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The week of Nov. 14-21

Nov. 14

• **LIVE MUSIC** – Hurricane Creek will be at Buck's Coffee Cafe on Main Street, Friday, from 8-11 playing "country-fried" rock & blues.

• **LEARNING TO COPE** – Leadership Highlands is sponsoring a program on Burnout by Woody Caine, Ph.D, from 1 to 5 in the lower level of PAC Center. The cost is \$20 to public, \$15 to Leadership Highlands alums. Cocktail party and fun and fellowship following.

Nov. 15

• **DEADLINE EXTENDED** – The Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest is in the works. The deadline has been extended to Nov. 15. Get your entry forms from the Chamber of Commerce..

Nov. 16

• **FREE FOOD & MUSIC** – The Satolah (Ga.) Volunteer Fire Department is holding an open house, 2 p.m. to commemorate its 25th year of operation. Free hot dogs will be served and a local country music band will provide the entertainment, The Ragin' Rebels.

Nov. 21

• **DEADLINE APPROACHING** – Applications are available at the HEC office on Poplar Street until Monday Nov. 21.

On-Going

• **CHRISTMAS GOODIES** – The Eastern Star is selling one-pound bags of pecans for \$6 and two-pound bags of peanuts for \$3.

• **ACTING LESSONS** – The Instant Theatre Company Education Program is for children grades 1-12 and adults over 18. Children's Beginning Acting & Theatre Games Grades 1-4 is Mondays 4-5 p.m.; Grades 5-8 Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. Teens Acting & Improvisation Grades 9-12 Mondays 6-7 p.m. Adults – all ages Scene Study & Improv – Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. To sign up call 828-526-1687.

Old Edwards gets OK to build-out Rib Country

By Kim Lewicki

Monday's called meeting of the appearance and planning board set the Old Edwards up for an OK from the Zoning Board Wednesday night.

Appearance board members haggled long and hard with representatives of Planters, Inc., the landscape architects responsible Old Edwards Inn (OEI) landscaping, to make sure adequate screening would cover the backside of two hotel apartment efficiency buildings set to

go up on the Rib Country lot.

After seeing a detailed landscape plan and making architects promise the landscaping of the Rib Country lot will be a work in progress, they sent the group on to the Zoning Board. That board OK'd the Special Use Permit – required because it's new construction and a change of use – but new questions were raised.

Board members learned that OEI can build hotel/motel efficiency units on the lot zoned B3, as an extension of the

inn because there will be an office on site for registration. They also learned OEI could use some of the 20-odd efficiency units as employee housing.

"They haven't asked us for that, but according to our ordinance incidental housing is allowed as long as the majority of the building is used for commercial purposes," said Larry Gantenbein, zoning administrator. In most cases

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A dirty, smelly job, for sure



Photo by Kim Lewicki

During The Girls' Clubhouse Friday meeting last week, those who weren't home sick with the "creepy crud" turned out to clean the school's activity buses. It was a gross job for sure – sweaty old shirts, lots of garbage as well as an unsavory odor greeted the girls when they opened the bus doors. But the girls jumped to the task, and swept the floors, cleaned the windows and washed down the seats with sudsy disinfectant. "Do you think the athletes will notice?" said seventh-grader Jenna Shearon. Pictured in front from left are: Bobby Joe Talley, Sally Zachary and Sarah Hedden. Up top from left is Maricia Owens, LaDonna Rodriguez and Jenna Shearon.

Old Edwards to fix town railing

By Kim Lewicki

The hand rail running along the raised sidewalk on Main from Fourth to Fifth is on its way out.

At the Nov. 5 Town Board meeting, when Old Edwards Inn (OEI) representatives asked permission to install a new railing, commissioners sent them to the Appearance commission's called meeting Nov. 10. But that board learned there isn't much choice in the matter when it comes to "looks."

"The building code has pretty much designed the railing for you," said Town Engineer Lamar Nix. "It has to be able to

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Back Bowery one step closer to improvement

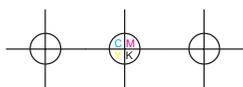
By Kim Lewicki

Some residents say it's dangerous. Others say it's quaint. Either way, traveling the winding dirt road along Sagee Mountain stands to get easier very soon.

That is, the road beyond the first seven-tenths. The front part is still in litigation.

At the Nov. 5 Town Board meeting, commissioners conveyed its rights-of-way along the back 2 1/2 miles of road to the N.C. Department of

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• FORUM •

Has the need for a Chamber of Commerce come and gone?

With the resignation of Pat Barnes, director of the Highlands Visitor Center, perhaps it's time for a complete revamping of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. This doesn't really have anything to do with Pat, it's more like the final indication that something must change.

In the chamber's newsletter, Director of Membership Services, Bill Bassham said the chamber is losing membership. There are a lot of reasons for that I'm sure, with answers only truly known by those businesses who have chosen not to renew their memberships.

As a business owner, I've lately wondered, "Does Highlands need a Chamber of Commerce as it now stands?"

In every town or city there's this unwritten code that "All businesses better belong to the chamber of commerce or BEWARE. Your business will fail."

In this day and age, I wonder if that's true.

In the old days, before the Internet, businesses saw the chamber of commerce as their only means to promoting their business whether it be in their town or to environs far and wide.

But these days everyone and his brother has a website. If it's connected to a halfway decent directory that places in search engines on the Internet, they're reaching, and through e-mail actually connecting with people who want to know about their business. And best of all, they're in control. Perhaps the chamber's job has changed and that of promoting businesses isn't as paramount as in years past.

Maybe it's time to resurrect the Highlands Merchants Association only call it the Highlands Business

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• Letter to the Editor •

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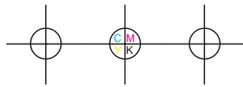
Dear Editor,
A great big "Thank You" to the faculty, students and parents who worked hard to sell the Sally Foster products and to the community for supporting the fundraiser. Highlands School sold more than \$17,000 of gift wrap, gifts and candy. Highlands School keeps half - more than \$8,500 - for the educational needs of our students. More than ever, fundraisers are essential to a quality public education.

A special "thank you" also goes to

Rebecca Shuler, Mike Ramsey, Nate Brooks, David Sims, Ronda Wolfrey, Matthew Rodriguez, Justin Rodriguez, Adrian McCall, Laini English, Jessica Laws and Corey Faircloth for their hard work in unloading the truck, sorting the products and delivering them to the classrooms for home delivery. Fundraisers are successful when great people work together in a supportive community for a great cause - our youth!

- Highlands School PTO

We welcome letters from our readers. All letters are subject to editing. We reserve the right to reject letters. Anonymous letters will not be accepted. Letters bearing identification can arrive by post or email. Published letters do not necessarily represent opinions of Highlands' Newspaper. Letter deadline: Monday prior to publication.



