Things looking up for 4th St. shop owners

By Kim Lewicki

Shop owners agree. In less than one week, the parking situation on South Fourth Street on the hill improved greatly.

That’s since the Town Board threatened to revoke McC Carroll Construction’s permit to use the town’s rights-of-way in the vicinity of the Old Edwards Inn job sites and McC Carroll heeded the call.

“We began fining our subcontractors $25 for each truck parked on Fourth Street,” said David Trapp with McC Carroll.

Though parking in the two-hour parking spots on S. Fourth Street isn’t illegal for McC Carroll subcontractors, the town wants Fourth Street clear for shoppers.

“We can’t make it a rule that construction worker can’t park there, but we can tell them they can’t use our

County budget faring well

By Kim Lewicki

“Highlands has fared very well, especially with all the unfunded mandates the state has given us.”

That’s the word from Macon County Commissioner Allan Bryson concerning the 2004-2005 county budget.

“We’re not raising taxes, we’ve built new schools, gymnasiums, parks and given employees raises this year which we hadn’t done in some time,” he said. The tax rate is still 37 cents per $100 valuation of property.

The budget is set at $49,877,861 including all appropriations from all funds. The general fund is set at $34,722,541 with revenue coming mostly from taxes, revenues, fees and some grants.

The rest of the budget revenue comes from state and federal grants and various funds.

Bryson said besides the obvious allocations specifically for Highlands like those of the new gym, renovations to the old in-school gym, the Buck Creek ball fields, and fire tax it’s hard to say exactly how much of the budget is allocated just for Highlands.

“The whole county benefits from the convenience centers, the jail, the COPS in school grants and budget allocations,” he said.

The county did agree to give Highlands $200,000 for the Rec Park.

Highlands Fire & Rescue personnel work on removing the car from Lindy’s doorway.

Car jumps sidewalk & crashes

By Kim Lewicki

“I heard a huge crash, like two vehicles hitting. I turned around and looked out the door and saw this car coming up through the air. I knew it was coming into the store and I screamed.”

Janine Maloof started to run farther into the store, but there was no time to get away. Within seconds the car crashed into the glass door of Lindy’s on Main Street. As shattered glass filled the air, Janine threw herself on the floor and covered her head with her hands.

She said she stayed there, shaking like a leaf, until Marcia Shmalo, co-owner of the shop, pulled her away from the debris.

Around 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 22, a motorist plowed into Lindy’s after hitting two cars in the immediate vicinity.

Police say the driver, a woman in her 80s, first backed into a car stopped in the traffic lane behind her as she pulled away from a parking
Letters to the Editor

Ode to Alice in Wonderland

Dear Editor:

Oh Alice, Oh Alice, you day dreamin’ girl
With your head in the clouds
Your thoughts, such a pearl.

Your road is a goner
That much is for sure
The corner of your land
The State will procure

The bulldozers are coming,
Your Rhody’s are toast.
The flowers that you planted
will soon be compost

The State is so clever
They worked out a deal
The owl you so cherish
will soon be their meal

The developers are laughing
to the salamander’s chagrin
They’re being carted off
To live at Chinquapin

So adjust all your thoughts
And prepare to survive
Cause’ you’ll soon be livin’
On I- 95

Your Friend (I hope)
Fred Wooldridge

Evolution vs. Intelligent Design

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Harry Leslie Owens

Rev. Harry Leslie Owens, age 85, of Luther Owens Road, Clayton, GA died Saturday, June 19, 2004 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Born in Haywood County, NC, he was a son of the late Hayman Luther and Ellie Chastain Owens. He was the founder and pastor of Central Baptist Church in Woodbridge, VA for 25 years. He was a gifted teacher and writer of Sunday School literature. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp and a teacher of Gospel Music Theory. He was also a retired co-owner of Owens Construction Company in Virginia and a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jessie Caroline Picklesimer Owens; daughters, Jewel Wolfrey of Satolah, GA and Juanita Faught of Woodbridge, VA; sons, Kenneth Owens and Harold Owens, both of Satolah, GA; sisters Dorothy Keener of Norcross, GA and Madge Munger of Highlands, NC; brothers, Euell “Buck” Owens of Franklin, NC, Wayco Owens of Satolah, GA, Jayco Owens of Satolah, GA, Clinton Owens of Midland, VA, and Cleveland Owens of Satolah, GA.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2004 at Macedonia Baptist Church with Rev. Clinton Owens officiating. Rev. John Rogers and Evangelist Jack Green will assist him. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family received friends from 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2004 at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands where the body will remain until placed in the church thirty minutes prior to the service.

Ronnie Wade Owens, Steve Owens, Rusty Wolfrey, Drew Buchanan, Ronnie Owens, and Walter Wilson will serve as pallbearers. Any attending ministers will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Well, here I go again, buttin’ in where I shouldn’t. But things are getting rough on 4th Street and I think that “fist-a-cuffs” will soon take place with someone going to the hoosegow.

In a complete and total act of charity and kindness, I personally invite everyone who is a construction worker at OEI to park in my front yard. I do this, of course, with the knowledge that there is absolutely no way you can get there without knocking the whole front end of your truck out of line. The road I live on is a disgrace and I love it just that way.

I have a good friend who does front end alignments and workers will find his card on their windshields at the end of the day. You have probably already noticed that I have not given you the name of my road. Look it up yourself because I fear that if I name it, developers will pave it while I am away getting my front end aligned.

On a more serious note (ha) things are getting obstreperous on 4th Street as folks patience is running out. It seems like everyone has a plan to make things better. Nothing is working. I like the one lady who suggested they move the entire project to Franklin.

Just in case there are some of you who have been living on Pluto, I’ll tell you I used to live in Miami. (Side note: The only difference between the Miami wave and the Highlands wave is the movement of just one finger.) I was a cop down there when the television series “Miami Vice” was being filmed on our streets every single day. At roll call each morning the names of the streets that would be blocked off totally for the week would be announced.

Everyone loved the making of “Miami Vice” because it brought tons of money into the community. The merchants whose businesses were affected by blocked streets were compensated by the television people who would pay them the total of their last week’s gross receipts and then ask them to stay closed and out of sight for the time of the shooting. Merchants got the week off with gross money and loved it.

The cops loved the series because it brought them extra money for working off duty. Besides they got to sit and watch Don Johnson make a fool of himself. At times, we were actually embarrassed for him. What does all this have to do with 4th Street construction, you ask? Everything, I say whether it’s Miami Vice or OEI, it makes no difference, except the television people know how to handle people. They realize this is all about money. Wait ... let me say that again. This is all about money.

The first thing Miami Vice folks did was take a look at who would suffer from their presence. Once they paid off the merchants and hired twice as many cops as they needed to stand around doing nothing, everyone was suddenly very happy with all that inconvenience.

Hello, are you reading this. Time to redistribute your money. You don’t need six guys to sweep your front porch (I swear I saw this, with witnesses) and you don’t need three guys holding up portable stop signs at Church Street. Take that money and give it to the merchants who are starving for business.

With off duty police officers standing on 4th Street all day working for OEI and watching the parking situation, I am sure the contract workers will soon want to park some place else. I know they would if I were working there.

