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- Aug. 20**
- At Cyrano's Book Shop, Sally and Carl Gable will autograph *Palladian Days: Finding a New Life in a Venetian Country House*, 1-3 p.m.
- Yard Sale at Our Lady of the Mountains Church. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Book signing at Shakespeare & Co. in Village Square, Sat. 4-6 p.m. Authors of "Galatoire's: Biography of a Bistro."
- Four churches are hosting a "Back to School Field Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town ball field.
- Aug. 21**
- At HUMC a lunch fundraiser after church for Relay for Life. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. 526-3376.
- "Service of Blessing for the School Year," at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church. Please bring school supplies as an offering.
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- Aug. 22**
- "Junior/Senior Night" at Highlands School in the cafeteria to discuss graduation requirements, NC Scholar requirements, financial aid and scholarships, PSAT, SAT and ACT exams, AP classes and SCC classes. Juniors meet at 6 p.m., seniors at 7 p.m.
- Women's Invitation Golf Tournament at Highlands Falls Country Club. Club. Cost is \$125 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and Tee gifts. Call Christy Kelly at the Peggy Crosby Center, 526-9938, ext. 110.
- Aug. 23**
- Audubon Work Day on the Highlands Greenway Trail. N. Picnic Shelter at the Rec Park, 9 a.m.
- John Rosemond, family psychologist, presents "The Three Keys to Effective Discipline," at Highlands School at 7 p.m. It's free. Supper at 6 p.m.
- Aug. 24**
- Singer, storyteller, and folk-theologian, Ed Kilbourne, at HUMC at 6:15 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. for \$4. Call 526-3376.
- Open House at Highlands School from 4-6 p.m.
- VIP registration in HS cafeteria from 3-6 p.m.
- Aug. 25**
- The first day of school. 8 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.
- Aug. 26-27**
- Relay for Life activities at Rec Park at 6 p.m.

## Board takes first step toward ETJ

By Kim Lewicki

By now everyone knows the Land Use Planning committee recommended declaring extra territorial jurisdiction a mile out from the town limit.

At the August 17 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted 4 to 1 to seriously consider it, but they want to pre-

pare their final decision with an intensive public education campaign prior to a public hearing set for Oct. 12.

"People need to understand there is a big difference between ETJ and annexation," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "They'll either consider it protective

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## Police chief to entice recruits with police cars

By Kim Lewicki

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With four law enforcement agencies drawing from the same labor pool, Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell is looking for whatever it takes to sweeten the deal and entice officers to come up to Highlands and stay.

Since 1993, the department has lost an average of five officers every two years – in 2005 it lost seven but two of those retired out.

Currently, the force is down by three officers – one of which is needed to fill the Student Resource Officer at Highlands School – and time is of the essence, said Harrell. Every candidate he has talked to lately has opted to go elsewhere – mainly to the Macon County Sheriff Department – for better fringe benefits.

School Resource Officers (SRO) collaborate on-site with the school administration to investigate crime on school property, incorporate crime prevention into the school curriculum and enhance communication with the community through the school setting. By being active in the school, SROs provide individual mentoring to students fostering a positive image.

Over the last few years the Sheriff's Department has staffed Highlands School with an SRO shared by Franklin High School and Highlands. Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen said last year, the SRO was called to Franklin High School often, so instead of coming to Highlands the contracted two days a week, the officer could only come about every 15 school days. The town, county and school board agreed having an SRO from the Highlands Police Department stationed at the school is a good idea.

At an emergency meeting Tuesday night at Town Hall, Harrell asked the

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Photo by Kim Lewicki

Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell with Highlands Teacher of the Year, Sallie Taylor, and Chairman of the School Board Kevin Corbin at the awards banquet at Mill Creek Country Club, Monday, Aug. 15.

## Taylor named 'Teacher of the Year'

By Kim Lewicki

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Every year about this time, Macon County teachers elect one of their own as "Teacher of the Year." Monday, Aug. 15, Macon County Schools recognized nine "Teachers of the Year for 2004-2005" at a special banquet held at Mill Creek Country Club in Franklin.

This year at Highlands School teachers elected art teacher Sallie Taylor.

"It's a great honor to be chosen by your peers," said Taylor. "But I truly believe you could put every teacher's name in the box and each would be equally qualified."

Taylor earned her undergraduate degree from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., and her Masters in Art Education from the University of Georgia in Athens.

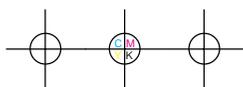
She has been an art teacher for 17 years and is starting her fourth year at Highlands School.

She's taught at Summit Charter in Cashiers, Cartersville Middle School in Cartersville, Ga., Daines Elementary School in Athens, Ga., and worked as Art Director for a National Endowment of the Arts Grant for "Arts for Older Americans in a 10-county area in northeast Georgia.

She said as a teacher, the most

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## • FORUM •

### Changes for the 2005-06 school year

For the past two years, Highlands' Newspaper has worked with the Highlands School journalism class to re-establish the school newspaper The Mountain Trail.

Through a joint decision made between Principal Jack Brooks, journalism teacher Beverly Van Hook and Highlands' Newspaper, the original version that had been defunct for several years, was resurrected into a real, stand-alone tabloid-size newspaper published once a month by the journalism class with the help of Highlands' Newspaper.

Because the product required the same work skills as a real newspaper, the bench mark for the students was set high. The first issue came out Sept. 19, 2003 and has been successfully published for the past two years.

Since Highlands' Newspaper's inception July 13, 2003, we have tried to "put a new face" on the news, and this included the school news. We wanted to cover it, but with a twist.

For more than 15 years, school news was written by Van Hook's creative writing class and sent to The Highlander newspaper. During my five-year tenure at The Highlander, we grouped the articles and photos sent over by the school under a "School News" heading and ran them each week, sometimes twice a week. Over the past two years, Van Hook continued sending The Highlander news and photos, and worked with the journalism class producing The Mountain Trail with Highlands' Newspaper – two creative ways to approach the same subject.

Beginning with this edition, you will find a section devoted to school news and activities. (See pages 12-13). In fact, in the weeks to come, we will have a parent/student forum, where questions pertaining to school issues can be asked and hopefully answered by the school administration. We believe this will help keep the lines of communication open between parents, teachers, students and the administrators. We will encourage the administration, both on the local and county level to answer the questions.

On a sad note we've learned that long-time English teacher Beverly Van Hook will not be returning to Highlands School.

She will be a technology facilitator at Asheville Middle School where as

an instructional technology specialist, she will provide training and support to the staff on technology integration. She will also work with students and other teachers using computers in the on-going instructional program. Among other duties, she will lead students and teachers in technology curriculum activities, and conduct staff development activities in all areas of technology integration.

Van Hook has been teaching since 1981 when she was granted a graduate teaching assistantship at WCU. She continued to teach English 100, 101, and 102 part-time at WCU even after she was hired by Macon County in the fall of 1987. She also taught part-time for Southwestern Community College and for Tri-County Community College in Murphy. She taught both English and



Kim Lewicki, Publisher

speech classes at the community colleges. And taught some of SCC's first Huskin's Bill classes, traveling to the old Camp Lab School (K-12) in Cullowhee and to Sylva Webster High School (Now Smoky Mountain High) to teach dual enrollment English classes.

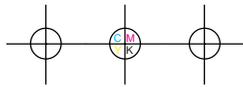
She taught at Highlands School for 18 years and during her tenure was elected "Teacher of the Year" by her peers and was one of the first Highlands School teachers to earn her National Board Teacher Certification.

Van Hook will be missed. Jim and I have worked with her in a writing, desktop publishing and technology capacity in her classes at Highlands School since 1997 -- a year before my previous stint with The Highlander newspaper began. She was a role model for Highlands School students as well as new teachers. Though known as a tough teacher, students who have gone on to college say her demanding curriculum and teaching style prepared them for work expected in college.

She helped resurrect The Mountain Trail newspaper and insisted that the students do all the work themselves – we were not to do the newspaper for them, she said. She understood that students learned by doing – that it was the actual work experience that taught them to write, take photographs, lay out and design the newspaper and learn the required software and hardware.

Beverly Van Hook is a true

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## • OBITUARIES •

### Claire Barnett Tannahill

Mrs. Samuel Tannahill, the former Claire Barnett, died on August 8, 2005. She was born in Birmingham, Ala., on March 3, 1912 to Samuel Treutlen and Claribel Leary Barnett. She grew up in Birmingham and married Samuel Tannahill from Greenville, S.C. and they remained in Birmingham until they moved permanently to Highlands in 1969. Claire had visited Highlands all her life and was a part of the community.

A member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Claire was active in civic and voluntary activities and belonged to the Mountain Garden Club. She was also a member of her beloved Stitch (S & B) and the Saturday night picnic group.

She is survived by her son, Samuel B. Tannahill of Jackson Hole, Wy., and La Gaude, France and daughter-in-law, Claude Tannahill; two daughters, Meriwether Beatty and son-in-law, I. Croom Beatty of Asheville, N.C., and Margaret Hall and son-in-law, Thomas H. Hall of Atlanta, GA.; grandchildren are Samuel Tannahill of Dundee, Ore., Dauray Owen of Santa Cruz, Calif., I. Croom Beatty V of Philadelphia, Penn., and Peter T. Beatty of Portland, Ore., Meriwether Lampiette of Washington DC, Spalding Hall of Richmond, Va., and Claire Reid of Wilmington, N.C. and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Episcopal Church of The Incarnation, 530 Main Street, Highlands, NC 28741 or your favorite charity.

Graveside services were held Thursday, August 11 at 4 p.m., with The Rev. Deacon Alan Hetzel officiated at Highlands Memorial Park.

Bryant Funeral Home of Highlands, NC was in charge of arrangements.

### Charles Richard Wood

Charles Richard Wood, age 82, of Highlands, NC and Fort Worth, Texas, died Friday, August 12, 2005 at a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was born in Greenville, S.C. the son of the late Russell Dewey and Etta Cooley Wood. He graduated from Clemson University in 1943. He was a US Army Veteran of WW II where he served in the 13th Armored Division and was a member of the Episcopal Church of The Incarnation. He was President of Stationers Distributors Wholesale Office Supply Company.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Charlotte Ransom Wood; four sons, William Russell Wood and his wife Carol, Thomas Richard Wood, Robert Charles Wood and his wife Roxanne, George Ransom Wood and his wife Maureen all of Fort Worth, Texas; one sister, Kathryn Karpik and husband Richard of Anderson, S.C. Five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

No services are planned. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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rewarding moments come when her students excel in art and win awards at juried shows, or their artwork is picked for poster production.

"When they feel good about what they do, it makes feel like I've done my job," said Taylor. She said she particularly likes getting "thank you" notes from students. "It's just wonderful when they acknowledge that you've had something to do with their self worth and becoming

who they are."

From Highlands she's very proud of several students - Caitlin Rawlins, class of 2004 who has won awards and sold a piece of artwork at Ann Jacobs Gallery here in Highlands; Rosalind Ashburn, another award-winner from the class of 2004, who wants to pursue her artwork through architectural design; as does class of 2005 graduate Amy Crook; Allison

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educator in every sense of the word. The Mountain Trail Newspaper and The Crossroads Literary Magazine are just two outstanding long-term projects for which she was responsible.

