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On-going

- Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass.

- FREE improv classes at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call the ITC office at 828.526.1687. A new class is forming now. You may also email us at instanttheatre@instanttheatre.org.

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- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn. featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m. until.

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.

- Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scotts Trio; and every Thurs., & Fri. it's Rickey Dean on piano.

Nov. 2

- PTO meeting at Highlands School, 6 p.m.

Nov. 4

- At Cyrano's Book Shop. Book signing by Dot Jackson, "Refuge" from 1-3 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate hike 3-mile to Rough Run and High Falls. Reservations are required. Call leader Walker Taylor, 743-6977.

Nov. 5

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Terrora Trail on an old railroad bed along the Tallulah River at Tallulah Falls, GA, and on a woods trail around a small lake. Reservations are required. Call leader: Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Nov. 6

- The Auxiliary to the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital will meet in the board room on Monday at 10 a.m.

Nov. 9

- Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. Vintus Importers. 6 p.m. Call 787-2610.

Nov. 10

- Book Signing at Cyrano's Book Shop, Melanie Sue Bowles' "The Horses of Proud Spirit," from 1-3 p.m.

Judge Winner rules in high-rise case

On Tuesday, Oct. 24, Judge Dennis Winner handed down a bare bones ruling in Davids versus Old Hemlock Cove.

Following a preliminary hearing, Monday, Oct. 23, in Franklin Judge Winner ruled in favor of the Davids and denied Old Hemlock's

request that the Davids complaint be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

Instead, Winner found that the Davids did state a claim upon which relief can be granted and denied Old Hemlock's motion.

The Davids were suing Old Hemlock Cove, LLC on the grounds that previously agreed to residential covenant restrictions on a 19-acre tract on U.S. 64 east won't be adhered to if a high-rise condominium is built on the

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Highlands beats Hendersonville in first round



An ecstatic Highlands soccer team leaves the field Wednesday night. Highlands won the first game in the state playoffs against Hendersonville, 7-3, Nov. 1 at home. Alec Schmitt scored 5 points, Gray Alexander and Greg Porter each scored one point. The next game is against North Moore or Jordan Matthews, Saturday, Nov. 4 at Zachary Field, tentatively at 4 p.m. Photo by Noel Atherton

Judge dismisses county's latest appeal

On October 26, Judge Dennis Winner dismissed a lawsuit that had been filed by the Macon County Board of Commissioners and granted the town's motion for summary judgment.

Town Attorney Bill Coward filed for a summary judgment against the county's latest appeal on the grounds that there were no genuine issues or material fact as a matter of law. This means no more investigation is needed to determine any facts and the judge just has to apply the law, said Coward. "A court cannot overturn action by a town unless it was 'manifestly unreasonable and oppressive'"

The suit between the town

and the county was about whether the Town had correctly calculated the number of members that the county was allowed to name to the town's Zoning and Planning boards. The county is entitled to appoint residents from the extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) district based upon the population of that district relative to the population of the town. The town used a method that the legislature requires when population counts are required for annexation purposes, "but the county was trying to force the town to use another method that it created," said Town Attorney Bill Coward.

County Commission Chairman Allan "Ricky" Bryson who

was individually named in the county's most recent appeal said all the county wants at this point is a letter or minutes from a Town Board meeting verifying that the town will allow the county to appoint representatives from the ETJ area forever.

"The town has had every opportunity to end this by sending a letter allowing the county to pick

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
		
45-25°F	47-26°F	50-32°F

'Bug Hill' cabin saved

A part of history is coming home to the Rec Park.

At the Nov. 2 Town Board meeting, commissioners agreed to let the Highlands Historical Society move one of the original "Bug Hill" tuberculosis cottages to the part of the Highlands Historical Village that encroaches onto Rec Park property.

It will only be a problem if the arrangement the town has with the state's land and water conservation fund, which funded

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Committee drafts animal ordinance

By Susanna Forrester Hearn Reporter

A proposal by the Macon County Humane Society (MCHS) and a proposed animal control ordinance will be presented to the Macon County Commission Nov. 6 meeting. This represents a much needed first-step in the animal control problem in the county.

The Animal Control Committee — a group of law enforcement, area veterinarians, and humane society representatives met Wednesday, Oct. 25 to draft the ordinance that lays out the guidelines for being responsible pet owners and how the county should go about identifying strays.

The ordinance states that all dogs must wear a collar, identification tags, and rabies tags. It identifies strays as animals whose owners cannot be readily identified,

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Thank you, Georgia

Dear Editor,

Georgia Sanders here's to Georgia Sanders regarding the letter-to-the-editor which appeared in the Oct. 26 issue of Highlands' Newspaper.

You go girlfriend! You covered all the bases and said what most of us don't have the nerve to say but would love to. Your aim was a perfect bulls-eye.

From all of us who agree with you 100%. A heartfelt "Thank you."

Pat Griffin
Highlands

Worthy of praise

Dear Editor,

Jack and I moved from Highlands a year and a half ago. Not that we wanted to, believe me, but the necessity of being near family, age and finances determined that it was time. After over 30 years as a year-round resident, our interest still is very keen in the doings of "our" community.

For years The Highlander newspaper was a small town paper in which we could take pride, however that is no longer the case.

If it weren't for Highlands' Newspaper's professional and intense sensitivity to what is news of interest to residents, there would be no way to know what was happening. Thank you for presenting all the news, in-depth and without editorial bias. The columnists are wonderful and provide the editorial comments where they belong - not in the body of the reporting. If we only had The Highlander for information - we would be sorely pressed to have a clue.

So again, thank you especially for making your paper available on line which is where we read it every week. Please keep up your good and professional work.

Dottie and Jack Hoppen

Kudos to Mtn. Findings

Dear Editor,

Not enough wonderful things can be said about Mountain Findings!

The money it charges selling people's "stuff" helps so many people. They give to many organizations that provide help to many people. Their tireless efforts in the shop goes a long way to endear them to this community. And to top it all off the volunteers are a delight!

Pat Griffin
Highlands

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



• LETTERS •

Please evaluate projects as growth continues

• This letter was sent to the Macon County Commissioners

Dear Sirs,

The Mountain Garden Club of Highlands, NC is one of 7,251 federated garden clubs throughout the United States. Our national organization (National Garden Clubs, Inc.) and our state organization (The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.) sponsor many projects to beautify individual communities.

Our purpose is to protect and conserve our natural resources and cooperate with other agencies furthering the interest of horticulture and conservation. Along these lines, we are very concerned about the proposal to build a 10-story condominium in our county.

We urge the County Commission of Macon County to evaluate this project and others very carefully because the demand for growth continues.

Over the years, we have seen many buildings, commercial and residential, built in Macon County. While each construction project goes through a building permit process, we are concerned about the combined impact that multiple buildings and unregulated continued growth will have on our natural resources and infrastructure.

Macon County does not have a land use plan in place. Other than federal environmental regulations and individual lawsuits, there are few controls to enforce responsible development on land outside the jurisdiction of towns or cities in the county.

Macon County has been fortunate to have many responsible developers over the years, but our luck may be about to change. Developer malfeasance and overdevelopment have caused economic downturns in many communities and may be one reason developers from elsewhere are turning to our area.

Members of the Mountain Garden Club Executive Committee –
Jeannie Chambers, Ann Maxwell,
Jackie Hills, Becky Schilling, Eloyce Richardson, Anita Williams, Dixie Barton – on behalf of the members of the Mountain Garden Club

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Schmitt wins 'Black Hat Award'

Highlands School senior Alec Schmitt was the winner of the prestigious Black Hat Award at the J. Robinson Intensive Basketball Camp held at California State University-Fresno from June 17-30.

Campers exhibiting the characteristics of discipline, sacrifice, dedication and hard work earn the Black Hat Award.

These are skills J. Robinson Intensive Basketball Camp feels athletes must possess to be successful on the court and in life. Alec's passion for the game, basketball skills, work ethic, self-motivation, willingness to lead others and time management skills were exceptional and set him apart from his peers.

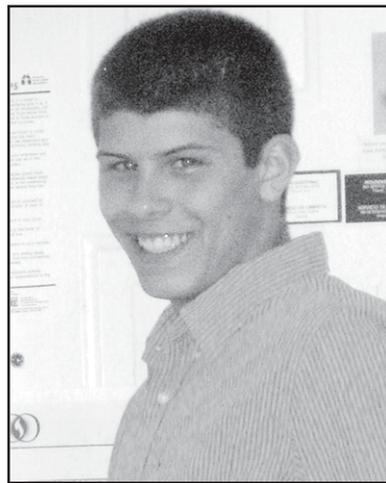
J. Robinson Intensive Basketball Camp's goal is to teach an athlete a deeper understanding of the skills of discipline,

sacrifice, dedication and hard work. Camp provides athlete real life situations that re-define the meaning of the characteristics. Camp is sure to push an athlete to the limits physically, mentally and change the way an individual approaches basketball as well as life.

J. Robinson Intensive Basketball Camps are committed to training athletes in a way no other program can resulting in increased performance level and obtaining goals. Athletes improve their game but also learn life skills training that will benefit them for years to come.

Due to the rigor and intensity involved, this camp is not for ev-

eryone. J. Robinson Intensive Basketball Camp congratulates Alec on his outstanding effort.



Alec Schmitt

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Board's behavior shocking

Dear Editor,

I would like to introduce myself and my family. My name is Edith Walker Gianos. My grandparents, William and Jesse Heslington, along with my uncle, Charles Dorris, purchased and subdivided what is now known as Pinecrest. We have owned the property at 204 Pinecrest for more than 30 years. My father, Jack Walker has been a permanent resident of Highlands for the past five years.

On Oct. 18, I attended the Town Board meeting with my father Jack Walker. We acquired a copy of the agenda from the Town Hall whereby we learned that the matter concerning the rezoning of the Old Edwards Inn & Spa property located on U.S. 64 was up for discussion.

Upon arriving and seeing that there was standing-room only, it was obvious to me that this was an "open" meeting.

Throughout the meeting, as items on the agenda were presented, people in the audience were permitted to speak. When the last item on the agenda was presented, there were people in the audience, my father included, who were not allowed to speak.

I was very surprised and disappointed that we as taxpayers were not allowed to have a voice. What protocol allows elected officials who are there to serve the needs of the community to behave in such a manner?