I have never seen and heard so many people up in arms over the construction on 4th Street since the infamous Mr. Adams was going to plop a Burger King on 106 at Spring Street. The ill feelings are just unnecessary and if the people involved would have used their

**Laughing at Life**

Fred Wooldridge

Hey, you can all park at my house
Belated Father’s Day Message

"Why were you searching for me?" Jesus asked. "Didn’t you know I would be in my Father’s house?" ~ Luke 2: 49

“All your insults and your curses make me feel like I’m not a person;
And I feel like I am nothing but you made me so do something;
Cause I’m **** up because you are;
Need attention, attention you couldn’t give” Staind “For You”

Father’s Day 2004 is a lot different than Father’s Day 12, don’t you think?
From the state of affairs in 2004, it seems that many young men are moving from growing up in the shadow of their fathers to growing up despite the shadows of their father.

The American Father is one of the most criticized and vilified demographics in the country today – and things are not improving.

The most popular critique for fathers is that they are not “there” for their children when times are tough – which may or may not be true depending on the circumstances.

On the one hand, you have irresponsible fathers who sowed their seed one too many times and were either too young or too immature to handle the responsibility of fatherhood, and therefore ran from the challenge.

Or, you have fathers who work themselves to death attempting to give their children the latest cell phone or video games and deny them the quality time that they so desperately need.

While fathers may or may not be spending as much time with children, society has changed to the point where hours that were once spent by the male members of the family working together at chores are now spent apart at the computer, television, or video game system of choice. These circumstances are the fuel for media criticism of parents, whether it be through the news, angry music or movie portrayals of parents.

The view of the father as the rock of the household is deteriorating before our very eyes.

As is the norm, our sports heroes often reflect the changing attitudes of the times. Promiscuous athletes have been around since the days of Joe Namath and Wilt Chamberlain, but with the influx of media coverage, the focus is now on the many children that see their fathers on the field but not in the home.

Athletes like Shawn Kemp have a family in almost every city, and even doting fathers like Philip Rivers have to allot time between family and sport.

Of course, the flip side is trying to escape the shadow of your father – which can be a very daunting task for a young man.

My best friend from college was the son of a New York basketball legend, and the fact that he wasn’t a great player has haunted him since elementary school. He told me how small it made him feel when the only nice thing people said to him was about how great his dad was, and it was even worse when they wondered aloud why Darren couldn’t play like his father.

I can only imagine how people such as Jarret Payton, Luke Walton and Layla Ali feel when faced with following in the giant footsteps of their fathers.

I myself feel a small part of this, as the Potts name is not exactly foreign in the town of Highlands.

I wonder if children view their fathers differently now than they did in times past. Perhaps society has suffered from the loss of the mythical Ward Cleaver father figure.

Instead of bragging “my dad can beat up your dad” now kids tell the school counselor about how their dad ignored them last night.

See SPORTS page 7
FINE DINING & DINING WITH A VIEW

Ristorante Paololetti

PRIMO PIATTO
- Shrimp & Scallop Salad w/asparagus, portabella & white truffle oil
- Crispy fried calamari
- Escargot alla Bourguignonne
- Yellowfin tuna tartar

INSALATE
- Grilled Italian prosciutto & Romaine Lettuce wrapped in Mozzarella
- Fire-roasted red peppers w/goat cheese
- Traditional Anchovie Caesar

LA PASTA
- Angel Hair w/gulf shrimp, scallops, clams, mussels & calamari
- Penne Pasta in a creamy tomato sauce w/garlic, chili pepper & vodka; topped with caviar
- Lemon-scented risotto with grilled shimp & scallop spiedino
- Homemade creps filled with veal, spinach & ricotta baked with a Bolognese meat sauce & creamy Bechamel

SECONDO PIATTO
- Breast of chicken stuffed with prosciutto, mozzarella & herbs in a wild mushroom & Marsala wine
- Char-grilled Applewood bacon wrapped aged filet mignon
- Milk-fed veal rib chop w/wilted spinach
- Sesame & ginger-crusted pan seared yellowfin tuna
- Native rainbow trout char-grilled with lemon butter or battered & sauteed golden brown.

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Seniors get $1 off all regular evening shows

Beginning Fri., June 25

DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY
rated PG-13
7:10 & 9:10 Nightly
4:10 Daily Matinee
2:10 & 4:10 Sat. & Sun. Matinees

THE TERMINAL rated PG-13
7 & 9:20 Nightly
4:20 Daily Matinee
2 & 4:20 Sat. & Sun. Matinees

GARFIELD THE MOVIE rated PG
7:05 Nightly
4:05 Daily Matinee
2:05 & 4:05 Sat. & Sun. Matinees

THE CHRONICLES OF RIDDICK
rated PG-13
9:05 Nightly
4:20 Daily Matinee
2:05 & 4:05 Sat. & Sun. Matinees

SPIDER-MAN 2 rated PG-13
7 & 9:20 Nightly
4:20 Daily Matinee
2 & 4:20 Sat. & Sun. Matinees

... LAUGHING cont.
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pocket books and their noggin's more better, (I can’t believe I just said more better) this all could have been avoided.

The construction site is directly affecting people’s ability to make a living. Of all the things in Highlands that needs attention, that one thing is paramount.

And oh, did I mention that parking in my front yard is only twelve bucks an hour? As I said, this is all about money.

The Highlight of Highlands
Fabulous Breakfast Buffet
Open to the public
Saturday & Sunday
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A Great Place to Stay. A Great Place for Breakfast

Now serving healthy fresh food in two locations –
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Dinner Wed - Sat 5pm until..

Village Square
526-8847

The Chronicle of Riddick
rated PG-13
9:05 Nightly

HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN rated PG
6:45 & 9:15 Nightly
4 Daily Matinee
1 & 4 Sat & Sun Matinees

STARTING WEDNESDAY
June 30
or spanked them for doing wrong. I miss the days when I just knew that my dad was stronger than Superman and smarter than Einstein.

I wish kids today could feel that way about their fathers. Instead, they view parents as little more than free room and board. And while it is true that one day the time will come when children learn that their father is a mere mortal, sometimes that revelation can make a father seem that much more amazing.

...OBITS from page 3

John P. Woods, Sr.

John P. Woods, Sr., age 88, of Cashiers, N.C., died Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

He was a native of Fayette County, Ga., a son of J.P. and Lois Jones Woods. He worked for the Environmental Protection Agency and was a member of Brooks Christian Church in Brooks, Ga.

He is survived by a daughter, Grace Walden of Atlanta, Ga.; a son, John Woods, Jr., of Cashiers, N.C.; one sister, Martha W. Glisson of Atlanta, Ga.; one brother, James Woods of Atlanta, Ga.; seven grandchildren also survive.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Cemetery in Brooks, Ga.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Free children’s theatre this Friday

The Instant Theatre Summer Acting Classes will present a showcase of scenes featuring the students from it’s fifth through eighth grade students on Friday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center’s amphitheater on Horse Cove Road. It free.

The Instant Theatre Company sponsors three acting class sessions during the summer months for students in grades 1st-12th. This is the first showcase, with an elementary showcase on July 2 and a high school showcase on July 25.

The class is instructed by ITC artistic director, Adam Heffernan.

I am truly convinced that one of the hardest things in life is living up to the expectations of your father. But I know in my heart that the hardest thing in life is for a father to meet the expectations of his son.

