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• Highlands Schools needs a microwave. Call 526-2147 if you can help.

Oct. 10 & 11

• "Love Letters" with Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox, a benefit for the Performing Arts Center and the resurrected Instant Theater Company, at PAC. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call Adam Heffernan at 369-3652.

• Brian Starr & his guitar at Lah Tea Dah Tea Room Friday, 8-11 p.m. Bring your own wine and Saturday & Sunday from 12-3 p.m.

Oct. 11

• Marie Mellinger, author & naturalist will present "Harvest Celebration" at Carpe Diem Farms from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$10. Call 526-2854.

• The 21st annual Highlands Arts and Crafts Festival featuring quality arts and crafts by area artisans, food and entertainment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike up Yellow Mountain, the highest peak in the area, with an historic Forest Service lookout tower on top and stunning views of the surrounding mountains. There are two hikes: a short, moderate 2-mile hike with an 800-foot elevation gain or a 5.5 -mile strenuous hike, with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. Call hike leader Joe Gatins, 706-782- 9944, or Bill Crosby, 526-3849 for more information, or if weather looks doubtful.

• The Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society will hold its second annual Paws in the Park dog show in Highlands, Saturday, Oct 11, 9-12:30 a.m., at the Macon Bank Gazebo Park between Pine and Carolina Way. New this year are the Paws Walk – a pet parade for children and dogs. Register at 8:30.

Oct. 14

• The Hudson Library is sponsoring author Robert Inman who will speak and sign books at 7 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts.

Oct. 16

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its last meeting of the season on Oct. 16 at the Albert-Carlton Library in Cashiers. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Call Giff at 743-2078 for info.

Candidates line up for Q & A forum

By Kim Lewicki

In the next four issues of Highlands' Newspaper candidates for three seats on the Town Board will answer questions emailed to the paper from Highlands' citizens.

Candidates are Commissioners Mike Cavender and Herb James and candidates Dennis DeWolf, Alan Marsh, and Eric Pierson.

In addition to answering a question, in this first installment, the

candidates will tell constituents who they are and why they should be elected and they will answer one question. Questions pertain to issues in the news of late.

Question One:

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce received \$215,261.60 in Room Occupancy Tax for July 2002-June 2003. Proponents of a Travel & Tourism Board in Highlands to oversee the distribution of Highlands'

room occupancy tax, say use of the tax money could be better tracked and the distribution formalized if a board appointed by the town's elected officials were responsible for the tax money. Under such a system, all nonprofit organizations, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce included, could apply for room occupancy tax proceeds. Are you for such a board? If so, why? If not, why not?

•See Q&A page 12

Kids dig into HCCDC building site

Children of the Highlands community broke ground on The Highlands Community Child Development Center, Tuesday, Oct. 7, a facility many of them or at least their brothers and sisters will be ready to enjoy a year from now.



Old Edwards Inn continues to evolve

By Kim Lewicki

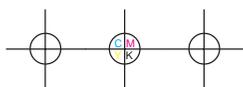
Long range plans concerning the development of the Old Edwards Inn & Spa continue to grow encompassing more property than originally planned.

So learned the Zoning Board at its Wednesday, Oct. 8 meeting.

As of Oct. 31, The Kelsey & Hutchinson Lodge will become part of the Old Edwards Inn & Spa complex. "That's how they are able to

offer valet parking," said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein. "They want the International Rating and to get that you have to offer valet

•See OLD EDWARDS page 17



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• Letters to the Editor •

Covering Pine Street & OKing signage – baffles

Dear Editor,

Reading the September 26 article in Highlands' Newspaper, I was struck with the similarity of building a cover over Pine Street and the taking down of the evergreens on the 441 Bypass in Franklin.

The reason for the "cover" over Pine would be for holding rain or shine activities on the street. The reason I was finally given for the tree thinning on 441 was "shade interference in the melting of snow and ice on the road which interfered with operating school buses."

How many snow/ice days do we have in relation to the total number of schooldays and similarly, how many days/occasions would benefit from the "cover" even if it rained on all of the days of these "outdoor" festivities?

Look at what would be lost or sacrificed. On 441 with the loss of trees that served to melt snow/ice quicker, there is also now little to shade the road from the heat and screen homes and businesses from the noise and view. Similarly, in covering Pine the true sense of an outdoor experience will be lost as well as the sense of adventure in holding festivities where normally there is traffic. This lends an all the more special atmosphere.

Is there not another solution or a more feasible idea? Such as in the 441 situation, what happened to the use of chat instead of the ultimate reaction to the situation? In the case of a rain or shine venue, what's wrong with the venues we have? The streets, especially Pine Street with the Gazebo and the Nature Center

Amphitheatre are great when the weather cooperates with our desire for sunshine and when it rains, there are many facilities that can be arranged for back-up (PAC, Peggy Crosby Center, Civic Center, Conference Center, The Nature-Center, all the many churches, the Highlands School Gym, Cafeteria and soon to be Gymnatorium.)

About the Placard Signage

I am a Vendor Rep and one of the cities in my territory is Blowing Rock. Great city to use for comparison as I feel at "home" when visiting. I am familiar with their signage that is to be mimicked for Highlands. Do you not think this would be visual overload? Are there not ENOUGH signs for the strolling or ride-by customer/visitor? One cannot read all there is to read as is!

How many people follow the directives of signs in your windows or doors that say "No Food Or Drink," "Restrooms Next Door" or even the simple "Push" or "Pull?" How many times do we roll our eyes that people can't read a simple sign instead of realizing that people don't read them because they are "immune!" Signs become invisible in the overloaded signed landscape. Can't see the sign to get THERE for the signs that are HERE!

My recommendation is to add more to the Ambassador Program. We have volunteers to suggest and point directions and be more specific than a sign can ever be. Another way to invite people to come your way is through enhancing or making a green leisure spot.

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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.

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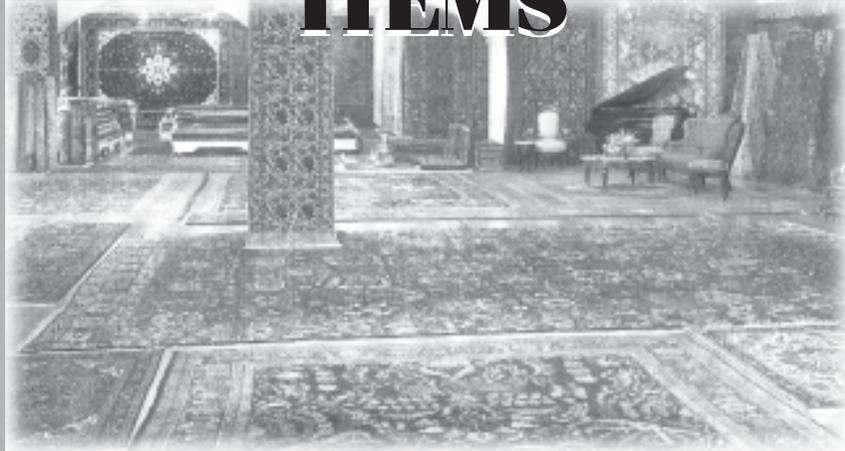
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• FORUM •

Where oh, where has Saddam gone?

By Horace Duncan

Contributor

For 10 years after 1789 it was a time of chaos and violence in France. During that struggle revolutionary leaders rose, and then lost their popularity and died in their turn. The Revolution did not make France a democracy but it did make France a limited monarchy.

In writing about that period, Baroness Orczy wrote a book in 1905 about that revolution with its main character, the Scarlet Pimpernel, who rescued others from mortal danger by smuggling them across a border.

A verse which drove the French mad was, "Where oh, where is the pimperl? They search for him here, they search for him there, be he in heaven or be he in hell, where is the elusive pimperl?"

Of course the pimperl was supposedly a good person fighting for the French people but he was indeed hard to find. The French military did everything it could to find him but he was ever elusive. Do we have a circumstance today that is somewhat similar to the pimperl?

Our coalition military seems to be hot on the trail of Saddam Hussein but he vanishes before he can be captured. He too, is very elusive. Possibly like the pimperl he may use many disguises, perhaps he has a number of "doubles," perhaps his loyalists keep him well hidden. Perhaps, perhaps, perhaps.

Let's try another scenario. Suppose that Saddam is either dead or incapacitated. His friends and supporters do not want the world to know the truth. Whenever a house, mosque, or other building is raided and some of his followers are found they tell our military that Saddam

was there but he has moved. They say that he hardly ever stays more than a few hours in any one place. It seems that Saddam is always just one step ahead of military.

Now refer back to WWII. Everywhere that GIs went as they fought and liberated village after village all over Europe, what did they see? They always saw a face including the head, eyes and nose peering over a fence and two hands clasped onto the fence rail. Underneath the sign read "Kilroy Was Here!" No one actually ever saw Kilroy but every GI in that part of the war and even some in the Pacific saw where he had just been. Kilroy was always just one step ahead of our military.

So, do we have a case here where Kilroy has been replaced by Saddam Hussein? It seems as though we really could have this man peering at us over mosque railings or from the top of store fronts or over backyard fences for years to come. Will he fade away like Kilroy or will he join up with Elvis and appear at various sightings all over the world?

He may be a master of disguise but would he be so profane to dress as a Muslim woman and wear the veil and other female garments to hide his identity? For sure he cannot be trusted in any shape or fashion.

