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On-going

- Why Knot Knit "Knit-In" in Village Square, Sundays 3-5 p.m. Call 787-1972.
- Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 per month.
- FREE improv classes at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call the ITC office at 526-1687. A new class is forming now.
- Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.
- Live music nightly at ...on the Verandah at 7 p.m. Paul Scott plays Wednesday; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Chad Reed playing every Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday for Sunday brunch.
- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn. featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m. until.
- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.
- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.
- Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scotts Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri it's Rickey Dean on piano.
- Nov. 9 - Thursday**
- Why Knot Knit "Felted Knits for Christmas" class 5-7 p.m. Call 787-1972 for list of classes and fees.
- HS Alumni Basketball Game Practice at 7:30 p.m. in the OLD GYM.
- Nov. 10 - Friday**
- In observance of Veteran's Day, Town Hall will be closed and garbage won't be collected.
- Booksigning at Cyrano's Book Shop. Melanie Sue Bowles' "The Horses of Proud Spirit" 1-3 p.m.
- Nov. 11 - Saturday**
- Wreath & Holiday Decor at The Christmas Tree on the hill with Christina Picklesimer. Call 526-2687 for more info.
- The Appalachian High Folk Concert Series in Highlands presents Jack Williams at The Instant Theatre Company. The concert series is a seasonal, coffee-house style concert series featuring nationally touring, award winning, festival headlining acts. Call 828-342-9197.
- Nov. 12 - Sunday**
- HS Alumni Basketball Game Practice at 6 p.m. in the NEW GYM.
- Nov. 13 - Monday**
- Chamber of Commerce Fall Finale at Highlands Inn.
- Nov. 14 - Tuesday**
- Discussion of the movie "Chocolat." Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.
- Nov. 15 - Wednesday**
- HS Alumni Basketball Game Practice at 7:30 p.m. in the OLD GYM.
- Nov. 16 -- Thursday**
- 10th annual Ladies Holiday Banquet for all ladies of the community at the Highlands Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.

Auditors make minimal suggestions

The town's basic financial statement and audit was presented at the Oct. 18 Town Board meeting. The town's finances were found to be in order and healthy by Martin Starnes & Associates of Hickory, N.C., but auditors did make a few suggestions as to fi-

nancial practices.

"In an organization like the town of Highlands, with a limited number of personnel for certain functions, there are inherent limitations of the effectiveness of certain controls due to the lack of segregation of duties among town

personnel," reads the audit letter.

The firm suggested that whenever practical, the town should segregate access to assets from access to the general ledger. "In a small unit of government, such as the town of Highlands, when ide-

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The ballot breakdown

The dirtiest most protracted political campaign in recent history finally came to a close and the people have spoken.

Kim Bishop, director of the Macon County Board of Elections said there were a "great deal more Early-One-Stop voters than in the past with 5,353 voters casting their vote by the close of business Saturday, Nov. 4.

An "average" number of absentee votes came in by Monday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. - 437. Bishop said they came from everywhere.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7 the following candidates were elected to office.

For U.S. Congress District 11 its Heath Shuler with 6,752 votes to Charles Taylor's 6,142.

For N.C. State Senate District

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Town looks at pole fees

Renting space on utility poles has become big business for municipalities and with a little help Highlands might be able to tweak this underrated revenue source.

On Tuesday, Nov. 7, the Town Board met with Ted McGavran with McGavran Engineering, a firm that specializes in inventorying utility poles, upgrading them, and handling all issues with the renters including managing, permitting and the enforcement of contracts. All of this with no cost to the town.

"This is an aggravation for the

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Volunteers working with each other

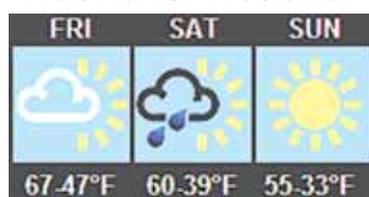


For last week's community service project, members of The Girls' Clubhouse cleaned trucks at the fire department and for their efforts were treated to a ride on the fire truck. Firemen Lenny Metrick and John Shearl picked the girls up in the fire truck from their meeting at Highlands School, took them to the fire station and returned them to the school when the job was done. Thanks, Lenny and John. The girls love this project! Photo by Jim Lewicki

High-rise moratorium on Dec. agenda

Macon County Commissioners listened and have acted on what was said during the public session of the Nov. 6 meeting in Franklin.

Weekend Weather:



Urging from 22 speakers — five from Franklin — against the proposed high-rise condominium on U.S. 64 east in Highlands, prompted commissioners to put a moratorium resolution against such development on the December Macon County Commission meeting agenda.

"It was great to have them all there and they made some very good points," said Macon County Commission Chairman Allan Bryson. "A moratorium will be

discussed at our next meeting."

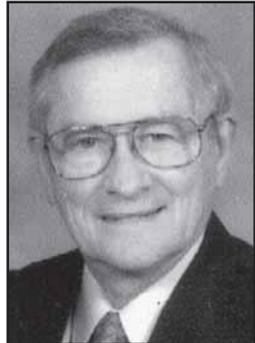
Everyone who spoke begged commissioners to consider a moratorium on high-rise development in Macon County until the county's planning board revisits the high-impact ordinance to take into account high-rise development. Some requested a height restriction three stories; others suggested tree-top height.

Noting the environmental impact and visual pollution most

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •



Mayor Don Mullen

From my perspective...

In the upcoming weeks, we have several important meetings at the Town Hall. Pam Hysong with the U.S. Department of Agriculture will be here to talk to the staff and commissioners about programs available for affordable housing in and around Highlands.

