On-going

- Yoga classes are at the Scaly Mountain Community Center Mondays at 5:45 and at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Jane Woodruff Clinic, on Wednesdays at 5:15. Cost is $12 per class or 10 classes for $100. Plates on Tues. and Thurs. at 5:15 p.m. $10. Exercise to combat osteoporosis Mondays and Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. with Stacy Greene at HealthTracks.
- "Heart of the High Country" on Channel 14 Northland Cable Television, "Celebrating Life in the Mountains Today," airs daily at 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m., and 12 a.m.
- At Highlands Wine & Cheese at the Falls on Main, Wine Flights Fri. & Sat. 4:30-6:30. Open Mon.-Thurs. 10-5, Fri. & Sat. 10-6:30.
- The HCP's Evenings of Little Entertainments Friday at 8 p.m., through May. For reservations, call 342-9197. Reserved tickets are $15, at the door $20.
- April 29
  - Live music - "Cooking with Quanta" at 8 p.m. at Buck's Coffee Cafe.
  - "A Night in Monte Carlo" at Highlands Country Club. Tickets are $50. Tickets at the Bird Barn at Falls on Main.
- April 30
  - Live music - "Bo-Jam" at 8 p.m. at Buck's Coffee Cafe.
  - The opening for the "Young Artists Exhibit" at the Bascom-Louise Gallery on Sat. from 5-7 p.m.
  - Audubon Day on Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at the Rec Center North Picnic Shelter, 9 a.m.
  - Randy Shepherd with Crossfire Ministries joins The Fellowship of Christian Athletes Saturday, at 7 p.m. at the school gym.
- May 1
  - An old-fashioned Hymn Sing at the First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. The 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal will be used.
- May 2
  - The regular meeting of the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary is Monday at 10 a.m. in the board room.
- May 5-8
  - HCP's "The Diary of Anne Frank" at PAC. The Box office at PAC is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Call 526-4904 for tickets. $15 each, $8 for children.
- May 3
  - T-Ball at Zachary Fields on Buck Creek Road. Yankees vs. Braves. 4 p.m.
- May 5
  - T-Ball at Zachary Fields on Buck Creek Road. Phillies vs. Yankees at 4 p.m.
  - Democratic fundraiser with a Mexican flair at the Main Street Inn. Tickets $25. Call 526-2590 for reservations.
Appalled at Retail Merchants Association

Dear Editor

I was appalled to find that the Retail Merchants Association is lobbying hard to defeat a bill that would help to control the production of methamphetamine. The bill sponsored by Senator Snow and Senator Dalton and supported by the Attorney General’s Office would seek to have Claritin D and Sudafed sold only by pharmacies behind the counter and in small amounts. It would require a photo I.D. and a signature. Gelcaps and liquid will not be affected at this time as legislators do not feel it can be cooked up to produce the deadly drug methamphetamine. The N.C. bill has been modeled after the Oklahoma legislation which has cut production by 80 percent. As recent articles have pointed out these labs have been appearing everywhere and many fires have occurred sometimes killing small children and rendering that area unfit for human habitation.

I am grateful to Sheriff Holland for bringing prisoners arrested on drug charges to our school to tell how their lives have been destroyed by its use. Thanks also to our two local pharmacists who said they would be happy to comply with these new regulations in order to save lives of our young people!

It was also good to know that unlike many of the large retailers, Target has stated that they would be glad to comply with the proposed legislation.

Senator John Snow, co-sponsor of the bill has been invited to the Cinco de Mayo dinner at Main St. Inn to discuss this bill on May 5 at 6 p.m., ($25). Call 526-2590 for reservations. (This is sponsored by the local Democratic Precinct) Please come and be informed and give our legislators enthusiastic support in this worthwhile endeavor.

Edna Foster
Highlands

‘Responsible selling’ topic at ABC Board seminar this week

By Erin Brown
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The Highlands ABC Board held a Responsible Alcohol Seller Program (RASP) Monday and many local businesses were in attendance.

The program taught how to detect underage and intoxicated patrons and the laws of alcohol sales.

“We’re not here to scare you, we’re here to make you all aware,” said ABC Board representative Marnina Queen.

The class stressed that it is unlawful for both business owners and employees to sell alcohol to intoxicated individuals or to allow individuals to become intoxicated. Furthermore, if an inebriated person is involved in an accident, whoever sold that person alcohol is liable for an unlimited amount by the parties involved in the accident.

For example, in a situation where a permittee’s employee is alleged to have sold alcohol to an underage person and there is no prior history of violations, the usual fine is $800 with no active suspension of the permits. These penalties may be increased when there is evidence of misconduct by the permittee himself, multiple violations or other unusual circumstances.

“I really learned how much we are legally responsible for another person’s actions,” said Ian Holloway, an employee at Buck’s Coffee Café.

The ABC Commission Legal Division processes and prosecutes cases involving permittees charged with violations of the ABC laws. Agencies submitting these violations include Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE), Local ABC Officers, ABC Audit Division, sheriff and police departments.
**OBITUARY**

**Mamie Jo Stutts Gillaspie**

Mamie Jo Stutts Gillaspie, 94, died April 19, 2005. She was a social worker in the early days in the field of geriatrics. Born in Thomasville, Ala., she graduated from Judson College, Tulane University School of Social Work, and worked for the Red Cross in New Orleans during the Depression.

Married to William A. Gillaspie, Jr., for 40 years, she raised a daughter and son; Nancy Elaine Gillaspie Luxemburger and William A. Gillaspie III.

After raising her children, she returned to her profession and became Director of Salhaven, a pioneering retirement village and nursing home in Jupiter, Fla. She was a delegate to the Second White House Conference on Aging during the Eisenhower era where she helped establish standards for licensing of nursing homes.

She retired to Highlands, renovated a log house and indulged her love of reading cookbooks and cooking. She was a talented cook and hostess and delighted her friends and family with wonderful meals. Her later years were spent in Atlanta at Campbell – Stone Apartments.

She is survived by her son and daughter both of Atlanta, three grandsons, their wives and six great-grandchildren: Peter and Murie and their children Nathan and Louise of Lausanne, Switzerland; Timothy and Ann and their children Holden and Camille; and Hans and Lynn and their children, Theo and Lucas of Atlanta.

A private memorial service is planned. Contributions may be sent to Campbell–Stone Apartments, 291 Pharr Ct. South Atlanta, Ga., 30305.

**BIRTHS**

**Adisyn Kara Westendorf**

Scott and Danae Westendorf announce the birth of their daughter, Adisyn Kara on April 5, 2005. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Karen Potts and David and Anita Chastain all of Highlands. Paternal grandparents are Dan and Dena Westendorf of Dallas, Ore. Maternal great-grandparents are Bob and Sammie Houston and Vivian Chastain of Highlands. Paternal great-grandparents are Fred and Donna Westendorf of Redmond, Oregon.

