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# Highlands' Newspaper

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## The week of April 23-30

April 23

▪ **LUNCHEON** – Senior Luncheon at the Rec Park at 12 noon. Donations accepted.

April 22 & 23

▪ **LIVE PERFORMANCE** – The Instant Theatre Company presents “Voices from the High School” at 7:30 p.m. at PAC. Admission is FREE. For reservations call (828) 342-9197

April 23-April 25

▪ **HIKING** – The Nantahala Hiking Club will hold a camp-out at Hot Springs NC and will take a hike to Max Patch on Friday at 1 p.m. and a hike along the Laurel River trail at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Participants must make their own reservations at the campground by calling 800-462-0933. There are cabins available as well as RV and tent sites. For more info call 524-4200.

April 24

▪ **EARTH DAY** – Earth Day celebration at the Gazebo on Pine Street 10 a.m.-4 p.m.. Music, booths, food and activities for children in celebration of the Earth.

▪ **CLEAN TRAIL** – The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society is cleaning up the Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at the Civic Center North Picnic Shelter at 9 a.m.

▪ **LIVE MUSIC** – Arthur & Katie perform at Buck's Coffee Cafe at 8 p.m. on Main Street.

▪ **HIKING** – The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike four miles to two falls, Rough Run and High Falls, near Glenville. The hike is rated easy-to-moderate, but some rocky terrain must be negotiated. Hikers meet at 9:30 a.m. in Cashiers. Call Carl Blozan, 743-1765, for directions.

April 27

▪ **OPEN HOUSE** – Open house event at the new Macon County Human Services offices on Buck Creek Rd., Tuesday, from 3-6 p.m. Free medical tests, and activities for children. Call 349-2438 for info.

▪ **SPRING FLING** – The Highlands Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, at the Highlands Conference Center from 6-8 p.m. Call 526.5841 for reservations.

## Study shows plenty of land for future growth

By Kim Lewicki

The bottom line is Highlands has enough vacant land to support future growth.

That's how Eleanor Matthews with Marketek summed up the findings of her company's growth analysis study at the April 21 Town Board meeting.

Marketek used data from the

2000 Census, GIS findings and various other data bases to project population growth and to provide an inventory of land available for residential development in the town.

“The juncture between these two trends is a good platform for you to do some land use and infrastructure planning for the future,” she said.

Though the study projects the

number of seasonal and year-round households to only increase a total of 42 each year from 2003 to 2025 – which translates to a total of 112 people each year – Matthews said those figures are based on what statisticians see now.

“Those figures could increase based on decisions you make that

▪See GROWTH page 19

## Crop Walk 2004



Photo by Kim Lewicki

**On Saturday, April 17, about 50 folks of all ages turned out for the annual Crop Walk through Highlands. It started and ended at Highlands United Methodist Church where a breakfast fundraiser fueled walkers before and after the trek. More than \$2,000 was raised.**

## Open-air vegetable market coming

By Kim Lewicki

It took some haggling — and as a result officials will work to close a loophole in the ordinance — but very soon Highlands will have an open-air vegetable market to add to its charm.

At the April 15 Zoning Board meeting, members deliberated over whether to allow a new temporary

structure to be built in the setback on the August Produce property on U.S. 64 west. Temporary structures in the setback have been allowed in the past, but members wondered if the action represented “the spirit of the ordinance.”

“It's legal because our ordinance isn't clear enough to make it illegal,”

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## Public works committee outlines plan

By Kim Lewicki

The public works committee met last week to discuss everything from planters and sidewalks, to litter and land acquisition.

At the April 21 Town Board meeting, Town Administrator Richard Betz presented the board with the committee's recommendations.

High on the list was cleaning up and formalizing the entrances to town now cluttered with various church and civic organization signs.

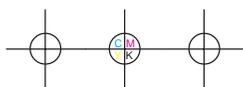
Commissioners said there is nothing in the town ordinance prohibiting the signage and agreed that if an ordinance was adopted people could “just move the signs outside the town limits.”

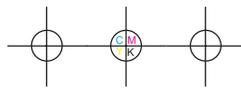
“We need to talk to the county to see if it will entertain adopting a sign ordinance,” said Commissioner Herb James.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said banning signs wouldn't work. “It's true. They will just move them down the road. It's better if we do something so that we have some kind of control over the appearance.”

Committee member John Cleveland agreed to submit some “entrance” designs he's seen in other cities for consideration.

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## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Adam Sackman and Nathan Heffington were two of the youths who turned out for the semi-annual litter pick up along U.S. 64 west from Highlands to Cliffside Lake. 100 32-gallon bags of garbage were filled. Hubcaps are a normal find along the road, but this year Nathan found a complete toilet. Not a toilet seat.



Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Citizens clean up Gorge Rd

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, I want to thank all the citizens and groups who came out for the Gorge Road Cleanup last Saturday. It shows that many people including a lot of our young people care about Highlands and preserving our beauty.

I hesitate to single anyone out but special thanks need to go several who went above and beyond. Jack Philpott, Lambert Chandler, and Mike King put up the signs and area designations. Tay and Tamara Bronaugh prepared the hamburgers and hot dogs for our workers. Doc Wilson provided the cooker. Bryson's helped with the food. The US Forest Service picked up the bagged trash. Special thanks also to the Highlands Rotary Club, the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and the many individuals who gave up their Saturday morning to help our town.

**Bill Bassham**  
Chamber Director

## Changes at HealthTracks

Dear editor,

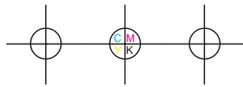
I want to thank the many people of Highlands, Cashiers and surrounding communities who have allowed HealthTracks to serve them for the last 10 years. It has been my opportunity to help the hospital provide our communities with health and wellness options that were not available in this area before HealthTracks. It has been a great pleasure in seeing many of you pursue healthier choices that have made a difference in your quality of life and health.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank The Highlander, The Cashiers Chronicle, and The Highlands Newspaper, along with WHLC radio, for their support in helping to publicize our various fitness programs and activities.

I am retiring from the hospital to become the director of health and fitness at the Country Club of Sapphire Valley. I again want to thank you as my clients and friends for supporting HealthTracks during a decade of growth, and I ask you to continue your support of HealthTracks and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. God bless.

**Bonnie Powell**  
Highlands





## Mayor calls for Congressional support to restore area lakes

After more than a decade of effort, including close collaboration with both the Mirror Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) and Lake Sequoyah Improvement Association (LSIA), and numerous interactions with government entities, the town of Highlands is now working closely with members of the North Carolina congressional delegation to secure needed federal support.

Highlands Mayor Buck Trott in March visited the offices of influential lawmakers in Congress to discuss the Town's Water Remediation and Preservation Project. The project is intended to restore Highlands area lakes including Lake Sequoyah and Mirror Lake.

Mayor Trott wanted to impress upon Members of Congress the extent of the water resources problem facing the Town which impacts upon the western North Carolina region.

He provided a detailed synopsis of the silt and sedimentation of the lakes and highlighted how water quality would continue to be eroded should the situation not be remedied. "The folks I met with were very perceptive and had a genuine interest in preserving the Highlands area lakes," said Mayor Trott.

The purpose of the meetings was to urge lawmakers to support federal funding for the project in the annual appropriations cycle.

"I felt very positive about the conversations, this is what we need to get this thing done," he said.

Lake Sequoyah, the primary water supply for the town of Highlands, was formed in the late 1920s when a dam was engineered across the Cullasaja River.

A serious silting problem in the lake began with the building boom

in Highlands which affects the other three lakes that feed into Lake Sequoyah as well. The build up of silt has been the source of numerous studies and is of tremendous concern for people living in and around the town as it is a threat to the natural resource base of Highlands.

In 2003 officials decided that more needed to be done and sooner rather than later. They focused their energies on remedying the problem facing the community and banded together to find a solution.

In the spring of last year, a task force, named the Lakes Restoration Task Force, was formed. The task force consisted of representatives from the Mirror Lake Improvement Association (MLIA), the Lake Sequoyah Improvement Association (LSIA), the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association (UCWA), and the Town Board.

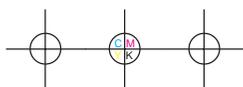
On August 6, the Town Board voted unanimously to take the lead on the project to restore the lakes, now known as the Water Remediation and Preservation Project.

Town officials have worked for some time to address the silting of the lakes, and has made expenditures towards that end. But it became clear that the town needed some outside support from the federal government to truly mitigate the problem effectively. "We have already made large expenditures and time to address the situation, and I'm confident that with the right help we can apply a long term solution to our water problem," said Mayor Trott.

Trott said he's optimistic that the support of North Carolina lawmakers will enable the town to carry out the Water Remediation and Preservation Project.

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**Town Spring Clean Up – Last week of April and last week of May. The week of April 26 will be for litter pick up and sweeping; the week of May 24 will be for "white goods" pick up. Call Town Hall at 526-2118 for white goods pick up – appliances, furniture, debris.**



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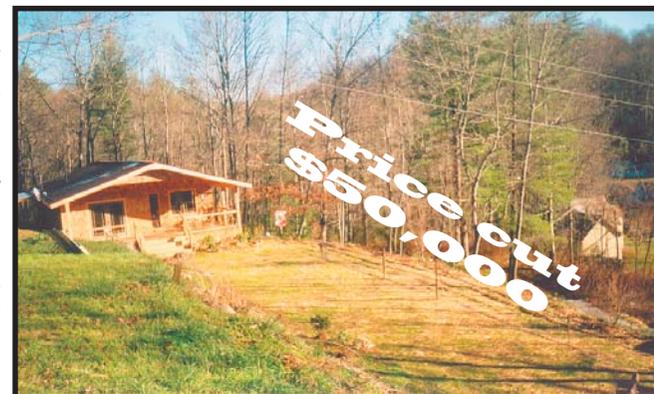
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## Back to School

**A**s I am sitting down to write this weekly column late on a Monday evening, I am struck by my loss for words or ideas. It's probably due to the frantic pace I am traveling in life right now. It's temporarily, thank goodness, but it has a way of sucking out my creativity. It may be that I just have to sleep on it and begin again in the wee hours of the morning.



