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

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

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- 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.

Nov. 24 - Friday

- Highlands Chapter #284, Order of the Eastern Star, is having a Hot Dog Lunch and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the lawn of Highlands United Methodist Church on Main Street. Pumpkin Cream Cheese Roll-up Cakes will be for sale.

Nov. 25 - Saturday

- Silver Oak Cellars Wine Tasting 3-5 p.m. at Wolfgang's on Main. Featuring Napa 2001; Napa 2002 pre-release; Alexander Valley 2002; Twomey 2003

- Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling on Main Street in front of the Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

- Christmas Show House at the Traper-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

- Holiday dance with Hurricane Creek after the Tree Lighting at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. Call 828.342.9197

- At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, a book signing from 11-1. Riley Weston. "Before I Go."

Nov. 26 - Sunday

- The movie 'Peaceful Warrior,' starring two-time Academy Award nominee Nick Nolte as "Socrates," Millman's powerful but elusive mentor at The Instant Theatre Company in Highlands at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Call 828-342-9197.

Nov. 28 - Tuesday

- Karsten D. Voigt - "Religion is the wild card in transatlantic relations." 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.

- Postage stamp artist Lonnie Busch of Highlands is the Art League of Highlands guest speaker on Monday, Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center Recreation Park. The public is cordially invited.

- The movie 'Peaceful Warrior,' starring two-time Academy Award nominee Nick Nolte as "Socrates," Millman's powerful but elusive mentor at The Instant Theatre Company in Highlands at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For reservations call 828-342-9197.

Playground dedicated, local honored

**By Marlee McCall
Reporter**

At 8 a.m. Monday, Nov. 20, it finally happened. Highlands School officially opened its new playground with a ribbon cutting and dedication.

In most communities, a

playground at a school may not be a big deal but in Highlands, where children have gone without much in the way of a playground or equipment for years, it's big.

The playground is designed for ages 5-10 years old, kindergarten through 5th grade,

and everyone - teachers and students - are very excited to finally have a safety-certified playground full of things to do.

In honor of their countless hours of volunteer work both on the new playground and at

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Santa Claus is coming to town



Santa Claus will be hearing children's wishes right after the Town Lighting, Sat., Nov. 25; immediately after the Christmas Parade, noon on Dec. 2; and every Saturday until Christmas from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Town Square.
Photo by Jim Lewicki

Commissioners to help victims feel 'safe'

In light of the recent murder at a Sylva safe house and at the urging of the district attorney, Macon County has taken steps to ensure the safety of victims of domestic violence.

At the Nov. 5 County Com-

mission meeting, the board agreed to configure several areas in the courthouse as "safe" rooms where victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and abuse, both sexual and otherwise, can wait safely, securely and apart from the defen-

dant, his or her family and friends. "Sitting in a "public" waiting area can be very intimidating for a victim," said District Attorney Mike Bonfoey.

The commission OK'd plans

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County now agency for housing

Now that Macon County is the official housing agency in the area, doors will open as to affordable housing programs available in Highlands and Franklin.

At the Nov. 5 Macon County Commission meeting, the board voted to make the county the housing agency rather than having various programs operating through various organizations -- some private, some public.

"This consolidation will enable the county to explore diverse housing assistance funding programs," said County Manager Sam Greenwood. "Previously we had rental assistance through the Macon Program for Progress and rehabilitation through the county program, now we can do more."

He said with the county as the agency, it's possible more county residents will be eligible for long-term loan programs which will encourage home-ownership, something the commission is striving to accomplish.

Last week, the Highlands Town Board discussed affordable housing opportunities with USDA representatives but Greenwood said there is even more potential than what the USDA offers.

The county has been discuss-

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
55-31°F	53-31°F	51-32°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

There's lots to be thankful for



**Kim Lewicki
Publisher**

Luckily it doesn't take the dawn of Thanksgiving to remind me why I'm happy, but this year in particular, there are a few special reasons.

I'm happy the election is finally over. Happy that I can turn on the TV, pick up the telephone or open my mail box without having mud thrown in my face.

I'm so very happy that political blowhards have finally taken a vacation from the daily diatribe defining family values. Despite what some political hard-liners think, the definition of family values is nebulous to say the least and those who have them cross party lines – in fact, erase them.

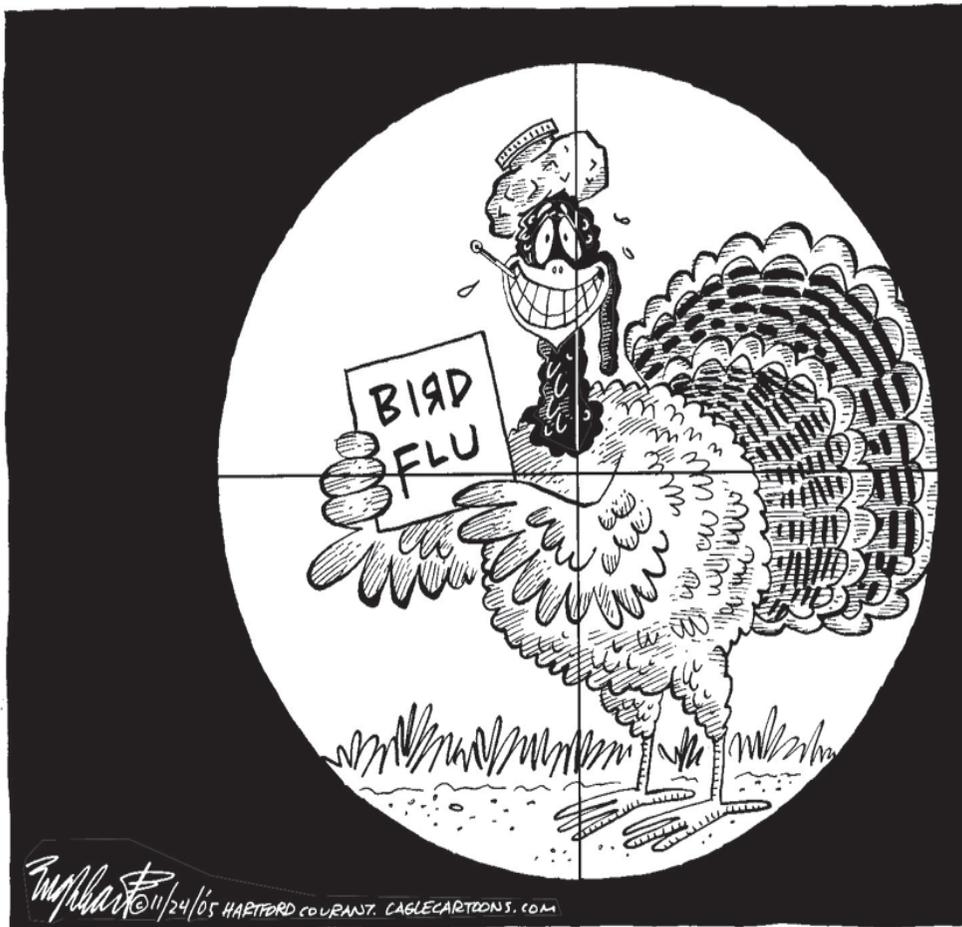
Labels are dangerous because they denote a certain value but everyone's perception is different. The truth is there are adulterers, homosexuals, pervers, drug addicts, alcoholics, criminals, self-promoting, and mean people claiming allegiance to every political party and most family trees.

In the end, especially during the holidays, everyone sits around the dinner table with the people who still claim them as "family."

Proclaiming belief in "family values" means nothing. Who doesn't believe in family values? Who wouldn't do whatever it takes to keep their family intact; to ensure a safe comfortable future for their children? Party lines and labels mean nothing; it's the glass houses that need cleaning.

According to Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia on the Internet, "Family values is a political and social concept or term that has been used in various nations across the world to describe a

• BIRD'S EYE VIEW •



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set of moral beliefs in society specifically in response to the perception by social or religious conservatives of declining morality within that nation itself. The term is vague in its precise definition as many different groups have claimed that it means different things. As such, "family values" has been described as a political buzzword or power word."

How true.

I'm happy that we live in an area where people genuinely care about each other. I'm happy institutions like Macon County's Department of Social Services, Mountain Findings, the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the Fidelia Living Center aren't just brick and mortar but places where people delight in helping others and help ease the way through difficult times.

I'm so happy our daughters are coming home for Thanksgiving – as brief as the visit will be. I'm happy I learned long ago to take joy in the little things that when strung along life's road, light the way.

I'm happy that the role we play in our college-age daughters' lives has changed; just as crucial but not as intense.

I'm happy at least two of my brothers and their families will be with us over the holiday. The older we get, the bigger the world becomes and the faster it spins. Connection through family ties keeps us grounded to the things that matter.

I'm happy and so lucky to be working in a profession that has always brought me joy and a sense of purpose. I know working in a job you love is a precious commodity.

I'm particularly happy to be able to work with my husband who over the last 31 years has literally accompanied me through hell and high water.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Lewickis and Highlands' Newspaper.

Pine St. Park update!

The Halloween fundraiser sponsored by Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce for Pine Street Park was a great success. Donations received for the hotdogs and sodas totaled nearly \$1,500.

To date, the Pine Street Park group has raised \$610,000. The county has agreed to pledge an additional \$100,000, which will allow them to pay off the loan for the land. Future donations will be needed for the cost of tearing up the concrete and beginning the construction of our park.

If you would like to make a donation please mail it to: Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, PO Box 1703, Highlands, NC 28741 Attn: Pine Street Park Project.

Police set up 'safety' checkpoints



Last week the Highlands Police Department set up a vehicle checking station on Walhalla Road in concert with the NCSHP in a collaborative effort to ensure safe roads and driving habits in the area. Police Chief Bill Harrell said a stronger presence and course of action needs to be executed to periodically, like checking stations, to serve as a reminder to motorists of their responsibility to the roads they travel and the rules that we are charged with policing them with. "We are not looking to write tickets, but rather to enhance, raise motorists' awareness, and preserve safe travel, maintain our special quality of life here in our community," he said. Officers wrote 21 citations for no operator's license, seatbelts, and inspection violations.

• OBITUARY •

John (Jack) L. Carlson

John (Jack) L. Carlson, age 76, died November 1, 2006 in Scaly Mountain, NC, where he and his surviving life-partner of 49 years, Roger LaRochelle, made their home for 12 years.

Born October 10, 1930, in Oak Park, Illinois, son of Louis and Marie Carlson. He attended Tecumseh High School, Tecumseh, Michigan and University of Michigan, served in U.S. Army, employed by Kasiser Engineers in California, prior to settling in former British Guyana and later, Venezuela, where Carlson/LaRochelle were diamond and gold prospectors and merchants for 37 years prior to operating "Rarities" curios store in Highlands.

A brother, Donald, in Walnut Creek, California survives, as well as six nieces and nephews. Following cremation a private service will be held. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Highlands School bagpipe students need bagpipes

The Highlands School music program will soon bring full meaning to the school's Highlander mascot. New this year is a bagpipe class taught by area bagpipers – David Landis and Michael Waters.

So far there are two seventh-graders Cai Roman and Dylan Tucker who are learning on practice chanters. This is an instrument that looks like a long, thin recorder and has the same notes as a bagpipe chanter. The Scottish tradition is that once you have memorized three tunes (songs), you can go on to the bagpipes.

"This is the start of what I hope will grow into a full-sized pipe band," said Landis. "After all, the school has a "Highlanders" as its mascot now they need a pipe band to play at ball games and march

in the Christmas parade." Landis said both students are progressing nicely on the practice chanters but now he's looking for help acquiring two sets of bagpipes.

The new pipe band practices Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3 p.m.

Dave Landis moved to Highlands as a full-time resident in October 2005 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. He's been playing the bagpipes for 15 years dating back to a residence in Machrihanish, Scotland, with the US Navy.