• Obituary •

Carl L. Talley

Carl L. Talley, age 95, of Highlands, NC died Monday, November 3, 2003 in Wilmington, NC. He was born in Rabun Co., GA, the son of the late Elzie Lambert and Mary Lee Owens Talley. He was a WWII Veteran of the US Air force. He was a High School teacher, and was a member of the Highlands First Baptist Church where he served as a Sunday School Teacher.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Stella Wilson Talley, a daughter, Cynthia T. Floyd of Wilmington, NC and a sister, Maude T. Wilson of Clayton, GA. Three grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 7 at 2 p.m. at Highlands First Baptist Church with Rev. Dan Robinson officiating. The VFW Post #7339 and American Legion Post #108 conducted complete military graveside rites at the Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. Russell Floyd, Jr., Benjamin Carl Floyd, Tommy Wilson, Everette Wilson, Roy Potts, and David Deal served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 725-A Wellington Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28401, or to the Highlands First Baptist Church, 210 Main Street, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ellen Caroline Evans

Ellen Caroline Evans, age 81, of Dillard Road, Highlands, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003 at her residence. She was a native of Buffalo, New York, a daughter of the late Stephen and Frances (Turtz) Reszetucha. She was married to the late William P. Evans. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by six daughters, Gail F. Curtis of Highlands, NC, Olana C. Dixon of Kingsport, Tenn., Billie P. Wiles of Jupiter, Fla., Carol A. Picucci of Lawrenceville, Ga, Kim L. Van Etten of Stuart, FL and Janice D. Frederick of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; one sister, Irene Simpson of Port St. Lucie, Fla; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive.

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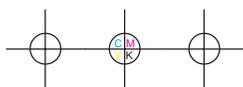
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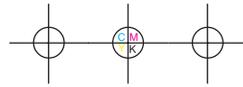
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• Movie Pix •

The Video Guy presents:

“The Sting”

A 1973, PG film, written by David Ward, directed by George Roy Hill, and starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford along with an absolutely amazing back up-cast.

The story line: I'll try to give a brief overview without giving away the many surprises in this film. In Chicago, circa 1930, two con men, Rufus (Robert Earl Jones) and Johnny Hooker (Redford) swindle 10 grand from someone who turns out to be a numbers runner for crime boss Lonnegan (Robert Shaw). Lonnegan has Rufus killed, and Hooker, now on the run from the Mob and crooked cops, seeks revenge with the help of Rufus's old friend Henry Gondorf (Newman).

With the help of an army of grifters, they set up a “long con” on Lonnegan, with plot twists a plenty. Lots of fun, with a great supporting cast, it's hard to keep up with who is conning whom, and harder to guess who will win, as Hooker and Gondorf set up Lonnegan for a wire sting, as Lonnegan and Hooker scheme to cheat Gondorf, while Hooker may or may not be working with the FBI. If you haven't seen this one before, it's worth your time, and if you have, do your friends a favor and don't give away the surprises.



Stuart Armor

Winner of seven academy awards, including Best Picture, with a terrific sound track (Marvin Hamlisch playing a range of Scott Joplin rags) and some really cool scene shifts. It's not only a must-see, but also a must-see-again. Some trivia

on the movie, although much of it was filmed in

Chicago,

it's

release

there was

held up

because

Mayor Daley

thought it

showed the city

in an unfavorable

light. Newman had

a “hand double”

stand in for the card

trick scenes because the

filming schedule didn't

give him time to learn it

himself.

Some similar films are “Butch

Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,”

“City Heat,” “Paper Moon,”

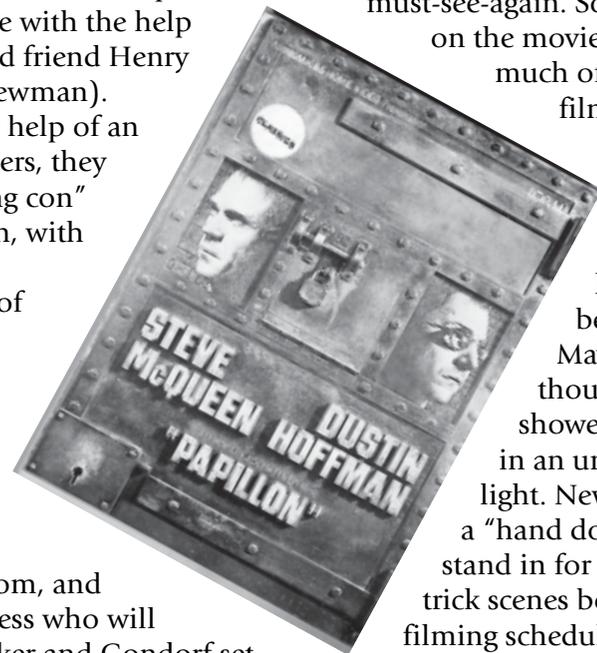
Miller's Crossing,” and “Thomas

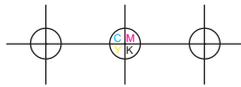
Crown Affair.”

These and about 5,000 other

titles are available at Movie Stop,

give them a look.





• Ask Fred •

Prospective Resident of Bowery – Looking Everywhere, Making Offers



Fred Wooldridge

Dear Fred,

Knowing the Bowery Road is a subject close to your heart, we'd like your advice. We're thinking of buying a home on that road. It's always advertised as a "prestigious address" and in recent years a town official noted that the "rich and famous" live there. Naturally, we want to live there, too. Who wouldn't?

But rumors are circulating that once the big new paved highway is in place, plans are underway to change its historical name from Bowery Road to something like "Developers National Speedway."

Our problem is this. These awkward and lengthy names would be difficult to write on those little spaces provided on the top left corners of envelopes for return addresses. And anyway, would it still be a prestigious address? This is our major concern. What is your advice. Should we buy a house on this road, or maybe seek fame and wealth elsewhere?

Dear Prospective Resident of Bowery, Looking Everywhere, Making Offers (I'll just call you "PROBLEMO" for short:)

Thank you for your wonderful question on my favorite topic. I also like to write about Highlands' toilets. Maybe you could send a question on that next.

Stand up comedian Jeff Foxworthy says, "You might be a red neck if directions to your house include turning left at the gravel road." Well, Jeff obviously never visited Highlands where some of the most exclusive and expensive non red neck homes can be found right off the old gravel rock road. Bowery Road is a perfect example.

If you decide to buy property there it will not be the rich and famous that will be important. It will not be whether the road is paved or not and it certainly won't matter what they call the road as

none of that has any significance. The real issue will be "Who has the most green salamanders on their land!" Get your priorities straight and have a green salamander study done before you sign. This will require someone to turn over a lot of rocks.

I was going to buy property on Bowery Road but my realtor told me there were already enough rich and famous people living there. He suggested I start my own rich and famous gravel road, which would be real easy for me to do. I already live on the very worst gravel road in the Town of Highlands. I hope the town never paves it, otherwise how can I be rich and famous?

I am also rich, thanks to the Macon County Tax Office, who tripled the assessment on my property. And I have just recently

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"DEAR FRED" column

Want to have some fun this winter? Our very own Contributor/Columnist Fred Wooldridge is ready to answer your questions about Highlands with tongue in cheek. The sky's the limit. All published questions are anonymous and, of course, don't expect a straight answer. E-mail us at askfredanything@aol.com. Put "Dear Fred" in memo line.