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

Good morning! Since I was struggling again this morning with what words to put on paper, it finally came to me. Why not write about "words"? I just need a few words to write this column and hold the hope that in some small way my words might influence you to stop and think, if only for a moment. Just how important is using the "right" word? I hate you. I love you. Feel any different after reading those few words? What about it you heard them over and over, either in your own head or from the mouth of someone else?

In today's world it is hard to pick up a newspaper or turn on the television without being barraged with news about violence.

Poet Maya Angelou talks about the power of words. She said that words are like little energy pellets that shoot forth into the invisible reality of life. I remember when she was on the Oprah show and she talked about the fact that even though we cannot see words, they become energy that fills a room, home, environment, and our minds. She went so far as to say that they stick to our surrounding walls. Even if you don't agree with the above, it might be worth giving it

some thought.

When you reflect on negative words, the toxicity permeates the air. Words that form in you head carry as much power, maybe even more, than the spoken word. Sometimes the words rummaging about in your mind carry even more weight because we may not recognize the impact that they are leaving in our life. Remember the saying, sticks and

stones can break my bones but words can never hurt me? I wonder.

A delightful friend of mine, Jodi Walker, wrote a book, Share a Kind Word.

She talks about how to use the infinite power of words to enhance your life at home and work, highlighting the important of spreading kind words.

Words influence your actions and the actions of others. What words do you want to speak? Words of encouragement and compassion or words that dilute your energy and that of the universe? Kind words can create a powerful, positive energy that can flow like a fall leaf blowing through the wind without ever touching the ground.

A few tips:

1. Begin to monitor your words.
  2. Take time to observe how others receive your words.
  3. Track your "kind" words.
  4. Recognize how you have impacted others at the end of the day.
  5. Celebrate the dream to transform the world - one word at a time.
- "Our lives are what our thoughts create, and our words plant the seeds of kindness." Jodi Walker

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• **LOOKING AT LIFE** •

**The police and 'Mother Teresa' –  
A blessed event**

**By Fred  
Wooldridge**  
Columnist

She barely reached five feet in height and with her shoulders slumped forward, she looked even shorter. We called her Mother Teresa because cops love to give nicknames to people who are weird or unusual. Mother Teresa was most definitely unusual.

Each morning, just after dawn, she would dress in her dark cloak and place her prayer cloth over her head. Picking up her cane with a Jewish flag attached, she would leave her tiny efficiency and head for work. On most mornings, a cardboard box of Matzo-thins hung from a string around her arm. Even though she only lived a short distance from police headquarters on Miami Beach, it took her quite some time to get to work, shuffling along, but determined to complete her mission.

Mother Teresa's self appointed job was to bless things; everything, in fact. Starting in the police motor pool, she would pull a self made gizmo from her cloak with feathers on the end. Standing in front of each squad car, she would recite her blessings aloud in a language we later learned was Polish, waving her blessing tool over each car. It would take her hours to work her way through the many cars in the pool. Then, she would slowly climb the front steps of the police station, stopping at each third step to rest. The large glass doors were too heavy for her to open so she would wait patiently for someone to exit and take advantage of the open door. Once inside, trouble would begin.

Mother Teresa took her work seriously. Blessing things was her profession. After working her way



**Major Fred and Mother Teresa as they leave the police station.**

through the water fountains and complaint desk personnel, she would head for the restrooms. Entering the men's room, she would shock visitors standing at the urinals by blessing them as they completed their mission. Then, off to the Chief's office to give him her morning blessing. Finding the door locked, she would demand to enter. If the Chief was not busy, he would walk out to get his blessing, otherwise she would

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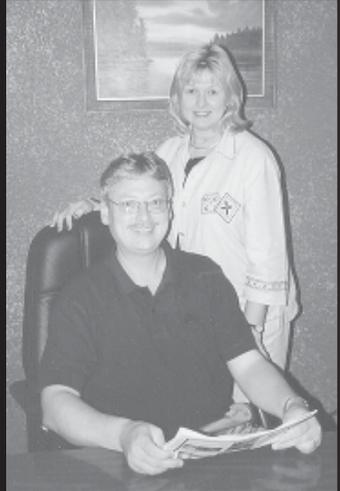
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**More baseball season picks**

**NL West Los Angeles Dodgers** — The Good: Eric Gagne is automatic at the end of games with a plus fastball, knee buckling curve and nasty changeup. The Bad: The Dodger lineup has looked good so far, but there isn't a lot of power to support the pitching. The Ugly: The Dodgers starting pitching includes Jeff Weaver and Wilson Alvarez.



**Ryan Potts**

hoping Shawn Chacon can become John Smoltz in the closers role-great idea, but how do they get to him? The Ugly: Starting pitching? In Coors? Dream on my friends-until the Rockies get a duo like Schilling and Randy or

Rocket and Pettite they have no shot.

**San Diego Padres** — The Good: The Fajahs (thanks Austin Powers) have arguably the best lineup in the national league with Giles, Klesko, and Phil Nevin providing power and infielders Mark Loretta and Khalil Green providing the speed. The Bad: The starting pitching is young and talented, but not proven and could dig the Fajahs a hole to start the season before finding their groove. Boomer Wells looks like your neighborhood beat cop but can still get the job done at 40 years old. The Ugly: The bullpen behind Trevor Hoffman and Jay Witasick leaves much to be desired.

**Arizona Diamondbacks** — The Good: The Snakes have some good young talent in the lineup that will get better as the season progresses. The Bad: Randy Johnson ain't getting any younger, and will still win 15 games this year, but won't be quite as dominant as he starts his downward slide. The Ugly: Closer Matt Mantei is pitching with an arm made of chewing gum and bailing wire, and the rest of the pen isn't solid enough to handle the top lineups.

**San Francisco Giants** — The Good: Duh, Barry Bonds. What more needs to be said? The guy is the best hitter of our generation and perhaps the best of all time, with or without a steroid controversy. Big muscles don't mean less strikeouts, a .600 OBP and a zillion walks. The Bad: The rotation is in dire straits behind Jason Schmidt and Kirk Reuter.

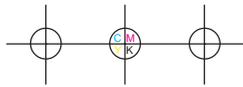
**NL CENTRAL Houston Astros** — The Good: Starting Pitching, and lots of it. Lots of variety in styles and a good mix of youth and experience. The Bad: Bagwell and Biggio are getting older, but they can still provide offense to go along with Berkman and Morgan Ensberg—who is going to have a monster year. The Ugly: Closer Octavio Dotel has not looked comfortable, and the Astros have to have a reliable closer to finish games for Pettite, Rocket, and Oswalt. I definitely foresee a trade for Ugie Urbina in their future.

The Ugly: The lineup around Bonds is littered with mediocrity, and the bullpen is a mess. Felix Rodriguez hasn't thrown a slider in 2 years.

**Chicago Cubs** — The Good: Starting Pitching. Even with Prior out they still have three great young arms in Zambrano, Clement and Wood-however, with the way Dusty overworks pitchers look for them to be gassed in September. The Bad: The bullpen is full of talent but lacks defined roles. Borowski is a great guy to root for but he really doesn't have

**Colorado Rockies** —The Good: The Rockies have the best kept secret in the majors in Todd Helton. The guy is an amazing ballplayer. The Bad: The pen was so bad last year that they are

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closing stuff and would be a great setup man. Farnsworth has closers stuff but lacks the control and mentality. Latroy Hawkins might be a good option if Borowski falters. The Ugly: The Cubs have the potential to be the worst defensive team in baseball. 3B ARam is an error machine, and the outfield doesn't have the speed and range to be effective.

**St. Louis Cardinals** — The Good: Their lineup is fantastic and can beat you with a 3 run blast or string together some hits. Oh yeah, they have a pretty good player by the name of Albert something or other-maybe you have heard of him. The Bad: Their starters need more depth. Matt Morris is coming back from injury and Woody Williams can't keep working miracles. The Ugly: Setup man Steve Kline's hat-it hasn't been washed in a decade.

**Pittsburgh Pirates** — The Good: The Bucs have good young starters in Kip Wells, Kris Benson, Oliver Perez and Ryan Vogelsong. Unfortunately they can't afford Benson and will trade him for some prospects in April. The Bad: The majors worst bullpen last year didn't exactly improve this year adding Jose Mesa, which automatically ruins any bullpen mojo. The Ugly: Lloyd McClendon's dreams. After getting this team to stay out of the cellar the last two years with absolutely no talent, Lloyd has to be kicking himself at the thought of another August fire sale.

**Cincinnati Reds** — The Good: The Reds have a solid lineup with Adam Dunn, Griffey and Sean Casey. The Bad: Their bullpen is horrid after losing Chris Reitsma and moving Danny Graves back into the closers role. The Ugly: Starting Pitching, and none of it good. They don't have a legit #1 or even #2 starter, which is bad news against guys like Wood, Oswalt, Wells and Morris.

**Milwaukee Brewers** — The Good: The Brew Crew are at least trying to develop some pitching. Danny Kolb looks like a good one in the bullpen. The Bad: Scott

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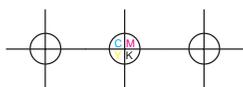
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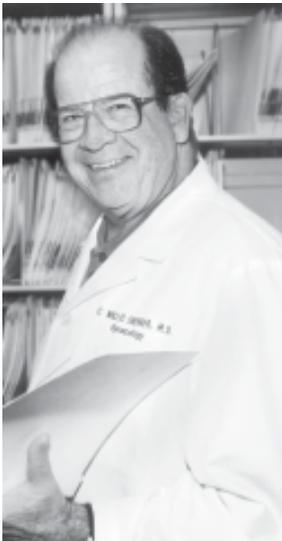
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**Stuart Armor**

The 1990, PG rated comedy/action/romance/poetry fest, starring Gerard Depardieu, Anna Brochet, and Vincent Perez, directed by Jean Paul Rappeneau, from the novel of Edmond Rostand.

Depardieu is positively brilliant in this role, far and away the best work of his career, and was obviously having the time of his life doing it. The beautiful Roxanne, played by the beautiful Anne Brochet also does a wonderful job, sighing, swooning, longing, the whole bit. Even the role of Christian, that could often be played by a cardboard cutout in most film or stage versions of this story, is well and fully played by Vincent Perez.