Michael Waters has been the Pipe Major of the Highlands Pipes and Drums for many years and has extensive bagpipe experience. He is also a teacher at the Highlands School.

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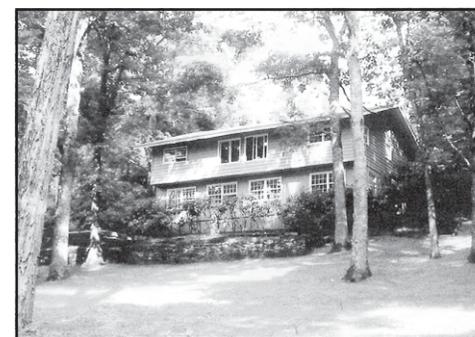


Laurel Branch at Skyline



This beautiful home, tucked away in Laurel Falls at Skyline, is very sophisticated yet charmingly rustic. Bright, open plan with top of the line kitchen appliances, dining and great room with cathedral ceilings, open and covered decks, guest quarters, a master suite to die for on nearly 2 acres with 2-car garage with apartment. Offered at \$1,495,000.

Old Highlands charm with a complete renovation



You will love the bright openness of this spacious home with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, plus loft. It has just been updated with slate patio, cypress floors, vaulted v-groove cypress ceilings, pine and cypress paneling, granite countertops, solid pine doors, 2 massive rock fireplaces, 2 master suites, new 30-year architectural grade shingle roof on a large lot with plenty of parking. Lovely landscaping as well, on the Atlanta-side of Highlands. \$749,000.

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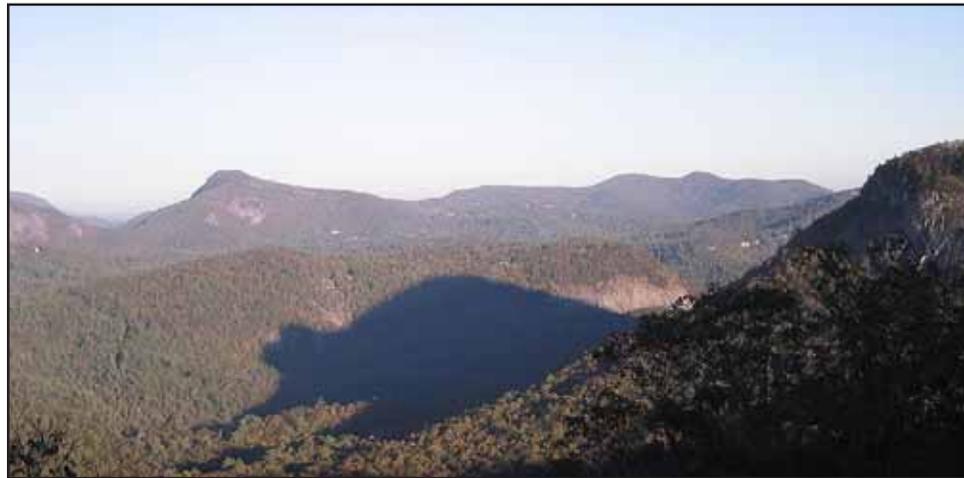


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The Devil's Courthouse and Chimneytop Mountain from Rhodes Big View on Highway 64. To some, the shadow in this picture reminds folks of a bear or razorback hog. This photo was taken November 2005 by Ran Shaffner.

Rhodes Big View donated to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust

On October 20, Margaret Rhodes Shaffner, Ran Shaffner, Rebecca Rhodes Thomas and David Thomas did something wonderful; they donated 10.3 acres of land on U.S. 64 known as Rhodes Big View to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust in memory of Robert and Antonia Rhodes.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust is a nonprofit organization based in Highlands. It's mission is to preserve the natural areas, scenic beauty, and green spaces of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau for the enjoyment and benefit of the public. The donation of Rhodes Big View will allow the public to continue to see awesome views of our highland peaks and ridges that stretch up to 27 miles to the rising sun.

The property was purchased in September 1983, by Robert L. and Antonia Altstaetter Rhodes, parents of Margaret and Rebecca Rhodes, from Beatrice Ravenel. The homesite is directly above vistas that range from Cold Mountain on the Parkway to Devil's Courthouse on the shoulder of Whiteside, including Big and Little Sheep Cliff, Bald Rock, Toxaway, Rocky, Chimneytop, Timber Ridge, Sassafras, and Little Terrapin.

Anyone that has stopped to take a picture of the Devil's Courthouse on the north flank of Whiteside Mountain has visited Rhodes Big View. Gary Wein, the Executive Director of the Land Trust noted that, "while the View is a small place on the roadside relative to Whiteside Mountain, it provides a huge view of the surrounding landscape. We are very fortunate and grateful that the Shaffners and Thomases had the foresight and generosity to donate this piece of land so that all can enjoy this mountain-view forever."

Some of the earliest pictures of this magnificent panoramic view were taken by George Masa in 1929 and are on display at the Highlands Historic Village. Masa was renowned for his photographs of Western North Carolina's natural landscapes and many Highlands homes. This view has attracted sightseers and photographers from all over the world.

The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust currently protects more than 1,100 acres of land in the Highlands-Cashiers area. The Land Trust protects land by purchase, by conservation easements, or by outright gift. Its work is supported by more than 350 members who are year-round or seasonal residents of Highlands-Cashiers and many others who have rallied to support threatened properties when called upon.

"It was our pleasure to be able to donate this land, and we're grateful that the Land Trust was available to preserve it," Margaret Rhodes Shaffner.

Rebecca Rhodes Thomas said their parents would be honored. "They'd be touched to know that this view, which so captured their love of the North Carolina Mountains, was given in their memory to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. They felt that the preservation of this area was vital to our future generations," she said.

- For information on how you can help the conservation work of the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, call 526-9938, ext. 250, write to the land trust at P.O. Box 1703, Highlands, NC, 28741, or email hitrust@earthlink.net.



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Historical Society's Christmas Showhouse on tour each Saturday beginning Nov. 25

It was early in 2000, the year after the Society was reformed, that the first board of directors voted to buy the Prince House. After six years from acquiring the property and later adding the old Hudson Library to the village, the Prince is ready to receive guests.

Starting the Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Highlands Historical Society will be showing off the recently restored and furnished Prince House. This is Highlands' oldest home built in 1877 by Arthur T. House and later owned by the Trapier, Wright, and Prince families.

It stands today as testimony to the effort of many volunteers and donors to save a part of Highlands history and a living museum for what the home may have looked like when the House family first lived there.

So you are invited to visit the Highlands Historical Society Annual Christmas show house at the Prince home on each Saturday from Nov. 25 to December 16 between 1 and 4 pm. Tickets are available at the door at \$10 for adults; children and students are admitted free.

Holiday events coming up

Highlands Christmas celebrations will begin with the annual Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 25, on Main Street in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church. There will be caroling, hot chocolate and cookies for everyone to enjoy, and a special visit from Santa. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Main Street will shut down at 5:30 p.m., vehicles will be unable to enter or exit during the event.

The Christmas celebrations will continue the following Saturday, Dec. 2, beginning with our Olde Mountain Christmas Parade. Christmas Tree On The Hill and Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce sponsor this year's parade.

Main Street in Highlands will be full of ornamental floats, when the parade rolls through town. The parade will begin at 11 a.m.; applications for the parade can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce.

For those who wish to do some Christmas shopping, the Holiday Gift Show will be held after the parade, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Gift Show, sponsored by Highlands Plateau Craftsmen, will feature pottery, hand-made paper and felt, weaving, quilts and more. The Holiday Gift Show will take place at the Highlands Conference Center. For more information contact, Highlands Chamber of Commerce at 526-5841.

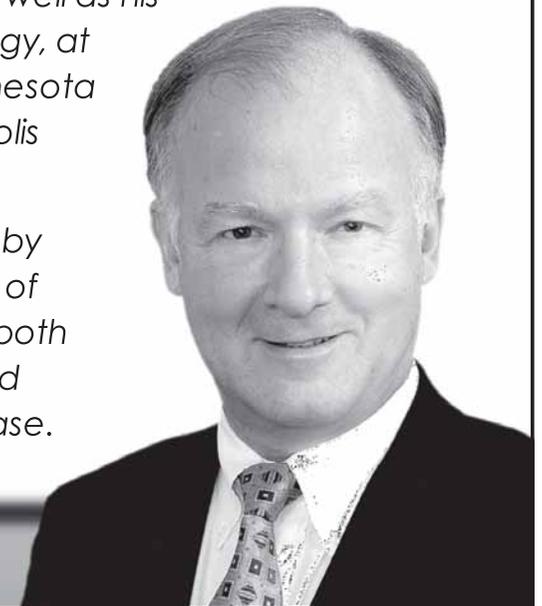
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

What a nasty turkey!
Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

This is one of those true stories that has only been embellished a teeny tiny bit to make it more fun. I am not sure that many Highlanders know that back in my days of teaching rappelling on the cliffs around Highlands, I also ran an occasional back-woods tour service in my little red Wrangler. I had few customers, but the ones that were brave enough to sign up got a real treat and none were sorry they spent the \$50 bucks to take the ride.

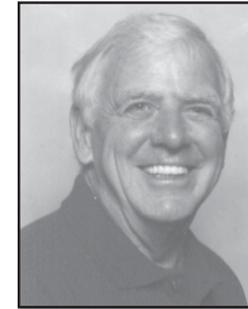
I won't bore you with all the details, but I would eventually wind up on the old Burrell Ford Road, cross the creek at the washed out bridge and head for the highway. I understand it is no longer passable. Wow, what a ride. When the tour was completed I would ask my customers what they liked best about the adventure, thinking it would be that old road. Without fail they would always say it was the visit to Billy Hawkins' animal farm.

I consider myself blessed to know Billy because he is truly a Highlands storybook person. I know him well enough to write a hundred interesting columns about him and never repeat myself. Billy would be embarrassed if I did because he is a private man.

Anyway, along with the hogs, goats, chickens and piglets hangin' out on his farm was the nastiest, most belligerent old tom turkey I had ever encountered. I never did one thing to that turkey to be treated the way he treated me. When he saw the red Jeep pulling into the pasture, he would start his circular war dance with lots of "gobble-gobbles," spreading his wings, stomping his feet and making his war-like presence known. Of course, I had already warned my guests about the bird and built the story up about the "attack turkey."

I told them there would be a fight, cautioning them to stay clear. I could tell by the looks on their faces they really didn't believe me, but when they saw that turkey doing his war dance, their mouths would drop in disbelief. I am telling you, you can't buy this kind of entertainment.

Since all the animals knew I had 50 pounds of feed in the back of the truck, they would all come running for the



Fred Wooldridge

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feast. The kids would shriek with joy as the mother pig would come from behind the barn with six little piglets behind, all touching each other for protection. The goats and hogs would surround the Jeep and the chickens had to use caution not to get stepped on. Then a kid would say, "Sir, that hog is eating your license plate."

I would invite my customers to exit the truck. Some did and some didn't but everyone always kept a leery eye on that turkey who was now

rushing me for a fight.

Once the food was spread, the fun would begin. The turkey ignored the feed and attacked with his wings spread. When he connected with my shin, it really hurt. I would stomp my feet and rush the bird. It would momentarily retreat then regroup and attack again. When I ran from the bird, it would chase me around the truck. The "gobble-gobbles" were endless throughout the fight. Once we loaded up to leave, the turkey would do a victory dance, showing all the other animals he had won again.

Then one winter the ole tom succumbed to a fox. I am sure eating that bird was a tough, chewy meal. After that, the tours were never the same.

So on this Thanksgiving Day, I guess I want to pay tribute to that old turkey that brought so much fun into my life.