Edith Walker Gianos, Highlands

Parking ordinance open to lawsuits

Dear Editor,

I have been following the ridiculous ordinance pertaining to the restaurant parking situation in the town of Highlands this summer.

While some establishments are required to have property parking, quite a few others which do not have such, are supposedly grandfathered in. (A catch-all phrase which I personally detest to the most profound degree).

This looks and smells like a fly or roach in the pudding to me. This ordinance is totally unfair, prejudicial and open to acts of favoritism and should be wide open to law suits along these lines.

The main things and only things that our town fathers would be concerned with is whether or not the establishments provide decent service and fare and I plan contacting a couple of our powers personally.

Unfortunately, being a part-time resident, I cannot vote in the local elections. If I could, I would do my part to unseat those supporting such absurd legislation.

Vern Jared, Highlands and Miami

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Please let your voice be heard. Stand up against anti-Semitism in our town. It started 50 years ago with one man...Highlands doesn't need this.

I'm DonLeon and that's MY opinion.

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Next it could be you

Dear Editor,

I'm writing in response to the recent letter from Nick Moschouris, Gus Lard and the Figels wrote regarding their support of the existing parking code.

It appears that since they each spent in excess of \$100,000 to expand their parking to comply with this archaic law, they feel that everyone else should do the same. Unfortunately, there is no property within 40- feet of my restaurant to purchase nor am I a \$1,000,000 restaurant with the resources to relocate in order to comply.

I've been informed by other restaurateurs and bed & breakfasts that the 'fence man' has been making the rounds soliciting support for continuing this restrictive parking code. It would appear that the 'fence man' has again used deception and a perversion of facts to persuade these two restaurants that DonLeon's is somehow a threat to their business (I'm so flattered). Otherwise, why would they get involved in such a petty, negative attack? They have nothing to gain by retaining a 30-year-old code which injures a fellow restaurant.

Needless to say, I am shocked and

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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

How many oars do you have in the water?

From my viewpoint, the older I get the more crazy the world seems to be. Or is it that the world is completely sane and I am getting crazier? Hmm.

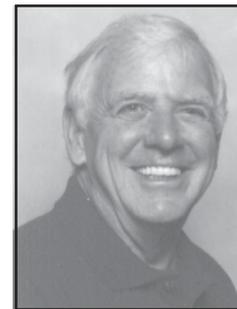
For example, years ago, when the world appeared less insane and everyone seemed to have both oars in the water, Highlands had its very own movie theater. On special days, after hammering and sawing on our little cabin all day, the li'l missus and I would scrub up our three kids and head for the Galax Theater right on Main Street. If we could keep building costs under control, it was something we could afford to do twice a month.

Not once, during all the years we went to that little theatre, did Marlene Schiffler charge me full price. She would smile and say, "That's too much money for a family of five to pay to see a movie." I never told her, but because of her generosity, I was able to buy popcorn for the kids. Thank you, Marlene, for being so generous....and so sane.

And no one went into a rage when, half way through the feature film, it broke (it usually did) and the movie theatre went dark. We just sat patiently in our rock hard seats and knew they were doing everything they could to fix it. No one raced out to complain. It was such a sane time to live in.

During this same sane period, it was a special privilege for my family to go to Talley's Restaurant for hamburgers and fixin's. Christine's total seating capacity was 12. She was hostess, chef, waitress, busboy, dishwasher and cashier. Her claim to fame was her French fries. Each person got a huge baking potato which she would cut with a special fry cutter, then deep fry in saturated fat and top off with her special salty concoction. Burgers, fries and lemonade for all five was usually less than \$12. Is that sane or what?

Flash ahead to 2006 and look at Highlands' life in the fast lane. If we had a movie theatre, which we don't, no one could go because full length features, with previews, would last longer than we are allowed to park on Main Street. Only tourists with special permits who don't live in North Carolina and who are not employed with a Main Street merchant could attend. And with Highlands' current price structure, a family of five, with



Fred Wooldridge

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popcorn and drink, would run about 70 bucks.

In more sane days, it was understood that if you got to the movie late, you probably wouldn't get a good seat. In 2006, we are concerned about offending late comers, so in keeping with Highlands' current theme, the theatre would use the 15-minute plan. This means you would be allowed to park your butt in a theatre seat for 15 minutes and then you are required to get up and

find another seat. This way, no matter how late you arrived, you would eventually get a good seat, at least for 15 minutes. Isn't that logical? There would be movie police, with cameras, on roller skates to take care of violators.

Way back, everyone did not have the financial lust that occurs today and Highlands' appearance was not as important. Visitors came here, not because we were a tony, sophisticated resort town, but because we were laid back and hidden away. It was a privilege to live on a dirt road. Sanity seemed to prevail everywhere.

Corridors....who cared about corridors? I watched the ole Jimbo Potts' barn, sitting right on Spring Street, near the highway in full view, begin to lean to the right about two inches a year. I think it took about seven years for it to finally fall over. No one's shorts were in a wad over that ugly barn. Again, Highlands was a sane place to live.

Finally, this all reminds me of the fable about the tiny town of Happyville where everyone got along. Then one night a witch came and poisoned the town well with a special "money lust" poison. This made all the citizens crazy but since the king and his staff drank from another water source, they were not affected. This made the citizens think the king had gone mad and they looked to overthrow him.

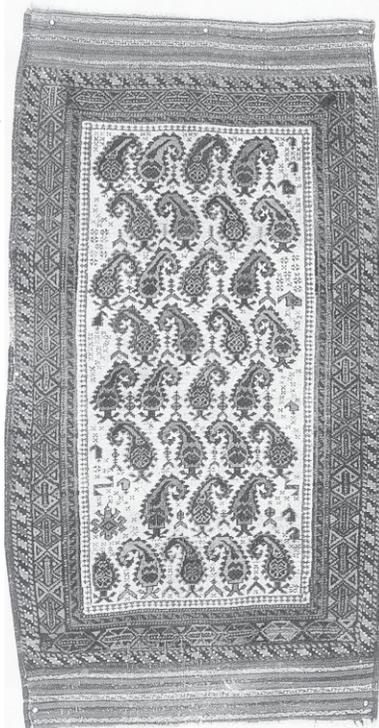
The king, a very wise man, took his staff to the poisoned well in the middle of the night and drank the water. They became crazy also and harmony prevailed.

So if you don't like what's going on in Highlands these days, you just need to sneak down to the well tonight for a drink of water 'cause that's about all you can do about it.

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HS chemistry and physics students visit paper mill

Last week, 25 science students visited the Jackson Paper Manufacturing plant in Sylva, N.C., on a tour conducted by Chas Mathis, project engineer.

The purpose of the trip was to provide an opportunity for the students to learn how paper is made industrially. They witnessed the conversion of recycled cardboard through various stages of repulping and chemical preparation to produce the finished product on a continuously operated paper machine.

Roughly 15 truckloads of baled, used cardboard are delivered per day to produce 300 tons of corrugated medium.

The students learned the product is distributed to boxmakers in surrounding cities for reuse, thus making a significant contribution to the industry recycling program.

Students were impressed by the size of the steam boiler fueled by sawdust from nearby lumber mills and furniture plants. They heard how Jackson Paper has devel-

oped a highly rated wastewater treatment process which returns clean water to the nearby stream with zero environmental impact. The huge white plume above the Sylva mill is steam derived from the paper drying process.

The group of students was accompanied by Highlands School science teacher Adrian Holt and Dr. Peter T. Sarjeant, instructor for a college credit program at Highlands School.

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disappointed that they have chosen to align themselves with the 'fence man' against a single, small sandwich shop in order to justify the money they spent for their parking. They had options, I don't.

Pay attention restaurateurs: note that the 'fence man' led the parking attack. Yesterday it was Wild Thyme, today it's DonLeon's. Tomorrow it could be any one of you. Do not be confused by his agitation and anti-Semitic attacks for his personal gain. He is currently on a

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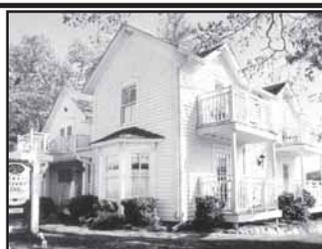
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Paid for by the Committee to re-elect Allan "Ricky" Bryson

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and requires that calls regarding nuisance animals must be complaint oriented.

The ordinance presented at the animal control meeting also outlined the county's choices for dealing with strays and nuisance animals. It suggests the county could con-

tract with MCHS to do animal control with the existing shelter, the county could build its own shelter and do control, or the county could run animal control while contracting with the shelter for housing.

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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

Keeping you up to date

Last week the Board of Commissioners made a major step toward completing Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) zoning by approving a major portion of the Planning Board recommendations for zoning along both U.S. 64 and N.C. 106 corridors and also approving the new zoning classifications for the ETJ areas. The remainder of the ETJ areas outside the corridors will come to a public hearing in January, and this will complete the zoning in ETJ when soon thereafter the Board of Commissioners approves it.

Both the Planning Board, led by chairman Griffin Bell, and the Board of Commissioners have worked long and hard to bring closure to this long and involved process and they are all to be commended. In spite of the controversial aspects of ETJ, I truly believe that in the long run the great majority of the citizens involved will be satisfied with the final outcome. Without ETJ we could have easily been threatened by a monstrosity such as the 10-story condominium that is being proposed on the Cashiers Road outside our jurisdiction. We hope that the county will take quick action to stop the development of this unsightly building on the plateau.

On another note about ETJ, the Town of Highlands has won the law suit which the county commissioners filed against us regarding our method of choosing representatives to the Planning and Zoning Boards. We have said all along this was a frivolous attempt by the county to throw a monkey wrench into the town's ability to protect itself against unwarranted development in areas adjacent to the town.

This is a closing chapter in the process of ETJ development and we can now move forward with continuing to insure that our area remains a pleasant place to live for all our citizens.

Now let me get everyone up to date on the Riverwalk development. Last week I had a meeting with the principals of the development, Don Chandler and Bill Turrentine along with the attorneys for the town and Riverwalk as we met in the Town Hall.

For those who have questioned whether we will collect the fines imposed for violations given by our Zoning Administrator, I can assure you that all of these fines will be collected in full and a timetable will be worked out for completion of the work in an appropriate,



Mayor Don Mullen

timely and efficient manner. This means some work on silt control may have to be done on weekends but only if absolutely necessary to protect our waterways. No other work than that will be done after regular hours. We have a clear understanding now with all parties regarding the work that is to be done, and I can assure everyone that the town is closely monitoring

this activity.

