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The week of Oct. 17-23

- Cakes & baked goods are needed for HS Fall Festival. Take them to the Rec Park anytime, Friday, Oct. 24 or Sat., Oct. 25.

- Area cub scouts are selling popcorn through Oct. 28. Call the Methodist Church for list of scouts – 526-3376

Oct 16-18

- The McKim Family and friends present "A Broadway Revue" Thursday, Oct. 16, Friday, Oct. 17 and Sat., Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Tickets are \$12 and available at John Cleaveland Realty, from any McKim Family member and at the door.

Oct. 18

- 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. It's \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under 13. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drink.

- 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.

Oct. 19

- It's Fiesta Grande time for the Literacy Council from 5-8 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Tickets are \$30 and include dinner, music and items for sale.

Oct. 23

- Steve Corley, Proprietor of Monticello Vineyards, one of California's acclaimed wineries, and Jack Larkin of Pacific Southern will be in Highlands for a wine dinner at ...on the Verandah, Thursday, Oct. 23, at 6:30 p.m.. The dinner will include five courses. Each course will be paired with wines from Monticello, Steele, and Morgan wineries. For reservations call 828-526-2338.

Town gives Highlands Cable one more chance

By Kim Lewicki

Investors and potential customers breathed a sigh of relief Wednesday night. Highlands Cable Group is still in business – for now.

Its advisory committee and attorney convinced commissioners to allow them to "do it right" this time.

To meet not only with Lamar Nix, town engineer, but with representatives from both Northland Cable and Verizon and to go over the entire system pole by pole.

Instead of revoking Highlands Cable Group's franchise for failing to comply with rules and regula-

tions set forth by the Cable Television Franchise Agreement and for attaching to poles without permits, the board agreed to let the four groups involved try to work it out as long as they begin immediately.

▪See CABLE page 23

He brings tree trunks to life



Photo by Barbara Lawrence

From logs spring life with a chainsaw, vision and a lot of brawn. For years travelers on the Dillard Road have watched Robert Isham's creatures come to life. One masterpiece stands sentry at Toad Hall. See story page 13.

Lobbyist lays plans for area lakes' cleanup

By Kim Lewicki

Turns out there's money out there for dredging lakes filling up with silt. You just have to know who to ask.

In the case of the Town of Highlands, there's federal money for the asking, but it will take a lobbyist to get it – but luckily for Highlands he works cheap.

Jim Johnson with Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, who lives on Lake Sequoyah has secured Chris Ott, lobbyist and lawyer with Kilpatrick Stockton, to navigate the way through the halls of federal appropriations. Ott's efforts will cost about \$40,000 but the lawyers said they'll work for free.

Estimates to clean up both Lake Sequoyah and Mirror Lake and to keep them clean are up to \$16 million. Ott said he won't be able to get

▪See LOBBYIST page 23

Robber steals \$15,000 from RBC Centura

By Kim Lewicki

When John Shearl drove up to the RBC Centura drive-through about 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, and saw the teller stuffing bills into a plastic bag, he thought it was a little weird, but he shrugged it off.

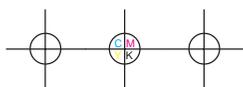
When the teller told him they were very busy and it would be a while before she could help him, he decided to run a few errands and come back later.

But when he heard "Robbery in Progress at Centura Bank" over the

police scanner in his truck, he quickly doubled back. As a member of the Highlands Fire and Rescue Department, police scanners are handy equipment.

Unbeknownst to the robber

▪See ROBBER page 8



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• **Letters to the Editor** •

Thanks goes out to community

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I was to thank you for hosting the Special Operations Adventure Race to benefit the children of fallen special operations heroes. From the athletes who competed in the adventure race to the volunteers who spent valuable time and energies planning all of the detailed logistics, please know that your honorable efforts are truly appreciated.

When a member of special operations is killed in a real-world operational mission or while training for them, the family receives compensation from the government and through life insurance, but in most cases it is not enough for the surviving spouse to consider college education for the children left behind. That is where the Special Operations Warrior Foundation steps in – and why your efforts are so appreciated.

The Special Operations Warrior Foundation provides college scholarship grants, not loans, to the children of fallen special operations troops. Today, the SOWF has more than 70 students in colleges across the country and

455 children in the program. But the SOWF would not be able to exist without great Americans like those in Highlands who volunteered, sponsored and donated to the adventure race and SOWF. You are our true heroes!

You not only gave of yourself, but you did it with the true sense of charity in mind. Just like the “quiet professionals” of special operations, those supporters, volunteers and donors gave without recognition or fanfare because it was the right thing to do. The money raised in the adventure race is helping children facing the worst possible thing any child could face – the loss of a parent. With everyone’s help and support, the SOWF will continue to serve the families of special operations troops and future generations.

Again, thank you so much for being heroes to these special children and for all of the hospitality shown by the people of Highlands.

John T. Carney, Jr.
Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Ret)
President/CEO
Special Operations Warrior Foundation

Where's the Halloween spirit?

Dear Editor,

I was reading Robert Fulghum's list, “Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten,” today. First on his list is “Share everything” while second reads, “Play fair.” Being a mom and a teacher, I believe in those ideas.

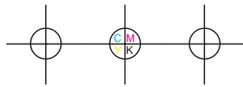
To convince myself that those are universal beliefs, I then looked up the Golden Rule. “Do Unto

Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You.” I would certainly like others to share and play fair with me so those seem to be a match.

As long as I was on a roll, I looked up “Rules to Live By.” There were hundreds but the ones I check always had things like, “Give people more than they

▪ See LETTERS page 9

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.



Highlands CC Celebrates 75 years



On August 2, more than 250 members of Highlands Country Club gathered to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. Led by the Highlands Pipes & Drums Band, the Scottish Color Guard marched to the Clubhouse lawn, posted the colors and played happy birthday.

President Buddy Redd welcomed everyone and recognized the 25 founder members, and past presidents of the Club. The Drum Major then summoned the Pipe Major and Side Drummer, who performed a musical salute written by Michael Waters commemorating our

75th Anniversary.

Pipe Major Waters recited a poem written to mark the occasion, entitled "The Highlands Country Club, at 75." Framed copies of the poem and the musical march were presented to the Club.

Tucked into the nooks and crannies of the history of Highlands Country Club are a grand assortment of memories. Truth to tell, the memories are more important than a history of dates and facts. So all members, especially long-standing ones, have their own personal histories of the club.

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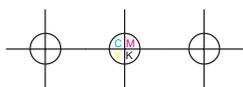
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North Carolina first state to 'get real' about 'GreenPower'

by **Katie Brugger**
 Contributor

It is now possible to make sure that some of the electricity you use comes from renewable sources, or "green energy," such as solar power, wind energy, and biomass.

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has created "NC GreenPower," an independent, nonprofit organization established to improve North Carolina's environment by decreasing the use of fossil fuels.

For a minimum contribution of \$4 a month, which is added to your electric bill, one block of 100 kilowatt-hours of green energy will be purchased to add to North Carolina's power grid. You can buy as many blocks as you wish, and the contributions are tax-deductible.

North Carolina is the first state that has developed a statewide, regulated green power program.

The burning of fossil fuels pollutes the air (the Great Smokies are becoming the Great Smoggies due to the power plants to our west) and is also a major factor in global warming. Nuclear energy produces a toxic waste that no one knows what to do with. The extraction of fossil and nuclear fuels also damages the environment. But green energy just utilizes the sun, or wind, or water, or even organic waste to make energy.

How can waste make energy? According the NC GreenPower website, one form of bioenergy is a gas called methane. It's a naturally occurring by-product of decaying plant and animal material. It is often found in bogs, wetlands and even landfills. The process can be duplicated in biogas generators using bacteria to break down organic material such as agricultural waste. The resulting methane gas is burned to produce electricity."

To learn more, go to www.ncgreenpower.com, write: NC GreenPower, 909 Capability Drive, Suite 2100, Raleigh, NC 27606-3870, or call 919-857-9000.

To join the program, contact your utility provider: Haywood Electric at 800-951-6088 or Duke Power at 524-2121.

The town of Highlands buys electricity from Duke Power, but at the time of this writing Highlands is not planning on offering this program to their customers, although Duke does.

Highlands could buy at a discounted price — 100 blocks at \$2.50 each — so if the town provides your service and you are interested in participating in this program, give the town office a call: 526-2118.

This is a new program; so expect some confusion no matter where you call.

Pink Ribbons serve as checkup reminders

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

North Carolina's Governor Easley has proclaimed October 5 through 11, as Pink Ribbon Week in the state.

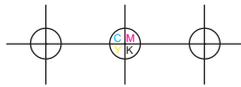
All North Carolinians are urged to wear pink ribbons in recognition of breast cancer awareness and in honor of North Carolina women who are now courageously fighting the battle with breast cancer.

The pink ribbon has become a symbol of hope for a cure of breast cancer and a reminder that breast cancer does not have to be fatal. More than 90 percent of women

whose cancer is found in its earliest stages survive breast cancer and go on to lead full and productive lives.

Unfortunately, too many North Carolina women are not getting the regular breast checkups that are needed for early detection. These checkups include clinical breast examination, mammography, and monthly breast self examination.

The Macon County Public Health Center can provide more information on breast cancer screenings and how women who cannot afford them can get free or low cost breast examinations and mammograms.



• Life Under Construction •

Life Goes On...

Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

So, we better keep constructing. I looked at the calendar on my refrigerator this morning and it was on the month of August. Either I have not been eating much or I'm just not paying attention.

The first thought was wishful thinking. It just seems that life is going too fast and I am playing catch up. My Christmas cactus is blooming in October. I already have my fleece out and its not even winter. Well, what to do but keep constructing and designing. Maybe I need to slow down?

The best way to prepare for what's goes on seems to me to make sure that your interior decorating is up to date. It might be better to start cleaning up on your own. Heck, it might even take some major remodeling, renovation and rebuilding. Don't be leery of doing this, it's all part of the process of building a life.

If you had all the money in the world to spend on interior decorating, where would you start? How much would you spend? What are you worth? Are you built to last?

The way I see it, is that it all starts from the inside out. Whether others truly see our heart and soul is one thing but it might serve you to stay in tune and be reminded that your interior lining impacts everything you do and say. It's about being aware. Aware of who you are and who you want to become. Yes, it's about being authentic and true to your values!

Who are you, really? Would you change something about yourself if you thought you could? You can. It has to do with your internal voice that talks to you all the time. The key is whether you are listening. Your self-talk supports each action you take.

That's a good reason to make sure when you talk to yourself, you



are saying words that will improve the condition of your house.

If your foundation is sturdy inside, you'll be fine. Let's work on constructing from the inside out.

Let's look at the materials you are using for construction. Will they withstand harsh weather and outside influences?

Part of remodeling includes what I call being brutally honest. By brutal, I am talking about being harsh and ferocious. When we confront ourselves with the truth we might feel vulnerable, but we still need to investigate it thoroughly. Your history greatly impacts your uniqueness and individuality. This is what we can draw upon when we redecorate or update.

Interior decorating isn't easy but remember it takes an enormous amount of energy to be what you are not. It's much easier to be who you really are. Know your core values and let your actions be congruent with them.

Let me leave you with two questions. 1. Who are you five best friends? I believe who we keep company with can tell us a lot about ourselves. 2. How do you act when no one is watching? Congratulations! You've started the decorating process.

"I always wanted to be somebody, but I should have been more specific." - Lily Tomlin

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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• Laughing at Life •

Jelly blob up Whiteside Mountain



Fred Wooldridge

I am absolutely, positively, 100 percent sure that 2,000 years from now archaeologists will dig up this civilization and stumble across a gym and fitness center. The headlines will read, "Ancient torture chamber discovered."

This conclusion is based on my prediction that, by then, muscles will have become completely obsolete. Science will have machines doing everything for us. Humans will be giant blobs of jelly with oversized brains capable of balancing a checkbook in five seconds and stomachs so big they can hold an entire roasted pig. (Actually, I have a couple of accounting friends who are already there.)

A world of super nerds who don't even have enough strength to get the fork to their lips because an electronic feeder does it for them. Scientists, looking through the remains of our ancient gym and studying all the data, will conclude that prisoners were taken to these torture chambers by specially trained guards known as "personal trainers" who would inflict severe pain on the prisoner. What other reason would anyone create such terrible instruments of torture?

In an effort to further the trend toward total muscle atrophy, I have written a hiking guide for people who hate to walk. In my book, the word "exercise" is persona non grata. Most people who buy a trail guide never use it anyway. They thumb through it one time and then stick it in their magazine rack where it stays until they tear the house down. My guide will actually get used because no exercise is involved. It allows folks to enjoy the great outdoors without using a single muscle.

When you open the first page

you will read a mission statement which says, "Arnold Schwarzenegger, get a life." That will get our hikers in the right mood and sets the tone for what lies ahead.

Here is what to expect. I know you have seen these individual people movers with two large wheels currently being used for employees to get around the office workplace. They no longer have to walk to accounting to get their paychecks. (Are we having a great life, or what?)

Well, my new invention, the hiking mover, is similar to that, except I have replaced the wheels with M1 tank tread more suitable for rugged terrain and I have installed an automatic feeder which shoves M & M's in your mouth each time you use it. In two thousand years the entire planet will be completely paved (except for Bowery Road) and the treads will be replaced with hydrofoil air cushions.

Adventurers will only have to jelly blob over to their hiking mover, open my guide book to the hike they wish to experience and away they go. Are you aware of how many futuristic type jelly blobs are currently living in Highlands? They have not seen the view from the top of Satulah Mountain simply because they can't get there. Take heart, mushy citizens, Fred to the rescue.

Using my mover and guide will allow you a muscle free

• See WOOLDRIDGE page 23

• Around the House •

Breathing Easy?

By **Bruce Oliver**
Contributor

The energy crisis of the 1970s brought many improvements to the building industry. Our homes are better insulated and sealed from outdoor air infiltration. The heating and cooling systems are substantially more efficient and better insulated.

These improvements have also created some new problems. Respiratory problems like asthma, allergies, Legionnaires disease, sick building syndrome, black mold and radon gas have seen a major increase.

Many of these problems are attributed to a lack of ventilation. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that indoor air can contain up to 70 times more pollution than outdoor air, much of it organic. That includes bacteria, molds, viruses, pollen, dust mites and their fecal matter.

In building more energy efficient homes, we have made them so tight that the occasional opening and closing of entrance doors is insufficient for proper ventilation.

Fortunately, many of these problems are readily solved. Radon gas can be removed with thermostatically controlled foundation fans, and by sealing cracks in slab floors and block walls.

Sick building syndrome can be addressed with a fresh air exchanger – costs about \$1,500 plus installation – or with a central dehumidifier – \$1,400 plus installation. Both are ducted into your central air system, bringing in fresh air, lowering humidity and removing stale air, while maintaining your system's heating and cooling efficiency. It has the added

benefit of preconditioning and filtering the fresh air thereby removing pollen, insects and excessive humidity.

Legionnaires disease was an extreme form of fungal and mold contamination. The same fungi and mold exist in many central air systems to a lesser degree. The World Health Organization reports that 50 percent of home allergies are due to biological contaminants in the indoor air.

The most environmentally sound way to remove these organisms is with ultra violet sun light. (Granny's spring cleaning had scientific grounds.)

Your duct work – a prime breeding ground – is not available to sun light. However, an effective ultraviolet "C" band light is available for installation in your duct work and will kill or sterilize biological organisms exposed to the light. The bulbs last approximately one year and run continuously in the duct work – \$380 plus installation.

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The large electronic filters work great – \$750 plus installation. They should be changed every nine months and will require a professional. With what is trapped in the old media, you don't want to breathe it. You are removing this stuff not saving it for concentrated use.

Do these things and you can step inside and take a nice deep breath and breathe easy.

Bruce Oliver and his family have lived in Highlands for 14 years where he owns and operates Oliver Heating & Air. Once a month he will submit an article for "Around the House."



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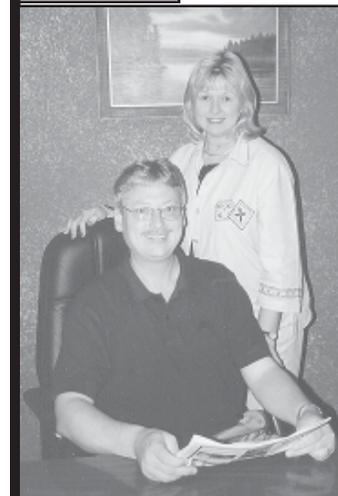
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... ROBBER from page 1



Patrons were a little confused Tuesday when they found yellow police tape across the entrance and exit of RBC Centura Bank.

inside, the tellers had activated the alarm which went out to the bank security company which then called the Highlands Police Department.

Shearl pulled up to the drive-through again and when the teller looked his way he made a gun configuration out of his fingers and she nodded "yes."

About that time, Highlands Police Officer Todd Ensley had arrived and was stationed at the bank lot exit near Highlands Electronics on Oak Street.

Shearl drove over to him and told him what was happening. "There's a robbery in progress right now and right there's your man," he said.

They watched as an elderly man, about 60, wearing a white hat got into a green Ford Explorer and left the bank.

"He turned left onto U.S. 64 and then right on to the Dillard Road," said Ensley. "I activated my blue lights and he turned into the Furniture South parking lot and stopped by the employee entrance."

At gunpoint, Officer Ensley told him to get out of the car and to get on the ground. When backup arrived, Howard Otis Haines, Jr., 61, of Franklin, was cuffed and arrested for

bank robbery an act he later admitted was a "stupid thing to do," said officers.

The \$15,000 he had stolen from the bank was in a plastic bag on the front seat of the car.

When he entered the bank, he told employees he wanted to open an account and was ushered into Nancy Lowe's office.

"A short time later, the tellers got a call from Nancy who said she needed \$15,000 quickly," said Police Chief Jerry Cook. "The tellers figured out what was going on and activated the alarm."

Officers said Haines threatened Lowe with a bomb which he said was in a taped-up box he was holding in his lap, but officials said the bomb was an empty threat.

When Haines began to get antsy, Nancy called the tellers a second time and told them to hurry up and that's when they heard Haines say, "And I don't want any funny money."

When the FBI arrived to take over the investigation, Highlands Police turned the money over to them. Bank robbery is a federal crime.

"The good thing is no one was hurt and my officers did excellent work," said Cook.

• Sports Picks •

The science of pitching

Man those were the good old days. Watching the recent series between the (expletive deleted) and the Boston Red Sox, I started thinking about baseball history and the game our ancestors knew.

