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- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop welcomes John Sawyer of Napa's Sawyer Vineyards, pouring samples of his new vintage wines 4:30-6 p.m.

**June 9**

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series, Thursday at 7p.m. at the Nature Center.
- Live entertainment at SweeTreats, Patty Campbell, pianist.

## Board: 'no' to rezoning

**By Erin Brown**  
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Chuck Simmerson's dreams of a multi-family development on a 4.72 acre tract bordered by Hickory, U.S. 64 east and Chestnut streets were buried for good Wednesday night when the

Town Board denied his petition for rezoning.

The parcel is currently split zoned R2-B3 and Simmerson wanted it rezoned R3 to build four buildings with four units in each, a single-family

▪See **MULTI-FAMILY** page 22

## OEI zoning petition approved

**By Kim Lewicki**  
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Wednesday night commissioners voted 3-2 to rezone a 50-ft. strip of Church Street B1 from B3, but the vote didn't come easily.

The streetscape of Church Street has long been plagued with a 12-ft high bluff which juts out into the setback making sidewalk and parking configurations difficult - two streetscape items high on the Town Board's list.

But Commissioner Amy Patterson wants to reduce B1 zoning in town not add to it, because B1 doesn't require setbacks or parking, she said.

"B1 was a zone we allowed to retro-fit a problem that already existed - businesses that couldn't provide parking. I don't think we should allow it if parking can be provided."

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf agreed "I'd love to see shops along the sidewalk but we need to consider the potential impact to other businesses and consider the need for parking in the area."

OEI architects devised a way to kill two birds with one stone - clean up the look of Church Street and solve the problem of rebuilding a non-conforming building on the bluff, currently in the setback.

Since the rebuilding of the non-conforming building from the foundation up caused such a stir with commissioners some months ago, OEI decided to cut the bluff back, build four shops fronted with a sidewalk on Church Street with a three-bedroom suite upstairs accessed from the Kelsey-Hutchinson Lodge property.

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## Volunteers prepare for 'Beetle Ball'



Artist Kathy Evans puts finishing touches on a sarcophagus for Saturday's Beetle Ball. It will be stuffed with white elephant items and a \$200 gift certificate to Rustix. In addition, the club collected \$5 from every member, which is the cost of two predator beetles to fight JMCA's battle against the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Don't miss your chance to attend the Beetle Ball on June 4 - games, music, food, a silent auction and lots of fun are all on the agenda. Tickets are \$85 available by calling Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance at 526-9938 ext. 320.

## Free health clinic closer to a reality

**By Kim Lewicki**

After months of organizing and negotiating, it looks like a free health clinic could be opening at county's health clinic on Buck Creek Road by August.

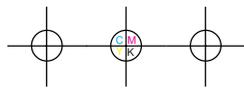
Committee members are talking with Macon County Health Dept. to work out the details. "I think it would be a good idea," said Macon County Commissioner Alan Bryson. "If the facility can be put to good use and used

more than one day a week as it is now, that would be good. That's what it's there for."

The Macon County Health Clinic at Zachary Field is open one day a week offering the county's standard health services. For starters, committee members want the new Community Care Clinic to be open at least one night a week.

With the number of uninsured, ▪See **HEALTH CLINIC** page 22

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## Hospital board should do the right thing

Dear Editor,

For the past 22 years I have been a grateful patient of Dr. Mark Heffington and he has served me faithfully both in his office in Cashiers and in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Whenever I've needed his help, he has been there for me.

Now I'm told by our community hospital officials that my physician is no longer welcome and that the hospital will, in essence, do whatever it can to drive him out. That is an outrage!

No matter how difficult the negotiations to expand the Cashiers Community Medical Center, to which I and so many others contributed, might have been, our hospital board could have found a way to work with our doctors.

Perhaps it is not too late. If others will join me in expressing their disgust at the recent actions of our hospital CEO and his board, maybe we can make a difference. We need Dr. Heffington and Dr. Wheeler in our community and in our hospital.

**Joy O'Toole**  
Highlands



## ● LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ●

### Reader says article on GMOs misleading

Dear Editor,

How pleased I was when you started your newspaper, as I felt it better represented the news in our town. Lately, I have become disturbed by some biased and misinforming articles.

The latest was the article in the May 27 edition entitled, "The real story behind America's food revealed."

I am not real sure the point of this article except to give Matlock Creek Farm a one-page free ad with a sensational, eye-catching title.

Being an educator by profession, I am aware how important it is to make sure the information I give students is fact and not exaggerated to one side to convey my opinion. I feel that newspapers should be held to the same standard.

I do not understand what is wrong with Genetically Modified Organisms (this means seeds). If we can create human life in a dish and implant I into a human, if we are using genetically altered cells daily to improve human life and cure human diseases what's the big deal about making our plants less susceptible to insects and diseases?

There is no proof that the human race is harmed by this. At this time, the only genetically altered seeds available are corn, wheat and soy beans.

In the article, the writer Ms. Brown, stated that 60 percent of the "processed" foods on the grocery shelves contain these altered ingredients. Well, what other chemicals, preservatives, additives are in processed foods? Doesn't our society's problems with food start with the fact we consume too much processed foods? Mr. Streiff, owner of Matlock Creek Farm, said that school lunch programs are affected and I challenge him to give proof to this statement before he challenges people to be informed "to combat this overwhelming problem."

The real truth of the matter is that a tiny fraction of the world is farmable land. Our population is skyrocketing. Farmers and farm companies had better find ways to raise food in the most efficient ways possible or we are going to starve. We need to support our local farmers and thank them. If you can't do this, then you had better plow up the back 40 and start raising your own food.

Big corporations are not just taking over the farming industry. So are communications, transportation, medical research, wholesale goods, and just about everything else in our lives. The days of Mom and Pop businesses are about to get us extinct as the dinosaur.

Also, Matlock Creek Farm is not a registered organic farm as it doesn't meet all of the strict guidelines to be one. This farming practice is far too expensive and time consuming to provide food for us.

The next time you go to the grocery store, look on the label to see the country of origin of the product you are buying. The USA has very strict guidelines for pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. Most of the country we import from do not. Do you know what is in your food and where it came from? Just try to find apple juice made in the USA. North Carolina is the sixth largest producer of apples in our country, too. You sure won't be able to look the farm in the eye as Mr. Streiff suggests if he lives in Indonesia. So the next time you cuss a farmer, don't have your mouth full.

**Jodie Zoellner**  
Highlands

### Issues raised should be addressed

Dear Editor,

Dr. Heffington's courageous letter which appeared in the May 27 issue of Highlands' Newspaper and the anguished decision which prompted it are to be congratulated.

The sorry state of affairs, which finds our Hospital Board pitted against the longest-term servant of the "best medical interests of our community," is well summarized by Dr. Mark, and his position requires the support of his appreciative patients. I am certainly one of those who are willing to speak out.

Fifteen or so years ago I was proud to serve on the Board of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and in addition to serve as its Chairman. At this time the focus was on fund-raising for the new hospital, and I am remiss in confessing that in my concentration on that goal, and in working toward the achievement of a CON for our nursing home beds, I was blind to the moves towards the consolidation of power which were proposed by Mr. Calloway.

Now, as Dr. Heffington has clearly explained, that concentration of power has

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## ● OBITUARY ●

### George Milton Penland

George Milton Penland, age 84, of Highlands, NC died Thursday, May 26, 2005. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Adin and Mattie Keener Penland. He was a retired US Postal Service worker and was a building contractor. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII and was a member of Shortoff Baptist Church.

He is survived by three sisters, Alma Young, Carolyn Fisher and Clara Lloyd.

Funeral services were held, Sunday, May 29 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Baker Crane officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. The family received friends from 1-2 p.m., one hour prior to service at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Leon McCall

Leon McCall, age 62, of Highlands, NC died Sunday, May 29, 2005 at his residence. A native of Macon County, NC, he was a son of the late Edgar and Elsie Green McCall. He worked as a heavy equipment operator.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Halley Talley McCall; three daughters, Julie M. Reed of Clayton, GA, Laura Angela McCall of Highlands, NC, and Sadie Jane McCall of Highlands; a son Ricky George McCall of Highlands, NC; a sister, Rose Mary Riggelman of Highlands, NC; two brothers, Mack Arthur McCall of Highlands, NC and Jerry McCall of Franklin, NC; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Alton Dendy officiating. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

The family received friends from 1-2 p.m. one hour prior to the service at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

Pallbearers were Doug McCall, Daniel Lee McCall, Doyle Wayne McCall, Junior Reed, Stanley Reed, and Gary McClure. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

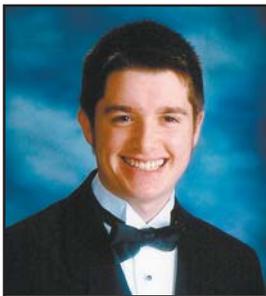
## The students behind the title

By Erin Brown

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The grades have been tallied and the final exams taken; four years of hard work have finally paid off.

The valedictorian and salutatorian have been chosen for Highlands School and they are... Alex Osteen and Kayla McCall.



**Alex Osteen**  
Valedictorian

Osteen is planning to

attend Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem and McCall is to attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

McCall said she has enrolled in the six-year pharmacy program.

"I've always been interested in the medical field," McCall said. Her mother, Lynn, was a nurse and McCall said she saw what her mother did and wanted to help people but did not want to be that "hands on."