For those not familiar with the storyline of one of the most famous love stories of all time, in brief, Cyrano, the brilliant warrior poet can do anything, fight 100 swordsmen, compose hilarious acidic poetry off the cuff, leap over walls and tables and people, but he cannot tell the beautiful Roxanne that he loves her. He worships from afar, convinced that with his enormous nose, he is too ugly to be loved. Roxanne loves Christian, and Cyrano, who's heart is as big as his nose, will do anything to ensure her happiness, composes wonderfully romantic love letters for the handsome but tongue tied

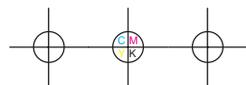
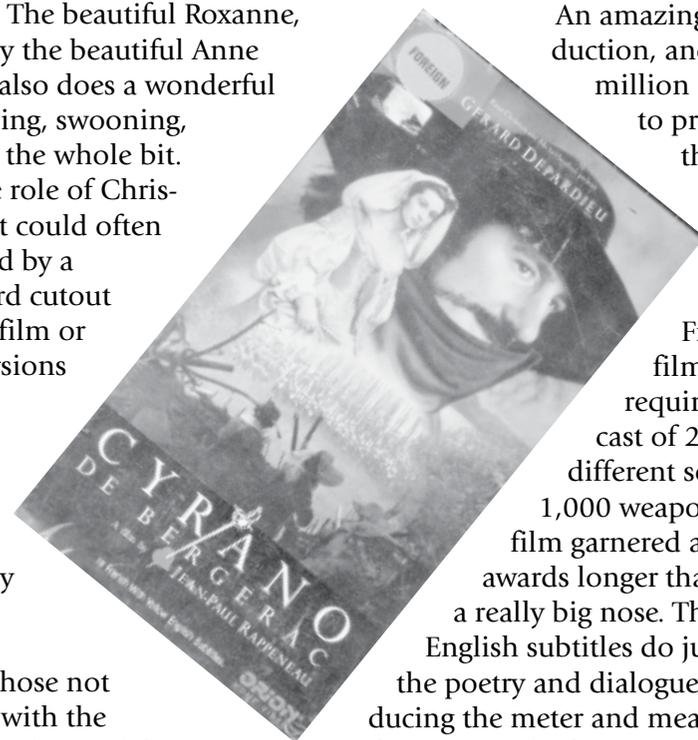
Christian. Love, intrigue, and tragedy ensue, Cyrano keeps his secret to the end, Roxanne finds out the truth just in time for the tears to fall.

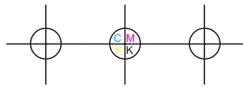
An amazing production, and at 17 million dollars to produce, the most expensive film in French film history, requiring a cast of 2,000, 14 different sets, and 1,000 weapons, the film garnered a list of awards longer than, well, a really big nose. The

English subtitles do justice to the poetry and dialogue, reproducing the meter and meaning of the story perfectly. A must see for fans of French film, romance, Depardieu, and period pieces.

Some similar films are *Much Ado about Nothing*, *Three Musketeers* (any of the versions, there are many), *Man in the Iron Mask*, *Jean de Florette*, *Les Miserables*, *Queen Margot*, and more. A good re working of the story was done by Steve Martin, titled *Roxanne*, is also worth giving a look.

These and about 5,000 other titles, on VHS and DVD, are available at *Movie Stop*, stop on by and give them a look.





### ... WOOLDRIDGE continued from page 5

become indignant and pull a short, dead palm branch from her cloak, wave it in the air violently, placing a very loud curse on everyone around her. Eventually, an officer would be called to escort her from the building. When he would gently grab her arm, she would resist as best she could, putting a double whammy curse on her assailant as she was forcefully escorted from the building. In her excitement, she would lose control of her bladder, which really made a mess.

We only had her committed once. The psychiatrist's report concluded that, while she was a might eccentric, she was harmless. She loved God and felt her calling was to bless everything within her reach. Surely a large police department could tolerate a person who only blesses things, the report concluded.

For reasons I will never understand, I became the only person on planet Earth that could escort this woman from the building without a battle or a mess on the floor. The janitors loved me. It became a ritual. I would approach her smiling, extending my arm in a gentlemanly fashion and say, "Madam, may I have the honor?" After a quick blessing, she would slide her arm into mine and we would slowly leave the building. There was a bond between us.

Mother Teresa's visits lasted for about five years. Eventually she got to old too climb the front steps and had to settle for just blessing the motor pool and any officers who might be passing. She once got arrested in a supermarket for refusing to leave until she was finished blessing the cabbage. They, too, had the mops out.

I once drove by Mother Teresa, standing, slump shouldered, in a blinding, cold rain, clinging to a stop sign post and staring into space as her drenched cardboard Matzo box disintegrated. Like the rest of the world, I passed her by. Even though I am certain she would have refused my offer of a ride, I still regret, to this day, not stopping.

Abruptly, she stopped visiting us. Weeks later, her badly decomposed body was found on the floor of her flat. She had died of heart failure. We later learned she was not born Jewish, but a Catholic Pole, fleeing Poland with her

parents just before Hitler took the country. (Most folks don't realize that Hitler also murdered many Catholics.) Somewhere along the way, she adopted the Jewish faith. What happened after that was unclear. She had entered the US through Ellis Island and was alone in the world. No family, no friends, just a crazy old coot, who had absolutely no one in her life.

I can't think of anything worse than being completely alone in the world. God was her only friend and that was fine with her. We buried her at paupers' field, next to One Arm Whitey, a derelict with a nasty disposition. She deserved better than to have to lie next to him.

I miss Mother Teresa. You know what? Her blessing would feel pretty good right now.

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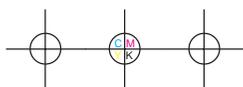
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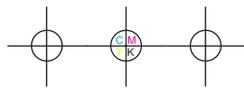
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# Highlands' Historical Society's Historic Village damaged by vandals

**By Wiley Sloan**  
Contributor

Over the past seven or eight days, the Highland's Historic Society's Prince House at the Highlands Historic Village has been vandalized. Three window panes have been broken

Luther Turner, President of the Society, discovered the first damage on Tuesday, April 20. A rock was found lying in the floor of the office area. It had apparently been hurled

through a window on the east side of the building, (the side closest to the Recreation Park). The second broken window was discovered a couple of days later when a board member went to the house to repair the window. Tuesday April 27, Turner found another broken window pane.

The society will try to replace the panes with the same old, wavy glass that was broken.

Turner reported the incident to the police who said additional patrols

would keep watch on the Prince House. Town officials said security cameras would be installed on the property to help the police in their investigation.

"Luckily, so far, the damage that has occurred has not been excessively expensive," said Turner. "The bigger concern is that someone shows so little respect for historic properties

here in the area. The Historic Society works diligently to promote the heritage of our community and we are disappointed that there are folks who do not respect the property."

If anyone has any information about the person or persons who have caused this damage, please call the Historic Society at 787-1050.

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Posednik is killing people but has no lineup protection and ain't getting any. The Ugly: The Bratwurst races, Bud Selig's hair, need I go on?

### NL EAST

**Florida Marlins** — The Good: The Marlins have a dominant staff, with Beckett and Penny both in the upper 90s, Pavano with a great sinking fastball and Willis with a great heater as well, no one can touch these guys when they are on. The Bad: The lineup will miss Pudge but looks to replace him with Luis Castillo, who looks like a phenom. The Ugly: Having Armando Benitez closing is always a scary prospect, plus you have to wonder about Chad Fox's arm strength after pitching a career high in innings last year.

**Philadelphia Phillies** — The Good: This is supposed to be their year, with the addition of closer Billy Wagner who throws the best lefty smokeball around. The bullpen looks set with underrated Rheal Cormier setting up and Wagner shutting the door. The Bad: Lineup inconsistency will plague this team all season. Pat Burrell is a head case and they depend entirely too much on Jim Thome. The Ugly: The starters look like they could be headed for a total breakdown. Vincente Padilla has not improved since setting the league on fire a couple of years ago. Kevin Millwood keeps losing steam on his fastball and the back of their rotation is lacking a power arm.

**Hotlanta Braves** — The Good: John Smoltz closing games

is about as good as it gets. He could be starting his down slide as he is getting older, but an older Smoltz is still better than most. The Bad: Their lineup is getting thinner with the loss of Sheffield and Lopez-the Braves are going to have to score runs with speed and timely hitting rather than pure power. The Ugly: Gone are the days of Maddux and Glavine-the Braves have some arms, but Jaret Wright has to continue using the REJUVENATOR (trademark Ryan and Josh) and Mike Hampton and Russ Ortiz must keep the Braves in ballgames.

**New York Mets** — The Good: Piazza may be fresher at the end of the year by taking some time off from behind the plate, and Kaz Matsui will make an impact at the top of the order. The Bad: Their defense is horrid, which hurts pitchers Tom Glavine and Al Leiter because they don't strike many guys out. The Ugly: Braden Loper closing? 47-year old John Franco setting up? I'd boo those guys too.

**Montreal/Puerto Rico Expos** — The Good: Well...Jose Vidro will play hard because he is in a contract year. The Bad: The starters lose their ace to the Evil Empire and now depend on Livan Hernandez to be the number one guy. I repeat, Livan Hernandez is their number one starter. The Ugly: The Expos "home" schedule-it's bad enough having to play in two separate home cities, but it is even worse when they are thousands of miles apart. Bud Selig should be ashamed of this situation.

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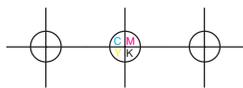
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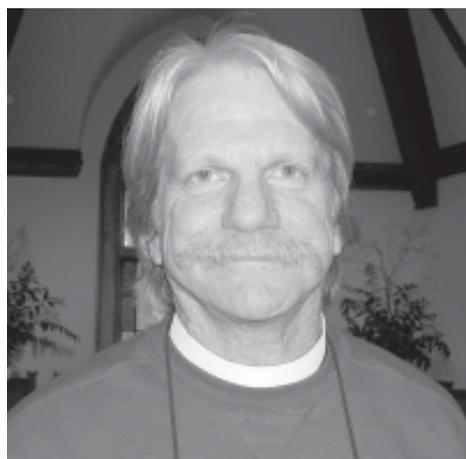
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## ■ SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING ■

# Considering what he's been through, he's doing amazingly well



**Reverend Stephen Hines**  
The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

**D**id you see the following news item a few months back? (Reuters). In an amazing story of canine survival, a dog named Dosha has shown she has nearly as many lives as the average cat.