In the early days of baseball, there was no such thing as an illegal pitch, mainly because any and all things were legal. Cy Young once remarked on how after the first inning the ball was never white because of all the tar, tobacco juice, dirt and grease that were used to liven the ball up.

Pitchers rarely, if ever threw a breaking ball because they had no use for them. Picture trying to hit a wiffle ball at 90 mph and you can realize what it is like to hit a spit/grease/tobackey ball.

The dead ball era was home to some of the greatest pitchers to ever suit up, but those pitchers also relied on some foreign substances for their success.

(Just a side note here, but why is a steel chair referenced as a foreign object in Pro Wrestling? I could understand if JR was screaming "Oh My God, Lesnar's got a foreign object - it looks like a roll of pesos!!!" But a steel chair?)

However, in the 1920s the appointment of Kenesaw Mountain Landis brought huge changes to the game of baseball. The spitball was outlawed, the ball was given a livelier core and hitters began teeing off on pitching. The result was more runs, more power and less substance to the game.

Pitchers were forced to change their approach, and more innovative pitches like the slider and sinker were used to keep hitters off balance.

Why is this important? It's important because pitchers also began to make more use of what Satchel Paige called the greatest pitch known to man." Satch called it the bow-tie (while running his finger across his neck), but we know it as the ole high and tight. The bean ball was certainly not a new concept, but it became a necessity in the age of live balls and power hitters. Intimidators like Bob Gibson would follow homers with a four-seam fastball to the earlobe, and guys like Don Drysdale would just as soon dust

their own mother for crowding the plate. Whatever the emotions behind the pitch, the beanball is still the pitchers most powerful weapon, reestablishing the inside corner and putting fear into the minds of the hitter.

Flash forward to Game 3, Red Sox versus (Expletive Deleted). Pedro Martinez takes offense to the (Expletive Deleted) hitters catching up to his fastball and bowties Karim Garcia. Garcia asks Pedro who peed in his cornflakes. Then

Roger Clemens shows ManRam some high cheese and Manny questions Rocket's rocket and next thing you know Pedro floors the Michelin Man (cleverly disguised as Don Zimmer) and all Franklin has broken loose at lovely Fenway Park.

The reason this is memorable is that it featured two of the most dominant pitchers of the

generation, who both happen to be considered headhunters. But the question is - when did headhunting become dirty?

The best pitchers in the game will tell you that the inside fastball is the most important pitch in their arsenal.

From guys that live by jamming the batter like Mariano Rivera and Al Leiter to soft tossing changeup artists like Tom Glavine (male pitcher) and Jamie Moyer. I find it hysterical when a batter wearing more armor than Janet Reno like ManRam or Sammy Sosa takes offense to being pitched inside. I fail to see what makes the beanball so bad if used properly. It carries a penalty - not just first base awarded to the batter, but also the mandatory retaliation. Perhaps if MLB wants to change this philosophy, they should make the penalty for a beanball more severe, like awarding two bases to the hitter. But to chastise pitchers for throwing inside is one of the reasons we have four-hour long games and 10-12 slugfests.

For pitchers to be successful in today's modern game, they must throw inside and they must place fear in the hearts of the hitter - and there is no better way of doing that than bucking up and making the hitter look nice and pretty in that bowtie.



Ryan Potts

Crafts and artisans galore at festival



Thousands of people turned out for the annual Highlands Crafts Show, Sat. Oct. 11 at the Rec Park. Photos by Rachel Power

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expect," and "Give cheerfully" near the top of the list. Again, I was rewarded with what seemed to be a match.

All these "gives" and "shares" reminded me of many sermons I've heard in my life. Living in the Bible-belted South. I figure everyone in Highlands has heard his share of messages with the themes of "give" and "share."

I guess what got me thinking about all this was the Chamber of Commerce's very un-giving, un-sharing attitude toward Halloween. Halloween, one of the holidays most looked forward to by children. They love the dressing up, the showing off of their costumes, the idea that for one night they are allowed to demand what they most want in life - candy, and then to stuff as much as that sweet stuff into their mouths as they can.

Instead of welcoming those lovely little innocents,

our Chamber seems to be following Survivor's Credo. Outwit. Outplay. Outlast!

Heaven forbid that children from somewhere other than our own Highlands should show up and take our candy. Rue the day that the Chamber might need to buy a few more bags of treats so that every child might get some.

Of course, from all I've read, the Chamber is having trouble with its funds. Perhaps the room tax dollars along with member dues just isn't enough to cover sweets for every child.

I'm keeping my fingers crossed that all the surrounding communities have heard of the ruse and that they flood the celebration with multitudes of ghosts, goblins, Harry Potters, Sponge Bobs, witches and vampires!

Here's to ALL the children.

**Janet Osteen
Highlands**

Sidewalks take center stage

By **Kim Lewicki**

The combo-planning board appearance commission met for another work session, Tuesday night - this time to talk about sidewalks.

At the Oct. 14 meeting, the group discussed every facet of sidewalks - the width, the pattern, the curb, the placement throughout town, and whether to request brick or concrete.

In the end, the committee agreed to ask the Town Board to define the Master Sidewalk Plan so that the entire business district of Highlands is more "pedestrian friendly."

Instead of a sidewalk on just one side of the street, the committee would like to see a sidewalk on both sides.

Eventually, as sidewalks are either repaired or constructed, the committee would like to see brick used to tie the business district together visually.

They defined that district as

Main Street from First to Leonard streets. And up Fourth Street to the intersection of Spring Street.

The group suggested keeping the running bond pattern within the district, but to leave pattern options open - to include herringbone or cross-hatch - outside the district.

Ultimately, they would like to see sidewalks stretching from First Street to Upper Lake Road along Main and Horse Cove roads and down Spring from Fourth to N.C. 106.

Committee member Ginger Slaughter said having sidewalks throughout town promoted a "pedestrian loop," which keeps the town pedestrian friendly.

The group will suggest the width of new sidewalks be five to seven feet wide.

Sidewalks were the first on a long list of items the group is considering. The Town Board has the ultimate decision.

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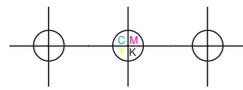
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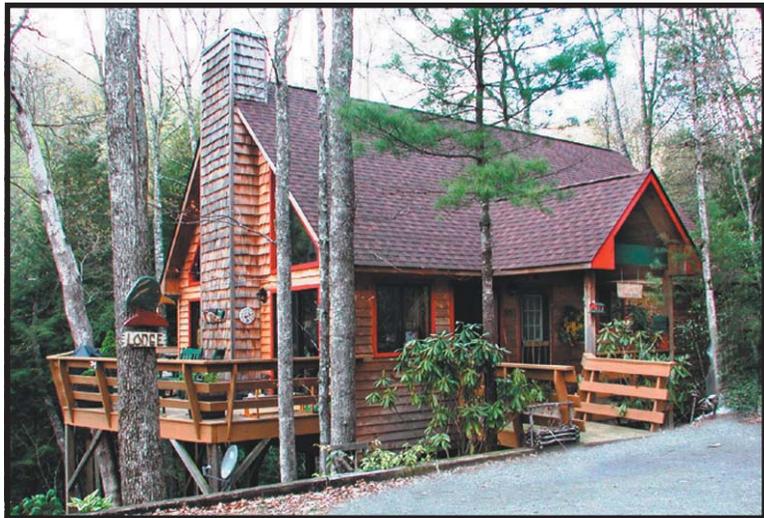
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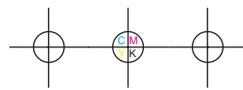
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• Movie Pix •

The Video Guy presents the 1980 film:

"Brubaker"

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A compelling prison drama, dark, as you might expect, but not without a few lighter moments but hardly the thing to make you skip out of the theatre, whistling the theme song.

Story line: Brubaker (Redford) poses as an inmate for the first few days in Wakefield prison before taking over as the new reform warden. He encounters a corrupt and brutal system (it is a prison, after all), literally run by the prisoners themselves, with a series of trustees who are often armed and in control of day-to-day operations, including security and discipline. Local officials, prison board members and local business owners are in collusion in a neatly arranged scheme of corruption, graft and theft. Brubaker works to reduce the worst of the problems and challenges and threatens the system, leading to a clash between Brubaker, the corrupt officials and even his reform-minded allies.

It all seems a little too Hollywood and kind of unrealistic, except it's based on the true story of Tom Morton, an academic with



Stuart Armor

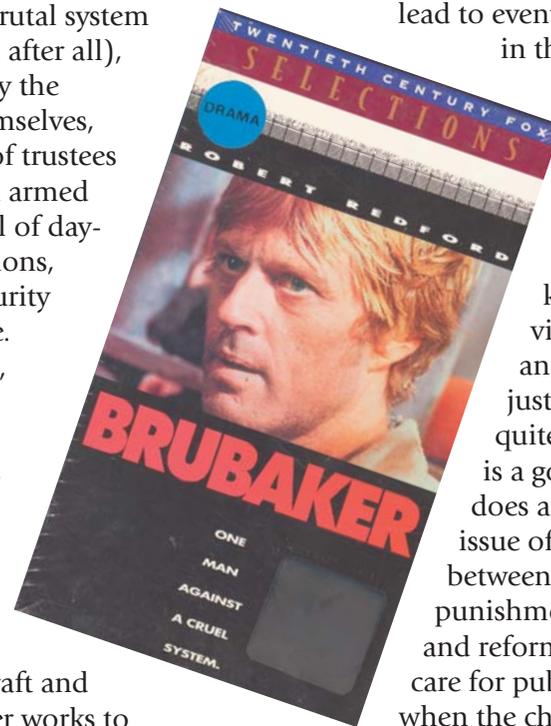
a background in running military stockades, appointed as a reform warden in Arkansas, who did indeed challenge a corrupted prison system, and according to Morton's son, a fairly accurate portrayal of the events, and it did lead to eventual changes

in the way prisons and prisoners were treated.