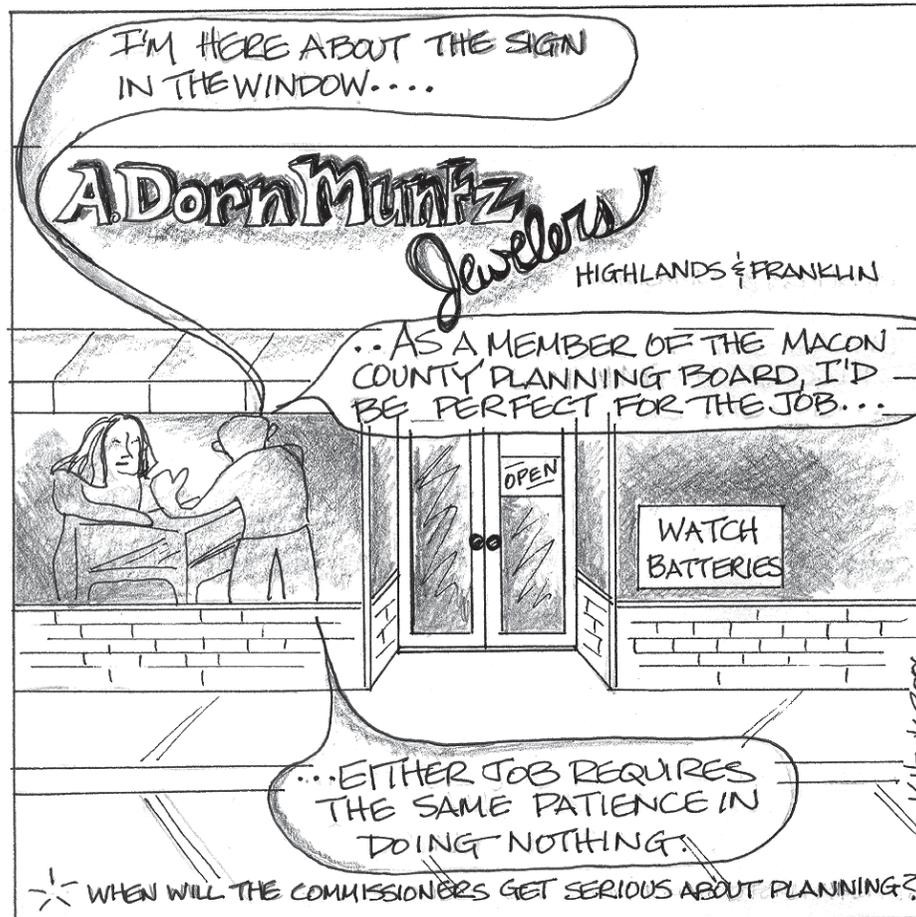
Recent revival of interest in the subject by many in our community has resulted in beginning not only a study of the problem but also ways to alleviate some of these growing concerns. Currently there are many expensive homes and condominiums either being built or planned in and around Highlands, but no one has approached the real problem we have in our community of affordable housing. We hope that developers will answer our call and help us with this.

Real growth in any community must be inclusive of all people. Many middle and lower income people who work in our area cannot afford to house themselves and their families close to their workplace. That is not good for either them or the community. Effective and healthy development involves all aspects of the community including business, housing, recreation, and open green space, and all of these must be integrated in an inclusive way to prevent "sprawl" of any single entity. Communities who ignore these ideas eventually die.

At that same meeting with the representative from USDA we will be further discussing money that is available for clearing the silt from our water supply lake, Big Creek. She has said money is available at a very low interest rate from the federal government to be paid over a 40-year period. At the present time we are getting estimates regarding how much we need to get to completely clear Big Creek of silt to protect our water supply. We need to do that this winter. Since it appears we will not be getting any "free"

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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



LETTERS-TO-THE-EDITOR POLICY

We reserve the right to edit submissions. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands' Newspaper. Please email letters by Monday at 5 p.m. There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

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• LETTERS •

Back on track

Dear Editor,

After much thoughtful prayer, I have applied for full privileges at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. I look forward to once again working with the wonderful employees at the hospital and join them in caring for my patients and community. It is my intent to join the board, administration, medical staff and employees to make Highlands-Cashiers Hospital a stellar institution once again.

We all have to remember the mission statement: to provide excellent, compassionate health care services; to support and empower our team of physicians, employees and volunteers; to promote better health in our communities through involvement, education and wellness; to be efficient and cost effective.

I look forward to serving the community completely. After all, this is my home, too, and I am committed to it.

Dr. Patti B. Wheeler
Highlands

Party could bring us together

Dear editor,

While strolling Main Street on Halloween night this year it occurred to me that this would be the perfect time to have a town party. With the exception of the Christmas parade there is no event at which the whole town gathers.

Why not have a Fall Finale party on Main Street on Halloween night? Trick-or-treat could be from 6-7 as it is now, and then a band could play on a stage set up near Main and Fifth Street until 10 or so.

I think it would be good for Highlands to have an event that brings all of us together.

Katie Brugger
Highlands

Be careful what you wish for

Dear Editor,

There is an old adage that applies very well to the Town of Highlands: be careful what you wish for ... you just might get it! For years the Highlands government has refused to let Highlands be a "normal" town. They won't allow

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• BIRTH •

Carson Edward Forrester

born October 24, 2006 in Asheville, N.C. at Mission Hospital
7 pounds, 14 ounces
21 inches

to Robbie and Jennifer Forrester and siblings
big brother Austin and big sister Gracie Forrester

• OBITUARIES •

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Crain

Mr. Andrew Jackson "Jack" Crain, age 83, of Clear Creek Road, Highlands, NC died Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

A native of Rabun County, GA, he was the son of the late Andrew Nathaniel and Bessie Mae Billingsley Crain. He was a former president of the Highlands Lions Club and a member of Flats of Middle Creek Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carrie Chastain Crain; a daughter, Lucille Nix and her husband, Steve, of Clayton, GA; two sisters, Roberta Crain of Scaly Mountain, NC and Kay Bryant of Anderson, SC; a grandson, Lamar Nix and his wife, Melanie, of Clayton, GA; and three great-grandsons, Justin Nix, Jacob Nix, and Luke Nix.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, November 3, 2006 at Clear Creek Baptist Church. Rev. Kenny Kilby, Rev. Walter Wilson, Rev. Oliver Rice, and Rev. Everett Brewer officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jack Billingsley, Darrell Billingsley, Kenneth James, Crawford Neely, Gilbert Beck, and Jimmy Lowe.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Edward Jackson "Buzz" Baty

Edward Jackson "Buzz" Baty, age 86, of Highlands, died Wednesday, November 1, 2006 in a Sylva hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Henry Jackson Baty and Sillar Crane Baty. He was a carpenter and retired as a maintenance worker for Highlands Country Club. He was a member of Highlands First Baptist Church, and a veteran of the US Airforce, serving during World War II. He was the Commander of VFW Post 1224 in Highlands and Adjutant for the American Legion Post 0370 in Highlands.