Thanks to all the fathers out there for what you do. And thanks Dad, for surpassing all my expectations… and proving that a mere mortal can become Superman-in his son’s eyes.
Radioland Murders

The 1994, Comedy/Mystery/Romance,
Written by Willard Huyck and
Gloria Katz, directed
by Mel Smith,
produced by George
Lucas, and starring
Brian Benben, Mary
Stuart Masterson, Ned
Beatty, Christopher
Lloyd, Bob Goldthwait, George
Burns (in his last film
appearance), Rosemary Cloony,
and about a million others,
known and unknown.
The Storyline:
It's 1939, opening night for
WBN, the nation's newest radio
station, and all is not well, even
before the murders begin (I'm
not giving anything away here,
you read the title). Missing
scripts, drunk actors, crazed
writers and spooky
mysterious messages
coming over the air in a
sort of Phantom of
the Opera way,
foretelling doom.
Recently divorced
Roger and
Penny
Henderson
(Benben
and
Masterson)
work in
the
same
station, she,
Competent Secretary,
he, Struggling Writer trying
to win her back. He is not helped
by an ever growing number of
bodies piling up, with him being
the primary suspect. They must
sort through a tower of clues while
avoiding getting killed or arrested.
Meanwhile, the show must go on,
with last minute script changes,
missed cues, a crazed sound effects
guy (Lloyd does his usual
hilarious job), oh, and lots of
slamming doors, of course.

Dimwitted Detective
(Dylan Baker has
some of the best one
liners in the show,
delivered dead pan),
Lusty Vamp, and
Eager Side Kick
(Michael Scott
Campbell, who does
a Buster Keaton type
role) all make their
appearance, as well as
more slamming
doors. They eventually uncover
the Evil Villain in Thrilling (well,
sort of) Conclusion. Did I
mention slamming doors?
OK, it's not High Art and
Drama, but it is a fast paced farce,
with all the stock characters you
can think of, both a spoof of, and
tribute to the Golden Era of
Radio, Marx Brothers,
radio detective
serials, and
shows with
slamming
doors.
Rapid fire
dialogue,
sight gags,
slapstick, and a
cattle call of
cameo appearances
by some great
singers, musicians and
comics, accompanied
by a terrific sound track
for fans Big Band,
Crooners, 1930s Jazz brass
bands, and Spike Jones. A
good pick for fans of comic
murder mystery.

If you like this one, give a look
to Murder by Death, Manhattan
Murder Mystery, Clue, Bullets over
Broadway, Dead Men Don't Wear
Plaid, and Someone's Killing the
Great Chefs of Europe (a must see
for cooks and chefs).

These and about 5000 other
titles, on VHS and DVD, are
available at Movie Stop Video,
stay on by and give a look.
Life is a playground for learning —
It’s time to apply the lessons!

If you’re local and you like my column, you may have been reading it for about one year. Well, the time has come. The hour is now. Mark your calendars. I’m holding a workshop on July 8, at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library sponsored by Friends of the Library, beginning at 7 p.m.. And here’s the best part; there is no charge, so bring a friend. Please note: It’s for women only.

In 1997, when I was giving birth to my doctoral dissertation in psychology, it felt tortuous. I turned every moment into a dreaded challenge. I wonder how much easier it might have been if I had viewed it as a playground for learning? Why do we make things so much more difficult than they need to be?

I’ve been noticing how arduous it is for many folks to make decisions about the direction life should take for them. They seem to be trapped in what Emerson called “divine discontent” and almost suspend themselves and wrap themselves around their unhappiness. It’s “as if” they are frozen in time and fearful to make any decisions because they don’t know what the future will bring. Well here’s a hint. None of us does.

Life’s a learning adventure. Make mistakes. Be ready to make big ones. Try new things. Expand your experiences. Of course, there is this thing called vulnerability and most of us don’t like it, and rarely invite it. We almost appear human when we are vulnerable. We forget that this is a space to learn in our life. Whether we turn our learning into an adventure or make it more difficult, that is pretty much left up to us.

Once again, I reference my real estate career where the learning curve can take nosedives when you least expect it. Many times this year, I have been in close proximity with humility by realizing how little I know. I have come to realize, however, that if I stay open to learning, I usually come out of it okay. A little bruised sometimes but none the less, still in one piece. Why? I think it’s because I am open to learning and I keep on moving ahead.

Why not be bold and courageous. When you look back at your life, you’ll probably regret the things you didn’t do much more than the ones you did. A person with big dreams is more powerful than one with all the facts and right answers.

Having said all that, what lessons are you willing to stay open for this week in your life?

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Mark this date on your calendar. July 8 at 7 p.m. at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library. Need a cup of coffee and one of Maryellen’s books? STOP by the Schoolhouse in Cashiers! Summer coaching sessions have started. Email me for further information. melspeaks@aol.com. Dr. Maryellen Lipinski is a psychologist by profession and an international professional speaker by design. Currently, she coaches individuals to obtain their goals in life and works as a Realtor at Village Realty of Sapphire Valley. wwwollowmountainrealestate.com. www.maryellenlipinski.com

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**Don Leon’s**

**Sample menu**

**FRESH SALADS**
- Greek
- Caesar
- Shrimp

**GREEK PITA**
- Gyro
- Veggie
- Shrimp

**HOMEMADE SOUPS**
- Cajun Chicken & Andouille Gumbo
- Cajun Shrimp & Andouille Gumbo
- Southern Brunswick Stew
- New England Clam Chowder

**EUROPEAN HOAGIES**
- Dusty Burger
- Rubeen
- Pork BBQ
- Philly Steak

**PLATTERS**
- Cajun Jambalaya
- Cajun Red Beans & Rice
- Cajun Fried Seafood
- Grilled Chicken Breast

**EATING LITE**
- Fajita Caesar Platter
  - beef, chicken, shrimp
- Dusty’s Sirloin Burger Platter with salad
- Grilled Bocca Burger Platter with salad
- Stir Fry Platter
  - beef, chicken, shrimp
- Wheat Tortilla Wraps
  - chicken, turkey breast, stir-fry vegetables

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Steinway concert for literacy

International Steinway piano artist, Stephen Marq will perform a benefit concert at PAC for The Literacy Council of Highlands, Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27, 7:30 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Tickets are $30 per person or $100 for patrons which includes two tickets and a CD.

The goal of this event is to raise 10 percent of all operating costs.

Tickets subject to availability at the door or may be purchased at The Literacy Council of Highlands; The Bird Bard/Specled Hen; and Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop at Falls on Main.

By Kim Lewicki

Even if you've seen “Annie” a million times, see it again. Only this time, see it at Highlands Playhouse.

The first thing you'll notice if you're from Highlands, is the number of locals on stage this year. Most of them have been on stage with other production companies in town – Highlands Community Players and the Highlands School Drama Class.

I traditionally cringe when it comes time for Annie to sing “Tomorrow,” but Melissa Manning, who plays Annie for her third time, nails it every time.

And happily, so does everyone else who sings it – even Dean Zuck as President Roosevelt and his entourage.

The entire production is good, really worth watching, funny and delightful. But Estelle Hatcher as Miss Hannigan the “mother” at the orphanage; and Annie’s sisters at the orphanage steal the show.

Hatcher really springs to life during the “Easy Street” segment, turning into a rag doll caricature of a human being from head to toe. Too funny.

Annie’s sister at the orphanage danced and sang their ways into the hearts of the audience.

‘Annie’ ... see it tomorrow

Annie’s orphan sisters – urchins really – danced and sang their way into the hearts of the audience bringing new meaning to the word “endearing.” Their dance movements were precise, their voices clear and loud and their personalities, each of them, sparkled.