"My strongest subjects are math and science, but I couldn't do all the blood and gore, so I knew I needed a

combination of both subjects," she said.

McCall's scholarships include the Heffington, the Quilter's Guild, Retired School Personnel and A.L. Williams' promise of \$2,500 guaranteed for salutatorian. Williams promised \$5,000 for valedictorian and a definite \$1,000 for each graduating senior at last years



**Kayla McCall**  
Salutatorian

graduation day festivities.

Osteen's scholarship's include the Heffington, the Town of Highlands, Williams' and Wake Forest is offering \$31,000 in financial aid and student loans.

Osteen said he's unsure what his major will be, but he thinks it will have something to do with international relations.

Osteen spent his sophomore year abroad in Spain with the Rotary Exchange Program and said his second language, Spanish, is still very strong

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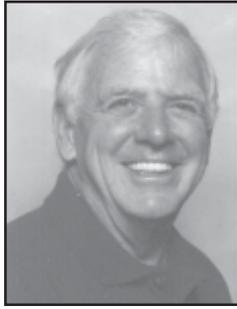
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Fred Wooldridge

the black goo already. I can't wait to write about the first speeder who leaves the road and winds up in someone's living room.

Anyway, the paving is on temporary hold until the historical architects from DOT (can you believe there is such a thing)? can study the

environmental effects of paving the road. Shouldn't that have been done from the get go, before all this fighting started? Are they ever going to kiss and make up? Do we care?

So there was yet another meeting, I believe number 6,265, on the Bowery Road issue. A very nice lady from DOT came out to take pictures of the cute little survey flags that line the road. She will take the pictures back to her office and study each flag closely before writing her report. These little flags will eventually wind up at the Guinness Book of Records museum, marking the longest and most boring road project in the history of paving. Entire coast to

coast interstate highways have been started and completed since this project began.

Folks from the lower seven-tenths of the road who are against the paving, presented the historical architect with a leashed pet salamander they dug up from their front yard. A note attached to the end of the leash read, "Please don't kill me." They also presented her with pictures of a very rare and endangered species, the spotted owl, supposedly seen in the area. Actually the picture was taken in 1967 by a Highlander while visiting Arizona.

Folks from upper Bowery Road

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• **MOVIE PIX** •

**One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest**

**D**irected by Milos Forman, screenplay by Lawrence Hauben and Bo Goldman, starring Louise Fletcher, Will Sampson, Danny DeVito, Christopher Lloyd (in his first film appearance) and Jack Nicholson, in what may be his only non-creepy role ever. Based on the novel by Ken Kesey.



**Stuart Armor  
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The Storyline: Randle P. McMurphy (Nicholson) is a man seeking a change of address, understandably, since he is in jail. He thinks 68 days in the state mental hospital might be a bit easier than doing time in the big house, and he gets his wish, for better or worse. His arrival and settling into the hospital is funny, scary, and tragic. His attempts to interact with the inmates, and his attempt to retain any semblance of individuality quickly attract the attention of Institutionalism Personified, the formidable, soft spoken and absolutely terrifying Nurse Ratched (brilliantly, flawlessly portrayed by Louise Fletcher), and attention from Nurse Ratched is hardly ever a good thing.

McMurphy first engages his fellow inmates out of boredom, but eventually comes to care about them and their plight, and being a bit of a rebel, rebellion is what he has to offer them. McMurphy is a kind of catalyst for the largely drugged and defeated patients, and basketball, poker games and fishing trips take on more significance when viewed as part of the epic struggle with the imposing Ratched. You can see the story building to a conclusion as this irresistible force acts on the immovable object, and you get the idea that it might not be pretty.

Those familiar with Kesey's novel will understand the impossibility of turning it directly into a screen play, so the way the story is told is altered from narration into direct action. And although Kesey hated what Forman did with his story, it really did come out well, in some ways better, or at least more approachable, than the book. Nicholson, who seems born to play this role, was interestingly the third choice for the part, after Marlon Brando, Gene Hackman, and James Caan. Fletcher as Ratched, is positively brilliant, auditioned for the role for six

months before finally being cast one week before filming started. The film really is a genuine classic in American cinema, and a real must see for fans of Nicholson, Kesey and Forman, all brilliant in their own fields.

More of Jack Nicholson's best can be seen in The Shining, Wolf, Witches of Eastwick and As Good As It Gets. More of

Forman's films include Hair and Amadeus, and Man on the Moon. Fletcher can also be seen in Map of the World, Cruel Intentions, and Two Moon Junction.

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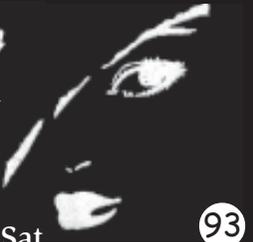
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## Macon County's 'crimestoppers' program has community support

A local group of business and civic leaders have established Macon County Crime Stoppers, a non-profit corporation, to assist local law enforcement agencies.

Crime Stoppers is based on the principal that "Someone other than the criminal has information that can solve a crime" and was created to combat the three major problems faced by law enforcement in generating that information: Fear of REPRISAL, an attitude of apathy and reluctance to get involved.

Crime Stoppers resolves these problems by offering anonymity to people who provide information about crimes and Paying rewards when the information supplied leads to an arrest.

"It will give people the opportunity to do the right thing when it comes to reporting crimes and illegal activity and they do not have to fear retaliation from suspects," said Macon County Sheriff Robbie Holland. "One important thing to remember is people don't like having to go to court and if you are anonymous you can't be forced to come to court."

Holland said the program is extremely beneficial because it allows the public to assist law enforcement agencies in an investigation -- "actually encourages the public to assist us," he said. "We know that many times there is someone out there that knows more about a crime or illegal activity other than the suspect. We want that person to call."

Three essential elements make up a Crime Stopper Program: the community, the media and law enforcement agencies.

Citizens are responsible for forming a Crime Stoppers non-profit corporation, whose directors establish policy, determine amount and method of reward payments, work closely with law enforcement and the media and generally oversee the program. The directors are also responsible for fund raising, and all volunteer service. Tax money is not sought.

Crime Stoppers methods, objectives, successes and phone numbers are publicized on a regular basis by the media. Unsolved crimes are given special treatment with details published in newspapers, on radio and in certain cases a re-enactment on television.

A special Crime Stoppers phone with

a well-publicized number is provided to the community. Callers are assigned a special code and are never required to give their names. If, after the investigation, the information leads to an arrest, the caller is entitled to a reward.

"It will benefit local law enforcement because it will be our program here in Macon County," said Holland. "It will give people a number they can call 24 hours a day and remain anonymous at all times."

Here in Macon County the Macon County Crime Stoppers Board of Directors will oversee the program and approve all rewards based upon the information presented by the MCCC Coordinator.

When an anonymous call is received by Crime Stoppers, it is documented by date and time and a brief summary of the information provided by the caller. The caller is then given a secret code and asked to call back in a few days. The secret code is then used as a means of identifying which case a caller is referring to each time they call back. With the use of this secret code the caller will be able to check on the status of the investigation they provided information for. The caller's only requirement to do so will be to remember their secret code and to collect their reward if an arrest is made.

After an arrest, the apprehension of a fugitive, or the recovery of stolen property or illegal drugs is made, the Board of Directors will vote on the reward and the amount. The Board will base their determination on what significance the information provided to MCCC by the caller assisted in the investigation. Arrangements will then be made between MCCC and the caller to pick up their reward. The caller will then be given a designated and secure location to receive their CASH reward and will continue to remain completely anonymous as always.

Macon County Crime Stoppers will be soliciting donations from businesses and individuals throughout the local community. Solicitation will be done in person and never by telephone or by mail. All donations are tax deductible. Tax money is not sought.

The Macon County Crime Stoppers  
 ■ See **CRIMESTOPPERS** page 21



# Highlands organizations rally for local students' civics project

**By Rachel Power**  
Contributor

Rainforests provide so much for us. We depend on nature for our every necessity. For protection, providing food, and for creating medicines – 50 percent of the oxygen we breathe is from the rainforest (actually, for Highlands, 100 percent of our oxygen is from our deciduous rainforest). But the world has not realized the importance of conserving our main source of life, and we have only 75 million acres left on the earth.

This realization is very shocking and sad. This year I was able to help preserve the rainforests with the help of my Highlands School Civics Teacher Mr. Chris Green and two other students, Kelli Baer and Chase Jenkins.

In late April, Mr. Green gave his civics class an extra credit project of raising money to join the Adopt-an-Acre program.

The Adopt-an-Acre program is part of the Nature's Conservancy, an international non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve the plants, animals and natural communities which represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive. Their Acre Program provides funds for rainforest acquisition and protection. Every year, the Conservancy focuses on a certain rainforest in critical need of help and protection. This year they have chosen the East Kalimantan Province of Indonesia to protect the last of the endangered orangutan population. The cost is \$75 to buy and help preserve an acre.

Mr. Green gave us the assignment of raising money to buy an acre, with the understanding that we would get extra credit for it. When I heard about this, I immediately seized the opportunity to take the project to another level. While reaching my goal of conserving the rainforest, I found that Chase and Kelli were interested, too. They were just as ambitious as I was and determined to make a change. We didn't actually do this for extra credit, but rather to save what was left of our main source of life. Our goal was to get three acres of rainforest.

Thanks to Kim Lewicki, publisher of Highlands' Newspaper and Mrs. Bomengen, our school principal, we

were able to present our project to the Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club and asked for their help with our project. A week later, the Mountain Top donated \$75 for our cause.