In a public statement from the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors, of which I am a member, the board unanimously approved sweeping changes to its bylaws. This completes over six months of intensive work in significantly changing the way the hospital is governed and reducing the number of board members along with making it truly a leadership board and not simply a representative board. With expert outside consultation we have accomplished a major step in reorganization so that the hospital can continue to offer outstanding care to the people of our area.

In another move, the board approved a three-year plan to bring the hospital into a positive financial position. The Foundation Board has been very supportive of this process and we are grateful for their encouragement. The key now is to recruit outstanding doctors to achieve our goals. The medical staff, the administration, and the board are all working hard together to achieve this. After a very tumultuous year the hospital is making major positive strides forward, and it is our hope that those who have been so critical of the hospital will work with us to help our common goal of continuing to improve our medical facility. Personal agendas in working with critical matters such as medical care, I can assure you from personal experience, is detrimental to not only medical care but to the community as a whole.

However, we were sad to learn that Joan Cabe, vice president of operations at the hospital will be leaving at the end of the year. Those of you who know Joan recognize what a quality person she is. She has been a very dedicated major leader at the hospital for almost 35 years and now will be moving to Beaufort, S.C. to be closer to family. Joan Cabe will be greatly missed by all in the Highlands-Cashiers community. We thank her for the many years of service to her community and wish her the best.

• FROM THE HOSPITAL BOARD •

Summary of the Oct. 26 Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors Meeting

To keep the news media and the public better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing you with a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items coming before the hospital's board of directors at their most recent meeting.

• The board unanimously approved sweeping changes to its bylaws, culminating more than five months of intense work led by one of the nation's top consultants on health care organizations. The changes will slightly reduce the overall size of the hospital's board, but more significantly, they will move the overall structure away from a representative model toward a leadership model. Several "representative" slots will be eliminated, including the board seats for the president of the hospital Auxiliary, the president/executive director of the Foundation, and the representatives of the surgical and medicine committees of the Medical Staff. The hospital CEO will remain a voting board member under the new plan, as will the chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors. The chief of the Medical Staff will now become a full voting member of the board. And instead of being eligible to serve one four-year term, board members will now be eligible to serve up to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms.

The changes will take effect next month at the hospital board's annual meeting. At the same time, two elected members of the board will see their terms expire; Clem Patton and Allen Hardin will rotate off the board. It will be up to the new Governance Committee, created under the new bylaws, to come up with names of

candidates to fill those slots.

• Board members also approved a new budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year. While that budget shows another year of operating losses for the hospital, Shull said it should be seen as the first step in a three-year turn around plan. That plan projects a much reduced operational loss next year, with the hospital reaching a breakeven point (excluding depreciation) the following year. Shull said the key to the plan will be successfully recruiting new physicians, such as another general surgeon. That will boost the number of patients that use the hospital's services and positively impact the hospital's bottom line.

• To that end, Shull said a general surgeon from Kentucky will be visiting the hospital over the weekend with an eye to possibly relocating his practice here. The hospital has also talked with several other surgeons about opening a practice in the area on either a full- or part-time basis. An internal medicine physician interested in possibly coming to the area is expected to visit early month, Shull said.

• Family physician Toby Lindsay, who has been employed in the hospital's Emergency Room for much of the past year, will soon be re-establishing a full-time practice in Cashiers in addition to his ER work, Shull reported. That may happen as early as the end of this year.

• On a sadder note, the board learned that Vice President of Operations Joan Cabe will be leaving the hospital's employ at the end of this calendar year.

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Bud Smith, chairman of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors, presented a proclamation Thursday to outgoing chief of staff Dr. David Register (L) honoring him for outstanding service to the hospital during the past year. Register received a standing ovation from his former colleagues on the board. By virtue of his position as chief of the medical staff, Dr. Register has been a non-voting member of the board for the past year, but his last official meeting as a board member was Sept. 28. His official board duties ended last month when his term as chief of staff expired. Dr. Mark Wagner, the new chief of staff, formerly joined the board on Thursday.

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"The consensus of this meeting is that the county should contract with the humane society to take animals and have their own control," said Commissioner Bob Simpson, the county commission representative. "And that a county commissioner be on the humane society board with voting privileges. This is our number one option."

The problem with nuisance animals and the lack of animal control in Macon County has been an issue since the MCHS ceased to perform the service five years ago. Skip Howells, president of MCHS board, presented the shelter's terms at the meeting.

"All I can tell you is what my board tells me. Number one is \$100 per animal brought in and number two is negotiating a contract for next year. Any animal we take in will be

from Macon County," said Howells.

Some members of the animal control meetings were still skeptical about the MCHS' ability to accomplish the task, since the shelter has run as a no-kill facility for several years. "I want to make sure your organization can house whatever animals the county brings in. The stipulation will be you have to start euthanizing," said Dr. Amy Patterson, a member of the Highlands Town Board and a local veterinarian.

"The adoptable animals will be kept. The unadoptable ones will be euthanized," said Howells. "By state law we can only house a certain amount of animals. We take in more we have to euthanize."

County commissioners will hear the proposal next Monday.

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Crawford honored for years of service



At the Oct. 30 Macon County School Board meeting, outgoing Chairman Kevin Corbin presented Lonnie Crawford a plaque in appreciation of 41 years of service to the school system. Commissioners also signed a resolution in his honor which now hangs in the board room of the administration office. Crawford was a teacher for eight years, a principal for six years, a staff member at the central office for four years and served as superintendent for 23 years. Under his leadership, Macon County Schools earned system-wide Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Accreditation and maintained that status and he implemented the state-wide testing accountability program. Crawford provided leadership with integrity and honesty in word and action, both locally and at state and regional levels.



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Some people who read this column regularly think that I hate George W. Bush. I don't hate the President. I hate some of his policies. I think he's incompetent. I think he's unfit to hold the office, intellectually and psychologically. I believe he is surrounded by advisors who are ideologues, the worst possible perspective for holders of public office, most notably among them Vice President Cheney, and that he buys into their misguided advice.

What George Bush — the younger — is very good at is running for office and raising money for himself and other Republicans. He poses as "the kind of guy you'd like to have a beer with," as one reporter noted early in his first term, just a regular fella like the ones you bowl with every Wednesday night.

In fact, he is the scion of one of the wealthiest families in America, born of privilege and raised in privilege, educated (badly) at Andover and Yale, a spoiled fraternity boy who has as much of a notion of how the typical American family lives as Prince Charles or Laurence Rockefeller do.

George W. Bush prides himself on having overcome an alcoholic past, which is certainly laudable, but as all alcoholics know, certain characteristics of the addict persist into sobriety, like impulsivity and arrogance and self-delusion. He says he is a born-again Christian, but his evangelism has a nasty homophobic, nationalistic, imperious, swaggering quality which would have antagonized even the benevolent Jesus.

He earned his standing as Commander in Chief by getting his daddy, who was then a congressman from Texas and later became President, to

The good ol' boy from Andover

pull strings to keep him in a safe National Guard unit in Texas and help him avoid service in Vietnam. Even so, he managed to go AWOL from his unit so he could run a political campaign, and never completed his required term of service.

All of these facts were widely aired during his campaigns, but his political advisers, most notably Karl Rove, managed to confuse them sufficiently to present a phony portrait of our President as a tough and resolute defender of the homeland.

He was elected to the presidency in 2000 with a minority of the votes cast, and re-elected in 2004 with a narrow electoral college majority, but has ruled throughout his term as if he had a mandate for his policies by the American people. Despite having a Republican majority in both houses of Congress, Bush was unable to get crucial legislation passed, such as "reform" of Social Security. He has since obtained approval from Congress for his policies restricting habeas corpus for so-called enemy combatants.

There is as yet no consensus among historians that George W. Bush is the worst U.S. President since Buchanan, but many have expressed that opinion. The opinion is based on both his domestic and foreign policy. During his watch, the national debt has escalated into the trillions, much but not all of it due to the pre-emptive



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and unpopular war in Iraq.

I could write much more about the miserable career of the President, but you get the idea. If this brief suggests that I hate the President, so be it. I hate what he and his minions have done to my country. I hate his arrogant and willful ignorance. I hate his encouragement of fanatic right-wing evangelicals. I hate his callous disregard for the Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights.

Mostly I am embarrassed by the way he is perceived abroad. And I

don't embarrass easily, especially where

countries like France and Britain are concerned. They have their own serious problems to deal with. Nevertheless, there is something about having a president who doesn't read, who seems to get all his information and all his opinions from a bunch of sycophants, that makes me blush, figuratively, in the company of Europeans and other foreigners.

As I have written before, it's not because I love the Democratic Party that I am so critical of Republicans. If there was a third party that had some fresh ideas, and had even a remote chance of winning, I would support it. But there is no such animal.

So, for now, I back the Democrats, hoping against hope that they will curb some of the Republicans' worst excesses. I assure you that I'll have plenty to say about the Democrats when they, too, ignore the nation's best interests, as I perceive them to be.

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dar year. She has been a mainstay at the hospital since 1972. In fact, she has been part of the hospital for 34 of the hospital's 54-year history, serving as interim administrator on a number of occasions. She plans to move to Beaufort, S.C. to be closer to family.

• Gary Bowers, director of the Western North Carolina Health Network, made a presentation before the board on

the network's programs and initiatives. Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is one of 16 member hospitals across the region in the network.

• Outgoing chief of the medical staff Dr. David Register was honored with a proclamation from the board recognizing him for his outstanding service to the hospital and the greater medical community during the past year.

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declared mission to damage or preferably put DonLeon's Café out of business. He has stated that other restaurants represent unfair competition. How foolish. There is plenty of business for everyone.

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We're stuck on the wrong path

A surprising number of readers wrote to express agreement with my dismal appraisal of the state of the political process. Zero. That's right, zero, none, nada. If you didn't agree that sitting home on Election Day is a reasonable alternative to joining the candidates in the muck and mire of what has become a despicable quest for power, you might at least have written to scold me for abdicating my electoral role.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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If you want to know the truth, the whole myth of every vote counting is just that, a myth. In 2004 I voted at Scaly Mountain Community Center. Although I had registered, my name failed to appear on the precinct list of eligible voters. I was permitted a provisional vote which would not be counted until it was determined that I had met residency requirements and been duly registered. I'm sure that determination was not made before North Carolina and the United States of America slid in the George W. Bush's column.