Over the years, the Crossroads Magazine took two first place trophies and three second place certificates in the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association's Student

Publications Awards competitions.

The entire school community will surely miss her input and influence.

Although Van Hook is no longer with us, Highlands' Newspaper looks forward to working with the Highlands School journalism class in its production of the Mountain Trail school newspaper now in its third year.

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Please email questions to Highlands School administrators or to the Macon County Board of Education to [highlandseitor@aol.com](mailto:highlandseitor@aol.com) and slug them SCHOOL. We will forward the questions to the appropriate party and request a response for publication.

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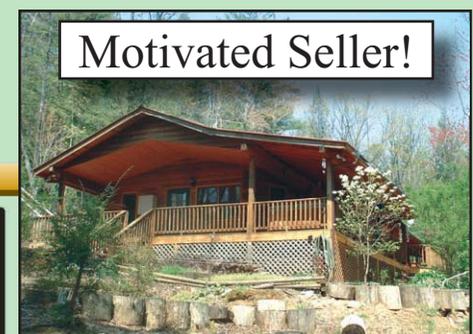
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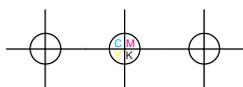
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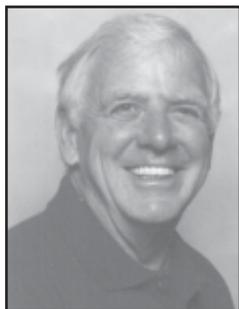


# • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

## Why should I be mayor of Highlands?"

Plain and simple, I am for world peace and want to control growth in Highlands. TA DA, that's it. How could you not want to vote for me once I have said those two things?

I know, I know, there is little peace in the world, growth in Highlands is at runaway speed and there is



**Fred Wooldridge**

nothing anyone can really do about it. So what? Notice I didn't say I would control growth? I'm just for it. So, good people of Highlands, as your next mayor, just let me say I am for world peace and controlling growth in Highlands.

To run for office, I must first trash the reputations of all my opponents. This is

called mud-slinging and is totally acceptable in the political arena. Trashing an opponent to make one look better is what I do best. Did I mention I am for world peace? I don't think any of my opponents has said that.

The only person I will not trash is Amy Patterson, only because I am terrified of this woman. This very competent veterinarian has the physical stature of a little Yorky but the disposition of a Rottweiler. When she says she is for controlling growth in Highlands, she means it. I can't stand politicians who mean what they say. As your Mayor, I promise I will never do that.

I once watched her put her foot on the head of a hog-tied 400 pound boar and cut its tusks out with a set of bolt cutters. Whoa. This is why all the Macon County Commissioners are terrified of her. She would be awesome in Iraq. In my opinion, she can be whatever she wants to be. I still have nightmares of her chasing me with bolt cutters.

Moving on, I first met Larry Rogers in 1972 when he brought his backhoe out to my property and dug a big hole in my backyard for my septic tank. Then, he returned two days later to fill in the hole but, instead, fell into the tank. I rest my case.

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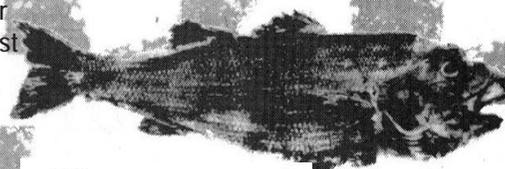
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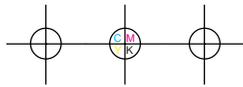
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Town Board for more police cars so he could entice law enforcement officers to work at the Highlands Police Department. And he believes take-home cars might be the key.

"I need tools to secure good, quality people and to build a professional department to ensure a high quality of life for the Highlands community," he said.

The Jackson County Sheriff Department, Macon County Sheriff Department and the Franklin Police Department all include a vehicle as part of an officer's package.

And Harrell believes that's what it's going to take to get officers to come to Highlands and stay. "Every candidate we've spoken to said 'no, because there's no take home car,'" he said. "A car is part of the package. It means as much pinning on a badge and strapping on a gun."

At Wednesday's Town Board meeting, commissioners agreed to amend the budget to increase the police department's capital outlay budget from \$22,000 to \$100,000 so six used vehicles can be purchased. The funds will come from the town's general reserve, but could come from another reserve fund. "We have very healthy reserves so it won't be a problem," said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

With the potential of 11 officers, the department is six cars down but Harrell says for about \$60,000 he can buy four used Crown Victorias with low mileage, and for about another \$30,000 he can buy two used four-wheel drive jeeps — all with three-year, 36,000 mile warranties.

"With our topography and terrain we really need more 4-wheel drive vehicles, anyway," he said. "We don't really need turbo-boost police interceptor vehicles for high speed chases." The department currently has four cars and one jeep.

Town Administrator Richard Betz who conscientiously monitors the Town's budget was against the idea of buying used vehicles. "We've tried it in the past and it just ends up costing us more money," he said.

But with money and time an issue, Harrell would like to initially build up the fleet with used cars and faze them out two at a time with new cars as the budget allows.

"We're not going to get anymore good officers, if we don't do something different," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "Historically we've had a problem recruiting and retaining officers, there's no question about that. The town deserves dedicated, professional officers. It deserves nothing less. Other agencies have had these things for years," she said.

Tuesday night, Betz suggested running help wanted advertisements longer and looking outside the area.

But Harrell said at \$13.50 an hour base pay, he just can't get people to bite and come to live in the area, too.

What's worse, over the years, the Ba-

sic Law Enforcement Trained-certified labor pool has dwindled drastically. In the class of 2005, 10 candidates started, only five are left for the final test on Aug. 29 and Harrell, who has taught the class, said it's likely only four will pass.

"Three of those four are already spoken for," he said. "That means I can only try for one or two." He said his only option is to draw officers from other agencies to Highlands with a "package" which includes a take-home car.

Betz and Commissioner Herb James said the fact that the town pays insurance for employees and their families should count as a big part of the package. But with most spouses working full time jobs with benefits, it's a benefit many employees don't really need, said Harrell.

He said take-home cars would increase morale, decrease down time, offer quicker response en route to town, and extend the life of the car with just one driver who is responsible for the vehicle.

Harrell said an hour a day is wasted per man per shift because officers drive to Highlands dressed in their street clothes in their private vehicles and change into their uniforms to go on shift once they get to Highlands. Before the shift is over, they return to the department to change back into street clothes to drive home.

Betz suggested they drive to work dressed in their uniforms, but Harrell said that jeopardizes his officers safety and he won't ask them to do that. He said if people see a "dressed" police officer in a personal vehicle he and his fam-

ily can become a target.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said not wanting to be identified in a personal car has a lot of merit. "I never before thought of that being an issue," he said.

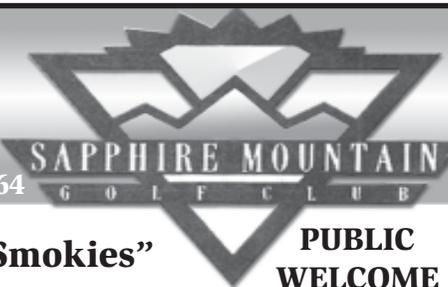
"Historically, the department loses a lot of people and it costs a lot of money," said Harrell. "It costs \$4,000 to outfit a new officer from head to toe and if

he leaves, the money's gone."

James suggested decreasing the insurance benefits and increasing salaries, but Harrell said that's not what they want. "Some people are willing to take a pay cut to work in Highlands, as long as they have a car," he said.

Patterson said the police department is long overdue to be revamped.

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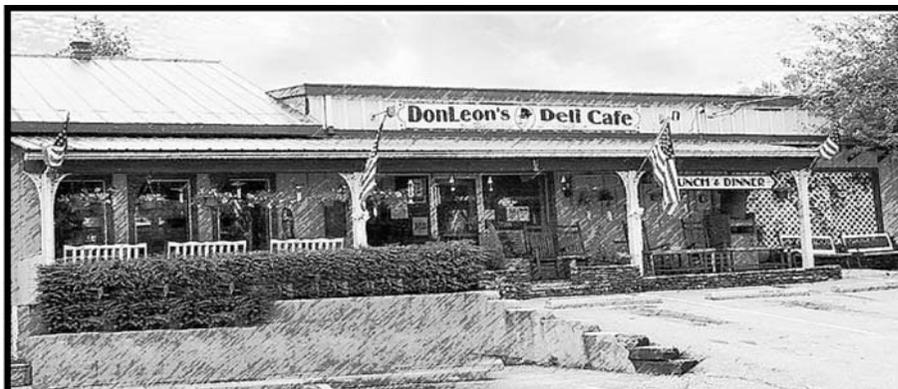
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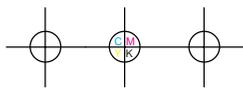
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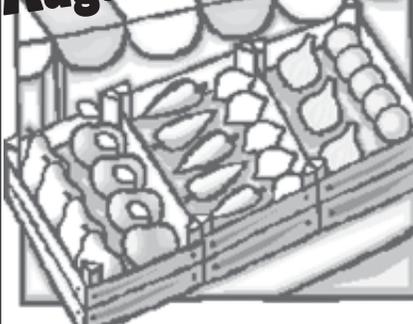
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## • ANOTHER VIEW •

### There are two sides to abortion

Nothing demarcates the angry division in our country as distinctly as the issue of abortion. I'm not talking here about the politicians, many of whose motives are patently self-serving and hypocritical. I'm speaking of utterly decent citizens who are passionate in their defense or opposition to abortion. They both, in the best cases, have valid arguments to make. They both deserve a respectful hearing and consideration.

In the din that usually follows mention of the word, or of its disingenuous substitutes—*right to life* and *freedom of choice*—reason goes out the window and vanishes in the far reaches of outer space. Any attempt at compromise is met with bitterness or cynicism. Horrific crimes, like Eric Rudolph's clinic bombings, are committed in the name of anti-abortion. Doctors who perform abortions are threatened and even murdered. On the other hand, those who are passionate in favor of "choice" sometimes callously dismiss the self-evident fact that a potential life has been terminated, and that this may be genuine cause for grieving and distress.

For the sake of brevity—and in no way implying that I've done the subject justice—let me summarize the rational arguments given by each side: Those who oppose abortion believe that life begins at conception, or perhaps during the first trimester, and that any attempt to voluntarily terminate the pregnancy constitutes the taking of a human life, or, more dramatically, an instance of "murder." The pro-abortion contingent argues that every woman has a right to decide what is done to her body — that it is properly between herself and her physician, and none of the government's business.

As is often the case these days, religion gets involved in much of the discourse, providing the fuel to anti-abortion fanaticism. Conservative Roman Catholics have joined with fundamentalist Protestants to create a powerful political lobby focused on this one emotional issue. Catholic bishops have gone so far as to forbid a co-religionist from voting for any candidate who favors a woman's right to abortion. (John Kerry, a Catholic

himself, was one of the bishops' casualties.) Even though these views represent a minority in this country, they can tilt the balance in a close election. Single-issue voting—specifically over abortion—a relatively new phenomenon in American politics, has thus sharply distorted our electoral process.