I am blessed with so much in this life, which includes my awesome family, good friends and an abundant life. Because I have seen so much of the world, I have a particular appreciation and love for my home country, the United States of America. I am so blessed and privileged to live here. Today, I will ask God to bless all that we have. I hope you do the same.

PS – I once asked Billy why he thought that turkey was so darn nasty to me. Billy smiled and said, "There's only room for one male turkey on this farm."

• To read Fred's column on line go to www.highlandsinfo.com and click on News.

• **RADICAL MIDDLE** •

Honor and dishonor

If the Democrats, like President Bush before them in 2000 and 2004, start to believe that they have been given a mandate in their recent narrow victory, the country is in big trouble.

The only mandate was a loud voter dissatisfaction with the status quo: with the quagmire in Iraq, with the incompetence and fiscal irresponsibility of Congress and the administration at home, with an economy that has grossly widened the gap between the wealthy and everyone else, with an atmosphere of cronyism and corruption in government.

I call it a narrow victory despite the Democrats' capture of the House and Senate. If you examine the House races closely, the margin of victory was very narrow in most. As for the Senate, a majority of one is hardly a groundswell.

Nor is it clear that voter disapproval of the President's Iraq policy was an approval of the "let's pull out now" solution favored by some Democrats. People are tired, no doubt, by what seems to be a weary mantra of "stay the course," when any fool can tell that our present course is a tragic mistake. But no one in the Democratic Party has offered a rational alternative.

The most creative solution, favored by Senator Biden, who will soon assume the chairmanship of the Foreign Affairs Committee, is the tripartite notion of granting autonomy to the Kurds, Sunnis, and Shias, with a central government distributing oil revenues in some equitable way.

There are several major problems with this notion, not the least of which is that the Sunnis are bitterly opposed to the idea. Also there is the considerable opposition of Turkey, which has threatened military action if the Kurds receive any kind of autonomy; the Turks fear their own Kurdish minority will rebel and join forces with the Iraqi Kurds, demanding independence.

Other suggested solutions by the new Democratic majority are simply variations on pulling out of Iraq, some immediate, some phased out over a number of months, some with a timetable, others with none. The simple truth is that there are no good options, only bad ones and worse ones. There are no withdrawals "with honor," only



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more or less dishonorable ones.

It seems obvious at this time that the Iraqi armed forces are never going to be ready to "stand up," the phrase the President has repeatedly used once he gave up the delusion of "victory." Ethnic divisions are too profound to put together a truly independent militia and police force, or a truly unified and impartial central government, much as a small group of Iraqi politicians, and perhaps a number of Iraqis, would like.

I have always opposed a rapid departure of American forces, fearing that it would lead to the total disintegration of Iraq into civil war and chaos. Now it appears that civil war is already here and chaos is just around the corner. The neo-cons' desire to bring democracy to the Middle East is as dead as Woodrow Wilson and the League of Nations. All that was left after that ignominious failure – creating a democratic Iraq – was the hope that we could bring a little stability to that part of the world, and that idea, too, is a fatality of Iran's nuclear ambitions, Israel's invasion of Lebanon, and the election of Hamas in Palestine.

Senator McCain wants to increase our troop deployment by 30,000, a suggestion that was dead in the water as soon as the generals in Iraq said they disagreed with it. Either they have given up on the mission, whatever it currently is, or they don't think 30,000 more will make any difference.

There may be some suggestions soon from the Iraq Study Group, but we can be sure that there will be no brilliant, new, imaginative solutions. This is not meant to be critical of the ISG, or of its co-chairmen, James Baker III and Lee Hamilton, in both of whom I have great confidence. Rather it reflects the stark reality of the current situation in Iraq.

Since we have a president who lacks the moral courage to admit that the entire Iraq venture was a grave mistake, and that our soldiers did indeed die in vain, we will undoubtedly be subjected to a pitiful farce in which our retreat will be disguised as a great, brave military campaign, or, at best, as a wise and necessary undertaking

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The 'tradition' alive and well in Western North Carolina

by Karl H. Kazaks
Contributor

The holiday season traditionally kicks off the day after Thanksgiving, and soon one of its most ubiquitous symbols will be among us – the Christmas tree. For a growing number of Americans, getting a Christmas tree today involves more than just buying a tree at the local lot – it means traveling to the land where Christmas trees grow – Western North Carolina – and cutting down your own tree.

Many types of trees can be used as Christmas trees, but it is widely agreed that the ideal tree – for its deep, vibrant color; its pure, pungent fragrance; its soft, densely packed needles; and its strong boughs, long lifespan, and fine overall form – is the Fraser fir. Fraser firs have been voted the number one Christmas tree in numerous polls.

Native to elevations nearing 5,000 feet in the southern Appalachians (mainly northwestern North Carolina, but also southwestern Virginia and northeastern Tennessee), the Fraser fir can be cultivated only at elevations above three thousand feet.

Because the tree is so popular nationwide, and because it can be grown only in such a restricted area, northwestern North Carolina has become a major Christmas tree-producing region. North



A typical Western North Carolina Christmas tree farm in the Norton area between Highlands and Cashiers. Photo by Jim Lewicki

Carolina is currently the second largest Christmas tree-producing state in the nation by volume, and first by sales. Of the Christmas trees grown in the state, over 90 percent are Fraser fir.

Although most of the more than six million Fraser firs harvested each year in

North Carolina are cut and shipped to distant locales, in recent years more and more Americans have been making their own trip to the mountains to cut down their own tree. Last year tens of thousands of trees were sold at choose-n-cut Christmas tree farms in Western North Carolina and that

number continues to grow.

As more people seek the experience of cutting down a Christmas tree themselves, the number of choose-n-cut Christmas tree farms has correspondingly increased, as have the number of activities offered at many farms.

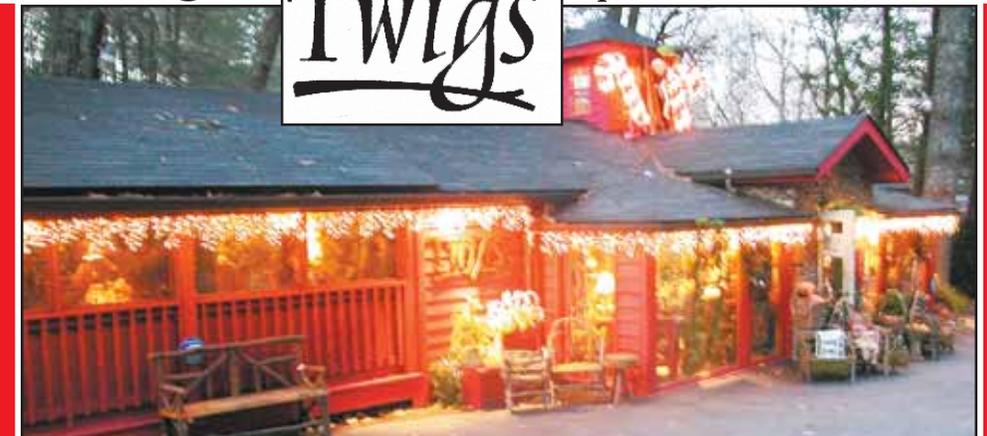
Today, visiting a choose-n-cut often involves more than just cutting down a tree and hauling it back home with you. Many tree farms offer seasonal amenities like hot chocolate and cider, hay rides, fires, and petting zoos with animals such as sheep or llamas. You'll probably find more than just trees for sale too, as farms have started selling wreaths and other local and seasonal crafts.

All together, the experience is about more than just getting a tree – it's about the experience of enjoying the season with loved ones. It's a family event, a family Christmas tree experience.

As more and more people discover the joys of the choose-n-cut experience, they not only encourage a native industry (real trees are grown here, while over 80 percent of artificial trees are made in China), but they also establish their own seasonal tradition.

In that way the Christmas tree, as a symbol of the season, does us a service, for symbols are most potent when they lead us to the true heart of what they symbolize.

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Left: Current Varsity Girls Basketball coach, George Schmitt, shows his on-looking team "how it's done" by blocking a lay-up at Saturday's Highlands School Alumni Basketball game.



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Below: Past, present, and future basketball teams were introduced at the Highlands School Alumni Basketball game, along with the current cheerleading squads.



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• THE CONSERVATIVE POV •

Be thankful for how lucky we are

Thanksgiving is a fascinating phenomenon, difficult to explain in today's me, my, mine philosophy. For those born in relative comfort and extravagance, it is an abstract concept, and the lack of its understanding rarely bodes well.

I'm sure the small group that I mediate is sick and tired of hearing my sermon on how absolutely dumb-lucky we are to be born when, where and in within our culture.

Imagine living in Lenin's Russia (my mother and her family could have told you all about it). Or in the European dark ages when human life was described as being surrounded by deep gloom. Or being a woman in a Muslim controlled society. You can go on and on.

I was briefly laid up a while ago and a friend sent me a book to help me pass the time. It is entitled "Material World" and it describes the possessions of a typical family in 30 diverse parts of the world, from Albania to Western Samoa.

It is eye-opening and it changed my outlook on those outside my immediate sphere of existence.

It describes a family of seven living in Soweto, South Africa, a suburb of Johannesburg. They live in a rented house that is 400-sq. ft., have an annual income of \$2,543 and they are employed. They own one radio, one broken telephone, one television, no car. The train the main breadwinner takes to work is often boarded by machete - and gun-wielding thugs. When asked of his expectations of the future, he said "it will be bad."



Don Swanson
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In Bosnia, at the time he was interviewed, a retired neurosurgeon and his family of five lived holed-up by snipers in his 650-sq. ft. apartment. The building is pock-marked with shell-fire and his automobile is a casualty of shell-fire as well.

Venturing out is an experience in survival, and automatic weapons are as common as newspapers. While the constant gunfire has diminished,

life is still miserable and the future is clouded.

Haiti...the very word brings forth visions of misery and poverty. The typical family featured consists of six members living in a home no larger than many kitchens and some walk-in closets. They own nothing and spend 80 percent of their \$374 annual income on food. Their minimal income cannot be attributed to laziness — the family works a collective 175 hours a week. The outlook for the future is bleak.

I can tell you that after exploring the "Material World" a couple of times, my attitude of gratitude ratcheted up dramatically. Since my life has slowed down a bit, I've had time to look around at those around me with some level of insight.

It's downright algebraic that those who view life with a thankful attitude appear to be much happier than those who don't understand how good it is and how bad it could be through no fault of their own.

Among many other things, I am thankful to the Highlands' Newspaper for being fair and balanced and allowing me to express my thoughts — for better or worse.