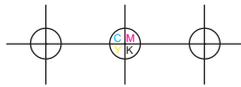
Those who support him, his dictatorship and his code of immorality will do anything to further his diabolical cause. We may never change the mindset of Arab Muslims but we can give them every opportunity to govern themselves.

We really don't have to prove the existence of weapons of mass destruction but we do have to prove the existence or demise of Saddam Hussein.

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• Life Under Construction •

"Friend. Good." – Frankenstein

Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

I needed a bit of serious reconstructing this week holding out for the hope of restoration when it was over. My friends helped me through this process and thus, I decided to write my column about friends.

I thought it would be an easy column to write because they are so dear to my heart but in fact, I am at a loss for words. Maybe the more someone means to you, the harder it is to put the feelings on paper. It seems no words can adequately describe the connections I recently felt with my friends. Well, I'll give it my best shot.

We all get so very busy and that flurry of activity can lead to a hectic and sometimes shallow life, with little time for friends. We become busy with things and stuff. We become a human doing, not a human being. This past week, I took the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of my friends in my life. I took this occasion to do so because I needed them. And they were there for me.

Some people are just easy to be with. They feel as comfortable as cashmere on your skin, or warm bath water with bubbles enveloping your neck, or hot tea with honey. It's like being underneath the covers and feeling cozy and relaxed. Friendship is...a profound connection between two people.

Friends make you feel special, like getting sprinkles on an ice cream cone. You can sit together for hours and not say a word but feel entirely at home.

Today, I celebrate the closeness of friendships and the honesty that can be shared!

Three quotes from three different books, given to me by three different friends describe the splendor of my



friendships during this past week.

"I felt it shelter to speak to you."

– Emily Dickinson

"The language of friendship is not words, but meanings. It is intelligence above language." – Henry David Thoreau

"Those whom we support hold us up in life." – Marie Ebner Von Eshenbach

What are the enduring ties and the invisible bonds that keep two people connected for years and years? For me the bonds are trust, humor and dependability. We are like two volumes of the same book. When they smile, I feel joy in my heart. Friends make the best umbrellas, sheltering us from the rainstorms of life.

It seems funny how a little act of kindness can bring so much comfort and joy to another individual. Maybe it is just a phone call, a prayer, a smile, or an email that touches you. Though the act may be swift, the thought stays with you as a treasured memory.

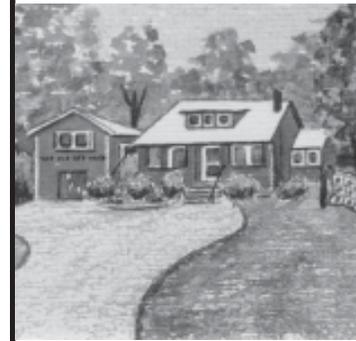
Yes indeed, a loyal and true friend is a precious priceless gift.

Any of your friends need to hear from you?

This column goes to my dear friends who were there for me when I needed them; jc, mf, vs, jw, bw, tc, we, pc, & Bonnie & Dad! Thanks!

Dr. Maryellen Lipinski is a psychologist by profession and an international professional speaker. She coaches individuals to obtain their goals in life and works as a Realtor at Village Realty of Sapphire Valley to help them find a home in these majestic mountains. Her first book, *Random Thoughts and Mine Always Are. Conscious Detours to Creative Power* will make you laugh, cry, and think! Her next book, *Life Under Construction...A Work In Progress* is at the printers! www.maryellenlipinski.com

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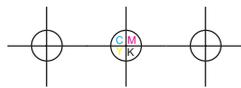


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Area physicians hear latest on two health topics at symposium

By Skip Taylor
Contributor

About 40 area physicians, both retired and active, heard the latest on the prevention and detection of coronary artery and prostate disease at a special medical symposium held at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Sept. 27.

Sponsored by the recently formed Highlands-Cashiers Senior Physicians and Surgeons group, the symposium featured presentations by Drs. Byron R. Williams, Jr., and J. Gilbert Foster, Jr. Dr. Williams, both distinguished physicians and lecturers from the Emory School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Williams, who is a renowned cardiologist and Chief of the Department of Medicine at Emory Medical Center in Atlanta, spoke on the topic of Detection and Prevention of Coronary Artery Disease. He is the Linton Bishop Professor of Medicine at Emory and former chief of cardiology at Emory's Crawford Long Hospital. He is also a regular visiting physician at H-C Hospital in cardiology.

An associate professor of surgery in Urology at Emory's School of Medicine, Foster spoke on "Current Ideas in Prevention of Prostate Diseases." He practices at Crawford Long Hospital, where he is Chief of urology. Both men have been listed as Top Doctors by Atlanta Magazine.

At the center of both presentations were discussions of recent advances in both diagnosis and treatment.

"We are very pleased that we were able to have these two very respected physicians come to Highlands to speak," said Dr. Don Mullen, organizer and chair of the senior physicians group. "Our goal is to hold at least one of these seminars each year."

The senior physicians organization was created to help make retired physicians around the area more familiar with Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the medical services offered locally, develop camaraderie among all area physicians, and facilitate continuing educational opportunities for physicians.



Left, Emory urologist J. Gilbert Foster, Jr., MD, addressing area physicians on the subject of prostate disease and methods of treatment; Right, Emory cardiologist Byron R. Williams, Jr., MD, lecturing on prevention and treatment of coronary artery disease at last Saturday's Medical Symposium held at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

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Macon County Hepatitis cases not linked to Buncombe County cases

Although a ninth case of Hepatitis A was identified in Macon County this week, the Macon County Public Health Center has identified no link between any of the Macon County cases and the current Hepatitis A outbreak in Buncombe County or to recent attendance at rock festivals.

All of the nine cases identified in Macon County are people acquainted with each other who had direct person-to-person contact. Hepatitis A is transmitted through sexual contact, injecting drugs with contaminated needles, and by eating foods contaminated with the stool of an infected person. Of the nine cases identified by the Macon County Public Health Center, seven are residents of Macon County, one is a resident of Rabun County, and one resides in Jackson County.

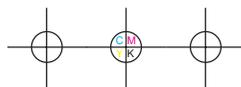
Stan Polanski, a Physician Assistant at the Macon County Public

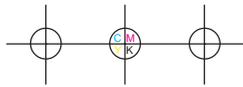
Health Center confirmed that none of the Macon County cases are food-handlers or are suspected of contracting Hepatitis A at a restaurant or other food establishment.

Ellen Shope, RN, Nursing Supervisor at the Macon County Public Health Center stated that the Macon County Public Health Center has given 47 shots of immune globulin in efforts to control the outbreak.

Shope stated that it could be up to 100 days before the health department can be certain the outbreak is under control due to the incubation period of the virus and the fact that Hepatitis A often has no symptoms in children, although it is still contagious.

Persons with Hepatitis A may experience a sudden onset of fever, tiredness, loss of appetite, nausea, abdominal discomfort, dark urine, and yellowing of the skin and eyes.





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For example, take The Falls on Main with its landscaping and benches that offer respite and complement and soften the signs and asphalt as well as keep the coolness.

Make the streets a beautiful and comfortable for strolling, relaxing as well as shopping. Maybe each end of the shopping district could enhance an area for this purpose?

Green spaces would also help in the area of storm water run-off. These spots could be engineered for better capturing and soaking

up, slowing the flow and cleaning the water of impurities before joining our lakes and streams. We are an area known for our beauty, why not have the downtown area reflect our pride in our surrounding by enhancing and promoting Green Spaces?

To that end, why not tie in some of the trails that run near the downtown area such as the Kelsey Trail on Sixth Street and the Greenway Trail behind the Civic Center

**Karen Hawk
Highlands**

Girls' Clubhouse comes through

Dear Editor,

We would like to thank the Girls' Clubhouse for the excellent job it did selling raffle tickets for the Warrior Foundation.

A great example of children helping children. The residents of Highlands are very lucky to have such outstanding young ladies in our community.

We know the children of the fallen warrior are very grateful for their efforts.

**Nancy Horwitz
Raffle Chairperson
Highlands**



From left: Sally Zachary, Lacey Tucker, Brie Schmitt, Haley Rice, & Casey Jenkins at Bryson's Food Store. Not pictured are Susan Barnes and Jenna Shearon.



From left: Bobby Joe Talley, Sarah Hedden, Maricia Owens, LaDonna Rodriguez and Keelie Milroy at Mountain Fresh Foods.



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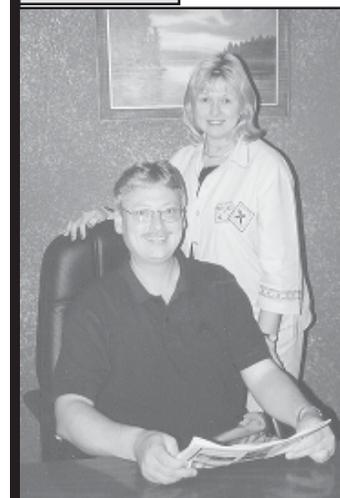
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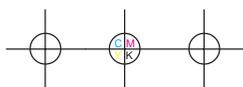
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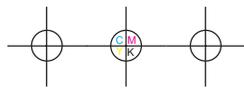
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• Sports Picks •

Thirteen things to love about sports

13. Suffering fans

People like me know our team sucks, and yet we still hope. After the Division II performance on National TV by my Saints against Peyton Manning, I suffered nausea, heartburn, and rashes, and that was just after the first quarter. I wish I had blackouts so that I wouldn't see the ineptitude of the coaching staff. Hmmm, we are decimated on defense, but we have a great offensive line and an all pro running back-let's play Martyball and pound Deuce....or we could line up with 4 wideouts and stay on the field all of a minute in the first quarter. Let's go with handing the game away. Peyton probably has a harder time throwing touchdowns in Madden 2004 than he did against the Saints.