Most Americans, from all indications, favor the right of a woman to make a medical decision about abortion with the advice of her physician. When it comes to late-term abortions, there is

more disagreement; the same is true when a minor is the one who is pregnant. If the woman's life is in danger, or in a cases of incest and rape, the sentiment is overwhelmingly on the side of the woman or teenager. An equally large majority objects to using abortion as a means of casual birth control.

So if the popular will is to be considered, we have a significant preponderance which favors abortion, but not if it is performed frivolously and without just consideration. The trouble is that such a requirement could be easily circumvented by unethical doctors and desperate women. The government could refuse payment for a woman's sequential abortions, but a wealthy woman could get away with several without anyone keeping track.

This disparity between the poor and the well-off thus underlines a central issue in abortion. Even during the bad old days, when destitute women were butchered by back-alley quacks, rich women could fly abroad and take care of matters in upscale clinics. If abortion is once again outlawed by a new Supreme Court, they will still be able to do so. So it is a moral issue in more ways than one.

Is a compromise possible? If the noise level on both sides were reduced, it might be. Medicaid could restrict recipients to one abortion, so that people who disapprove wouldn't be paying repeatedly through taxation. Sex education and prevention could be more amply funded. Well-funded alternatives for adoption and foster care could be provided by state governments, with subsidies from the Feds. Counseling

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Dr. Alex Redmountain

## ● BOOK REVIEW WITH KATIE BRUGGER ●

*Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*, by Steven Levitt and Stephen Dubner 330L

I feel like I am seeing the marketing department of publishing houses lately. I recently reviewed *Everything Bad is Good For You* (my emphasis), and commented that I thought the title was incorrect but made good copy. Now I come to the next book in this genre and it also is about "everything": *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explains the Hidden Side of Everything* (my emphasis again) and half-way through I'm feeling the same ripped-off feeling. The marketing director has made promises this book isn't keeping. It's interesting, but it's not about everything.

This book is a collaboration between an economist, Steven Levitt, and a writer, Stephen Dubner. Levitt teaches at the University of Chicago and recently received the John Bates Clark Medal, which is awarded every two years to the best American economist under 40. A couple of years ago Dubner wrote a profile of Levitt for the *New York Times Magazine*. The two got along so well they decided to amplify the article into this book. *Freakonomics* is basically a collection of essays summarizing the findings of Levitt's scientific papers. The authors claimed the book's unifying theme "has to do with thinking sensibly about how people behave in the real world. All it requires is a novel way of looking, of discerning, of measuring." I expected to find a book that took you into a new way of looking at things to see the hidden side, but they never really deliver on this. This is not to say that I didn't enjoy the book—there are lots of enjoyable thought-provoking ideas here.

My initial reaction as I began this book was "I wish an economist would run for President." The way Levitt thinks is very similar in style to the thinking of one of my heroes, Princeton economist and *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman, and it's the way I think the person at the head of our government should think.

What I like about this way of thinking is that it's not a sentimental, emotional reaction to an issue but an analysis of data. In fact, they write, "Morality, it could be argued, represents the way that people would like the world to work—whereas economics represents how it actually does work...It is worth remembering that Adam Smith, the founder of

classical economics, was first and foremost a philosopher. He strove to be a moralist and, in doing so, became an economist. When he published *The Theory of Modern Capitalism* in 1759, modern capitalism was just getting under way...Smith's true subject was the friction between individual desire and societal norms."

Ordinarily this way of thinking is directed only at "the economy": things like interest rates and unemployment and consumer confidence. Levitt has turned his attention to other areas of life, using the tools of economic inquiry that he has distilled into these fundamentals:

1. incentives are the cornerstone of modern life
2. the conventional wisdom is often wrong
3. dramatic effects often have distant, even subtle causes
4. experts use their informational advantage to serve their own agenda
5. knowing what to measure and how to measure it makes a complicated world much less so

He argues that to understand someone's behavior it is essential to understand the incentives that are driving him or her. He picks cheating to study this proposition because most of us consider ourselves to be honest. I liked this example of incentives: "Who cheats? Well, just about anyone, if the stakes are right... Consider what happened one spring evening at midnight in 1987: seven million American children suddenly disappeared. The worst kidnapping in history? Hardly. It was the night of April 15, and the IRS had just changed a rule. Instead of merely listing each dependent child, tax filers were now required to provide a Social Security number for each child. Suddenly seven million children—children who had existed only as phantom exemptions on the previous year's 1040 forms—vanished, representing about one in 10 of all dependent children in the United States. The incentive for those cheating taxpayers was quite clear."

In order to demonstrate his proposition about distant and subtle causes Levitt offers his most startling idea: the legalization of abortion caused the drop in crime in the 1990s. If you think about it a minute it makes sense. Most crime is committed by young men between

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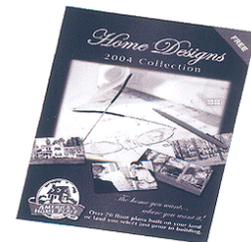
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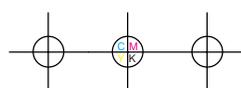
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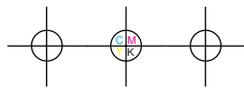
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the ages of 16 and 25, mostly from poor families. Who were the women who have most of the abortions? Poor, single women and it is the unwanted children of these poor single women who are most likely to become criminals. Abortion was legalized in 1973, and just when the first generation of children born after *Roe v. Wade* came of age the crime rate began to drop. What was different? Millions of unwanted children were never born.

Of course the authors don't just throw this idea out there—it is backed up with many studies, including some that show that in states where abortion had been legalized earlier, the crime rate began to drop proportionately earlier. Other studies analyze the many causes that

have been put forward for the drop in crime: increase in police, aging of population, etc., and find flaws in all of these.

The authors are also careful to point out that this is not an argument in favor of abortion; this is merely an objective analysis of cause and effect.

Some of the other subjects that are discussed: the names white and black parents give their children and the effect this has on their lives (very entertaining); what factors are important in parenting and which aren't; how real estate agents exploit their access to exclusive information; and why drug dealers live with their moms. If you like books that offer fresh ideas and challenge the conventional wisdom, you will enjoy *Freakonomics*.

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would be made obligatory for anyone seeking an abortion. Where a woman's life was in danger, or the fetus was damaged, abortion would be readily available; strict controls on the medical profession would have to be imposed to prevent duplicity in such cases. Parental notification for minors would be required. Second and third trimester abortions would only be permitted if the mother's life was in danger, or, again, in cases of rape or incest.

Probably no one would be happy

with such an arrangement. But that is the nature of compromise in a civil society. No one is supposed to be satisfied by a compromise, only less dissatisfied than by an utter defeat.

Of course all this assumes that voters are rational, and that politicians would act in benevolent ways. Both assumptions are suspect, to say the least, which is why we will probably have to suffer through this destructive and divisive debate for generations to come.

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Ever notice that every picture of a Highlands house fire has a fireman standing near a chimney of a completely burned down building? This is not my opponent's fault. By the time Chief "Popcorn" Manley gets the call and musters his volunteer troops who must come from all corners of the township, the place is usually already gone. Is it time for Highlands to have a "paid for" fire department? He got his nickname "Popcorn" from munching down on popped popcorn bags he finds in the ruins. As your mayor, I will put a stop to this ... and also promote world peace.

The opponent I have the most trouble slinging mud at is my buddy, Hank Ross. Like me, he is a city slicker and wants to control growth by making Highlands look like downtown Atlanta. This is a very good idea. Once this place finally looks like Atlanta, no one will want to come here anymore and we will have this growth problem under control. Keep up the good work, Hank. If I get to be mayor we can control growth together...our way.

Then there is the Winkin', Blinkin' and Nod team of Buck Trott, Zeke Sossomon and Minister Don, what

have I done, Mullen. I will let you figure out which is which but I am sure you already have Buck pegged as Winkin'.

I have not met Dr. Mullen, but after reading his resume, I am convinced he is too talented and qualified to be mayor of anything. He should go after the head hospital board job, bring Dr. Heffington back, and become the most popular guy in Highlands. Anyway, why would this nice man want to be wakened at three in the morning to listen to a noise complaint?

I trashed Buck and Zeke in an earlier publication but I will be monitoring their activities very closely.

You are probably wondering why I have not mentioned Eric Pierson. Like "Popcorn." He is hard to trash 'cause he hasn't done anything...yet. Amazingly, both these men are "locals" but don't stand much of chance of getting elected. Go figure. Maybe they are not for world peace and controlling growth in Highlands.

So here's my platform. I am for world peace and controlling growth in Highlands. Are you reading this? Are you paying attention? ZZZZZZZZZZZZ



# Martha Betz recognized for raising more than \$100,000 for the American Cancer Society

Martha Betz of Highlands was honored recently by the American Cancer Society for her outstanding fundraising over the past six years.

"When I first heard about this woman in Highlands who had raised so much money for the American Cancer Society, I couldn't wait to meet her and shake her hand." said Lynn Erdman, Senior Vice President, of the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society who presented the award along with Dana Hamilton, Community Manager for the American Cancer Society. The award recognized Betz's *individual* cumulative total of over \$100,000 in monies raised for the American Cancer Society.

Betz first became involved with the Relay for Life in Franklin in 2000, raising \$1,000. "Our family participated in the Franklin event and we were all very moved by it. We were glad when Highlands and Cashiers began the Mountain Top Relay for Life the following year. That year I raised \$6,600, and the following year more than tripled that amount."

Betz conducted the first two Relays single-handedly, and then volunteered for three years on the First Presbyterian Church's "Joy Team." Her efforts helped the team to earn recognition as one of the top three fundraising teams in the region. This year, she is heading up the Highlands Country Club's "Tee It Up For a Cure" team. Highlands Country Club is a corporate sponsor for that team, but as in past years Betz says she relies primarily on the generosity of members of the country club.

"Although family and friends have given over the years, I give much of the credit to the members of Highlands Country Club for their generous contributions. Many of them have lost loved ones, or are battling cancer themselves, and in addition to similar efforts in their other communities they want to be a part of a local effort here in Highlands."

"I have been amazed over the past few years at the generous outpouring of contributions and caring from the membership. Not only have they wholeheartedly supported my efforts, many have sent me notes thanking me for asking them to participate." Said Betz who has been Club Administrator for almost 17 years. "It is important to them, and they know it is important to me."

Like the more than 200 club members who have contributed this year, Betz said she knows the importance of coming together to fight cancer. "One in three people is touched by cancer in some way every year. In my own family, it was my maternal grandfather who died of brain cancer when I was a child. I have been profoundly touched by close friends and

co-workers in Highlands who have lost loved ones to cancer, including my neighbor who lost his wife, Irene Sanchez last year."

This year Betz was approached by a fellow employee, Rickey Holland, to head up a team for Highlands Country Club in memory of his sister Melody Breedlove, who lost the battle to cancer at the age of 41 last February. Holland soon rounded up a team, and he will be carrying the banner on August 26 when the Mountain Top Relay begins in Highlands. In addition to Betz and Holland, the other members of the team include Joyce Baillargeon, co-captain, Greg Crawford, General Manager of the club, Brian Stiehler, Michael McRae, John Feaster, Ken Knight, Mark Barnett and Robert Durrance.

"Many people don't realize how important the Relay for Life is in helping to find a cure. Every known method of cancer detection - such as ultrasound, CAT scans, and mammography - was discovered by researchers who were awarded American Cancer Society research grants. Even the smallest contributions help."