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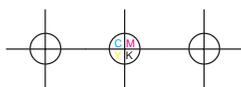
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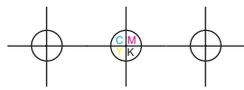
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Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to become smoke-free

By Skip Taylor
 Contributor

The "Great American Smoke-Out" is Thursday, Nov 20, and it is also the day that Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will become a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus.

Officials say the new no smoking policy applies to all buildings, parking lots, gardens, walking paths, roadways and even to personal vehicles parked on campus. Signs will be posted at the hospital entrance informing the public, as well as all entrances to the buildings and at various spots in and around the grounds.

"The entire administration, the board of trustees, and an overwhelming number of department managers and employees are solidly behind this effort," said hospital Administrator Jim Graham. "In light of the medical evidence of the health hazards of tobacco use, including second-hand smoke, we all realize we have to set a healthy example for our patients and residents, the public, and each other. It is also a fire safety issue for the hospital and its patients."

The hospital has not allowed smoking inside its buildings for some time, but did allow smoking in certain designated areas around campus. It will become only the

second hospital in the western end of the state to be entirely smoke-free. Pardee Medical Center in Hendersonville is also entirely smoke-free. However, other hospitals around the region are considering such a move next year.

"We realize that this new policy may prove inconvenient to some members of the public, and it certainly represents a challenge for some of our own employees," said Graham. "However, our staff as a whole has shown exceptional willingness to cooperate, and we hope the smoking members of the public will as well by refraining from tobacco use while they are on hospital campus."

As part of the new policy, Graham said the hospital has been enthusiastically promoting a smoking cessation program for its employees, offering a series of classes and stop-smoking aids free of charge. To date, 23 employees have either quit smoking, or are in the process of quitting. The hospital also offers smoking cessation programs to the public through its HealthTracks program.

Anyone interested in possibly participating in the next smoking cessation program offered at the hospital can obtain more information by calling 526-1469.

Highlands Effective Living Program funds available to certain nonprofits

Applications for funds are now being accepted from not-for-profit organizations that promote the education and treatment of substance abuse.

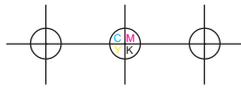
Established in 1997, the Highlands Effective Living Program (H.E.L.P.) receives and is responsible for distributing that portion of the ABC Board money designated for substance abuse treatment and education.

Among the recipients of those grants in the past are the Highlands School drug testing program, Family Counseling at the Peggy Crosby Center, Literacy Council and Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Deadline for applications is December 5.

For more information, or to receive an application, call Rick Siegel at 526-4464 or stop by the Peggy Crosby Center.





• Life Under Construction •

Am I bending yet?

Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

Well, since nothing went the way I planned it yesterday, I decided to write about flexibility!

I guess I'll start by seeing if I have any and go to my good OLE standby, the dictionary. It reads as follows; capable of being bent, susceptible of modification or adaptation, does not require force or pressure from the outside, expansibility, i.e., a young and limber dancer. Yeah, that's it. A young and limber dancer, since that describes me, I guess I have some flexibility!

But seriously, I am really winging this column. I can't find much that has been written on flexibility anywhere, but I am confident that it is important in life and reduces blood pressure. Being able to switch gears without getting your feathers ruffled can be difficult at best.

Part of flexibility is being open to changes around us. Needs and priorities change. They get shuffled around like a deck of cards. The cards in the deck may change but all 52 remain in the deck. Maybe if you don't go back to what seemed so important, it wasn't anyway?

While some things are very important to keep scheduled, it is always wise not to be chained to plans and schedules. Life is a journey and it is fun to explore and reframe certain aspects of our life.

Being flexible just might have something to do being secure with yourself and being confident that whatever happens, you can handle it. And my guess is that you can do just that.



What's the opposite of flexibility? Well, it just might involve being too rigid and that doesn't sound all that good to me at all. Does it to you? I guess we need to make plans but be willing to break them and adjust to life as it unfolds. Why not?

Constructing anything usually takes a willingness to go a different direction.

I have been writing this column just before dawn and I hear what sounds like rain outside. Good news for me today because I don't have to do something that I really did not want to do. It just did not fit into my schedule. Just an hour later, the phone rang, and it appears that we will be going ahead with our plans. You've heard the expression, rain or shine? My oh my, the phone just rang again and the journey is cancelled. Don't you love it? I must be more careful what I write about next time. Now you know how long it takes me to write one of these columns! Blessed are the flexible...

"We are most deeply asleep at the switch when we fancy we control any switches at all". -Anne Dillard

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No down-time for town crews



Photo by Jim Lewicki

One of Highlands' traditions is the stringing of Christmas lights in the trees along the Main Street corridor. When town crews aren't busy trimming trees, repairing electrical lines and mending the streets, they're kept busy with tasks like this. The annual Christmas Tree lighting is the Saturday after Thanksgiving - Nov. 29, this year. With the flick of a switch, the town will officially welcome the Christmas season.

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withstand 250 pounds at any given point and the slats extending down from the rail have to be a maximum of four inches apart."

Nix said the town has been investigating new designs. The current pipe is hollow and because of condensation,

rusts from the inside out. "So there's really no fixing it," said Nix. "It has to be replaced."

OEI is anxious to get the job done. It's likely OEI and commissioners will work out the details at the Nov. 19 meeting.

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"commercial" is considered retail as in Wright Square and parts of Main Street where apartments are above stores. In OEI's case, commercial would be the "renting of the apartments as vacation rentals for one to seven days," said Gan-tenbein.

With the "commercial" stipulation, he said he would only OK two apart-

ments in the five-apartment building, two in the six-apartment building and one in the four-apartment building.

"For future considerations though, we may want to redraft the ordinance to make it more clear," he said.

OEI hopes to have the Rib Country lot developed and ready for occupancy by March.

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Association. Open meetings could be held monthly, perhaps at the Conference Center, and open discussions about business in Highlands could be had.

Members of its board could be elected in a simple fashion like we do for The Girls' Clubhouse and Interact Club. Whoever wants to serve stands up and says why. They leave the room. The room votes. Voila! It's done and not in secret.

Members of this association's board might be made up of owners of businesses in Highlands, not their employees. If business owners don't care enough to sit on the board themselves, then move over.

Members on the association board should be from businesses in Highlands that stay open year-round. Highlands is quickly becoming a year-round town and it's time people get on board.

Full members of the association should be from District I - the Highlands Township. Associate

members could be from places beyond Highlands but they shouldn't enjoy the same privileges as full members.

The town should form a travel and tourism board to administer the room tax funds and the Business Association and every other nonprofit in town could apply for those abundant dollars.

If acquired, the association could discuss openly what it plans to do with its share of the dough and the funds should serve all the members fairly and equally.