Dosha was hit by a car near her owner's Clearlake, Calif., home on April 15. Next a police officer shot her in the heat to put her out of her misery. Then, presumed dead, she was put in a freezer at the local animal control center.

Two hours later, when the veterinarian opened the door to the freezer, she was shocked to find Dosha, a 10-month-old mixed-breed dog, standing upright in a plastic orange bag – the equivalent of a human body bag.

Appearing on NBC's Today Show, Dosha seemed in fine spirits. "She's doing amazingly well," said veterinarian Deborah Sally, "considering what she's been through."

One can almost imagine the disciples saying the same thing about Jesus after the resurrection: "He's doing amazingly well, considering what he's been through." But of course there is a huge difference between the two experiences. Dosha escaped death with an amazing amount of luck. Jesus, on the other hand, conquered death by surrendering his self – his ego – to God, totally, 100 percent. With that in mind we pray that the God who raised Jesus from the dead will help us die daily to sin that we may live in the power of Jesus' resurrection.

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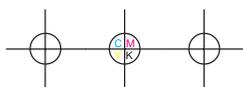
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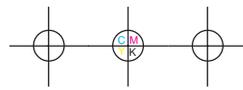
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# From Highlands to the sea

In November 2003, Bruce Oliver started planning a kayaking trip that would test his endurance and that of his son, Worth. The two decided to paddle the Savannah River.

The headwaters of the Savannah start here in Highlands and flow for more than 350 miles to the Atlantic Ocean.

Bruce and Worth embarked on their two-month trip on March 25. They packed two sea kayaks with enough food and gear to last them four weeks. Since March 25 they have

portaged four dams, rough-camped on islands and abandoned campground, survived thunder storms and met some incredible people.

Along the way Cindy Oliver, Bruce's wife and Worth's mom, has been meeting them to restock supplies. She will pick them up in Savannah on Tybee Island and haul them back to Highlands as soon as she gets the call.

## By Bruce Oliver

Contributor

It begins at Whiteside Mountain as a drop and comes out in springs at places like Terrapin Mountain or Norton Creek. We all know streams that feed the Cahtooga which joins up with the Chauga an Seneca rivers to become the Savannah River. Westfork, Overflow, Clear Creek, all begin the journey south from here. Worth and I decided to join them – to see the land and people who share life with this river we call the Savannah.

My family and I have walked the mountains and paddled the headwaters and yet we were unprepared for the sight of Osprey nesting and hunting Lake Russell. The late night call of the Blue Herons on Lake Hartwell woke us up, and the amorous call of turkey toms serenaded us at breakfast.

Many have forgotten or never heard the whippoorwill, screech owl or the strange bark of a fox when it discovers who is camping in its territory.

We have become so busy building, making, doing that we have forgotten we were created not as human doings but human beings. Worth and I have spent time just learning how to breathe again, how to listen and how to depend on each other for everything.

This isn't some safe-guide tour. Worth and I decided at the beginning to finish this trip no matter how hard or how dangerous.

The best part of this journey has been seeing my 15-year-old son become a man. When others see problems, he sees possibilities. When others see barriers, he has learned to wait for God to open the next door and most importantly, he is learning not to measure himself against other men, but against himself.

If Highlands should ever do another Iron Man Contest, I would like to propose a new event – portaging 300 pounds of boats and gear over Lake Thurmond Dam. We have portaged four dams and short of the Lord's help, I would not have made it. Worth did

fine, but it took it out of the Old Man.

Well, we are past the dams and headed for the city of Savannah, Ga., 200 miles away. We hope to finish in 20 more days. We miss the mountains.

**When Bruce and Worth return they will furnish Highlands' Newspaper with a follow-up article about their journey.**



**Bruce, 48, and Worth, 15, Oliver left from Yonah Dam in Toccoa, Ga. and began their 350 mile trek to the Atlantic Ocean and Savannah, Ga. Cindy says Bruce has lost 20 pounds and Worth has grown three inches since March.**



# A life saved through the miracle of love

By Sally Hanson  
Contributor

There's a lucky feline who lives in the Signature Properties office at Highlands Cove. Her name is Mira, short for Miracle because that's what she is.

Mira was the only kitten produced from a feral cat's litter. She was born near the Signature Properties office, where her mother had given birth to a previous litter some time earlier.

Three weeks after Mira was born, her mother abandoned her outside the office. When Signature

Properties agent Gina McDonald saw Mira rolling around rather than walking, she knew something was wrong with the kitten.

After an initial vet consultation, Gina was told that a sure-fire diagnosis couldn't be made without running tests. "The veterinarian didn't have the facilities or equipment to conduct these particular tests," said Gina. "He told me to keep her and see if she got better, because there was a chance she would outgrow her problems."

Mira continued to display the same symptoms, so Gina took her to



**Soni Welch holds a "baby" Mira. Now six months old, her stare continues to be blank but she responds quickly to the sound of her name.**

Greenville to have the tests done by a specialist. The vet said he's seen cats with Mira's condition before – he suspected it was cerebral dysplasia.

Cerebral dysplasia is a neurological disorder in which proper coordination never develops in the animal's brain. Since definitive tests would have cost \$3,000-\$4,000, Gina opted to take his word for it.

Mira can't walk, feed herself, or properly clean herself. She can only see shapes, and rolls along the floor to get around but she is often carried. When her "moms" call her name she responds immediately, turning towards them to set her blue on the vicinity of their faces.

Mira receives around-the-clock care from Gina and her co-workers Kim James and Soni Welch at Signature Properties who feed her and perform any necessary cleaning duties.

"She is very happy, beautiful and sweet," Gina said. "My husband and I feed her at night because we live close to the office at the Cove, and she stays in the office most of the time." She never seems out of sorts and entertains herself by rolling along the floor and swatting at the air.

Because of her disability and because her "keepers" have such big hearts, Mira is a very spoiled cat. She has her own playpen to sleep in

and lots of toys and stuffed animals. "She's like a little baby," said Gina.

Mira is six months old and her life expectancy is the same as a normal cat because there isn't any damage to vital organs or other body systems she's just stuck in the "baby" stage.

If Gina's ever out of town, Kim takes Mira home with her where she has another playpen set up for her. No matter what, Mira is always cared for. "She's a little ham," says Gina. "She grabbed my heart when I first saw her. We love her and take care of her."

Gina said there is a problem with stray animals in the Highlands area, as well as the rest of the nation. "People don't get their animals spayed and neutered as they should," she says, "especially outdoor animals. They will reproduce."

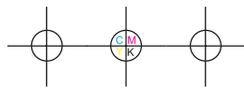
In addition to Mira, the staff at Signature Properties also looks after Mira's parents and her two siblings from that previous litter. The kittens were altered, but the parents are very wild and haven't allowed themselves to be caught, yet. All four live outdoors.

Mira is an example of the good that comes when citizens care for animals in need. Sadly, homeless animals must fend for themselves — not every animal is as lucky at Mira and her feral family.



Photo by Kim Lewicki

**Kim James and the rest of Mira's "moms" feed Mira on demand from a tiny doll's baby bottle.**



# ITC presents two free performances of 'Voices from the High School'

The high school students in The Instant Theatre Company's free acting classes have been training since October. This Thursday they'll be out of the classroom and perform-

ing in Voices from the High School a play by Peter Dee.

Free to the public, the dramatic-comedy will perform Thursday and Friday (April 22 & 23) at 7:30pm at

the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

"It covers the spectrum in terms of the lifestyle of the modern teenager," commented director, Adam

Heffernan. "Even though it was written in 1982, the script, without exception, is relevant to today. There are scenes ranging from teenage pregnancy to falling in love with Shakespeare to Senior/Freshman rivalry. The cast is having a lot of fun with it."

Since these are free performances, tickets are going fast. To reserve seats for Voices from the High School, please call (828) 342-9197. The production is sponsored by Jolie's of Highlands and Brick Oven/Movie Stop.

For more information about The Instant Theatre visit it on the web at [www.InstantTheatre.org](http://www.InstantTheatre.org). The Instant Theatre Company is a non-profit corporation and relies on public support to provide year-round arts education for children. To make a tax-deductible contribution write The Instant Theatre Co. at Post Office Box 2200, Highlands, NC 28741.