To get the attention of the student body, I thought it would be a good idea if we made a tree to be displayed in the school lobby where everyone passes. We made a trunk out of construction paper, and sold paper leaves for \$1 and butterflies for \$5. Soon the naked trunk was filled with leaves and colorful paper butterflies with the names of all the donors.

All the money we collected from the purchases of leaves and butterflies and other donations was put into an account.

To our pleasant surprise, there were a lot more butterflies than leaves, which meant we reached our goal at a faster rate!

We also got support from Debbie Grossman, who allowed us to put a flier on her bulletin board at her restaurant,

Fressers, to inform customers about our project. Chase came up with the idea of distributing flyers for the elementary students to take home to show their parents. We got many generous donations from the kids and parents too!

From the last week in April to the third week of May, students and parents kept donating money for the rainforest. We got to our goal of three acres by the end of the second week. We decided to go higher on our next goal. Kelli suggested we try to get to seven acres of rainforest. That meant we had to raise \$525!

By the second week in May we were \$10 away from getting enough money for six acres. But our luck soon changed. While visiting Debbie to collect money from donors, she graciously donated \$85 for the Adopt-an-Acre. Program that immediately put us at seven acres.

We were ecstatic to see we had reached our goal. Our highest goal was met, and we are thankful to all who donated — especially those who donated more than \$20 – Junior Beta, Mrs. Taylor and the Highlands-Cashiers Temperance Service, Dr. Wagner, Highlands Mountain Top Rotary Club and Fressers. Thank you for showing your support for Highlands School students, and the rainforest.



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led to some unfortunate decisions which are most definitely not in the "best medical interests of our community."

One of the prime rationales presented to the Cashiers community for continuing to have a hospital here, i.e., the need for constructing a new hospital as the old facility was about to be shut down, was that we could not expect to recruit and retain quality primary care physicians without offering them a proper, up-to-date facility in which to continue their patients' care when critical care became necessary.

Fast-forward 15 or so years, and suddenly the hospital doesn't even need those physicians any more! What could the Board and its Executive Committee possibly be thinking which results in decisions that virtually force the resignation of our dedicated and respected family doctor? Certainly Mr. Nussbaum's letter offers no hint of explanation. It is instead the usual brush-off received when closer inquiries are made of the hospital's executives.

Those of us who have been so fortunately and faithfully served by our community doctors should not allow the Board to accept Dr. Heffington's resignation. Surely there is a means of reaching a satisfactory compromise for the future of our community-funded Cashiers Health Care facility and all the caring health-care professionals who serve our hospital. If the effective dismissal of Dr. Heffington and Dr. Wheeler is the best our Hospital Board can do, then it's time we all speak out to seek better representation and service elsewhere. It is, after all, our hospital, too!

My conclusion is that our best medical interests are far better served by having Drs. Heffington and Wheeler on the hospital's medical staff, and able to speak out, than forced from service to all patients at that facility.

**Romney W. Bathurst**  
Former Hospital Board Member and Chairman  
Highlands

### Restore Heffington's affiliation

Dear Editor,

It is hard to know all the causes of Dr. Mark Heffington's letter of resignation from the H/C Hospital and the Board's acceptance of it. It is much, much harder for us to accept it.

I served on the Hospital Board some 20 years ago at the time of the decision to build the new hospital. Dr. Heffington was the first physician we met then -- he has been our primary care physician, as well as our good friend, ever since.

Next to a spouse, there is no one more intimately involved in life than one's family physician. Mark has been beside us through all of our times and trials, both good and bad. We trust him totally and support him now.

Five years ago, we moved from our home in Cashiers to the Highlands retirement community of Chestnut Hill, in large part because of the nearness of the H/C Hospital and Dr. Heffington's association with it. It is impossible to understand the need of the hospital to sever Mark's ability to serve his patients with inpatient care.

Surely the good men and women of the Hospital Board can find a way to restore Dr. Heffington's affiliation. There may be personal frictions, but there cannot be any question of Mark's qualifications and willingness to serve his patients in the H/C Hospital.

At another time of fundraising, the hospital's reputation, not Dr. Heffington's, rests on resolution of this troubling matter. Our community deserves much more than a patronizing letter of dismissal from the Board.

**George and Anne Boone**  
Highlands

### Be responsible for your own actions

Dear Editor,

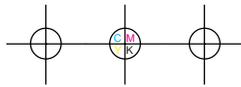
This is in response to the letter from Edna Foster titled-Say "no" to the cheeseburger bill which appeared in the May 27 issue of Highlands' Newspaper.

Ms. Foster complains that the bill will prevent people from suing the food industry when they become "addicted" to the food. This is absurd. When are these people going to learn that you have to take some personal responsibility?

The first lawsuit against the fast-food industry was in 2002. A man in New York blamed his obesity and diabetes on McDonald's. Maybe this isn't a federal issue and maybe it should be the courts' job to decide which lawsuits are frivolous but maybe some of us should get up and exercise and have enough control over our bodies to choose to eat or not to eat. The government shouldn't have to be your babysitter. If you have health problems because of your eating habits, there is no one to blame but yourself.

**Sam Chambers, Highlands**  
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(notice I did not say uppity) brought along their lawyer, causing folks from lower Bowery Road to do the same. Everyone is getting a little nervous here so the lawyers were there just in case someone misspoke. "Misspoke" is a political word invented by President Bill Clinton which means "I have just been caught in an out and out lie. The Pres. also redefined the word "is" and lawyers have also added that to their bag of tricks.

Anyway, you know what happens when two or more lawyers gather at the same spot? That's right, double trouble with money flowing out of folks' pockets and into theirs. That's exactly what happened because someone suggested another collection basket be passed around. Looks to me like the only people who really benefited from this meeting were the lawyers.

Once the study of the little flags is complete, a report and the pictures of the flags will be sent to the cone heads in Raleigh who will read the report and further study the flags. Once that's complete, a decision will

be made. This, of course, is all meaningless because, in the interim, phone calls are being made from both sides of the issue, trying to influence the decision of the folks who are charged with studying little survey flags. The side with the most clout wins. So if you have a friend who has a cousin who knows a guy who is married to a DOT executive, make the call.

Only a few folks were expected to show up for the meeting, but the word got out and even people who didn't live on Bowery Road came to the meeting so they could put in their two cents worth (not literally) They were about to be told to butt out and go home when one of the lawyers saw that one of the outsiders had a bulging wallet and suggested he be allowed speak. This is democracy in action, folks, so watch this play out.

I personally knew about the meeting but did not attend. I just look dumb but "I is" much smarter than you might think. I didn't want to be the first Highlander to be tied down and stoned to death on Bowery Road.

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even though he had to take three English classes his senior year to make up for it.

"Most of school wasn't too hard, except for this past year," he said. "But I'm definitely ready for a break."

Osteen and his mother, Janet, are traveling to Iowa to visit his grandfather, who will then accompany Osteen to Canada.

McCall will be staying in town and working at Nick's Restaurant and taking a trip to Florida before she starts school in late August.

"I'm a little nervous about starting over," she said. "I'm a little shy when I meet new people, but I'm really excited."

It was a close call between the two straight A students and Osteen said it couldn't have been more than a tenth of a point that separated them. Osteen and McCall both said that getting straight A's in everything was more of the goal than becoming valedictorian or salutatorian.

"It was always in the back of my head, but it was not an intentional decision," said McCall. "It's not what I was set on."

In order for a student to be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian he/she must have been enrolled on or before the first day of the junior year. Only grades earned in an accredited high school will be used in computation to

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Osteen said he is currently writing his speech for the graduation ceremony set for next Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park.

"I'm definitely going to keep it short," he said.

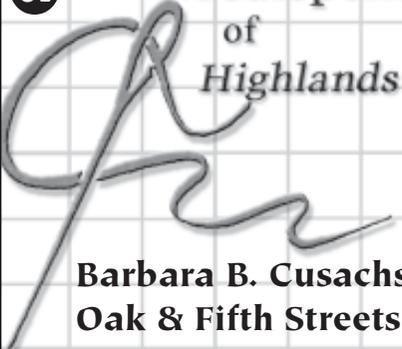
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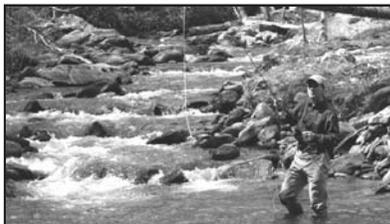
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## New Century Scholars honored at banquet



New Century Scholars at Highlands School were recently recognized. Seniors Janice Talley (pictured with Highlands School vice principal Mark Thomas and Macon County School assistant superintendent Suzi Cabe) and Michelle Dendy were honored at the annual Senior Recognition Banquet held at Mill Creek Country Club in Franklin in April.

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Because the building and the bluff is in the Church Street setback, a sidewalk couldn't be constructed on the south side of the street without jutting into the driveway, nor would there be room for parking spaces along the sidewalk.

With the bluff cut back and the strip rezoned B1 50 feet in from the corner of Fourth, the streetscape will be "straightened out" which will allow for a sidewalk and four or five more parking places in front of the shops.

"We want to put everything on street level and the back wall of the new building will act as a retaining wall," said OEI's CEO Mario Gomes.

"Re-zoning of the strip solves three

problems," said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein. "It cleans up the streetscape, solves the setback problem and creates more parking."

Commissioners Patterson and DeWolf voted against the rezoning request.