**Caleb James Keener**

Michael and Stephanie Keener of Basel, Switzerland, announce the birth of a son, Caleb James Keener. He was born on April 13, 2005, weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz., and 19 ¼ inches long.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Christian. Paternal grandparents, Jamie and Mary Keener of Highlands, were also in Switzerland to welcome baby Caleb home.

**MC Schools budget ‘bare bones’**

By Kim Lewicki

Over the last several months, Macon County School principals have been formulating their "wish list" budgets for 2005-2006. They were recently told to scrap them.

"They told me ‘if we could get this or that, it would be great’ but I told them to forget it," said Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell.

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Months ago, Shotwell promised county commissioners the school budget wouldn’t increase more than 10 percent. Mandatory annual increases relating to employees – increases out of the school system’s control – have already put the 2005-2006 budget at more than nine percent over last year.

Priority increases involve medical insurance, hospitalization per employee, salaries — including a new mentor pay for new teachers of $100 per month.

"Unexperienced teachers [the least paid] are paid for with the local budget. Now we have to pay for mentors for the new teachers, too," said Shotwell.

Funds transferred to charter schools on a per pupil basis have increased as have transportation costs, oil and gas, the school system’s legal fees and more.

"For the past three years the state has been patching the budget with one-time fixes and it’s all been to set us up for what they’re doing to us right now," he said.

Shotwell will present the budget to the county commissioners May 2.

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I knew it was time
because at 7 a.m. I
broke into a light sweat
just getting the paper from
the driveway. Yesterday I
inadvertently leaned on a
friend’s car and burned my
arm. I knew it was time
when I picked up a quarter
from the sidewalk and
scorched an image of
George Washington onto
my thumb.

I knew it was time to come
home.

If you had forgotten, I am a
winter wimp. A person who is
terrified of Old Man Winter and runs
away to warmer places when he
arrives. I do this because it is better
than having my nose stopped up for
six months. I hate breathing through
my mouth for that long.

The little missus and I love
Highlands. We have been this way
since 1968 when we first set foot in
Horse Cove. Our love affair with her
continues to grow. Highlands has
changed much since then and so have
we. I know I sometimes make fun of
her and even ridicule her when I
think she has done stupid things, but
make no mistake about it, I love
Highlands.

Before retirement, Highlands was
my escape mechanism, a place to run
to when I needed to get back in
touch with reality and realize that
everyone in the world was not a
criminal. A place where I could
unwind and unload my stress by
enjoying the slower pace, the cool
climate, and friendly people.

One memorable period was in
1980. I had placed a large circle on
my calendar, marking the first day of
my annual visit to Highlands. It had
been an extra tough year with a
demanding boss. Our station wagon
was packed and as the days counted
down, my anticipation to get to
Highlands grew.

How was I to know President
Carter would make a surprise visit to
Miami Beach and ruin my plans? He
was in a fight to keep his job and
Ronald Reagan was out to take it from
him. On the night I would have been
on the road, I stood facing a small
army of angry Cuban demonstrators
in front of the Fontainebleau Hotel.

Bags packed, my wife and kids
sat in the living room of
our home and waited. I
had been promised I
could leave when Air
Force One was "wheels
up" later that evening.

The angry mob made
its move and pressed for
the front doors of the
hotel. A legion of police
officers held their shields
and batons high in a
threatening manner. We called for
smoke and K-9 units, who were
stationed just inside the hotel front
doors. It was iffy for just a moment
but eventually we pushed back the
mob who thought they were being
gassed and bitten by angry German
Shepherds. Neither was the case.

By the time I got home, I was so
pumped up, I could have driven to
Alaska without sleep. I ripped off my
uniform and jumped into the car. We
drove all night and arrived at our tiny
cabin on Clear Creek Road by mid
morning. I have never enjoyed
standing on our deck and smelling
the forest more than I did that
morning. It was as if I had left hell
and was now standing in heaven.

Even with Highlands’ runaway
growth and high inflation, she is still
a very wonderful, Tony place to live; a
small town with loads of charm and
laid-back atmosphere. I knew lots of
people are disgusted with what is going
on here, but Highlands will always be
4,000 feet above sea level, with cool
rainy days and chilly summer nights.
The moon and stars will always be
just as brilliant and the katydids will
not cease to rub their legs
together. Over-developing the area
cannot steal those things away.

Highlands will always be my getaway
place.

So hide the women and children,
'cause here we come. Packing is
complete and the car has been
checked... twice. We roll in the
morning and no president can
prevent it because, praise God, I am
retired.

And if I close my eyes real tight
(not while I’m driving, of course) and
let my imagination roam, I can
already smell the chlorophyll and
aroma of the hemlocks. I can taste the
wild mint leaves and see the impa-
tions growing on the back porch. Oh
Highlands, here we come.
Chamber looking for new home

By Erin Brown
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It looks like this is the last year the Chamber of Commerce will reside in Town Hall. With a growing staff and administration, both offices are beginning to feel cramped.

“We’re exploring every avenue,” said Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce Bill Bassham.

Bassham said the Chamber has been looking for a place for some time now, but with rent prices drastically increasing over the last two years, it looks like it’s going to be a challenge.

Right now the Chamber pays $100 a month ($1,200 a year) in rent, but that figure could be as high as $48,000 a year when they move.

Bassham said if that’s the case, the Chamber won’t be able to afford some of the accoutrements it has in the past.

“We just won’t have that fluff in the budget, and some things we won’t be able to fund,” Bassham said. “It concerns me that if we quit doing the things we’ve done in the past people will be upset.”

The town holds the lease on the upstairs room of Town Hall which is currently housed by the Chamber.

“We desperately need the space for our employees and administration,” said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

Town Hall isn’t the only one who is in dire need of space, but the Chamber is also feeling a bit cramped in rather tight quarters.

Bonnie Earman’s “office” is basically the front desk, so there is no privacy for her if she wants to have a private meeting.

“We’re practically sitting on top of each other here,” Bassham added.

The Chamber is looking at rental sites downtown and possibly “on the hill,” but Bassham said he fears they will be more of a hindrance than a help there because of the Chamber’s parking requirements.

The ideal location would be a place with plenty of space, parking and high-quality visibility in the town. Bassham also said a couple of people have come forward who want to build an entirely new site.

“As soon as we can find a place, we need to move,” he said. “We’re probably looking at sometime in late fall or early winter.”

The town’s lease with the chamber technically expires the end of June 2007. But the lease can be terminated on July 1 of any year if the Town gives the Chamber 60 days notice which is May 1.

At the April 20 Town Board meeting, commissioners agreed to give the Chamber a six-month lease beginning July 1 and ending December 31, 2005.

“It’s unfair to make them start looking for a new place at the beginning of the season,” said Mayor Buck Trott.