What was it you said about every vote counting?

In 2000, the only votes that I'm certain counted were the five Supreme Court votes by Republican-appointed justices which threw first Florida and subsequently America to W. and his merry band of neo-cons. In an earlier American presidential election the eventual winner received less than 50 percent of the popular vote. That was in 1876. In that one, it was an ad hoc electoral commission, composed of eight Republicans and seven Democrats, which voted along strict party lines and awarded each of 20 disputed votes to Rutherford B. Hayes. It's a good thing that he won all 20, because in addition to losing the popular vote, he trailed by 19 votes in the electoral college before the commission worked its partisan magic, declaring him president 185 to 184.

That election was so fraught with irregularities that history is not certain who should have won. Democrats in the South intimidated black voters to keep them away from the polls, while Republicans were shepherding the very same voters to polling places to vote as many times as possible. It is ironic that this farce played out while America was celebrating the centennial of the establishment of the world's first democracy.

I guess what I'm saying is that maybe little has changed. Perhaps manipulation

and corruption have been present since the dawn of our Republic, but never to the extent that it has plagued other countries around the world nor to the degree that we suffer it here today. We survived Rutherford B. Hayes and we will survive George W. Bush.

We will survive the current onslaught of negative political ads and character assassination. We will survive Tom DeLay, Duke Cunningham, and surely Mark Foley. With a little luck we will survive a culture of self interest which plagues our

federal government. We won't, however, remedy the situation, for those in power and those who aspire to power, share the same desire to feed at the trough of greed.

Former elected and appointed officials make millions as lobbyists and as representatives of companies doing business with the government. The strength of our people and the vitality of our economy is sufficient to compensate for the greed of our leaders, but not without sully the principle of "government of the people, by the people, for the people."

How far we have strayed from the ideal embodied in those words, words authored by Abraham Lincoln, and delivered in dedication of a Civil War cemetery, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania?

The tragedy is that there is no force which can return us to the path of our forefathers. Remember the last time the American people became fed up with their government? In 1994 the Republicans played on that dissatisfaction, concocted a "Contract with America," and swept the Democrats from power. How has that worked out?

ETJ zones accepted

At the Oct. 26 special Town Board meeting, commissioners accepted the planning board's zoning designations for the north and south corridors of the ETJ areas with minimal changes.

Most zoning designations for the U.S. 64 corridor and the N.C. 106 corridors are R4 and B5 – a mixture of commercial and residential.

Particulars of each zone as to allowances, including signage, setbacks, etc., can be found on the Town's website at <http://main.nc.us/highlands>. Click on the minutes of the Oct. 25 meeting.

Before the designations can be adopted, there will be a public hearing, currently set for the Jan. 17 Town Board meeting.

The Right Stuff

“These are the times that try men's souls.” It's not original but it certainly is appropriate.

Soon we are faced with what I consider to be the most critical election in my lifetime (I first voted in 1956). Our country will either continue along the aimless path we've experienced for the last several years, or take a hard turn to the left.

It is possible to wake up on November 8 to the following scenario:

Nancy Pelosi – soon to be Speaker of the House. A San Francisco ultra-liberal, her leadership of the House minority has resulted in anti-everything constructive and responsible. This would be the Conservative's worst nightmare.

Charlie Rangel – WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRMAN? God forbid. You can kiss goodbye the tax cuts which have fueled the great economic environment we now enjoy. He has said they all will go under his watch.

John Conyers – In line to head the Judiciary Committee. He has made no bones about his burning desire to impeach George W. and will be in a position to promote his wishes. We'll have more ACLU-type justices to keep Ginsberg company on the Supreme Court.

Alcee Hastings – This may not be a familiar name to many folks but for those of us who lived in Florida in the early 80s, we are well acquainted with his antics. He was a federal judge until he got caught taking a \$150,000 bribe, was impeached and was thrown off the bench. This miscreant would be Chairman of the Intelligence Committee if the libs get their way.

Had enough post-Halloween horrors? I don't mean to pile on, but there are many more examples of disastrous appointments ahead if enough of us don't go to the polls to prevent it. What can we do? About all there is left to do is to vote, encourage those around us to vote, and to pray for God's mercy on our country.

Don't be conned into thinking all is lost. The liberal media would win if you stay home; they have been working on you for months. I won't be so presumptuous as to tell you how to vote. If the above doomsday possibility doesn't make it obvious to you, all IS lost.

I promise not to be so partisan in future columns but because of the gravity of the matter, I didn't feel I could leave anything to the imagination. Remember how it felt when Jimmy Carter was prez; every morning I'd wake up feeling embarrassed and defeated before the day



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started. I can't imagine the feeling Wednesday if the above scenario plays out. Please don't be the one to let it happen.

• Readers have requested a “conservative columnist” in the Highlands' Newspaper column lineup. Don Swanson. He has lived in Macon County since 1993. He was a businessman for 50 years and is now retired. He is the former Chairman of the Macon County Republican Party

and is currently the Director of the Macon Chapter of FreedomWorks, a national grassroots activist organization.

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its appointees and the commissioners refuse to do it,” said County Commission Chairman Allan Bryson. “All they have to do it put it in writing.”

Bryson said it's important to have the arrangement in writing “simply because boards change.”

In September, Judge Winner removed Macon County and four of the five commissioners, on the basis that they didn't have a standing to file such a lawsuit. Chairman Daniel Allen (“Ricky”) Bryson, remained in the lawsuit that was dismissed because he is the only commissioner who lives in the ETJ area, said County Attorney Rickey Moorefield.

The issues with respect to the county's portion of the case and Bryson's portion of the case are very interrelated and the research is useful for both portions of the case, said Moorefield. I named Allan Bryson as individual plaintiff because it would be difficult to establishing that the county had standing to file the suit in the first place,” he said.

Bryson said the commissioner will decide whether to pursue the case further after a new county attorney is hired. Moorefield, who had accepted a job elsewhere, resigned in September but agreed to stay through October.

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the development of the park, is breached.

Technically, aside from the main Rec Park facility, all other structures on the property are supposed to be “outdoor” recreational structures. However, recently, the state has been allowing “indoor recreation structures” as long as a conversion is requested and a new form filed.

Rec Park Director Selwyn Chalker said the structure's historical significance to Highlands and the state could be the deciding factor.

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Though the town's approval hangs on the contract with the state, it's likely that at least one Bug Hill cottage will return to Bug Hill.

– Kim Lewicki

• A REVIEW •

There's still time to see HCP's 'Crimes of the Heart'

The first show of the Highlands Community Players' new season is always in late October, early November. Due to the time of year, and only due to that, there are seats to be had at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Art Center – the group's home theater.

Even though it's really hard for actors to perform their hearts out to a half-filled house, the cast and crew of the Highlands Community Players gives it their all 100 percent of the time.

"Crimes of the Heart" is really good. Director Jim Gordon extracted exactly what was needed from the actors. Though some have very limited stage time to their merit, it doesn't show.

They capture the sibling rivalry, the mood swings and the genuine craziness

with which the McGrath family is wrought.

From the snobby, meddling cousin down the street, to the sister everyone walks on, to the wild sister, to the one who lives in her own self-indulgent world, everyone will see someone they recognize on stage – someone from their own family tree.

If you've ever had a conversation with Lee Lyons – who plays Lenny McGrath – you'll know that the enthusiasm she brings to the role isn't a far stretch, nor is her accent. She has a lilt to her voice, a sing-song way of speaking that is for real but clearly made for the stage. Just her second time performing with HCP, she is a riveting presence.

Breta Stroud, who is the director of

Highlands Literacy Council in real life, along with Lyons, is a natural to the stage. This too, is her second major part with HCP and between the two of them, Lyons and Stroud, steal the show.

A great supporting character is Kathryn Cochran, who portrays Babe Botrelle, the sister whose actions have thrown the family in a tizzy. Cochran does a good job portraying someone who drifts in and out of reality, who somehow makes it seem OK, even natural to shoot your husband and have an affair with an under-aged boy.

Mary Adair Leslie, as Chick Boyle, the meddling cousin, can always be counted on to deliver a good show. She's a regular with HCP.

Her real-life husband, Ron Leslie as

Doc Porter and Nathan Smith, as Attorney Barnette Lloyd, are low-keyed and steady – needed characters in the crazy McGrath household set.

As always, the scenery for "Crimes of the Heart" is simple yet enticing and magical. It's amazing the worlds the crew concocts on that little stage.

The work that went into this show and the steady dedication Highlands Community Players delivers show after show should be reason enough to see "Crimes of the Heart" but if not – go for the fun of it. It'll make you laugh, make you think and make you thankful that Highlands has really good community theater to enjoy all year long.

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– Kim Lewicki

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Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." John 1:1,2 tells us, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." Genesis 1:2 declares, "Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." Is God sovereign? These three verses declare that "In the beginning" there was nothing but God. There was God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, three persons, yet, one God, all of one substance equal in power and glory.

Everything that you: see, hear, feel, taste, and smell comes from the creative power of God. It was God that made all things and all out of nothing. Who was there for Him to ask counsel from? God was completely sufficient unto Himself, needing nothing or no one. Yet, He was a God moved by His own being to create. So, before the foundations of this world were laid, He devised a plan to create a world and rule over it. He decided to create mankind and from that mass of humanity to redeem a people unto Himself (2 Corinthians 6:16-18). All this was decided before any work was done to bring our world into existence and who gave Him any counsel?

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ was ordained before the foundations of this world were laid (I Peter 1:20 & Revelation 13:8) and who was there to counsel God? He has provided for those that would hear the Good News, it is God that gives them new hearts with which to fear Him (Ezekiel 36:24-26, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 8:12) and the Holy Spirit that watches over them to see that the work begun in them is carried out to completion (Philippians 1:6) and who was there to counsel Him?

There was no one to counsel God for there was none but the Triune God. It is the Triune God that has made all things (Acts 15:18), it is this same Triune God that this very day sustains all things (Hebrews 1:3), and my friend, he does not seek the counsel of anyone about how to run His creation. He is the Sovereign Lord Almighty, and He and He alone is in control of this world. Scripture says, He has the hairs on your head numbered and He knows when each sparrow falls (Luke 12:6,7). He is working out His plan and no effort of a man or any other creature will change the number of those chosen unto eternal salvation (Ephesians 1:3-5,11; Acts 13:48) nor prevent the day He has set to bring them all into His presence (Job 42:2), for He is indeed sovereign. What a great comfort we as believers can take in this knowledge, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord Almighty" (Zechariah 4:6).