12. Women's Sports

These girls train, sweat and bleed just like men, yet we don't seem to care simply because they can't dunk or hit 70 homers a year. Only once in a lifetime women like Babe Didrikson get notice. Unless they are hot of course - (Anna, Sue Bird, Jennie Finch). However, thousands of girls will compete this month in HS, college, and professional sports - so let's give them the credit they deserve for the talent, precision, and intelligence displayed by women athletes.

11. Tracy McGrady

The best basketball player on the planet-and he does it fairly below the radar. Could take 50 shots a game, but he would rather take 25 and hand out 10 dimes and make his teammates better. Think of him as Kobe Bryant without Bill Walton's lips attached

to his derriere. Plus, he is class all the way.

10. Throwback Jerseys

A real time warp that takes you back to days when Cher was popular, my dad had hair, and Dick Clark was only 321 years old. Not to mention the colors and designs of the day. My personal favorites are the crap brown San Diego Uniforms or the LSD

influenced Houston Astro jerseys. Honorable mention goes to the Pumpkin Orange Tampa Bay uniforms and the old Denver Nuggets gems.

9. John

Smoltz

The best closer in the game the last few years - and he's not really a closer. 95 mph



Ryan Potts

heater, 90 mph split, 88 mph slider, all filthy and all accurate. Plus, he does it with the precision and toughness that you expect from a veteran. Basically, he is John Wayne with a glove.

8. NHL Playoffs

Hot goaltenders, sudden death overtime. The only thing that comes close is a mid-major riding a hot scorer to an upset over a top team. But in the NHL, that mid-major must win 4 out of 7 games, and they do. A third-rate hockey team can win the cup if they have the hot hand between the pipes.

7. NCAA Football

The rivalries, the tradition, the offense. Diverse strategies abound-from Air Force's flexbone attack to Purdue's spread shotgun-there is never a dull college game. Negative points for the BCS junk though, it's more confusing than a Dennis Miller holiday special.

6. College BB coaches

The market has changed due to

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early entry, now the focus is more on coaching than players. Great characters like John Cheney, Jim Boenheim and Rick Majerus. Young guys like Tom Izzo, Mike Davis and Quin Snyder. Emotional coaches like Roy Williams and Gary Williams. However, the real magic lies with guys known by the monikers of Rupp, The Wizard of Westwood, Dean, Coach K, and the General. Nothing defines a college team quite like their coach.

5. Super Bowl commercials

Often more exciting than the game itself. Where else can you see all the new products and all the silly concepts.

4. Playoff Baseball

Every pitch counts, every at-bat pressure packed. There is nothing like a crisp October day to settle in and watch baseball. The last three years we have seen a dynasty in the (expletive deleted), the (expletive deleted) toppled by a veteran club with two of the best pitchers ever in Schilling and Johnson, and a scrappy underdog powered by a stuffed monkey win the Series.

3. Opening Day of March Madness

32 games in 2 days. Wall-to-wall basketball and the perfect reason to stay home from work or school and live on the couch for 36 hours. Nothing, nada, zilch, nil, beats this as a sports event.

2. Domination

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1. Underdogs

Who doesn't love Gonzaga? The Angels? Buster Douglas knocking out Tyson? Rocky? The Hulkster beating Andre the Giant? America loves the underdog, because it reminds us of who we are as people. The coolest sound in the entire sporting world is that of a first round NCAA game when the underdog starts hanging around. The crowd starts buzzing, fans of other teams jump on the Hampton/Holy Cross/Weber St. bandwagon and the atmosphere really starts to rock. And those of us at home start screaming at the TV over such legendary Mid-Major players as Bret Blizzard, Bryce Drew, Bo Kimble, Richie Frahm and Matt Santangelo, and just for Dooley, Harold "The Show" Arceneaux. Bow down to the underdog America-for it's the sports equivalent of getting that huge promotion or winning the lottery, and we love it.

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A 1970, PG-13 film, based on the novel by Thomas Bergers, directed by Arthur Penn, starring Dustin Hoffman.



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This classic western/comedy/drama follows the 121 year-long career of Jack Crabb, played alternately by Ray Dimas as a child, Alan Howard as an adolescent and finally Dustin Hoffman. From Cheyenne warrior, school-boy, medicine show con man, gunfighter, shopkeeper, muleskinner, drunkard and army scout for Custer at the battle of Little Big Horn.

Tragic and comic, it's a wonderful tale, played perfectly by Hoffman. The story, done in a series of flashbacks and narrated by the elder Crabb, it relates his travels and travails as he moves between the world of the Cheyenne and the Whites, meeting a variety of comic, evil, tragic, stupid and simply crazy characters and just a few ordinary, decent logical folks.

The case includes Faye Dunaway, Richard Mulligan (doing a flawless portrayal as the craze and demented George Armstrong Custer), Chief Dan Gerge (nominated for best actor for his portrayal as Old Lodge Skins), Cal Belinni as Crabb's life-long enemy, and dozens of other great performers. The story speaks to the treatment of Indians by whites and the army in a way that is tragic without being preachy or sanctimonious.

The story line is too complex

for an outline, but it's a must-see for fans of Hoffman, the less than conventional westerns, tragic-comic

stories, and incidentally, some of the best make-up work in film, as Hoffman turns from teenager, young man, grizzled mountain man, and 121-year-old nursing home resident.

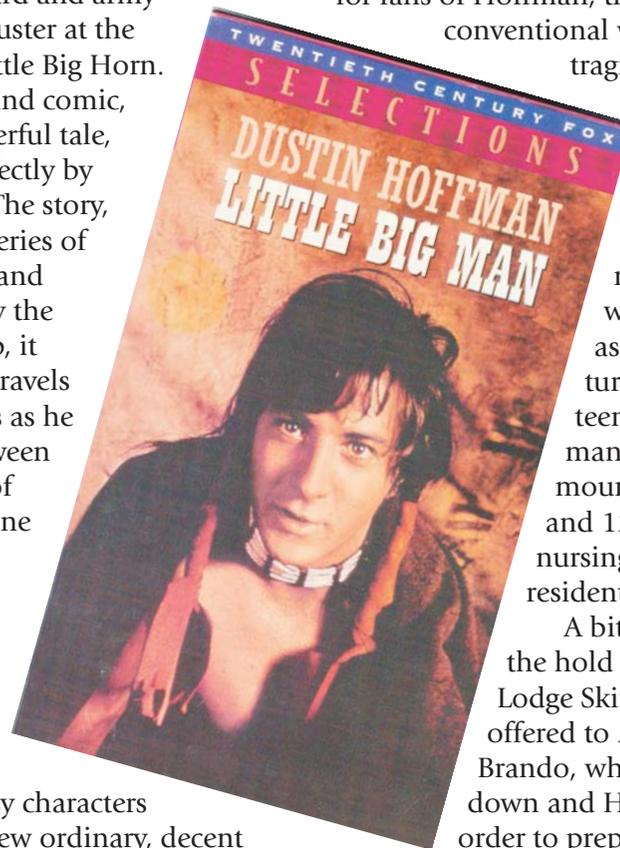
A bit of trivia, the hold of Old Lodge Skins was offered to Marlon Brando, who turned it down and Hoffman, in order to prepare his

voice for the elder Crabb, would start each day by screaming for two hours to get the right gravelly sound.

Fans of Hoffman will also want to see "The Graduate," and "Midnight Cowboy."

Other unconventional westerns are "Dances with Wolves," "Legends of the Fall," "The Outlaw Josey Wales," "Cheyenne Warrior" and "Smoke Signals."

Stop by The Movie Stop at the Mountain Brook Center and visit with Stuart.



• Armchair Traveling •

The flavor of Marrakesh

By Phyllis Picklesimer
Contributor

Marrakesh. To breathe its name is to invoke the smell of spices, the sight of the snake charmers, and the sound of the jingling bells of the water sellers. Winston Churchill called it the "Paris of the Sahara" and visited frequently.

The city is surrounded by a 10-mile long wall and it is within these Ramparts of Marrakesh that the essence of the city is experienced.

Walking through the Medina is a visual and sensual assault. There are pyramids of carefully stacked, many-hued olives; beautifully designed and crafted baskets; aligned heads of goats and piles of viscera for someone's repast; bins of herbs and spices with their intoxicating aromas; and strings of intricately tied Berber necklaces.

The streets are alleyways, but something of interest can be viewed around each corner. Here the black-shrouded, squatting fortune tellers, mysteriously shadowed by the enclosing walls, read palms and cast the bones. There men and young boys hammer copper and brass into items of utility or beauty.

At all times it is necessary to respond to the cries of "barak" or "attention" by pressing against the nearest wall to allow heavily loaded mules or horses the right-of-way.

Many of the most important sights for tourists are also located in or near the Medina. The Saadian Tombs offer a peaceful setting within their terracotta walls that keep the noise of the city at bay for quiet study of the graves covered with designs in small multicolored tiles.