He is survived by his longtime friend, Doris Potts, a sister, Lois Patterson of Seneca, SC; five brothers, Ronald H. Baty of Ellenton, FL, John William Baty of Highlands, NC, Clarence N. Baty of Winder, GA, Herbert D. Baty of Alpheretta, GA and Earl F. Baty of Albany, GA, and special friend and cousin, Bidd E. Burton.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 5, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands, with Rev. Walter Wilson officiating. Burial was in Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Baty, Edward Baty, Kenny Baty, Woodrow Wilson, Jerry Corleone, and Gerald Hedden.

Memorials may be made to the Highlands Fire Department, PO Box 460, Highlands, NC 28741. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Darrell Keith Authier

Darrell Keith Authier, age 78, of Highlands, died Friday, November 3, 2006 at his residence. Mr. Authier was a part-time resident of Highlands for 25 years and a full time resident for the last two years. He was born in Elk Point, SD, the son of the late Rene and Edna Authier. He was a retired CPA and owned Authier, Burtlett, and Keyono in Newnan, GA. He was a member of the Highlands Rotary Club and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands.

He is survived by his wife, Sara "Sally" Virginia Harrison Authier; two daughters, one son, 16 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and seven step-children.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Nov. 11 at 2 p.m. at Highlands First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Hunter Coleman officiating. Burial will be held at a later date in Mississippi.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, Main & 5th St., Highlands, NC 28741 or to the Holy Family Lutheran Church ELCA, 2152 Dillard Road, Highlands, NC 28741.

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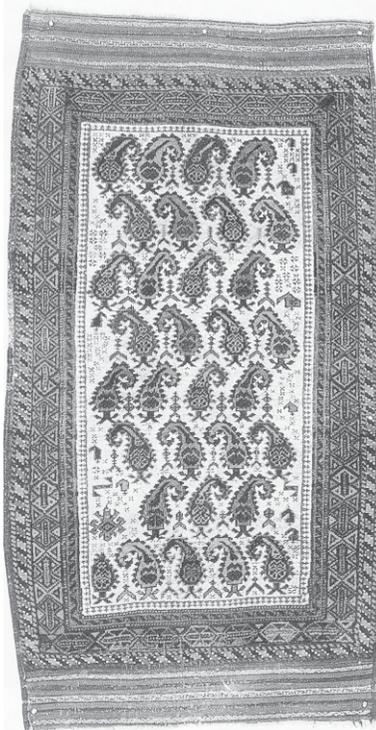
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

He was just 'poking fun!'

Date line: Palm Beach County, Florida...oops, I mean SIN CITY.

If you are reading this newspaper from Highlands, stop right now and get down on your hands and knees and kiss the ground beneath your feet. Then look up to heaven and praise God you are still in Highlands and not Palm Beach County, Florida.

Next, hunt down every Highlands' Town Commissioner, regardless of what you think of him, or her, and give them a hug. You just don't know how good you've got it.

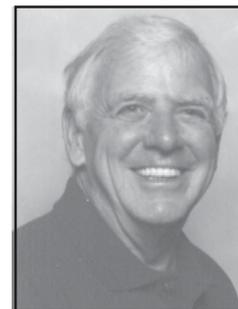
The reason I am recommending this bizarre behavior is that I have just arrived in Palm Beach for the November elections. I made good on my promise to nail the "do nothing" Congress and vote for anyone who was not currently in office. Even if a guy was from the "DUH" Party, I voted for him. Personally, I think they're all from the "DUH" party.

The voting officials down here are pretty tricky. The name on the ballot may not be the person you voted for. For example, Palm Beach Congressman Mark Foley's name appeared on the ballot but a vote for him was really a vote for Joe Negron, a virtual nobody until Foley got caught with his pants down. Hooray for Mr. nobody! In Palm Beach you vote for the person you want and then later read the paper to see who you really voted for. Is this a great county, or what?

Unless you have been living on Mars, where I came from, you are aware that Foley has been accused of poking fun at the young male pages hanging around Congress. Ole Foley, not to be confused with old fogy, checked himself into a rehab center at forty grand a month and blamed the whole thing on booze and a Catholic priest from his childhood. Actually, he was not accused of drinking with the priest, but I guess that's also possible. Attention pedophiles: If you are caught, blame a Catholic priest! It works every time.

Now that the cat's out of the bag, angry pages are coming forward and giving new meaning to the term, "getting your shorts in a wad," with allegations against Foley.

In reality, Congressman Foley was only keeping up with events furthering the rise and fall of the American Empire. You remember Roman Senators always had a young lad on the side for their pleasure. Oh and here's another weird thing. If you happen to be a Congressman having fun with an



Fred Wooldridge

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underage female page, then you are simply a dirty old man and don't qualify for the "priest defense" They may want to use the "Clinton defense" instead. Or, if they're geezers, like me, use the "Kennedy defense."

Since this is Palm Beach County, you may be wondering whether one of the confessing pages was named Chad. If so, you are confused. The "dangling chad," not a gay bar in Delray Beach, was a year 2000 embarrassment that put ole George in office by the

Supreme Court. Wasn't that a fun time? Hmmmm, maybe not! There most definitely was an Ethiopian in the fuel supply on that one!

And speaking of Delray Beach, the Catholic priest who swiped 8 million dollars from his church has returned to the USA and is in the slammer. The hot babe he was cavorting with has disappeared. Father Sticky Fingers hired the same lawyer as Foley so maybe he'll claim he was molested by a priest also. A priest molested by a priest? Vei is mir, a shande! Should I convert to Judaism? Stay tuned folks, more filth to come.

Are you sitting down? I walked into my Palm Beach Catholic Church last Sunday and learned that someone swiped the entire collection; over four grand. I just know a Republican did it. Hold it, I've got to stop and take a bath.

OK, I'm back. All this mess about what Senators are sleeping with which pages will be straightened out by the Congressional Ethics Committee, led by holier than thou, Nancy Pelosi, who, of course, has no axes to grind. (Ha) Is the term "Congressional Ethics" an oxymoron?

If you are trying to decide whether I am a Democrat or a Republican, then you must know by now I am neither. I am fed up with it all and detest politicians as much as pedophile priests.