Bassham agreed the Chamber needed to “stay put during the season,” because it would be confusing to merchants and to visitors of the town if the Chamber and Visitor’s Center was in the middle of a move.

Commissioner Herb James also said the chamber can get out of the six-month lease anytime.

At its annual retreat, Chamber officials discussed the probability of finding another place and even possibly constructing public restrooms, which have been a bone of contention for quite some time.

Bassham urges anyone who has something available to contact the Chamber at 526-5841.
New director at Chestnut Hill

William Frazier Jackson, LNHA, CHE, has been named the new executive director of Chestnut Hill of Highlands.

In this role, Jackson will oversee the development of and direct the daily operations of all phases of the full-service, continuing care senior living community, focusing initially on getting Chestnut Hill’s new soon-to-be-completed 26-bed Assisted Living Center on line and fully operational.

“Being executive director allows me the opportunity to take a lead role in Chestnut Hill’s future,” said Jackson. “There is the potential here for tremendous growth. Residents love this place—they want to see their community succeed—achieving that realization will be my first priority.”

Jackson says building “community” is uppermost in his mind. “Establishing our community within the greater Cashiers-Highlands area will bring an added dimension to the quality and variety of life our residents enjoy, and to the mountain resort culture as a whole,” he said. “Through community outreach, Chestnut Hill can act as a host site where naturalists, physicians, photographers, and other specialists in varied fields of interest can share their knowledge and experience.”

Jackson brings to Chestnut Hill an impressive and varied background in continuing care facility management and hospital/healthcare administration.

Prior to this appointment, he was associate executive director of Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community in West Columbia, SC, and deputy director of health services for the South Carolina Departments of Corrections and Juvenile Justice. In addition, Jackson has extensive management and development experience in full-service retirement communities, as well as with healthcare-related organizations.

Production of ‘Anne Frank’ coming up

Mr. Dussel, played by Stuart Armor, arrives at the annex, assisted by Miep, portrayed by Erin Brown. Highlands’ Newspaper staff writer. Both are in the Highlands Community Players production of “The Diary of Anne Frank” playing May 5 through 7 and 14, 15 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

Opening night is Thursday, May 5. The audience on that night is invited to an after-play reception catered by Don Leon’s Deli. The HCP box office will be open Monday, May 2 through Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., except Sundays, May 8 and 15, when the box office will open at 1 p.m.

The box office is located at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands. Season subscribers can reserve their tickets on April 28 and 29. Reservations can be made anytime by calling 828-526-8084.

Off-hour calls left on the answering machine will be returned as soon as possible to confirm the reservations. Tickets are $15 each, $8 for students and $12 for groups of 15 or more.

No group sales will be taken for opening night. The show runs May 5 – 7 and 14 and 15. Show times are 8 p.m., Thursday through Saturday with a 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinee.
Exciting line-up at Instant Theatre

The Instant Theatre’s Summer Classes are now accepting applications for future actors and magicians. Magician Shaun Moss will teach a one week Magic Class from June 6-10 for junior and senior high school students.

The cost will be $150 per student which includes all supplies. For more information on the lineup of summer classes, call the Instant Theatre Company at (828) 526-1687 or e-mail at info@InstantTheatre.org.

Don’t forget ITC’s “Little Evenings of Entertainment,” Friday nights at studio on Main Street. Call the ITC Box Office at 342-9197.

New Season of ‘Heart of the High Country’ to begin May 2

Heart of the High Country, a weekly TV show about Highlands and the surrounding area, will begin its second season on May 2 on Northland Cable Television’s Channel 14.

In its first season show became an instant hit with Northland viewers. Long-time Highlands residents Arthur Hancock and Katie Brugger are the producers of the show: they film, edit, and do everything required to put the show on the air.

“We felt that a local TV show was something Highlands needed,” Katie said. “Our show features programming that changes weekly: interviews with interesting people, special event coverage, music, and more. Last year’s coverage included the Highlands Cashiers Chamber Music Festival, the Fourth of July fireworks, open house at the Fire Department, Halloween, and the Christmas Parade. We’re looking forward to another great year.”

Brugger and Hancock began their video production company Time Capsule Video nine years ago. Their North Carolina Mountain videos have sold many thousands of copies. “We’re interested in people,” Arthur said, “and we believe every person has a story to tell. When we got our first video camera 10 years ago we immediately went out and started interviewing people.”

Northland Cable was so impressed with the quality of Heart of the High Country that they asked Hancock and Brugger to take full control of Channel 14’s programming. In the hours when Heart of the High Country is not playing the channel shows beautiful scenes from Time Capsule’s North Carolina Mountain Video series accompanied by classical music, with community announcements at the top and bottom of the hour.

“We’re working hard to make sure our second season is even better than our first,” Katie commented. “We’re particularly excited because we’re getting interviews with old-timers! We also have some interesting new regular segments.”

Heart of the High Country airs six times a day—8 am, noon, 5 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm, and midnight—seven days a week.

“We’re always looking for new ideas so if anyone is interested in participating or has a suggestion for an interview please call us at 526-2954,” Katie said.

The Diary of Anne Frank

by Goodrich and Hackett

Newly adopted by Wendy Kesselman

Directed by Jim Gordon

May 5-8, 14, 15

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Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m.

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Highlands School 6th Grade Awards

Sixth Grade All A Honor Roll: From left: Amy Fogle, Clayton Lassiter, Marlee McCall, Samuel Wheeler, Sarah Power.

Sixth Grade AB Honor Roll: From left: Elizabeth Gordon, Bevan Schiffli, Miranda Herding, Christopher Nye, Michael Shearl.

Sixth Grade Perfect Attendance: Front row from left: Jose Feria, Cody Houser, Sarah Power, Katie Nix. Back row from left: Marlee McCall, Elizabeth Gordon, Amy Fogle, Clay Lassiter.

Middle School Accelerated Reader Awards:

From left: Jessica Roulston and Elizabeth Gordon.
Chemistry class visits paper mill

Highlands School General Chemistry class took a field trip to Sylva on April 21 to visit Jackson Paper Mill and learn how paper is recycled. Chris Mouchet, Alex Osteen, Catlin Huitt and Brooke Fowler listen as their factory guide explains how cardboard is recycled.

Photo by Erin Munger

Coming Up...