I'm sure I'm going to catch it from the present Chamber of Commerce Board. But enough with the "Emperor's Clothes" syndrome. Look at what the Chamber of Commerce has become. It truly is time for a change.

Highlands' Newspaper would like to hear your thoughts on this issue. E-mail letters to highlandseditor@aol.com

- Kim Lewicki, Publisher

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been made famous by some local contractors who are currently marketing the new Fred Doll, complete with six piercing pins and a small chainsaw to chop off the doll's head. They are selling like hot cakes.

Also, you are in luck. Just so happens that a developer is building a million dollar mansion right next door to me, humbling my

small abode. If you are really brave, you could be my neighbor and be rich and famous with me. Is that scary or what? But I am not sure you are ready to be rich and famous. Anyone who still has to write in their return address on envelopes certainly doesn't deserve to live on the Bowery, much less on my awesome road.

'Highlands Emergency Personnel Appreciation Day' at Highlands Falls Country Club on Nov. 2

On the Sunday afternoon of November 2, The Highlands Falls Community Association sponsored an appreciation day of golf for the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department.

On July 4th there was a house fire started by lightning in the Highlands Falls community. The home was totally destroyed, but the Highlands Fire and Rescue volunteers and other nearby departments worked hard to contain and put out the fire.

The Highlands Falls Community Association Board wanted to show its appreciation for the people in the Highlands area who give of their time and expertise to serve the community.

The Highlands Falls Country Club Board joined with us to organize an Appreciation Day.

On the beautiful afternoon of November 2nd almost 50 people from the Highlands/Cashiers Fire and Rescue Department, The Highlands Police Department, The Highlands EMS and the Macon County Sheriff's Department came together to play golf on the Highlands Falls course.

While the men were playing the County Commissioner from Highlands, Allen (Ricky) Bryson manned the fire station. It was the club's small way of saying "Thank You" to a lot of people who often go unheralded in the community.



Members of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., the Macon County Sheriff's Dept. the Highlands Polic Dept., and the Macon County EMS Dept., enjoyed a free day of golf.



From left are Dan Shomper, Fire Chief James "Popcorn" Manley, James Ramey and John Crowe.



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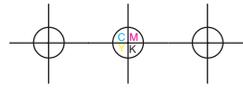
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• A Soldier's Story •

101st soldier takes law school entry exam in Iraq

By Pfc. Thomas Day
40th PAD

MOSUL, Iraq (Oct. 5, 2003) - The infantry is as diverse as gumbo.

Enlisted infantrymen come from all walks of life - from the plains of Nebraska to the city streets of New York. They just don't often come from the Ivy League.

Spc. Steven Carley, 24, is no average infantryman. Carley, who completed his undergraduate degree from Loyola University (Chicago) in

economics, enlisted in the Army in 2002 after completing his master's in international relations from Columbia University in New York. Just weeks after completing enlisted training, Carley deployed to Kuwait with the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) right in time for the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Carley and his unit, the 101st's 2nd Brigade are currently operating out of Mosul, patrolling the city as part of the division's rebuilding effort in the northern region of Iraq.

After seven months in combat, he now finds himself fighting a different battle: getting into law school. Carley made history Tuesday morning in Mosul, becoming the first applicant ever to take the LSAT, the standard law school entry exam, in a combat zone.

"There was a lot of red tape," he said. Carley received help from

Capt. Jamie Phillips, the 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division Staff Judge Advocate, in setting up a time and place where he could take the exam. "The only other places were Tel Aviv and Cairo...that was out of the question."

He will have to ace the exam to get into any of the schools he is applying for. If all goes well, the Atlanta native will be starting law school in August 2004 at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Georgetown or his hometown



Spc. Steven Carley

Emory University.

Before the exam, Carley said he was confident. He will not find out the test results for several months.

Regardless of how well he scored on the exam, his application is not lacking in "real world" credentials. In the applications' personal statements, Carley used the opportunities to talk about how combat in Iraq taught him "to function with a level head when the stakes could be no higher."

"The Army puts you in a situation where you have to work with and fight beside individuals from every socio-economic and educational background," he said. "It has the effect of opening ones eyes."

Carley hopes to focus on Public Interest law and represent the "less fortunate."

Carley is the nephew of Jodie and Caroline Cook of Highlands

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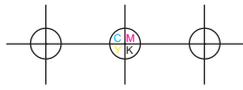


In honor of All Saints Day



Students at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church recently held their second annual All Saints Day presentation. As part of their study, the students made posters with pictures and facts about their saints and then dressed the part. Pictured are Johnny Lupoli as St. John the Baptist; Juliette Lupoli as St. Claire of Assisi; Brendan Karcher as St. Patrick; Mary Katherine Karcher as Catherine of Siena; Jose Feria as St. Joseph; Sayne Cruz as St. Francis; Isabella Lupoli as St. Elizabeth of Hungary; Bridget Karcher as St. Joan of Arch; Stephen Karcher as St. Peter.





Games and visits make living easier at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center

Plan a Family Game Night is a recent advertising slogan used by a prominent toy company to promote playing games as a pastime. Maybe you have seen the television commercials in which everyone is smiling, laughing and having a great time together while playing a favorite board game.

The same setting of happy people playing a game together occurs each month at the Eckerd Living Center. Local youth from three area churches have expanded their definition of the word "family" to include the residents at the living center.

On the third Wednesday of each month, the youth of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, the Highlands United Methodist Church and Our Lady of the Mountain gather at the living center, games in hand, ready to take on their opponents at the nursing home.

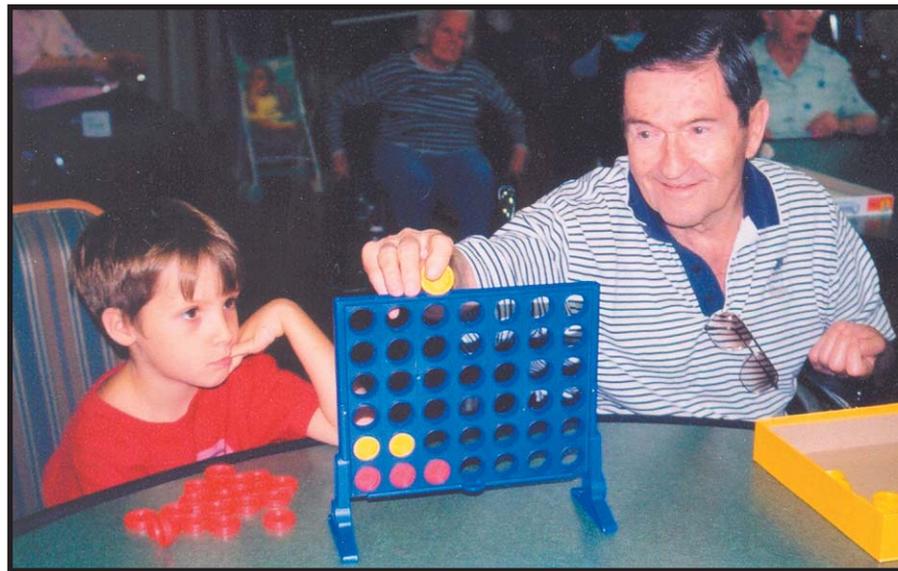
Children of all ages can be found happily playing Candy Land or an indoor bowling game or just a good old-fashioned game of cards with the residents.