The El Bahia Palace, though no

longer as resplendent as it was when owned by the grand vizer Bon Ahmend, is still interesting for its elaborate plasterwork and carved doorways and ceilings.

By late afternoon, the culmination of your journey through the Medina must be the Jemaa el Fna, which translates to "rendezvous of the dead." To orient yourself with an overview of the square go across to the Cafe de France where for the price of a soft drink you can watch the pageant unfolding below. Hundreds of people, tourists and locals alike, are swept into the atmosphere of a perpetual county fair, if your county is peopled with fire eaters and snake charmers.

When you are ready, descend to the square. You can stop at the umbrella of the desert medicine man with his charms and potions or examine the prowess of the "dentist" whose tabletop is covered with the hundreds of teeth he has extracted. The snake charmers hold bundles of squirming serpents which they will be glad to let you hold.

Wandering through the crowds you will see the red tunic-clad water sellers with their brass cups and also pathetically begging older women clutching babies to their breasts, but, in actuality, the babies have been rented from their mothers for the day. The square is a carnival of acrobats and dancers each calling for your attention with a more unusual or noisy performance.

Certain precautions are necessary for a visit to the square or Medina. A backpack worn on the front of the body or various money belts or pouches will help

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Phyllis Picklesimer and her husband Fred are summer residents of Highlands. She is associated with Starr Travel in Greensboro, North Carolina and leads groups to many far-flung areas of the world several times a year. Fred's family has lived in the Highlands area since 1853. Once a month she will write a travel column for Highlands' Newspaper.

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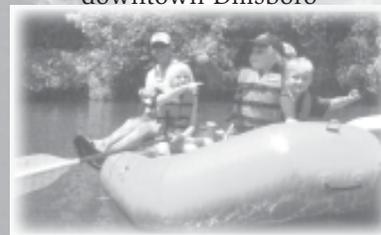
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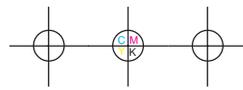
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"Who am I, why do I want to serve and am I for or against the formation of a Travel & Tourism Board to oversee the distribution of Room Occupancy Tax proceeds?"



Mike Cavender

I first came to Highlands in 1949 when I was four years old and have been in love with the community ever since. The natural beauty and wonder of the place caught my attention first.

After I moved here permanently in 1981, I came to realize that the people were equal to the natural splendor. My best friends, most lasting relationships and sense of belonging have their roots in Highlands.

My greatest honor is being elected by the citizens of Highlands to the town board. Whatever happens in the rest of my life, that honor will always be very special.

Just as special is having met my wife, Paulette, in Highlands, and helping raise her two terrific daughters, Charlotte and Vanessa. And now we have two wonderful grandchildren who seem to enjoy Highlands as much as we do!

I think all of us owe something back to our community, especially if we care about the quality of life we enjoy here. Some of my past activities, from serving on the Macon County Planning Board to being on the board and being vice president of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce to being in the Mountaintop Rotary Club, have given me a good perspective about the needs of our community.

Having been in business for more than 16 years with the Mill Creek Store in Highlands has

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Eric Pierson

I was born and raised in Highlands and my family has lived in Highlands for at least six generations. After college, I moved back to Highlands full time to live and work. Since then, I have been involved with the town as much as possible.

I am a third generation member of Highlands Fire and Rescue and I work part-time for Macon County EMS. This is my eight year serving on the Highlands Planning Board and the Highlands Appearance Commission. In association with these boards I worked on three previous Land Use Planning Committees. I have also served two years on the Macon County Planning Board and two years on the Macon County Economic Development Commission.

As a life-long resident of Highlands, I have a vested interest in this town. Growing up here, I feel that I can provide a reasonable point of view for the people living in Highlands, the people trying to make a living in Highlands, and the people raising a family in Highlands.

Serving in the community on the fire department, with the EMS, on the planning board and appearance commission, I have developed a well-rounded knowledge of the town, its residents and its government.

Serving on the Macon County Planning Board and Macon County EDC, I work with several Macon County Commissioners, and I feel this working relation-

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Alan Marsh

My wife and I came to Highlands 35 years ago because of its natural beauty and small town atmosphere.

I will work to keep the small town charm that we all enjoy.

I have been a taxpayer for 35 years. In the last 15 years, I have attended in the neighborhood of 95 percent of the Town Board meetings.

I am a member of the appearance commission and planning boards. I was a volunteer at the Visitor Center for about five years. I am vice president of the Highlands Land Trust, a member of Highlands Rotary; chairman of the Rotary Gorge Road Pickup; director of the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association; past board member of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital; first board member from Highlands on Macon County Habitat for Humanity; trustee of the Highlands United Methodist Church. I have a feel for what's going on in our town and I will work for you.

Answer to Question One:

Each year the Town Board appoints a board to run the ABC store. This has worked for many years without a problem. I am sure the Town Board could appoint a Travel & Tourism Board. The town has long recognized the need for visitor services and provides space for the Visitor Center,

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Dennis DeWolf

My wife and I have been residents of Highlands since 1973. She has been a math teacher at Highlands School and I have been an architect for 30 years. We raised three children

It didn't take long to discover that volunteerism was a way of life here and we quickly got immersed in the same.

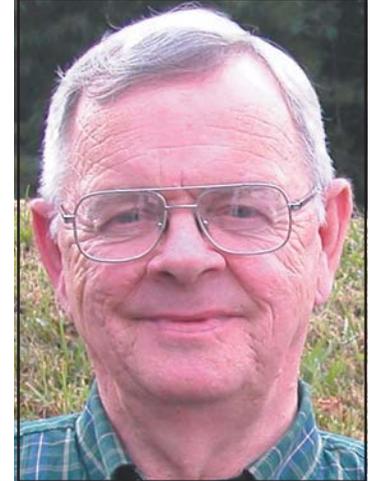
My time has been spent on various governmental boards, advisory committees, and special focus committees along with the various boards of the town, Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Highlands Historical Society, Highlands Playhouse, Mountain Laurel Tennis Club, Carolina Mountain Bank and various office positions at Rotary and our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church.

It's been a great experience and helped given me insight as to the essence of our community and the changes it is going through.

I've been involved over the years in crucial decisions affecting its future and realize over time that citizen communication on various issues is an essential and healthy ingredient for success.

I've made the personal commitment to serve on the Town Board and would very much like the opportunity to do so over the next several years.

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Herb James

I worked for the Town of Highlands from 1967 to 1989 first in its service departments for four years and then as Town Clerk for 28 years.

I have served as a Town of Highlands Commissioner since 1991.

When the town first embarked upon developing the wastewater treatment plant, I worked on a committee canvassing the Cullasaja community to get its input.

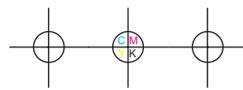
My family and the family of my wife Barbara, are part of the original fabric of families of Highlands. She was a teacher for years at Highlands School and we raised five children in Highlands.

I have always been interested in seeing the town grow in a responsible manner while doing the best it can for its citizens and taxpayers.

Answer to Question One:

Last Spring, there was much discussion between the Town Board and the Chamber of Commerce representatives regarding the Room Occupancy Tax. At the conclusion of those discussions, it was my opinion that the Chamber was doing a good job in trying to determine how these funds should be spent as outlined by the enabling legislation which authorized them.

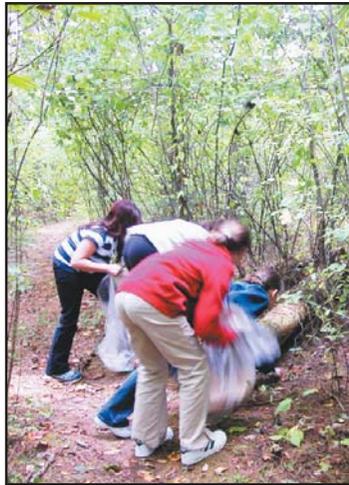
Therefore, I don't favor the proposal presented for the Town Board to form a Travel & Tourism Board.



Girls' Clubhouse tradition of serving continues

By Kim Lewicki

They're an interesting group – these Girls' Clubhouse members – they really, truly like to do things for others. And it doesn't matter what it is. They never complain. In fact, they actually get excited about picking up trash,



On Friday, Oct. 3, the club picked up trash around the Hudson Library.

dusting shelves in the Hudson Library, giving up their Saturdays to sell raffle tickets for SOAR or sell baked goods and lemonade at the Children's ArtWalk.

The club started back in September of 1997 by a bunch of Highlands School sixth-grade girls as something to do after school one day a week. Members of the initial group are now seniors and will be graduating from Highlands School this spring. Coincidentally, many of the girls who grew up doing for others are doing for others still as members of Highlands Rotary Interact Club.

Founding members were Rachel Lewicki, Katy Betz, Miranda Dotson, Alana Wilson, Margie Potts, Caitlin Rawlins, Heather Dalton, Jessica Keener and others whose motto became "HAH

– Helping Around Highlands!" Not all the girls stayed in the club through middle school, but many did.

As eighth-graders, many of the girls welcomed their sisters into the club as sixth-graders to continue the tradition – Megan Lewicki, Rebecca Dotson, Callie Rawlings and Stephanie Dalton and others.

Now in its seventh year, the club has a new crop of sixth-graders and two seventh-graders who returned from last year. The girls meet every Friday school is in session from 3-4:30 p.m. and typically the girls are raring to go.