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Highlands School Boys Varsity Basketball -- 2006



Kenny Robinson



Mike Lica



Chris St. Germain



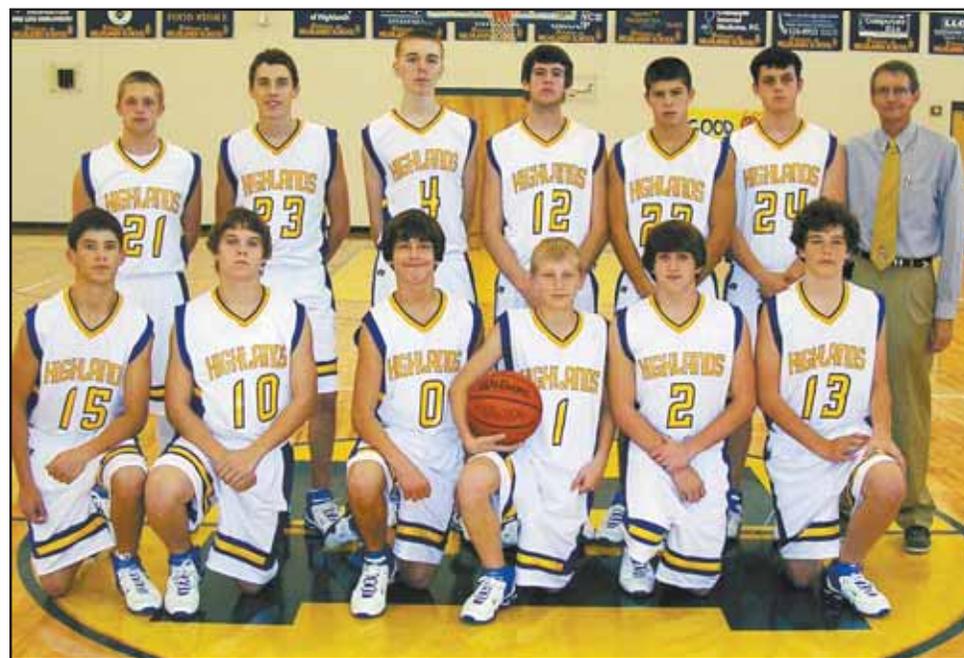
Adam Hedden



Derek Patton



Jason Aspinwall



Not pictured: Nick Kerhoulas (#3) and Darren Keener (#20)

Boys & girls lose a tough game to Hayesville

Nick Kerhoulas goes up for a shot against Hayesville Yellow Jackets on Friday, Nov. 17.

The boys lost a hard-fought battle by only one point. The final score was 61-60.

Jason Aspinwall scored the most points with 19; next up was Alec Schmitt with 16 and Nick Kerhoulas with 12. There was a total of 37 rebounds, 10 assists, and two blocks.



Photo by Marlee McCall



Ezra Herz



Andrew Billingsley



Hunter Leffler



Alec Schmitt



Arthur Reynolds Potts



Gray Alexander

The girls also suffered a loss to Hayesville.

"We played through a tough game," said Coach Brett Lamb. "It is early in the season and we have a long way to go. We have to work through some injuries and get in shape for the season ahead. We can win and we have to continue to grow as a team."

The scores so far:

Nov. 16 against Rabun Gap: Highlands 59, Rabun Gap 50
 Nov. 17 against Hayesville: Hayesville 62, Highlands, 61
 The next game is Nov. 28 at Rabun Gap at 8 p.m.

Highlands School Girls Varsity Basketball -- 2006



Ali Lica



Katie Bryson



Becca Ashburn



Caroline Diaz



Jesse Johnson



Allison Winn



Brie Schmitt



Katie Marie Parks



Jessica Gange



Katie Bryson pushes through her Rabun Gap defender on opening night for varsity basketball. Both Girls and boys teams began the season with a victory. The score for the girls was Highlands 67, Rabun Gap, 43.

Photo by Marlee McCall



Danielle Reese



Toni Schmitt



Bailey Buck



Becca Wyatt



Kaylie Buras

"It was a good first win," said Coach Brett Lamb. "We started off good and we need to continue to work and play better, both offensively and defensively. We need to continue to grow."

Scores so far:

Nov. 16 against Rabun Gap:
Highlands 67, Rabun Gap 43.

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Melanie Miller (left) and Cindy Reed (right) with Larry and Genevieve Rogers and other volunteers at the ribbon cutting at the Highlands School playground.

Photo by Marlee McCall

Highlands School over the years, Highlanders Larry and Genevieve Rogers were asked to cut the ribbon.

Larry Rogers has dedicated many long hours of physical labor, equipment use, and materials to the playground. He has done this many times over the years all over the school campus.

Chairpersons of the playground committee, Cindy Reed and Melanie Miller, both alumni of Highlands School as well as faculty, chose to dedicate the playground to Rogers. Once the playground area fencing is complete, a plaque will be displayed at the entrance dedicating the playground to Larry Rogers.

Reed and Miller thanked everyone in the community – faculty, staff, parents, students, officials – who was involved in the successful making of the playground. "We call it our 'dream come true,'" they said. They also offered up a special thanks to

Macon County Commission Chairman Allan "Ricky" Bryson and the Macon County School Board for funding the unit. Thanks also went to landscape architect Hank Ross for designing the playground and to the Town of Highlands for providing the culvert for the stream that runs through the playground and materials to install it.

The playground committee says everyone in the community is welcome on the playground after school hours and on the weekends but adult supervision is required at all times.

Also, the sod that has been placed inside the fence will require light traffic for several weeks until it sets.

Though folks will always reminisce about the "slide built into the mountain," the old merry-go-round and seesaws, the new "kid safe" playground will surely be the sight of many happy memories.

... HOUSING continued from page 1

ing affordable housing scenarios with the Methodist Men and Baptist Men organizations as well as Habitat for Humanity. "USDA and HUD aren't the only avenues," he said. Previously HUD only offered rental assistance and programs associated with the USDA have strict income guidelines.

Qualifications for USDA include the number of people in the household, U.S. citizenry, and a good credit history. There

are two assistant programs available – 504 loans for repair assistance and 502 loans for new construction and the purchasing of homes -- all dependent on income.

With the county now designated as the official housing agency, Greenwood said the two towns – Highlands and Franklin – and their citizens will have more options concerning affordable housing in their areas.

... VICTIMS continued from page 1

to renovate space in the courthouse for about \$25,000 and it is expected to be completed shortly.

Bonfoey also urged commissioners to adopt a resolution in support of a change in state law regarding trespassing so that if a person is ordered to stay away from another person, trespassing on the grounds of a shelter, or victim advocate office where the protected victim is located, should be a

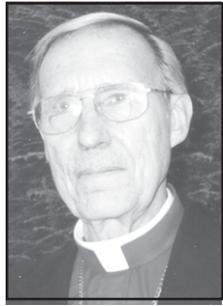
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Commissioners signed the resolution wholeheartedly, but Commissioner Jim Davis wanted more.

"Why should this just apply to a shelter?" he asked. "It should be any place someone is seeking shelter."

Bonfoey agreed, but said when it comes to change on the state level, it's best to win one battle at a time.

Thanks of 'nuthin'



+The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbeling

Daniel 2:19-23
Psalm 100
Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

As we approach Thanksgiving, one question always occurs to me: What about the people who have nothing to be thankful for?

You know we are rich! I doubt there are any here who will lack for food on Thanksgiving Day. In fact most will eat more than they should.

Most of us have a comfortable place to live, family and friends to celebrate the day with. And even the poor in America are rich by third world standards.

But there are many people who are not so blessed. Today there are many in our country and our world whodon't have a place to stay on this day.

And then there are those for whom Thanksgiving is just another day of loneliness.

How can they give thanks? How can people give thanks for nothing?

How can the persecuted, starving, lonely and ill give thanks to God? What would they give thanks for? What about the people who have nothing to be thankful for?

Perhaps a brief history lesson on the origins of Thanksgiving Day will help us answer this question.

The day that we in the United States celebrate as Thanksgiving originated with the Pilgrims. They were persecuted for their Puritan religious practices in England, so they sought to come to the New World to find freedom.

In the process of coming to the New World they got lost and landed at the wrong place. The New World was flowing with milk and honey, but it was also a rugged country. They were isolated and alone except for the Native Americans who taught them how to work this rugged land. Some might say that they didn't have much to be thankful for. They had to work hard and some had died. They were a world away from their loved ones and were isolated from their country. They were unwelcome in their homeland and they were facing a long cold winter.

Yet they gave thanks!

Not only did they give thanks and feast themselves, they even invited others, the Indians, to feast with them. And out of this ragged group of survivors grew a tradition that has become a national passion. A day of feasting and giving thanks for all that God has given us. A National holiday for counting our blessings.

I have discovered that giving thanks is often at its greatest when life is at its worst. People give thanks best when they seem to have nothing to be thankful for. A case in point: the hymn "Now Thank We All Our God." We just sang it, but did you really hear what you said? Really hear it? Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done,

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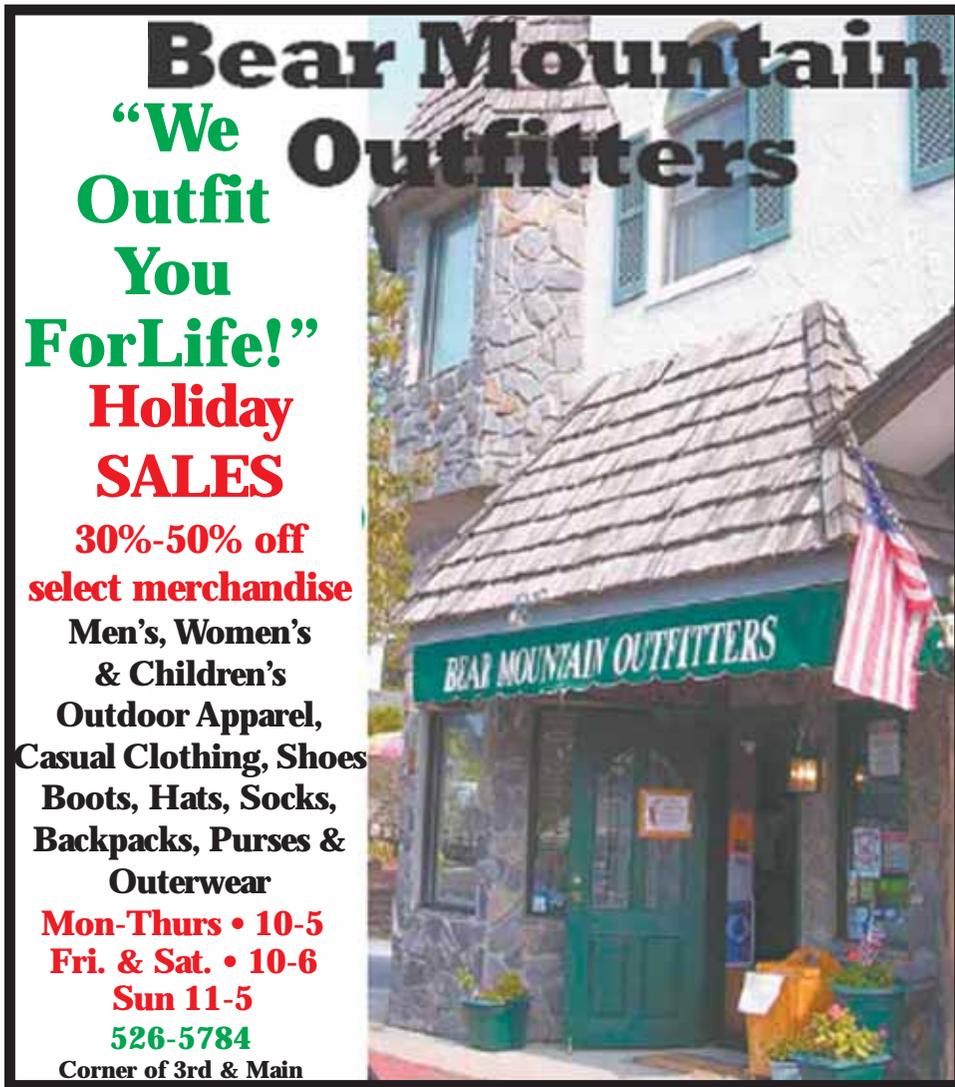
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The Omnivore’s Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals, by Michael Pollan (394.1P)

After a dinner at McDonald’s Mr. Pollan asked his son if the new “white-meat chicken McNuggets” tasted more like chicken than the old ones. The 11-year-old boy “seemed baffled by the question.” He replied, “No, they taste like what they are, which is nuggets; and then dropped on his dad a withering two-syllable ‘duh.’” As we get farther and farther from an agrarian society, more and more of us have lost all contact with the process of growing and producing what we put in our mouths, and even with what our food is made of. Mr. Pollan set this task for himself: “to look as far into the food chains that support us as I could look, and recover the fundamental biological realities that the complexity of modern industrialized eating keep from our view.”