While I miss the quiet of Highlands, the fact is I wouldn't have missed this tacky, trashy soap opera for anything. Once I get my psyche shields into "I don't give a poop" mode, it's actually fun to watch.

Finally, if you are wondering if I have ever been molested by a priest, the answer is no, but I was once attacked by a gorgeous 30-year-old nymphomaniac at the age of 10. Does that count?

• Read Fred's column while you're away at <http://www.highlandsinfo.com/newspaperdownload.htm>

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said the project doesn't fit into Macon County.

Bob Houston with the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department was the first to speak and the only opponent to outline the protection for such a complex would cost taxpayers.

"The estimated cost to provide fire protection to the proposed high-rise would be a little more than \$2 million and would include the purchasing of a 100-foot ladder truck, two 1,500-gallon tanker trucks and the land on which to build a structure to house the vehicles," he said.

The fire departments in Macon County exist through a fire tax which is levied against all property owners. "This expense would have to come in the form of a fire tax increase to residents in the Highlands Fire District," said Houston. "For all this to be purchased in one year, it would mean a tax rate increase eight times the current rate of .012 to .096."

He said not only would it be unfair to the property owners in the district, but training to fight fires and perform rescues on a high-rise condominium would be an unfair imposition to the all-volunteer High-

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lands Fire and Rescue Department.

Mercedes Heller, with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, said the multi-story condominium complex would not only threaten the wildlife habitat, rivers, streams and the biodiversity of the area, but it's just plain bad business. "Thousands of people come to gaze upon distances as far away as Georgia, South Carolina and Tennessee, not gazing at a 10-story condo. Such development will discourage people to move here," she said.

Many, like Elaine Whitehurst of the Laurel Garden Club, said if one high-rise condominium is allowed, "we will soon be

smothered with high-rise developments." "You've seen what has happened in south Florida and Gatlinburg. The hunger for money is insatiable."

Highlander Pat Boyd said there are lots of ways communities can grow without destroying the fragile system that brought people here in the first place. "Please place a moratorium on all high-rise construction until the planning board can complete a high-impact study and evaluate what the county should do in the future in the way of development in the county. People don't move to the mountains to look at city-type

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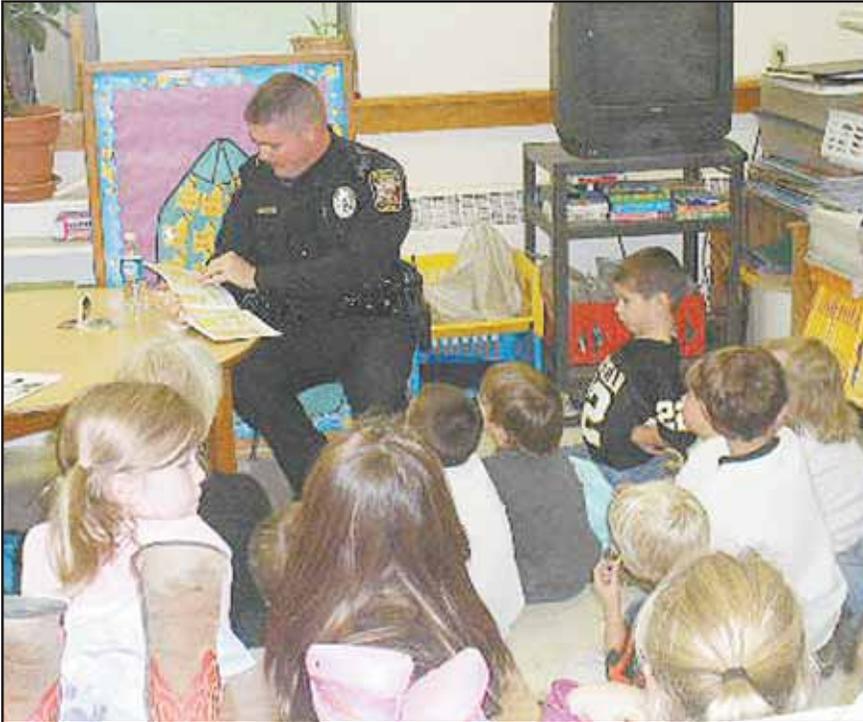
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Reading by example



We are enhancing our involvement in H.S. with young people in an effort to be good role-models and mentors. Highlands Police officer Thomas Parker read to Mrs. Chalker's Great Beginnings class on Friday, Oct. 27. The Highlands Police Department will be participating in community as role models and mentors.

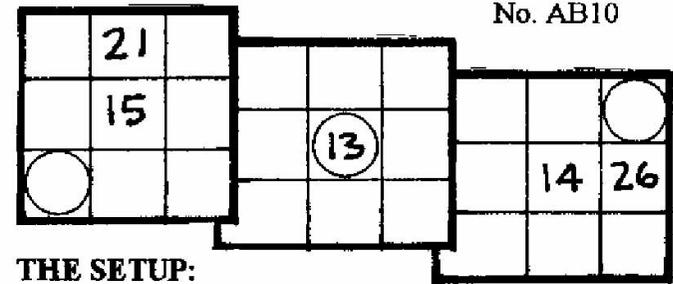
New number game to appear weekly

Over a recent cup of joe at Buck's Coffee Cafe, local physicist Pete Sargeant and mathematician Don Cook came up with a three-dimensional number puzzle sure to tease your brain. It's a take off of the popular Sudoku number puzzle, only a bit more involved, and will appear each week in Highlands' Newspaper. Email your answer to pseudocube8@aol.com for a special message.

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a new mind game

No. AB10



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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This year's event co-chair, Buck Trott and Yellow Mountain Baptist Church team captain, Judy Rogers at the two-day Relay University conference.

MountainTop celebrates 6th year as number one 'Relay for Life' per capita in the nation

This past August, Mountain Top communities gathered in Cashiers to take up the fight against cancer with the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. What resulted was another memorable event that earned national recognition.

For the sixth consecutive year, Mountain Top has earned the title of Number One Relay For Life in the nation. This ranking is the result of a partnership between Mountain Top communities (Highlands, Cashiers and surrounding areas) and Franklin. The rankings are divided into population categories and based on all teams participating in the more than 4,500 Relay For Life events held in the United States in 2006.