It's not a movie for the kiddies, the violence is real and grim, some just implied, but quite a bit is not. It is a good drama. It does address the issue of the lines between prison, punishment, torture, and reform and how you care for public charges when the charges in question are a bunch of murderers and thieves.

Other good prison dramas are "Cool Hand Luke," "Shawshank Redemption," "Papillion," "Hurricane," and "Monsters Ball."

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Stuart Armor owns and operates The Movie Stop and the Brick Oven in the Mountain Brook Center. Each week he reviews a movie for our readers.

• Hiking the Plateau •

Cliffside Lake offers hikes, swimming & vistas

By Leah Ferree
Contributor

Perhaps many of you, like myself, have been waiting for the clouds to break and the sun to come back out before you head out for more hiking.

There is something very inviting about taking a nap, or reading a book, or even snuggling up on the couch and watching a good movie on a cloudy day similar to the ones that we have been having.

Maybe you got outside anyway, as I did to enjoy the magical mists that permeate the rainforest that is quintessential Highlands.

Cliffside Lake Recreation Area was where I decided to take my hike through the misty clouds. This is a long standing recreation area that offers hiking, picnicking, swimming and fishing. Van Hook Glade, next door, is a campground connected by a trail that is only a half a mile.

To reach Cliffside Lake, take Highway 64 west from Highlands for four miles, past Bridal Veil and Dry Falls. Once you see the entrance for Van Hook Glade campground, Cliffside Lake will be the next road on the right.

There are a few trails in the Cliffside Recreational Area to choose from and all are less than two miles round trip making them perfect for a half-day trip or even possible to combine a few and spend a whole day or weekend.

The most popular trail in the recreation area is the Cliffside Loop Trail. This is a 0.75 mile trail that takes you all the way around the lake. It is a very easy trail that is moderately level the entire way.

A trail that you may not know about is the Clifftop Vista Trail, which is the one that I chose to take. This is a little less than two miles round trip, depending on which trailhead you start from. There are actually three different starting points for this trail. The focal point of all three is a gazebo on top of the mountain that was actually built in the 1930s by the C.C.C.

The Clifftop Vista Trail has two

trailheads inside the actual gates that form a loop. There is also a trailhead called Clifftop Vista Nature Trail outside the gates that takes you straight up to the gazebo. To reach the Clifftop Vista Nature Trail, you will turn into the recreation area and look for the sign with the operating hours of the Cliffside Lake Recreational Area on your right.

You can park on the dirt road on your right directly after this. The trailhead is marked and is up the road a little ways on your left. This trail marker describes the trail as only being 1.1 miles. The other two trailheads are located inside the gates of the park and toward the picnicking area, not the swimming and fishing area. These two trailheads extend the trail by a little less than half a mile. Both are marked and will be on your left as you come in.

There is a \$3 fee per vehicle for parking for the day that you will have to pay at a self pay station before you enter the gates.

All trails are relatively steep once you start, as you will be gaining around 480 feet until you reach the gazebo. Once you get there, however, the rest of the way is mainly downhill. The gazebo is a great place for a picnic lunch or simply a nice place to sit and enjoy the scenery around you. The rest of the trail guides you through hardwood forests and offers a great opportunity for you to view the changing leaves.

Once you reach the gazebo, you may head back the way that you came or you can continue around the loop. If you chose to start at the Cliffside Vista Nature Trail and decide to continue around, once you come out, you will be about a half a mile from where you started. You will turn right on the paved road and follow this back up. I would definitely suggest stopping by the lake on your way (it will be on your left), even if it is just for a minute.

Maybe by the time this is printed, the sun will have come back out and the fog will lift for a few days, allowing you some sunshine to bask in before the temperatures really begin to drop.

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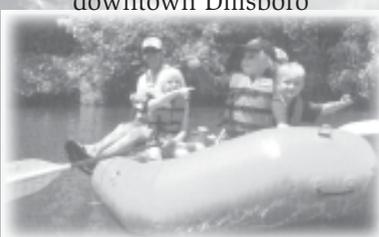
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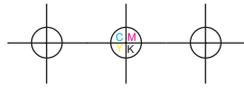
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Another reason fall is good for fly fishing is the delayed harvest waters are started the first week in October.

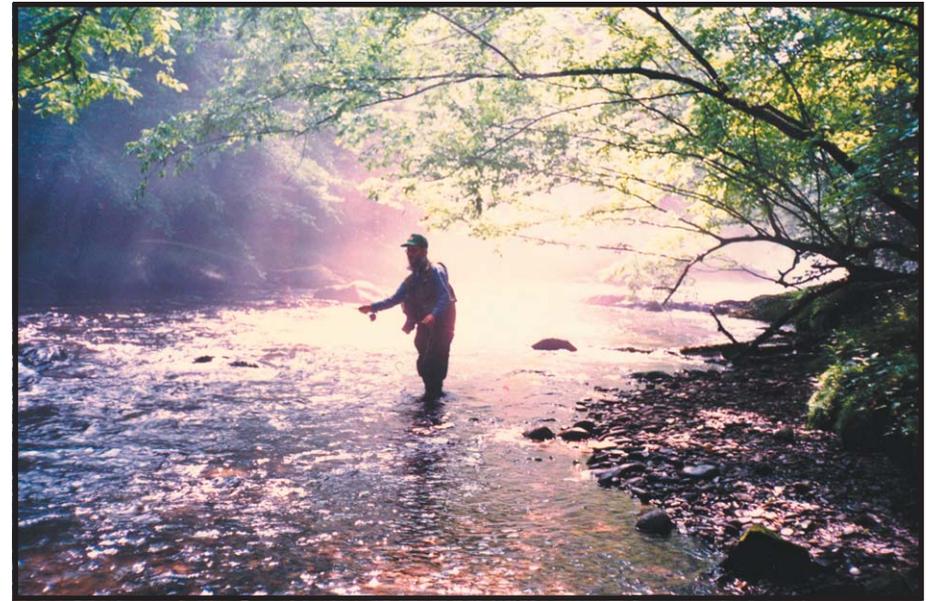
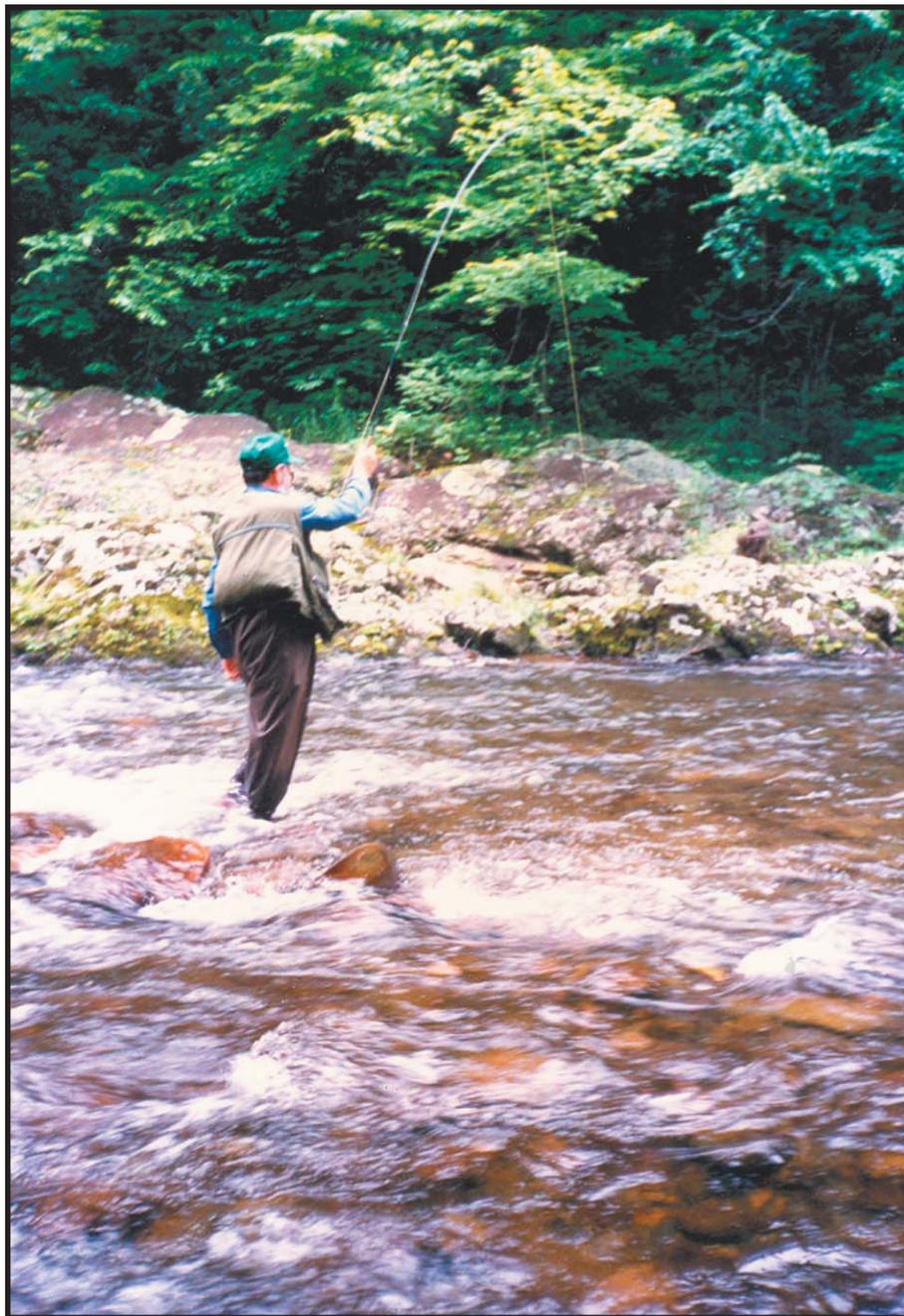
From October through June, certain streams in Western North Carolina are designated as "catch and release," meaning anglers must throw back what they catch to let the fish multiply. Streams are also stocked with rainbow, brown and brook trout.