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Wednesday: 2 p.m. – Interlude; 6:30 p.m. – Choir
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"Crimes of the Heart" is set in Hazlehurst, Miss., where the three Magrath sisters have gathered to await news of the family patriarch, their grandfather, who is living out his last hours in the local hospital.

Lenny, the oldest sister, played by Lee Lyons, is unmarried and facing diminishing marital prospects; Meg, the middle sister, played by Breta Stroud, who quickly outgrew Hazlehurst, is back after a failed singing career on the West Coast; while Babe, the youngest, played by Katie Cochran, is out on bail after having shot



Lee Lyons as Lenny tells Ron Leslie as Doc Porter that his old flame Meg is coming home.

the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind.

Their troubles, that are grave and

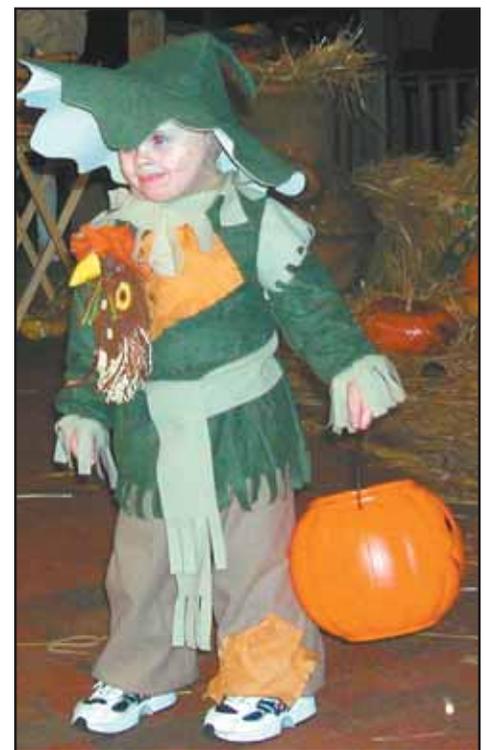
yet, somehow, hilarious, are highlighted by their priggish cousin, Chick, played by Mary Adair Leslie and by the awkward young lawyer, played by Nathan Smith, who tries to keep Babe out of jail while helpless not to fall in love with her. All along with Doc Porter, played by Ron Leslie, who wants to hook up again with Meg after she left him in hurricane Camille.

In the end the play is the story of how its characters escape the past to seize the future - but

the telling is so true and touching and consistently hilarious that it will linger in the mind.

**Halloween
Highlands
Style**

Ghouls and goblins paraded Main Street stopping at shops for tricks but mostly treats -- really good treats this year and lots of it! Police Chief Harrell thanked the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary clubs, and the visitors and families of Highlands for making this a great Halloween. Time Capsule Video captured the evening and will air the show the week of Nov. 5



**Otto to speak at
'Holiday Ladies
Banquet'**

Highlands First Baptist Church is hosting their 10th annual ladies holiday banquet especially for the ladies in the community. The top selling author Donna Otto will be speaking.

The theme this year is *Leaving a Legacy* with a special tribute to Gwynne Robinson, the founder of this ministry.

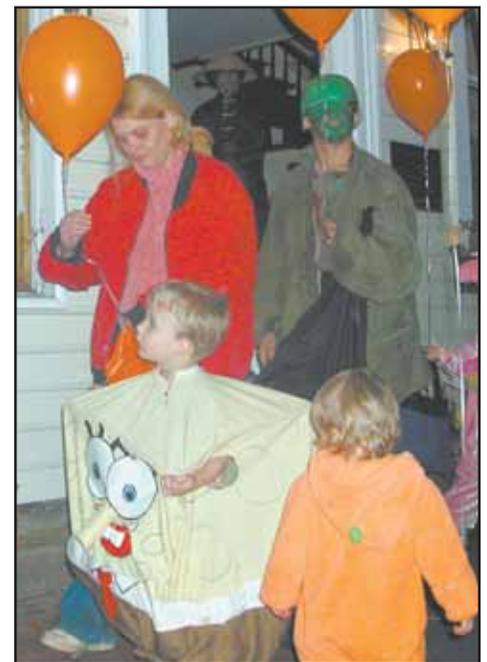
Donna is the author of six books, including *Friends of the Heart*, *Finding a Mentor*, *Being a Mentor*, *The Stay at Home Mom*, *Get More Done in Less Time*, and, her most recent, *Finding Your Purpose as a Mom*.

She is a home and life management expert who serves women in her community and across the country as a featured speaker and author.

The event will be held on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. for the Tour of Tables and to shop the book tables. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Highland's Civic Center. The event will be catered by Holly Roberts of *Let Holly Do the Cooking!*

Each table is decorated beautifully with a unique theme decided by each table hostess. The men from the church will serve the women. Last year's event had over 400 women in attendance.

Please reserve your seat early and come to enjoy a lovely evening of encouragement, elegant dining and inspiration for women. All ladies in the community are invited. There is no charge for the event. For more information contact the First Baptist Church office at 526-4153.



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On Thursday, Oct. 26, the League of Women Voters conducted its final forum of candidates running for office this Nov. 7 – the Macon County School Board race.

There are two seats open on board – one for District IV which is current chairman Kevin Corbin's at-large seat and one for District II which is incumbent Tommy Cabe's seat.

There are six candidates running for the District IV seat – Brooks Bennett, who couldn't attend the forum, William Cozzens, Joey Curtis, Wendy Dalton, Mike Geiger and Guy Gooder. There are two candidates running for incumbent Tommy Cabe's seat in District II – Cabe and Tony Esterwood.

Though they vary in age, gender, and occupation, the one thing they all have in common is an interest in the school system and the education of the children of Macon County.

Question 1. Please tell the citizens a bit about your background — age, family particulars, job.

Cabe: I am 64 years old and was born and raised in Macon County. Aside from the nine years I spent in the navy during Vietnam, I have lived here all my life. I've owned and operated a land surveying business for over 30 years. I've been involved in Macon County Schools as a student, parent, grandparent and volunteer. My wife Melisa teaches Kindergarten at Cullasaja School.

Cozzens: Well, I have lived in this area since August 1991. I have a bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in business law, and then on for my Master's Degree in Public Administration. I have worked for the federal government for 6 years.

Curtis: I am 41 years old. I was born in Franklin and have lived here my entire life. I am proud to have been able to call Franklin home all that time. My wife's name is Missy and I have two wonderful children who both attend South Macon Elementary. I have worked at Drake Software for the past 18 years as a software programmer. My wife works as a speech teacher at South Macon.

Dalton: I have lived in Franklin for 26 years. I am 45 years old, married to Terry Dalton and we have three children: Jessica 24, Trevor 21 and Tyler 7. I am Vice President of Dalton Construction, Inc. and former owner of Dalton's Bible Bookstore.

Esterwood: I am 46 years old and am married with three children: Connor 14, 8th grade; Emily 12, 7th grade; and Shannon 10, 5th grade at East Franklin School. My wife Rita who recently completed her Family Nurse Practitioner training is the school nurse at the Macon Middle School. I am actively involved with coaching soccer, coaching swimming and leading Cub Scout Pack 217 as the Cub Master. I work at the Center for Family Medicine as a Board Certified

Family Medicine Physician. I have lived in Macon County for 16 years. When my children were younger I was an active school volunteer. I am the president of the Macon County Soccer Club and have helped organize an annual swim club for children at the Franklin Health and Fitness Center during the winter months.

Geiger: I'm 46, engaged and have a 25-year old daughter, an 8-year-old step-daughter and three grandchildren. I'm the Plumbing Division Manager, for Timbercreek Builders and Developers in Dillsboro, N.C.

Gooder: I am 36 years old. My parents are Betsey and Gary Gooder of Franklin. I have been married to my wife Alicia for 14 years and have two children, Krash age 11 and Sydney age nine. I grew up in my family's newspaper business working as a paper boy, advertising designer, photographer/darkroom technician. Graduated Franklin High class of 1988, attended Southwestern Community College and Appalachian State University graduating in 1992. I currently own and operate Gooder Graftix which was started in 1995. I work with area non-profit organizations such as the Macon County Soccer Club, The Dave Linn Foundation, Inc., The Macon County Fair Board, and The Franklin Youth Tennis Association.

Question 2. Why would you make a good school board member?

Tommy Cabe: When elected, I promised that I would be available to the public. I frequently visit and volunteer in Macon County's schools. I feel that my being a "people person" makes me particularly approachable to students, parents, and school employees who have questions or concerns. I volunteer thousands of hours and I have the time to do it.

William Cozzens: Help give something back to the community. Help make our schools the best in the country. I'm an advocate of students, teachers and parents. I'm in a managerial position as a federal employee and feel I can use those skills as a board member.

Joey Curtis: I believe I would be a good school board member because I want the best education for the children of Macon County. I want to do what is best for the children in all aspects. If we do right by the kids, everything else will fall into place. I am not beholden to any political party or any agenda. I have been very involved with the school system for the last several years. My daughter will be in 5th grade this year and my son will be in 2nd grade. In that time, I have volunteered at South Macon School many many hours in both of my children's classrooms as well as various other classrooms besides. I have helped with one on one tutoring in reading and math.

• CANDIDATE FORUM ... SCHOOL BOARD RACE •



From left: school board candidates for District IV – Guy Gooder, William Cozzens, Mike Geiger, League of Women Voters representative who conducted the forum, candidate for District II Tony Esterwood, and for District IV, Joey Curtis, Wendy Dalton and incumbent for District II Tommy Cabe.

I was Vice President of South Macon PTO for two years. I am currently President of the Macon County Academic Foundation so I am aware of some of the needs of the teachers. I will work to bring integrity and honesty to the board.

Wendy Dalton: The experience that I have gained in owning and managing two businesses and serving on various community boards, has given me the opportunity to develop strong leadership skills. I have the courage to address tough issues and confront problems as they arise. As a mother of a teacher and a child currently enrolled in our school system, my motivation is clearly in the best interest of our children, teachers and their future.

Tony Esterwood: As a physician I think I could bring a unique perspective to the school board and I would like to work on school health related issues. I would like to see further expansion of the school health programs so teachers are not responsible for making as many medical decisions and students with chronic medical conditions can be better monitored and miss fewer school days. I would like to work on improving the quality of our school nutrition program. I also would like to continue the support for the early college program and see it grow into a full four year program once the SCC construction is complete. I feel I am a fair, honest, and approachable person who could make a positive impact in our schools.