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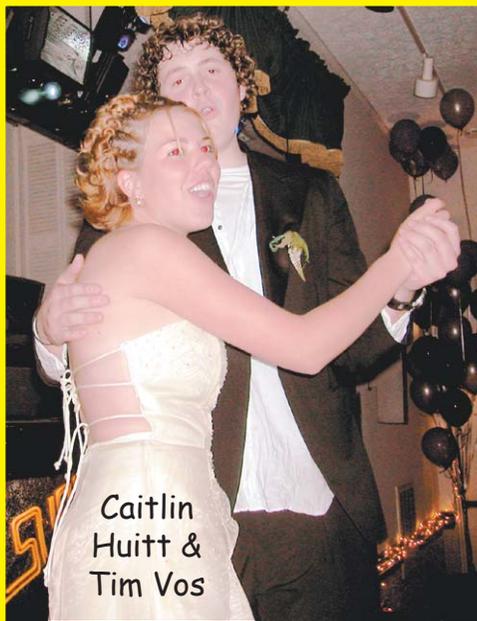
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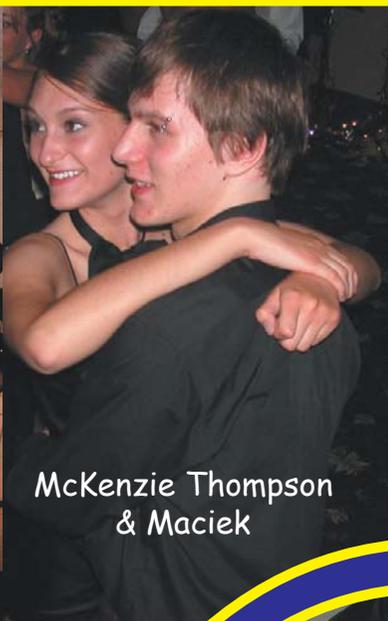
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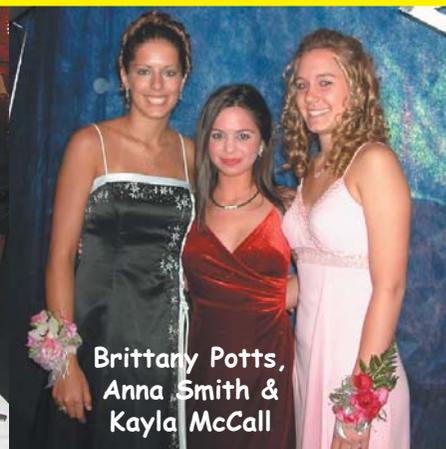
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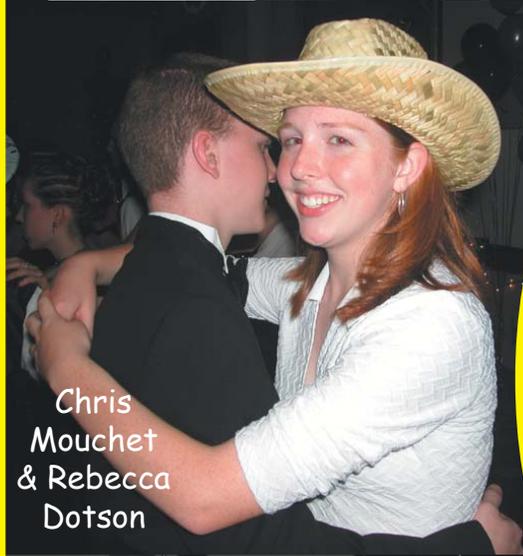


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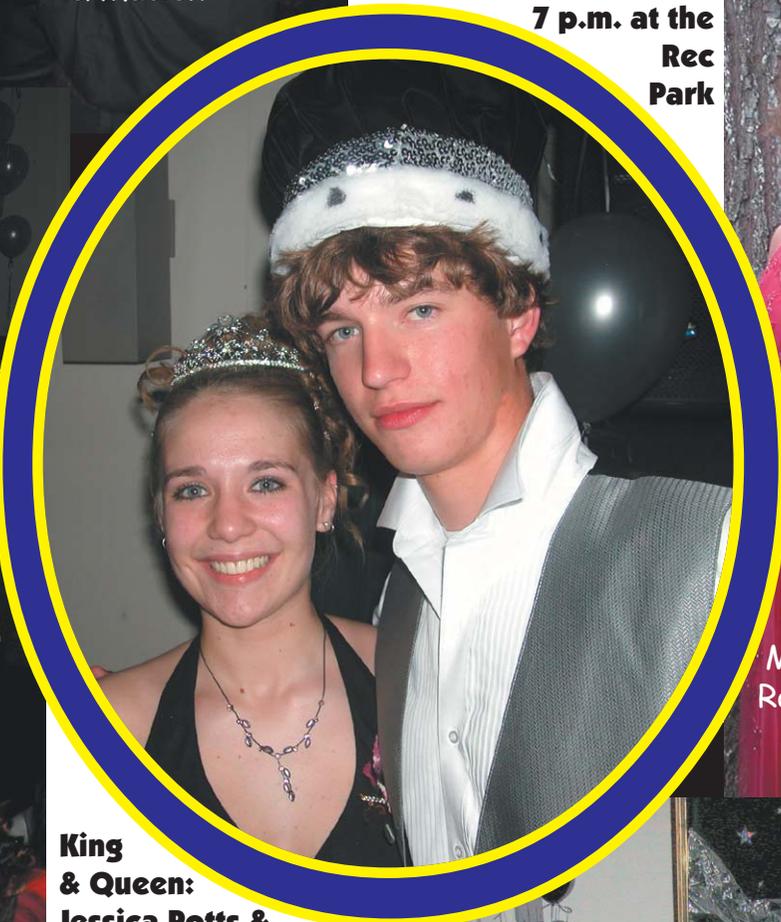
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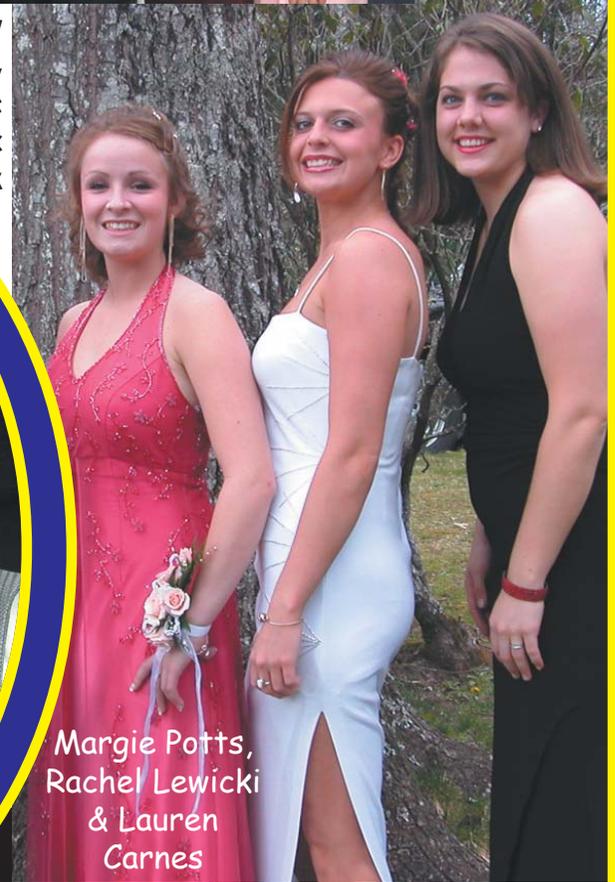
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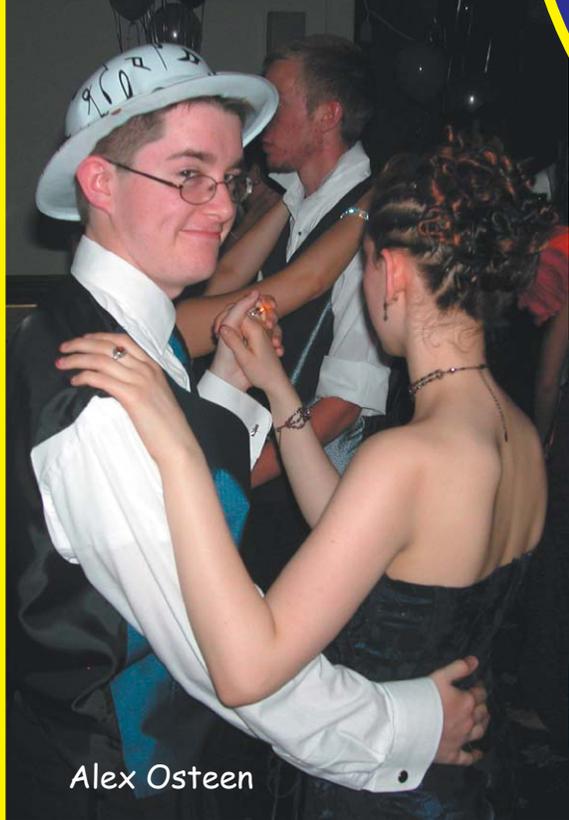
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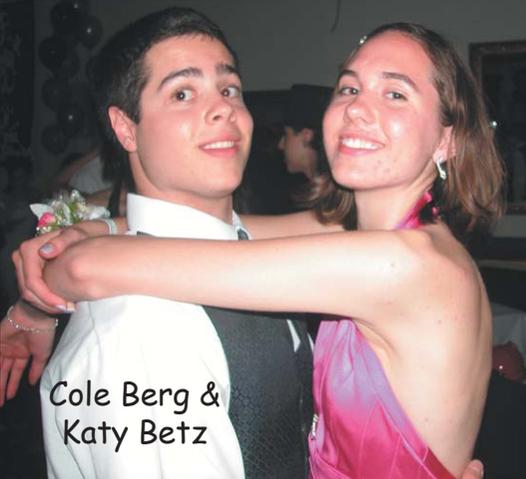
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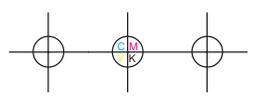
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## Search on for missing person

By Kim Lewicki

The Jackson County Sheriff's Dept. is searching for a Highlands man missing since April 7.

Nigel Ian Kirkland, 23, was last seen Wednesday, April 7 at Signal Ridge Marina on Lake Glenville following an employee party on the lake. Witnesses said they last saw him going to his blue-green Dodge Caravan in the parking lot. "It is presumed he left in the van," said Jackson County Sheriff Jimmy Ashe. "Because the van is no longer parked at the marina."

Ashe said Kirkland, an employee of Cyprus Restaurant in Highlands, has a history of "disappearing." "But his mother said he's never been gone for this extended period of time."

Kirkland's mother, Joy Barge, last saw her son around April 3 before he left Atlanta for Highlands. She phoned him

on April 10 but couldn't reach him, so she called his employer and other contacts and learned he was last seen at the marina.

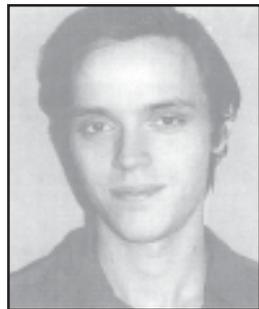
On Tuesday, April 20, the sheriff's dept. and the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad did a shoreline search by boat of Lake Glenville but came up with nothing.

On Wednesday, April 21, the USFS helicopter flew the lake and highway area. On Thursday, the North Carolina Highway Patrol helicopter flew the roadways looking for signs of a motor vehicle accident.

Also, Macon County and Jackson County sheriff deputies are patrolling area roads in case he had an accident, said Ashe.

"We're just trying to cover all the bases.

If anyone knows of Kirkland's whereabouts, call the Jackson County Sheriff Dept. at (828) 586-8901.