Projects can be just about anything – the girls never complain and each week brings surprises.

In the spring the club travels to another communi-

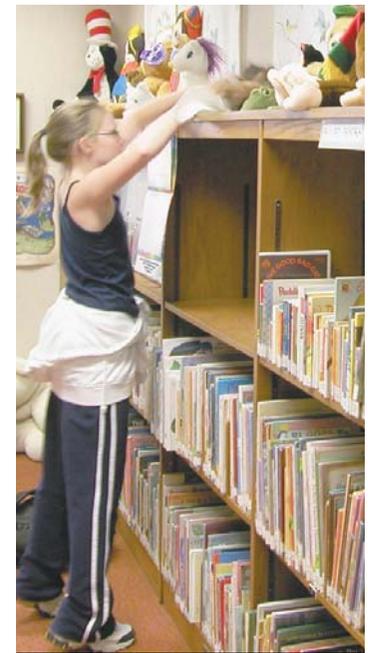
ty to do community service there. Of course the trips include a lot of fun, too.

Over the years the club has traveled to Charleston, S.C., Liberty, Ken., Helen, Ga., Charlotte, N.C., Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn. Community service projects are coordinated through various agencies in those cities as was fun-filled down time.

For more information about The Girls' Clubhouse, call 526-0782.

On Oct. 3, while some girls cleaned up outside the Hudson Library, others worked inside dusting shelves and straightening books. Shown here is sixth-grader, Bobby Joe Talley.

On Sept. 26, the girls walked Fifth Street, around Harris Lake and down Main to pick up trash. From left are Keelie Milroy, Maricia Owens, Haley Rice, Sarah Hedden, Lacey Tucker and Jenna Shearon.



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Mike Cavender

given me some insights into the commercial life of our town. My current position as executive director of the Highlands Land Trust has made me appreciate more than ever how generous and caring our community is.

One of my keenest interests has been in how to preserve as much of our cultural and natural heritage that we love, while allowing for reasonable growth that revitalizes our economy. Getting the right balance is one of the main tensions that drive our political and commercial debates.

For the most part, I think the town board is headed in the right direction.

Perhaps my greatest objective in running for re-election is to see that this balance is maintained, that we don't destroy what is unique about Highlands on the altar of commerce.

The town's planning board is about to undertake a thorough review of our land use plan in the coming year. This

plan will have a dramatic impact on how our community grows in the next several years and perhaps longer. It is vitally important that we have the best elected officials we can get to oversee that project.

Answer to Question One

A major controversy last summer was the issue of how to dispense Highlands' share of the room tax money. I suggested creating an appointed advisory board, much like the town scholarship committee, to receive grant requests from non-profit organizations who present events and activities that visitors might like.

This committee then would decide how to allocate the tax revenues among the various groups, including the Chamber of Commerce.

An example would be making a block grant of \$50,000 to the Highlands Historical Society to help finish the historical village, a site that would certainly interest tourists, as well as be highly beneficial to our citizens.

Such an advisory board

would cost less than the present system and be more representative of the community's interests, not just the commercial interests of Highlands. Such a plan was considered by the full town board and was rejected.

I accept the board's decision, but I still think it's a good plan with long-term benefits. The best advertisement for our community is the strength of our cultural and recreational institutions and how we support our cultural and natural heritage. Our reputation is our best selling point.

Alan Marsh

Conference Center and public bathrooms. The board could consist of one member from the Chamber of Commerce, one from the Town Board, the director of the Visitor Center and additional members selected from a cross-section of the voting residents in town. As a concerned taxpayer, I believe there is a need for oversight and accountability of the public's tax proceeds.

Dennis DeWolf

Answer to Question One:

I think the fundamental concept of a Travel & Tourism Board as outlined is well thought out and sound.

I do, however, question the motivation for creating another overlapping entity of review and disbursement of funds unless there is substantial evidence that the Highlands Chamber has serious flaws in its business structure and manner of funds dispersal.

I'm trying to sift through the resulting emotional flap, in part caused by some poor judgment calls on the part of the Chamber, to gain a greater understanding of the major concerns.

I'm not convinced that the creation of this new board is an appropriate step to take in advance of trying to mend the existing relationship with the Town that has been so fruitful and effective for so many years.

Eric Pierson

ship will allow for better communication between the town and county governments.

Answer to Question One:

I do not know if I am totally for a board doling out Room Occupancy Tax money to any and all non-profit organizations. What would be the basis of choosing one non-profit over another, and who is to say that any such non-profit is geared strictly toward the promotion of Highlands?

However, I believe the town and the Chamber of Commerce could (and should) work better together to see that Room Occupancy Tax proceeds are spent in such a way that favors the town of Highlands, the businesses in Highlands and the people of Highlands.

I also feel that a good portion of the Room Occupancy Tax proceeds (possibly half) should be spent on improving and expanding the town's infrastructure (water and sewer) which are both used by the tourists visiting our town.

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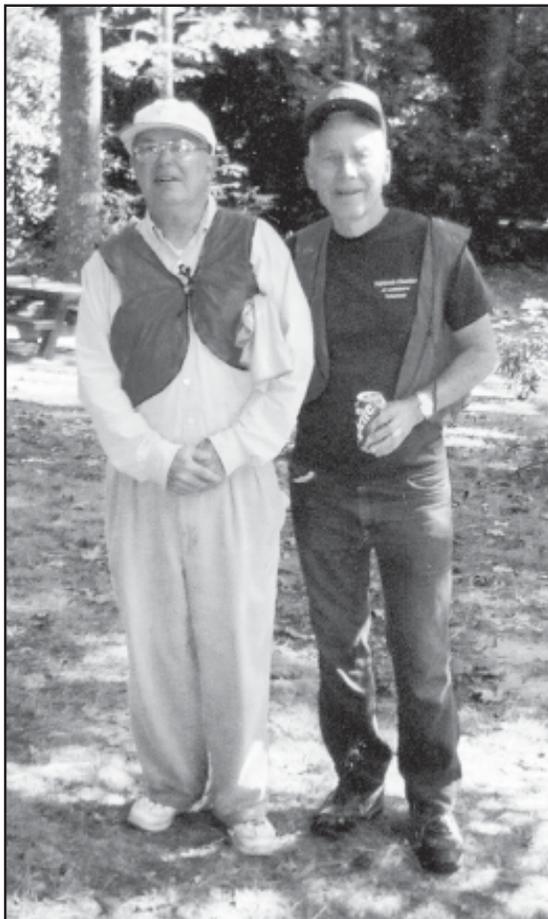
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Semi-annual 'Gorge Road Cleanup' handles 'thankless' job



Jack Boremann and Alan Marsh

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/ Visitor Center and the U.S. Forest Service sponsored the semi-annual Cullasaja Gorge Road Clean-up on Saturday, Sept. 20. About 40 volunteers joined in the effort to make the Gorge Road presentable. Volunteers were rewarded with hot dogs and hamburgers prepared by Dennis Wilson. "It is the willing contribution of volunteers like you that makes Highlands the special place we love to call home."

- Pat Barnes, Visitor Center Director

• Financially Speaking •

Long term care costs are rising

By Bill Conway, CFP
Contributor

According to a recent article in the "Wall Street Journal," the average cost of a private room in a nursing home has increased to \$181.24/day. This figure is based on a survey taken 15 months ago. According to MetLife, Inc., a major provider of long term care insurance, this increase of eight percent is approximately four times the rate of inflation. The government estimates a person entering a long-term care facility today will be there for an average of 2.4 years equal to an overall cost of \$158,766.

Home health care costs are also rising, with a national average of \$18 per hour. Both nursing home care and home health care easily outpaced the rise in the Consumer Price Index of 2.1 percent during the twelve month period ending in June 2003.

The findings in this article are similar to a survey published by General Electric's GE Financial Unit, also a major provider of long term care insurance. The survey shows the national average cost of one year's stay in a nursing home is \$57,000/year, a seven percent increase over 2001.

The "Wall Street Journal" found that a prime factor in these increases is the necessity for long-term care facilities to provide more complex care to their frail patients. This leads to less government reimbursement under Medicaid and a greater cost burden for private paying patients.

Long term care planning has three options to consider.

- Self insuring.
- Purchase Long Term Care Insurance. (LTCI)
- Spend down one's assets to qualify for Medicaid

Self insurers should regularly monitor the potential depletion of assets adversely affected by long term care inflation to see if they still possess a comfort zone to defray these expenses.

For those who have purchased LCTI they should have a professional review of their policies to see if:

1. The daily reimbursement rate is equal to current costs in their state.
2. The length of coverage allows for more than the national average: 2.4 years.
3. The policy has an adequate inflation rider to cover the current nursing home annual cost increases of eight percent.
4. Cost of care in an Assisted Living Facility and for Home Health Care is covered with the same daily benefit as for a Nursing Home.

For those who are considering the purchase of LCTI, look to Best Rated insurers such as John Hancock, Met Life or GE Financial for their financial strength.

Depending on government programs is no longer a realistic option for an individual with substantial assets. Medicare pays 100 percent of cost for only the first 20 days of skilled care. They then pay 20 percent of the cost for the next 80 days. This benefit is paid only if the patient is being transferred to the nursing facility from a hospital after a minimum mandatory stay of three days.