After several rounds of games, the youth and the residents enjoy dessert together. The evening ends as the youth walk the residents back to their room all still smiling and socializing. The monthly gathering has become very popular with the residents and youth with both looking forward to their next game night together.

The monthly game night, known as "Family Fun Night" is one way the youth of local churches contribute to the Eden Alternative program at the living



Mary Katherine Karcher, Courtney Rogers and Ann Marie Crowe escort "Sweeter" Louise Cleaveland back to her room.



center. The program seeks to have the community involved with the residents in an effort to give the residents a meaningful existence within the confines of the nursing home setting.

The primary concept behind the Eden Alternative program is to seek to eliminate the three plagues of the residents – loneliness, boredom and a sense of helplessness.

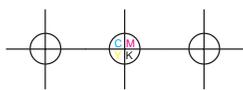
Everyone is invited to come out to the center the third Wednesday of every month and enjoy a night of games with the residents. If any other churches are interested in helping to host the game night, please contact Rosemary Burney at 526-9367.

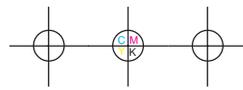
The next Family Fun Night is Wednesday, November 19 at 6:15 p.m.



Middle: Brendan Karcher and Joe McDado play a game of Connect Four together.

Left, Bridget Karcher plays a game of Connect Four with Connie Thompson.





- Highlands School Basketball -

How the first games played and predictions for the future

By Ryan Potts
Contributor

As we enter another season of Highlander basketball, I think that the town has reason to be excited. Both teams have a good crop of young talent combined with experience at key positions, which should put them in the hunt for a couple of conference championships. The Lady Highlanders look primed for what could be a banner year for the women's hoops team.

The Talent:

The LH's feature something that has been consistently absent the last couple of years — height. With Ramsey Ashburn and Angela Aspinwall both gaining a year of experience, and with Stephanie Dalton providing a major post presence off the bench, the LH's feature an imposing trio down low. Rebounding could turn out to be a major strength if these three play up to potential.

At the swing positions the LH's will rely on Kayla Owens and Brittany Potts. Owens is an improving scorer who can also hit the glass on both ends. As the lone senior, Potts will provide toughness, defense and leadership. (I am supposed to be impartial, but I know from experience that my sis is tough — let's just say I wouldn't want her guarding me) The backcourt consists of Janice Talley, Kerri Raby and Iyali Ruiz — all three of whom are scrappy defenders and experienced at playing the point. These three young guards give the LH's a deep and talented bench.

The Strategy:

The LH's have always been tough defensively under coach Bill Lanford. The question is can they score enough points to assist their D? Coach Lanford will be faced with the tough decision of whether to press or not to press. By playing pressure defense the LH's can force turnovers and score easy baskets, but they also expose themselves to quicker opponents. With their size, the LH's could play a pack zone, but they would have to score on the offensive end to be able to stay in that zone.

The Prediction:

The LH's have a few question marks offensively, but they should be able to contend for the conference crown. If they can consistently score points, then they will win a lot of ball games and be very tough to beat.

The Highlanders

The Talent:

Look no farther than the Big 3 — Stephen Warren, Trent Reese and Nathan Heffington are all in their fourth year of varsity basketball. It is time for that experience to shine this year. Warren is as talented as any player the conference has seen lately, but he must create for his teammates and have his head on straight for this team to be successful.

Reese has shown he can hit the three and make athletic plays, but his defense and confidence must be first rate this year.

Nathan Heffington could be the

best player out of all three. He is a talented big man who can hit the outside shot and take his man off the dribble. However, he needs to become a strong inside presence for the Highlanders, as they don't have a classic big man. Make no mistake, the Big Three are crucial to the success of this team, but there is plenty of talent beyond the three seniors.

Matt Rice is likely the best shooter on the team, and has worked hard to improve his defense and rebounding. Matt Keener is another good outside shooter who can hound the other teams point guard into submission. He is also the team's only pure point guard.

Matt Chenoweth has a year of experience on him and will be the quickest post player in the conference. His rebounding and hustle could be the difference in several ballgames.

Andrew Kerhoulas returns from a year off and can provide matchup problems for opposing teams with his long arms and quick feet. If he can harness his athleticism and react more quickly then he can be a force for the Highlanders.

Foreign Exchange student Maciej Golafzewski is a wild card for this team. Athletically gifted, if Maciej develops quickly then he could provide a spark late in the season.

The Strategy:

Coach Butch Smart is only five wins away from 600 for his career, so look for the Highlanders to come out motivated early this season. Look for HHS to stray from the offensive sets of the last three years and use a more freelance based attack. This will take advantage of the experience in the lineup as well as open up the lane for drives to the hoop.

The major weaknesses of this team are rebounding and defense. It will take maximum effort for the Highlanders to stay competitive on the glass due to their lack of size. Defensively, the Highlanders have shown flashes of brilliance the last few years, but need to step it up a notch to take advantage of their offensive talent.

The Prediction:

This team has the talent and experience to win 14-16 ball games, but that is an unreasonable expectation due to lack of practice, etc. Look for the Highlanders to struggle offensively early in the season as they look to find a rhythm. As the season moves on, they will gain more confidence and put it together offensively to win the Far West Conference Championship.

Any players omitted in this preview was not done purposefully but rather out of ignorance.

First Game of the Season – Tuesday, Nov. 11

Varsity Boys: Tallulah Falls – 67, Highlands – 50
Varsity Girls: Highlands – 44, Tallulah Falls – 20

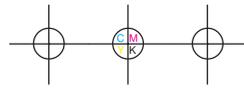


Sophomore Matt Chenoweth takes a shot between two defenders from Tallulah Falls.

Upcoming Games In November

Date	Team	Place
Nov. 14	Rabun Gap	Dillard
Nov. 18	Hayesville	HOME
Nov. 20	Cherokee	Cherokee
Nov. 21	Rabun Cty	HOME
Nov. 24	Hiwassee D	HOME
Nov. 25	Blue Ridge	HOME



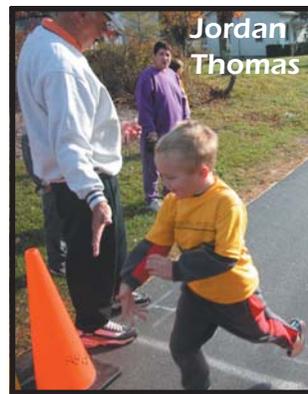
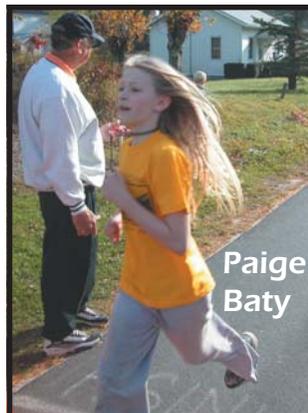
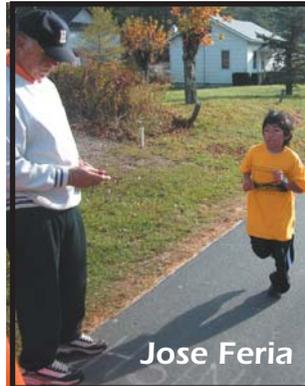


Highlands School Fun Run Results Saturday, Oct. 25



Before the winners were announced hopeful racers crowded around the trophy table.