FRIDAY, APRIL 29—4:00p Baseball @ Hiawassee Dam (away)
SATURDAY, APRIL 30—7:00p Crossfire Ministries Rally (old school gym)
MONDAY, MAY 2—5:00p Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Murphy; Regional Tournament-Course TBA
TUESDAY, MAY 3—4:00p Baseball @ Andrews (away)
THURSDAY, MAY 5—3:30p PTO Board Meeting @ Peggy Crosby Center; 6:30p Senior Parent Meeting in Cafeteria
FRIDAY, MAY 6—4:30p Baseball vs. Cherokee; Interact; 6th Grade Field Trip to Atlanta
SATURDAY, MAY 7—Sady Hawkins Dance
MONDAY, MAY 9—5:00p Baseball @ Rabun Gap (away); 6:30p Mrs. McClellan’s Kindergarten Night
TUESDAY, MAY 10—4:30p Baseball @ Rosman; 7:00p PTO General Meeting; EOG Testing for Grades 3-8
WEDNESDAY, MAY 11—EOG Testing for Grades 3-8
THURSDAY, MAY 12—6:30p High School Band Concert; EOG Tests for Grades 3-8
FRIDAY, MAY 13—High School May Day and Yearbook Assembly
MONDAY, MAY 16—6:00p Athletic Banquet

Seniors smile after receiving caps, gowns

The graduating class of 2005 gladly received their caps and gowns on Monday, April 18. Left to right: Hannah Hendricks, Brooke Fowler, Catlin Huitt, Jessi Ziebarth, Jenna Greene and Erin Munger strike a pose. The Graduation Ceremony will be held on June 4 at Highlands Civic Center.

Photo by Beverly VanHook
- Movie Review -

**Ring Two**

_by Stephanie McCall_

11th Grade

Fear comes full circle in the horror sequel _The Ring Two_ directed by Hideo Nakata (_Last Scene, Dark Water_). Rachel Keller played by Naomi Watts (_The Ring, I Love Huckabees_) and her son Aidan played by David Dorfman have relocated to the quaint mountain town of Astoria, Oregon, where Rachel has found a new job at the local Astoria Gazette working alongside reporter David Rourke (Simon Baker).

The discovery of a local teenage murder while scanning the electronic Astoria Police files brings Rachel to uncover the truth behind it. Before long, Rachel has linked the homicide to the mysterious video tape. When Rachel is close to uncovering the secret, she finds and then destroys the killer videotape. Bad move.

Soon afterward, Aidan is hospitalized; unconscious, extremely cold, and bruised. Rachel suspects this is the act of the bitter ghost Samara Morgan, but the local physician, Dr Emma Temple played by Elizabeth Perkins, suspects otherwise.

Having been blamed for child abuse and looking guilty, Rachel returns to Seattle to dig deeper into the past of the ghostly Samara who apparently is trying to become alive again by using Aidan as her host. Will Rachel be able to save Aidan from Samara?

_The Ring Two_ is appropriately rated PG-13 for violence and terror, disturbing images, thematic elements and some language. If you liked _The Ring_ and expect to see much more about the story, you may be disappointed as well. But if you only want to see a different version of part one, you may enjoy this sequel.

- Music Review -

**Beck’s Back**

_by Stephanie McCall_

11th Grade

Perhaps the most witty artist working in music, Beck Hansen is a comedian (_Mellow Gold_), folk singer (_Mutations_), sex symbol (_Midnite Vultures_), and broken-hearted song writer (_Sea Change_). So when announced that Beck was back with his first album in three years, _Guero_, there was no telling what he’d come up with.

After the heart-on-sleeve sulking of _Sea Change_, his 2002 “breakup album,” Beck’s career has taken another turn. _Guero_ is a funky-fresh album of party jams and rockin’ beats. This is not new territory for Beck; he’s rocked many dance floors with hits like “Where It’s At” and “Mixed Bizness.”

_Guero_ was produced by the onetime Dust Brothers (the dynamic duo that produced _Odelay_) who lend the disc a familiar groove, especially on the electric robot song “Hell Yes,” the bass-heavy “Black Tambourine,” and “E-Pro.” But mellower tracks like “Earthquake Weather,” “Farewell Ride,” and “Go It Alone” recall _Sea Change’s_ unique somberness.

Though it may never be possible to describe the “Beck sound,” _Guero_ may be the album that comes closest to expressing what Beck is about.

Beck fans will love re-teaming with The Dust Brothers. _Guero_ isn’t _Odelay_ part two, but it reintroduces us to Beck Hanson...the “Loser” that made good music and gave us a “Devil’s Haircut.” It’s a Latin-tinged tribute to his humble beginnings in East L.A.
Local artist Julyan Davis visits high school art classes

By McKenzie Thompson
12th Grade

Local impressionist artist Julyan Davis made a visit to Highlands School Art III and IV classes on April 14. The class observed as Davis made a slideshow presentation of different pieces and different art movements he has explored. He then explained his life-long adventure as an artist.

Davis was born in England in 1965. From a very young age he desired to become an artist and spent his time attending high school in Hong Kong where he developed and mastered various skills. Upon his completion of high school, he began applying to art schools. Davis eventually enrolled at Byam Shaw School of Art in London where he learned abstract techniques.

America became home to Davis in 1989. Upon arriving he purchased a book about Alabama and soon decided to move and paint there. While in Alabama he met his wife, Madeleine.

Ironically, he found that Alabamians wanted paintings of his home, the English countryside. Having been influenced by 18th century impressionist John Constable and enjoying working in an oil medium, Davis practiced impressionist work during his time in this part of the South.

Davis produces approximately 150 paintings per year. He often works on 10-12 at a time when using impressionist style. It takes him 7-8 hours to complete each one. According to Davis, his paintings often suggest a mood instead of an actual depiction.

Highlands became home to Davis and his wife in 1996. Here he is able to paint and sell landscapes of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Occasionally he will alter his style and create a realist oil painting. These paintings require much more time, between 60-70 hours.

He enjoys exploring different mediums and styles, but mainly remains in impressionist oils. “In the art world, they want you to paint in one way with one look,” said Davis as he explained why it is unwise to make too many changes in your style as an artist.

Currently, Davis spends his time traveling across America painting and selling his works. Although he is occasionally unsuccessful in distributing his art, he believes that his rejections encourage him to persevere as an artist.

He spends a lot of time on the coast of Maine and hopes to someday show his artwork in New York City. He and his wife have recently opened Icon Fine Art above The Old Rangoon in Highlands. Madeleine is also involved with the Highlands Community Players.
Mark Thomas, assistant principal at Highlands School, was kidnapped on Friday, April 8, by four seniors at the request of Principal Monica Bomengen. After reading Matt Man Makeover: Wild to Styled in the April edition of the Mountain Trial, Bomengen asked various students to give Thomas a “make under.” Bomengen felt that Thomas was always dressed-up and needed to cut his wardrobe some slack. So, four Highlands School seniors went on a mission. Matthew Keener,
Spring Break was loads of fun for many of Highlands School students this year. Kids traveled far and wide and did tons of exciting things. Alec Schmitt, sophomore, spent two weeks in Europe while Kayla McCall, Kelsey Schmitt (seniors) and Toni Schmitt (sophomore) went on a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico and the Grand Cayman Islands. Other students traveled to places such as Bolivia, New York, Myrtle Beach and Florida.