So you want to go fishin'

By David Wilkes
Contributor

Where should I fish, and what should I use? Two questions

heard most often in all bait and tackle or fly shops. The answers depend on what your definition of "fishing" is and what you like to fish with.



Avid flyfisherman, Jack Cabe, taking it slow in an area river.

If you're out to catch dinner, then your destination should be a stocked stream where you can use corn, worms, spinners or flies. Anything short of dynamite is legal, and you can keep seven fish any size. However, if your goal is to hook, land, and release fish you have more options.

You may choose to fish one of several "native" streams in our general area. These streams are never stocked, and hold populations of streamborn brown, rainbow, or brook trout. Fishing on these streams is limited to single hook artificial lures only, allowing fish to be released easier with less likelihood of damage to the fish.

Or, if your looking for quantity and size, you might try a "delayed harvest" stream. This is a program begun a few years ago in North Carolina. Our area has three delayed harvest streams within easy driving time of Highlands — the East Fork of the French Broad, the Tuckaseegee, and the Nantahala rivers are all heavily stocked from October 1 until June 1 with fish ranging from 10 inches to more than 20 inches. These streams offer the beginning fisherman as well as the pro an opportunity to spend the day catching and releasing good quality fish.

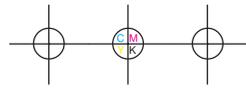
And, always the chance to catch trophy size fish.

The answer to what to use changes constantly. For flyfishermen, the search for the right fly can be as big a problem as the search for the fish. The easiest way to find the right fly is usually to ask at you local fly shop. These people are either guiding, fishing, or talking to fisherman constantly, and usually have the answers regarding stream conditions and fly patterns to use. However, if no information is available, observation and experimentation are the keys.

The most streamwise flyfisherman I've ever known, Jack Cabe taught me to sit down on the bank watch the water and the air for a while. Look for rising fish see what they were rising to. Slowly turn rocks over in the riffles and look for the most prevalent insects. Tip the odds in your favor before you choose the fly. Jack told me that he had once asked his 90-year-old grandmother what she attributed her longevity to. After a short time, she turned slowly toward him and said simply "never hurry."

So whether your choice is fly rod, spinning rod, or cane pole, get out on a stream, enjoy yourself, and hey.... never hurry.





Carving a chainsaw masterpiece one bear at a time

By Barbara Lawrence
Contributor

It is a long way from living in Miami, to carving bears in the North Carolina Mountains but this is where Robert Isham has 'carved' his home.

After graduating from high school in Miami, he moved to Asheville, and that is where his love of the mountains began.

"I have never been happier in my life," said Robert. "Whenever I start working on a piece of wood, I have a vision of how my bear will look. I see the slant of his head and the curve of his body, and how he will be standing."

No log is flawed, he uses the faults in the wood to his advantage when designing a piece.

Robert has lived in the mountains since 1979 and in the Highlands area since 1989. For seven years he was a Radiologic Technician, working in local hospitals. He ran the first CAT scan machine at Highlands Hospital.

He underwent two hip replacements which

necessitated his changing occupations, and he decided he wanted to work outdoors on soft ground.

"I was fascinated with watching tree climbers at work, and how they walked up a tree with ease and asked I asked the owner of the company if I could learn the trade."

After working at this for a while, he formed his own tree company with his brother-in-law Tim Dryman, and Mark Mendenhall. During this time, Robert started his hobby of carving with a chainsaw.

A shoulder injury curtailed his work with tree trimming, and that's when Robert decided to turn his passion and hobby into his profession.

"I would do this, even if I made no money" he says, "Every piece is different. My greatest pleasure is when I am invited to the homes of people who have bought my pieces. I love to drop by to visit my bears."

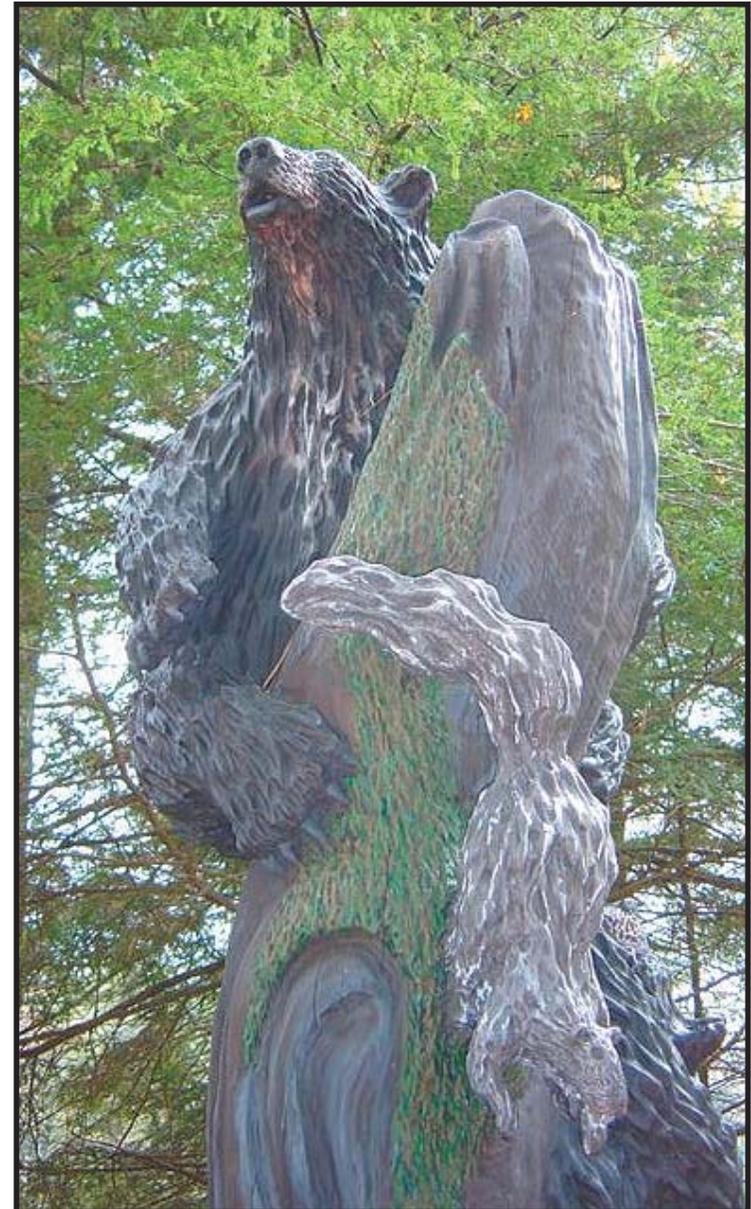
Toad Hall, a Bed and Breakfast Inn in Highlands, is the home of a truly original piece of art.

Looking over Lake Sequoyah is a family of bears and squirrels designed by Robert, made from a lightning-struck tree, whose roots still extend deep into the ground. This magnificent piece stands over nine feet tall and took 60 hours of work to complete.

Gloria Pariseau, the owner of Toad hall, (named after Mr. Toad the magnanimous host from 'Wind in the Willows') loves this work of art, and is still thinking of what to call it. "Right now I am debating on calling it 'The Sequoyah Family.'"

Robert has never had to cut down a tree to do his work. "Usually I am given wood from a problem tree, or tree struck by lightning," he said. "The value of the work is not in the wood but in the craftsmanship. I always do the best I can with every piece. This is really a labor of love".

Though it looks cumbersome, Robert says a chain saw is a "wonderful carving



tool."

"It has reach and can be used as a speed chisel, can bruise the wood into little strips, cut like a knife, a drill or a grinder."

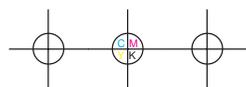
Robert is indebted to the local community for its support.

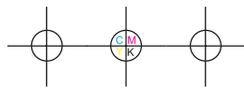
"I am happy to teach anyone to carve bears, they just have to stop by my site," he said. Future plans include teaching formal lessons in tree carving.

He is especially grateful to David O'Brien, owner of the Trout Farm in Scaly Mountain for providing a place to carve.