Commissioner Herb James said what's planned for the area is much better than what is there now.

OEI engineer Bronce Pesterfield said it's a way to make a conforming situation rather than a nonconforming one.

OEI spokesman, George Mathis, said OEI has also agreed to put four more parking spaces in front of the generator farther down the street.

All parking on Church Street is currently two-hour parking.

# The birth of Highlands' SOAR

**Editor's Note:** This is a multi-part series on the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, its origins and the Special Operations Adventure Race. Two races – a adventure race and a spirit race – are set in Highlands for June 25, 2005.

By Erin Brown

highlandserin@aol.com

In 2002 Special Operations Warrior Foundation was in charge of providing education for 330 children, this year the number has jumped to 500. The organization is dedicated to providing college educations to the children of fallen special operators.

"With everything going on it will continue to grow," Lieutenant Colonel David Horwitz said. "We try to do our best but it still happens."

The foundation began 25 years ago with an aborted mission, dubbed Operation Eagle Claw, aimed at rescuing 53 American hostages who were held by Iranian terrorists at the U.S. Embassy compound in Tehran, Iran.

The mission was terminated at the last minute due to mechanical problems with one of the crew's helicopters, and eight special operations members died when another helicopter collided with an EC-130 transport plane at the mission's desert rendezvous point.

Born out of tragedy and heartache, the foundation was set in motion that night in the desert, when a group of survivors pledged to care for the children of their fallen comrades. Since then the foundation has awarded grants to about 530 children of more than 440 special operations personnel who have given their lives to ensure the freedom of America.

Horwitz, whose parents Bill and Nancy reside in Highlands, has witnessed the travesties of war firsthand and took a bold and proactive step in helping his fellow servicemen.

"Our maximum life insurance policies pay out at \$250,000 and that just doesn't cover the families' expenses." Most military wives have young children and are immediately thrown into the single working parent lifestyle, not to mention the devastation of being a widow, \$250,000 doesn't cover the everyday expenditure, he said.

Horwitz said most servicemen have supplemental polices which they pay out of pocket and it would probably take an "Act of Congress" to provide a higher pay out.

"It's my personal belief that it should be upped," he said. "The military just can't afford it for everybody."

Horwitz spoke with Highlands

Mayor Buck Trott about having a fundraiser for the foundation in Highlands and the Mayor suggested an adventure race. Horwitz loved the idea and the Special Operations Adventure Race, SOAR, began. The Special Operations Adventure Race, sponsored by the foundation, is held annually to raise money for the fund. The dates for the auction are June 23 and June 25 for the adventure and spirit race. This year there will be two races – a spirit race and an adventure race. This year marks the third year for SOAR, which comes to the Highlands/Cashiers area every summer, but it is also marks the silver anniversary of the foundation's inception.

Horwitz, is the head of the Command Squadron for Special Tactics at Hurlburt Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla. He trains, equips and mans airmen in three different categories. First are battlefield airmen, who are combat air traffic controllers and call air strikes for Special Forces; combat search and rescue, who are para-rescuers trained in rescuing men lost in the battlefield.

"Many remember John Chapman and the Seal platoon at Robert's Ridge in Afghanistan," Horwitz said.

Para-rescuers tried to recover Neal Roberts who had fallen out of a helicopter over the Afghani Mountains and eventually succumbed to his wounds.

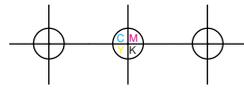
The third group Horwitz trains is combat weathermen who forward locations and produce weather locations to prevent helicopters from taking off in inclement weather.

After 9-11 Horwitz felt an even greater responsibility to the children of his contemporaries and looking into the eyes of his two children he vowed to do whatever he could.

"We are a tightly knit group and we take care of our own," he said. "We have recently lost people within this month and our job is taking care of those families."

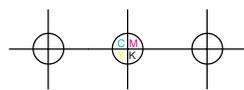
Horwitz said the SOWF benefits everybody and is a way to compensate people who are consistently put themselves in harms way to guarantee liberty.

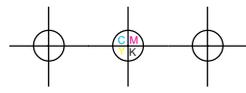
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<p><b>Class of 2005, Congratulations and good luck!</b> – From Shiraz Oriental Rugs</p>	<p>Alex, Where you stand depends on where you sit. Continue to stand up for the forgotten. – Mom &amp; Dad</p>	<p><b>Congratulations Seniors!</b> The future is NOW! – Xtreme Threads</p>	<p><b>Class of 2005, Here's to the end of one chapter...the begin- ning of another! Enjoy it.</b> – The Lewicki Family</p>	<p><b>Good Luck to you all. Keep a steady path through your exciting future!</b> – Katy's on Main</p>
<p>Andrew, Remember: Jesus makes God visible and change possible and happi- ness attainable and re- sources ample and suffering understandable and sin for- givable and heaven available. Mom &amp; Dad</p>	<p><b>Class of 2005 seniors and especially Angela &amp; Kathryn. Congratulations from Kristen &amp; Will &amp; every- one at Village Kids!</b></p>	<p>Kristi, Congratulations! We're very proud of you! We love you! – Daddy, Mama, Granny, Nanny, Papa, Uncle Sid, Meg, Aunt Debbie, Clay, Amber, Unk, Jackie &amp; Ashley</p>	<p><b>Congratulations and best of luck in the future. We, and the community are proud of you!</b> – Mountain Fresh Foods</p>	<p><b>Congratulations Class of 2005!</b> "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jer. 29:11 (Liv.) – Community Bible Church</p>
<p><b>Follow your heart, and you'll never take the wrong path!</b> – Cyrano's Book Shop</p>	<p>Kayla, Congratulations! We are so proud of you. Continue to choose high standards for your life and remain faithful to them. We love you. Dad, Mom &amp; Craig</p>	<p><b>Encourage each other while it is still today!</b> – Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church</p>	<p>Angela, For I know the plans that I have for you de- clares the Lord, plans to prosper you, not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Love, Mom &amp; Dad</p>	<p><b>Congratulations and Good Luck from the folks at Macon Bank!</b></p>
<p>Erin, Stay sweet and keep smiling. We love you! – John, Lila, Allen, Michael and Jared</p>	<p><b>Congratulations and Good Luck from the folks at D&amp;J Express Mart!</b></p>	<p>Travis, Let my heart be wise. It is the gods' best fit. – Euripedes – Love Mom, Dad, Alia, Spencer &amp; Parker</p>	<p>Travis, You were born with what we all seek through- out our years in this world, the wisdom of the heart. You have the ability to see past facades into the innate truth that lies</p>	<p>Allen, We love you, we're proud of you and we miss you already! – Dad, Mom, Michael and Jared</p>
<p><b>Congratulations to you all!</b> – Janet, King &amp; Meredith at The Custom House</p>	<p><b>Congratulations Amy!</b> We love you. Always remember, only from the heart can you touch the sky! – Dad, Mom, Jessica, Matthew, Adam, Analyse, Ella &amp; Riley</p>	<p><b>Congratulations from SweetTreats in Highlands!</b></p>	<p>within. Yours is a chal- lenging gift, sometimes a lonely one, but ultimately triumphant for love is always the truest gift. – Love Mom, Dad, Alia, Spencer &amp; Parker</p>	<p><b>May your future be bright. Congratulations from The Sports Page</b></p>
<p>Allen, We are so proud of the man you have become! It is a pleasure to see you graduate. – Love the Keeners.</p>	<p><b>Congratulations and Good Luck for a bright future from the folks at Country Club Properties!</b></p>	<p>Kayla, It is with great pride and joy we watch you graduate! – Love always from the Keeners.</p>	<p><b>Congratulations and here's to a great future!</b> – Nantahala Realty</p>	<p>Matt Man, All the love of your family is with you as you graduate. We will always be here for you. – Love, Dad, Mom, Sarah and Nathan</p>
<p><b>The future is yours! Work hard and enjoy.</b> – Southern Hands</p>	<p><b>Congratulations Kelsey Ann. A bright and wonderful future awaits you!"</b> – Love Nana &amp; Opa</p>	<p><b>Congratulations from all of us at John Schiffli Real Estate</b></p>	<p>Kelsey, You're well on your way to the top. We love you. – Mom and Tim Go Dawgs!</p>	<p><b>May God Bless and Keep You.</b> Highlands United Methodist Church</p>





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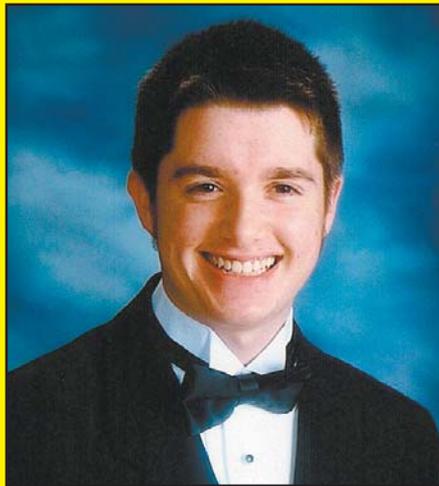