A group of seven extraordinary Highlands School students traveled with the Highlands United Methodist Church to Bolivia on a mission trip. These students spent eleven days building an adobe church, adding on to the Methodist church parsonage, helping with children at girls’ and boys’ homes, visiting the local jail, building a house in the campo, and offering help at the hospital and dental clinic.

Oftentimes the youth and their leaders tried different projects every day. Alex Osteen and Matthew Keener (seniors) found themselves enjoying work at the adobe church while Hannah Hendricks and Catlin Huitt (seniors) preferred laying bricks at the parsonage. Other Highlands students such as Rebecca Dotson, Maggie Dearth (juniors) and Josh Hendricks (freshman) enjoyed playing with and teaching the children songs, English, games and much more.

All of the students came back with a positive outlook towards their trip to Bolivia. Matt Keener shared his feeling about Bolivia saying, “The great thing about Bolivia was that most people that we worked with did not have much but gave us what little they did have. So in turn, we tried to return the favor but could not give as much love as they gave us.”

I went on the trip also, and I believe Bolivia was a growing experience for many of us. I would say we grew in every aspect: mentally, spiritually and a little physically. We all became closer to each other and those we were helping. It’s awesome to know that you may have impacted other people’s life while they in turn were impacting yours.

Highlands School’s two foreign exchange students had exciting trips too and got to see more of the United States. Lucio Trazzi, from Brazil, took a trip with his host family, the Parrish es to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Trazzi spent five days soaking up the sun in the afternoon and spent his nights driving on the Strip.

Antoine Coupe, from France, took a wonderful tour of New England. Antoine and his host family, the Craig s toured Washington D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Boston. He stated, “New York was the most exciting part. I’d never seen a city as big as New York. It was awesome. We had a lot of free time so we saw some famous people. It was amazing.” Coupe also spent a few days in Miami, Florida, where he lay on the beach and played in the ocean.

Kayla, Kelsey, and Toni spent their spring break tanning on the cruise ship, swimming, snorkeling in Cozumel, shopping in Grand Cayman, dancing at a disco, singing karaoke and eating a lot of great food. Kayla McCall commented a little about her trip to Cozumel, Mexico, and the Grand Cayman Islands. She stated “My favorite part of the cruise was seeing the beautiful water and how clear it was, snorkeling and getting a tan.”

Spring Break is a time to relax, have fun and see new sites, all while being away from studies. These cool cats and other Highlands School Students obviously had “Fun in the Sun” during Spring Break.
Rec Leagues play hard ball

Erin Munger
12th Grade

Basketball is life. Or at least this is how Highlands elementary and middle school students feel during Macon County Rec League basketball season.

From October to March, Highlands Rec Park is filled with boys and girls’ Rec League teams getting ready for their basketball seasons.

The girls’ basketball teams began practicing in late October. This year they were given the team name Suns. The Biddy League Suns, age group 7-9, were sponsored by D&J Express Mart and coached by Misty McMann and Jesse Munger.

The Junior League Suns, ages 10-12, were sponsored by Randy’s Welding and coached by Jesse and Michelle Munger.

The Biddy League girls’ team were the regular season champions as well as tournament champions. The Junior League team ended the season fourth in the tournament.

This year, Highlands had three boys’ Rec League teams. There were one Biddy and two Junior League teams.

The Biddy team, Heat, was sponsored by The Laurel Magazine and coached by Frank Rodriguez and Jesse Munger. The Biddy league team did a great job this season as they learned to play while following the rules of basketball.

The two Junior League teams were the Tar Heels and Sting.

The Tar Heels were coached by Jesse Munger and Josh Nylund and sponsored by J&J Lawn Service. The Tar Heels did a well this season learning and playing as a team.

Sting, sponsored by Carolina Homes, was coached by Eric Schmitt and David Sims. Heat excelled at playing together despite having a first year young team.

Each team is ready to come back next year and try even harder to give it there all.

If you would like for your child to be in a Macon County Basketball league, contact the Highlands Rec League representative Michelle Munger during early October, at home (828) 526-8029 or at work (828) 526-0173.

Highlanders celebrate first win in two years

By: Matt Keener 12th Grade

The Tamassee Salem Eagles traveled to Highlands for their second time this season. In the first match up between the Highlanders and the Eagles, Tamassee won, 3-1, so the Highlanders were ready for them this time. With a combination of great offense and an even better defense, Highlands was able to snag a victory.

The offense was supplied by Captain Tyler Wavra who hit two homeruns in the third and fifth innings. Highlands had help on the defensive side with pitcher Ryan Bears striking out 13 batters. Bears only had to pitch nine times in the last inning and caught the last two batters looking at strike 3.

Bears was excited to talk about the game, saying, “We finally got our stuff together and everyone played their game. Oh, man, it was great!

“At first I was nervous because my pitches weren’t doing what I wanted, but once I got settled, everything clicked. I was happy that we got our first win in two years and it was a big boost for the team’s morale. Hopefully we will continue our winning streak.”

The Highlanders ended the game with a 7-1 win and have a season record of 2-8.

The Fighting Highlanders were all smiles as they gathered on the mound to celebrate their first varsity win in two years. Also overjoyed with the win was Coach Brett Lamb.

Lamb said, “After a lot of hard work from the coaches and players it was very gratifying. The team played very well. The players should get all the credit; they were the ones doing all the work. I thought that Ryan Bears pitched a great game. He got ahead in the count a lot during the game, which allowed him to get his 13 strikeouts. There was a lot of great hitting and base running which allowed us to play aggressive.”

Highlanders are looking to turn their two wins into a streak but will have to play even better when they face their rivals, the Blue Ridge Bobcats on Saturday, May 5. Currently the Highlanders have two wins.

The next glorious victory won by Highlands came Thursday April 14 against the Rabun Gap Nacoochee Eagles.

The Highlanders who were still celebrating their first win in two years were looking for another. The expectations were high and the Highlanders were extremely pumped up going out on the field.

Even though the sun was glaring in their eyes, the Highlanders continued their winning streak with excellent batting strategies and strong defensive field plays, stealing an 11-4 win from the Rabun Gap Eagles who previously had beaten the Highlanders 10-3.

The Highlanders, however, were not so lucky in the next game against the Swain County Maroon Devils on Tuesday April 19. The Maroon Devils had previously beaten the Highlanders 18-0 in the beginning of the year, but Highlands was looking for a competitive rematch.

The Highlanders started out with a strong lead 3-2 for the first three innings. It was then that the Maroon Devils stepped up their game and hit two homeruns snatching the lead.

From there on out it was a constant battle for the top, but the Highlanders just couldn’t match the repeated homeruns and base hits from the Devils.

It was a strongly played game but sadly the Highlanders lost 12-5.

Lady Highlanders fight for win against Franklin Panthers

By Stephanie McCall
11th Grade

An endless struggle describes the soccer game played April 21. The Lady Highlanders faced the Franklin Panthers in their second game this year. Previously the Panthers beat Highlands 4-0 in monsoon weather, so the Highlanders were eager to come back and defend their name.