Mike Geiger: I have family in the system and my grandmother was the lunch room manager at Otto School for years. There are a lot of questions that need to be answered and as "Joe Off the Street," you can't find things out unless you're in the system.

Guy Gooder: Any parent that is an advocate for public schools has the ability to make good decisions for our children and teachers. The school board members are public trustees of our children's education. I feel that I am assertive enough to help the school board make good decisions on issues that affect a wide range of individuals or specific groups. Working to make our schools the best they can be and positive learning centers for our children energizes me. I know a variety of parents and they all have a common thread when speaking about their children's education — quality. I want to be involved in insuring our children get quality education, comparable not just nationally but globally.

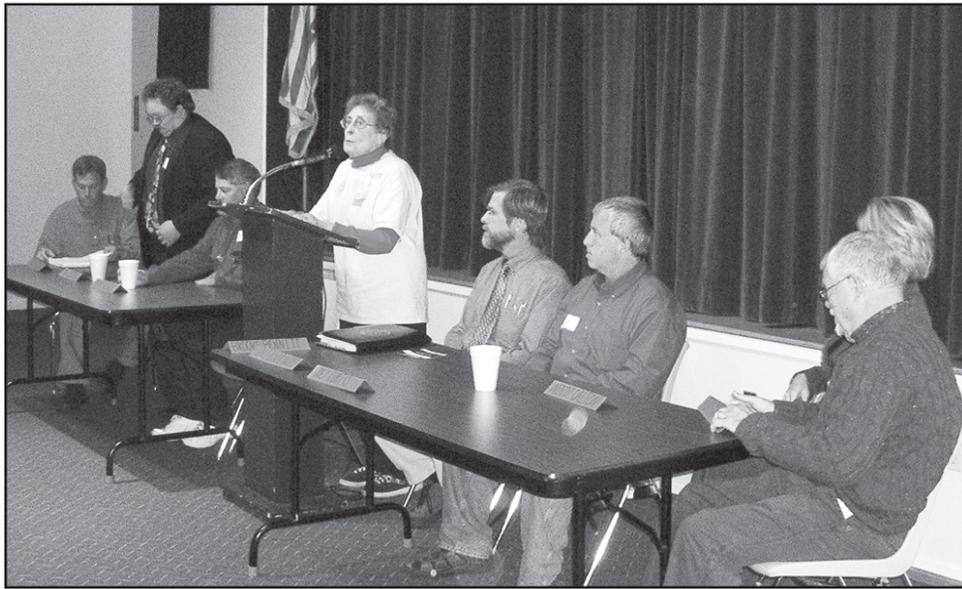
Question 4. Is there anything in particular you would like to see changed about the school board – the way it conducts business, the way it conducts meetings, the way it communicates with the public...anything?

Tommy Cabe: I know people feel that they should be better informed by the board. The only problem is that the law will only allow us to divulge so much information, therefore; I feel there is no need for any major change.

William Cozzens: Whether one is a state or federal employee, we are paid by the tax dollars of the citizens of our community, and therefore, we have a responsibility as elected officials to the voters, to the ones who pay our salary to keep them informed. So, I truly believe that there has to be a balance between privacy and the public right to know.

Joey Curtis: I would like to see the board be more proactive in dealing with problems quickly like what occurred this past year. If that means putting an admin-

• CANDIDATE FORUM ... SCHOOL BOARD RACE •



From left: school board candidates for District IV Guy Gooder, William Cozzens, Mike Geiger, League of Women Voters representative, candidate for District II Tony Esterwood, and for District IV Joey Curtis, Wendy Dalton and incumbent for District II Tommy Cabe. Photos by Kim Lewicki

istrator or anyone on leave for a period of time until the problem is worked out, then so be it. I believe that the school board had their hands tied as far as communicating to the public. I don't believe that they should talk about particulars of a situation IF there is ongoing litigation in the courts. No one wants to be accused of anything or have their name mentioned in the media for something that is just based on rumor and innuendo. People are going to gossip enough in private but we don't need more of the same from the media. I think that if there are improprieties, and the board has evidence to that, then that person should at the very least be put on leave immediately until the issue is cleared up. That would at least give the public the message that the situation is being dealt with. Not being on the current board and not knowing all the details, it is hard for me to say if anything different could have been done.

Wendy Dalton: I feel strongly that it is very important that the board receive constructive input from teachers and school staff before making decisions that have an effect on them and their classrooms. The superintendent is of course one of the most influential positions in a school system. Their style of leadership and willingness to properly supervise those within the administration are critical to maintaining a spirit of unity within the school system. I would encourage respect and cooperation between teachers, administration and parents with an attitude of teamwork. Knowing that there is a support system in place to adequately equip the teacher in the classroom, is a huge asset for the education of our children.

Tony Esterwood: If elected I hope the school board can operate in an open and transparent way so that the public can obtain the information that it needs to support the decisions that are made. I hope I can make a positive influence in this area.

Mike Geiger: Except for extreme closed door policy on personnel stuff, the public should be kept informed. Personnel issues should be dealt with behind closed doors but everything else should be out in the open. Elected officials are on the board for the public and the public should know what's going on before final decisions are made and it should have some kind of input on it.

Guy Gooder: The board needs to move meeting to Tuesdays so that someone wanting to get items on the agenda will have an easier time getting in touch with the superintendent or chairman of the board. I would like to see meetings put on public access cable TV, this would be good for the county commissioner meetings also. Parents should not have to be inconvenienced going in person when we have today's technology. The board's website should have the minutes of the monthly meetings updated more often. They are usually two months behind. I think public access is important and these suggestions make the school board much more transparent. Budget information and superintendent reports should be put on the board's website also.

Question #5 – Is there anything in particular that needs to change?

Cozzens:

Accountability of what's being spent is what's needed to gain the trust of the county commissioners. That's the way the school board will get what's needed. I am a big proponent of two-way communi-

cation. We will earn the trust of the commissioners with a vision and a plan open to all parties.

Curtis:

We need to have a vision for our schools, a five-year plan. Put it down on paper so we know what we have to do for maintenance like painting walls, new carpet, roofs, desks, but we need a plan for the future, too, so we know what money we need to spend over the next five to six years. Present that to the commissioners and they may be more inclined to allocate the money. Plan for today and for tomorrow for the new but also for maintenance. If the commissioners see a proactive plan, they may be more willing to spend it. Work together with taxpayers and commissioners. No one wants more taxes, but if its for the safety and welfare of our kids, that should be a high priority.

Dalton: The board needs to be more open about financial matters. With my past experience running businesses, I know it's necessary to develop a vision and a plan for what we want to do. Be more specific, so we can be more effective when we go to the county commissioners. Tell them the purpose of the expenditures and show that the money is spent for what it is budgeted. We are going to be facing large expenditures in capital outlays and we need to work together and the more input the better and we definitely need a clear plan.

Esterwood:

We need to earn the trust of the county commissioners. Have a budget, but they want to see something to justify it. Need a five to 10 year plan that takes into effect the population growth coming to the county. If we justify what we need, there will be less reproussions for the county and the commissioners. Building trust is key. They will allocate money if they know that's where it will be spent. We have to be open and honest, especially when we're asking for money.

Geiger:

We need to plan ahead for new schools so by the time they are built the plan isn't antiquated. More money is needed for teachers and teacher assistants. All of them. County commissioners have to figure out a way to get good teachers and keep them. School board members have to attend meetings and we all have to communicate.

Gooder:

Transparency of the budget is very important to get voters to understand what's needed and why. Commissioners will only be as excited as the voters are about the future of Macon County Schools. Business leaders can bring insight concerning facility needs and im-

provements. The more voices speaking out the better.

Question 6: Businesses complain that graduates don't have proper skills for the job place.

Cabe:

I know they have senior projects at Franklin School where they have to pick a project and work with people and prepare. We need to look into having more of that.

Cozzens:

We do need business leaders on an advisory board to make sure graduates and post graduates are prepared for entering the workforce. The community needs to make sure teachers, faculty and staff have the tools necessary to prepare graduates.

Curtis:

Maybe we need business leaders in an advisory capacity because kids are coming out of school not ready for the workforce. But the truth is, teachers are saddled with a lot of state mandated tests. What curriculum the workforce needs, I don't know. I would love to see our students ready for whatever they decide to do – entering the workforce or college. The truth is you need a lot of the same skills. Students have to be technically competent with good English, reading and writing skills.

Esterwood:

We need to know specifically what is lacking. Entering the workforce and entering college are two different things. Need a forum to address what's needed, and then change the curriculum.

Dalton:

What's right is the Early College High School where students can earn a high school diploma and an Associate college degree in 4-5 years. There is a internship program at Franklin High School which is good. But career goal and planning is needed with someone in the community. We are very fortunate to have SCC and WCU in the area where students can get technical skills, too. Might consider beginning help along these lines as early as middle school. Maybe encourage students to plan and choose earlier. Parent involvement is essential to guide them along the way.

Geiger:

The workforce has to also communicate with the guidance counselor at the school as well as parents and students. If we had an advisory counsel we could help steer the kids in that direction. Parent/teacher communication is very important.

Gooder:

We need an advisory board and a school improvement team to look at the vocation and technical side of education. There's a problem when we think everyone needs to get a liberal arts education. Some will stay and enter the workforce so we need to educate the parents and

Candidate websites

The following is a list of websites for NC Candidates who are running in non-partisan races, or whose race were not involved in the League of Women Voters forums.

You should be able to access the sites by simply clicking on the site address within this message. Remember to vote on Election Day - Tuesday, Nov. 7, or during One-Stop Early Voting through Nov. 4.