**Nigel Kirkland**

## Mountain Lakes 5-K set for May 1

Runners and fitness walkers alike are invited to participate in the Mountain Lakes 5-K Race, scheduled for Saturday, May 1, at 9 a.m.

The event is the annual fundraiser for the Highlands Roadrunners Club, and organizers are expecting good attendance for the race, now in its fifth year.

"We already have a lot of out-of-town runners signed up, but would also like to have good local participation," said Race Director Richard Betz.

"Our goal as a running club is to encourage life-long fitness, and running or walking is the key to it for a lot of us," Betz said. "Whether it's keeping your weight off, maintaining good muscle tone, even having more energy; you name it—beginning and staying with a program of running or fitness walking can definitely help."

The 5-K (3.1-mile) course is a loop that begins on US 64 in front of the Highlands Civic Center, circles around Lake Ravenel and Harris Lake, and finishes on Laurel Street beside First Citizens Bank. Traffic control will be provided throughout the course by police and volunteers. Betz said that fitness walkers are encouraged to participate, and that the course is relatively easy. However, since part of the route is on an unpaved gravel road, strollers are not recommended. Powerade, courtesy of Coca Cola Company, and fruit, courtesy of Mountain Fresh Fine Foods, will be available at the finish line.

The entry fee for the race is \$15.00 before race day, and entry forms are available at the Town Hall, the Civic Center, and the Visitors Center, or on line at [www.main.nc.us/hrc](http://www.main.nc.us/hrc). Each participant will receive a quality T-shirt, and trophies will be awarded to the overall male and female winners, male and female masters winners (over 40), and to the male and female first, second, and third place finishers in five-year age groups.

Pre-registered runners can pick up their numbers and race packets at the Civic Center on the morning of the race beginning at 7:30 a.m. Race-day registration will also take place that morning at the Civic Center. Race-day registration will be \$17 per person.

Sponsors for the event this year include the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Country Club Properties, Highlands Printing, and Wilson Gas. As in past year, proceeds will go toward fitness-related programs in the local community. The club awards a number of scholarships each year to Highlands School graduates who carry on some type of fitness activities while continuing their education. The club has also used the proceeds from past races to help purchase fitness equipment for Highlands School, HealthTracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, and the Highlands Recreation Park. The Highlands Roadrunners Club is a non-profit organization, and entry fees and contributions are tax-deductible.

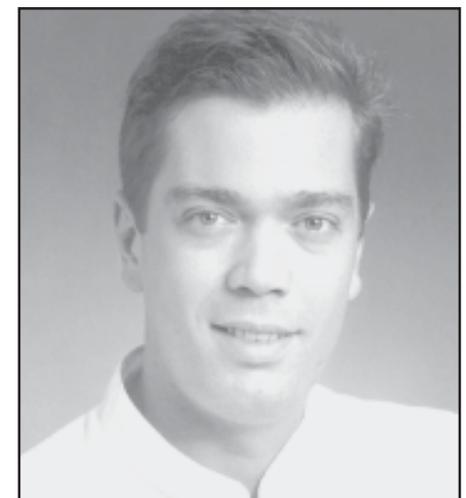
## OEI names Executive Chef

Francois J. Ternes has been named executive chef of the newly renovated Old Edwards Inn and Spa in Highlands which will open in June.

His responsibilities will include supervision of all aspects of the Old Edwards Inn and Spa's food service, restaurants and catering operations at The Farm, a 30-acre special events facility.

Since 1994, Ternes has held the position of catering chef at Walt Disney World's flagship Grand Floridian Resort and Spa in Orlando, Fla., where he was responsible for event catering in a 45,000-square-foot convention facility. Prior to the Orlando position, he was executive sous chef at the Doral Golf Resort and Spa in Miami, Fla., and executive chef of the Crescent Hotel in

Phoenix, Ariz. both were sister properties of The Phoenician resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.



**Francois J. Ternes**

## Banker joins Land Trust board

A retired banking and financial expert is the newest board member of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust.

Howard L. McMillan, Jr., who is the past president of Highlands Falls Country Club, is from Jackson, MS., where he currently is executive in residence at the Else School of Management at Millsaps College.

McMillan was president of Deposit Guaranty National Bank and Deposit Guaranty Corp. where he served as chairman when he retired. He also served as financial advisor with Morgan Stanley's wealth management program.

"I am looking forward to serving on the land trust board because I think the Highlands area is one of the most beautiful areas in the country," McMillan said. "I would like to think I might play a small part in preserving this beauty for future generations."

His professional affiliations include being past president of the American Bankers Association. He was a director of the Federal Reserve Bank, Atlanta.

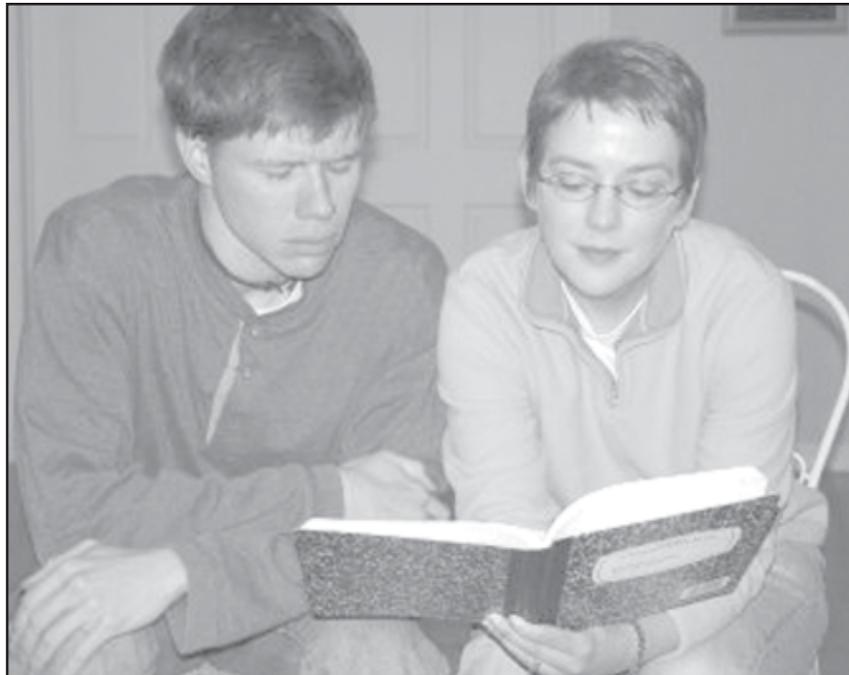
"We are very pleased that Howard

agreed to serve on our board," said Bill Stiefel, president of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. "He will make a valuable contribution in helping us develop the financial tools we need to achieve our conservation mission."

Organizations he was either president or chairman of include The Metro Jackson (MS) Chamber of Commerce, United Way of the Capital Area, Country Club of Jackson, Mississippi Symphony Orchestra Association, University of Mississippi Alumni Association, Mississippi Baptist Health Systems Board of Trustees, Metropolitan Jackson Crime Commission, Century Club Charities and chairman of Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Jackson. He is a member of the Univ. of Miss. Alumni Hall of Fame.

A graduate of the Univ. of Miss. in 1960 with a degree in finance, McMillan also attended the L.S.U. School of Banking of the South and Harvard Business School of Administration.

## HCP working on next show



Actors Madeleine Davis and Ian Holloway, as Catherine and Hal in the drama "Proof," share a "mathematical moment" examining a complicated proof whose origin is in question. "Proof" will be presented by The Highlands Community Players May 6-9 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Box office, 526-8084, opens for season subscribers on Monday, April 26, for the general public on Wednesday, April 29.

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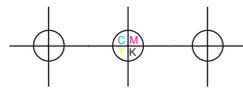
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– 'BE A STAR FOR A CHILD' –

# Why donate? Highlands merchants give their reasons

**By Barbara Lawrence**  
Contributor

Yet another delightful surprise for Carpe Diem Farms.

Mountain Laurel Tennis Club made a gift of 47 chairs last week. The Club is getting a new look, and Carpe Diem's guests at

this year's 'Be a Star for a Child' event will be much more comfortable thanks to the members of Mountain Laurel.

Tennis-pro Darren McGillivray is also donating a free tennis lesson to the benefit.

The Highlands community has quite a few benefits and fund-raising events, so I posed the question, "Why are you always willing to participate in community events?" to some of Carpe Diem Farm's donors for the upcoming 'Be a Star for a Child.'

Julie Potts, owner of Bed and Bath Designs is always willing to help with events in the Highlands Community. Her store is a treasure

trove for discerning people who want a special look for their home. One can spend hours wandering around, discovering stylish, graceful and elegant pieces tucked away here and there.

"I love to support the community that supports me, said Julie. "Part of the reason for doing business is to help one another and do what we can. My child goes to school here and I have bonded with the community. I want to do all I can to help because I really love Highlands. I only have to walk outside in the morning to realize how fortunate I am to live here."

Rick and Helene Siegel of 41/2 St Inn lived in Atlanta for many years where Rick was a single parent of two sons.

Working hard to support his family he did not have time to participate in the community, as he would have liked. When

Helene came into his life, "the most fortunate thing that ever happened to me," everything changed."

One of the boys is now a senior at Georgia Tech and the other is working on his master's degree in administration. "I think they

pare the 'special' for the day, and even receive a chefs coat to keep.

These gift certificates usually are priced at \$500 per person. Wolfgang will donate part of the day's sales to your favorite local charity.

A magical man has come to

Highlands. Shaun Moss of 'Sparkle' magic show has donated his magical show just for you. Moving from Sylva in October, Shaun came to Highlands to work at WHLC Radio Station, and his wife is working at Regions Bank.

They have felt really welcomed here and Shaun is also able to practice his magical art. "I think it's important that



**Rick and Helene Siegel of 4 1/2 Street Inn**

have turned out so well because of Helene's influence"

When Rick and Helene moved to Highlands they said they felt "accepted" right from the beginning. "Highlands is such a warm giving place. I think the word community means being part of something special," they said. "I have always been a most a fortunate person," said Rick. "If I step on a nail, it comes up between my toes.