"We congratulate the volunteers, participants and sponsors of the Mountain Top communities for once again winning this award," said Jan Stanfield, American Cancer Society community manager. "It is extremely difficult to maintain this national standing year after year – we applaud their exhaustive efforts in the fight against cancer."

Volunteers from the community recently attended the American Cancer Society's 2006 Relay University in Winston-Salem where they accepted the Number One award during a ceremony with several hundred of their peers representing respective Relays. Volunteers representing the Mountain Top Relay For Life included event co-chair, Buck Trott and Yellow Mountain Baptist Church team captain, Judy Rogers.

"Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Relay For Life," said Trott. "Relay For Life is really hard work, but it's so rewarding to see the results. Money raised from our Relay goes to support cancer education and prevention programs, patient services and research – efforts that we hope will eventually eliminate cancer completely. I'm truly inspired by the dedication and passion displayed by everyone involved – it's this commitment that allows us to celebrate this national honor year after year."

The two-day Relay University conference recognized achievement for outstanding 2006 Relay For Life events and offered participants intensive learning opportunities in preparation for next year's Relays.

In addition to comprehensive course curriculum geared toward priority Relay For Life topics, special highlights included reports from Celebration on the Hill, the American Cancer Society's 60 Year Research Anniversary and the tremendous opportunity volunteers have to impact the ACS mission through Relay For Life.

Relay For Life events were held across the nation in 4,582 communities and raised over \$373 million. Since its beginning in 1985, Relay has grown from one event to a national and international phenomenon. To date, the Mountain Top communities have raised over \$1 million for the American Cancer Society through the Relay For Life.

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Relay For Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship. The funds raised from the events support the American Cancer Society's mission to eliminate cancer through research, pre-

vention and early detection programs. Relay represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

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An open letter to Senator Obama

Don't do it! Don't run! Not now! I've been reading that you're seriously considering a 2008 presidential campaign. I think it would be a huge mistake, politically and strategically.

You may even have a chance to win the nomination, your only serious competition coming from Hillary Clinton and perhaps Evan Bayh, as far as we know at this time.

But if you are nominated and run, you will be subjected to vicious attacks during the campaign by your Republican opponent, based on your lack of experience, and you will be made to appear overly ambitious, arrogant, and conniving.

Even people who know you as a "different kind of politician" might be alienated by what could be seen as a premature grasping for the highest office.

If you're positioning yourself as a possible candidate for the vice-presidency — an office that would, assuming a Democratic victory, give you plenty of experience — then what you're doing seems understandable. But it would certainly be more in keeping with the straight-talking Barack Obama we have come to know, to announce your intentions clearly and honestly.

Apart from strategic reasons, the

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fast food, chain stores or anything for average people. They have been asking for things that are now issues in Highlands. Issues like high-rise buildings, affordable housing, a viable work force, high rent,

building density, the hospital and all of the problems that go with them have been brewing for a very long time. Would we have all the problems we now have if they had let Highlands be "normal?"



**Dr. Alex Redmountain
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reality is that you have had very limited experience as a two-year U.S. Senator. You utterly lack experience in foreign affairs, you have no administrative experience, and even your domestic background is somewhat narrow.

Furthermore, I know your family life is extremely important to you. If you bide your time politically, your then teenage children will be able and probably willing to campaign with you, while now they will just miss you terribly and feel abandoned by you. Not to mention the

wife you'd be leaving behind to care for them.

I realize that if you pass on 2008, and the Democratic candidate wins, you may have to wait until 2016 before you can run for president. This is not such a terrible fate. By that time, you will probably have had 10 years of added experience in the Senate or even higher office, which can't help but be a great advantage. And you will still be only 55 years old.

Those of us who perceive you as a very talented and thoughtful leader, with a unique ability to bring people together, don't want you to shoot yourself in the posterior as you rush ahead willy-nilly. It must be flattering to be mentioned as a potential presidential candidate after such a brief stint in national politics, but succumbing to flattery, as a man with some literary and historical familiarity ought to know, is a prime recipe for the mighty to stumble and fall...Sincerely yours....

It's ridiculously early to be handicapping the 2008 presidential races, but that doesn't mean that every self-appointed pundit isn't doing it. I've done it before, and I'll probably be doing it soon again, and it will be just as silly.

Highlands doesn't seem to be capable of planning. They wait until something becomes a crisis and then over-react just like they did with ETJ! Every time an issue comes up they bring in an outside "expert" to tell them what to do. Can they not solve a problem on their own? Outside experts may have some good ideas, but they don't have to live here: we do! Does the town government serve the people who elected them or do they serve the North Carolina League of Municipalities and its agenda?

Every time I think about Highlands a verse from the Bible comes to my mind. "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. People eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs" (I Timothy 6:10 NIV).

Many people don't understand the far reaching truths from this verse. Money itself does not cause problems; the love of money is what causes problems. A few people have made a lot of money in Highlands and don't care what happens to the people who live here. When they have made their money and are finished in Highlands they will move to the next "hot spot" to spoil things there.

Highlands you asked for it: now live with it!

**Harold Neely
Highlands**

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Auxiliary parking lot handles overload



The subject of much press lately, the recent acquisition of property adjacent to Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road, served as an auxiliary parking lot this past week-end when Highlands School Varsity Boys Soccer team played the first game of state playoffs. Cars filled every space, lined the road and islands, eventually filling the auxiliary lot, once people knew it was available for parking.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

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'Open' and 'public' meeting differences

Dear Editor,

A recent letter criticized the mayor and the town board for not allowing some people at the October 25th meeting to have their say in support of a rezoning petition.

The letter also implied that the board has a habit of not allowing a citizen to speak when the board is against the position of that citizen. I disagree on both counts. I was at the meeting of October 25th.

The developer's engineer made his presentation for rezoning and answered questions from the Board. A contiguous property owner, Mr. Larry Austin, objected to the rezoning because his driveway runs through the middle of the proposed development.

There was more discussion between the developer and the Board. Then Mrs. Sanders had her say. She presented a petition on behalf of the twelve residents of her neighborhood (one of whom is Mario Gomez, the developer) in favor of the development and gave their reasons for support of it. At some point a motion

to deny the rezoning was made. There was more discussion.