"Martha has done a phenomenal job in raising so much money for the American Cancer Society," said Mayor Buck Trott, who is co-chair of the local Relay. "All of us involved in the Mountain Top Relay for Life appreciate her efforts, and we are very pleased that she has been recognized by the American Cancer Society officials for her outstanding efforts. Our goal this year is \$191,000, and with folks like Martha and the members of Highlands Country Club, and the other Relay teams, I am confident that we are going to meet that goal."

To date Betz and her team have raised over \$23,000 for this year's Relay. The contributions ranged from \$25 to over \$1,000, with every member of the Club's Board of Governors making a donation. Although she has worked tirelessly on her fundraising again this year, this will be the first year she will not be on the track the night of the Relay. However, Betz has made arrangements to have a 9-hole miniature golf course set up at the Relay as an added fundraiser. Her teammates will be taking over the reins while she and her husband Richard return their daughter Katy to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she is a sophomore.

Betz hopes that this year's Relay for Life will be even more successful than those in the past. "It is crucial that we all persevere in efforts like these. I'm convinced that one day we will cross the finish line in the battle against cancer."

The metaphor is an apt one for Betz, who is training to run her first marathon in December.

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McIntosh works closely with Gary Warren, club manager, and Shawn Green, dining room manger, in planning and delivering the culinary specialties for which Highlands Falls has gained a widespread reputation.

Among the specialties planned for the Buffet Bravissimo on Aug. 21 are beef tenderloin, shrimp, McIntosh's renowned crab delicacies, as well as deluxe antipasto, salads and desserts.

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## 'Driving Miss Daisy' opens Aug. 25

Almost everyone — especially Southerners — know a "Miss Daisy." She might be an aging mother...a grandmother...a great aunt. Or perhaps a grand dame who lives in a spacious old Victorian house down the street.

She comes from an age when English was taught and spoken by a set of unwavering standards. In fact, she was an English teacher. English, not Language Arts. Stationery was engraved. Dinner at a friend's home required a "bread-and-butter note" the next day, thanking the hostess.

Playwright and Atlanta native Alfred Uhry saw all these characteristics and qualities in his own mother, and he wove them into the Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Driving Miss Daisy," which is the fourth and final Highlands Playhouse 2005 summer presentation.

Appearing as Miss Daisy Wertham is veteran stage and TV actress Chris Weatherhead, a Newport Beach, Calif., native who now calls Folly Beach, SC, home. Opposite her, as Hoke, a worldly wise but uneducated black chauffeur, is Charles Venning, a Charleston native, who didn't begin acting until age 60. Miss Daisy's son, Boolie, will be played by Atlanta actor, Randall Taylor.

The year is 1948, and the setting is the Atlanta — Druid Hills, to be specific — home of an upper class Jewish matron. The Civil Rights Movement is an event of the future, and Women's

Liberation...well, who ever heard of such? She's widowed, retired from teaching and she's just survived her latest car wreck — her fault, but not necessarily in her estimation. In an effort to prevent future mishaps, Boolie — without consulting mother — hires her a chauffeur, a good-hearted, unemployed and illiterate African-American gentleman, to drive her places.

Hoke's dignified good nature breaks down the crusty exterior of the ornery old lady, and somewhere along the way a bond stronger than just a friendship is forged.

Ms. Weatherhead is a classically trained actress, so playing a role that has been played before is no great concern. Most of the great Shakespearean roles have been played by the greatest actresses. She knows how to make it her own.

He already knows Hoke and draws from personal experiences and tales he heard and read to breathe life into him. "Hoke knows how to play the game," Venning said. "He knows what he has to do in order to get done what he needs to get done."

Venning and Weatherhead have already achieved a comfort with each other; he is a student in her acting classes in Charleston. She praises his acting ability and technique, and he, in turn, praises her teaching ability — not unlike Miss Daisy and Hoke.

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# Back to School EVENTS

By Kim Ingram

Highlands United Methodist Church  
Back to School is a BIG DEAL this year in Highlands. An entire week of events is planned for the students, parents, faculty, staff, and community.

On Saturday, Aug. 20, four local churches are hosting a "Back to School Field Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town ball field. There will be games, lunch, inflatables, cotton candy, and fun. Preschool and elementary children are invited. In case of rain, it will be held in the Rec Park gym.

Also on Saturday, Aug. 20, playground clean-up at 8 a.m.

On Sunday, Aug. 21, the Highlands Ministerial Association will host the "Service of Blessing for the School Year." This ecumenical worship service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church. The service will offer a blessing and encouragement to faculty, staff, students, parents, volunteers, and the community who supports students and schools. A nursery will be provided. Please bring school supplies as an offering.

On Monday, Aug. 22, it's "Junior - Senior Night" in the school cafeteria. Guidance counselor Patricia Catchings will discuss graduation requirements, NC Scholar requirements, financial aid, scholarships, PSAT, SAT and ACT exams, AP classes and SCC classes. Juniors meet at 6 p.m., seniors at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, Aug. 23, John Rosemond, family psychologist, author, and speaker will present a seminar on "The Three Keys to Effective Discipline." The presentation will be useful to parents, grandparents, and other adults who care about children, toddlers to teens. It will be at 7 p.m. at the Highlands School. The Junior Class will serve a hot-dog supper at 6 p.m. and childcare will be provided all for a donation to the Junior Class.

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, high school students who want to take SCC ITV classes must take the Accuplacer test at 9 a.m. at the school.

Also, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, the Highlands School administrators will hold an Open House from 4-6 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to pick up schedules, meet their teachers, and drop off their classroom supplies. Student-serving groups in the community are invited to set up tables in the gymnasium to provide information to families.

The first day of school is Thursday, Aug. 25. It will be a full day of school from 8 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

For more information, call 526-2147.

## Fitness Test for Athletes

On Friday, Aug. 26, there will be a fitness test at 3 p.m. for all HHS athletes. Team practice is going on for volleyball, soccer and cross-country.



## Drawing for 'School Events Pass' at Sept. 15 PTO Meeting

Susie Schiffli

PTO President

On behalf of the Highlands School PTO, I would like to extend to you an invitation to join PTO for the upcoming 2005-06 school year.

This year, instead of a \$5 fee for PTO membership, we are inviting parents, teachers, and community members to join without charge. Instead, you can make a donation which is critical to our annual budget and will help us fund the following projects: Student Projects, Teacher Appreciation, New School Equipment, Classroom Materials and Resources, Senior Class/Faculty Caps and Gowns, Special School Events like a Guest Author/Storyteller, New Century Scholars and The Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund

Our general meetings will begin with dinner at 5:30 for a nominal charge followed by a meeting at 6 p.m. Each meeting will have a student presentation, brief business report, educational presentation, an "Ask the Principal" time, and a drawing for a \$50 savings bond. Baby-sitting will be provided at each meeting (donations will be accepted as a Junior Class fundraiser).

The first fundraising campaign is Aug. 29 - gift wrap by Genevieve's. Their products are of the same quality as the Sally Foster products and offer a different line to sell in our area. Annette Jenkins and Stephanie McCall are the co-chairs for this fundraiser.

There is a new sign on the school's facade visible when you drive by the school. Upcoming events will be posted.

This year's PTO meetings are set for: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 27 and May 18.

Hope to see you there!

# Back to School

## Welcome Back for

By Mark Thomas

Assistant Principal

Ms. Bomengen and I are enthusiastically awaiting the know that Highlands students have enjoyed a longer Getting busy with teaching and learning right away v alike. All students and family members, as well as any interested school on both August 23 and 24. On the 23rd, you will ha known child-rearing expert John Rosemond speak at 7 p.m. A in the school cafeteria. A small fee will be charged for the dinne Class.

On the 24th, we will hold an Open House for the public meet teachers and administrators, see the classrooms, and rene of the classrooms have been shifted.

Coach Smart's former classroom will now be the ITV r counseling center. The former counseling center is now the year). My office (Mr. Thomas) has been relocated to the second We have also made space for a school resource officer in the m

Mrs. McIntyre-Ross has switched from middle school to positions with Mrs. Lane, who will now teach in the middle school

Mrs. Van Hook, who will be greatly missed, has accepted a in another school district.

Coach Lanford now has a new office in the old gym. C Parrish will now have office space in the new gym, which is co

Some new teachers you will want to meet at Open Hou (band), Victoria Collins (exceptional children-middle school), elementary), and one or two more new teachers who have yet

You will also notice that our wonderful elementary teach moved to different classrooms. Some will be teaching differen

Returning students will find that parts of the outdoor areas l

Extensive work was accomplished in the middle school co by generous donations from the Mountain Garden Club an want to extend are heartfelt appreciation to Dixie Barton and Garden Club for the funds enabling work to be done in both t in the school entrance area in and around the butterfly garden with labor include Sherry Kremser, Becky Schilling, Anita Will Fred and Elizabeth Motz, Mozelle Edwards, Jenny Wright, an

We would also like to thank David and Sherry Sims and th and Garden for the beautiful maple trees and rhododendron p which was delivered to the school on three separate occasions. quite helpful.

Others who labored under the hot July/August sun durin Board President Susie Schiffli and her family (John, Olen, B Mayer, Debbie and Clayton Lassiter, Buddy Kremser, Kim Le and their children (Jacob and Whitney). Thanks also go out to preparation and grading, and to John Shearl for the work he d system in the middle school courtyard.

Gratitude is also due those volunteers who showed up throughout the school. Thank you to Kim Ingram for recruiting crew from Highlands United Methodist Church. Gene and Ja Cecile Watson, Elizabeth Gordon, Katie Ingram, Jerry Reed, put in several hours washing the windows inside and outside. T day of school on August 25th!

We have another volunteer opportunity coming up on Sa elementary playground area at 8 a.m. if you would like to assi up. There will be some heavy equipment in the area to dea children probably should not come. Our goal is to spruce up year.

As the 2005-2006 school year rapidly approaches, we enc proud of Highlands School and to respect its great history. V fantastic school year. We look forward to excellence in acade groups, businesses, churches, and individual volunteers who so and talents for the benefit of the children of Highlands, Scaly

On a final note, We would like to make everyone aware of tobacco products on school property that went into effect on Ju We ask for the community's cooperation in complying with th August 24.

## Staff Line-up

### ADMINISTRATION

Monica Bomengen, Principal  
Mark Thomas, Asst. Principal  
Patricia Catchings, Guidance Coun.  
Annette Jenkins, Receptionist & Guidance Secretary

Judy Smart, Secretary  
Peggy Warren, Sims Manager

### ELEMENTARY

Joy Archer, Intervention Spec.  
Betty Baker, AIG  
Janie Brown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Asst  
Jane Chalker, Great Beginnings  
Kim Chenoweth, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Assistant  
Cindy Cox, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Vicki Barnard, Elementary E.C.  
Gail Garland, Media Assistant  
Carla Harris, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
Karen Hasbrouck, Interpreter  
Tracy Hedden, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Donna Sizemore, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
Julie McClellan, Kindergarten  
Melanie Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Judy Mouchet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Asst.  
Cindy Reed, Great Beginnings Asst.