Medicaid is a program for the indigent. So called Medicaid Planning Programs where one transfers assets, usually to a relative, to qualify for indigent status are no longer viable. The government can recapture all the costs for care from the transferred assets, regardless of who has title to same.

Based on the increased demand for more complex medical care, increased longevity and the explosion in the number of so-called senior citizens, there is little in the way of relief from long term care cost increases.

Anyone, other than the indigent, still looking to the government for a political solution to this growing problem is certain to be disappointed.

Highlands Girl Scouts & 'Living Center' residents collaborate for Highlands Crafts Fair

By **Kristen Karcher**
Contributor

Residents at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center have been busy making assorted note cards for the upcoming Highlands Crafts Fair to be held Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Highlands Rec Park.

Under the direction of nurse, Rosemary Burney, the residents have created assorted blank cards with Fall and holiday designs. Each card is the unique creation of the resident using fabric and pen.

Each card is labeled with the name of the resident who designed it. The cards will sell for two for \$1 and can be purchased at this Saturday's crafts fair.

This weekly activity at the Living Center is part of the Eden Alternative. The

Eden Alternative is a program designed to provide nursing home residents with a meaningful existence



Fredda Martin, who didn't think she'd be able to pull the project off said, "I think I did a nice job!"

within the confines of the nursing home setting.

The primary concept behind the Eden Alternative is to seek to eliminate loneliness, boredom and a sense of helplessness from the lives of those who live in long-term care facilities.

The weekly card-making activity, has given residents the change to get together, socialize and at the same time create beautiful one-of-a-kind note cards. The residents have gained a real sense of fulfillment as they have created their cards. Many have discovered hidden creative talents they didn't realize they had.

While visiting the craft fair, be sure to visit the table featuring the original artwork of the residents of the Eckerd Living Center.

Independent Junior Girl Scouts Rebecca Johnson and Bridget Karcher, who have helped Burney and the residents with the cards, will be selling the cards for the residents. Proceeds from the sale of the cards will benefit the Eden Alternatives at the Living Center.



From left are Flora Warren, girlscout Rebecca Johnson, Mary Small and girlscout Bridget Karcher. Other participants not pictured were: Violet Bramlett, Connie Thompson, Margaret Henderson, Corriane Stewart, Agnes Calloway, Jack Watt, Eva Frady, Ruth Davis and Violet Bramlett.

The 21st annual Highlands Arts and Crafts Festival is Saturday, Oct. 11 at the Highlands Civic Center. It features quality arts and crafts by area artisans, food and entertainment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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■ Spiritually Speaking ■



"Choose Wisely"

Rev. Eddie Ingram

Scripture: I Kings 3:3-15, Ephesians 5:15-20

I. It is our responsibility to become spiritually focused on God's purpose for us.

Ephesians 15:16 says we are to live "making the most of the time." God has created us to be in forward motion, to be future-focused.

Where in your spiritual life have you focused too much on the past or present instead of the future?

II. We are called to live life wisely. Sometimes the speed of our world impacts our ability to live with wisdom.

As our world pace quickens, it is easy to leave behind wisdom. We hurry through the things that matter most in life.

Where is the hurry in your life causing you to miss that which is most valuable?

III. The value we place on information also impacts our ability to live wisely.

Some studies indicate the amount of information available to us will double in 18 months. We place value on acquiring information, but how much of that information is irrelevant? Churches and lives get bogged down in trivia.

Where have we gotten so bogged down in trivia that we have forgotten our purpose?

IV. Solomon was wise because he postponed the possibility of present gratification for the sake of the future.

God asked Solomon to tell him what he wanted. God gave Solomon choice and the freedom to choose. Solomon could have had anything, yet chose that which was eternal.

When have you been faced with a choice of immediate gratification or future promise?

V. Although our choices may change, and knowledge may increase, wisdom is eternal.

Our young people may have more information available to them, but do not have the wisdom to process that information into good life choices. That is where the wisdom of God, God's word, and God's people comes into play. All humans tend to let their desire and quest for knowledge leave wisdom behind.

Where in your life has a foolish course of action caused negative consequences? How are you seeking the wisdom of God in your life?

■ 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

Rev. R. Michael Jones, D. Min., Rector: 526-2968
Sundays: Holy Eucharist – 8 a.m.; 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 – 8:30 & 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 – 10:30a.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.
For more information, call (706)-745-1842.

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

Rev. William M Evans, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418
Fridays: Mass – 9 a.m.
Saturdays: Mass – 4 p.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
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7 p.m.

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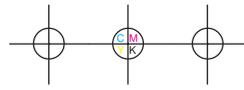
526-9769
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

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.



Artist Amelia James Family to host Arts Alliance affair in Nov.

The Arts Alliance of Highlands benefit, originally scheduled for August 16, will take place on November 15. It is to be held at the studio and residence of nationally known artist, Amelia James.

Amelia is best known for her portraits, but also has an enviable reputation for her botanical paintings. Her portraits hang in corporate and private collections here and abroad. During this past year she has completed two portraits for the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, one of Dorothy Fuqua for the recently completed orchid house and one of Peggy Martin for the new educational building. The Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands' Center for the Visual Arts, has included one of her paintings in its permanent collection.

Amelia and her husband, Curtis, have been part time residents of Highlands for over eighteen years. Their home at the King Mountain Club contains an impressive display of art and collectibles. Visiting the studio will give one an intimate view of the

artist's world and the recently completed "gallery" overlooks a beautiful view to the west.

The house and studio will be open on Nov. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a cocktail buffet to benefit the Arts Alliance of Highlands. Tickets are \$100 a person and may be obtained by calling 526-9938, extension 57. Attendance is limited to 75.

The Arts Alliance of Highlands is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to promoting the Highlands community as a cultural arts center. Its purpose is to focus on the collective aspect of the vast arts resources in the area including the literary, performing and visual arts.

The local artists, art galleries, musical concerts, plays and lectures, along with many other similar activities, when taken as a whole, place the Highlands community in a cultural position rarely experienced by any community, especially for one of its size. The Arts Alliance's mission is to highlight Highlands by enhancing and publicizing this aspect of its image.

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to thwart the pickpockets who abound.

Marrakesh has many hotels; the best, in a class by itself, is the Hotel La Mamounia. It has been said that it was Churchill's favorite hotel in the world. The hotel gardens, surrounded by the bougainvillea-draped walls, beg for a stroll. The hotel is located within the Ramparts of Marrakesh, allowing you to walk and enjoy the city with the hotel as your base.

In the evening return to the Jemaa el Fna to expand on the afternoon's entertainment, or

experience the Fantasia, a spectacle of Berber folk heritage. While seated in Moroccan -carpeted tents at tables of eight to ten persons, you dine on Moroccan specialities while watching troops of Berber dancers. Then, after dinner, be a witness to a Berber military charge as dozens of armed warriors race toward you, their rifles blazing. It's all make-believe, but returns the observer to the days of the warlords.

Once you have breathed the intoxicating air of Marrakesh, you will plan, like Winston Churchill, to return.

... OLD EDWARDS from page 1

parking." Since the inn is in the B1 zoning district, technically it doesn't have to provide parking.

As they have been doing all along, architects for the inn went to the zoning board Wednesday night with three requests - permission to construct and renovate buildings on the Rib Country lot and two amendments to plans already seen by the board.

On the Rib Country lot, three new housing units are planned and the six existing buildings - not including the restaurant - will be renovated.

"The cottages on this property will be efficiency units reflecting a price range an average person can afford," said Gantenbein. Some of the buildings are one-story, one-bedroom cottages; others are two-story buildings.

"The actual refurbishing of the existing cottages will consist of no more than dressing up or replacing any damaged siding and then simply repainting the exterior with Manchester Tan," explained architects. "The interior construction will consist of tearing out all the existing walls and remodeling per the floor plan chosen for each building."

The building housing the Rib Country Restaurant will continue to house a restaurant, they said. "Again, offering meals in the average range," said Gantenbein.

Parking for the complex will be in the center of the lot, out of view from the street. Ingress and egress into the complex will from Spring Street to South Street, respectively, in a straight line across the property.

Now that Old Edwards Inn has purchased the Highland Hiker building, architects altered previously submitted plans to make use of an eight-foot area between the two entities to house a dumpster. "It will be the prettiest dumpster area in town," said one zoning board member.

The second amendment requested was to the deck on the property. When the kitchen design was enlarged, it took up some of the existing restaurant. To make up for the loss of tables, architects want to enclose the deck so it can be used in all weather.

"The deck was already 100 percent impervious so there's no problem there," said Gantenbein. "There's no change in the build-upon requirements."

"We're planning for a solarium look to improve that side of the dining room so the outdoors can be enjoyed through all seasons," said architect Jennifer Turpin. "We will use the same deck, just roof it and put in windows which will blend with the architecture already there."

The zoning board OK'd each request.

Karcher in Order of the Arrow



Stephen Karcher, right, was initiated into the Tsali Lodge 134 Order of the Arrow at the Fall ceremony at Camp Daniel Boone. Karcher, a member of Boy Scout Troop 219, is following in the footsteps of his grandfather, Jim Fox, left, who became a member of the order in 1953.



• Laughing at Life •

Time for my hormone shots

November will be here before you know it and that means hunting season is upon us.

Yes, it is that time of the year when the male species (moi included) have large amounts of uncontrollable testosterone flowing through their veins. The desire to kill something is insatiable. It's strictly a guy thing that ladies cannot fully understand. It's our form of hot flashes and PMS all rolled together. We're a little out of sorts.