The scenery is minimal, but that’s OK – it’s not necessary to have elaborate scenery when the cast shines.

Annie was directed by David F. Kleist, who plays Daddy Warbucks perfectly. The music by the ever-returning Rachel Townes is just right – not too loud, not too soft. The orchestra pit really helps with the musical acoustics.

“Annie” is truly a show for the entire family. It runs through July 4 and if you live here year-round, you’re in for a real surprise. Just ask them about it at the Box Office.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Tickets are $22 for adults and $9 for children 12 and under.

“Honk” is next, winner of the “Best Musical” on the West End of London. It starts July 22.
This is where the upcoming conference seems to be laboring under a misconception. It is noted that “attendees at the conference will hear supportive evidence proving this premise [intelligent design].” Science does not “prove” anything; all hypotheses and theories are tentative, pending further testing. In contrast, religion is based on faith or belief, and some of the statements about the conference appear to be flatly unscientific, starting with an assumption that there is “a God who designed the universe” and that “Intelligent Design is the truth.”

In addition to being an evolutionary biologist, I am a member of the Episcopal Church. As I see it, there is no inherent conflict between religion and science, which are simply different ways of knowing. Unless one insists on a strict, literal interpretation of the Bible, it seems to me that it is possible to reconcile the two. Indeed, even Pope John Paul II has announced that there is no conflict between doctrines of the Catholic Church and the concept of biological evolution.

Why could not evolution be God’s way of generating the incredible diversity of life on Earth, our island home? Contrary to its characterization as a random force, natural selection can be a creative force shaping adaptations of organisms to their environments from what are effectively random changes at the DNA level.

But by no means does this seem to progress by “intelligent design.” Most of the organisms living today on our planet, humans included, are a jury-rigged hodgepodge of traits that have enabled them to survive and reproduce despite obvious design imperfections. Among others, consider the human eye, which loses elasticity with age and fails to focus properly, and the human back, which does not hold well under bipedal movement.

Understand that there are differences of opinion among biologists about the specific historical details of evolution, but not about the fact that evolution has occurred and is occurring. On the subject of whether “your ancestors were monkeys…,” the evidence should be especially convincing, even to physical scientists. The DNA of humans and chimpanzees is more than 99 percent similar, leading to the inescapable conclusion that we must share a recent common ancestor. But I do not see how this necessarily detracts from our uniqueness and our moral imperative to be “human.”

I hope that the conference goes well and that more light, rather than heat, is shed on the subject. Conflating science with religion benefits neither.

Robert Wyatt
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space at the curb to the left of Lindy’s.

After she hit that car, she continued in reverse until she hit another car parked in the center parking area beyond the travel lane.

“It’s unclear why she kept going,” said Highlands Police Officer C.D. Jenkins. “We don’t know what happened at this point.”

After hitting the car in the center parking area, her car traveled forward back across the travel lane straight into Lindy’s.

After helping Janine, Marcia Shmalo, co-owner of Lindy’s and a pedestrian helped the woman out of her car on to a bench near the shop. She was visibly shaken and bruised from the air bang, but appeared to be unharmed, they said.

Joe Shmalo, co-owner of Lindy’s called 9-1-1 and Highlands Fire & Rescue and Highlands Police were soon on the scene. The driver was transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

“It’s a blessing no one was hurt,” said Janine. “People are usually standing right at the corner by the door.”

Police officers say it’s extremely important for motorists and pedestrians to be alert to traffic around them on Main Street – both in the travel lanes and in the parking areas. Though few have been serious, lately, Highlands Police have responded to a higher than usual amount of accidents in the Highlands business district.

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Because of construction on the lower end of the street where the brick sidewalk has been removed to install infrastructure, and all the construction they see up the street, pedestrians are wary of venturing up the hill, say shop owners.

"Please keep in mind that we make 80 percent of our business in the next 120 days," said McCulley’s owner Robin Wheaton.

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Locals hold reception held for Congressional Candidate Keever

On June 17, Pat Boyd and Edna Foster hosted a party for Democratic candidate Patsy Keever – candidate for the 11th District Congressional seat.

Her supporters enjoyed a pleasant evening on the deck of the Foster home. Patsy was introduced by Eva Ritchie, Democrat from Henderson County. She spoke of people who were true friends to all of us – Patsy being one of them.

“This woman, who has been a mother a teacher, county commissioner for 12 years, president of League of Women Voters and a member of numerous community boards could give all women more of a word in Washington. She cares deeply about the health of her constituents and the environment. It is my wish that the women of this district will bet out and vote in this election. We could have a real friend in Washington.”

Keever’s platform is “leadership you can trust.”

“I am running for Congress because I believe that the people of North Carolina’s 11th District deserve strong, positive leadership with integrity. I will provide that,” she said.

“I understand the values and concerns of the mountain voters. We need good jobs at fair wages, affordable and accessible health care, quality education and protection for our vital natural resources.”

Keever said her 25 years as a teacher and 12 years as an elected official have given her both a broad perspective of the region and an understanding of how government policies affect individual families.

“I will use this experience to provide the 11th Congressional District with the leadership it deserves,” she said.

Rawlins signs with Columbia College

Caitlin Rawlins, outside hitter for the Highlands high school volleyball team, recently signed to play volleyball at Columbia College for the 2004-2005 season.

Caitlin received a partial scholarship for volleyball and will be an outside hitter for the Fighting Koalas this next season. Columbia College is a member of the NAIA and is a provisional member of the Georgia, Alabama, Carolina Athletic conference.

As an honors student, Rawlins will study pre-med.

From left, Lyndsay Wheeler, Columbia College Iterim head volleyball coach, Caitlin and her father Rick Rawlins, Highlands high school volleyball coach.

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Governor Easley proclaims June 25 Special Forces Day – SOAR activities begin Thurs., June 24 w/silent auction

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Whereas, North Carolina is proud to be home to Fort Bragg since it’s beginning as Camp Bragg in 1918, and its establishment as a permanent Army post in 1922 as Fort Bragg; and

Whereas, Fort Bragg is the home to the Army Special Forces Command; and

Whereas, they train about 15,000 elite troops each year at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School in skills for Special Forces, civil affairs and psychological operations; and

Whereas, the Special Forces soldiers have become known as the “Quiet Professional” and live by their motto, “De Oppr esso Liber” – to “Free the Oppressed,” and

Whereas, they have been involved in peacetime operations and armed conflicts around the world over the past fifty years; and

Whereas, the Town of Highlands, is having a community-wide celebration and recognition of the contributions of Special Forces soldiers on June 24-26, 2004 that reflects the respect all North Carolinians have for their contributions;

Now, Therefore, I, Michael F. Easley, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 25, 2004, as “Special Forces Day” in North Carolina and commend this observance to all our citizens.

The SOAR silent auction is at the Highlands Conference Center at 7 p.m. Tickets are $15 and available at the door. Proceeds fund educational activities for offspring of fallen Special Ops soldiers.
By Megan Lewicki
Contributor

The first question I was asked Monday morning at leadership camp was to think of three great leaders. John Dorner, camp director of the Rotary Youth Leadership program, gave his three surprising answers — Jesus Christ, Napoleon, and Adolph Hitler. Although these three leaders' moral and ethical standards vary greatly, their ability to evoke emotion from the masses made an impressive impact on the world.