Amber Raby, Speech  
Bill Lanford, Elem. & MS P.E.  
Dale Thompson, Kindergarten Asst  
Denise West, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

Vickie Collins, E.C.  
Steve Massey, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies  
Sara Mayer, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Michelle Lane, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
Janet Osteen, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Stephanie Smathers, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Elizabeth Woods, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math

### HIGH SCHOOL

Carol Bowen, Librarian  
Dave Cashion, Vocational  
Adrian Holt, Science  
Jane DeWolf, Math  
Dr. Terry Harris, Exceptional Children  
Simeon Hickman, Social Studies  
Cathy McIntyre-Ross, English  
Brett Lamb, HS P.E.  
Chris Green, Social Studies  
Olga Pader, Psychologist  
Anne Porter, Business Teacher  
Butch Smart, Math & A.D.

Anne Tate, F.A.C.S.

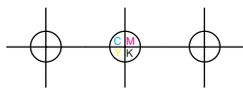
Sallie Taylor, Art  
Kristina Kirchner, Band  
Patsy Wilson, French

### CAFETERIA STAFF

Jeane Sheaffer  
Lynn Vinson  
Francis Zachary  
June Zachary  
Rebecca Jones  
Custodial Staff  
Dana Gordon  
Elaine Tilson  
Karen Reese  
Helen Reed  
John Beck

### Bus Drivers

John Beck  
Mike Beck  
Howard Brown  
Jack Philpot



# School News

## Back for 2005-2006

Enthusiastically awaiting the first day of school on August 25. We have enjoyed a longer than usual summer vacation this year. Learning right away will be a priority for staff and students as well as any interested citizens, are encouraged to visit the school on the 23rd, you will have an opportunity to hear nationally known speakers at 7 p.m. A dinner precedes this event at 6 p.m. You will be charged for the dinner in order to raise funds for the Junior

Open House for the public from 4-6 p.m. This will be a time to visit the classrooms, and renew friendships. You will find that some

will now be the ITV room. The old ITV room is now the volunteer center (a new feature this year) relocated to the second floor of the middle school building. A resource officer in the middle school building.

from middle school to high school English, having swapped with a teacher who will now teach in the middle school.

who was missed, has accepted a position as a technology coordinator

office in the old gym. Coaches Smart, Lamb, Rawlins, and the new gym, which is completed and ready to occupy.

to meet at Open House are Kristina Kirchner (music and children-middle school), Vicki Barnard (exceptional children- elementary teachers who have yet to be hired as of this writing.

Wonderful elementary teachers are all still with us but most have moved to other schools. We will be teaching different grades this year as well.

Parts of the outdoor areas have been beautified over the summer. In the middle school courtyard area. This was made possible by the Mountain Garden Club and Highlands Lawn and Garden. We are going to Dixie Barton and all of the members of the Mountain Garden Club to be done in both the middle school courtyard area and the butterfly garden. Members of the club who helped us include: Rocky Schilling, Anita Williams, Molly Leonard, Nancy Bonner, and Sherry Sims and the rest of the folks at Highlands Lawn and Garden. They will be there on separate occasions. Their knowledgeable advice was also

and Sherry Sims and the rest of the folks at Highlands Lawn and Garden. They will be there on separate occasions. Their knowledgeable advice was also

July/August sun during this project include PTO Executive Director, John Olen, Bevan, and Adam), Kim Ingram, Sara Buggy Kremser, Kim Lewicki, and Keith and Gina Billingsley. Thanks also go out to Greg Johnson for helping with soil testing and to Shearl for the work he did building a more efficient drainage system.

Teachers who showed up one day last week to wash windows include Kim Ingram for recruiting and organizing the window washing at First Church. Gene and Jane Neal, Butch and Florence Norris, and the Ingram, Jerry Reed, Laurie Roddy, and Gwen Morrow all helped. They will be sparkling clean for the first

community coming up on Saturday, August 20. Please meet at the school if you would like to assist in rock removal and general clean-up in the area to deal with the very large rocks so small that our goal is to spruce up the playground enough to use it this

As we rapidly approaches, we encourage all students to continue to be proud of its great history. Working together we can make this a school year to excellence in academics and athletics. We embrace civic duty and individual volunteers who so readily provide their time, resources, and support to Highlands, Scaly Mountain, and Cashiers.

We will make everyone aware of the new school board policy banning smoking that went into effect on July 1. Signs will be posted as reminders. We will be on in complying with this policy. See you at Open House on

### Changes to Student Handbook

The text of the handbook will be included in an agenda/planbook for every student this year.

There is a Communication Protocol for parents, students, faculty, and staff (see pg. 1), according to our School Improvement Plan Goal #1.

Changes for this year include:

- Principal will award excused absences to honor roll students for family vacations and educational trips (pg. 4)
- Junior/Senior Privileges will be extended to 11th & 12th grade students who maintain passing grades in all classes, satisfactory attendance (including timely arrival to school), and appropriate conduct (pgs. 5-6)
- Cell phones and electronic devices (pg. 6)
- Drop/Add procedures (pg. 7)
- Media Center Use & Facility (pgs. 11-13)
- Locker rental fee increase to \$10 (pg. 15)
- Student parking fee increase to \$25 (pg. 16)
- Detention will be held 7:15 to 7:45 AM instead of after school (pg. 16)



### School Meal Prices Increase

New breakfast and lunch prices are in effect for both adults and students.

Breakfast prices are up 10 cents and lunch prices are up 25 cents. Student breakfast costs 85 cents; adult breakfast is

\$1.05.

Lunch for students in K-5 is \$1.75; for grades 6-12 it's \$2. Adult lunch is \$2.50. Extra milk costs 40 cents.

Free or reduced lunch applications are at the school office.

### Afterschool Care

VIP staff and registration forms will be available on [Wednesday, Aug. 24](#) from 3-6 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Registration fee is \$25 and monthly tuition fee is \$150. The drop-in daily rate is \$9/day. There are no multiple children discounts. Hours of child care from 3-6 p.m. on school days.

Full days of child care will be offered on selected teacher workdays.

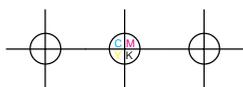
## Student Supply List 1st-6th Grade

#### Kindergarten - McClellan

- 1 backpack (standard size)
- 1 plastic pencil box to fit in desk
- 2 two-pocket folders w/brads
- 2 plastic folders w/double pockets - no brads
- 8 large glue sticks
- 18 ct. box of Crayola markers (basic colors)
- 3 boxes of 8 Crayola crayons (basic colors)
- 1 pair Fiskar scissors
- 3 large spiral notebook, large ruled
- 1 regular box of tissue
- 1 box quart size zip top baggies
- 1 box gallon size zip top baggies
- 1 10-pack of #2 pencils
- 1 beach size towel (no mat) for rest-time
- 1 bottle hand sanitizer (Germ-X)
- 1 box Band-aids
- \$5 for Weekly Reader for entire year
- Please label everything but the folders*
- Great Beginnings - Chalker**
- 1 backpack
- 1 plastic storage container (shoe box size w/ lid)
- 5 two-pocket plastic folders w/brads (no names on these, please)
- 2 pair Fiskar scissors
- 1 pack wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 large spiral notebook, large ruled
- 1 regular box tissues
- 1 box quart size zip top baggies
- 1 box gallon size zip top baggies
- 1 beach size towel (no mat, for rest time)
- 1st Grade - Sizemore**
- 1 plastic pencil box (to fit in desk)
- 4 glue sticks (large)
- 1 Elmer's glue (small bottle)
- 3 folders (plastic w/brads for paper, one each - red, blue, yellow)
- 1 16-count, washable, Crayola Markers, basic
- 1 Crayons - (24 colors)
- 1 Scissors (Fiskar)
- 2 boxes tissue (regular size)
- 4 boxes pencils (sharpened)
- 1 Eraser (square)
- 1 Hand-sanitizer (bottle, i.e. Germ-X)
- 1 box Baby wipes (anti-bacterial)
- 1 box Clorox wipes

- 1 box Band Aids
- 1 Beach towel (for Rest & Read time)
- 1 box gallon baggies zip top
- 1 box quart baggies zip top
- 1 paint smock or paint shirt
- \$5 for Weekly Reader all year
- 2nd Grade - Cox & Miller**
- 2 packs wide-ruled notebook paper
- 1 box #2 pencils
- 1 pack large erasers or 1 box pencil top erasers
- 2 boxes 24-count Crayons
- 1 box colored pencils
- 1 box colored markers
- 1 pencil box
- 1 pair scissors
- 2 folders w/bottom pockets & brads
- 1 box each add and subtract flash cards
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 2 boxes Antibacterial wipes
- 1 box Band-Aids
- 1 box quart Ziploc baggies
- 1 box gallon Ziploc baggies
- 3rd Grade - Harris**
- 16 folders w/pockets and brads
- 1 spiral bound notebook
- 1 box 24 count crayons
- 1 box colored pencils
- 2 glue sticks
- 1 pair Fiskar scissors
- 20 #2 pencils (no mechanicals nor pens)
- 1 pencil sharpener (that holds shavings)
- 1 clipboard
- 1 pkg. Wide-rule notebook paper
- 1 pkg construction paper
- 1 pkg. (50) 4x6 lined index cards
- 3 boxes 200 count Kleenex
- 1 bottle antibacterial liquid soap
- Girls bring 1 box gallon Ziploc baggies
- Boys bring 1 box quart Ziploc baggies
- 4th Grade - West**
- 1 - 1/2" 3-ring binder (not Trapper Keeper style)
- 1 pkg notebook dividers
- 2 pkgs. Notebook paper-wide ruled
- 4 folders w/pockets
- 1 pkg. Colored Markers
- 1 pkg. Colored pencils

- 1 box Crayons
- 2 bottles School Glue
- 1 pair scissors
- 1 12" ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 3 boxes 200 count tissues
- #2 pencils
- Cap erasers
- \$5 National Geographic for Kids
- NO mechanical pencils nor pens, please
- 5th Grade - Hedden**
- 2 pkgs. Wide ruled notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook (80 pages or more)
- 1 clipboard
- 1 pkg. #2 pencils
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 pkg. Crayons
- 1 pkg. Colored pencils
- 1 highlighter - any color
- 1 pkg. Colored markers
- 1 pkg. Lined index cards
- 1 - 2 pocket plastic folder
- 1 - 3 ring binder (1-1/2 inch)
- 1 pkg. Dividers for the binders
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 medium sized pencil box
- \$5 Weekly Reader
- 6th Grade - Mayer & Osteen**
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 pack graph paper
- 1 compass (for mathematics)
- 1 protractor
- 1 one-subject spiral notebook (science)
- 1 tub Clorox Disinfecting wipes
- 1 pack markers
- 1 - 3 ring notebook
- Erasable pens - blue or black
- #2 pencils
- Wide ruled notebook paper
- 3x3 Post-It notes
- 2 glue sticks
- Optional:** Colored pencils; Crayons; Scissors; Ruler. *Please label anything that can be labeled*



## Showhouse: Visitors can own their own mountain beauty

Fresh-cut flowers. Window boxes. Popular and unusual bark planters. For those familiar with Scotlyn's Yard on highway 107 south in Cashiers, a smaller version of their vast landscape choices is in store at this year's Cashiers Designer Showhouse, the historic Homestead at Lonesome Valley, a much-loved mountain farmhouse tucked away on highway 64 east just 2 1/2 miles from the Cashiers Crossroads. Overlooking a magnificent view of Laurel Knob and seemingly endless meadows, the home and grounds are a natural setting to showcase Scotlyn's

Yard, filled and overflowing with garden treasures for homeowners, gardeners and lucky gift recipients.