"To be having fun and getting paid for doing something I love is the greatest. The good economy of this region is a big asset."

Stop by the site on the Dillard Road outside Scaly Mountain and visit with Robert and his bears – maybe you can learn to carve your own piece of the mountains.





• Candidates Q & A Forum •

Question 2:

Revamping of the Highlands Land Use Plan is high on the list of the town's planning board and appearance commission. How much revamping do you think is necessary? Is there a particular area you would like the group to concentrate on?



Mike Cavender

I don't know how much revamping has to be done. That recommendation will come from the planning board, which has a good balance and representation of the entire community. It will determine if the zoning ordinances are still effective. It will determine what is the best growth pattern and density for our town. I have confidence the board will do a good and conscientious job that it believes is in the town's best interest. I hope it will present a review and recommendations that the town board can support.

Some of the areas I would like to see special emphasis are in making the downtown commercial area more attractive to visitors and more user friendly without making it look like someone from Disney World designed it. Shopping in Highlands should be a pleasure, not an ordeal. If that doesn't get better, commercial areas will develop elsewhere. With the mild

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Eric Pierson

I have worked on three previous Land Use Plan updates over my last seven and a half years on the Planning Board, and it is up for another review once again.

I think that it is necessary to go over the land use plan every two or three years to address considerations of importance and to see if any major changes need to be made.

However, I feel too much gets incorporated into the discussions of what individual people think are best for the town, and this detracts from the positive growth and the ability to move forward that needs to be addressed as far as future planning for the town itself.

I believe the Land Use Plan needs to be revamped to steer the town toward improvements to benefit all the residents of Highlands.

For instance, a serious look at which areas are growing the most to determine where the Town of Highlands should expand

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Alan Marsh

I believe the present planning board can complete the land use update study.

As far as areas that need attention:

- Update the sidewalk master plan.
- Tree ordinance – commercial and residential areas.
- Look at individual consideration of historic structures.
- Long range study of the Highlands Rec Park land.

Eric Pierson

its sewer lines ought to be high on the list. Looking at this along with a few other important issues facing the town will help focus on a more complete and precise plan that is not as overwhelming as one that has numerous items needing extensive discussion.

The election is Nov. 4. Up for grabs are three seats on the Town Board.



Dennis DeWolf

I'll limit my thoughts here to the major considerations of Land Use. I feel the amount of Land Use Plan revamping depends on the discussion results of the Town Board, Planning Board and Appearance Commission as they review the present appropriateness of various past decisions. If I were to pick one area of considerable significance I would say that would be Town Owned Land & Facilities Planning.

One major area of attention, in my mind, is the Civic Center/Recreation Property. I don't disagree with the prevailing consensus that much of the acreage should remain undeveloped and natural as it presently is but I think we could be more effective in the use of the land for the betterment of all ages and interests in the community. I've been concerned for years about the automobile traffic flow crisscrossing the land and dividing the various areas of

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Herb James

The task of reviewing and updating the Town's Land Use Plan should be assigned to the planning board. Mr. Geoffrey Willett, community planner, N.C. Division of Community Assistance, should be asked to assist the planning board. He has worked on previous updates and is familiar with all aspects of the town's land use planning efforts.

Considerable information has already been compiled for this update and the Town Board recently contracted with Marketek, a consulting firm from Atlanta, Ga., to conduct a population study which will be completed in January 2004.

There is no particular area I would like to see this group concentrate on. The town has a good land use plan the update study should include the entire plan.

Correction

In the Oct. 10 issue of Highlands' Newspaper we reported that Herb James' wife, Barbara, was a teacher. She was not. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.



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Mike Cavender

climate we have, it's a shame we can't accommodate more outside dining areas. A re-examination of our urban/commercial parking requirements might be warranted.

Another area I would like the board to examine is better protection of our environment through more dedication of green areas and parks throughout our community. The town owns a lot of land in neighborhoods that it could make into attractive parks for our citizens. We could also do a better job of creating in-town trails so citizens and visitors can enjoy some of the spe-

cial natural beauty that makes Highlands such a special place. A thorough review of the Natural Environment section of the land use plan is in order.

As for residential density, I would like the board to investigate some way to create incentives for developers to use cluster housing more often. This has the potential of leaving more undisturbed land while at the same time reducing the development costs of the projects. Perhaps some type of tax incentives would be in order if the board regards this as a beneficial goal.

Dennis DeWolf

activity especially out of interest for the very young and old alike. I know there are better and safer ways to improve that situation. I also think it would be helpful to discuss, once again, the importance of a covered swimming pool on the property. Understandably the ability to create that is controlled by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and we have been denied that possibility in the past. I don't think that should deter our efforts to revisit that request again. If we determined that

such a facility would provide a very positive improvement in the year around citizen's quality of life in Highlands I think it is well worth pursuing.

The other area of concern is planning for future growth of Town Hall administrative facilities and governmental needs, identifying and studying possible appropriate open space gathering/park areas throughout the Town that might be purchased for general public and / or neighborhood use.

Scaly Mtn. Women's club alive & active

The Scaly Mountain Women's Club has completed a record year of events and activities. Members gathered recently for a luncheon at Cafe of the Arts where officers for 2003-04 were installed.

Leading the group of more than 80 women are Melinda Gibbs, president; Rayleen McCullogh, first vice-president; Faye Bellwood and Karen Muns, second vice presidents; Maralyn Christoffersen, secretary; Bunny Raily, treasurer; and Sissy Thomas, historian.

The mission of the Scaly Mountain Women's Club, which is celebrating its 15th anniversary, is to promote fellowship and to raise funds for scholarships and other charitable donations within the local community.

Since its inception the club has contributed \$45,000 to various organizations and individuals.

The group plans a return of its annual benefit Flea Market and Bake

Sale on July 30-Aug.1, with some new features, to be held at the Scaly Mountain ski lodge on N. C. Highway 106 in July.

People are being asked to save and store items they wish to contribute during the winter months. Details as to when and where donations can be delivered will be announced in the spring.

The group, well known for its culinary skills, will again hold its famous "Chocolate Fanasy" as part of the Highlands' Own Arts and Crafts Festival next October.

A new project invites all area residents to a homemade Pancake Breakfast the fourth Saturday of the month from 7-11 a.m., May through October, also at the ski lodge

Membership in the group is open to all area women. For more information about the club, call Maralyn Christoffersen at 526-9134.

• Police & Fire Report •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Sept. Oct. 8-14. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Oct. 8

- At 9:59 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving left of center and causing an accident on Arnold Road.

- At 1 p.m., a motorist was cited for making an unsafe movement and causing an accident at Fifth Street and Carolina Way.

- At 8:39 a.m., a motorist at Main and Third streets was cited for not having trailer tags.

- At 1:40 p.m. a motorist at N.C. 106 and Hudson Road was cited for making an unsafe movement.

- At 3 p.m., a motorist at Farmer's Market and Dillard Road was cited for causing an accident by making an unsafe movement.

- AT 8:30 a.m., officers responded to a call about a car abandoned on Bowery Road. It was unfounded.

Oct. 9

- At 8:30 a.m., a motorist at Second and Main streets was cited for driving with an expired tag.

Oct. 10

- At 1 p.m, officers responded to a skateboard accident on Fifth Street where a youth fell and cut his leg.

- At 5:40 p.m., officers responded to a 9-1-1 hang-up from the Town Hall pay phone. All was OK

- At 3 p.m., officers responded to an accident on Big Bear Pen Road. There were no injuries.

Oct. 13

- At 10 a.m., officers responded to an accident on Big Bear Pen Road. There were no injuries.

Oct. 14

- Officers responded to numerous alarm activations due to the high winds that night.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for Sept. Oct.8-12.

Oct. 8

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Bonita Road. The victim was transported to H-C Hospital.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Tudor Hall Lane. The victim was transported to H-C Hospital.

Oct. 10

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Upper Brushy Face Road. It was false.

- The dept. responded to the smell of propane at a residence on Russell Drive but it was unfounded.

- The dept. responded to an accident on Horse Cove Road. But it was cancelled en route.

Oct. 12

- The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sequoyah Ridge Road. It was false.

Local family recovering from trauma

By Kim Lewicki

It happens time and again in Highlands.

When someone in the community suffers, the community answers the call for help.

When the McClellan home burned down last week, people immediately rallied.

A family heading back to Florida let the family of three move into their home until a more permanent solution is found. People gave the family clothes to wear and money to help them pay bills that continue to come in – like the mortgage on a home that no longer exists.

"It's unbelievable the outpouring of prayers and support," said Brian McClellan. "It makes you realize what a unique place this is."

The family was insured, but it

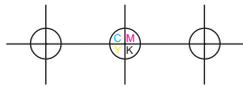
will take a while for the insurance money to come to the rescue.

Meanwhile, the Highlands United Methodist Church is accepting monetary contributions for the family as is Highlands School where Julie McClellan teaches Kindergarten and Matthew their son attends.

The school is also keeping a list of donated household goods ready, should the family need them.

Luckily, a furnished year-round rental has been secured, so the family will have a house until they can rebuild or buy a home.

McClellan said the event has been incredibly traumatic, "but it's just a house and stuff," he said. "God has taken care of us through worse situations. We can trust in him to take care of us now."