He immerses himself in four different worlds in succession: industrial agriculture (that which feeds most of us), industrial organic (that which has brought organic food to Wal-Mart), “grass farming” (sustainable meat production), and hunter-gatherer. From each of these worlds he creates a meal. The quintessential meal of industrial agriculture is a McDonald’s hamburger eaten while driving. At the other extreme is the hunter-gatherer meal, in which almost everything was either killed or gathered by Mr. Pollan, from shooting a wild boar to gathering wild mushrooms to raising a culture of wild yeast to leaven bread.

How did we get to the place where so much of our food is processed to the point of being plastic? “No one was clamoring for synthetic cheese; processed food has become largely a supply-driven business—the business of figuring out clever ways to package and market the glut of commodities coming off the farm.” Three main factors led to this glut: mechanization, the discovery of the basic plant nutrients which led to chemical fertilizers, and government policies.

In the 19-century a chemist discovered that nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium, or NPK, were the fundamental nutrients needed for plant growth: “The problem is that once science has reduced a complex phenomenon to a couple of variables, however important they may be, the natural tendency is to overlook everything else, to assume that what you can measure is all there is, or at least all that really matters. When we mistake what we can know for all there is to know, a healthy appreciation of one’s ignorance in the face of a mystery like soil fertility

gives way to the hubris that we can treat nature like a machine.”

Evidence is beginning to mount that organic food has more nutrients in it than conventionally grown food. Why would this be? It “may be that the radically simplified soils in which chemically fertilized plants grow don’t supply all the raw ingredients needed to synthesize these compounds...NPK might be sufficient for plant growth yet still might not give a plant everything it needs to manufacture ascorbic acid or lycopene or resveratrol in quantity.”

In the early 1970s the price of food became a political problem for President Nixon and he instructed his Secretary of Agriculture (Earl Butz) to change federal agricultural policy so as to never allow the price of food to be high enough to be a political issue again. At that time a New Deal policy was in place which pulled corn off the market when prices were low so as to stabilize the price. Butz developed a new policy that bought corn from farmers at a guaranteed price no matter how low the market went. The result was lots and lots of very cheap corn. The only problem then was to figure out what to do with it.

The Mayans called themselves “the corn people” and said they were “corn walking.” But this book documents that we modern Americans are the true corn people. Corn is in almost everything we eat: corn is fed to every animal we eat; corn is a part of almost every processed food, often in many forms from corn syrup to oil to modified starch to lecithin to caramel color. Corn even makes the vegetable wax that coats a cucumber or apple or the cardboard box they come in.

“To help dispose of the rising mountain of cheap corn farmers were now producing, the government did everything it could to help wean cattle off grass and onto corn, by subsidizing the building of feedlots (through tax breaks) and promoting a grading system based on marbling that favored corn-fed beef over grass-fed beef. (The government also exempted confined animal feeding operations [CAFOs] from most clean air and clean water laws.)” Chickens and pigs have been sentenced to life in CAFOs too.

The consequences of industrial agriculture are an obesity epidemic from enormous amounts of cheap food, massive pollution problems from the CAFOs, ethical issues concerning the mistreatment of animals, and health problems galore, including the overuse of antibiotics leading to immunity of bacteria, the unknown effect of humans ingesting meat laced with antibiotics and

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growth hormones, and the decreasing nutrient value of conventionally grown food.

For all the above reasons organic food has become popular, but in order to feed the growing demand the industry has taken on many of the same characteristics as large-scale industrial agriculture, which is why Mr. Pollan calls it "industrial organic": huge fields of a single crop tended with machines; the only difference is no chemicals are applied. He shops for his meal at a giant Whole Foods and wonders how good for the planet is organic asparagus from Argentina? Or those baby greens in the plastic tub, kept refrigerated from the moment they are picked and trucked across country; how does that match the organic philosophy of sustainability?

One of the problems with organic food is the price. I recently bought a "Truly natural cherry pie" for \$7.79 (and yes it was good, it tasted more like home-made than an ordinary supermarket pie). A comparable ordinary pie cost \$4.89. But an organic meal seems expensive only because industrially produced food is artificially cheap. "The ninety-nine cent price of a fast-food hamburger simply doesn't take account of that meal's true cost—to soil, oil, public health, the public purse, etc., costs which are never charged directly to the consumer but, indirectly and invisibly, to the taxpayer (in the form of subsidies), the health care system (in the form of food-borne illnesses and obesity), and the environment (in the form of pollution), not to mention the welfare of the workers in the feedlot and the slaughterhouse and the welfare of the animals themselves."

Mr. Pollan spends a week working on a farm in Virginia which practices a much more truly sustainable form of agriculture: growing without chemicals, selling locally, and working with nature rather than against it. This section is fascinating; the farmer calls himself a grass farmer, because grass is the root of all that he produces. He raises cattle, pigs, and chickens, and the way he rotates them increases the health of the whole system. The cows graze a pasture, then chickens follow a couple of days later and eat the larvae in the cow manure which makes for better eggs, and also healthier cows, because some of the larvae are from parasites. Farmer Joel Salatin calls himself part of the "clean food" movement. (<http://www.polyfacefarms.com>)

Mr. Pollan's greatest effort went into the hunter-gatherer meal, and he seemed to really enjoy the effort, even to questioning why humans would have given up such a pleasant lifestyle in the first place: "The prevailing theory as to why, as a species, we left off hunting and gathering is that we had ruined that perfectly good lifestyle by overdoing it, killing off the megafauna on which we

depended. Otherwise it's hard to explain why humans would ever have traded such a healthy and comparatively pleasant way of life for the backbreaking, monotonous work of agriculture...Anthropologists estimate that typical hunter-gatherers worked at feeding themselves no more than seventeen hours a week, and were far more robust and long-lived than agriculturists, who have only in the last century or two regained the physical stature and longevity of their Paleolithic ancestors."

His conclusion is that it is entirely possible for us to give up industrial agriculture and still feed ourselves just as well. In fact we would be much healthier for it, as would the environment. The main obstacles of course are the giant agribusiness companies like Archer Midland Daniels and Monsanto, which help to write the laws that keep the government subsidies flowing their way.

This is a very well written book; it is easy to sail through its 410 pages, and I highly recommend it to anyone who has any interest in food.

I'll end by sharing a profound insight a friend of mine had: the universe is the feast that eats itself.

HCP to present annual Christmas reading

The Players are presenting their traditional Christmas Reading on Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center with many of the same performers from last year and several new faces. The program is a mixture of poetry, prose, and music—some humorous, some serious, some inspirational—all entertaining and performed by talented readers and musicians.

For instance, brothers Chad and Brandon Price will sing several favorite Christmas songs; Ron Leslie will be reading "Christmas in Ten Pieces," a hilarious account of a father trying to put together a toy for his son on Christmas eve; Elaine Whitehurst will read a touching account of a school Christmas play entitled "Trouble at the Inn;" and Dean Zuch will describe some of the celebrations associated with the Winter Solstice, introducing "the Mummings," who will perform a centuries old Mummings' play, "A Tale of Old Christmas."

This is just a sampling of the fun to be had at the Community Players' traditional Holiday program, a gift to the community, requiring no tickets, no reservations—just an audience.

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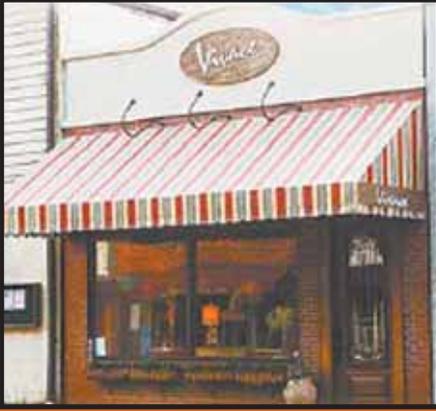







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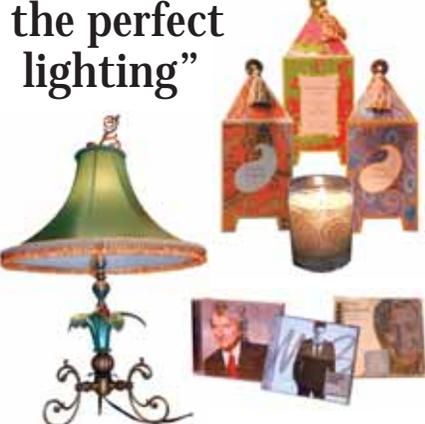
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'Tis the Season is an opportunity for people to make a difference this holiday season. At the market, learn about the many non-profit organizations making a difference in the Highlands area. Choose from a

list of tangible gifts, such as \$2 for a child's dental kit or \$20 for food for a family for a week. Also enjoy free food and refreshments, help decorate the alternative gift Christmas tree, and join local church musicians in Christmas Carols!

Bring the whole family. Each organization will offer low cost gifts that are especially appropriate for children to give as gifts to friends and loved ones.

Highlands' Tis the Season is sponsored by the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, First Presbyterian Church, Highlands United Methodist Church and Lutheran Church

of the Holy Family. It will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church – right after the Christmas Parade!

Participating non-profit organizations are: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Blue Ridge Mountain Health Center, Bolivian Mission, Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, The Food Pantry, Haitian Mission, Heifer Fund, Highlands Community Child Development Center, Highlands Emergency Council, Hospice, International Friendship Center, Kids Place, Literacy Council, Methodist Children's Home, REACH, and Thompson Children's Home.

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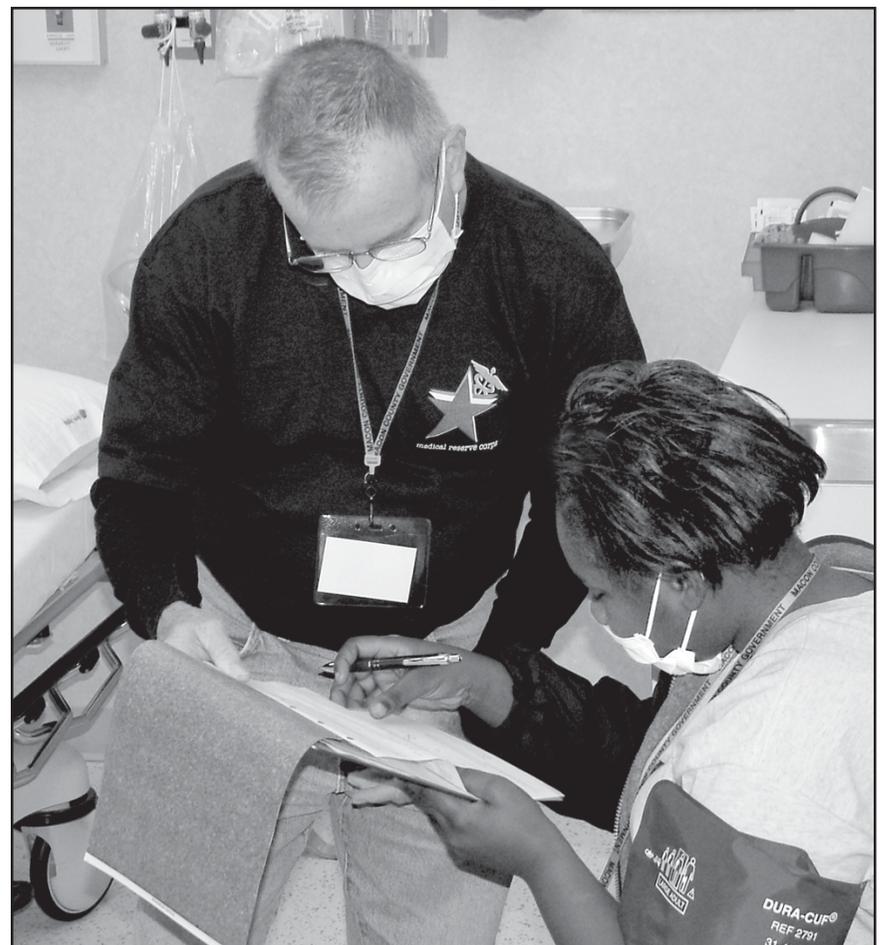


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Mock drill tests hospital's readiness



Roland Soucy (standing), retired EMT and firefighter and member of the Macon County Medical Reserve Corps, helped staff the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital emergency room during last week's countywide disaster drill. The hospital participated drill designed to test how Macon County's health care system would handle a major epidemic of Avian flu. Under the scenarios, area hospitals were already filled with flu victims, when dozens more showed up suffering from a mutated strain of bird flu with a high mortality rate. Students and staff of the LBJ Conservation Center in Franklin served as stand-in victims for the event. The hospital here invoked its emergency disaster plan, calling in extra staff, imposing tight infection control measures, pretending to restrict access to the hospital by visitors, and using monitored pre-operative rooms in its Surgical Center to handle the overflow of patients who had to be admitted. Drill organizers threw several unanticipated factors into the scenario at the height of the drill. Of course, real emergency patients were provided treatment without interruption. Hospital CEO Ken Shull thanked the hospital's patients and visitors for their understanding for any inconvenience experienced during the drill.