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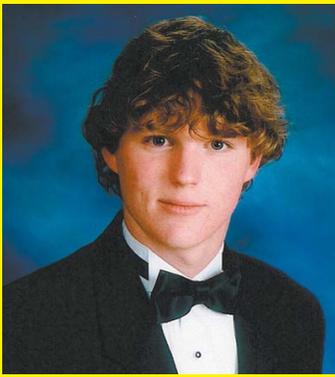
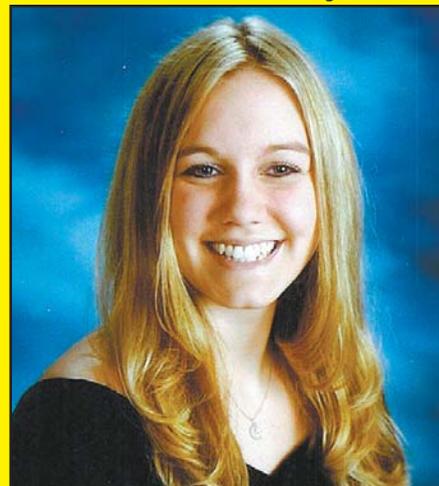


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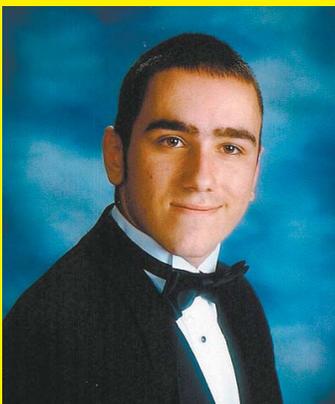
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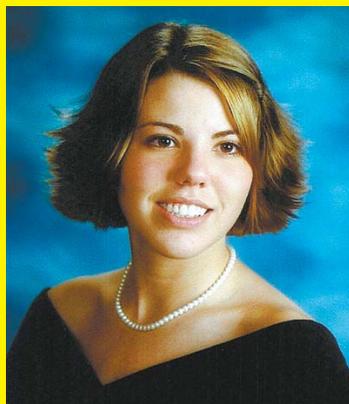
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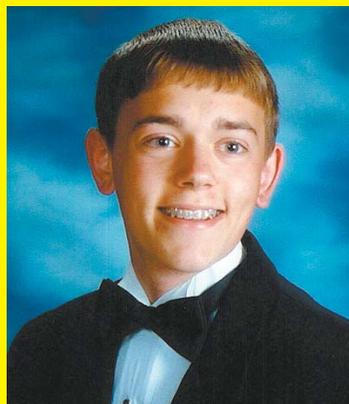
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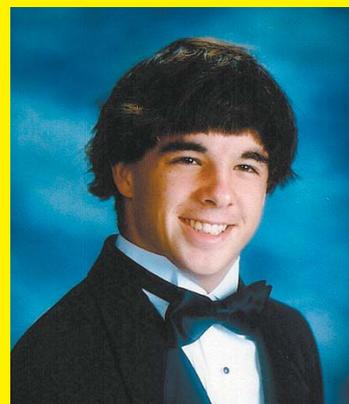
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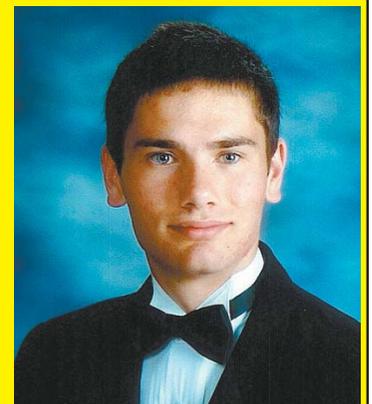
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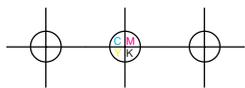


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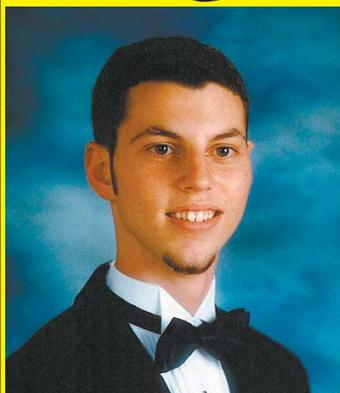


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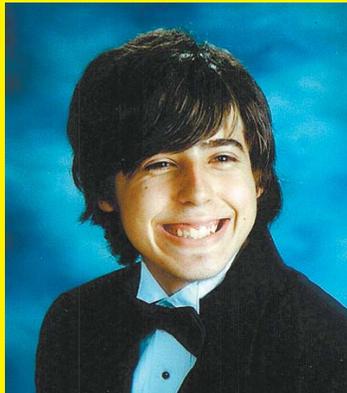




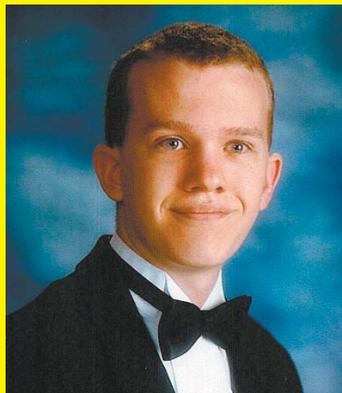
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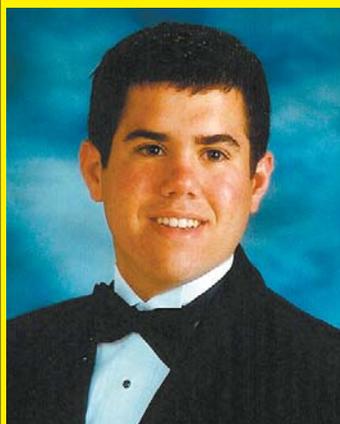
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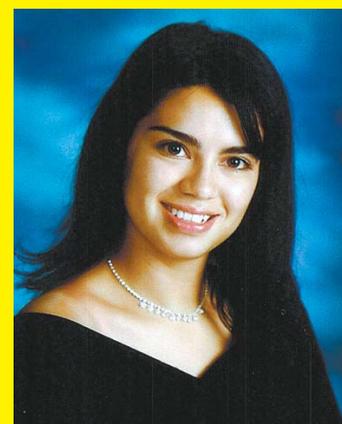
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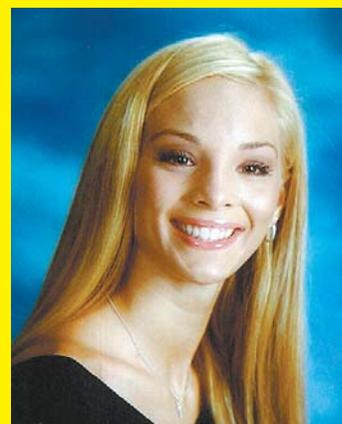
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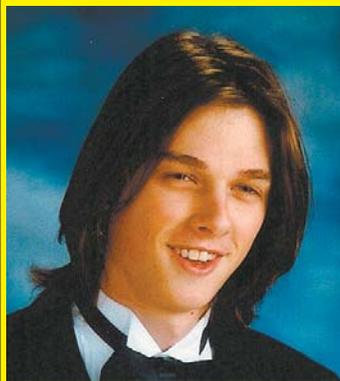
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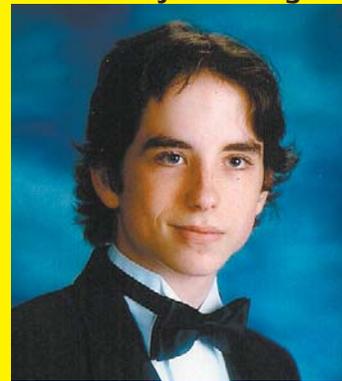
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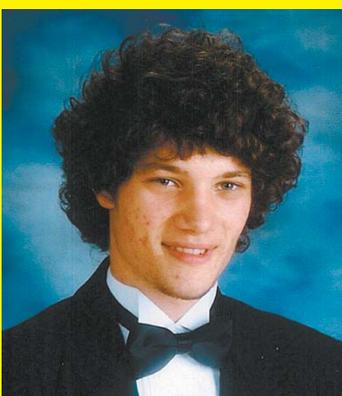
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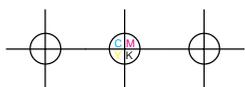