What is a leader? This was another question we were asked throughout the week. Several characteristics were said to belong to a leader — good organizer, good communicator, maintains objectivity, knows the business, is charismatic, firm, decisive, and articulate.

During the five day span we spent on the Brevard Music Center campus, we were fed two- or three-hour lectures daily. The topics ranged from STDs, abstaining from sex, corporate America, personality tests, public speaking, business etiquette, and my personal favorite — “If life screws you over beat it to the punch.” The STD talk came complete with large graphics of diseased patients. We were lucky enough to get this talk after our breakfast Tuesday morning.

Leadership camp wasn’t all lectures, though. On Wednesday we broke up into groups and participated in ropes courses, zip lines, obstacle courses and scavenger hunts. To tell you the truth, the scavenger hunt, which required much cooperation, didn’t go too well with my team. Instead of having one leader, we had about 12 leaders, and we each expected everyone to follow us.

Maciek Golaszewski and Megan Lewicki paired up for the cable walk where each has to depend on the other to make it across without falling. Both said “laughing makes it really hard to do.”

Each year campers do community service in the Brevard community. Megan and co-camper worked at a Children’s Center.

And this is where we learned our first lesson — a leader must learn to follow as well as lead. However, we all hate scavenger hunts now.

On Thursday we performed community service in the local Brevard area. I was at The Children’s Center, where I helped build a privacy fence and dug, transported, and replanted about 15 hostas. If you’re familiar with these plants, you know that I write the word “hosta” painfully.

Thursday night we had a talent show. Every camper was required to take part in it. I participated in a number of things; I was a dancer, a singer, and a tree. One girl couldn’t come up with a talent, so we both decided that it would be extremely funny and easy to be trees. So there we were, up on stage with leaves and branches taped to our bodies. No one has ever seen more talented trees than us that night.

Friday we broke up into groups again and competed in the Rotary Olympics. One of the games included jumping in the lake and pushing a watermelon. Oh, but here’s the catch — the watermelon was greased up with Crisco. And yes, watermelons do actually float.

After the Olympics, we broke up into our groups and were asked to write and perform a song about our camp experience.

We were given some buckets (obviously representing drums) tambourines, egg shakers, and a few guitars. I was asked to share this song with the Highlands’ Newspaper readers.

Reading the song, instead of hearing it performed correctly, doesn’t do it nearly enough justice, but it tells you a little bit about everything we did the week we were at camp.

I’m proud to say, my team was...
rewarded for having the best song. But don’t let my song fool you — listening to lectures was only the tip of the iceberg.

I thank the Rotary club a hundred times over for sending me on this fun and amazing experience. There’s not enough time to tell you everything, but I hope the youth who are reading this, take in consideration of next year’s Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program.

The joys of Leadership Camp

Mary had a little a lamb, its fleece as white as snow, but was Mary truly a leader? We just don’t know …

Chorus:
Lectures, lectures my butt is getting numb
(Two girls came in banging their drums obnoxiously — MY BUTT IS GETTING NUMB! – they yell.)
Sex talks were a drag, and the pictures made us gag, and the opposite sex looked a little less pleasing. Thanks to those…

Repeat Chorus
Early in the morning we wake up and wash our hair. But one look at our counselors, and their morning breath gave us a scare.

Repeat Chorus
The Olympics was really fun, as we sizzled in the sun. With Crisco all over our hands we were like bacon that was done.

Repeat Chorus
Oh Rotary you taught us so much this week and now we’re not afraid to public speak.

Repeat Chorus
As we leave tomorrow, and go back to our lives, we’ve made new friends and tied new ties. But we will never forget those awesome… (obnoxious banging) incredible… (more banging) sometimes gross…. (banging again)…

Repeat Chorus (one last time)

Photos by Megan Lewicki and others

Toward the end of each school year, members of Highlands School’s Interact Club — a youth offshoot of Rotary committed to community service — are selected to participate in the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Camp. The scholarship is awarded to individuals by the Highlands School principal and the Highlands School Interact supervisor — this year Mr. Dave Cashion.
SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

Cigarette butts & chewing gum

Rev. Kim Ingram
Highlands United Methodist Church

When I was a kid, we didn’t eat out very often. It was not nearly as common as it is now. I do remember however, that we would sometimes go to the cafeteria. There was a Morrison’s Cafeteria in the Panama City Mall and it was fun to go because we got to pick out exactly what we wanted to eat. My dad would always say to us as we approached the head of the line “Take all you want, but eat all you take.”

I didn’t realize it at the time, but that was one of my earliest lessons in stewardship.

We often develop fairly narrow parameters to what we consider or call stewardship. In many churches, we talk about it once a year as it relates to giving our money and our gifts for ministry. However, stewardship is a much greater issue than that. Stewardship is actually about a way of life. We have each been blessed, not only with gifts and abilities and earning potential, but God has given a gift to each of us various resources and dispositions and passions and personalities and bodies and consciences. It is through each of these things that we are able to respond to God and be faithful stewards.

One definition of a steward is a person who manages the affairs of a household or an estate for the owner. In the Christian sense, then, a steward is the manager of the affairs of God on earth. Everything that we have been given to us a gift from God. Therefore, how we use those things is our response of gratitude and taking care of these gifts that God has entrusted to us.

We cannot separate our professional lives from our personal lives. I’ve heard people say, “It’s just business.” But how we do business is an act of stewardship. Sometimes we are called to make hard or unpopular or even costly decisions in order to remain faithful. Our jobs and our ability to do our jobs are gifts from God.

In an article in The Christian Century periodical (June 19-26, 2002 issue), the author, Bernard Rollin went to Shakespeare, Ontario to give a keynote speech on ethics and animal welfare to swine producers. Rollin is a professor of philosophy and animal sciences at Colorado State University. Rollin tells of speaking many times to

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Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church
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Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.; [child care at 11 a.m.]; School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Wednesdays: Children’s Devotions – 9:30 a.m.; Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.
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Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
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Rev. Pam Mitcham, Pastor,
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Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

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Scaly Mountain Baptist Church
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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

Scaly Mountain Church of God
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Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

Westside Baptist Church
Interim Pastor, Terry Dixon
Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby
Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

Whiteside Presbyterian Church
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

See SPIRITUALLY page 22
The fourth edition of the Mountain Top Relay for Life, the award-winning fundraiser for fighting cancer, will be held on Friday, Aug. 27, and Saturday morning, Aug. 28.

For the last two years, the Highlands-Cashiers effort has been recognized by the sponsoring agency, the American Cancer Society, for raising the most money per capita of any Relay in the U.S. The Relay for Life is the major fund-raising program for the American Cancer Society.

The ACS has predicted that 563,000 Americans, 1,500 every day — will die of cancer this year. It has estimated that cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease combined cost the U.S. about $600 billion a year.

“We'd like to make it a 'three-peat,'” said co-chairs Buck Trott of Highlands and Bud Smith of Cashiers.

“One of these days,” Trott, Mayor of Highlands, said, "we're going to beat cancer. I'd like to have the satisfaction of knowing that it was my dollar that put us over the top."

“The credit for our success goes to the good and generous people of Cashiers and Highlands,” said Smith. "It's a good feeling to be surrounded by such wonderful folks."

Cashiers and Highlands alternate as hosts for the Relay. This year it will be held in Cashiers, on The Village Green.

The Relay was originally scheduled for Aug. 20-21, but the date was changed because of a conflict with another event.