Runner	Time	Grade
Scott Vos	5:34	7
Sayne Cruz	5:35	4
Paige Baty	5:46	5
Cody St. Germain	6:07	4
Will Araujo	6:09	3
Corbin Hawkins	6:15	3
Parker Sims	6:18	3
Samuel Wheeler	6:25	5
Kyle Grabbard	6:32	K
Daniel Long	6:39	2
Danielle Reese	6:41	7
Jose Feria	6:53	5
Ryan Vinson	7:05	2
Stephanie Smart	7:08	4
Kim Mochuca	7:16	4
Emily Schulter	7:28	2
Emily Grabbard	7:40	2
David Long	7:49	3
Marlee McCall	7:56	5
Katie Ingram	7:59	1
Dylan Vinson	8:02	K
Colin Weller	8:11	GB
Laine English	8:11	2
Haley Chalker	8:16	7
Desiray Schmitt	8:29	1
Jordan Thomas	8:42	1
Cara Hedden	8:59	2
Ally Sackman	9:05	GB
Haley Thomas	9:23	Pre-Sct
Taylor Schmitt	9:50	1
Josh Wolfrey	10:11	1
Bethany Schuler	11:50	Pre-Sct
Bridget Karcher	12:05	3
Chance Gilbert	12:53	K
Bridget	13:02	3
Abigail Gilbert	14:36	Pre-Scl



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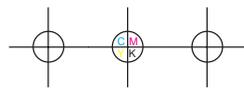
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■ Spiritually Speaking ■

Episcopal Church in the news



Father Stephen Hines

The Episcopal Church has been back in the news lately. The reason for this was the approval by The Episcopal Church's General Convention in August of the consecration of The Rev. Gene Robinson – an openly gay person – to be the Bishop of the Diocese of New Hampshire.

To say the Episcopal Church is “not of one mind” on this issue would be a bit of an understatement. Some people thought the General Convention was a terrible mistake...that it was contrary to the historic teachings of the church, umbilical and a sign of the moral disintegration of America. Some of these people talk of leaving the Episcopal Church. Others though the action of general convention was wonderful. A sign that the church is becoming less discriminatory (as it has been in the past toward women and blacks and even left-handed people) – more loving, kinder, gentler. The kind of church God wants us to be.

Personally, I think it's a wonderful opportunity to show the world what it means to be truly Anglican. Let me explain what I mean.

Let's go back to the start of the Anglican church. Under Henry VIII the Church of England separated from the church of Rome and initiated a few Protestant practices.

For example, the Bible in English put into all churches. Do you think that the folks in the pews were anxious or upset about the split with Rome? I bet a few were. Under his son Edward VI the reformation continued and we got the First Book of Common Prayer in English. That upset a lot of people, too.

Then came Edward's sister Mary Tudor – known as “Bloody Mary” – a Roman Catholic who reinstated the Roman Mass and Roman ideology and who prosecuted and killed many Protestants (more than 300). I'll bet there was a bit of anxiety in the church then...especially

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■ Places of Worship on the Plateau ■

Blue Valley Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11 a.m.
Sunday night services every second and fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

Buck Creek Baptist Church

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Science Services

On the corner of Spring and Third streets
526-2830
Sunday: Morning Service – 11 a.m.
Wednesday: Evening Service – 7 p.m.
Tuesday & Friday: Study room open 2-4 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627
Sundays: Worship – 10 a.m.; school & primary classes – 11 a.m.; Women's & Men's Org. – noon
Tuesdays: Women's Org. – 6:30 p.m.; Library – 6-8
Wednesdays: Boy Scouts of America mtg. – 6:30 p.m.; Young women's activities – 6:30 p.m.

Clear Creek Baptist Church

Pastor Everett Wilson, (828) 743-3379
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.; Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service – 7 p.m.

Community Bible Church

(Evangelical Presbyterian Church)
Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685
3645 U.S. 64 east
Sundays: School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.
Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:30
Thursdays: Guys Sr. High Discipleship – 6 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Interim Priest: Stephen Hines, 526-2968
Sundays: Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.; Adult Class – 10 a.m.; Children's – 11 a.m.
Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo @ Hampton Inn – 8 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper and Program @ First Presbyterian Church – 6 p.m.
Thursdays: Women's Cursillo Group @ Library – 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sundays: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15 p.m.
Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.; Student & Adult Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sundays: Worship – 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. (child care at 11 a.m.); School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.; Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.
Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Highlands Assembly of God

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7 p.m.

Highlands Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

Highlands United Methodist Church

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
Sundays: School – 9:30 & 9:45 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study & activities – 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Family – ELCA

Rev. Pam Mitcham, Pastor,
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30 a.m.

Macedonia Baptist Church

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Rusty Wolfrey, (706) 782-8130
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.; Choir – 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

Mountain Synagogue

St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871
Friday: Sept. 12 Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m.
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Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Rev. William M Evans, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418
Wednesdays & Fridays: Mass – 9 a.m.
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

Scaly Mountain Baptist Church

Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

Scaly Mountain Church of God

Pastor Allen Melton
Sundays: Radio Program 1340 AM – 8:30 a.m.; School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.; Evening – 6
Aug. 31: Rev. Melvin Shuler, a Pentecostal preacher will preach. For more information call 526-3212.

Shortoff Baptist Church

Pastor Rev. Baker Crane
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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7 p.m.

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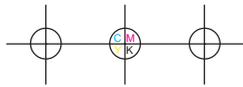
526-9769
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

Westside Baptist Church

Interim Pastor, Terry Dixon
Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby
Sundays: Fellowship – 11 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.

Whiteside Presbyterian Church in America

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



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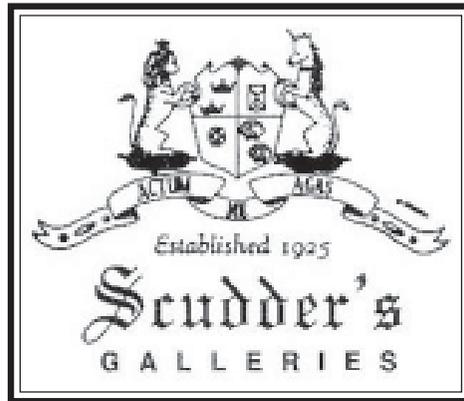
Mary was succeeded by her sister Queen Elizabeth I and the big question was...what would she do? Would she be Catholic like her sister, or a Protestant like her father and her brother? What she did was to take the middle way – the so-called “via-media” – between Catholicism (with its emphasis on tradition and authority of the Pope) and Protestation (with its emphasis on the authority of the Bible) thus creating a sort of “ecclesiastical duck-billed platypus+ (half mammal/half reptile), i.e. half Protestant/ half Catholic.