Then the misunderstanding occurred. The mayor, who is responsible for the orderly conduct of the business of the meeting, cut off the discussion to have a vote. Mrs. Sanders challenged his right to do that because she wanted Mr. Walker to speak. The Mayor declined but relented at the suggestion of board member Hank Ross. Therefore, as it turned out, the board heard three people for rezoning and one against rezoning. The mayor and the board treated the developers and their supporters fairly.

The heart of the misunderstanding is the conflict between the supposed right to speak as opposed to the right of the mayor to run the meeting. The explanation lies in the difference between an open meeting and a public hearing. A regular town board meeting and its committee meetings are public only to the extent that North Carolina law requires them to be open to the public. The rationale is that a public board will render its decisions honestly and above

board when it is being observed by the public. However, the board is not obliged to allow any public comment at all at these meetings.

In contrast, a public hearing is designed to provide the opportunity for citizens to come and give their opinions pro or con. For example, if the town board gave the preliminary green light for the zoning request, North Carolina law requires that it hold a hearing for comment. That is the designed forum to insure that the public has input on such decisions. Moreover, North Carolina

requires that town boards allow public comment on any subject at one meeting a month. Our town board allows public comments at each meeting.

In reality, our town board has a history of going well beyond what other town and county boards allow in participation at its meetings. Our board leans over backwards to grant its citizens the privilege to speak. And for that, our Board and our mayor should be complimented.

Griffin Bell
Highlands

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money from the federal government, we must take a different approach which may cost us a bit more.

We will also meet with an architect from Asheville who has been involved in designing town halls for towns of our size. This will be an initial brainstorming meeting to begin the process of possibly building a new town hall in Highlands. As our town grows our present building has become inadequate for our current needs, and something must be done within the next few years. We look forward to studying this problem and taking the appropriate steps to alleviate the problem.

This week we also be met with McGavran Engineering from Charlotte who are specialists in town utility poles. We are in the process of changing over our utility poles to make them safer and more efficient, and we look for new information in doing this more effectively. I think we are doing a good job at this now, but it is always good to hear other ideas of how to do it better. Just because we have always done things a certain way does not mean there is not a better way. We must always be looking to improve ourselves no matter how good we think we are.

One last comment about our Town Board meeting a few weeks ago when there was agitation amongst some people

there who felt they were not offered a chance to speak. I apologize for not explaining the process in an adequate manner so that all could understand the difference between an open meeting, a public hearing and public comment periods. To those I offended I am sorry. I can assure you it had nothing to do with whether I agreed with what was being presented or not. As moderator of the Town Board meetings the mayor must have some control of the proceedings, but that night I did not do it in a "best management" way.

We live in a time in which reconciliation and forgiveness are almost unacceptable. We see that in international, national and local politics more and more each year. The fight must go on until someone "wins." It would be nice to say that does not occur in our town. By nature I am a compromiser and I try to be a peacemaker, although many times inadequately. Unfortunately, many times those attempts backfire, and we must move ahead as well as we can, trying always to understand other viewpoints and putting ourselves in the shoes of the other. For it is only in this way that we will ever have peace wherever we live and whoever we are. My office door is always open to anyone who wishes to come and talk and I always respond to phone calls.

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town of Highlands to deal with and a business opportunity for us," said McGavran. "The cost of upgrading gets passed on to the attachee so there's no cost to the town."

Highlands has been charging renters like Verizon and Northland Cable \$10 per pole but McGavran says the going rate is \$17-\$18 per attachment. With four or five attachments per pole he said Highlands is grossly undercharging.

Highlands officials listened to McGavran with some skepticism because all efforts to get Verizon to cooperate with the town concerning upgrades and pole change-outs has fallen on deaf ears.

McGavran said though his company only has 13 employees, its investment is in intellectual capital and it is used to dealing with Verizon and other companies like it.

"They will comply," he said. "They need your poles."

As of Jan. 1, 2007, the state takes over all franchises. This means towns and municipalities in North Carolina can no longer be in the business of local franchises for pole attachments.

"The state considers this as important an infrastructure for economic development as water and sewer and they want to take away any perceived stumbling blocks in the industry," said McGavran. "They feel the more competition, the better for the consumer."

Northland's franchise with the town runs through 2009, but it can renegotiate with the state in January.

McGavran said since the state is open-

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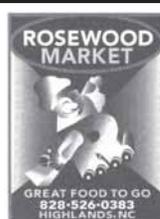


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• ANOTHER VIEW •

A grain of truth remains

Senator John Kerry might have learned a valuable lesson last week, the lesson that criticizing the U.S. military is a third rail issue in American politics. Chances are that Kerry didn't learn, because he obviously hasn't learned a more general lesson. Failure to acknowledge one's mistakes has sunk a good many politicians.



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Following a gaffe, one first removes one's foot from one's mouth, then immediately accepts responsibility and apologizes. Failure to do so gives a story legs, keeps it on CNN, on the front pages, before the American public, even in "Highlands' Newspaper."

Even when Kerry mustered an apology, it came out as, "I'm sorry if you misunderstood what I said. His remark, which he characterized as a botched joke, would be hard to misunderstand, but if he did misread his lines, he did so badly."

Addressing students, he told them that if they didn't do their homework and stay in school, they might find themselves "stuck in Iraq." He later explained that he had intended to blame George Bush's lack of preparation as the reason the nation is "stuck in Iraq."

We are "stuck in Iraq" because George W. Bush didn't do his homework at Yale? If this is confusing, blame the Senator, not me. If it makes sense, report immediately to your nearest Army recruiter. But this story is not about the unwillingness of John Kerry, or politicians in general, to admit their frailties. Neither is it not about the dangers inherent in ignoring, denying, and spinning. It is not about the politician's distrust of the American people's willingness to forgive or about our presumed inability to smell a lie. It is about the truth behind Kerry's statement.

Rather than dodge, deny, spin, and lay blame on his opponents, he might have said, "Yeah, I said it, and I meant it. Here are the facts upon which I based the statement. We are fighting an increasingly unpopular war, a war which demands an endless supply of soldiers, sailors and Marines to meet the military's needs. If those needs cannot be met by honestly presenting the facts to young people willing to risk death or dismemberment in the service of their country, then we have chosen to resort to deception, for the war is a

monster which must be fed. It is wrong to prey on the uneducated and vulnerable to feed the monster. That is why I said what I said.