■ Spiritually Speaking ■

Attributes of God: God's Omniscience



Steve Kerhoulis
Community Bible Church

In the Proverbs Solomon writes in Chapter 1 verse 7, "Fools despise wisdom and instruction." Now you may have experienced that. You try to help someone and they say, "No, I am not going to follow that way" and they end up in trouble either then or sometime down the road.

The Bible says that is being foolish. The foolish person despises wisdom and instruction, so don't be foolish.

They despise it especially when it comes to the omniscience of God. God knows everything - past, present, and future. Nothing has or ever will escape His eyes. Daniel writes, "He reveals deep and secret things, He knows what is in the darkness."

The writer to the Hebrews says "There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and opened to the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account."

Did Adam and Eve think they could hide? Did Cain think no one saw? Did Sarah think no one heard? Did Achan think the gold that he stole was safely buried in the ground? And did David think the "cover up" worked?

Wrong . . . God is Omniscient. In Numbers 32: 23 it says, "Be sure of one thing, your sins will find you out." There is no creature hidden from His sight.

When we study the subject of the omniscience of God as Christians, our initial response to it may be one of shock and awe. "Oh God no, please no." "Man is my goose cooked because He sees . . . He has seen it all."

Ezekiel 11:5 says, "Then the spirit of Lord fell upon me and said to me, speak thus saith the Lord. For I know the things that come into your mind." God knows what's in your mind all the time. He knows what we think. The omniscience of God is something He has not kept a secret. He has revealed this attribute to us for a purpose.

In Peter 3:12 - "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their

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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. Kerhoulis, 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. Oct. 19, the children will lead worship as
part of the Children's Defense Fund's 12th anniversary.
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.
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.

The Church in the Wildwood

Horse Cove Road
Old-fashioned hymn-singing led by lay people.
Every Sunday Memorial Day - Labor Day at 7 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin

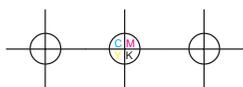
526-9769
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)
Sundays: Worship - 11 a.m.

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.



Artistic Director found for Highlands Playhouse

By Georgia Lynn Giles

Highlands Playhouse is gearing up for their 66th season of bringing live professional theatre to Highlands.

The playhouse, which is striving to keep with their long time reputation for professionalism, is pleased to be bringing in a new artistic director for next year.

David F. Kleist will be bringing a great deal of experience along with some new ideas to the theatre. Kleist comes to the theatre from Rome, Georgia where he has been the Director of Theatre Studies for Shorter College, and a artistic associate with The Georgia Ensemble Theatre in Roswell. His career as an award winning actor and director spans for the Midwest to Hawaii and includes national and international television, film and the stage.



David F. Kleist

Kleist is a member of all three professional unions, Actors Equity, Screen Actors Guild, and the American Federation of Radio and Television Artists. Kleist has a master of Fine Arts degree in Theatre from the University of Hawaii.

The new artistic director has an extensive background in theatre and directing as well as television. While in Hawaii, Mr. Kleist appeared in "The Navy Adventure" with Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, as well as performed in numerous other plays.

Kleist is no stranger to the Highlands Playhouse. In the theatres 2002 production of *Sound of Music* Kleist portrayed Captain Von Trapp.

Kleist will be accompanied in Highlands his wife Leslie.

Friends of Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library book sale Oct. 23

Remember that book you meant to read but never found the time for? Well, here's your second chance.

The Friends of the Albert Carlton-Cashiers Community Library will be selling used books at its book sale on Oct. 23, 24 and 25.

Most of the books will sell for \$2 or less. Paperbacks will go for as little as a quarter. Sale hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you miss the first day, don't worry, because the Friends will be adding books to the collection every day.

"Opportunities like this don't come along every day," said Book

Sales Chair Marilyn Staats. "It's almost like a giveaway." The proceeds from the sale will be used to support library services at the Cashiers library.

Usually, the Friends hold book sales twice a year. However, because of expected library expansion and construction work, the next sale probably won't be until the Fall of 2004.

The Friends of the Library organization includes residents of the Cashiers area who are dedicated to the support and promotion of the Library.

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prayers." Proverbs 15:3 - "The eyes of Lord are in every place keeping watch." God is watching over your life.

God is watching you. And there is much good in knowing this. Great blessing comes from this. The omniscience of God is something that He has revealed to us for a purpose. The omniscience of God allows Him to know us intimately. Jesus said in Matthew 10:30, "The very hairs of your head are all numbered." Matthew 6:8 "The Father knows the things you need before you ask Him." Who can say, "God you don't understand." "You don't know what I am going through."

Nonsense - God sees and He knows exactly what you are going through. He knows when your heart is broken, He knows when your heart is full, He knows when you are halfhearted. He knows everything about your life. The knowledge of God is perfect. It is complete. Johns says in his first letter, "He knows all things."

God knows everything going on in your life. God is all powerful. He can do something about it. When believers grasp this their faith will take off like a rocket. It will touch the very throne of God and things will begin to happen in your life - things beyond what you could ever ask for. He can handle everything in your life. He knows what you need and He can and will do whatever needs to be done.

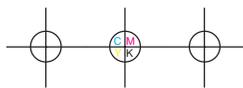
When this attribute of God takes root in a believer's life several things can begin to happen. The first thing that can happen in your life when you become aware that God sees and knows everything in your life is there will be a greater confidence in God. This confidence will begin to develop and your trust in God will begin to increase.

Will Rogers once said, "Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects." God is the only exception. James says that if you lack wisdom ask God. Whenever we lack anything we can ask the One who knows everything. He knows what is needed before we ask and when this attribute becomes a truth in our lives we can gain an increasing confidence and trust in God.

When we understand what this truth means, worship can become more meaningful. Worship is a response to God. It is also a response to the divine attributes of God. One day Jesus sent His disciples ahead of him by boat. That night it was pretty windy and a storm rose up. They were going from one side of the Sea of Galilee to the other side. Matthew tells us that Jesus came walking on the water and Peter said "If it is really You command that I come to you." Jesus said to come and Peter walked away from the boat. He was held up by Jesus' word. You know what happens - Peter's faith gives way to fear and he begins to sink. After the rescue mission takes place, Matthew 14:33 says "and when they got back into the boat they worshipped Him saying "Truly You are the Son of God." Worship is a response to the divine attributes of God. My friends, God is all knowing. And the worship of God takes on a new meaning when we realize that He is knowledgeable of our past, our present, and our future and that He knows our needs and He wants to meet them. He knows everything there is to know about us inside and out and He loves us. He has forgiven us in Christ and He has a plan for us. Worship will be different.

Grasping this truth will serve as a strong deterrent against sinning. Is it possible that Adam forgot and that Eve didn't remember? What about David? Would he have remained on the roof peering at Bathsheba if he had recalled the omniscience of God? Knowing that God sees all and knows all we cannot hide from His sight. This can become a means of great protection for us. God is the last one we would want to see if we are sinning. When we are hypocritical, when we are disobedient, when we are not living for the Lord and not being a good witness for Christ, He knows all about it. He sees it and this can serve as a strong deterrent to sinning. How long can we stand it if we remember Jesus is watching?

God is watching over your life. God is watching you. A great blessing can come from this. For the Christian, it ought to be a truth that produces in us great joy and confidence.



• Highlands Eateries & Light Fare •

Buck's Coffee Cafe

384 Main Street
Coffee, grilled sandwiches, desserts & wine
Open 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun.-
Wednesday
Until 11 p.m., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.

Live Entertainment Thurs., Fri. & Sat. evenings

Backroom Deli

526-2048
In Highlands Pharmacy on Main St.
Made to order breakfast favorites and
lunch, too.
Open Mon.-Fri 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Bryson's Deli

Breakfast and Hot Lunches everyday.
Made to order sandwiches with
Boars Head meats & cheese.
Daily specials.
Fresh made salad and soups.
Hot dogs - 2 for \$.99

The Best Fried Chicken Anywhere!
Deli Trays made to order.

Highlands Plaza Mon.-Sat. 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
526-3775 Sun. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.



At Pescados, Owner David Fisch serves up a Tex-Mex blend of Mexican favorites, made-to-order. You tell him how you like it, what you want on it and that's how you get it your tacos, soft and hard, or burritos. Pescado's is on Fourth Street "on the hill: and is open 7 days a week - 11-3 for lunch and Tues-Sat from 5 to 8:30 p.m. for dinner.

Bryson's Meat Market

We sell only USDA Prime Black Angus and choice meat.

"We will cut anything special for you."

Daily Seafood deliveries. Special orders welcome.

Rotisserie chickens, ribs, turkey breasts,
pork loins - daily.

You want it, we'll cook it!"