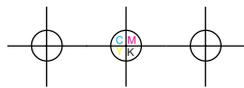
**Robert Wilson**



**Jessica Ziebarth**  
NC Scholar

**Class of 2005  
Graduation  
June 4, 7 p.m.  
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Civic Center**





# From us to you ... Class of 2005

<b>Acknowledge the Lord and He will direct your paths!</b> – Highlands First Baptist Church	<b>McKenzie,</b> Best wishes for a bright future! – Love, Dad, Mom & Sayward	<b>Best of Luck to All of You!</b> – 4 1/2 Street Inn	<b>McKenzie,</b> It's been nice to watch you grow into such a special person. – Love, Nanny	<b>Here's to a bright future from the folks at Edward Jones Investors</b>
<b>Janice,</b> Congratulations. I am so proud of you. May God always be with you in college. I love you. – Mom	<b>Congratulations Chris.</b> We love you and are very proud of you. What a fine young man, you have become! Love, Mom & Jennifer	<b>We couldn't be prouder of you, Jeremy.</b> We wish you much success in all you do. Remember, our love is with you wherever you go. – Dad, Mom and Darin	<b>Kayla,</b> It has been a great delight having you as part of our family. May the Lord bless your future decisions. We will miss you greatly. Love, George, Gabrielle, and Girls	<b>Kayla,</b> Be happy, careful and proud of yourself! Remember, look to the Lord, he's there. Gonna miss you. Love you, Sissy. – Marlee & Gracie
<b>Kelsey,</b> What a great joy it has been to watch you grow into a beautiful young lady. Follow your dreams and always remember where home is. Love you, Dad, Gabrielle, and Sisters	<b>Tim,</b> We are so proud of you! Always remember, work hard, pray hard and love the Lord. We love you. – Mom, Dad, Kim & Scott	<b>Kathryn,</b> What a wonderful blessing it has been to watch you transform into women after Christ's own heart. We love you dearly, George, Gabrielle, & Girls	<b>Hannah,</b> Congratulations! Blessings on your future. You are a beautiful young woman, of whom we are very proud. – Dad, Mom, Josh	<b>Matt Man,</b> Your high energy and quite spirit will be greatly missed. Good luck on your new journey. We love you, George, Gabrielle, Girls
<b>Allison,</b> We've treasured each day since August 1, 1987. Words can't describe how proud we are! You have your own agenda in life and we are with you all the way. Congratulations! Love Always, Dad, Mom & Kenny	<b>Kathryn,</b> "Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy, think on such things." You are such a blessing to us by all you do and say. Keep singing your life song, never lose your faith nor your passion. – Love Mom and Dad.	<b>Erin,</b> Sooner or later! We are very proud of you. We love you very much – Mom, Dad, Emily & Tyler	<b>Catlin,</b> We love you and are proud of you. We look forward to sharing your bright future. Love Mom & Tillmon	<b>Jenna,</b> What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God. – Love Mom & Dad
<b>Allen,</b> Congratulations! We are very proud of you. We love you very much. – Jesse, Michelle, Erin, Emily and Tyler	<b>Andrew,</b> Proverbs 1:8 "Listen, my son, to your Father's instruction and do not foresake your Mother's teachings. – Love The Coppage Family.	<b>Class of 2005,</b> God bless each of you. Seek Him daily and experience the abundant life. – The Coppage Family	<b>Congratulations to all of you!</b> Village Boutique	<b>Class of 2005</b> Congratulations to a bright and exciting future! From the folks at The Old Edwards Inn & Spa

## 2005 Highlander Basketball Camp

July 11-14

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the new gym  
Cost: \$50 per child before July 1

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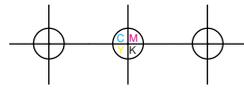
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## Cub Scout Pack 207 Pinewood Derby



Carter Potts, Alex Bronaugh, Samuel Craig, Cameron St. John, Josh Wolfrey, Timmy Bronaugh, Tay Bronaugh, Clay Tucci-Caselli, Kyle Gabbard, Chase Grant, Gavin Johnson, and Bull Salzarulo after a successful Pinewood Derby Day.





# Highlands Historical Society recipient of Barratt artifacts

Judy Hempe Johansson found Highlands' Newspaper on-line the spring of 2004 and began an email relationship with Publisher Kim Lewicki. The relationship developed into a friendship and a visit to Highlands May 22, 2005. Realizing people in Highlands might appreciate her mementos of the past, Judy sought out an organization which might benefit from her family's artifacts. Lewicki and Hempe agreed the Highlands Historical Society should be the recipient especially with the opening of the historic village this summer.

By Kim Lewicki

When Judy Hempe Johansson began going through boxes Watson Barratt left in her family's care when he died in 1962, memories came flooding back – memories of a treasured by-gone era in Highlands, N.C.

The families knew each other in New York City where Judy's father was a commercial interior decorator – decorating night clubs, restaurants and theater sets.

"That's where my father, Fred Hempe and Watson Barratt met around 1946 or 1947," said Judy, "at a theater in New York City, very likely Radio City Music Hall."

Watson Barratt who married Louise Bascom was an acclaimed set designer and producer in New York City, London, Paris and elsewhere.

Judy said her father and Watson joined forces at the St. Louis Municipal Opera from the late 1940s through the 1950s where Watson was director. "And it was about that time they began

working on the Bascom-Louise Inn," she said.

After Louise Bascom Barratt died, Watson was left in charge of the Bascom family's holdings in Highlands which included the Tricemont Terrace Inn. Though that had been its name for 14 years, In 1951 Watson renamed it the Bascom-Louise after his wife. (He also named the endowed branch of the Hudson Library – the Bascom-Louise Gallery after Louise).

Louise Bascom was a well-known writer and it was through her articles in Harper's Weekly, Good Housekeeping and Ladies Home Journal that Watson became attracted to her. (See "Heart of the Blue Ridge, Highlands, North Carolina," by Ran Shaffner).

After they married, Watson illustrated many of her articles as was the practice in the industry prior to photography.

After Louise died, Watson made Highlands his home for more than just the summers. He involved himself in the formation of the Bascom-Louise



On May 22, Judy and her sister Janet presented Wiley Sloan and Ran Shaffner of the Highlands Historical Society with a variety of historical mementos. Also pictured is Highlands' Newspaper publisher Kim Lewicki who put the two groups together. The Old Edwards Inn & Spa donated a room at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Lodge Sunday night, so the sisters could at least be "on the site" of the old Bascom Louise site.

"Going through all this memorabilia has transported me back to Highlands, the Bascom Louise, and Chetolah (Barratt's home on Satulah). Thanks for helping me drift back in time," said Judy.

Items presented to the Historical Society include photographs of Mrs. Louise Bascom Barratt in her NY apartment, a pen-and-ink sketch of Mr. Watson Barratt, an original advertising pamphlet from the Bascom Louise Inn, numerous glass negatives of the Inn, (see Highlands' Newspaper Oct. 15 and Oct. 22) a leather-bound Barratt family photo album, a stereographer and numerous photos of the Barratt apartment in NY, etc. Mrs. Johanssen is also giving the society movies of Hillbilly days in Highlands. "My mother sewed dresses Hillbilly Day for the teenage maids at the inn. She dressed in my father's old pants, I shirt and big hat and dirtied her face," said Judy. "I was embarrassed she looked like that and was grouchy all day."

The Hempe family inherited many of the items from the Barratt apartment including rugs, paintings, and books. Judith and Janet were like "grandchildren" to Watson and Louise who had no children of their own. They recall the Barratt's magnificent apartment that overlooked Central Park West — a large duplex, with the interior walls of the dining room done in black and red lacquer with gold. The living room had large two-story windows and a hand-painted mural covered the stairway wall.

An oil painting done by Barratt was donated by Judith to the Society of Illustrators in Manhattan, an organization that Barratt did much work for helping them to get original funding. Judith has several of Barratt's original sketches for set designs in her home.

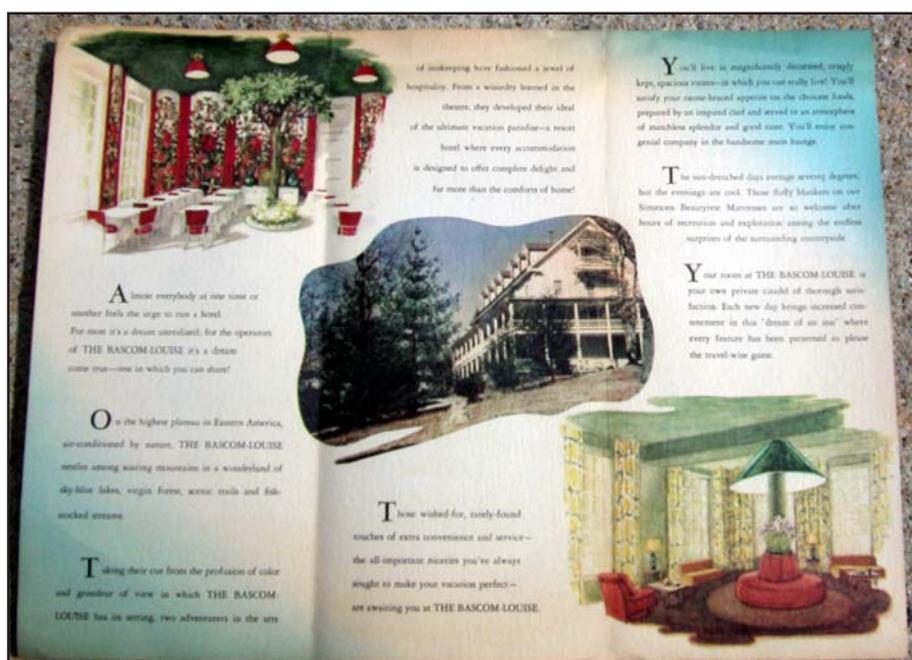
Gallery and the further development of the Hudson Library. He also set about spiffing up the Bascom-Louise Inn.

"When Mr. Barratt took over the inn he ran it in his special style, complete with a mural of local Highlands landscapes in the lounge," said Judy.

Every summer for three years, the Hempe family — Janet, Judy and her parents — drove from New York to Highlands to manage the inn for Watson.

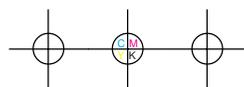
"We used to take the hotel guests on rock hunting trips to Cowee Valley looking for rubies and garnets," said Judy.

Without any heirs, Watson left his personal belongings to the Hempe family. Judy has some of Watson's illustrations and oil paintings hanging in her home in Florida, but others she's donated to the Society of Illustrators in New York City and still others have been sold at Sotheby's.



Watson Barret and Judy's father Fred Hempe designed a brochure to advertise Highlands and the newly-refurbished Bascom Louise Inn which sat on the knoll where the Kelsey-Hutchinson Lodge now stands. Renovations to the Kelsey-Hutchinson include making the exterior resemble the Bascom Louise by adding porches.