The Relay for Life is a celebration of life. On the night of the Relay, participants will honor those who have survived cancer, pray for those who are fighting cancer, and remember those who have lost the battle. “Luminaria” paper bags with sand in the bottom, and a candle embedded in the sand with names of loved ones who have encountered cancer in one way or another will line a quarter-mile track laid out on the Green.

Luminarias can be purchased for donation of $10 or more.

Teams are already being organized to raise money prior to the event itself. They’ll use a variety of efforts to bring in as much money as possible in the fight against cancer: car washes, bake sales, raffles, auctions, and some that show a knack for creativity. Anyone who wants to start a team should contact Liz View in Highlands (526-9743) or Patty Hull in Cashiers (743-4318).

More than 20 teams already have been formed.

The Relay will begin at 6 p.m. with the first lap around the course reserved for cancer survivors and their care-givers. Others take up the march after that. Some walk alone, some walk with a group, and some never get on the track at all. Either way, the evening is one of high spirits and fun. Last year the track was lined with more than 30 booths, erected by teams, offering a wide variety of goods and services ranging from hot dogs to crab claws and massages. There was even a dunk tank, and lots of folks got wet.

The American Cancer Society says that more than 95 percent of the money collected goes toward cancer research. Since 1946, when the Society began awarding research grants, more than $2.2 billion has been put into research. Partly because of those investments, there has been a dramatic improvement in the effort to beat cancer. In 1946, only one in four cancer patients would live for five years. Today, almost six out of every 10 cancer patients lives more than five years.

Scores of business in Highlands and Cashiers are conducting Relay for Life fundraisers. Monica Henson (seated), Tracy Sellino and Susan Clark are selling Candles by Home Interiors at Wachovia Bank on Fourth Street ...on the Hill. One-third of all proceeds go toward Relay for Life. Not pictured are Charlene Edwards, and Casey Southard.
Suchocki to speak at HIARPT June 28

On Monday, June 28, Dr. Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki, The Ingraham Professor of Theology and former Academic Dean of the School of Theology at Claremont, will lecture on “Looking Beyond the Mirror: The Intracultural Dialogue between Theology and Film” at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street.

Dr. Suchocki is presently serving as Director of the Whitehead International Film Festival at Claremont School of Theology.

She will lead a seminar/discussion of her lecture on Tuesday morning, June 29, at 10 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

The public is invited to attend the lectures and seminar/discussions. For further information, please contact Dr. Everett J. Tarbox, Jr., Director of the Lecture Series, at 526-5037.

B-L Garden Tour set for July 16

Five garden-homes in Highlands will be on the Bascom-Louise Garden Tour, Wednesday, July 16 from 9-2 p.m. At the sixth home a luncheon catered by Wild Thyme will be served. Tickets are $50 per person in advance, $60 the day of the tour. A shuttle picks up at Highlands School. For more information, call 526-4949.

Free concerts Friday nights in July at the Gazebo on Pine Street

The very best in local mountain bands are coming to Highlands the five Friday nights of July! Sponsored by the Relay for Life Joy Team of First Presbyterian Church, each Friday night in July from 7:30-9 p.m., five groups of popular mountain musicians will be performing.

The Joy Team’s three objectives for these events are to preserve mountain music, provide free entertainment during the summer, and most especially to create an awareness of the benefits that the annual Relay for Life offers cancer survivors and potential cancer victims.

Macon County, because of the efforts of numerous volunteers and generous donors as well, has ranked Number One in the nation for the past two years in per capita giving at a rate last year of $11.23.

Thanks to the generosity of the performers, all events will be available free to the public.

Performances:

July 2: Grass Roots Revue, a hard-driving, high energy 4-piece bluegrass band from the Tri-State Corner of NC, SC, and GA.

Kurt Abshire, the new manager at Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, reviews a patient chart with the center’s new social worker April Duvall. Both have joined the center’s management team in recent weeks.

Living Center names new manager

Fidelia Eckerd Living Center at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has named a new manager.

Kurt F. Abshire is a licensed Health Facility Administrator with more than 13 years experience in health care. He comes to the Eckerd Center from Skyland Care Center in Sylva, NC, a 94-bed nursing facility where he was administrator for the past year and a half.

“Kurt has a great deal of experience and a successful track record in nursing facility administration, and we are excited he has chosen to relocate to the Highlands-Cashiers area,” said Jim Graham, hospital administrator. “He will be a valuable addition to our management team.”

“The Eckerd Center has an excellent reputation and a great philosophy of caring for the whole person,” said Abshire. “My goal is to build on what we have now and take us to the next level.”

A native of Indiana, Abshire spent much of his career in nursing administration in that state before moving to North Carolina in February of 2003 to take the position at Skyland. Immediately prior to that move, he was the administrator at the Americare Living Center of Liberty, a 60-bed skilled nursing facility in Liberty, IN.

His previous experience includes serving as assistant administrator at Meridian Oaks Guest Home in Indianapolis, IN, and, prior to that, as administrator in training at Beverly Health Care Golden Rule in Richmond, IN. He completed his internship in Health Care Administration in December 1999.

Prior to earning his certification in administration, Abshire was a director of recreation at Beverly Health Care Oakridge in Richmond. He began his career as a certified nursing assistant, and then became a certified medication aide before becoming a certified activities director.

Abshire says he jumped at the opportunity to move to Highlands. “This is where I’d like to spend the rest of my life. I want to become an active member of the community here, to be a real part of things,” he added.
‘Walk in the Park’ – July 16 weekend

The fifth annual “Walk in the Park” will be sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday July 16, 17 and 18 with rain-dates of July 23, 24 and 25. Friday and Saturday Walks will begin every 15 minutes from 6-8 p.m., and Sunday from 4-6 p.m.

The two earliest Highlanders to be featured in this year’s Walk were businessman Henry M. Bascom who came here in 1882 at age 28 with tuberculosis and lived to be 89 years old, and Mary Lapham who arrived in 1893. She left Highlands to study medicine, then returned to establish a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis. “Bug Hill,” as the sanatorium was called, is pictured above. It was located on the hill where the Highlands Civic Center and Recreation Park are now located.

Bascom will be portrayed by Highlands merchant Wiley Sloan and Dr. Lapham by Dr. Becky Schilling.

A shuttle to the cemetery leaves from the Conference Center.

Tickets for “Walk in the Park” are available at $15 for adults at Cyrano’s, D & J Express Mart and The Old Rangoon. Students will be admitted free.

Cooking class at Hudson Library

The first of the Library Cooking Classes for 2004 will be held on Tuesday, June 29 where Jan Zeher of the Main Street Inn will answer the question, “Company’s Coming: What Shall We Serve For Breakfast?”

Jan’s cooking expertise comes from a love of eating and a cookbook collection of approximately 500 volumes. She avidly reads and re-reads from her collection and the collection of the Hudson Library. The breakfast menu at the Main Street Inn reflects Jan’s cooking expertise. She likes to prepare good food like your mom used to make but with a twist. A favorite breakfast item is the scrambled eggs with blue cheese, toasted pecans, and cherry tomatoes. It seems natural that Jan will be able to provide an elegant answer to the question; “Company’s Coming: What Shall We Serve For Breakfast?”