The game started strong with Highlands playing excellent defense and offense, repeatedly making attacks on the Panther goal. The Panthers tried their best to slip one past goalie Stacy Wright, with a few close calls, but no goals. The Highlanders were definitely on top of their game. At half-time the score was still 0-0, and the Highlanders were super-psych that they had held such a tough team at bay.

After half time, though, the Lady Panthers stepped up their game. It didn’t take long for them to increase their attacks on goal. The Highlanders defense battled hard keeping the Panthers from scoring…for a little while. Soon the determination of the Panthers took over and it was hard to keep them away.

The game ended with a 3-0 Panther win. The Highlanders put up a hard fight and showed off some good skills. Junior Callie Rawlins said, “We improved 110% from the last time we played them, and even though we lost, I know we’ll be able to beat them next time.”
Art for Preschool children – Starting Sept. 28

Artventure
Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15

This class is for kindergarten and first graders, and is designed to inspire joy, confidence and pride in the art that is produced. The child will have the fun of learning about paint, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, pastels, papier-mâché, fabric, and clay. They will be taught that these products can be manipulated to produce a desired two- or three-dimensional effect. Not only will their work be inspired by their personal experiences, observation, or imagination, this class will also include an awareness of environment and the influence of other cultures that are around them. Bus transportation from Highlands School to the Bascom-Louise Gallery will be provided for this class.

Little Stars
Tuesdays 10:30-11:30

The Bascom-Louise Gallery is excited to be offering a new art program for preschool children. This is a wonderful opportunity to broaden the children’s experience by a hands-on, age appropriate introduction to the visual arts. The children will be acquainted with the Gallery’s permanent and temporary exhibits. This will be a chance to experience personal observation and expression and to learn how artists communicate thoughts and feelings through art. They will then make their own inspired special art. The children will have the chance to work with mixed media, learning the artistic process of using paints, pastels, fabrics, and clay.

Parent and child
Wednesdays 11-12

This is a delightful time for pre-school children, age 2 to kindergarten, and parents to “play” together. Parent and child will enjoy the creation process of a start-to-finish project, which will delight the eyes and heart. The child will also begin to learn how to use the “tools of art,” safely and with respect. This is a fun mixed media class that will bring out the child in everyone.

Each class is $5 • Call the Gallery at 526-4949 to register
Scholarships available

Million Dollar View of Whiteside Mountain from every room!
Randy Shepherd of Crossfire Ministries will be speaking for Youth Sunday at First Baptist Church Highlands on May 1.

Randy along with Jamie Johnson founded Crossfire Ministries in 1993. Crossfire is a sports evangelistic ministry and it shares the Gospel of Jesus Christ through basketball camp, school assemblies, university & college basketball, FCA huddle groups, as well as in churches.

Randy says that as a young boy he had a desire to become a high school, college, and pro-basketball player. At the age of nine, he made the greatest decision of his life when he asked Jesus to come into his heart as Lord and Savior. However, he goes on to say that in high school and his first two years of college, his priorities got out of order. Basketball became number one and he made some wrong choices in his life. He says, the Lord used an injury his junior year while on a basketball scholarship at UNC-Asheville to get his attention. Come on Sunday, May 1, to hear the rest of his story.

Since that time, Randy has spoken about his relationship with Jesus Christ in Africa, Jerusalem, Romania, Cuba, as well as prisons, camps, churches, and schools in America. Some people he has worked with in the field of basketball are Michael Jordan, Grant Hill and Tim Duncan.

“I watched Randy’s career and respect his hard work toward the fundamentals of the game,” said Michael Jordan. “I also appreciate the positive influence he has on young people and their lives by his example in daily living.”

Buzz Peterson, former head basketball coach of the University of Tennessee agreed.

“Randy and I have been friends since junior high and I admire what God has and is doing in Crossfire. I endorse its basketball camp athletically and spiritually as it reaches many young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

Adrian Rodgers of “Love Worth Finding,” says Crossfire Ministries with Randy and Jamie are doing an incredible job in reaching people for Jesus Christ, locally, nationally and worldwide. “I thank God for Randy and Jamie and Crossfire,” he said.

In addition to speaking for the 10:45 a.m. worship on Sunday, May 1, Randy will share in the Youth Sunday School class at 9:30 a.m. At that time, he will give a demonstration of basketball skills as well as sharing Jesus. Randy will join The Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Highlands School, Saturday, April 30 at 7 p.m. at the Highlands School gym. For more info, call 526-4153.
Women’s practice to open at hospital

Another internal medicine physician, this one specializing largely in women’s health, will soon join the Highlands medical community.

Dr. Debra A. Wagner, who has more than 20 years experience in specializing in women’s health, will join Wagner Medical Associates, the medical practice opened here last fall by her husband Dr. Mark Wagner, beginning May 2. Initially she plans to practice part-time.

Wagner Medical Associates is located in Suite 300 of the Jane Woodruff Medical Building on the hospital campus.

While both Wagners specialize in internal medicine and adult primary care, nearly all of Dr. Debra Wagner’s professional career has been devoted to women’s health; first as a counselor, then as a clinic manager at women’s health centers in Florida, and later as an internal medicine physician with three different women’s centers in the Northeast – two of which she co-founded.

“I am looking forward to resuming my medical practice now that our family is settled here in Highlands,” she said recently. “In addition to the traditional treatment of acute and chronic medical issues, I hope to utilize my experience in weight loss and healthy living programs, as well as my interest and knowledge of alternative natural and herbal therapies.”

Dr. Wagner is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and is a Diplomate of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

She received her degree in medicine from the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville, Fla., in 1985 and undertook her internship at Brown University’s Rhode Island Hospital in Providence. She completed a one-year residency in pathology there as well, before entering going on to Brown’s internal medicine residency program.

In addition to practicing medicine, Dr. Wagner has been a clinical instructor at Brown University Medical School, a physician advisor to Aetna Health Plans, a medical consultant to the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, and a guest lecturer at both Brown University and Rhode Island University. She has also authored numerous articles and given presentations on a wide variety of topics concerning women’s health.

She is a member of the American College of Physicians and the American Medical Women’s Association.

Prior to entering medical school, Dr. Wagner was a middle school teacher briefly, and she says her experience in sharing information as an educator has served her well as physician.

“Communicating and educating is an integral part of my philosophy of how I practice medicine,” she said, “I believe in a team approach that involves the patient in making care decisions.”

Appointments can be made by calling Wagner Medical Associates at 787-2430 during regular office hours.
**Highlands Upcoming Events**

**On-going**
- Each Thursday - Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands.

**May**
- Each Thursday - Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands.
- Highlands-Cashiers only senior residential community.
- Complimentary refreshments and tours of the model home and Clubhouse. The new Assisted Living Center is under construction and expected to open in early summer.