"We'll have something for everybody, gardeners and non-gardeners alike," said Erin Watson, who with her husband Dustin, is one of the key principles of Scotlyn's Yard. "We'll replenish our supply throughout the Showhouse dates so every day there will be something new and the plants and flowers will always be fresh."

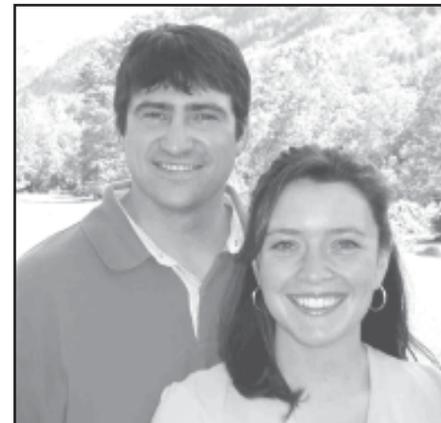
Garden books showcasing native flowers of North Carolina, garden accessories, watering cans, decorative pots,

fresh flowers, custom planters and window boxes are among the many items that will be for sale to Showhouse attendees. Small floral arrangements – instant gifts or centerpieces – of Queen Anne's lace, wildflowers, larkspur, galax, soldago, hypericum and sunflowers as well as hanging baskets, bird's eye ferns, peace lilies and ivy will fill the Scotlyn's Yard Showhouse shop and also be for sale. Part of the sale proceeds will help Showhouse beneficiaries the Cashiers Historical Society and grant recipient Cashiers Community Center.

Scotlyn's Yard began 26 years ago as a hobby for Erin Watson's parents Scott and Lynn Dillard and now much larger, continues as a family business today. Located on Highway 107 south, a short drive from the Cashiers Crossroads, Scotlyn's Yard features native and Tennessee fieldstone, large and small indoor and outdoor plants, a well-informed and helpful staff and fresh flowers throughout its 2 1/2 acres.

Additions to their inventory include many varieties of small and large trees as well as landscaping, mulch, fertilizer and rabbit and deer-resistant supplies. Plants are grown and cared for in the nursery's fully heated greenhouses. Extensive landscaping services from those who know mountain weather best also are available.

"We're really looking forward to the Showhouse," Erin Watson said.



**Dustin and Erin Watson**

"Lonesome Valley is surrounded by so much natural beauty. We enjoy having a way for Showhouse visitors to take some of that beauty home."

The 2005 Cashiers Designer Showhouse kicks off with "Diamonds and Denim," the Patron Party Friday, August 19 on the grounds of Lonesome Valley. Patron Party attendees get an advance preview of the house and shops. The Showhouse will be open Saturday, August 20 – Sunday, Sept. 4, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily and 1–4 p.m. on Sundays. Tickets can be purchased by calling 828-743-7710. McKee Properties, Macon Bank and Summit Building are notable as corporate sponsors.

The eighth annual Cashiers Designer Showhouse is presented by the Cashiers Historical Society, benefiting the Zachary-Tolbert House restoration fund, and 2005 grant recipient Cashiers Community Council.



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# HCP's 'Dearly Departed' runs for next two weekends

This is one of the funniest plays ever! The Highlands Community Players' production of Dearly Departed opens Thursday, August 18, at the Highlands Conference Center (next to the ball park), with curtain at 8 p.m.

The Players are celebrating their 10th anniversary season by reviving a play from their very first season - the play most often requested by audiences who saw it in 1996.

It's an outrageous, hilarious comedy set in the rural South with a cast of colorful characters.

The Turpin family of Timson, Ga., is trying to get organized for their father's funeral. Widow Raynelle is having trouble deciding on a casket; elder son Ray-Bud is perturbed over rising costs. Younger son Junior is trying to placate a suspicious wife and deal with their two undisciplined children. Little sister Delightful is drowning her grief with undisciplined eating. Aunt Marguerite is criticizing everything, most of all her lazy son Royce. Add to this a passel of other eccentric characters, and you have a situation fraught with comic possibilities.

## ... TEACHER continued from page 3

Waller, class of 2005 who is pursuing a degree in fashion design, and Remington Veteto, class of 2005, who has his sights on the Savannah School of Art Design.

An artist as well as a teacher of art, Taylor said going through the process of entering her own work in juried shows - sometimes being rejected, sometimes being accepted, sometimes winning awards - means she understands the process which makes her a better teacher.

"I show my students my work and explain my experiences so they understand what an artist goes through to be an artist," she said. "Then I teach them the basics and what they do with the basics and how they create their artwork is totally up to them."

Taylor says as an artist she works in oil painting neo-surrealism but can only complete two or three pieces a year. Since she teaches, she doesn't have enough time to build up the body of work it takes to have a show in a gallery. "So, I enter in juried shows," she said. "Sometimes I'm

The fun begins on opening night, Thursday, Aug. 18, with a complimentary catered reception for audience, cast and crew after the performance. The performances continue Friday and

Saturday, Aug. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 2:30 p.m. The play will also be presented Friday and Saturday, Aug. 26 and 27, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 28, at 2:30 p.m. The play is rated PG 13.

This is the 4th and final play for 2004-2005 season ticket holders. Individual adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$8, and tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$12.

The Players' box office is now open at PAC on Chestnut Street in Highlands, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Seating in the Conference Center is limited to 100. There will be seven performances, but you are urged to make your reservations early for the day you would like to attend. For reservations, call 828-526-8084.

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**Clyde (Ron Leslie) tells Ray Bud (Derek Taylor) that Clyde's Auto Body Shop takes care of their own during the Highlands Community Players production of "Dearly Departed." The play runs August 18 - 21 and August 26 - 28 at the Highlands Conference Center, next to the ball park. For ticket reservations call 526-8084.**

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# POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 11-17.

**Aug. 10**

- At 10 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Craig & Craig on S. 4th St. All was secure.
- At noon, officers responded to a vehicle accident. There were no injuries.
- At 1:18 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle accident. There were no injuries.
- At 3:05 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Best of the Bunch on N. 4th. St. All was secure.
- At 8:25 p.m., a motorist at Sassy Lane and N.C. 28 was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.

**Aug. 11**

- At 2:09, a motorist was cited for violating a parking ordinance.
- At 3:50 p.m., officers assisted a stranded motorist.

**Aug. 12**

- A little past midnight, officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at N.C. 28 and Cook Road.
- At 7:32 a.m., officers responded to a gas drive-off at D&J Express Mart. It was cleared.
- At 8:47 a.m., citizens reported a suspected drunk driver. The claim was unfounded.
- At 11:30 a.m., a construction company reported receiving a fraudulent check from a customer, but the claim was unfounded.
- At 3:17 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Hickory Lane. All was secure.
- At 3:39 p.m., officers responded to a call of damage the Mountain Fresh building by a delivery truck.
- At 4:05 p.m. officers were called to assist a disabled vehicle on Horse Cove Road. They couldn't locate the vehicle.

**Aug. 13**

- At 6:25 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Wachovia Bank. All was secure.
- At 3:55 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Main Street Pharmacy. All was secure.
- At 7:35 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Wachovia Bank. All was secure.
- At 9:20 p.m., officers directed traffic at Fourth and Main streets.

**Aug. 14**

- At 1:20 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. All was secure.
- At 9:15 a.m., Leopoldo Jassic Sanchez, 46, of Franklin, was arrested for DWI and cited for driving left of center.
- At 11:23 a.m., a motorist was cited for a parking violation.
- At 12:15 p.m., officers did foot patrol on Main Street.
- At 1:20 p.m., a motorist was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.
- At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Ravenel Ridge Road.
- At 6:56 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Acorn's on Main Street. All was secure.

**Aug. 15**

- At 1:55 p.m., a gas drive-off was reported at the Farmers Market.

**Aug. 16**

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or restrictive. They'll think it is a good thing or say, 'oh, no!'"

The Land Use Planning committee suggested ETJ for two main reasons - to protect the watershed and ultimately the town's water supply through sedimentation and erosion ordinances and to control development along the corridors into town.

"Just because you evoke ETJ doesn't mean you have to apply all the ordinances," said Geoffrey Willet, with the Community Association of the Commerce Department who facilitated the development of the land use plan.

What does come automatically are two town ordinances which currently stipulate application in an ETJ'd zone - subdivision and sedimentation control. "Those two would apply because that's the way you've written them, but nothing else would unless you want it to. You can pick and choose," he said.

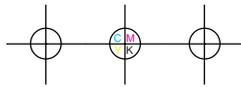
Willet said areas existing subdivisions would be grandfathered as is and wouldn't have to comply to the town's subdivision or sedimentation control ordinances once ETJ'd.

Chairman of the planning board

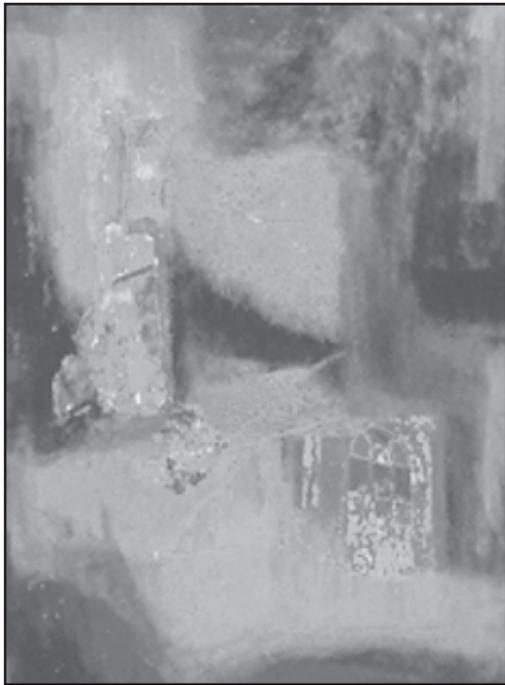
John Cleaveland urged commissioners to move ahead on the issue - to decide if they are going to consider it prior to November's election. "With a new board, you don't know which way this thing will go. This board should commit to it."

Cleaveland said if the town is looking for a meeting where everyone is going to agree, it's not going to happen. "What they need to know is with ETJ they can't vote in town elections and they're not taxed," he said.

After the Oct. 12 public hearing, the board will decide whether to declare ETJ one mile past the town limit, excluding USFS land.



## Art & Wine Auction



Mark your calendars now for The Fine Art Center-Bascom Louise Gallery Annual "Art and Wine Auction" Sept. 30-Oct. 1. A silent auction and a tasting of fine wines on Friday evening and a live auction and seated dinner on Saturday evening, promises to be a gala weekend! Cynthia Berg, one of the many artists featured at the auction, is donating a stained-glass window mixed media collage. Cynthia paints in the abstract expressionistic style, using watercolors, acrylics, oil stick, colored pencils and pastels. To reserve a ticket, call the Fine Art Center-Bascom Louise Gallery at 526-4949.

### ... POLICE & FIRE from page 16

- At 8:15 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Wachovia Bank. All was secure.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Aug. 10-17.