The Army is having so much trouble meeting its recruiting goals that it has resorted to lying to recruits and encouraging them to lie and falsify in an attempt to satisfy the Army's needs. The kids most susceptible to this duplicity are those who didn't do their homework, who didn't finish school, who don't have much sophistication or many options. The fact is that the

military needs more volunteers than it can find in an increasingly difficult recruiting environment. Under intense pressure from their superiors to meet quotas, the recruiters respond to these demands with whatever tactics are effective. A recent undercover report by ABC News revealed that recruiters have told some recruits that the war in Iraq ended a long time ago, or that while the war still drags on, there is little chance that the new soldier will be sent to a combat zone.

While the brass turns a blind eye, recruiters help unqualified young people appear qualified. Reluctant recruits, uncertain of their decision, have been threatened with jail should they renege. Recruiters have advised recruits to lie about criminal records or drug problems, to forge documents, to conceal significant and disqualifying health histories, all in the name of filling the ranks.

Maybe some of the problems we have seen in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay are a result of recruiting from the bottom of the barrel. The truth is, our military is a montage of courageous and cowardly, of saintly and sadistic, of stable and unstable, of educated and uneducated, of good and bad, of disciplined and undisciplined, of professional and renegade. It is neither all good or all bad. In this, it mirrors society. War is a nasty business, recruiting apparently no less so.

We claim that our military is the best in the history of warfare. Maybe so, but 300 Greeks who held off 100,000 Persians in 480 BC should merit at least an honorable mention. I'm not suggesting that we don't have a fine army, only that it must not be above scrutiny. Murder and rape of civilians, abuse of prisoners, fratricide, and lying to recruits are not the hall-

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• THE CONSERVATIVE POV •

Is business about feminist agenda?

Since the deadline for this column was Monday, and the election was Tuesday, I can't comment on the results. I hope we're happy when we read this. Now, down to business.

I don't know what Condoleeza Rice's political future is, but I sure am pleased with the job she's doing in her present position, especially considering the rocky environment she has been working in. Compared to recent secretaries of state, she's looking real good.

Prior to Ms. Rice, my favorite lady in a position of power was Maggie Thatcher, indeed a solid conservative and good friend and confidant of Ronald Reagan. Oh, if only she could have been cloned. But that's a column for another day.

Prior to her, for those of us who don't remember the hill, much less going over it, Jeane Kirkpatrick sticks in my memory as being a solid citizen and worthy Ambassador to the United Nations, the cesspool of the universe. But that, too, is a column for another day.

So what's my point in promoting these strong and highly productive women? It is to prove that I am not a chauvinist, much less a misogynist, a fact necessary to not confuse the point of today's pontification. That point is STUPID television commercials.

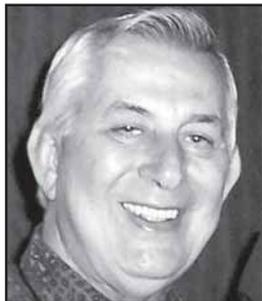
I have been involved in either business or a profession (public accounting) forever. I thoroughly enjoy business done right, and abhor business done poorly. So will someone kindly explain to me why so many advertisers feel the need to humiliate the male gender in promoting their products or services.

Personally, I keep a mental record of such moronic behavior and will not patronize the perpetrators. Further, I can't be alone in this attitude (I hope) so the advertisers are eliminating some portion of their market. Why?

Beyond that, often the portrayal of a man doing something stupid, which has nothing to do with the point of the message, actually distracts the viewer from understanding the marketing intention of the commercial.

One leaps to mind.

A woman is showing her friend her new Pella windows. Her husband, or whatever, is seen through the subject



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windows wrestling with a barbeque grill and ends up in a massive conflagration. Now, call me myopic, but, aside from denigrating the male of the species, what value does this little episode have to do with selling windows? Nothing to me. To hella with Pella.

There are dozens of examples of such foolishness, which causes me to wonder, is the pursuit of female domination greater than

the interest in doing business, or, God forbid, doesn't the male consumer care that his kind is being humiliated on an hourly basis? Where are the male executives who should be objecting to such blatant sexism? Has doing business been reduced to promoting the feminist agenda?

I don't get it. I'm glad I'm old.

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marks of a professional force, even if they are relatively uncommon occurrences. Twice in the past year and a half, recruiting operations have been suspended to allow "retraining" of recruiters following revelations of deceptive and illegal recruiting practices. A recruiting holiday was declared as recently as last Friday. Those in charge first make the familiar claim that there are a few bad apples then suspend operations for a day of cosmetic retraining of the entire barrel. What is the message if we must resort to lying to meet the needs of our all volunteer force?

The irony for John Kerry, and the more important lesson for politicians is this. Had Kerry stuck to his statement and to his guns, his prestige might actually have been enhanced. Americans hunger for strong courageous leadership, for leaders who will sacrifice position for principle. John Kerry hurt his party and reinforced his own "flip-flop" image. The American people didn't like being lied to by Richard Nixon or by Bill Clinton and they don't like being played the fool by any vote mongering politician.

While Kerry's cowardly retreat from his inflammatory comment will not provoke a constitutional crisis, it serves as yet another example of the state of American politics. In the bright glare of adverse publicity he, like so many others, blinked.

Yeager honored for months of critical service



At the Oct. 30 Macon County School Board meeting, outgoing chairman Kevin Corbin presented Interim Superintendent Dr. Frank Yeager with a plaque of appreciation for a job well done. Board members said Yeager came on board during a very difficult time and got the board and the school system back on track. Dr. Yeager's last day was Wednesday, Nov. 8. The recently hired new superintendent, Dan Brigman started Nov. 1.

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Plan now for 'Ladies Holiday Banquet'

On Nov. 16, it's the 10th annual Ladies Holiday Banquet for all ladies of the community at the Highlands Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. sponsored by First Baptist Church.

Top-selling author Donna Otto, will speak. This year's theme is "Leaving a Legacy" with a special tribute to Gwynne Robinson, founder of this ministry. Special holiday music. The caterer Let Holly do the Cooking. RSVP by Nov. 6. Please call 526-4153.