Photos by Jim Lewicki



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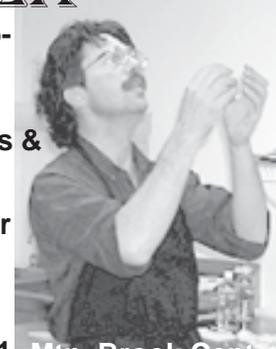
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## POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of May 25-31. The only names printed are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

### May 27

- At 5:19 a.m., officers responded to an vehicle accident at the Mountain High Lodge parking. There were no injuries.
- At 7:30 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone at N.C. 28 and Sassy Lane.
- At 6:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of someone throwing yard waste in lake Sequoyah.

### May 28

- At 7:55 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Rosenthal's. All was secure.
- At 7:55 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Regions Bank. All was secure.
- At 10:30 a.m., officer responded to the call of a parked vehicle with the engine on at Main Street.

- At 5:05 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at First Citizens Bank. All was secure.

### May 29

- At 11:05 a.m., a visitor reported losing a wallet on N. Fifth Street.
- At 11:30 a.m., officers assisted the county with a call.

### May 30

- At 9:40 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Hudson Library. All was secure.
- At 2:38 p.m., officers responded to a domestic call at a residence on Walhalla Road.

### May 31

- At 2:05 p.m., officers made a welfare check to Village Walk Apartments.
- At 7:35 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 55 mph in a 35 zone at N.C. 28 and Sassy Lane.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for May 25-31.

### May 25

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to a call of a stuck tractor-trailer on the Gorge Road.

### May 30

- The dept. responded to an fire alarm on Magnolia Drive. It was false.
- The dept. responded to a garbage truck fire. There was no damage to the garbage truck.

### May 31

- The dept. responded to a first-responder call to a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive. The victim was pronounced dead at the hospital.

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Dear Editor,

Mark Heffington has long been known as an excellent diagnostician. His resignation letter demonstrates once again his superior skills in this regard. His letter says it all.

Although the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital owns the Cashiers Medical Center facility, it was the Cashiers community's admiration of Doctor Heffington that enabled the money to be raised from the community for that facility. The Mountain

Area Family Medicine practice has grown to become an important and integral part of the community. Doctors Heffington and Wheeler have provided extraordinary medical service, at some sacrifice, to a wide range of patients - summer, winter, wealthy, unemployed, and working.

And now our Hospital Board will not even listen to the Chief of the Medical Staff, Doctor Heffington.

And now our Hospital Board is dismissing the Chief of the Medical Service.

And now our Hospital Board wants to build another medical facility in Cashiers.

With the enactment of Sarbenes-Oxley, many board members of for-profit companies have chosen to withdraw, resign, or retire. The Senate Finance Committee has recently turned its attention to the charitable or non-profit sector - such as hospitals. Non-profit does not mean non-revenue. Senator Grassley is out for bear on this one.

Perhaps what is required is a management audit as well as a forensic financial audit of our hospital.

Knowing of my long association with the hospital and my great admiration for Doctor Heffington, several people have said to me words to the effect that those things identified in Doctor Heffington's letter have needed to be said for a long time.

**William Bathurst  
Highlands & Cashiers**

• **SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING** •

# Life is a reflection of you

A son and his father were walking on the mountains.

Suddenly, his son falls, hurts himself and screams: "AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!"

To his surprise, he hears the voice repeating, somewhere in the mountain: "AAAhhhhhhhhhhh!!!"

Curious, he yells: "Who are you?"

He receives the answer: "Who are you?"

Angered at the response, he screams: "Coward!"

He receives the answer: "Coward!"

He looks to his father and asks: "What's going on?"

The father smiles and says: "My son, pay attention."

And then he screams to the mountain: "I admire you!"

The voice answers: "I admire you!"

Again the man screams: "You are a champion!"

The voice answers: "You are a champion!"

The boy is surprised, but does not understand.

Then the father explains: "People call this ECHO, but really this is LIFE.

It gives you back everything you say or do. Our life is simply a reflection of our actions. If you want more love in the world, create more love in your heart.

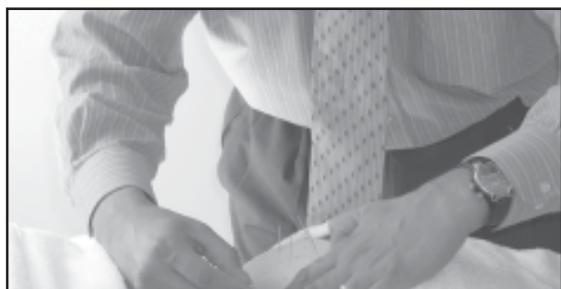
If you want more competence in your team, improve your competence.

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### On-going

- At Mill Creek Gallery in Village Square – art exhibits and for sale, classes, too. Call 787-2021 for more information.

- Improv Classes for high school and college students Mondays at 6pm at Instant Theatre's Studio on Main, 310 Main Street FREE 526-1687.

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club presents its Saturday Pancake Breakfasts the fourth Saturday of the month from May through October at the Scaly Ski Lodge on NC Highway 106. Guests will get a full breakfast of orange juice, coffee, pancakes, patty sausage and plenty of warm syrup and butter. Members of the club will serve the food at tables, or you may order take-out if you like, from 7:30-10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children.

- Each Thursday - Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Highlands-Cashiers only senior residential community. Complimentary refreshments and tours of the model home and Clubhouse. The new Assisted Living Center is under construction and expected to open in early summer. For more call toll-free 888-473-5093.

- Yoga classes are offered at the Scaly Mountain Community Center Mondays at 5:45 p.m. and at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, 1st floor of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$12 per class or 10 classes for \$100. Certified instructor is Carole Ann Mackey.

- "Heart of the High Country" on Channel 14 Northland Cable Television, "Celebrating life in the mountains today," airs daily at 8 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 10 p.m. and midnight.

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- 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, Mon. in Highlands at 8 p.m.; Tues. at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wed. and Fri. at noon.

### June 2

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series for 2005 continues on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. James Langford will give a talk entitled "Demise of the Great Chiefdoms: the Impact of Early European Contact in the Southeastern United States." Admission is free.

### June 3

- Mountain Gospel Music hosted by the Chapel of Sky Valley. Bring your family, friends, and a lawn chair to the Sky Valley Pavilion on Friday night from 7 - 9 p.m.

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- Highlands School Scholarship Assembly for Seniors in the old gym at the school at 10 a.m.

### June 3-4

- 12th Annual Audubon North Carolina meeting in Asheville. For information check the web at [www.ncaudubon.org](http://www.ncaudubon.org).

### June 4

- On Saturday, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is hosting a "Living Well Fair" featuring lectures, demonstrations and displays on everything from healthy cooking to acupuncture. The "Living Well Fair" is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free. It will feature lectures by area physicians and other experts, demonstrations and short talks, and numerous displays and exhibits – all to help you live, look and feel better. There will be prizes, raffles and giveaways. A complete schedule of events is at [www.hchospital.org](http://www.hchospital.org) under upcoming events.

- Highlands School Graduation at Rec Park at 7 p.m.

- Get Ready for the "Beetle Ball," at the Highlands Conference Center. It will be a great party with live music, food, games, silent auctions and fun galore—all for a good cause—to save the hemlocks. Sponsors of the event include Cyprus, Highlands Wine & Cheese, The Summer House, and Signature Properties. For Beetle Ball tickets call JMCA at 526-9938 ext. 320.

- Special sports physical clinics for schools athletic programs are being held at the Macon County Public Health Center. The clinic is open to 7th-12th grade students who plan to participate in school athletics anytime during the 2005-2006 school year. Saturday, Appointments are required. Call 349-2081, only. Cost is \$10, proceeds will go to the Schools' Athletic Fund.

### June 5

- The Sky Valley Chapel will begin Forty Days of Purpose on Sunday at 8:45 a.m. All are invited as we study Rick Warren's bestseller, "The Purpose Driven Life."

- Friends of Library Annual Meeting: Author Ron Rash will speak Sunday at 2 pm, at the Friends of the Library annual meeting in the Macon County Public Library, 108 Wayah St., Franklin. Also: the official start of the \$1.5-million fundraising campaign for the new library will be held. Open to the public. Light refreshments available. Information: 524-3600.

### June 6-8

- 3-Day West District 4-H Horse Clinic at the WNC Ag Center in Fletcher, NC on Monday-Wednesday, June 6-8. To attend, youth must be 9-18 years old (as of January 1, 2005). Open to ALL youth, not just 4-H boys and girls. A maximum of 120 youth can enroll. Each participant must have an accompanying parent or adult volunteer with them throughout the entire clinic.

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Cost is \$55. Coordinators are: David Stiles, 4-H Volunteer, 828-369-6430, and Shannon Coleman, 4-H Agent, 828-837-2210.

### June 6-10

- Magician Shaun Moss will teach a one week Magic Class for junior and senior high school students. The cost is \$150 per student which includes all supplies. Scholarships available. Call (828) 526-1687.

### June 7-10

- "Amazing Animals" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center, 10am - 2 pm daily. Learn about various animal groups through hands-on activities and field observations. Ages 7-10. \$40 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

### June 8

- The Art of Cooking Fish at Horacio's Restaurant in Cashiers. \$25 for CLE members, \$40 for non-members. To register, call 526-9938, ext. 120.

- The community is invited to join Highlands United Methodist Church this summer for studies on Wednesday nights beginning June 8. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. (RSVP please) and the studies are from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Call the church, 526-3376, with questions.