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the community works together. Nothing can be accomplished without this spirit. It's especially important to support children's needs - that's why it gives me such joy to work with children and see them smile"

All these people are stars for Carpe Diem, and also other community events this year. They are business people and busy people who care about, and make time for the community and they make this a beautiful place to live.

The mountains are spectacular, but it's the community spirit that makes Highlands so special.

We invite you to "Be a Star for a Child" on June 12, starting at 5.30 p.m. By your giving, you will be receiving in so many ways.

Tickets are available from friends such as Wit's End on Main Street, Highlands Office Supply in the Highlands Plaza or call Carpe Diem directly at 526-2854.

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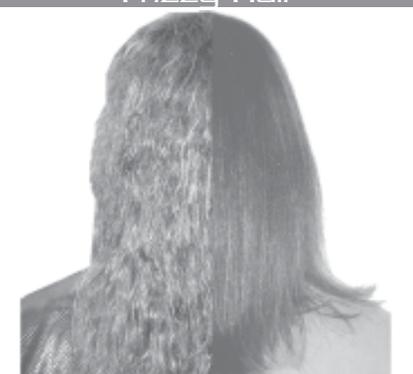
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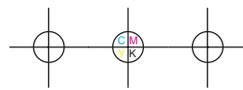
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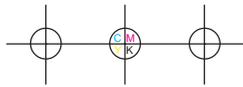
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might encourage more growth and then you will have a growth-management issue," she said.

Subdividing parcels is one way the town and township could increase density and provide more housing for future populations, Matthews said.

There are 124 parcels in the town and 572 parcels in the township that are more than five acres in size which makes them good candidates for parcel subdivision, said Matthews.

"These are good figures to know," said Commissioner Hank Ross. "This will help with the land use plan."

Density could also be affected by parcels that are considered "redevelopable." These are lots with buildings valued from \$1 to \$50,000. In town Marketek says there are 129 redevelopable lots; in the township 341.

But Skip Taylor, in the audience, said anything is redevelopable if there's enough cash. He said people are tearing down homes and commercial buildings and replacing them

with bigger, more expensive structures.

The excess capacity of land to accommodate projected population growth presents Highlands with very desirable choices regarding how and where to afford space for different types of land use, said Matthews.

Where year-round residents, seasonal residents, tourists and businesses all compete for a diminishing supply of land, there is an ongoing question of how to meet market demands without jeopardizing quality of life, said Matthews.

With the potential to subdivide lots and increase density, Commissioner Amy Patterson said Highlands might run out of water before it runs out of land.

The town spent \$18,000 on the study which encompasses a demographic overview and a residential analysis.

Commissioner Ross said the study exceeded his expectations. "With sound data, we can make sound decisions."

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Sidewalks on Church and Fifth, the east side of Fourth, in front of the Texaco station and Mountain Fresh Center were recommended by the committee.

Design standards for planters, trash cans, benches and lighting was high on the list. Another subcommittee made up of Commissioner Hank Ross, Town Engineer Lamar Nix, and Town Planner Larry Gantenbein will meet to discuss those items.

More greenery in the middle of Main Street will be investigated through the use of shrubbery inside of expanded or additional planters.

A preliminary plan to install planters without eliminating parking on Main between Third and Second was presented. Commissioners said the parking places in front of Reeves Hardware are deep enough to accommodate some planters and greenery.

Cleaning up streets and alleys and picking up litter has been discussed a lot lately. The committee will walk the alleys and consider enforcing solid waste laws already on the books to regulate the situation. It will also investigate the cost of a street washer.

The committee discussed purchasing the property next to the Stone Lantern behind "Loafer's Bench" and the

Macon Bank property with the gazebo.

## Walking for hunger



Photo by Kim Lewicki

Casey Jenkins and Susan Barnes, members of The Girls' Clubhouse, joined the Crop Walk Saturday, April 17. Katie Ingram tagged along with the girls who rested by some "feet" along the two-mile route through town.

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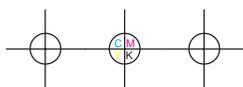
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# POLICE REPORT

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of April 14-21. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

### April 14

- At 11:30 a.m., a resident complained to police that a neighbor had constructed a road on his property in order to make repairs on his house.
- At 3:10 p.m., attendees at the Stop'n Shop reported damage to the canopy by a customer.

### April 15

- At 11:30 p.m., officers made a welfare check on a resident.
- At 1:10 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at a N.C. 28 and Highlands Plaza. There were no injuries.
- At 1:10 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 and Highlands Plaza was cited for failing to yield.
- At 6:30 p.m., a juvenile reported receiving harassing phone calls.

### April 16

- A motorist at Oak and Fifth Street reported a hit and run accident.

### April 17

- At 2:20 p.m., a motorist at Oak and Third streets was cited for driving without a license.
- Residents on Oak Street complained about a loose dog that was attacking smaller dogs. The dog's owner was notified.

### April 18

- At 3:30 a.m., officers investigated a vehicle in the parking lot of the Rec Park and found a man sleeping in the back seat. He said his girlfriend threw him out of the house and he didn't have any other place to sleep.

### April 19

- At 9:15 a.m., officers heard a complaint of a resident about harassing phone calls coming from a Georgia cell phone. He was told to contact the authorities in Georgia.
- At 4 p.m., a resident on Paul Walden Road complained about a stray dog hanging around the house.

### April 20

- At noon, a shop owner reported finding a gold watch. The owner was found.
- At 6 p.m., two motorists on N.C. 28 and Clear Creek Road were cited for improper passing.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the weeks of April 8-21.

### April 8

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### April 9

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Hemlock Wood Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### April 13

- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 28 when a truck's brakes went out. The call was cancelled en route.

### April 17

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Wyanoak Drive. It was a false alarm.

### April 20

- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 28. It assisted with traffic.

### April 21

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at Bryson's Food Store where a woman fell. She was transported to the hospital.

## Open house at Buck Creek field

The Macon County Public Health Center and Department of Social Services invites the public to an open house event at the new Macon County Human Services offices at the Buck Creek Recreation facility on Tuesday, April 27 from 3-6 p.m.

There will be free medical tests and

activities for children – free bike helmets (while supplies last), face painting, tours of the Fire Safety House, and KIDCARE emergency ID cards. Refreshments and more activities are scheduled. Call 349-2438 for information or to sign up for the bone density screening.

# Highlands Rotary golf tournament set for May 24

By Barbara Lawrence  
Contributor

An afternoon of fun and fellowship, while benefiting the community is what the Rotary Club of Highlands' Golf Tournament is all about. May 24 is the date, it doesn't matter if it's your first tournament, or even your first game, everyone's invited. Your financial support will help fund Rotary community projects, such as

the Literacy Council, Highlands School and the Peggy Crosby Center.

We promise delicious food, door prizes and good company in the beautiful setting of Trillium Lakes. Photographers will be on hand to mark this memorable event, and even witness that elusive hole-in-one. We are going all out to make this an exciting and satisfying afternoon.

Sign up with your foursome and mark your calendar for May 24, Tee time is 12.30 with a shotgun start. We'll be waiting for you to join in the fun.

The contribution for sponsors is \$100; player/sponsor combination \$200; players only \$125. This year we have opened up opportunities for hole sponsorship at \$250. These prices are all inclusive for the golf, refreshments,

door prizes and dinner. The excellent fellowship is free!

Tickets can be purchased from Tony Potts at the D & J Express Mart at the corner of Main Street and Highway 106 in Highlands, or from any member of the Rotary Club of Highlands.

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– CORRECTIONS –

In the April 16 issue of Highlands' Newspaper in Cooking on the Plateau we said the cookbook "Let's Have an Affair" was available at Wild Thyme Cafe. It's available at Wild Thyme Gourmet in Highlands on Carolina Way. We regret our error and are glad to set the record straight.

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In the April 16 issue of Highlands' Newspaper we mis-identified the child with Maricia Owens. The toddler is Jesslyn Head, daughter of Tracy and David Head. We regret the error and are glad to set the record straight.

### Easter eggs galore at Rec Park



Photo by Kim Lewicki

Bunny Maricia Owens, escorted Jesslyn Head, 18 months, around the Highlands Rec Park Saturday, April 10 for the town's annual Easter egg hunt. About 60 children ages 1-10 turned out for the event.

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# Earth Day is April 24

Stacy Cannon-Soldo  
Contributor

Earth day is a special day devoted to the earth — awareness about the earth, the possibilities of conserving the earth, and where earth is headed if population growth continues.

This year's event will be held on Saturday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gazebo on Pine Street.

The day will start out with a yoga class in the grass in hopes of getting people to connect with the earth by putting their bare hands and feet into the earth through asana practice.

- There will be local restaurants offering recipes, information about how eating more consciously will help the environment, and vegetarian and some organic "finger foods" for people to try.

- Local businesses will be giving information on how they are conserving energy, saving plant life, recycling.

- Highlands Whole Life will have a booth set up with cleaning products, hygiene products, etc. and information on how these products

will contribute to saving the earth and what the effects are on using toxic chemicals.

- Activities for children including a hike around the grounds to clean up trash, the recycled materials that are collected will then be used to create art.

- A pledge tree will be created using recycled material, the leaves will be used to sell for people to place pledges on how they will personally strive to conserve our planet — turn off water while brushing teeth, turn off lights, etc. Their names will then be put in a drawing to win earth friendly prizes. The proceeds will go to a local not-for-profit org.

- \* There will be petitions for people to sign asking the town to provide curb side recycling bins and a town composting area to provide support for local organic farmers. There are even plans to start an organic farmers' market.

- \* Live music with environmentally friendly messages will be played throughout the celebration.

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said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein. "Plus, if we deny the application we are in violation of equal application and equal protection under the law."

By definition, a temporary structure can be dismantled quickly, doesn't have electricity or water but can use electricity via an extension cord.

Years ago, the town allowed an open-air temporary structure to be built in the setback at Tate's Nursery (now Gates Nursery) on U.S. 64 west with a simple zoning permit.

Gantenbein said since it was allowed then it should be allowed now. "The same rules apply. It's not a setback violation," he said.