For more information, call toll-free 888-473-5093.

- Yoga classes are offered at the Scaly Mountain Community Center Mondays at 5:45 and at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, 1st floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, on Wednesdays at 5:15. Cost is $12 per class or 10 classes for $100. Certified instructor is Carole Ann Mackay.
  - **Commuters:** $185 includes program, rafting, field trips and 8 meals.
  - **May 10**
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**Wednesday, May 4**
- Vengan A Cenar! La Noche de Familia at the Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. It’s free. Call 526-9938, ext. 290.

**Thursday, May 5**
- An old-fashioned Hymn Sing at the First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Stell Huie will be the song leader with Angie Jenkins at the piano. The 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal will be used.

**May 2**
- The regular meeting of the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary will be on Monday, May 2 at 10 a.m. in the board room.
- Health Tracks, the wellness and healthy lifestyle program at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, is offering a special class on Mondays and Thursday, beginning May 2, to help reduce the risk of osteoporosis by building strength and helping to increase bone density. The medically structured class, which is taught by Stacey Greene, LPGA and member of the hospital’s Rehabilitation Services Department, will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Cost is $8 per session.

**May 3**
- T-Ball at Zachary Fields on Buck Creek Road. Yankees vs. Braves. 4 p.m.
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- Democratic fundraiser with a Mexican flair on Cinco de Mayo at the Main Street Inn. Senator John Snow is expected to speak. Tickets are $25. Call 526-2590 for reservations.
- Highlands Community Players “The Diary of Anne Frank” at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Ticket reservations for this production begin on April 28 for season subscribers and April 30 for the general public. The Box office at the Performing Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

**May 4**
- Highlands Birdwalk, Rich Gap Road for spring migrants. Meet at the Town Hall Parking lot at 7:30 a.m. to car pool. For more information contact Edwin Poole, 526-2775.

**May 5**
- Audubon Day Work on Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at the Rec Center North Picnic Shelter, 9 a.m. For more information contact Edwin Poole, 526-2775.
- Highwood’s Town of the Month - May is under construction and expected to open in early summer.
- Highlands School Academic Banquet at the Conference Center. 6 p.m.
- Highlands School Athletic Banquet at the Rec Park. 6 p.m.
- InterChurch Pot Luck Supper at Our Lady of the Mountains Church at 6 p.m. For more info, call Pat Griffin at 526-2418.

**May 6**
- Highlands School Academic Banquet at the Conference Center. 6 p.m.

**May 7**
- The Nature Center is offering a workshop for adults on stream salamander communities, 12:30-3:30 p.m. Teachers can receive 3 science contact hours towards one CELU. Learn to identify species, collect and measure aquatic salamanders, and examine the relationship between stream microhabitat use and body size. Bring shoes for wading. Cost: $15. Pre-registration is required due to limited space. Call 526-2623.

**May 8**
- Vengan A Cenar! La Noche de Familia at the Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. It’s free. Call 526-9938, ext. 290.
- Women’s Appalachian Adventure at The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center. Program, rafting, field trips, 5 nights lodging & meals - $491. Call 877-426-8056. Program #8613. 
  - **Commuters:** $185 includes program, rafting, field trips and 8 meals.

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- Highwoods Days at Highlands School PTO meeting at Highlands School 7 p.m. at the Highlands School gym.
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**May 11**
- Old Edwards Inn and Spa presents a Women’s Wellness Weekend. The inclusive rate for the weekend package is $995 and includes all meals and a $150 credit for services at The Spa. For more information or to make reservations, please call 526-8008.

**May 12**
- Highlands School Athletic Banquet at the Rec Park. 6 p.m.

**May 13**
- Highlands School Academic Banquet at the Conference Center. 6 p.m.

**May 14**
- Bird-a-thon, a day of counting birds to raise funds for Audubon programs.

**May 15**
- Highlands School Academic Banquet at the Conference Center. 6 p.m.

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Wellness Weekend May 12-15 at Old Edwards

To provide guests with a more focused spa experience, Old Edwards Inn and Spa presents a Women’s Wellness Weekend, May 12-15.

This three-night package includes deluxe accommodations, lunches on Friday and Saturday and two special Spa dinners—one at Madison’s Restaurant and the other at The Farm, the resort’s special events facility.

Wellness cuisine will be featured throughout the weekend. Guests will participate in group yoga/stretch classes each morning and then attend sessions on Age Defying Secrets, Stress Management and Facial Rejuvenation during the day on Friday and Saturday.

Saturday night at The Farm, the weekend’s keynote speaker, Dr. Bafitis will present “Wellness Medicine Meets Plastic Surgery, Fighting the Clock and the Hormones of Youth.” Dr. Bafitis is board-certified in plastic and general surgery. He holds a master’s degree in public health, with an emphasis on anti-aging medicine. He is the founder and current president of Regenesis Now, Inc. based in Wellington, Fla.

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Proctors needed for end-of-grade testing

Macon County Schools are recruiting volunteer proctors for the End-Of-Grade testing at all elementary schools and Macon Middle School, Tuesday-Thursday, May 10-12th, from 8 am until 12 noon. Please contact Jennifer Jones at 524-4414 x 324 or jennifer.jones@mcsk-12.org for more information or to volunteer.

College nurse scholarships available

The Judy Moore Memorial Scholarship Endowment Committee is accepting scholarship applications for this year. The Scholarship Program for Nurses was established in 1997 to honor Judy Moore, RN who was killed in 1996. A resident of Macon County, Judy was an inspiration to both nurses and patients in her role as a Community Health Nurse III and as an OB-GYN Nurse Practitioner. Two (2) scholarships for up to $1,000 each, will be made available for the 2005 year.

The application deadline is May 6, for both undergraduate and graduate scholarships. Applicants must have completed their first semester in the Nursing Program and meet other eligibility requirements.

For more information about this scholarship, contact Anne Hyder at the Macon County Public Health Center 349-2424.

Highland Hiker

**Classifieds**

- **CNA II - HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**
  - Acute Care/Emergency Room.
  - Must have current CNA II certificate for NC.
  - Computer skills, people skills, this position will allow you to make the most use of your CNA II skills! Full time position. Excellent benefit package. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301.

- **COOK AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**
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- **DIRECTOR OF NURSING - FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**
  - This full-time, RN position will assist, plan, direct, and evaluate the Care Delivery Systems on the unit. Will be responsible for managing all assigned personnel and for promoting teamwork within the unit. Must have knowledge of State and Federal regulations and experience in staff development. Experience in long-term care environment is desirable. Excellent benefit package; pre-employment substance screening. Call Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301.