Candidates for US Congress District 11

Heath Shuler,
<http://www.heathshuler.com/>

Charles H. Taylor
<http://charlestaylor.house.gov/>

Candidates for Senate and House can be looked up at the following website:

<http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm>

Candidates for District Attorney, Dist. 30

Mike Bonfoey
<http://www.ncdistrictattorney.org/mikebonfoey/mikebonfoey.htm>

Candidates for Supreme Court Chief Justice

Rusty Duke
<http://www.rustyduke.com/>

Sarah Parker
<http://www.chiefjusticesarahparker.com/>

Candidates for Supreme Court Associate Justice

Rachel Lea Hunter
<http://www.rachelforjustice.com/>

Mark D. Martin
<http://www.justicemarkmartin.org/>

Eric Levinson
<http://www.justicelevinson.org/>

Patricia Timmons-Goodson
<http://www.timmons-goodson.com/>

Ann Marie Calabria
<http://www.calabria4judge.com/>

Robin Hudson
<http://www.robinhudson.org/>

Candidates for NC Court of Appeals

Kris Bailey
<http://www.judgekrisbailey.com/>

Robert C. 'Bob' Hunter
<http://www.judgebobhunter.com/>

Linda Stephens
<http://www.judgelinda.com/>

Donna Stroud
<http://www.judgetroud.com/>

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the students as to programs that are available. Business owners can offer a lot of expertise and experience along those lines. Need business organizations at the high schools to prepare students for the workforce.

Question 7: The state keeps passing education expenses to the county when the county's were never meant to shoulder all that expense. Would you support an tax increase to cover added costs and to continue the teacher supplement?

Cabe:

I've been on the board for four years. We may have gotten some bad press and people think money wasn't spent well. We've hired a new superintendent and that's a big step forward. We need to get the money we need and spend it where ever we need it. The state is talking about making the school boards taxing authorities so we wouldn't have to go anywhere else to get the money. Some counties have that now. We need to keep quality teachers. We keep them an average of five years. We need to get them and keep them. Get the word out to people and they will back the school system.

Cozzens:

Yes and no. Before we can expect taxpayers to pay more money of the schools, we need an accountability system in place. We need to know where the money is being spent.

Curtis:

I don't want to pay more taxes, but I don't want to lose teachers and teacher assistants. Teachers are going to other counties and other states because they pay higher salaries. Teachers have to take a pay cut to come here. We have to pay competitive wages so that Macon County is much more attractive to qualified teachers. If we present a budget and show everyone where we want to spend the money and the direction we want to go, people in Macon County will support the school system and a tax increase if there is a transparency of finances. Can't be willy nilly, here and there.

Dalton:

We are mandated with certain things. Some things the state will fund, for some things we have to make up the difference. We can't change that or how the money comes from the state. Our low tax rate hurts us, because the state wants the county's to make an investment in their schools. That hurts us. We have to look at what we can change and what we can't. We need to thoroughly evaluate the budget. The question is, are you willing to invest in your children? The fact is it is the best investment you can make. We need well educated kids. It is an investment we'll see a huge return on. Most parents want their kids to have better opportunities than they did. I would support raising taxes if it's absolutely necessary.

Esterwood:

We need to justify a tax raise and if the school system is running efficiently

and we find we still need more money, then yes, but only as a last-ditch thing.

Geiger: No one likes or wants higher taxes. But we may need them to help the schools. We need money to pay teachers, teacher assistants, to remodel and build new schools. **Gooder:** I necessary I would support raising taxes, but expenses need to be more transparent before taxpayers would support an increase. Coaches supplements went up 7.5 percent last year - that's unnecessary especially when we're losing teacher assistants.

Question 8: What is the one thing you want to accomplish this next four years?

Cabe:

We need to think about moving the sixth-grade out of the middle school. Sixth-graders are very different from seventh and eighth graders. Same is true for ninth-graders compared to the other high school grades. Maybe need a 7th, 8th and 9th grade school. Need to fix up our buildings. We have overcrowded schools in the middle and elementary level. Those kids are headed for high school so need to plan ahead.

Cozzens:

I want to develop a new vision and mission to accomplish the goals. Develop a good plan and use forums and business people to help see it through.

Curtis:

Overcrowding is a problem. We need more classrooms. We also need to seriously look at security in Macon County schools. What's happened elsewhere in the country can happen in Macon County, too. We need to figure out what is needed and do it.

Dalton:

I want a long-term comprehensive plan that would take into account the needs of the county over a 10-year period. We need input from administrators, teachers, parents and the board.

Esterwood:

I want to see a short-term and a long-term plan. The over-crowding issue is on top. Construction issues down the road. I would also like to look at our school lunches, the health of our students and we need to reduce the absenteeism which is too high in Macon County.

Geiger:

We have a serious over-crowding problem but if you make classes smaller, need more teachers and more teacher assistants and more classrooms. We need competitive wages, too. Teacher assistants in Waynesville make \$4,000 more a year than in Macon County.

Gooder:

So many good things are happening,, but there are also so many things to work on. We need to establish an advisory board and invite the community leaders and citizens. Need more transparency at the school board level. We need an oversight committee to see that goals and expectations are met.

<p>COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Kris Bailey</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Robert C. (Bob) Hunter</p> <hr/> <p>COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Linda Stephens</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Donna Stroud</p> <hr/> <p>SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30A (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James U. Downs</p> <hr/> <p>DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30 (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steven J. Bryant</p> <hr/> <p>DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30 (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Danny Edward Davis</p> <hr/> <p>DISTRICT COURT JUDGE DISTRICT 30 (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Bradley B. Letts</p> <hr/> <p>SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT II (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tommy Cabe</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Tony Esterwood</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p>	<p>SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT IV (You may vote for ONE)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brooks Bennett</p> <p><input type="radio"/> William Cozzens</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Joey Curtis</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wendy Dalton</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Mike Geiger</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Guy Gooder</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <hr/> <p>SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION (You may vote for TWO)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Pam Peek Bell</p> <p><input type="radio"/> James Roper</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ann Seaton</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Write-in</p> <p style="text-align: center;">End of Ballot</p>
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• HIKES & DAY TRIPS •

Mysterious Devil's Courthouse

By **Susanna Forrester Hearn**
Reporter

It has a sinister sounding name — Devil's Courthouse. Once you see it, you'll know why.

The jagged rock face rises over the Blue Ridge Parkway at milepost 422.4, and towers over four states — North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. Many legends and stories exist about the mountain, and about the origins of its name. Even the Cherokee have stories about the rocky cliffs and what existed inside the mountain.

Legend has it that there is a cave within the mountain where the devil holds court. The Cherokee believed that the slant-eyed giant Judaculla lived in the cave and those who came nearby could hear his strange music drifting from the mountain. Judaculla later jumped from the mountain and landed at Judaculla Rock in Cullowhee, creating the highly debated markings that can still be found there today.



The trip to the top of the mountain is short and paved, but steep. The Park Service has many signs warning hikers not to leave the trail, and for good reason. The area atop Devil's Courthouse is filled with rare plants that could be easily damaged by a misplaced step. If you are caught off the

main trail, heavy fines could be imposed, so it's best to obey the signs.

The view from the top is well worth the short trip. Several plaques are situated at the top to help the hikers orient themselves to what they are seeing. You can even find Whiteside Mountain from this vantage point. A clear, cool day offers stunning views, and it's a good idea to bring a pair of binoculars for an even better look at the surrounding ridgelines.

Don't forget to stop and listen for Judaculla's music while you're up there, or maybe if you're quiet long enough you'll hear the devil drop his gavel in his hidden courthouse beneath the jagged rocks.

Jack Williams – Back at ITC Nov. 11

The Instant Theatre Company is delighted to bring back to the stage at the Studio on Main, legendary singer songwriter, Jack Williams. Jack had such a great experience this summer at the Studio on Main he agreed to come back for one more command performance!

Based in Columbia, SC, Jack is well known for his talent with acoustic guitars. He is legendary throughout the region for his skillful playing.

Jack's career has been nothing if not eclectic. He played trumpet in a jazz quartet

in a beatnik coffeehouse in Seattle in 1959 - reading poetry to the audience during breaks. He learned banjo and mandolin to spice up folk groups in the 60's. He played pedal-steel guitar in a country-rock band, and composed chamber music for strings, winds, piano and voice for which he won a national arts grant in 1967. He also played classical guitar/lute in a Renaissance ensemble.

Advance reservations are strongly recommended and are available by calling the ITC box office at 828-342-9197.

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property.

After purchasing the property from the Davids, Sanders Dupree, managing partner of Old Hemlock Cove, sold the property to Bill Shepherd who wants to build a high-rise condominium on the property.

The Davids sold the property to Dupree with the understanding that a single-family residential community would be developed with restrictive covenants similar to Highlands Point, another development of Dupree's.

Traditionally, residential covenants follow the land, but Dupree said "mutually agreed to restrictions were never finalized prior to closing on Jan. 15, 2004."

Dupree's lawyer, Ken Fromknecht told Judge Winner the parties discussed restrictive covenants for the then-planned residential subdivision, "but those covenants weren't finalized or filed anywhere," he said. "There was talk back and forth, but never a

final agreement. Nothing happened until my client tried to resell this property," said Fromknecht "If restrictions had been agreed to, they would have been stapled to the complaint," he said.

Now some local lawyers wonder if this represents a precedent concerning real estate transactions. The question is, can a seller come back and make demands after a transaction is complete and the check cashed even if documents aren't included in the closing or filed with the deed?

Attorneys said Judge Winner's ruling is more likely a "preliminary motion."

It's as if Judge Winner left the door open for the Davids if they want to pursue this and take it to a jury trial because when something is this controversial, it would be foolish for a judge to rule outright either way, they said.

No decisions have been made as to the next step.

Dot Jackson to sign at Cyrano's on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Dot Jackson will sign copies of her new novel "Refuge" at Cyrano's Bookshop on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1-3 p.m. Ms. Jackson was a reporter and columnist with the "Charlotte Observer" for 15 years, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and was chosen National Conservation Writer of the Year.

She grew up in Florida but her family came from the mountains of South Carolina, and that is where "Refuge" is set: Late one night in the spring of 1929, a young Charleston society matron goes to bed while considering what to wear for her suicide. But instead of going through with it, she takes her children and her husband's new Auburn Phaeton and literally heads for the hills. Mary Seneca Steele is searching for a new life — but first she must learn how to drive. "Refuge" carries readers deep into the Blue Ridge, where birch forests shimmer and lush valleys hold dark family secrets, blood-filled tragedies and, ultimately, a hard-won salvation.

In a recent interview in the "Charlotte Observer," Ms. Jackson shared some of her own life story, which ranges from teaching school to selling girdles in the basement of Belk's to spending 10 years in a haunted house.