#### Aug. 10

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence at VZ-Top. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Whiteside Trail where someone had fallen on the trail. The victim was transported to the hospital.

#### Aug. 11

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

#### Aug. 12

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. The call was cancelled en route.

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

#### Aug. 13

- The dept. responded to a vehicle fire at Church and Fifth streets. There were no injuries.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at Highland Hiker. It was false.

#### Aug. 15

- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 west. There were no injuries.

#### Aug. 17

- The dept. responded to an accident on U.S. 64 east. It was unfounded.

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

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Mondays: Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4

Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8

Wednesdays: Liturgy Mtg – 4 p.m.; Christian

Education – 5 p.m.; Supper & Program – 6 p.m.

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Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.;

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Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

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Sundays: School –10 a.m.; Worship –11 a.m. & 7

Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

### SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

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Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

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Pastor Rev. Wayne Price

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

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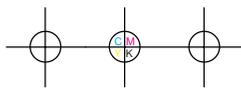
Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby

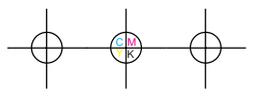
Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

### WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11 a.m. – Registration & Lunch Buffet in Clubhouse, Practice Range Open, Tee Gift Distribution, Complimentary Beverages on Course

12:30 p.m. – Shotgun Start – California Scramble

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. – Cocktail, Hors d'oeuvres and Awards Party

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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

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- Adult Swim at the Rec Park. Mon-Fri, 8-9 a.m. and 6-7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

- Thursdays at the Library — an eclectic mixture of programs by authors and musicians on topics designed for enjoyment and education of area residents and visitors alike. All programs are free and start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. For more information, please call during Library operating hours at 524-3600. Library hours are 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

- Cashiers Quilters Guild meets at the United Methodist Church in Cashiers, every Wednesday at 12:30.

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery, "Wood Works," an exhibit of fine art works created from wood by 13 accomplished artists

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- Live music at Jack's at Skyline Restaurant every Friday and Saturday nights.

- "Jerry's Girls" at Highlands Playhouse through Aug. 21. Call 526-2695 for ticket information. Next up is "Driving Miss Daisy" Aug. 25-Sept. 4.

- Music and dancing at Fressers in Helen's Barn the third Thursday of each month, 8-12

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- This Week at Highlands Wine and Cheese: On Friday from 4:30-6:30 p.m., it's Steve Pignaitello, a Burgundy importer of great wines from small, independent producers. Wine Flight Thursday and Saturday: 4:30-6:30 p.m.. Complimentary Samples Saturday 12:30-4 p.m.

- HealthTracks, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, offers a special class fitness classes Monday through Thursday. HealthTracks at 526-1348 for details.

- Various art classes held for children and adults at the Bascom-Louise Gallery throughout the week. Call, 526-4949

- Each Thursday – Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Highlands-Cashiers only senior residential community. Refreshments and tours of the model home and Clubhouse.

- Al-Anon Group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.

- Mountainview Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

### Aug. 18-20

- HCP's "Dearly Departed," opens Thursday at the Highlands Conference Center with a complimentary catered reception for audi-

ence, cast and crew after the performance. The performances continue Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. The play is rated PG 13. Individual adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$8, and tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$12. For reservations, call 526-8084.

### Aug. 19

- Live music at SweetTreats, 7-10 p.m., Kevin Bolick, Guitar and Vocals

### Aug. 20

- At Cyrano's Sally and Carl Gable will autograph *Palladian Days: Finding a New Life in a Venetian Country House*, at Cyrano's Bookshop this Saturday, from 1-3 p.m.

- Yard Sale at Our Lady of the Mountains Church. 8 a.m. -5 p.m. Hot Dog Plates will be for sale.

- Live music at SweetTreats, 7-10 p.m., Carol Criminger, Vocals and Jerry Lambert, Keyboard

- Marda Burton and Kenneth Holditch, authors of the new book, "Galatoire's: Biography of a Bistro (Hill Street Press, July 2004), will sign copies of their new book "Galatoire's" from 4-6 p.m., Saturday. (4:30 reading and remarks by Burton) at Shakespeare & Co. in The Village Square at 204 Oak Street

- On Saturday, four local churches are hosting a "Back to School Field Day" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town ball field. There will be games, lunch, inflatables, cotton candy, and fun. Pre-school and elementary children are invited. In case of rain, it will be held in the Rec Park gym.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 3.5 mile moderate-to-strenuous hike to Three Forks, where three waterfalls converge to form a fork of the Chattooga River. A swim in the river at your own risk is optional on this hike, which requires a river crossing and a scramble down a steep bank and over rocks. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at the Scaly Mountain post office at 9:50 a.m. Call leader Mo Wheeler, 526-9561, for reservations

### Aug. 21

- At Highlands United Methodist Church there will be a lunch fundraiser after church for Relay for Life. Donations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. On the menu is Brunswick stew, baked beans, slaw, corn muffins and dessert. Call 526-3376 for reservations.

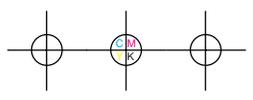
- On Sunday, the Highlands Ministerial Association will host the "Service of Blessing for the School Year." This ecumenical worship service is at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church. The service will offer a blessing and encouragement to faculty, staff, students, parents, volunteers, and the community who supports students and schools. A nursery will be provided. Please bring school supplies as an offering.

- Bel Canto 4 p.m. at PAC. Call 526-5252 for tickets. Proceeds benefit the Bascom-Louise Gallery and Highlands School.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Cliffside loop trail from the Skitty Creek trail on Hwy. 64 between Franklin and Highlands. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m., or call leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-2860 for reservations.

### Aug. 22

- On Monday, at 6 p.m., in the school cafeteria, the guidance office of Highlands School will sponsor "Junior/Senior Night" to



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discuss graduation requirements, NC Scholar requirements, financial aid and scholarships, PSAT, SAT and ACT exams, AP classes and SCC classes. Juniors meet at 6 p.m., seniors at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria.

- Women's Invitation Golf Tournament at Highlands Falls Country Club. Club Professional Allen Chandler has designed an interesting format that combines nine holes of Captains Choice with nine holes of 1 Best Ball of Four – just for women. Cost is \$125 per person and includes breakfast, lunch and Tee gifts. To sign up, call Christy Kelly at the Peggy Crosby Center, 526-9938, ext. 110.

### Aug. 23

- Audubon Work Day on the Highlands Greenway Trail. Meet at the North Picnic Shelter at the Rec Park, 9 a.m.

- On Tuesday, John Rosemond, family psychologist, author, and speaker will present a seminar on "The Three Keys to Effective Discipline," at Highlands School at 7 p.m. The Junior Class will serve a hot-dog supper at 6 p.m. and childcare will be provided all for a donation to the Junior Class.

### Aug. 24

- On Wednesday, singer, storyteller, and folk-theologian, Ed Kilbourne, will perform at Highlands United Methodist Church at 6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This popular artist is known for his collections of moving music, witty humor, and insightful monologues. He combines acoustic guitar, keyboards, and singing with a storytelling style that has been compared to Garrison Keillor. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. for \$4. Call 526-3376 to make a dinner reservation. Reservations are not needed for the concert.

- On Wednesday, the Highlands School administrators will hold an Open House from 4-6 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to pick up schedules, meet their teachers, and drop off their classroom supplies. Student-serving groups in the community are invited to set up tables in the gymnasium to provide information to families. For more information, call 526-2147 or check the school web page at [www.highlands-school.org](http://www.highlands-school.org).

- VIP staff and registration forms will be available on Wednesday, from 3-6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Highlands schools. Registration fee is \$25 and monthly tuition fee is \$150. The drop-in daily rate is \$9/day. There are no multiple children discounts. Hours of child care from 3-6 p.m. on school days. Full days of child care will be offered on selected teacher work-days/staff development days.

### Aug. 23-Aug. 27

- The 2nd annual Highlands International Film Festival at the PAC. Aug. 23: a screening of "Undertow," and "The Baxter," with Producer Jonathan Shoemaker to introduce the film. The Gala Party follows at the Highlands Falls Country Club where guests will get a "Sneak-Preview" of the events for the week. Filmmakers will be in attendance. Wednesday, Aug. 24: "Alfred Hitchcock Day," Thursday, Aug. 25: "Movie Under the Stars" at the Ball Field. Closing Night, Aug. 27: Screening of "Millions," for tickets, call 828-526-9938.

### Aug. 25

- The first day for students at the Highlands School is Thursday, Aug. 25. It will be a full day of school from 8 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

### Aug. 25-Sept 4

- Highlands Playhouse presents "Driving Miss Daisy" Tues.-Sat., 8 p.m., Sundays, 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

### Aug. 26-27

- Relay for Life activities at Highlands Rec Park begin at 6 p.m.

### Aug. 26-28

- HCP's "Dearly Departed" The performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m., at Highlands Conference Center. The play is rated PG 13. Individual adult tickets are \$15; student tickets are \$8, and tickets for groups of 15 or more are \$12. For reservations, call 526-8084.

### Aug. 27

- Pancakes and plenty of them are on the menu for Saturday when the Scaly Mountain Women's Club hosts its monthly breakfast. A full meal of homemade pancakes (with blueberries if you like), patty sausage, coffee and juice will be available at the ski lodge on NC Highway 106 in downtown Scaly Mountain from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

- Live music at SweetTreats, 7-10 p.m.; Carol Criminger, Vocals and Jerry Lambert, Keyboard.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8-mile hike on the Boogey Man trail at Cattanoochee, where it is possible to see the reintroduced elk herd. Meet at Macon Plaza (Bi-Lo) in Franklin at 8 a.m. Drive 120 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations or more information.

### Aug. 29

- The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Monday at the Cullasaja Club. This tournament is open to all golfers and all proceeds go to the Town of Highlands to fund scholarships. For information call David Cull at 526-3531. The Scholarship Committee welcomes all donations and sponsorships. Please call Helen Simmons at 509-2542 for more information.

### Aug. 29 & Sept. 1

- Carolina Cajun Dance instructors, Morris and Anita Williams, will be offering dance lessons on Monday, August 29 and Thursday September 1 from 7-9 p.m. at Highlands Recreation Center. The lessons will include Waltz, two-step and jitterbug. This is your opportunity to have an evening of fun and learn a great style of dancing. Call 526-9713 to register. You can try out your new dance steps at the Cajun Music and Dance Festival on Sunday, September 4 at 6 at the fundraiser for the PAC. For ticket information call 526-9047. Sponsored by the Highlands Accommodations Group and PAC.

### Aug. 30

- The Eagle Lady, Doris Mager, presented by Highlands Plateau Audubon Society, Highlands Civic Center. The program featuring live birds, begins at 7 p.m.

### Sept. 4

- Cajun Music and Dance Festival on Sunday at 6 at the fundraiser for the PAC. For ticket information call 526-9047. Sponsored by the Highlands Accommodations Group and PAC.

### Sept. 9-11

- Sixth Native Plant Conference sponsored by the Highlands Biological Foundation to benefit the Highlands Botanical Garden. Registration is \$100 for all events. Forms are now available at the Biological Station on Sixth Street.

### Sept. 15

- InterChurch Pot Luck Supper at First

Baptist Church at 6 p.m. Call Pat Griffin at 526-2418.