'Hurricane Creek' to perform at Instant Theatre on Nov. 25

You can expect Saturday, Nov. 25 to be an exciting evening in Highlands. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting begins at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street – caroling, hot chocolate, and a visit by Santa. And then afterwards you can step across the street to the Studio on Main and warm up to the sounds of the wildly popular band, Hurricane Creek.

Hurricane Creek, famous almost world-wide for its own unique brand of classic rock, country, and R & B, packs houses wherever it plays. The dance floor will be set up and complimentary refreshments will be served. So plan on bringing the whole family to sing (and dance) along to the joyful music of Hurricane Creek.

No reservations are required for this dance on Saturday, Nov. 25 after the tree

lighting. If you want more information you can call the box office at 828-342-9197. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

The Instant Theatre Company is happy to offer this family evening to kick off its holiday package of events. Dec. 2 you can bring the whole family to hear a free reading of the heartwarming story, "Papa's Angels" which begins at 7 p.m. Also at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9 The Woopets are back bringing their own brand of enchantment to entertain children of all ages.

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Summary of combined Nov./Dec. meeting of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Board of Directors

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 its most recent meeting (Thursday, Nov. 16).

• The hospital board elected its officers for the coming year at its combined November/December meeting, choosing for the first time in recent memory to re-elect the exact same slate of officers and executive committee from the previous year. Bud Smith, of Cashiers, remains chairman of the board. Dr. Donald C. Mullen of Highlands is again vice chairman, and Glenville's Brenda Stewart will continue as secretary. Julian Franklin (Highlands) and Rick Robson (Cashiers) were re-elected to serve again on the executive committee (with the chairman and vice chairman).

• Also at the meeting, Vice Chairman Mullen recognized those members who were attending their last meeting, thanking them for their leadership during some often turbulent times at the hospital. Leaving the board as a result of the much-publicized restructuring plan were Dr. Rodney Stinnett (medicine committee representative), Dr. Robert T. Buchanan (surgery committee representative), and Polly B. Touzalin (president of the Hospital Auxiliary). Those designated board seats were eliminated as part of the reorganization of the board, formally approved last month. Under those same changes, current Chief of the Medical Staff Mark Wagner, MD, joined the board as a voting member, replacing former Chief of Staff David Register.

Leaving the board at the end of last Thursday's meeting because their terms expired were Allen Hardin and Clem Patton. The new Governance Committee, chaired by Mullen, will now begin a thorough selection process to identify candidates to fill those vacancies, and one other, on the board.

• The board accepted the recommendations of the Medical Staff regarding the routine re-credentialing a number of physicians, including full-time radiologist Rodney Stinnett, MD, and full-time cardiologist Carl Curtiss, MD. It also unanimously approved a request from long-time family physician Patti B. Wheeler, MD, to upgrade her medical staff privileges from associate to full-time, active status, which will allow her

once again directly to admit patients to the hospital.

• CEO Ken Shull reported that two general surgeons have visited the hospital in recent weeks and both continue to express interest in possibly relocating their practices here. The hospital is also talking with other general surgery candidates. Finding a general surgeon continues to be the hospital's top physician recruiting priority. The hospital is also continuing to find up to two new internal medicine physicians. Shull said internists are among the most difficult physicians to recruit right now.

• Board members heard reports from the hospital's Foundation and Auxiliary, and also from the Finance Committee, where they learned that the hospital showed a loss in October, influenced in part by carry-over expenses from past months.

• The board heard that the sale of the abandoned nurse's dormitory and the two corresponding lots adjacent to the old hospital on Fifth Street (now the Peggy Crosby Community Center) to Old Highlands Park, a new development by Bill Nellis of Highlands, was to close Nov. 17.

• Shull reported that Kurt F. Abshire, administrator of the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, is resigning to take a position in Hendersonville, NC. Abshire, who came to the Eckerd Center in March 2005 from Skyland Center in Sylva, will continue work through Dec. 8.

• Board members gave the green light to begin renovations at the hospital to accommodate a new nuclear medicine scanner, part of the hospital's expanded commitment to cardiology services. Having its own nuclear medicine unit is the second phase of equipment purchases that will upgrade diagnostic technology used for cardiology, as well as for other areas of medicine at the hospital. The first phase has already been realized. A new state-of-the-art ultrasound unit became operational last week.

The hospital plans to convert the current board room, which is adjacent to the radiology department, to a new suite for nuclear medicine. Officials are already contacting manufacturers of nuclear medicine cameras to identify the best, most cost effective unit for the hospital's needs. The equipment is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

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in whom this world rejoices; who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love and still in ours today. The first verse is a prayer of thanksgiving.

The second verse is a prayer for God's protection and the last verse a doxology. The surprising thing is that this hymn was written in the midst of the 30 years war in 1636. The author of these words was a Lutheran pastor, Martin Rinkart. He was serving as the pastor of a church in the walled city of Eilenberg in Saxony. During his time there the city was overrun by Swedish armies at least three times and was constantly dealing with large numbers of refugees.

In 1637 there was a plague in which 8,000 people died. At one point Rinkart was the only pastor left and was performing 40 or 50 funerals a day!

Finally the Swedes demanded a huge ransom. It was Martin Rinkart who left the safety of the city walls to negotiate with the enemy, and he did it with such courage and faith that there was soon a conclusion of hostilities, and the period of suffering ended.

Rinkart, knowing there is no healing without thanksgiving, composed the hymn for the survivors of Eilenberg. It has been sung around the world ever since.

Suddenly the words of his hymn take on new meaning:

"Thank we all our God...who wondrous things has done...countless gifts of love." In the midst of such great human suffering, pain, loss, illness, that such a hymn as this could be written is a miracle.

Many of us – as blessed as we are – could never offer up a prayer of thanks like that! Yet out of this womb of human suffering the great hymn of thanksgiving was born.

How can people like Rinkart and the Pilgrims give thanks in the midst of such troubles? How can they give thanks for nothing?

They can give thanks for nothing because Christ is their Lord!

Jesus himself had been where they are and worse. Before he was crucified Jesus was dragged before Pilate. He had been abandoned by his friends and was being persecuted by his own countrymen.

He was about to be stripped of all human dignity, to be tortured and then to experience true alienation and finally death.

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I once again feel compelled to acknowledge that, at the time, I thought our decision to go to war was necessitated by Saddam's possession of weapons of mass destruction. When that turned out to be based on faulty intelligence, it was incumbent upon the President to admit the error and

Pilate looked on this pitiful creature and asked, "Are you the king of the Jews?" The world would laugh and say, "He is no king for he has no kingdom - no power." But Jesus replied, "My kingdom is not of this world."

If it were of this world he would have an army to try to defend him, but the only armies he commanded were the hosts of heaven. And they didn't need to defend the homeland because it could not be touched by the Romans or any earthly army.

It is this realization that gives people the ability to give thanks for nothing.

Even when so much is lost, people who claim Christ as their Lord know that the things of this world are really nothing to begin with.

When Rinkart wrote of countless gifts of love, he was not thinking of his earthly home or health or food. Those things had been destroyed.

He was thinking of his home, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

When the Pilgrims gave thanks, they were not merely giving thanks for the food that might see them through the winter. They were also giving thanks to God for the eternal blessing that he had given them.

In fact I think this explains why people give thanks best when life is at its worst.

It is at those times that we realize that what we have in this world is really nothing.

It is then that we begin to realize the richness of God's blessings.

It is in those moments of hardship that we can thank God for our earthly nothing and our heavenly everything.

Can you give thanks for nothing? Count your blessings this year: both the material and the spiritual. We all have much to be thankful for. What do you have to be thankful for this year?

If you had none of the earthly things mentioned, could you still give thanks? If you were homeless and alone and sick, could you celebrate Thanksgiving?

If you were persecuted and in prison, could you rejoice at the greatness of God's gifts to you? I know, I would have trouble. But with God's help I hope I could.

What does God really want from us? Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.

He asks no more than this. Amen.

withdraw our troops. That never happened, of course (see moral courage, above), and the subsequent conduct of the war and occupation was a nightmare of incompetence, stupidity and corruption. It is on these three evil witches that rests the foreign policy legacy of this administration.

Actress and novelist Riley Weston signs at Cyrano's on Saturday, Nov. 25

The actress and screenwriter Riley Weston will autograph copies of her first novel, "Before I Go" at Cyrano's Bookshop this Saturday, Nov. 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

That rare book which appeals to both young-adult readers and their parents, "Before I Go" tells of the relationship between 16-year-old Madison Henry, an Olympic ice-skating hopeful and her driven coach, Annie—Madison's own mother—who herself once had dreams of skating glory. Meanwhile, Madison is unaware that long-time school-friend Jack has even deeper feelings for her.

But when tragedy strikes unexpectedly, Madison is forced to look at her life without skating. Only after she opens her heart entirely does Maddie understand the magnitude of the sacrifices Annie made, realize the depth of Jack's love and know in her heart that she was blessed in every way.

"Before I Go" spotlights the thrill of women's ice skating, the unbreakable bond a mother and daughter share and the one true love every person hopes to experience in their lifetime.

Ms. Weston started her writing career on the television drama, "Felicity." While writing, she guest starred as Story Zimmer in the critically acclaimed episode, "Drawing the Line."

She quickly grabbed the attention of Touchstone Pictures and Television brass who signed her to an acting and writing development deal and in 2004 Weston wrote and co-starred in the highly rated ABC holiday television movie, "Christmas at Waters Edge."

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands.



Instant Theater gives proceeds to Highlands-Cashiers Humane Society

Angie Williams, director of the Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, receives a donation check from Scott Paxton, president of the Instant Theatre Company, at The Studio on Main Street in Highlands. To help support the CHHS no-kill animal shelter, The Instant Theatre Company generously donated a portion of the proceeds from two nights' ticket sales in October for "Sylvia," a hilarious play by A. R. Gurney about a stray dog finding a home. The ITC donation will help many CHHS animals find homes, too.

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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.

• 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 HealthTracks 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 Membership 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 every Friday and Saturday with Chad Reed.

• 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.

Nov. 24 & 25 - Fri. & Sat.

• Hard Candy Arts & Crafts Show at WCU's Ramsey Center in Cullowhee, N.C., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2. 100 high-quality artisans.