The Library Cooking Classes have been a popular part of the Highlands summer season for fifteen years and a few openings remain for some of the 2004 classes. Contact the library at 526-3031 for more information.
Everywhere you look these days, Highlands is getting spiffed up. When all is said and done, Mountain Fresh shopping center at Fifth and Main will blend in more with the adjacent Falls on Main complex with hip and tinned roof and new paint.

**Shopping Center getting facelift**

**Shopping Center getting facelift**

Every now and then your dreams do come true. The Mill Creek Gallery has been a dream of Cynthia Strain’s, and it has now come true for her.

A photographer for many years, she now has a gallery in which to display and sell her many photographs of the Highlands area. In addition, Cynthia will be providing framing services at her gallery at Highlands Village Square.

You are invited to attend the grand opening of the gallery on Friday July 2 from 6-9 p.m. There will be music provided by the Frazzled Edge, along with eats by Fresser’s Eatery.

The gallery features art and fine crafts by other local artisans including weavings by Dave and Marj Rorher, jewelry by Madeleine Watt and Donna Tew, prints by Duncan Greenlee, and photographs by Bill Lea. Monthly exhibits will showcase prominent and lesser-known artists, starting with Bill Lea on July 30th.

In addition to her landscape photography & picture framing, Cynthia provides photography services for special events such as family reunions, weddings, parties, and golf tournaments. She will even memorialize your home or a special view.

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**POLICE & FIRE REPORT**

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of June 16-23. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

**June 16**

- At 4:50 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at the Farmer’s Market. There were no injuries.
- At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- Officers issued a parking ticket for a car illegally parked on Oak Street between N. Fourth and N. Fifth streets.
- Officers issued a parking ticket for a vehicle illegally parked in a loading zone on Oak Street.

**June 17**

- At 6:50 a.m. officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on N. Fourth Street. There were no injuries.
- At 6:30 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Talley Road was cited for driving without a license.

**June 18**

- A little past midnight, officers responded to a call from a residence on Raoul where residents reported a man was on a ladder peering into a bedroom window. Police investigated but found no one.
- At 2 a.m., a resident on Paul Walden Way reported shots being fired in the area. Police investigated but found nothing.
- At 7:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked for two days at a residence on Shelby Place. The car was moved.
- At 5:20 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Foreman Road and U.S. 64 east. There were no injuries.

**June 21**

- At 2:18 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Sequoyah Drive. All was secure.
- At 9:30 a.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Main Street. There were no injuries.
- At 3:45 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Main Street. There were no injuries.
- At 3:45 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles in the Town parking lot. There were no injuries.
- At 8:50 p.m., officers responded to a dispute between a father and daughter at a residence on Keener Road. The dispute was settled before they arrived.

**June 22**

- At 2:38 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at First Street and U.S. 64 west.
- At 10:50 a.m., officers responded to a claim of a larceny at an business on Main Street. The case is under investigation.
- At 3:15 p.m., officers responded to a “hit and run” accident. There were no injuries.
- At 9:15 p.m., a motorist at Main and N.C. 106 was cited for driving without a license.

**June 23**

- At 6:25 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue log entries for the week of June 16-22.

- The dept. responded to five first-responder calls to assist EMS with a medical call where the victims were transported to the hospital from residences on Clear Creek Road, Whetstone Drive, Whiteside Mountain Road, and Spring Street and the High-

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**Upcoming Events**

**On-Going**
- The musical talents of Regis at the Piano at Cafe of the Arts, every night.
- Round Robin Tennis with the Nantahala Tennis Association at the Rec Park every day at 9 a.m. and Mondays at 6 p.m. Meet at the Memorial Bench and allow 15 minutes for other players to arrive. Sometimes we’re slow at the beginning of the season.
- At Wolfgang’s on Main – Every Monday it’s “Fine Art, Fine Wine, Fine Dining,” at 6 p.m. Get ‘uncorked’ at Wolfgang’s on Main Thursday through Saturday starting at 4 p.m. Casual gathering features wine and appetizer pairings, flights of wine by the glass or bottle and appetizers. Every third Thursday, join Mindy Green of Wolfgang’s on Main and the girls for “Wild Women Who Wine” a night of camaraderie, fun, food and wine.
- At Highlands Wine & Cheese at Falls on Main – Highlands’ Favorite Happy Hour: Wine Flights Thursday-Saturday (prices vary) featuring Brave New World wines from New Zealand and the U.S. Also, wines by the glass and cheese plates 1:30-4:30 p.m. Complimentary tastings on Saturday from 1-4:30 p.m.
- At ...on the Verandah – Happy Hour every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. $20 per person.
- Workshops at the Bascom-Louise Gallery for young artists in grades K – 5 and beginning and intermediate level adult/teen art classes are being offered now. Call for further information!
- Seeking donations of rare books for its first-ever book auction the Friends of the Macon County Public Library has issued a “call for books” to add to a collection of valuable works that has been growing for the last several years. Deadline for donating books is July 1. For information, call Wallace at (828) 524-3600.
- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement meeting room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times are Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. For more info, call 524-7395.
- Parents or coaches interested in starting a Soccer Challenge Team, call Charrissa Robinson at 526-9915.

**June 22 – 25**
- “Junior Ecologists” at Highlands Nature Center. Ages 11 – 14, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily. Cost $100 per child. This camp provides a more scientifically-advanced look at the natural world.
- **Through July 4**
  - “Annie” at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $22; Children 12 and under, $9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office on Oak Street.
- **June 24 & June 25**
  - The Intelligent Design Conference at Community Bible Church. Renowned County Public Health Center. Register by June 25. For more info, call Jennifer at 349-2439.
- **June 26**
  - Pancake Breakfast at the Scaly Ski Lodge from 7-10 a.m. Cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children. Proceeds help fund the clubs scholarships and other activities.
  - El Mercado sponsored by the International Friendship Center, is 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church. Proceeds from a multi-denominational rummage sale will help raise funds for the center.
- **June 26 – 27**
  - “A Steinway concert for Literacy” at PAC 7:30 p.m., Saturday and 2 p.m. Adult tickets are $30 per person, $100 for patrons includes two tickets and a CD. Tickets available at The Bird Barn.
- **June 28**
  - Dr. Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki, The Ingrams Professor of Theology and former Academic Dean of the School of Theology at Claremont, will lecture on “Looking Beyond the Mirror: The Intracultural Dialogue between Theology and Film” at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be held at the PAC on Chestnut Street.
- **June 29**
  - Business After Hours at Skyline Lodge and Restaurant, 5:30 to 7:30. Cost is $10 for Chamber members and $15 for prospective members. Call 526-5841 for reservations.
  - The Highlands Audubon Society will host a field trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway from Balsam Gap to Graveyard Fields. Meet at Town Hall parking lot at 7:30 am to car-pool. Contact, Brock Hutchins, 787-1387, or Edwin Poole, 526-2775.
- **July 1**
- **July 3-4**
  - 11th Annual Mountain Makings Independence Weekend Art & Craft Show at Cashiers Community Center on the old ballfield across from Hardee’s. Food, live music, 9-5 both days.
- **July 4**
  - Highlands Rotary annual Fourth of July barbeque at the Highlands Conference Center and ball field 11-3. Barbeque and hot dog plates $7-9. Includes cole slaw, baked beans, chips, and a drink.
  - Macon County Recycling centers will be closed for the holiday. They will re-open the next day.
  - Family Fourth of July Celebration at Skyline Lodge, 12-6 p.m. Pool and hot tub party. Hamburger & Hot Dog cookout. $10 per person.
- **July 8-18**
  - “The Odd Couple” at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $20; Children 12 and under, $9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office.
- **July 9**
  - Hurricane Creek will play a mix of classic and original “country-fried rock & blues” at Buck’s Coffee Cafe from 8-11 p.m.
  - **July 10 & July 11**
  - Art League of Highlands presents
  - See EVENTS page 26

**Pancakes for breakfast this Saturday**

Melinda Gibbs, President of the Scaly Mountain Women’s Club and Faye Bellwood, co-chair of the summer series of pancake breakfasts.

