Instant Center at 8 p.m. Vocalist/fiddler Leah Calvert will appear with bluegrass groups in the southeast – The Dappled Grays at 8 p.m. Contact Brenda Poss, piano, will perform at 7:30 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: "Beethoven: The Complete Works for Cello and Piano" with Sara Sant'Ambrogio and William Ransom; 7:30 PM Highlands Performing Arts Center, 526-9060.

• Highlands Chamber Music Festival presents Dr. Richard Prior, Director of Orchestras and Chamber Music at Emory University, will present "Beethoven's Influence on Chamber Music" from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at PAC. For tickets and more information about the class, contact CLE at 828-526-8811 or the Festival at 828-526-9060.

• At CLE, Beethoven's Influence on Chamber Music Emory's Richard Prior. Call: 526-8811.

First ‘Interlude’ concert of the 10th season is July 9

Jerri Lynn Williams, soprano, and Brenda Poss, piano, will perform at the "Interlude" at First Presbyterian Church.

First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will present its first Interlude Concert of the 10th season at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 9 at the church on Main Street. The free concerts are presented by the church bi-weekly through August. Dress is casual. There will be a reception following the concert to meet the artists and celebrate the Interlude’s 10th season.
phone at 526-9047, or online at www.thebascom.org.

Sunday, July 13
• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival: “Beethoven: The Complete Works for Cello and Piano” with Sara Sant’Ambrogio and William Ransom; 5 PM at Highlands Performing Arts Center. 526-9060

Monday, July 14–Thursday, July 17
• A “Drawing on Experience: Lessons with a Master” workshop taught by James Daniel will be offered by The Bascom, a center for the visual arts, from July 14-17 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Chestnut Hill. James Daniel, who has been featured on the cover of “American Artist Magazine,” uses a demonstration approach to his teaching. The class is for all levels and costs $350 ($315 for Bascom members). Pre-registration is required. For information, call (828) 526-4949 or email dthodes@thebascom.org.

Monday-Saturday, July 14-26

• Summer Courses offered at the Highlands Biological Station. Fleshy Fungi of the Highlands Plateau. For program descriptions and information about costs, academic credit, instructors, and prerequisites for our summer courses and workshops visit http://www.wcu.edu/hbs/currentyrcourses.htm

Monday, July 14
• Wine Dinner at Wolfgang’s Bistro. “Bad Boys of Napa.” To make reservations, please call Wolfgang’s at 828 526 3807 or visit our web site at www.wolfgang.net.

Tuesday, July 15
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• The Bascom will host an “Evening with the Artist” featuring James Daniel III, artist-in-residence teaching the “Drawing on Experience” workshop, on Wednesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. Daniel will share an insider’s look at the life and exceptional talent of this exceptional young painter. Cost is $15 ($13.50 for Bascom members). For information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

• Caymus Vineyards Wine Dinner at CEI’s The Farm. $169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity. Call 866-526-8008.

Thursday, July 17
• The Cashiers-Highlands and Franklin PEO Sisterhood Luncheon will be held at the Cullasaja Country Club with registration beginning at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. The cost is $26 which includes a selection of wines. Reservations may be made with a check made payable to Mary Ann Ray sent to 104 Oak Street that will house a 21,000-square-foot main building, a pottery studio, a covered bridge, an outdoor sculpture trail, and more. It should be done by the end of the year.

To purchase a raffle ticket, call The Bascom at (828) 526-4949, ext. 8#, or visit www.thebascom.org.

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Friday-Saturday, July 18-19
• The 5th annual Mountain Wildlife and Wilderness Days will be held on July 18 and 19 at the Sapphire Valley Resort in Sapphire, North Carolina. Local sponsors, the Sapphire Valley Resort and the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance make this event possible. More information can be obtained at www.SapphireValleyResort.com and click on special events.

• Summer Colors Fine Art Show at the Rec Park, sponsored by the Art League of Highlands. More than 50 local artists will show original works of art including oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, jewelry making, pottery and other media. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

• At the Hen House at Main and Fifth streets, Richie Watts of The Good Earth Pottery will be signing his pottery 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Come see the new “Highlands” pattern named in honor of The Hen House, the largest gallery of The Good Earth Pottery in the USA.

Friday-Sunday, July 18-20
• AT the Cashiers on Main Street, two trunk shows: a Bijoux de Mer Jewelry Trunk Show. Bijoux de Mer specializes in pearls and precious stones and a William Yeoward Crystal Trunk Show. The world’s most glamorous crystal – supplier of crystal to his Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales.

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YELLOW CAT — No tail. From Rocky Hill/Raoul Road area. “April Mae” If seen please call 526-0991.

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ANTIQUE FURNITURE: Medallion Back Sofa, Louis XV substyle. $300. Matching Lady’s and Gentleman’s Chairs, $400 set. Rocking Chair, Lincoln Type, upholstered. $175. Sold separately or all for $750. Call Sandy at 369-6263.

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GREEN PRINT VELOUR SWIVEL ROCKING CHAIR, new, $250; blue stripe club chair w/ottoman, like new, $175; large pine armoire, like new, $200; Simmons X-large waders w/attached boots, bought at Highland Hiker, used 3 times, $250. Call Beatrice or Dennis at 743-5600.

OFFICE DESK FOR SALE. 30x60, dark oak finish, 6 drawers. $150. Call Sandy at 369-5263 or 524-7350.


BARELY USED 36GB ZUNE VIDEO MP3 PLAYER. Comes with leather case. $150 or best offer. Call Davis at 828-526-9152 for more information.

Two sit-on top kayaks. Orange. Paddles included. $600 for both. Call Lisa at 770-842-3784.

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