Acting just like an adult buck during mating season, we take on a special, daring stance. During the hunting season, our nostrils flare, we spit farther, face hair grows faster and the smell of gun cleaning solvent wins out over body odor. We even act differently, having to scratch something on our body every time we speak. Just watch us. Scratching and talking are synonymous. We can't help it.

Maybe because I hunted humans for so long, I have absolutely no desire to hunt down critters and kill them. Or maybe the feeling is left over from my childhood days when my brother-in-law took me coon hunting and I watched a very big papa coon beat up our poor dog. "Are we having fun yet?" I asked Ralph. (That's my dog.) He looked at me with sad eyes and bloody ears, but didn't speak. Ralph didn't like to hunt either. Like me, he was more into sniffing and sleeping.

Just because I don't care for hunting doesn't mean the physiological effects of testosterone coursing through my body at this time of year are not having an effect on me. Even though there is a lot of snow on the chimney doesn't mean the fire is out in the flue. (Did I say that right?) With me, it just manifests itself in different ways.



Fred Wooldridge

For example, at my weekly bridge game, I found myself fashioning a gun with my thumb and index finger and firing at my opponents when they weren't looking.

One time, at the peak of the hunting season, I went into a frenzy and shot everyone at the game, including the little missus, using the thumb-index finger method. I was thrown out of the game and worse, I got no dinner that evening. Talk about out of control.

The frenzy continued. Locking the hose nozzle in the jet position, I would stand on my back porch and fire away at squirrels and chipmunks feeding in the yard. I mounted tiny sights on top of the pistol grip hose nozzle for better accuracy. Because they're so darn fast, I never soaked a critter, but the desire to drench them was ever present.

Once, when I was surprised by the voice of a neighbor who walked up behind me, I spun around uncontrollably and blasted him right in the chest. He is still not speaking to me. I needed help.

There were other symptoms which were less obvious, like punching holes in all the pictures of the critters in the National Geographic magazines. Or watching the evening news crouched down behind my easy chair with my BB gun at the ready.

Finally, my wife had enough.

• Police & Fire Report •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Sept. Oct. 1-7. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Oct. 1

• At 11:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-car accident at N.C. 28 and Highlands Plaza.

• At 11:45 a.m., a motorist was cited for failure to yield at N.C. 28 and Highlands Plaza.

• At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Sagee Woods Drive. All was secure.

• At 7:15 a.m. officers received a call about damage to a car parked on Hicks Road.

Oct. 2

• At 6 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without license at U.S. 64 west and Hickory Hill Road..

Oct. 4

• At 10:48 a.m, officers responded to call of construction noise at a residence on Many Road..

• At 10:16 p.m., an intoxicated person was asked to leave the environs of lower Oak Street..

Oct. 5

• At 11:18 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without a license a Hicks and Mirror Lake roads..

Oct. 6

• At 9:30 a.m., Michael D. Childers, 27, of Franklin was arrested after turn-

ing himself into police for the possession of stolen property, resisting, delaying and obstructing a police investigation concerning a stolen ring set valued at \$1,000. He was released on a \$4,000 secured bond.

Oct. 7

• At 9:30 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Cobb Road was cited for driving without a license.

Oct. 8

• At 9 p.m., officers received a call about a check book found outside Highlands Pharmacy..

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for Sept. Oct.1-7.

Oct. 2

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Episcopal Church which was set off by workers..

Oct. 3

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek Road. He was transported to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Oct. 4

• The dept. provided mutual aid to assist Cashiers Fire & Rescue with a structure fire..

Oct. 7

• The dept. provided mutual aid to assist Cashiers Fire & Rescue with a structure fire.

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Something had to be done. I either had to force myself to hunt, thereby releasing all the kill adrenaline in my brain or get the shots, which sounded like the easier way to go.

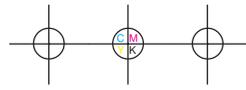
So this season I went for female hormone shots to counteract the testosterone. It seemed like a good plan. With just the right amount of estrogen, my behavior pattern would return to normal. Well, normal for me.

It has been a whole week since the shots and life is good around here. My bridge friends have all forgiven me for continuously finger-shooting them and the garden hose hangs idle in its

place. I can watch TV without pointing the BB gun at the animals on the Discovery channel and I no longer strut around like a peacock looking for his love mate.

Life is back to normal, kind of. I have become so balanced that even my old hunting friends have forgiven me for making fun of them for shooting a cow. I know this because I just got a call from my friend who wants to show me his latest kill, a huge buck with a rack bigger than Dolly Parton's.

I'm on my way over there to see his kill, as soon as I finish plucking my eyebrows and doing my nails.



• Highlands Eateries & Light Fare •

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526-3775 Sun. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

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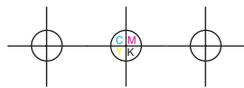


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• Upcoming Events & Activities on the Plateau •

On-going

• 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.

• There is a "Teacher Wish List" at the school. Call the office at 526-2147 to see how you can help. Teachers need everything from paper to pens.

• 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 on 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 chil-

dren 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, or stop by the ITC office at the Peggy Crosby Center, room 218, 5th Street in Highlands. All classes are held at the Peggy Crosby Center. Email at instanttheatre@earthlink.net

• The Chamber of Commerce is having a Christmas Art Contest for the T-shirts that will be sold at the tree lighting and also for the drawing that will be used on the posters for this event. The categories are adult...this picture will be used on the shirt and children to age 16. This picture will be used on the poster. The adult category will win \$100 and the children's will win \$50. This event is sponsored by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Any questions please call me at 743-2052 Marianne Vines

Oct. 11

• The 21st annual Highlands Arts and Crafts Festival featuring quality arts and crafts by area artisans, food and entertainment from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike up Yellow Mountain, the highest peak in the area, with an historic Forest Service lookout tower on top and stunning views of the surrounding mountains. There are two leaders and two choices of hikes: a short, moderate 2-mile hike with an 800 foot elevation gain or a 5.5 mile strenuous hike, with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. For the longer hike, meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9 a.m.; for the short hike, meet at the Bank at 9:30 a.m.. Bring a drink, lunch, rain gear, and wear sturdy shoes. Drive 20 miles round trip, returning 3-4 p.m. Call hike leader Joe Gatins, 706-782- 9944, or Bill Crosby, 526-3849, for a reservation, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful on morning of hike. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• The Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society will hold its second annual Paws in the Park dog show in Highlands, Saturday, Oct 11, 9-12:30 a.m., at the Macon Bank Gazebo Park between Pine and Carolina Way. New this year are the Paws Walk - a pet parade for children and dogs - registration is at 8:30 and Poster Contest for Highlands

School students grades K-8.

Oct. 10-11

• Brian Starr & his guitar performing at Lah Tea Dah Tea Room on Main Street, from 8-11 p.m. Bring your own wine. No corkage fee.

• Saturday from 12-3 p.m., Brian Starr & his guitar performing at Lah Tea Dah Tea Room on Main Street upstairs next to Scudders,

• "Love Letters" with Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox, a benefit for the Performing Arts Center and the resurrected Instant Theater Company, at PAC. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call Adam Heffernan at 369-3652.

Oct. 12

• Sunday from 12-3 p.m., Brian Starr & his guitar performing at Lah Tea Dah Tea Room on Main Street upstairs next to Scudders.

Oct. 14

• The Hudson Library is sponsoring author Robert Inman who will speak and sign books at 7 p.m. at the PAC

Oct. 14 & 15

• Highlands 2003 Autumn Spectacular Photography Workshop led by photographer Mark W. Hutchinson. Cost is \$300 not including lodging and meals. For more info, call 770-974-3816.

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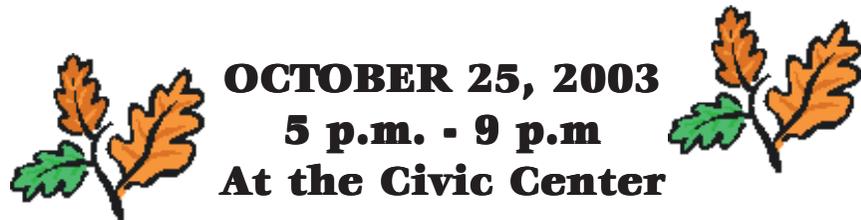
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Director finds new home with 'Instant Theatre Company'

The newly revived Instant Theatre Company is producing A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* starring Rex Reed and Collin Wilcox this Friday & Saturday Night (October 10 and 11) at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. New Artistic Director, Adam Heffernan is directing.

If you find the previous name familiar, you may have seen a show at Highlands Playhouse this summer. Heffernan, who turns 30 this February, resigned from the 65 year old Playhouse this past September and is now partnering with Highlands locals Scott Paxton and Collin Wilcox to revive the Instant Theatre Company. "I am very proud of the work my cast and staff and I produced at the Playhouse this past year," Heffernan commented, "The enthusiastic and positive response from our audience and local business owners was wonderful and affirming. I'm very much looking forward to getting The Instant Theatre back on its feet and producing exciting and challenging new plays."

Born and raised in New Hampshire, Heffernan moved to Highlands from New York City two years ago with his Highlands raised

fiancée Carrie Mayer. He has worked as an actor and director at theatres all along the east coast, including Dover Rep, Hampstead Players, Papermill Theatre and the world-acclaimed Actors Theatre of Louisville, where he appeared in a world premiere of Thornton Wilder's "lost" plays *Youth*. For a year and half he played a recurring character on ABC Television's *All My Children*, which shot in New York.