- **REAL ESTATE - RENTALS**
  - **VACATION RENTAL** – Seasonal rental, week or month. TV & electricity furnished. Linens optional. 1Q-BR, kitchen, rental, week, or month. Call 828-349-0502.
  - **CULLASAJA CLUB – Highlands**
    - 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, generator. Secure yard and fence. 2-car garage. Lounge, 2 pool tables, Foosball table. Walk to ski slopes.
  - **T HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**

- **ITEMS FOR SALE**
  - **CUSTOM CABINETS FOR SALE**
    - Cherry finish, glass and raised paneled doors plus tops. Also, 5 ft. high white vanity with cultured marble top. $2,000 for all. 828-524-9830 after 7 p.m.
  - **CHROME & GLASS COMPUTER TABLE** – Almost new. $125. See at All Seasons Salon in Village Square at Oak and Fifth Streets.

- **SERVICES**
  - **DENIS BIRDSELL PAINTING** – Interior or Exterior. 20 years experience. Call 828-371-1977 or 524-3579.
  - **HIGH LANDS DIRTY DOG SPA & DOG SITTING**
    - $4 an hour or $20/Day. Call 526-2244.

- **REAL ESTATE - SALES**
  - **HOUSE FOR SALE – CULLASAJA CLUB**
  - **STORE FOR RENT** – 4th Street. Call 828-630-0808.

- **BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES**
  - **REVOLUTIONARY PRODUCTS = EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY**
    - Take control of your health and your financial future with Reliv International. State-of-the-art products like Reliv CardioSentials® heart health supplement provide a solid foundation for a lucrative international business opportunity. Call Now: #770-589-6183.

- **LOOKING FOR MUSICIANS** – To entertain patrons at The Pizza Place on Main Street. Call 526-5660.

- **CALL, THE REAL ESTATE BOOK**
  - North America’s largest and most successful “Homes for Sale” magazine is offering the chance to be an Independent Distributor of the Cashiers-Highlands area. This market meets the criteria of the other 400 successful territories. Comprehensive training, on-going support help ensure success. Candidate should possess strong sales skills, customer support and follow-up. No franchise fees or royalties. Initial start-up and working capital required. Contact Tara Truitt at 770-962-7220, ext. 24608 or email truitt@treb.com for more information.

- **GARAGE & YARD SALES**
  - **2-FAMILY MOVING SALE**
    - household items, tools, fly fishing gear, clothes, furniture, yard equip., gas grill, brass dbl. bed frame, books, objets d’art. Sat., May 7, 9 am – 4 pm, 10 Talley Ln., across from Mitchell’s Lodge. No early birds!

- **READY FOR AN EXCITING CHANGE?**
  - John Schiffler Real Estate is seeking an Office Administrator for our Main Street Office. Our ideal candidate would possess strong interpersonal, administrative, and organizational skills. Duties include answering the telephone, meeting and greeting clients, scheduling appointments, assisting brokers, and performing office functions. Computer skills a plus. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. Please mail your resume to Susie deVille Schiffli, POB 1078, Highlands, NC 28741 or email it to: susie@johnschiffler.com. For more information, call Susie at (828) 526-2880.

- **EXPERIENCED PART-TIME FLOWER DESIGNER**
  - Top pay, great atmosphere. Flexible hours. Call Debbie Mon., Wed., or Thurs., at 526-0490 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

- **HIGH COUNTRY CAFE** – Now accepting applications for all positions. Apply in person or call 526-0572. Located on Cashiers Road next to Community Bible Church, EOE.

- **LPNS AND RNS - FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL**
  - Now hiring for all shifts. If you want to join a team whose focus is on excellent elder care with a low staffing ratio, above average wages, excellent benefits, and shift differentials, call Pre-employment substance screening. Mary Osmar, 828-526-1301.

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  - Macon County Schools are recruiting volunteer proctors for the End-Of-Grade testing at all elementary schools and Macon Middle School, Tuesday-Thursday, May 10-12th, from 8 am until 12 noon. Please contact Jennifer Jones at 524-4414 x 324 or jennifer.jones@mcsk-12.org for more information or to volunteer.

- **COLLEGE NURSE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**
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  - The application deadline is May 6, for both undergraduate and graduate scholarships. Applicants must have completed their first semester in the Nursing Program and meet other eligibility requirements.

  - For more information about this scholarship, contact Anne Hyder at the Macon County Public Health Center 349-2424.

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alterations and repairs," she said.

Gantenbein said he read the ordinance allowing the rebuild in the setback on the original foundation "whether by an act of God or simply if the owner wants to remodel."

Gantenbein said a property owner can rebuild from the footings up as long as 100 percent of the building has not been destroyed.

It is especially pertinent to historic homes due to the fact that if the structure were destroyed it could not be reconstructed.

Planning Board members concurred with Gantenbein citing the work they have done on the Land Use Plan as justification for preserving homes and the overall character of Highlands.

“There’s been a lot of gnashing of teeth over this nonconforming ordinance,” said Gantenbein.

The amended ordinance on nonconforming buildings and premises reads, “...alterations, repairs, or rebuilds. Nonconforming buildings may be altered or repaired, but such buildings shall not be enlarged or expanded...Nonconforming buildings that are destroyed or condemned may not be rebuilt or repaired…”

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Walk.

Nellis used Chestnut Walk as an example of his three proposed changes to the multi-family ordinances – setbacks, density ratios and impervious surfaces.

"Higher density residential is the core of a community and helps to stabilize and encourage the retail, dining and entertainment factors," said Nellis. "The town benefits from the increase in taxable land values. I have observed first-hand how residents of all ages at Village Walk enjoy walking to Main Street."

Nellis said multi-family developments will be as good for Highlands as for other municipalities across the country.

But Bell disagreed. "If you change all the zoning, it's not going to be site-specific anymore. And if you make it friendly for all parcels, then you're going to have an onslaught of multi-family," said Bell.

At the April 20 Town Board meeting, Town Attorney Bill Coward said John Poole, State Administrator for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund said if the town received funding from the county it might put ownership of the Rec Park property in jeopardy.

But commissioners reminded him that the town has received funding from the county for Rec Park operations for years.

Bryson said he looked into the PARTR stipulations and believes if it's the town's money, the town should be able to spend it the way it wants.

That's what Commissioner Amy Patterson thinks, too. "If it runs through our books, it's our expense. It doesn't matter where the money comes from."

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• That the remaining details be worked out by the joint recreation commissioners.

“This proposal will be made to the Highlands Town Board in lieu of any further support payments for water and sewer construction except in conjunction with county projects,” said Bryson.

He also said he will suggest honoring a prior commitment to Highlands of an $80,000 county match for the Holt Knob water project recently completed by the town.

Bryson said the only “operation” change the county wants is for the Director of the Rec Park to take over scheduling at Zachary Fields on Buck Creek Road. “Everything else will remain as is,” he said.

“Everybody coming in is going to want it and do you know why? Because you can make more money with multi-family than you can single-family,” he said.

Multi-family development will be taken into consideration in the final draft of the land use plan to be recommended to the Town Board sometime in May.