To quote one Anglican author, “In a time when the church of England was distinguished by its political and theological controversies (Elizabeth I) charted a steady path through these conflicts and defined a middle ground on which both mutual understanding and dialogue could be founded.”

This middle way has often been ridiculed. “If you stand in the middle of the road, you’ll get run over!” they say. But it also helps Anglicans get along with one another. And more than that, to love one another, even when they disagree. And that’s a wonderful thing.

An editorial writer for the Dallas Morning News understood and appreciated the graciousness of the “via-media” approach which he saw evidenced at our general convention. He wrote: My colleagues and I have been struck by the calm and deliberative process the Episcopalians followed in reaching their conclusion. The discussions among the clergy and laity were marked not by cheap name-calling, but by honest soul-searching. And yes, there is division. But the common bond of faith and mutual respect for one another on this issue will have a positive impact on how all of us Americans carry on our larger societal debate. At least we hope so.”

One final thought on this subject. C.S. Lewis, a wonderful Anglican theologian who interestingly seems to appeal to both liberals and moderates and conservatives, writes in his book “Mere Christianity,” I think all Christians would agree with me if I said that though Christianity seems at first to be all about morality, all about right and wrong, all about duties and rules and guilt and virtue, it leads you on out of that into something beyond. One has a glimpse of a country where they do not talk of those things except perhaps as joke. Everyone there is filled full with what we should call goodness, as a mirror is filled with light. But they do not call it goodness. They do not call it anything. They are not even thinking of it. They are too busy looking at the source from which it comes.



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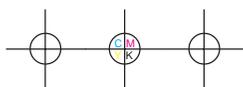
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Transportation so it can assume maintenance of the road.

Maintenance will include improving the road by widening it in areas and paving it.

Brian Burch with NC DOT said the state would improve the road to minimum state which is 45 feet to accommodate a 20-foot paved road. The road will be designed for 20 m.p.h. traffic.

"The white line will be at the 18-foot mark with two feet on each side for walking or bicycling," said Mayor Buck Trott. On top of the curb there will be a four-foot flat area.

"I'm glad we're going to get 2 1/2 miles of Bowery Road paved without using any town appropriations," said Mayor Buck Trott.

The state has allocated \$2 million in small urban funds to improve roads in 10 counties. DOT is allowed to use \$250,000 per project per year. There are 17 projects vying for the funds.

A recent program on Dateline - Dangerous Roads: Some undivided, two-lane highways have deadly flaws - investigated roads across the nation, some like Bowery but most were two-laned, paved roads with more traffic flow.

The program cited flaws like hills, blind curves and narrow shoulders on roads that carry far more traffic than they were designed to handle, said experts.

"Bowery Road is way past due being made into a safe, passable road," said Trott. For years, Highlands Police and Fire chiefs have urged the town to improve Bowery Road so their departments can respond to emergencies accessed by Bowery in a timely fashion.

"I'll be glad when we can turn the entire road over to the state once the litigation is over," said Trott.

The first seven-tenths of Bowery is in litigation because 10 property owners don't want to relinquish their rights-of-way for improvement of the road.

Commissioners Hank Ross and Mike Cavender expressed concern over right-of-way ownership on the back half and road design. Town Attorney Bill Coward said rights-of-way are secure.

Ross wants to make sure the town has some control over design.

In past meetings he's said narrow roads can be difficult at times, "but I think in keeping with the character of the area, narrow streets with narrow shoulders are more in character." He questioned the need for a 20-foot road. But Burch said the state had minimum standards. "But we want to do this with as little impact as possible and still meet the minimum state standards."

Preliminary changes to the road have been staked out and the Mayor encouraged Ross to contact Burch.

'Nick the Beard' opens Dec. 4

Holiday theatre returns to Highlands with The Instant Theatre Company's production of *Nick the Beard*, an original Christmas comedy by Collin Wilcox (Paxton) and Scott R. Paxton.

The whimsical central character known as "Nick the Beard" is Santa's devoted helper who assists Santa in a series of last minute emergency situations. Nick describes those kinds of situations as ones in which "someone does not mail their Christmas wish to Santa in a timely manner, or not at all!"

Nick will be performed at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center December 4 through 7. Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for children under 18 and \$15 for adults and can be purchased by calling (828) 342-9197 or visiting the ITC office at the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street in Highlands. The production is being sponsored by The Christmas Tree "On the Hill" in Highlands.

Directed by ITC artistic director Adam Heffernan, the all local cast includes Highlands High School Freshman Chase Jenkins, who is an ITC Acting Classes student, Highlands 8th grader Sally Wheeler who has appeared in two

Highlands Playhouse productions, Carrie Mayer, a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill who made her first appearance with ITC at the age of eight, Jill Montana, who will also be seen in the Highlands Community Players' annual Christmas Readings, Paul Sanger, who last appeared with the Highland Community Theatre in the 1950s, Mathew Gillin, the company's graphic artist who is making his first Highlands stage appearance, Grace Brussard & Cara Hedden, both students in the ITC's Beginning Acting Classes, Carlos Green, who appeared in the ITC's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Collin Wilcox (Paxton), stage & screen actress and co-founder of The Instant Theatre Company, and appearing as himself, Nick "The Beard."

The play has been written specifically to be produced and performed by regional, community and little theatres. Two, much shorter versions of *Nick the Beard* were workshopped in the Instant Theatre Company's acting classes and then tried out by ITC in both 1982 and 1983 at the Highlands Studio for the Arts. This current production of the play has been completely rewritten, additional fanciful roles have been added, and it is now a full length play performed without an intermission.

Highlands Emergency Council gears up for the 2003 holiday season of giving

Christmas 2003 preparation is now under way at the Highlands Emergency Council (HEC).

This program provides food, clothing and toys for low income families and adults in Highlands, Buck Creek, Clear Creek and Shortoff areas.

The Christmas project and all other projects HEC is involved with are the result of loving, caring, giving people of Highlands - both year round and seasonal. Also the volunteers who work tirelessly on this program are greatly appreciated.

Several financial institutions in Highlands are a tremendous help

by providing the "Giving Trees" for the ornaments which represent gift recipients. The banks also receive the gifts for HEC. People are reminded to make sure the ornament they take from the tree which designates a person in need is attached to the gift package when it is returned to the tree at the bank.

Last year HEC sponsored more than 100 children and their families, 25 adult seniors and 75 nursing home residents. Donations of cash and gifts took care of these needs.

Applications are available at the HEC office on Poplar Street until Monday Nov. 21.