- High Mountain Square Dancers, "Homecoming Dance" at the Macon County Community Bldg on 441 south. WILLIS COOK, Ga., caller.

### June 9

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series for 2005 continues on Thursday at 7p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Dr. John Morse will give a talk entitled "Trichoptera (Caddisflies) of Four Southeastern Conservation Areas." Admission is free.

- Live entertainment at SweetTreats, Patty Campbell, pianist.

### June 10

- CNN reporter Samar Dahmash-Jarrah to presents "Arab voices to speak to American hearts" at the Highlands Conference Center at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. She will also be signing copies of her book. Call 526-3363.

- Spaghetti Dinner to raise funds to support Liberty Baptist Church School in Baguid City in the Philippines, 5-9 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park.

- The North Georgia Community Players plan two dinner theater shows this summer. Theater buffs will enjoy the presentation of "CAFE MURDER", a dinner theater murder mystery and comedy, written by Nathan Harswick at Johnson's Cupboard Cafe, in the lower dining room, in Dillard, Ga. A buffet dinner and evening of entertainment are promised at \$30 per person. Reservations suggested. The show starts at 7 p.m. Call (706) 212-2500.

### June 11

- Nikki Talley and Steven Bloedow invite all family and friends to their wedding, 11 a.m. at Rocky Knob Park in Scaly Mountain. Park at Ski Scaly for a shuttle to the ceremony site. The last shuttle leaves at 10:55 a.m. The reception follows at the Highlands United Methodist Church. In case of rain, the ceremony will

be there, too. Rain decision to be made by 3 p.m. Friday, June 10.

- The annual JAZZ AT PAC concert has been set for Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC). This year's artists include two nationally known jazz stars: John V. Brown, bassist, and Pete McCann guitarist. Tickets for this outstanding performance are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Reservations can be made by calling the PAC telephone number: 828-526-9047. Tickets available at the door the day of the concert at 2 p.m.

- Audubon Birdwalk, Chestnut Hill for local breeding birds. Meet at the Town Hall Parking lot at 7:30 am to car pool. Call Edwin Poole, 526-2775.

### June 13-25

- Acting and Improv for children ages 10 to 13 instructed by Instant Theatre Artistic Director, Adam Heffernan. \$175 per session. Scholarships available. Call (828) 526-1687.

### June 13 through July 29

- Highlands Rec Park Summer Camp for children ages 5-10. Monday through Friday 9-5 p.m. May attend by the week or for all six weeks. Call 526-3556 for reservations and pricing.

### June 14-17

- "NatureWorks" day camp at the Highlands Nature Center 10 am - 2 pm daily. Learn about the workings of "mother nature" through interactive play and nature activities. Ages 7-11. \$40 per child, pre-registration required. Call 526-2623.

### June 15

- Genetic Anthropology with CLE 10 a.m. to noon. at the Highlands Conference Center. \$15 for CLE members, \$25 for non-members. Call 526-9938, ext. 120 to register.

- High Mountain Square Dancers, Big dance at the Macon County Community Bldg. on 441 south with JERRY BIGGERSTAFF, Marion, NC.

### June 16

- The Highlands Male Chorus performs at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. The group will present their rendition of several Broadway favorites as well as patriotic songs. This special performance at PAC is open to the public. The price for admission is \$8, with children under 12 admitted free. Seating is limited. Reservations required. Call 526-9047 now for reservations.

- The Zahner Conservation Lecture Series for 2005 continues on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Amy Blackmarr will give a talk entitled "Where trails Converge: the Scientist, the Writer, and the Passion to Conserve." Admission is free.

- Live entertainment at SweetTreats, Bobby Sullivan, pianist, singer, songwriter, recording artist

### June 17 & June 18

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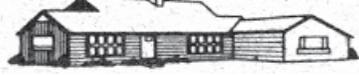
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is associated with the Southeastern Crime Stoppers Association, which consists of Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington, DC.

The Macon County Crime Stoppers office is on the third floor of the Macon County Courthouse at 5 West Main Street, Franklin, North Carolina.

Crime Stoppers began September 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Members of the local community, in partnership with the media and law enforcement, began an effort to provide crime-solving assistance to law enforcement.

A cash reward was offered to anonymous persons who telephone the Crime Stoppers hotline with information which led to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible for felony offenses.

The Crime Stoppers program has enjoyed great success boasting an average conviction rate of 95 percent on cases solved by Crime Stopper's tips. The Crime Stoppers programs worldwide have solved over a half million crimes and recovered over 3 billion dollars worth of stolen property and narcotics.

Today there are over 1,000 Crime Stoppers programs in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Bahamas, British West Indies, Micronesia, and other nations.

The Board of Directors of Macon County Crime Stoppers are Chairman: Sam Fiske of Smoky Mountain Systems, Vice Chairman: Bryan Raders of Franklin Ford, Treasurer: Jim Garner of Wayah Insurance, Secretary: John O'Conner of the Macon/Jackson Fraternal Order of Police, Public Relations: Donald Holland of Holland Car Wash. Email: crimestoppers@smnet.net

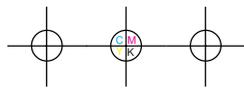
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### ... MULTI-FAMILY from page 1

detached house and a historical home on the site.

Prior to Wednesday night's meeting Simmerson was shuffled from the appearance commission, the planning board, town board, planning board and back to the town board again all the while complying to the suggestions and wishes of each board.

Driven by the rezoning request, Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein drafted an amendment to deal with a vegetative buffer around multi-family plots but it was tabled until the board can decide on the width of the buffer -- 20 feet or 40 feet -- and whether the buffer should and not just the setback encircle the perimeter of multi-family lots.

Meanwhile, the board denied the rezoning request.

"I don't think the community needs more population, that specific area doesn't need anymore,"

said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "I look at what's best for the community the neighborhood and then the piece of property."

Commissioner Hank Ross disagreed saying the next developer could put five commercial buildings with five entrances to those businesses off U.S. 64 and then four more residences behind it leading to even more traffic on that road.

"There will be absolutely no buffer and the entire hill will be plowed down," he said. "Do we need five more cheesy shops along Highway 64."

Ross said it was a risk and Patterson said she felt it was a risk putting 18 houses there too.

"I'm not a proponent of multi-family, I'd rather see it all single family, but that's not what's before us," he said. "What's before us is someone who's willing to take it out of the commercial zone."

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said it was very unfortunate the property was split zoned because it

makes it very difficult to make a decision regarding which zone to change it too.

"I fear you better watch what you wish for," said Randy Power, a member of the audience. "Obviously the owners are in serious negotiations and are in a mode of selling that property and they're going to sell it to somebody. I've spoken with them and they are going to sell out. If we run this fellow off who seems to be as good as we can hope for. The next guy could destroy the neighborhood. Don't run this guy off."

The board talked about putting a moratorium on multi-family building but didn't because they already approved it in B3 zones.

Though the Simmerson's rezoning request was denied, the Town Board has asked the planning board to consider rezoning the parcel all R-2.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for June 15.

### ... HEALTH CLINIC from page 1

working-poor residents growing, a need for free primary health care has been identified, they said. Several doctors in the area have offered their services for free.

The vision of the free clinic is that everyone deserves to have basic health care. Its mission is to provide free health care services to the medically underserved who live or work in the Highlands-Cashiers area.

The idea was spearheaded by Dr. Mark Heffington who established a Mobile Health Clinic for migrant workers in the Cashiers area a couple of years ago. The mobile unit, equipped with basic medical supplies a nurse and a doctor, visits migrant worker camps and farms regularly.

The Community Care Clinic organizing committee includes Jim Graham H-C Hospital Administrator, Dr. Mark Heffington, Kathy McGaha with Healthy Carolinians of Macon County, Dr. Don Mullen of Highlands First Presbyterian Church and Ginger Slaughter. At last week's meeting a board of directors was named — Jean Whitby, Griffin Bell, John Greene, and Mitchell Watson and one person from the Cashiers Dental Clinic Group who is yet unnamed.

Plans to house the clinic on the campus of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital fell through, but it looks like the next best venue might come through — at the Macon County Health Dept. clinic.

"We wanted the clinic to be close to the hospital campus and this looks like the perfect fit," said Slaughter.

Graham said it's likely grant money can fund start-up costs to support the clinic for two years and a flow of grant money and fundraising could keep it going thereafter. The hospital board has agreed to give the clinic \$50,000 worth of services — lab work, X-rays, and tests — at least for the first year.

"They've also agreed to give us \$5,000 which we will use to set up the office with a computer and software," said founding member, Ginger Slaughter.

"I think a free health clinic would provide a much needed service to our area," said McGaha. "An individual who does not have health insurance, and cannot afford to pay for these services, will have an option for primary care."

The group is a 5013c status so it can tap state and federal grant money and receive funds from any foundation or individual who wishes to donate.

## Elementary School students shine at Talent Show – May 26



Third-graders Kayla McMann, Emily Gabbard and Alexa Ternes perform a gymnastics stunt. Below Mrs. Chalker's Great Beginners performs at the Talent Show.



Adam Schiffli entertains with his guitar.



Abigail Gilbert sings for her classmates.

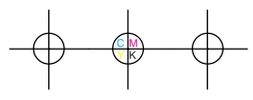


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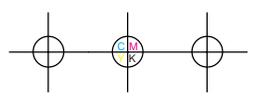


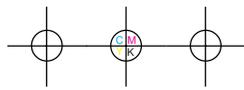
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