• The Sapphire Valley Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival at its Community Center, on Route 64 three miles east of the crossroads. The indoor show will feature 24 artists and crafts persons, all chosen because their wares are especially appealing as holiday decor and gifts. Friends for Life will be having a benefit bake sale. Show hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Parking is plentiful and admission is as always free. For further information call (828)743-1163, or 743-0321.

Nov. 24 - Friday

• Highlands Chapter #284, Order of the Eastern Star, is having a Hot Dog Lunch and Bake Sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. the lawn of Highlands

United Methodist Church on Main Street. Hot dog or smoked sausage plates, vegetable chili, baked goods, homemade preserves, pecans, and our famous Pumpkin Cream Cheese Roll-up Cakes will be for sale.

• Champagne Brunch at the Hank House in Cashiers at noon. \$100 per person. Call 743-9002 for more information.

Nov. 25 - Saturday

• Silver Oak Cellars Wine Tasting 3-5 p.m. at Wolfgang's on Main. Featuring Napa 2001; Napa 2002 pre-release; Alexander Valley 2002; Twomey 2003

• Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling on Main Street in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m.

• Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

• Holiday dance with Hurricane Creek after the Tree Lighting at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. For young and old. Celebrate the season with complimentary cider, hot chocolate and great music. \$15 for adults, \$5 for children. Call 828.342.9197

• At Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street, a book signing from 11-1. Riley Weston. "Before I Go."

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike from the South Carolina Fish Hatchery to Burrell's Ford along the East Fork and then the Chattooga River, with an elevation change of 400 feet, mostly downhill. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or the Cashiers Wachovia Bank, in back, at 9:55 a.m. Drive 50 miles round trip plus shuttle. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required. Call leader: Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579e.

• 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. 26 - Sunday

• The movie 'Peaceful Warrior,' starring two-time Academy Award nominee Nick Nolte as "Socrates," Millman's powerful but elusive mentor at The Instant Theatre Company in Highlands at 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and reservations are preferred by calling 828-342-9197. Tickets will also be available at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Nov. 28 - Tuesday

• 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.

• Artist Lonnie Busch of Highlands has designed issues of five sets of U.S. commemorative postage stamps. Among them is "Baseball Sluggers," one of the 39 cent stamps he created.

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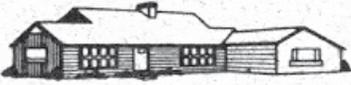
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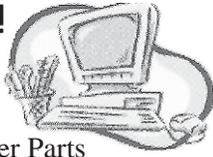
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HOME FOR SALE – Classic Country Home between Cashiers and Franklin, near Lake Glenville. •See CLASSIFIEDS page 29

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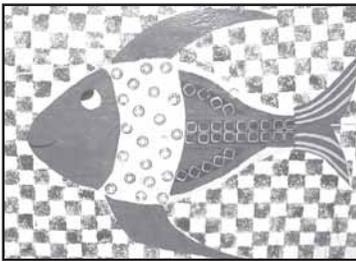
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 Down home favorites everyday!
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 Sunday through Friday;
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 Open 7 days a week
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 Coffee, tea, wine,
 pastries, sandwiches
 384 Main Street

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Cyrano's Book Shop Book Signings

1-3 p.m.

(Unless otherwise noted)

Nov. 25 11-1

Riley Weston – *Before I Go*

December 16

Carl Smith – *Louisiana Burn*

Lonnie is the Art League of Highlands guest speaker on Monday, Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center Recreation Park. The public is cordially invited.

- The movie 'Peaceful Warrior,' starring two-time Academy Award nominee Nick Nolte as "Socrates," Millman's powerful but elusive mentor at The Instant Theatre Company in Highlands at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and reservations are preferred by calling 828-342-9197. Tickets will also be available at the door on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Dec. 2 - Saturday

- Christmas Carol Sing after the Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary with Angie Jenkins playing the Wicks Pipe Organ.

- Holiday Gift Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Artisans of the Highlands Plateau.

- Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

- Highlands Christmas Parade 11 a.m. to noon. Main Street.

- Free reading of "Papa's Angels" at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. 7 pm.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike to Whitewater Falls from Hwy. 107 on a trail that goes through varied forest with views of Lake Jocassee, ending at Whitewater Falls, highest falls in the State. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required. Call leader: Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579.

- "Tis the Season 2006," 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. This year for Christmas, give to an area nonprofit in the name of someone.

Dec. 3 - Sunday

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike on the Bartram Trail and related trails from Wallace Branch in Franklin. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 6 miles round trip. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Call leader: Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Dec. 5 - Tuesday

- Simon Weisenthal's book, *"The Sunflower:*

On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness." Coordinator: Carole Light. 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.

Dec. 9 - Saturday

- Highlands United Methodist Church will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. Families are invited to come for a pancake breakfast, craft, story, and visit with Jolly Ole' St. Nicholas. The cost is \$10 per family and reservations are needed. Call 526-3376.

- Gem City Toastmasters will be closing their doors after eight years in Franklin. A Gala Farewell Party will be held at the home of Ed and Barbara Morris at 6 p.m. All former members and present members are invited to attend. For more

information call Jean Logan at 369-3022. • Breakfast with Santa at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

- Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

- Highlands Community Community Christian Chorale Christmas Concert, at 4 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church.

- Wooten Performance Company brings their giant puppets called "Woopets" for the enjoyment of children of all ages at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. 7 pm. Call 828-342-9197.

- Cashiers Christmas Parade at 1 p.m.

Dec. 10 -- Sunday

- Highlands Community Community Christian Chorale Christmas Concert Sunday at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church.

Stamp artist to speak Nov. 27



Artist Lonnie Busch of Highlands has designed issues of five sets of U.S. commemorative postage stamps. Among them is "Baseball Sluggers," one of the 39 cent stamps he created. Lonnie is the Art League of Highlands guest speaker on Monday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Civic Center Recreation Park. The public is cordially invited.

Ruby Cinemas

Franklin, NC

Adult – \$6; Child – \$4

Nov. 17-23

CASINO ROYALE rated PG-13

Fri: (4), 6:45, 9:30

Sat & Sun: (1:30), (4:00), 6:45, 9:30

Mon – Thurs: (4), 6:45, 9:30

HAPPY FEET rated G

Fri: (4:10), 7, 9:10

Sat & Sun: (2), (4:10), 7, 9:10

Mon – Thurs: (4:10), 7, 9:10

THE SANTA CLAUSE:

THE ESCAPE CLAUSE rated G

Fri: (4:15), 7:10, 9:15

Sat & Sun: (2:10), (4:15), 7:10, 9:15

Mon – Thurs: (4:15), 7:10, 9:15

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FLUSHED AWAY rated PG

(Last Show Tuesday 11/21)

Fri: (4:20), 7:05

Sat & Sun: (4:20), 7:05

Mon – Thurs: (4:20), 7:05

FLAGS OF OUR FATHERS rated R

(Last Show Tuesday 11/21)

Fri: 9:05

Sat & Sun: (2:05), 9:05

Mon – Thurs: 9:05

DECK THE HALLS rated PG

(Start Wednesday 11/22)

Fri: (4:20), 7:05, 9:05

Sat & Sun: (2:05), (4:20), 7:05, 9:05

Mon – Thurs: (4:20), 7:05, 9:05

Dec. 12 -- Tuesday

- "Why I Am a Skeptic about Religious Claims" by Paul Kurtz, *Free Inquiry*, June/July, 2006, pp. 30-33. Coordinator: Don McCormick. 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.

Dec. 16

- At Cyrano's Book Shop, a book signing from 1-3 p.m. Carl Smith "Louisiana Burn."

Dec. 19

- Barbara Ehrenreich's book, *"Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of The American Dream: "* Coordinator: Fia Scheyer. 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.

Jan. 2

- 3 short stories by Eudora Welty collection, THE WIDE NET: "The Wide Net," "A Still Moment," and "The Winds." Coordinate: Rachel Hamilton. 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. Call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

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ville; 3,800 ft. elevation; 4 bed, 3 bath with 2,900 sq. ft. living area, plus garage and shed; 1,500 sq. ft. deck on 4.2 acres with perennial landscaping. Many extras. \$399,000. Brokers Welcome. Call 828-743-5788.

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HIGHLANDS IN-TOWN - Creekside, 3 bed, 2 bath, owner relocating. Completely renovated. For sale by owner. \$550,000 OBO Call 828-226-6123.

1- AND 1 1/2-ACRE HOME SITES CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN HIGHLANDS - Only 2.8 miles from Main Street. Lots of large rhodies, hardwood trees and mountain laurel. Some with creek front, some back up to National Forest. All are gentle, easy building sites with community well, telephone, electric and septic in place. Dramatic waterfall at entrance. Community will be gated. Price range from \$169,000 to \$329,000. Call 828-526-9622.

BY BUILDER - 4/3, new construction. Executive home. 1.5 acres, bordered by 2 creeks and a pond in a new up-scale subdivision less than 5 minutes from downtown Franklin. \$485K. Call 371-3669.

PRIVATE, WOODED LOT ON HIGH RIDGE - Cashiers area; Sapphire Valley Resort amenities (golf, boating/fishing, swim & tennis, skiing, horseback riding). \$45,900. By owner. Call Eva (404) 819-8300.

QUAINT - Newly remodeled farm-style home. 1 acre, 2 stories, 3 bed, 1 bath, hardwood & carpet floors. Close to Cashiers area golf courses and Lake Glenville. Quiet neighborhood. Asking \$180,000. Call Linda. Day: 828-743-2948. Evenings: 828-743-2654.

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THREE BEDROOM - 2 bath ranch home on approx. 3/4 acre. 2 miles from Highlands-Cashiers hospital. \$240,000. Will consider offer. Ask for Anna. Country Club Properties 828-526-2520

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1958 ALBATROSE TRAILER WITH COVER AND PORCH. Maple interior. Good condition. \$1,000. Can be seen a Carolina Court. 526-5939.

JENNY LIND BABY BED - light stain, excellent condition, mattress, all linens, originally \$375 asking \$225. Call 526-0498.

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AKC BLACK LAB PUPPIES - Very healthy, home-raised, loveable. 2 female, 1 male. Call 828-389-9737.

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Woolrich (\$15), 2 John Weitz (100% Camel Hair \$30 each), 1 Men's Coat L.L. Bean (lined) \$30. Call 526-5367.

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16 TRACK FOXTEX VF160 w/ built in burner like new used once, paid \$800 manual and Ac Adapter included \$650. dcd1982@aol.com or 526-1536

GUITAR DISTORTION PEDALS Digitech - Metal Master (distortion pedal) Death Metal - DOD (distortion pedal) AC Adapters Free \$30 or \$50 for both. dcd1982@aol.com or 526-1536

LINE 6 SPIDER II HD HEAD 150W, AC Adapter and free guitar cable Price \$100 or make me an offer. (volume pot needs repaired). dcd1982@aol.com or 526-1536

KING SIZE WATERBED FRAME - Wood, Lighted pannels and shelves in headboard, underbed storage, mattress possibly available, too. \$300. Call 828-371-8677.

SLEEPER SOFA - Neutral Plaid. Lke New. \$145. Call 864-972-8525.

MICROWAVE - GE spacesaver, 19"x12"x12", black. \$50. 526-5834

ENGLISH & AMERICAN ANTIQUES - 18th & 20th Century. Private Estate Sale by Appointment only. Call 828-452-4888.

COLEMAN HEATILATER FIREBOX INSERT with blower. Includes rack, vent pipes, brick front and hearth, mantle, screen, glass doors. Uses gas or wood. NEVER USED. RE-

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HEAVY BRASS ELECTRIC HANGING FIXTURE - Six green, glass panels, 4 feet of matching chain. 22-inch diameter. \$975. Call 526-1773.