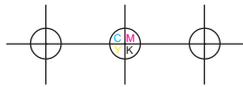
As part of his job as Artistic director of ITC, Heffernan will be teaching the children's and adult theatre classes, which will commence at the end of October. "The classes for children are free of charge," Heffernan said, "so we'll raise money for the company through shows such as *Love Letters*, various grants and private donations."

If you would like to become a patron of The Instant Theatre Company Classes contact Heffernan at his office in room 218 of the Peggy Crosby Center in Highlands or call 828-526-1687, or e-mail instanttheatre@earthlink.net at instanttheatre@earthlink.net. The Instant Theatre is a non-profit corporation and all donations are tax-deductible.

Leadership Highlands – Class of 2003-2004



The fifth class of Leadership Highlands got off to a great start with its Opening Reception on Sept. 17 at Wolfgang's on Main. The next week, the 18 new members participated in a two-day Opening Retreat, Sept. 23 & 24 at The Mountain. The retreat included Team Building exercises and preparation for the seven "Special Day" meetings. The class will graduate in May.

**... EVENTS from page 21****Oct. 16**

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its last meeting of the season on Oct. 16 at the Albert-Carlton Library in Cashiers. Meeting begins at 7 p.m. and all are invited. Our speaker is Mac Brown, nationally known casting instructor, guide and speaker. His topic is "How to Fish New Waters." A raffle will include flies, gifts and a deluxe Orvis Fly Tying Kit donated by Brookings. Call Giff at 743-2078 for information.

Oct. 18

• The monthly "Kids Night Out" is from 6-9 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. The cost is \$5 per child. There will be food, fellowship and the making of Halloween crafts. All ages are welcome. Call Kristin Karcher at 787-1008 for more info and to RSVP by Oct. 22.

• The Faith Formation program at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church is hosting a supper featuring Paoletti's spaghetti from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dine in or take out. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 13. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink. Advance tickets available at the church office from 8 a.m.-12 noon.

• The Highlands United Methodist Church is having its annual Octoberfest. Breakfast & lunch will be served and there will be lots of things for sale - used items, new furniture, jams & jellies and fall decorations.

• The Literacy Council is kicking off its tenth year of service with a Football Challenge at the gazebo on Pine Street from 2-6 p.m. Folks will be asked to donate to

the Literacy Council in the name of their alma mater. The challenge - which alma mater is most devoted to literacy.

• The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will be having its Fall Concerts, Saturday, October 18 in Cashiers at the Albert Carlton Library and on Sunday, October 19 in Highlands at the Martin-Lipscorn Performing Arts Center. Both concerts will be at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and may be reserved by calling 526-9060 or may be purchased at the door. The Sunday concert will include a wine & cheese reception at intermission, compliments of the Highlands Wine & Cheese Shop.

Oct. 19

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Fall Concert at PAC at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 or \$5 for students. Call 526-9060.

• It's Fiesta Grande time from 5-8 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, music and items for sale. For more information, call 526-9938, ext. 24.

Oct. 25

• Highlands School's 5K Fun Run and Annual Fall Festival at the Highlands Civic Center from 5-9 p.m. There will be BBQ, baked goods, lots of booths and prizes to win. Be sure to buy a raffle ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5 for groceries gas, a savings bond from Wachovia and a gift certificate from Reeves Hardware.

All proceeds benefit Highlands School. To register for the 5K Run, call 526-0454.

Library sponsoring author and screenwriter on tour in Highlands

The Hudson Library is pleased to announce that novelist, screenwriter and playwright Robert Inman will visit Highlands on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Inman will discuss his novel *Captain Saturday* (2002), the fictional story of TV weatherman Will Baggett, "the biggest celebrity in Raleigh, NC" until the conglomerate that's his station fires him and he injures his knee, is arrested for running a red light, discovers his marriage is failing, and learns that his son can't stand him all in the same day. These events force Will to confront a painful past he never knew he had and provide us with a soul-jerking read with a chance of scattered tears.

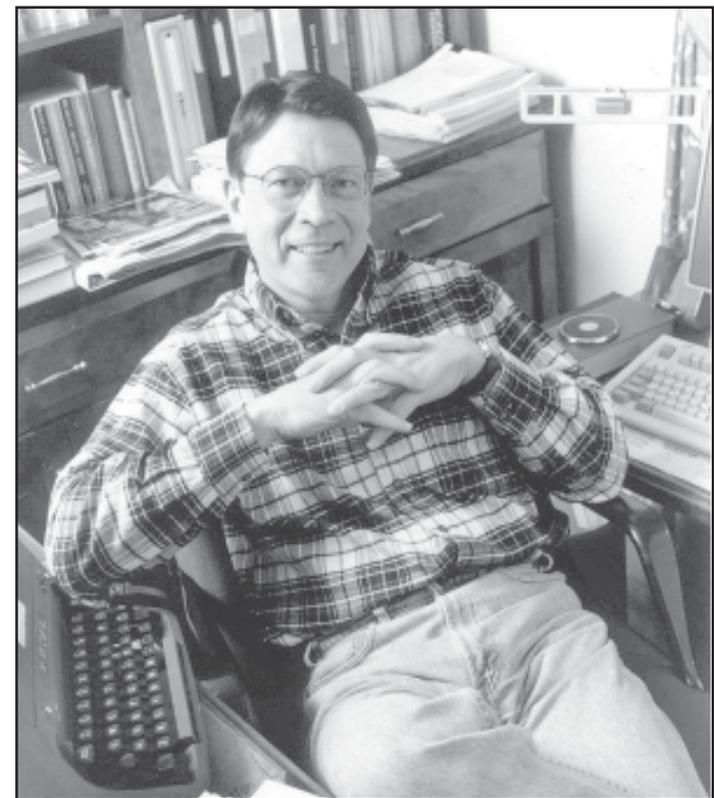
An acclaimed southern author, with a strong fan base in the South, Inman is also the author of three other novels: *Home Fires Burning* (1987), *Old Dogs and Children* (1991), *Dairy Queen Days* (1997). Two of his novels received the "Outstanding Fiction Award" from the Alabama Library Association, and *Home Fires Burning* was named one of the best books of 1987 by the Philadelphia Enquirer. A collection of his non-fiction work, *Coming Home: Life, Love and All Things Southern*, was published in October, 2000.

Inman's first stage play, the musical comedy "Crossroads," had its world premiere in June, 2003 at the Blowing Rock

Stage Company, a professional theatre in Blowing Rock, NC. He has also written screenplays for six motion pictures for television, two of which have been "Hallmark Hall of Fame" presentations. His script for *The Summer of Ben Tyler*, a Hallmark production, won the Writers Guild of Ameri-

Queens College of Charlotte. He is a member of the Authors Guild, Writers Guild of America, PEN American Center, North Carolina Writers Conference, North Carolina Writers Network, and Alabama Writers Forum.

Inman and his wife, Paulette, live in Charlotte



Robert Inman

ca Award as the best original television screenplay of 1997. His other Hallmark feature was *Home Fires Burning*, a 1989 adaptation of his novel. He is currently at work on the screenplay for *Captain Saturday* for Oscar-winning actor Billy Bob Thornton.

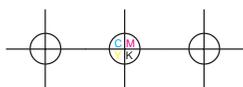
Inman is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of The University of Alabama with Bachelor of Arts and Master of Fine Arts degrees, and holds an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from

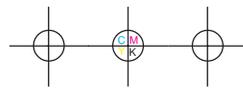
and Boone, North Carolina.

In addition to discussing and reading a passage from *Captain Saturday*, Inman will "take questions about anything remotely connected to writing."

A reception will follow at the Museum of American Cut Glass where copies of Inman's works will be available for purchase and signing. Admission is free. Please call the library at 526-3031 for additional information.

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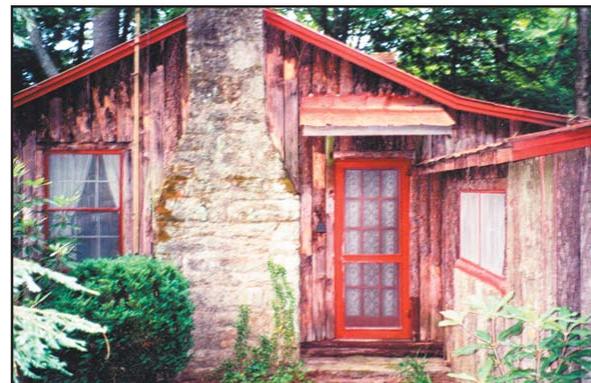
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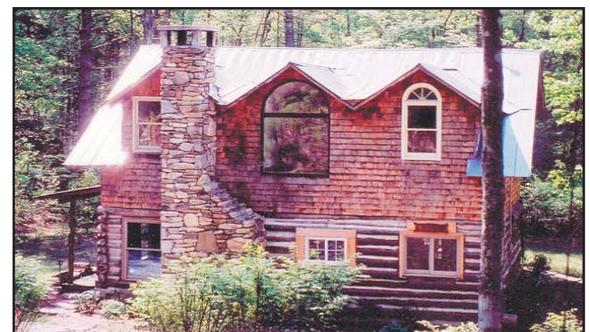
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