Later, having lost her job at the newspaper and relocated to South Carolina, she found herself in a home so rundown that she had to put her manuscript in a friend's refrigerator, "cold as a frog," to keep it safe from animals. Now Dot lives in Pumpkintown, S.C. near the foot of Table Rock Mountain, where she has co-founded the Birchwood Center for Arts and Folklife. Birchwood is devoted to regional history, fine and traditional arts and the fostering and preservation of area folkways; Ms. Jackson is the on-site property manager, living in a mobile home while the early 19th-century Sutherland-Masters house is being restored.

Both on the page and in person, Ms. Jackson opens up to you. Ron Rash (author of "One Foot in Eden" and "The World Made Straight") says "'Refuge' is a wonderful story about the need to find one's place in the world — and the price paid to remain there. With her narrative gift and keen ear for Appalachian speech, Dot Jackson gives her readers a beautifully rendered portrait of a lost time and place."

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

HCP presents 'Crimes' this weekend



"Crimes of the Heart" runs through Sunday, November 5. All performances are at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Chestnut Street, Highlands NC. Evening performances begin at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees begin at 2:30 pm. Please call: 526-8084 for tickets and reservations. Mary Adair Leslie and Lee Lyons perform.

On-going

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- FREE improv classes at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call the ITC office at 828.526.1687. A new class is forming now. You may also email us at instanttheatre@instanttheatre.org. Come play with us!

- Angie Jenkins on the piano at the Old Clayton Inn in Clayton on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner.

- Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

- Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will have Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free with Health-Tracks Membership or \$8 per class for non-members. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

- Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free with Health Track Member-

ship or \$8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.

- Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$10 per session or \$8 (each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.

- A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.

- Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

- Live music nightly at ...on the Verandah at 7 p.m. Paul Scott plays Wednesday; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Chad Reed playing every Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday for Sunday brunch.

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Nov. 3

- The Waynesville Gallery Association will again host "Art After Dark," its popular monthly gallery stroll. Now in its fourth year, "Art After Dark" is becoming a significant contributor to the evening arts and entertainment scene in Waynesville. The season begins the first Friday in May and continues the first Friday of each month through December. Participating galleries remain open until 9 p.m. giving downtown diners and strollers the opportunity to enjoy shopping after 5. Many galleries will also be hosting artist receptions, provide live music and serve tasty treats.

Nov. 4

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3-mile hike to Rough Run and High Falls. The hike will be on nearly level ground with

some rocky areas to traverse and will take about 3 1/2 hours. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9 a.m. Drive 14 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required. Call leader Walker Taylor, 743-6977.

Nov. 5

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Terrora Trail on an old railroad bed along the Tallulah River at Tallulah Falls, GA, and on a woods trail around a small lake. Meet at the Smoky Mt Hosts welcome center on 441 South at 2 p.m. or call leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 60 miles round trip. Reservations are required. Call leader: Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Nov. 6

- The Auxiliary to the Highlands/Cashiers Hospital will meet in the board room on Monday at 10 a.m.

- Interested in a career in health professions? SCC is hosting info about admission requirements, application deadlines, interview tips and more 4 p.m., Monday at the Balsam Center on the Jackson Campus. For more information call 800-447-4091, ext. 305 or 352 or visit www.southwesterncc.edu.

Nov. 9

- Wine Dinner at OEI's The Farm. Vintus Importers. 6 p.m. Call 787-2610.

Nov. 10

- Booksigning at Cyrano's Book Shop. Melanie Sue Bowles' "The Horses of Proud Spirit" 1-3 p.m.

Nov. 11, 13, 17, 18, 19

- WONDERLAND is the 4th annual all-children's cast production for the North Georgia Community Players. This play is a delightful adaptation of Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass" and features favorite characters from the "Alice in Wonderland" story. Five performances are scheduled. Show times are Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Saturdays, Nov. 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. and Sundays Nov. 13 & 19 at 3 p.m.

Nov. 11

- The Appalachian High Folk Concert Series in Highlands presents Jack Williams at The Instant Theatre Company. The concert series is a seasonal, coffee-house style concert series featuring nationally touring, award winning, festival headlining acts. Call 828-342-9197.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7-mile hike on the Bartram Trail from Jones Gap to Fishhawk Mountain with great views now that trees are leafless. Meet at Wal-Mart plaza at 9:30 a.m. or at Jones Gap trailhead at 10:15 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Call leader Bill Van Horn at 369-1983 for reservations.

Nov. 14

- Discussion of the movie "Chocolat." In this chocolate shop, Vianne begins to create mouth-watering confections that almost magically inspire the straitlaced villagers to abandon themselves to temptation and happiness. A "Two Thumbs Up!" Movie is available at rental stores and on

DVD at Hudson Public Library. Coordinator: John Gaston. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

Nov. 16

- 10th annual Ladies Holiday Banquet for all ladies of the community at the Highlands Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by First Baptist Church. Top-selling author Donna Otto, will speak. This year's theme is "Leaving a Legacy" with a special tribute to Gwynne Robinson, founder of this ministry. Special holiday music. Caterer: Let Holly do the Cooking. RSVP by Nov. 6. 526-4153.

Nov. 18

- Highlands School Alumni Basketball Game in the new gym at 7 p.m. Barbecue Dinner in the gym at 6 p.m. Program to include highschool and middleschool and cheerleader introductions plus quarter-time entertainment. Call Brett Lamb at 526-2147 if you want to play. Call Stephanie McCall at 526-4499 if you want to be a sponsor. The night is free but donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Jack Caba Endowment and the Highlands School Booster Club.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7-mile hike on the Bad Creek Trail to Ellicott's Rock where the boundaries of Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina come to a single point on the Chattooga River. The trail is mostly flat to the river corridor where it suddenly drops 400 feet. Meet at Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. Drive 28 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134.

Nov. 19

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 2.5 mile hike, with an elevation change of 300 feet, from the end of Shortoff Road to Cold Springs Overlook, a rock outcrop with a pretty view. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 10 miles round trip. Meet at Highlands Bank of America at 1:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Call leader Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2.5 mile hike on the Little Rock Branch Trail in the Standing Indian Campground area. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 28 miles round trip. Reservations are required. Call leader: Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Nov. 21

- *How Democratic Is The Constitution* - from The New York Review of Books, Volume 53, Number 3 - Feb 23, 2006. Coordinator: Dave Scheyer. Material to be distributed via e-mail. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

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Nov. 25

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- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike down Park Ridge to the Connector Trail and return to Park Creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 10 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298.

Nov. 28

- Karsten D. Voigt - *"Religion is the wild card in transatlantic relations"*. © EUobserver.com 2006. Printed from EUobserver.com 20.06.2006. Coordinator: Walter Burnett. Material to be distributed via e-mail. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

Dec. 2

- Highlands Christmas Parade 10 a.m. to noon. Main Street.

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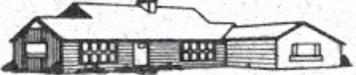
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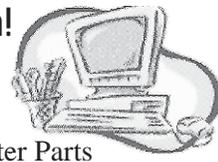
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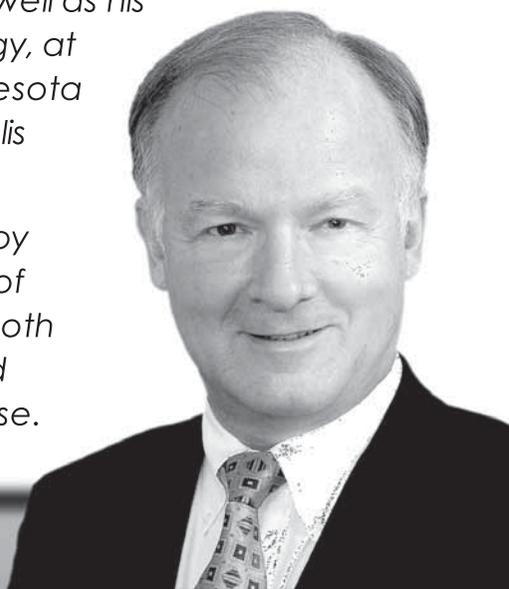
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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 24-Oct. 31. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

Oct. 24

- At 11:35 a.m. Larry Alewine, 61 of Elberton, Ga., was arrested on Pine Street for communicating threats. He was released on a unsecured \$500 bond.

Oct. 25

- At 1:45 p.m., officers found an open door at Whiskers on Main Street. All was secure.

- At 5:15 p.m., proprietors at Stop and Shop on U.S. 64 east reported a gas drive-off.

Oct. 26

- At 9:30 a.m., Salvador Anguiano Villanueva, 34, of Highlands, was arrested for driving with without a license, and a with a tag violation.

- At 10 a.m., \$775 worth of building materials was reported stolen from a home on Chestnut Street.

- At 8:55 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25 zone at Poplar and U.S. 64 east.

Oct. 29

- At 3:30 p.m., a resident reported her car stolen from someplace on Main Street, but it was parked up on Spring and Fourth streets.

- A little past midnight, officers assisted Jackson County with a car chase.

Oct. 30

- At 8:01 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at First and Main streets. One driver was cited for

failing to reduce speed, the other was taken to the hospital with minor injuries.

- At 9 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 41 mph in a 25 zone at U.S. 64 east and Poplar Street.

- At 8:15 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25 zone at Fourth and Pine streets.

- At 11:30 p.m., Sarah Anne Keener, 22, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI on Chestnut Street.

Oct. 31

- At 7:30 p.m., Garrett Orion Holt, 18, of Highlands, was arrested at a residence on Lower Lake Road for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. He was released on a secured bond.

- During the week, officers issued 4 warning tickets and responded to 1 alarms.

The following is the Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 29-Nov. 1

Oct. 29

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Highlands Manor. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Oct. 30

- The dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident at Main and First streets. There were minor injuries. The injured were taken to the hospital.

Oct. 31

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Tudor Hall Lane. It was set off by a worker.

Nov. 1

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

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Mill Creek Highlands, 787-2021	Acorns Highlands, 787-1877	Family Float Trip Dillsboro, 888-593-5050	Needlepoint Highlands, 526-3901	Southern Shutters Clayton, 706-782-5212	Skyline Lodge Highlands, 526-2121	On The Verandah Highlands, 526-2338	Chambers Agency Highlands, 526-3717
Robert Tino Highlands, 526-0667	AnnaWear Highlands, 526-4660	FOODS	Radio Shack Highlands, 526-3350	The Summer House Highlands, 526-5577	Percegrine Highlands, 526-2121	Lakeside Highlands, 526-2338	Country Club Prop. Highlands, 526-2520
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