**At the first event. The Pancake Breakfast is at Ski Scaly Lodge from 7-10 a.m., on June 26. The cost is $5 for adults and $2.50 for children.**
Bed and Bath Designs, conveniently located in Highlands Plaza next to Bryson's Food Store, is excited to begin their 13th year in Highlands. Living and working in Highlands has been such a privilege for owner Julie Potts. Come in and check out this year’s new colors, styles and designs. Every year brings with it new trends and ideas, and Bed and Bath Designs incorporates those into the rustic feeling of our gorgeous mountains.

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Don’t forget that Bed and Bath also carries all those basics that you might have forgotten to bring with you. Basics like pillows, mattress pads, shower lines, sheets, pillow protectors, shower caps, shower rings, bath mats - the list goes on.

Bed and Bath Designs is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please drop by to meet the friendly staff and to see what’s new for Spring. It’s a stop you’ll be glad you made.

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cattle ranchers about animal ethics, but he says convincing them to care for their animals isn’t too difficult because ranching is more a way of life than a way of making a living. They care deeply about how they manage an animal, even if it means losing money. Rollin said he had once heard the president of the Colorado Cattlemans’ Association remark, “If I had to raise animals the way the pig people do, I’d get out of the business.”

Rollins now has to go and speak to those “pig people.” Pig people who were raising pigs in facilities in which the small producers had been eliminated by competition from large corporate entities, run by accountants and executives who viewed their primary obligation as being to investors, not to animals.

The production is called confinement production because the pigs never see daylight until they are shipped to slaughter at roughly six months old. The sows are breeding machines, keeping 600-pound animals in pens that are 7 feet long by 2 and ½ feet wide by 3 feet high, sometimes smaller. The animals stand on concrete and when they give birth, they are moved to another pen that differs only in that the crate has “creep rails” where the piglets can crawl out to escape being crushed by the sow. When a pig gets sick, it is killed with a blow to the head because it’s not worth treating for their animals isn’t too difficult because ranching is more a way of life than a way of making a living. They care deeply about how they manage an animal, even if it means losing money. Rollin said he had once heard the president of the Colorado Cattlemans’ Association remark, “If I had to raise animals the way the pig people do, I’d get out of the business.”

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So Rollin goes to give the speech with a sense of dread. They meet at a fairground with people spread out around picnic tables. He cannot see their eyes, cannot tell their reaction. He goes through his speech having decided to use the same tactic he uses with cattle farmers regarding animal husbandry ethics.

When he finished his speech, he looked into the people’s faces and realized there were tears in their eyes. He had touched the hearts of these highly industrialized, profit-seeking farmers who raise pigs.

One man, named Linton, stood on the top of a picnic table and shouted, “This was it! – the straw
that broke the camel’s back.” And to make a long story short, at that moment, he committed to building a different kind of barn.

A year and a half later, Rollin was invited back to see the Linton’s new barn. There was a hydraulic roof that on nice days can be retracted to the animals in essence are outdoors. No stalls, no crates. Instead, he saw lavish pens with straw and only 15 or so animals in a pen. Rollin said, they look non-neurotic…happy!

Some of you are thinking – they are just pigs. She has taken up a lot of this article telling us about pigs. But I remind you of what God said in the first chapter of Genesis. God gave us the care of the animals, God gave humans the care of the earth. God entrusted us and then God said “it was good.”

Would God still say it was good? Would God be pleased with the way we are taking care – managing God’s household? Stewardship is about the decisions we make in our personal and professional lives. It comes into play in the most significant and perhaps seemingly insignificant parts of our lives. Even littering, tossing gum and cigarette butts on the ground is not being good stewards to the earth. Even.

2 Corinthians 15:5 in the Message reads, “I want you to have all the time you need to make this offering in your own way. I don’t want anything forced or hurried at the last minute. God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you’re ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. As one psalmist puts it, ‘He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.’

That is what stewardship is. It is about giving your money - and I know that can be hard to do. But even more than your money or your gifts, stewardship is about a way of life. It is about right-living and right-giving. It is a discipline – something we must practice and about which we must be intentional. But mostly, stewardship is an expression of love – God’s love for you and your love for God in return. God bless you in your lifelong journey of stewardship.
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• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on De Ville Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. responded to a rescue call when three workers fell from scaffolding at the Old Edwards Inn jobsite. All three were transported to the hospital.
• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Lost Trail Drive. It was a false alarm.
• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Drive. It was a false alarm.
• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on S. Old Walhalla Road. It was a controlled burn.
• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Old Wagon Road. It was set off by workmen.
• The dept. responded to a vehicle accident on Main Street where the vehicle ran into Lindy’s. The driver was transported to the hospital.

New planters around town

Photo by Kim Lewicki

To “green up” Highlands streets, protect the trees along sidewalks and to have a place for extra benches and garbage cans, the town has constructed several new planters on Pine and west Main streets which fit the bill for all three needs.
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**Cowboy Envy returns for July 2**

The ladies of Cowboy Envy - Too Short, Frenchy and Buffalo KJ
Cowboy Envy, an evening of old-time cowboy songs and stories from the 30's and 40's returns to Highlands on July 2-3 at 8 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. This lively quartet played two packed shows in Highlands last January. Don't miss their return! Tickets are $5 for Children, $20 for Adults in advance and $25 for Adults at the door. For reservations call The Instant Theatre Company at (828) 342-9197. This event is sponsored by Koenig Homebuilders, Country Club Properties and Bed & Bath Designs.

“Summer Colors” Art Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rec Park both days. There will be live music and children's activities. For more information, call 524-8585.

**July 11**
- The University of Florida annual Gator Gathering is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. For more information and reservations call 352-392-5407.

**July 13**
- Audubon members will share slides, pictures and stories of their nature travels at the Highlands Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments at 7 p.m.
- Bascom-Louise Garden Tour. For tickets call 526-4949.

**July 16**
- Mountain Wildlife & Wilderness Day 9 a.m. -3:30 p.m. Wildlife & wilderness experts serving as clinicians. Held at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. It’s free. Call 743-7663.

**July 22 through Aug 8**
- "Honk" at the Highlands Playhouse. Performances are Tuesday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Adult tickets, $22; Children 12 and under, $9. Call 526-2695 for tickets or visit the box office on Oak Street.

**July 19-23**
- Macon County Soccer Camp. For more information or to sign up, call 524-1928.

**July 19-24**
- Zona Rosa Writers' Retreat with Rosemary Daniell with Katherine Willoughby and Shakespeare & Company at 8 Old Farm Road. Cost is $425 or $100 per day – inclusive fee includes individual consultation. Mail synopsis of manuscripts of 6-12 pages to Rosemary Daniell, 125 Skidaway Road, Savannah, Ga., 31404 no later than July 9. For more information call 526-3777.

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