Highlands Plaza Mon.-Sat. 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
526-3775 Sun. 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Hilltop Grill

Fourth & Spring "on the Hill"
"Quick Service Not Fast Food" - 526-5916
Hamburgers, fries, sandwiches & salads
Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pescado's

526-9313
Fourth Street "on the Hill"
Fresh Mexican
"The fastest food in town"
Lunch 7 days: 11-3; Dinner: Tues.-Sat. 5-8:30

The Pizza Place

526-5660
On Main Street
Pizza, specialty sandwiches & salads
Eat in or carry out
Open for lunch & dinner

Brick Oven Pizza

526-4121
Mtn. Brook Center next to Movie Stop
Made-to-order pizza, calzones & salads
Open for lunch & dinner year-round

Don Leon's

526-1600
Dillard Road next to Farmer's Market
Cajun & European specialties
Sandwiches & more
Tues. - Sun. 11 - 7

Highlands Hill Deli

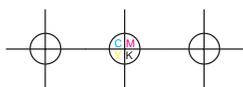
526-9632
Fourth Street across from Old Edwards Inn
Made to order sandwiches,
green & fruit salads, ice cream
Open 7 days a week 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

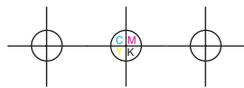
Sports Page

526-3555
314 Main Street
Made-to-order specialty sandwiches &
salads, soups, & desserts
Open for lunch Mon.-Sat. 11 - 4

Fressers eatery
providing Highlands with healthy, fresh food
470 Oak Street (behind Wolfgang's)
828-526-8847

DAVE'S
Meat and Seafood MARKET
Meats, Seafood & Prepared Foods
Open 6 days,
8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Closed Sundays
526-5241
Dillard Rd. next to Farmer's Mkt.





• 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-

Octoberfest
Saturday, October 18
at Highlands United Methodist Church
315 Main Street
526-3376

Breakfast - 8:30 am
Coffee, juice and donuts

Lunch Menu - 11:00 am
Deli Hotdog or Bratwurst plate including
coleslaw, chips and a drink

Items for sale include new furniture, new home
decorations, new household items, new fabric, theme
gift baskets, apples, dried flowers, jams & jellies, baked
goods, used books, used games, used videos and art
created by the children.

Funds raised will go to support various projects
including the Youth Mission Trip to Bolivia, the United
Methodist Children's Fund, and church capital
improvements.

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 16-18

• The McKim Family and friends present "A Broadway Revue" Thursday, Oct. 16, Friday, Oct. 17 and Sat., Oct. 18, at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Tickets are \$12 and available at John Cleaveland Realty, from any McKim Family member and at the door.

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

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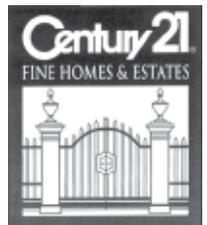
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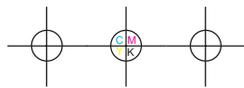

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welcome. Call Kristin Karcher at 787-1008 for more info and to RSVP by Oct. 22.

- 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 from 8:30-11 a.m. 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-Lipscomb Performing Arts Cen-

ter. 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

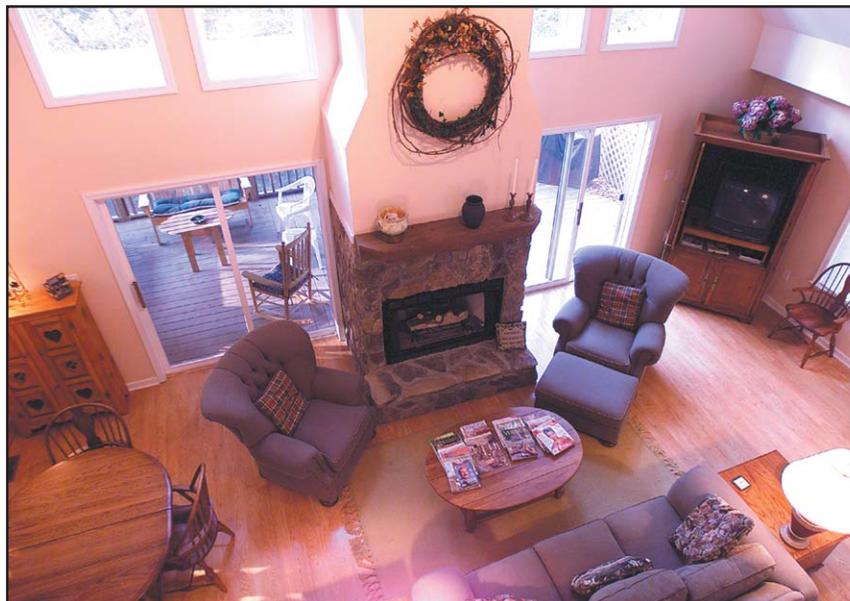
- Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival Fall Concert at PAC at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 or \$5 for students. Call 526-9060.

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

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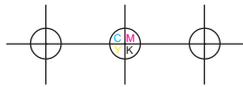


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Highlands Cable Group claims Northland and Verizon are in violation on many poles in town and wants them to be ordered to comply, too.

The town, and both Northland and Verizon admit violations, but say Highlands Cable group has made the problem worse by stringing cable without permission. Both Northland and Verizon said they would fix any violations once noted.

A sense of urgency is involved because Highlands Cable Group has allegedly moved Northland Cable and Verizon lines to string its cable on poles with little real estate left. Not only have lines been moved, but guides and grounds have been removed.

"We now have a very dangerous situation," said Mayor Buck Trott. "Grounds are missing and if a kid leans against a pole or lightning strikes and travels to a house we're in a lot of trouble. We're dealing with a time bomb here."

Representatives from Northland and Verizon said they want their lines put back the way they were and they want to be compensated financially for the work that has to be done.

"Our cable was moved down without our permission. We don't want our cable moved. We don't do that," he said. "If cable is moved, it's moved at the new entity's expense."

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that much at one time but probably could over the next four years.

He is meeting with Senator Elizabeth Dole's office before the year is out and hopes to get the proposal to the legislature in late January or February 2004 and expects the bill to be out late summer.

"The money will come in FY-05," said Ott. "It will be a straight forward appropriation request which is a line item."

He suggested a staggered approach to both clean up and to funding.

"Come up with a plan of what needs to be done, a list of priorities," said Ott. "One thing driving this and making it a real possibility is the fact

Highlands Cable Group's lawyer, Mr. Hamlin, said problems between the group and the town stemmed from miscommunication.

But Mayor Buck Trott said it had nothing to do with miscommunication - it had to do with Highlands Cable not doing what it said it would do since 1998.

"I have talked and our staff has talked repeatedly to Nin Bond, and asked him if he understood what we were saying and he always said he did," said Trott. "Then the next day he went out and did it his way."

Commissioners and town officials said they just can't trust the information they get from Highlands Cable. Group. But the Advisory Committee - Dr. Eugene Brigham, William Emerson, Chuck and Claire Harrington, Admiral Bill Johnston and Dr. Robert Lanzillotti - said all that's changed.

"Members of the committee live in Highlands either year round or six months out of the year and we will be watching what is happening," said Brigham.

The first order of business is to fix any dangerous situations that have come about from the removal of other companies' cable from poles.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 9 a.m., representatives from Northland, Verizon, Highlands Cable Group and the Town are meeting to go over a 60-pole area where previous, or new violations exist. The Town

that you have had to pay to clean out your intake valve for your water source." That indicates there is a problem, he said.

Most importantly the government wants to know the money and efforts won't be wasted.

"They don't want to think this will have to be done again 10 years from now," said Ott. That means preventive measures are important - measures like paving dirt roads around lakes.

The board agreed to come up with a staggered plan of attack and to get it to Ott before his next meeting on "The Hill."

Board ordered the group to decide who is responsible for what and to fix it - including replacing 10 poles so all three entities can reside on them.

Instead of going underground as promised at previous Town Board

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adventure. Want to hike Sunset Rocks? Hop on the mover, punch in the code and you're off. My mover even narrates the hike, pointing out flora and fauna along the way.

Should you actually pass hikers using the old fashioned method of muscle power, my mover laughs and ridicules them but then ejects a coupon offering a 10 percent discount for both guide and mover.

Once you have reached the vista, my mover automatically checks your breathing and heart rate to make sure you have not overdone it. If it senses that you have somehow accidentally exercised, Snicker bars are offered to change any unwanted muscle molecules back to fat.

It gets better. Currently on the

meetings, Highlands Cable allegedly removed or moved cable on poles too short to accept another cable, making safety an issue.

Commissioners said they just want the job done right.

drawing board is a plan which will include television while you hike. No need to miss that important NFL game or wonder which country we are currently attacking while enjoying a hike. Housewives can still see their soaps while enjoying the view from Yellow Mountain. The possibilities are endless.

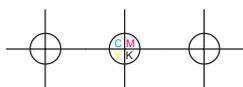
You are probably thinking, at this point, that much of the material written here is pure bunk. Ha, I will tell you that I currently have a prototype hiking mover, complete with volunteer and guide book, out in the field as you read this. You may see for yourself.

The hiking mover and volunteer can be found lying at the base of Whiteside Mountain. Look for the guide book in his back pocket.

Power outages due to high winds



Power went out all over town, Tuesday night, when 60 mph winds blew away the dreary rainy weather and ushered in clear blue skies. Town crews began working to restore power 11 p.m., Tuesday night and stayed hard at it until about 1 p.m. Wednesday. Outages were caused by winds, countless downed trees and limbs.





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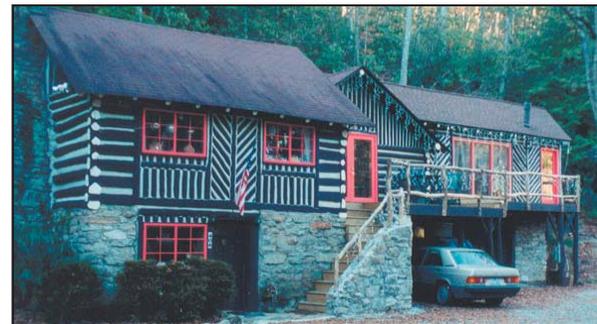
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