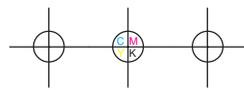
"All this has brought to light the fact that there is an exception in our ordinance for structures deemed 'temporary' to be placed in the setback," said Gantenbein. "But a structure is a structure and noth-

ing should be allowed in the setback."

He said a simple re-wording will close the loophole. "I'm working on that now," he said.

August Produce will construct a 15-ft. by 30-ft. open pole shed on its lot on U.S. 64 west opposite Peddler Wagon. August Produce delivers fresh produce to grocery stores and restaurants in Highlands. With the vegetable market coming, the delivery trucks will be housed somewhere off the mountain, "There will be plenty of room for parking," said owner Lisa Shomper.

The stand will open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. beginning the first week in May. Fresh locally grown produce of all kinds will be for sale – corn, strawberries, melon, cabbage, tomatoes – and more, said Shomper.



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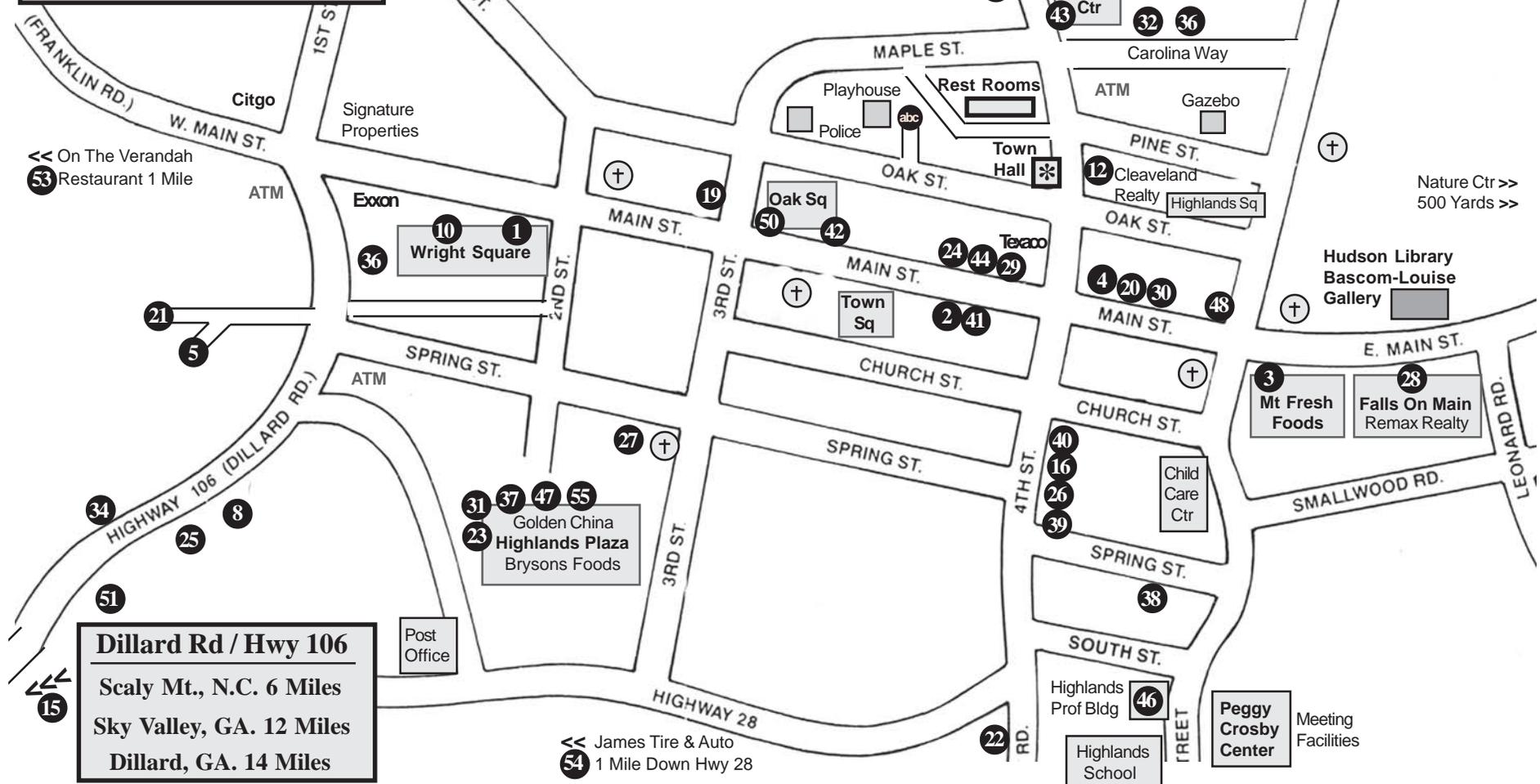
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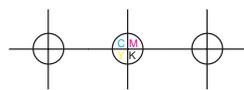
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- Time to register for swimming lessons at the Rec Park for children and adults, ages 3 and up. First 20 children/adults will be accepted. Call the Rec Park at 526-3556 to register.

- Registration for Summer Camp at the Highlands Rec Park is on. The camp begins June 14 and ends July 30. The camp will be closed the week of July 5-9. Camp is for children ages 5-10. Children must be 5 by June 14. No exceptions. Cost is \$2 per hour per child. Applications available at the Highlands Rec Park or call 526-3556.

- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement meeting room of the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times remain the same: Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. For more info, call (800) 524-7395.

## April 23

- Senior Luncheon at the Rec Park at 12 noon. Donations accepted.

## April 22 & 23

- The Instant Theatre Company presents "Voices from the High School" by Peter Dee. A poignant and hilarious look at modern teenage life. Directed by Adam Heffernan at 7:30 p.m. at Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Admission is FREE. For reservations call (828) 342-9197

## April 23-April 25

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will hold a camp-out at Hot Springs NC and will take a hike to Max Patch on Friday at 1 p.m. and a hike along the Laurel River trail at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Participants must make their own reservations at the campground by calling 800-462-0933. There are cabins available as well as RV and tent sites. For more information call leaders Larry and Doris Jelley, 524-4200. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

## April 24

- Arthur & Katie will be performing at Buck's Coffee Cafe at 8 p.m. on Main Street.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon

Society is sponsoring a clean-up of the Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at the Civic Center North Picnic Shelter at 9 a.m. If you have questions, contact Brock Hutchins at 787-1387.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike four miles to two dramatic falls, Rough Run and High Falls, near Glenville. The hike is rated easy-to-moderate, but some rocky terrain must be negotiated to reach the second falls. Hikers will meet at 9:30 a.m. in Cashiers but need to call leader Carl Blozan, 743-1765, for directions.

## April 27

- The Macon County Public Health

ages will be served. The entertainment will be a sampling of the Highlands nightlife scene. Long time Highlands favorites Cy Timmons and Zorki will perform. The cost for the event is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for prospective members. For reservations, call 526.5841.

## April 28

- Bird Walk with the Chattooga Conservancy, Pinnacle Drive, Ga. Bring binoculars and a bird identification book. Call 706-782-6097.

- Art After School Session 5 at Bascom-Louise. Art for students in grades 4 through 8. 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

## JV Girls Soccer tie game Wednesday



Photo by Jim Lewicki

**At the April 21 Highlands home game, Walhalla defender blocked Highlands' shot. Final score 0-0.**

Center and Department of Social Services invites the public to an open house event at the new Macon County Human Services offices in Highlands on Tuesday, from 3-6 p.m. The offices are located in the lower level of the Buck Creek Recreation Facility. There will be free blood pressure and blood sugar checks, body fat analysis, carbon monoxide testing, and bone density testing (by appointment only) for women ages 45-65. Children will receive free bike helmets (while supplies last), face painting, tours of the Fire Safety House, and KIDCARE emergency ID cards. Refreshments and more activities are scheduled. Call 349-2438 for info.

- The Highlands Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Spring Fling on Tuesday, at the Highlands Conference Center from 6 to 8 p.m. Rosewood will cater the affair. Appropriate beverages

- The "High Mountain Squares" will square-dance Wed. April 28 at the Macon County facilities bldg. from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Bob Morrison, Duluth, GA. will call Plus & Mainstream with some Lines. Come have good, clean fun with us. Info: call 828-349-3571//706-782-9846

## April 29

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 5-mile hike along the Greenway trail in Franklin. Meet at the Tasee Shelter parking lot on Wayah street at 11 a.m. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call Jack Blake, 369-1108, or Larry Jelley, 524-4200, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

## May 1

- Join the Highlands Plateau

Audubon Society for its first field trip of the season. Meet at 6 a.m. at the Town Hall Parking Lot to carpool to Stecoah Gap for nontropical migrants. If you have questions, please call Brock Hutchins, 787-1387, or Edwin Poole at 526-2775.

- The Macon County Board of Education Relay For Life team will be having a yard sale in the Board of Education parking lot in Franklin from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday.

## May 3

- HS Senior Cap & Gown pictures (re-scheduled).

## May 6

- Weekly wine tastings at ...on the Verandah, Thursdays at 4:30 p.m.

## May 7

- Awards & Yearbook Assembly at the Highlands Civic Center at 10 a.m.

## May 11

- Wine dinner featuring Flora Springs Winery. at ...on the Verandah.

- The Highlands Plateau Audubon Society hosts its first program of the season. Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center for a program on Birds of Southeastern Arizona, presented by Sandy Anderson, Sierra Vista, Arizona. Refreshments will be served prior to the meeting at 7 p.m.

## May 13

- Scholarship Night at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 5 p.m.

## May 14

- On Friday we will have a poor man's supper at the Franklin High School cafeteria from 5-7pm. The menu will include: pinto beans, new potatoes, cornbread, cole slaw, dessert and a drink. The cost will be \$6 and that will include a free coupon for the showcase of talent that will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. This will feature Macon Middle and High School students. Admission to the show without the meal will be \$3. All proceeds go toward Relay For Life. Any questions call the Board of Education at 524-3314 or email [angela.cook@mcsk-12.org](mailto:angela.cook@mcsk-12.org)

## May 19

- Highlands School senior and parents supper at Highlands United Methodist Church at 5:30.

## May 22

- The Literacy Council of Highlands invites you to attend Monte Carlo on May 22. This annual event includes fun, games, food, beverages and auctions. Please call 526-9938, ext 280 for more information