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1 cup raw sugar

1/2 cup butter, melted

3 eggs, lightly beaten

2-3/4 cups whole wheat pastry
flour

1/4 cup blue corn flour

2 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon each; nutmeg & salt

1/2 cup black walnuts chopped
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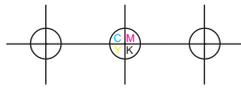
1/2 cup roasted piñon nuts

Sift flour, baking powder and
spices, stir in nuts. Mix together
other ingredients, add flour
mixture, blend thoroughly. Pour

batter into 2 oiled loaf pans. Bake
at 350 degrees for an hour or until
tests done. Cool on rack.

This is a recipe that I adapted
from an old Pueblo Indian
cookbook that has been in my
collection for many years and
whose cover is tattered and torn
from use. There are many methods
for roasting nuts, but I toast them
in a wrought iron skillet over
medium heat, shaking the pan
frequently over the heat until
golden brown. It fills the house
with the most wonderful aroma.
This is a wonderfully hearty bread
that can be eaten with a meal, as a
meal, or for breakfast or
dessert. Blessings.





• Police & Fire Report •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Nov. 6-12. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Nov. 6

• At 4 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence at Split Rail Row. All was secure.

Nov. 7

• At 2:20 p.m., officers responded to the report of a sign violation at U.S. 64 and Chestnut Street.
• At 2:20 p.m., officers provided an escort at First Baptist Church.

Nov. 8

• At 12:40 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without a license at Fourth and Main streets.
• At 9 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a business on Fourth & Main streets. All was secure.
• At 9:34 p.m., a motorist was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign at Spring and Third streets.
• A motorist was cited for parking illegally on Spring Street.

Nov. 9

• At 10 a.m., a seasonal resident on Billy Cabin Road reported furniture missing from his screened-in porch.
• At 11 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Split Rail Road. All was secure.

Nov. 11

• At 10:50 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Many Road. All was secure.
• At 1 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Melrose Road. All was secure.
• At 9:30 p.m., a motorist was cited for failure to register his vehicle at N.C. 106 and U.S. 64 west.
• At 5:46 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Wyanoak Drive. There were no injuries.
• At 5:50 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving with an expired inspection sticker on Wyanoak Drive.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the weeks of Oct. 29-Nov. 12.

Oct. 29

• The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Webb Baty Drive. The victim was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. responded to an accident between two vehicles at U.S. 64 west and Turtle Pond Road. There were no injuries.

Oct. 30

• The dept. responded to an accident between two vehicles at U.S. 64 east and Memorial Park. The injured party was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Falcon Ridge Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Helen's Barn Avenue. The injured party was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 31

• The dept. responded to the call of a fire at a residence on Flat Mountain Estates. About 1/4 of an acre burned when a controlled burn got out of hand.

Nov. 1

• The dept. responded to an accident between two vehicles on Cullasaja Drive. There were no injuries.

Nov. 2

• The dept. responded to the call of a brush fire on Hickory Nut Gap where about 1/4 of an acre burned. It is believed to have started when someone discarded a burning cigarette.

Nov. 3

• The dept. responded to the call of the smell of propane at a business on Main Street. It was unfounded.
• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on U.S. 64 east. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 5

• The dept. responded to the call of an accident at Flat Mountain Road and U.S. 64 east but it was unfounded.

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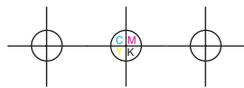
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• The Highlands Rec Dept. is running a special on Fitness Memberships. One year for \$90 per person.

• Highlands School needs a microwave. The one in the Teachers' Lounge died recently. If you can help, call 526-2147.

• Support Highlands School with a banner about your business to be displayed in the gymnasium all year long. Call 526-2147 for details.

• Turn in your used printer ink cartridges to Highlands School. It means money to the school.

• Karate lessons are being taught at the Highlands Civic Center Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4 p.m. Call 526-4318 for more information.

• Step Aerobics at the Highlands Civic Center Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 4 & 5 p.m. and also Saturday mornings. Cost is \$5 per class.

• Women's Bible Study at HUMC every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. A nursery is provided.

• Community Christmas Choral rehearsals are Mondays at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church.

• The Instant Theatre Company Education Program is for children grades first through 12 and adults over 18. Children's Beginning Acting & Theatre Games Grades 1-4, Mondays 4-5 p.m. Beginning Acting & Theatre Games Grades 5-8 Wednesdays 4-5 p.m. Teens Acting & Improvisation Grades 9-12 Mondays 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adults - all ages Scene Study & Improv - Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. To sign up call 828-526-1687. All classes are held at the Peggy Crosby Center. Email at instanttheatre@earthlink.net

Nov. 14

• Hurricane Creek will be at Buck's Coffee Cafe on Main Street, Friday, from 8-11 playing "country-fried" rock & blues.

Nov. 15

• The Chamber of Commerce Window Decorating Contest is in the works. The deadline has been

extended to Nov. 15. Get your entry forms from the Chamber of Commerce..

Nov. 16

The Satolah (Ga.) Volunteer Fire Department is holding an open house, 2 p.m. to

on Main Street Friday and Saturday.

• The annual Christmas Tree Lighting is the Saturday after Thanksgiving in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church.

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Nov. 21

• Applications for holiday help are available at the HEC office on Poplar Street until Monday Nov. 21.

Nov. 28 & 29

• Santa will be hearing wish lists and posing for photos in Oak Square

• If you would like to order or re-order Sally Foster products, Highlands School will receive 50 percent of your purchase through Dec. 3. Visit SallyFoster.com and use Highlands School Account number - 605265

Dec. 4

• Highlands School PTO Christmas Program for Grades Kindergarten through Fifth in the gym at 7 p.m.

Dec. 4-7

• "Nick the Beard" will be performed at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center December 4th through 7th. Showtimes are 8pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2pm on Sunday. Tickets are \$5 for children under 18 and \$15 for adults and can be purchased by calling (828) 342-9197 or visiting the ITC office at the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street in Highlands. The production is being sponsored by The Christmas Tree "On the Hill" in Highlands.

Dec. 5-7

• Highlands Historical Society's annual Christmas Show House will be open Friday through Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Shuttle service will be provided from the Rec Park to the home. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Cyrano's Book Shop, The Chambers Agency or D&J Express Mart anytime after Thanksgiving Day. Tickets may also be purchased at the Rec Park prior to departure. For more information, call 787-1050.

Dec. 7

• HUMC Youth are giving a Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for their trip to Bolivia. They will also auction off their services - babysitting, car washing, yard cleaning, etc.

Dec. 12 & 13

• The North Georgia Community Players will present "Miracle on 34th Street, on Friday December 12 at 7 pm, Saturday December 13 at 3 pm & 7 pm, and on Sunday December 14 at 3 pm. This play may be seen at the Reardon Theater on the campus on the Rabun Gap -Nacoochee School on Highway #441 (north of Clayton) at Rabun Gap, Ga. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, and may be purchased at Clayton Chamber of Commerce, Community Bank & Trust, Rabun County Bank, Regions Bank, and United Community Bank. Information or reservations: 706-782-212-2500.

• E-mail upcoming events to highlandseditor@aol.com