VERMONT CASTINGS WINTERWARM wood burning fireplace insert with ash pan and pan cover, fire screen for door, vent pipe, and owner's manual. \$800. Firm. Sold as is where is. Call 828-743-9340 for details.

ANTIQUÉ FURNITURE, beds, love seats, chairs, tables, lamps, curio cabinets and collectible paperweights, Royal Daltons, Hummels, etc. By appointment only. 828-526-3258.

11-INCH METAL PLATE - handcrafted, dramascene by Reid & Barton 1975. Title: "Indians Discovery Lewis & Clark" by Charles Russell Limited Edition of 2500 - #1623. Good Condition. \$100. Call 526-1773.

ALL WOOD LARGE (6' TALL X 7' LONG) ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, - lighted with stained glass upper doors, wood doors on bottom, has open shelves too, very nice \$450 obo, King size bed frame with brass headboard \$75 obo, please call 828-369-2223 or after 5pm 828-331-8422.

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OAK ROCKER, over 100 years old. From E.B. (Ted) Mell Estate in Athens, Ga. All original including leather seat. Call 828-349-4581.

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Spectacular Mountain View!



Spectacular view of Blue Valley and Rabun Bald, this spacious 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath home with an open floor plan. Featuring cathedral ceilings, wood floors, stone fireplace in the den, fireplace in the family room, a wet bar, master bedroom on main level and much more. Enjoy the outdoors from the covered deck or private fenced patio. Also, a garage, space for a garden or room for expansion. All this for 699,000. MLS:58278. Visual Tour: 622516



Amazing view!



Mountain paradise. An exceptional Whiteside Mountain view from this

6 bedroom, 6 bath home including two guest suites, over sized master suite, and several entertaining areas. Conveniently located between Cashiers and Highlands in Continental Cliffs with easy year round access, soak in the view, watch the humming birds or Entertain in this mountain paradise from your incredible large screened and open decks. A gourmet kitchen opens into a massive living room with towering vaulted ceilings. Elevator, twin bay garage with lots of storage, beautiful hardwood floors, oversized tiled showers and special designed lighting accent this impressive log cabin. Offered at \$2,449,000. MLS# 56118. Visual tour #372766.

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RAINBOW E-SERIES VACUUM CLEANER, excellent condition with all accessories, \$925 call Dee @ 828-369-8928.

SOLID DARK OAK DINETTE CABINET, 19"x64"x84", 3 glass windows on top. 3 drawers on bottom. 2 bottom doors with keys. Imported from Belgium. Excellent condition. \$1,500. Call 369-3250.

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1995 GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO, loaded, V-8, 4WD, new tires, new brakes, leather, PW, PL, 168K, priced to sell, \$3,900. Cell: 200-0013.

1991 SUBURBAN 3/4 TON, 130K miles, 20K on Tranny, 350 V8, lift w/wheels & tires, good condition, never off-road, white/blue \$4350. Call 200-0013.

GEM ELECTRIC CAR - Excellent Condition. Has two motors and will cruise at 40 mph. Many extras including new tires. Great for gated communities, golf courses, and senior citizen communities. Asking \$6,500. email gem603@prodigy.net

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LOST DOG

TWO DOGS. Italian Pointer neutered male, tan and white, wearing an orange collar, 90 lbs., and female Weimaraner, silver-gray, wearing a pink collar. May be seen together. Last seen in Highlands, NC. Very upset child waiting for their return. Please call with any information or if you have seen either one. REWARD OFFERED!! 828-526-2197.

YARD SALE

SATURDAY, NOV. 25 - Beds, tables, lamps, linens, dressers, accessories, 48" professional mat cutter with accessories (new \$950) will sell at \$350, Health Rider for \$75. Refrigerator with ice-maker, \$125. 229 Raoul Road. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For information 526-0991.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

PIN ID # - ADDRESS - GRANTEE - DATE - SALE - GRANTOR - APPRAISED

Highlands Township

• 0531910, LOT 29 THE MEADOWS SUBD., TRI INVESTMENTS INC, 10/31/2006, \$450,000., MURRAY MARTIN W., \$116,240.

• 0531911, LOT 27 THE MEADOWS SUBD., TRI INVESTMENTS INC, 10/31/2006, \$450,000., MURRAY MARTIN W., \$25,800.

• 0518574, 15 BONNEVISTA RD HIGHLANDS FALLS C.C., FAULKNER MARCIA J., 10/20/2006, \$975,000., GRIFFITH RAY C., \$1,042,480.

POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Nov 16-22. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

Nov. 14

• At 9:19 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.

Nov. 16

• At 2:50 p.m., a motorist at Main and Fourth streets was cited for driving with an expired license tag and registration.

• At 4:23 a.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 and Cherokee was cited for driving with an expired license tag.

Nov. 18

• At 3:35 p.m. a motorist at Laurel and Fourth streets was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone.

• At 11:30 p.m., a resident on Picklesimer Road returned to his residence to find signs of someone using his water.

• During the week, officers issued 2 warning citations.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Nov 15-22.

Nov. 17

• The dept. responded to a vehicle fire on Rainbow Road. The vehicle was destroyed.

• The dept. responded to a call of a carbon monoxide leak at a residence on Williamsburg Court.

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sagee Woods Drive. There wasn't a fire.

Nov. 18

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at a business on Church Street. There wasn't a fire.

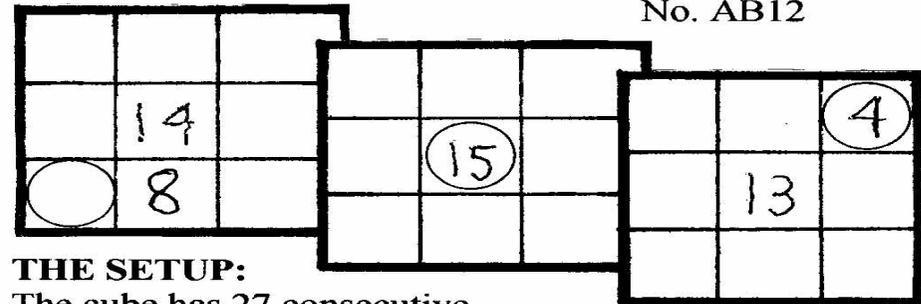
Nov. 20

• The dept. was called to assist in a search of hikers on Whiteside Mountain Trail. When they didn't return by nightfall the family called. As the dept. arrived, the hikers were found.

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a new mind game

No. AB12



THE SETUP:

The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equaling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

THE CHALLENGE: Start with the three center numbers for each layer and two other numbers. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser... and try to figure out where the other 22 numbers belong... **GOOD LUCK !**

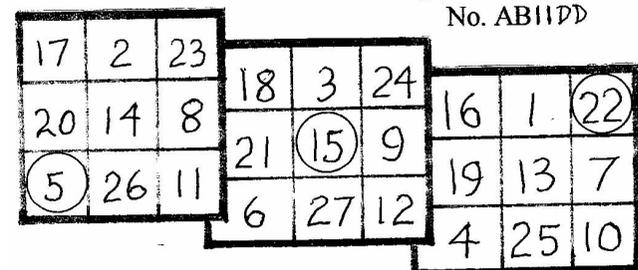
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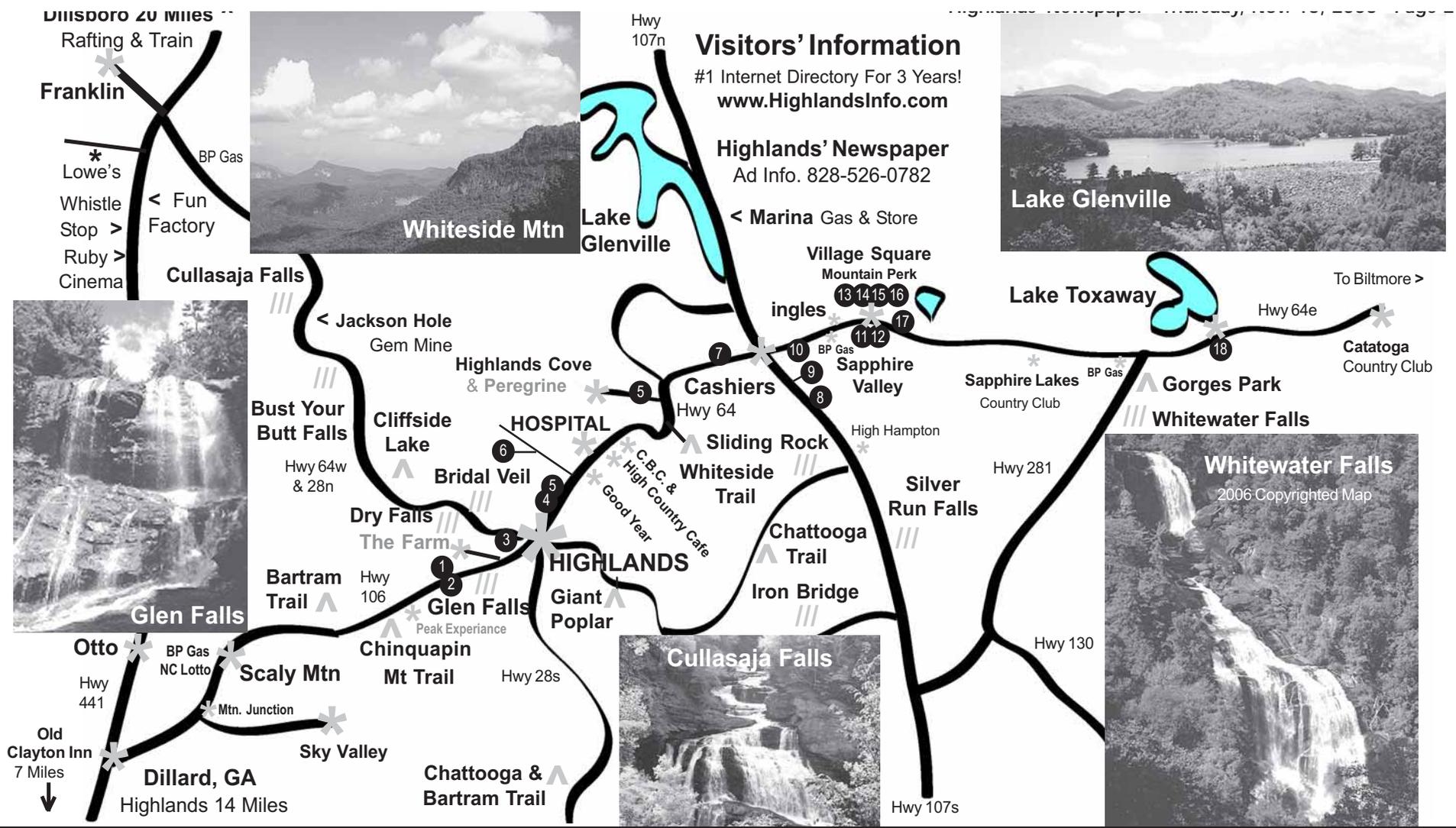
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Solution for
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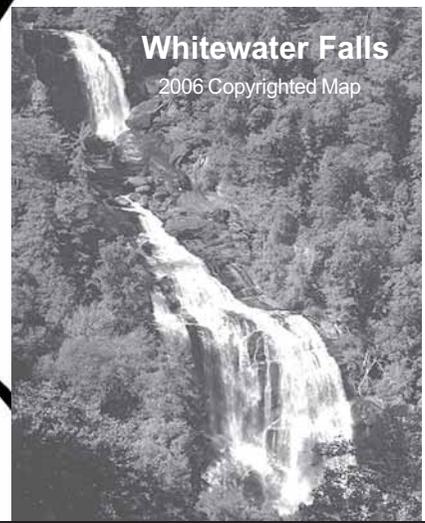
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 Highlands 14 Miles



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