### Sept. 24

Highlands Rotary Club presents its Celebration of Service Gala at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. This every-other-year Rotary event in the form of a gourmet dinner, silent auction and auction, with music by The

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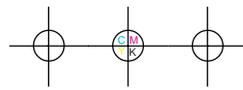
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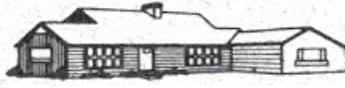
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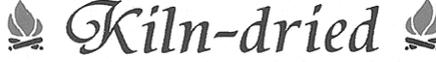
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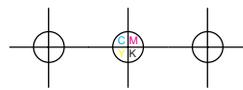
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## 'Finding a New Life in Venice'

In 1987, hankering for a place in the country and not finding it in New Hampshire, Sally Gable spied an ad in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine* about the availability of a villa outside Venice built by 16th-century Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. In 2005 Sally and her husband Carl published an account of their new home, entitled *Palladian Days: Finding a New Life in a Venetian Country House*, which they will autograph at Cyrano's Bookshop this Saturday, Aug. 20, from 1-3 p.m.

It took two years of negotiations for Sally and Carl to acquire the 425-year-old Villa Cornaro, named for the Carnaros, one of the most powerful families in Italian history. Indeed, the palace is considered one of the 10 most influential buildings in the world. Of the 18 authenticated Palladian structures in existence, it is rather unique, with both recessed and projecting double porticos, 104 frescoes and abundant statuary, and 44 shutters (all of which have to be opened and closed daily)—not to mention scorpions, pigeons, a leaky roof, a primitive kitchen, and some rotting joists.

Sally not only cherishes their new home but treats it with a deep sense of responsibility. She has ferreted out the history of this monument, trying to understand its small mysteries: from why there are no frescoes in some of the rooms to why tunnels lead hundreds of feet to the lake.

Frances Mayes, author of *Under the Tuscan Sun*, calls *Palladian Days* "a high-toned social and architectural history of a grand house, warmed by un-self-

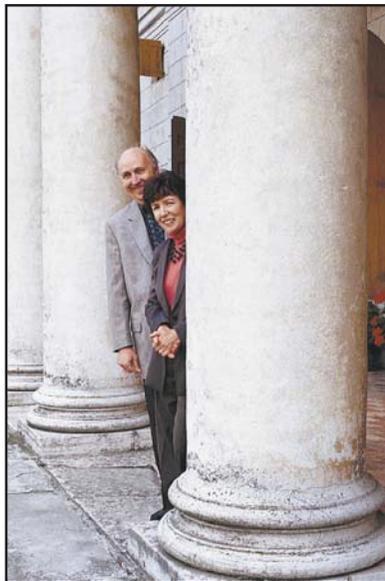
conscious love" and concludes, "Palladio would be thrilled!"

John Berendt, author of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, describes the book as lifting the notion of "buying a summer house to dizzying and delightful new heights. Sally and Carl Gable's fascinating account reads like a fast-paced, marvelously satisfying adventure story."

Sally herself says that just to think of buying a second home—not necessarily in the mountains or by a lake or on the beach—but in Venetian Italy and living in it was like "being asked to become a princess and live in a fairy tale." She worked hard to make it a livable home while preserving its historical integrity. She made friends in Piombino Dese and found many in her community who could help her care for the house. She writes about adjusting to life in her new surroundings, cultural differences

and language barriers, and even her favorite Italian recipes.

Sally and Carl divide their time between Atlanta and their Italian villa. Sally, a church music director by training, has served on the boards of Radcliffe College, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and other educational and musical organizations. Carl, a lawyer and businessman and author of a book on Venetian glass, has served on the boards of the Spoleto Festival USA, the Atlanta Opera, the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University, and the Center for Palladian Studies in America.



Carl and Sally Gable

## - News from Arica, Chili, part 1 -

# Arica is a long way from here

By Rachel Power

Highlands Rotary Exchange Student

Wow! The trip to Arica has been an adventure all by itself! I have been on an airplane for at least 20 hours in the first week of August.

First I flew to Washington D.C. for my visa and passport at the Chilean Consulate, then I came back home. Then the next day I flew from Atlanta to Miami, then waited for four hours with other Chilean exchanges until 35 of us loaded onto a plane that flew for eight hours to Santiago, Chile.

I slept for most of the way, but luckily I was awake in time to see us land in Santiago. We were all able to see the sun rise above the Andes mountains. I didn't realize the mountains were there because of the clouds that engulfed them, but as we got closer to the ground, I could tell that they were the Andes Mountains. They are totally different from Highlands mountains and they were so breathtaking! Out the windows on the other side of the plane you could see the beach coastline, which was odd, but just as beautiful.

After landing, a few Youth Exchange Organizers found us and took us to Valle Alemañas, a town that is an hour away from Santiago. Only 25 of us were there because the other 10 were picked up by their host families to go to their final destination or to go to Santiago. The trip to Valle Alemañas (Alemañas Valley) was gorgeous! There were some hills that were covered with vineyards, almond trees or orange groves. If they were not covered by trees, they were populated with a herd of cows, sheep or horses. Behind the hills were the Andes Mountains, the same ones we saw coming down.

Since the seasons are flipped, it is winter time over here. In Santiago and Valle Alemañas, the weather was between 30-40 degrees the whole time. Sadly, I was too busy focusing on Arica's warm weather while packing, and forgot that I was staying near Santiago for a couple of days! But I had a hoodie to keep me warm and a friend let me borrow her scarf. Most of the exchanges were from the United States, but there were a pair of Canadians, Germans, Danish girls and two from Finland. We also had a Swedish girl with us. While traveling, they shared their Finnish and Swedish chocolate and licorice from Denmark!

Everyone was equally excited about going to our host families and being in our cities or towns. It turned out that two there girls were going to my same city and my same school. One girl,

Sonja from Finland, is staying with the sister of my host mother so we are 'cousins' for the year. The other girl, Eva is from Denmark. She is staying in the same vicinity.

Before heading to Arica, we went to Alemañas and stayed in cabins, which are cabañas in Spanish. We ate together and when we didn't have to go to an orientation, we walked around, hiked up a hill that led to more beautiful hills and a gorgeous view of the Andes and played soccer.

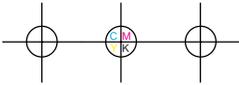
The orientations were about keeping safe and rules we had to follow. We also have to let them know how our trips are going and they told us what to do if we are sexually harassed. I guess that's a huge problem here. There were a few tarantulas outside the cabins.

On Saturday, 15 other people and I left for the airport for our destinations to Antofagasta, Arica, and La Serena. Sonja, Eva and I went on our plane that first stopped in Iquique, the city before Arica then we took a 22 minute ride to Arica. The landscape was all desert! The sand was a light red and was beautiful in the setting sun. We flew over the coast of Chile for most of the time and it was so pretty! When we landed into Arica, we literally squealed with excitement! It didn't take us long to find our families. My host mother, sister and father picked me up and took me to their house. I now live in a condominium that overlooks the city of Arica. They showed me around the house, then we went to Sonja's house to eat. We had pizza and a very delicious bread with walnuts and other stuff on top that my host grandma made. The entire family asked me so many questions — how the parties are in the U.S., what my schedule is for school and about everything! I could only answer a third of the questions. But it was fun and very exciting for me.

Today, which is Monday, I went to go get my uniform for school and look at the school. I will hopefully be joining a girls' soccer team! But they won't allow me to play rugby, or learn it because it is too dangerous for me. Too much like football, without the protection!

I am enjoying my stay for now. My host brother is going to take me to the school again and introduce me to his friends. So far this trip has been great, and I can't wait to experience more! Oh yeah, it turns out that school is from 8-6 p.m.! Wow! But we get an hour for lunch, which we have at home. And we have 10 classes a day! When I come back to Highlands, school will seem very short for me!

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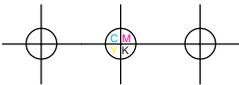


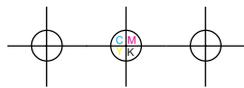
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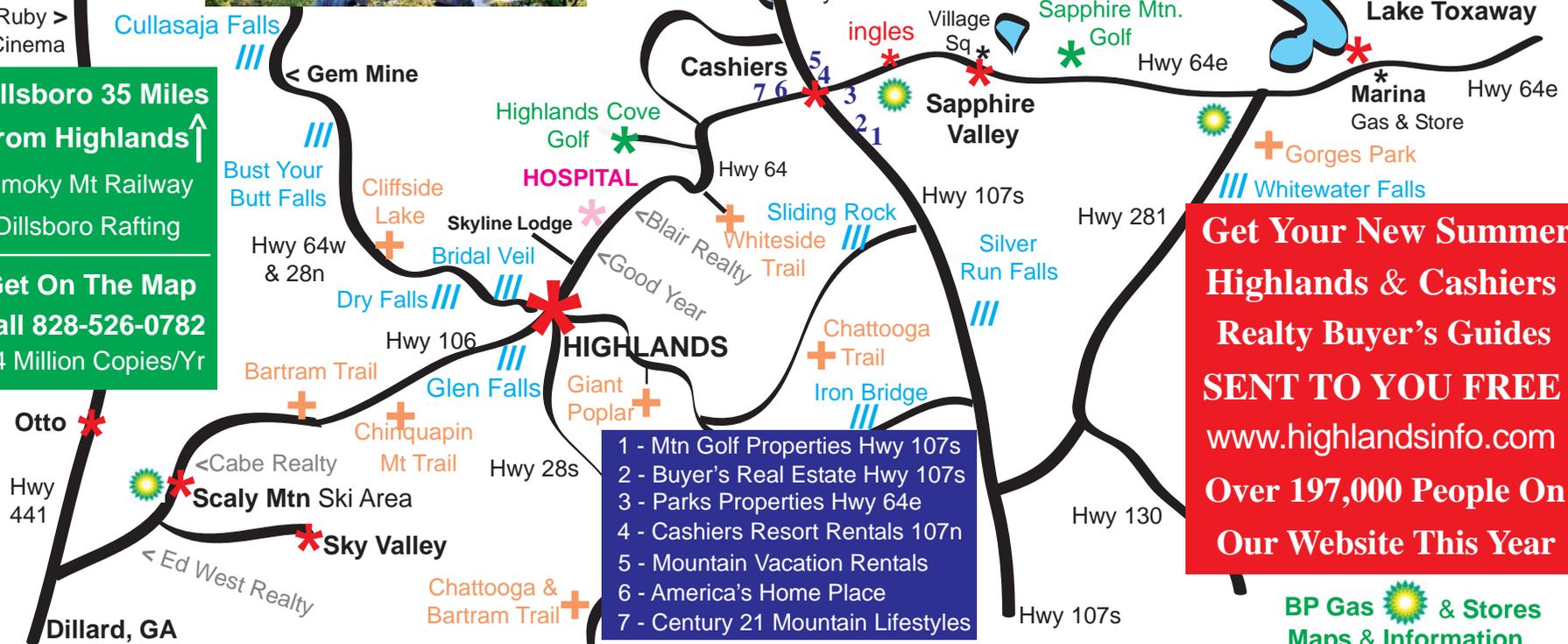


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