Proceeds from antique show delivered



Highlands Playhouse representatives, Dwight Bryant and Joana Baumrucker present Highlands Mayor Don Mullen with a check for \$3,000 - proceeds from the Playhouses recent antique show held at the Highlands Civic Center. For the second year in a row, the Playhouse has shared proceeds with another group. Last year Highlands School was the recipient.
 Photo by Richard Betz

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buildings," she said.

Karen Hawk said if a high-rise is allowed, the view will be destroyed and the county will be forever changed.

Many feared allowing the high-rise would set a precedent that couldn't be reversed.

"Think of the impact on the communities of Macon County. This is not the kind of development Macon County wants," said Lee Hodges.

Bill Crawford, a Franklin resident said the impact from any tall building will be far greater than the eye can see.

Debbie Boots, also of Franklin said the high-rise would be out of sync with the environment and urged commissioners to develop a vision for the county and a comprehensive land use plan with density taken into account.

Mike Kizer, of Highlands said the high-rise would decrease property values, hurt the county's tax base and represents uncontrolled growth. "This will be a horrible mistake if it's built," he said.

Ginny Harris, of the Laurel Garden Club in Highlands said a precedent for Macon County has already been set. "It's for low-profile, simple mountain designs which have already been established and have flourished for 100 years.

Patrick and Puddin Brogan, of Highlands, said "If you're lucky enough to be in the mountains, you're lucky enough. Enact a moratorium. Tree-top height is appropriate."

Charlie Cowie, of Franklin, said anyone who's seen the differences in Florida's

Martin County and St. Lucie County knows what can happen here. "Martin County has a height restriction; St. Lucie County doesn't," he said.

Hannah Bradley who moved to Macon County from Atlanta said 10-story buildings don't belong in Macon County. "They belong in Atlanta or Gatlinburg. I'm not opposed to development, but developers must have respect for the land, the community and the rest of us. Once it starts it doesn't stop," she said.

Ann Maxwell, who lives in the Flat Mountain area of Highlands said the county needs proper planning before it allows a huge project like this. "You must consider the drain it could have on the area. This summer four of the five wells in our neighborhood went dry."

Cynthia Strain, who has lived in Highlands for 25 years, said she has heard a lot of empty promises from developers. "Highlands Cove and now Riverwalk are examples of how development destroys the environment. Now another developer is promising to be 'Highlands friendly.' Sounds like another empty promise to me. Close this barn door before the horse gets out."

Susan Irwin, of Franklin and a member of the Macon County Planning Board, said other communities in North and South Carolina have suffered the consequences of enacting a height ordinance after the fact. "We are about rural mountain communities with small towns. That's where we want to live, that's where visitors want to come.

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Dillard man wins 'Auxiliary' quilt



This year's lucky winner of the Wildflower Quilt raffled off last month by the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary was Donnie Fountain (L) of Dillard, GA. Donnie and his son Everette display the quilt, which was lovingly stitched together by quilter Hazel Miller of Highlands of panels featuring hand-embroidered depictions of a local wildflowers. Auxiliary members draw and then embroider the panels throughout the year. This was the 15th year for the popular raffle. This year's Auxiliary President Kitti Barber once again sold the ticket that was eventually drawn as the winner. Fountain said he already has a wall in his house on which to hang the new heirloom.

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al segregation of duties isn't possible, it is critical to have an oversight function," the letter continues.

For instance, Martin Starnes noted that cash collected in the Parks and Recreation Department wasn't remitted to the Finance Department. "The effect of such action is that cash on hand could be misappropriated and the misappropriation might not be detected promptly," wrote auditors.

The firm recommended that all monies – cash and checks – collected from the Parks and Recreation Department be reconciled to the receipts log daily. "The town's Parks and Recreation Department should designate an employee not involved in the collections of monies to reconcile the receipts and take the money to the town's finance department on a timely basis and a member from the finance department should take the deposit to the bank."

The town's Parks and Recreation Department is currently under investigation with the State Bureau of Investigation following allegations of the misappropriation of funds at the Rec Park early this year.

In general, Martin Starnes suggested that access to the books and records of the town should be separated from access to the assets of the town as much as possible. "Alternative controls should be used to compensate for any lack of segregation of duties," wrote the auditors. "The town council members should provide some of these controls."

Martin Starnes said town officials agreed with their recommendations and are

aware of the weaknesses but, "due to the cost benefit analysis, hiring additional personnel doesn't appear feasible."

The auditors said their comments and recommendations are only intended to improve the internal control or result in other operating efficiencies.

The firm was hired on February 14, 2006 to perform the town's audit.

The firm verified that the town's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of the fiscal year by \$29,306,391 in net assets and that total net assets increased by \$520,324.

At the close of the current fiscal year, Highlands' governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,286,600, a decrease of \$130,295 in comparison with the prior year. But auditors said that's because funds were allocated for the recent expansion of the waste water treatment plant. Approximately 77 percent of this total amount, or \$1,753,597 is available for spending at the government's discretion as unreserved fund balance.

Auditors said the town's continued diligence in the collection of property taxes and diligence in collecting delinquent utility charges has positively influenced Highlands total assets.

Town Administrator Richard Betz reported that sales tax proceeds are robust this year. So far the town has received \$283,942 with only \$750,000 anticipated. Property tax proceeds are at \$1,024,208, with \$2,101,875 anticipated and interest rates are also robust in all funds.

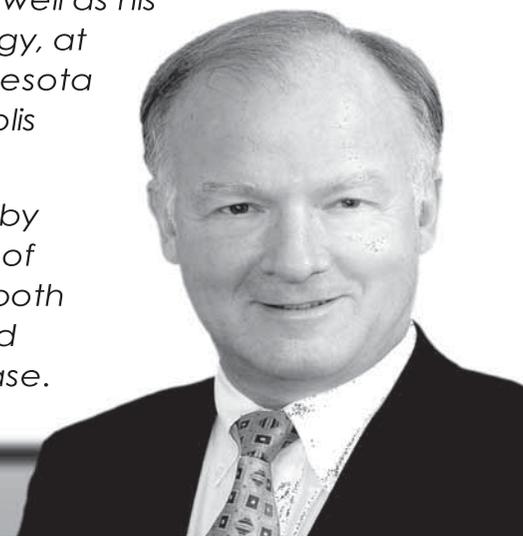
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50 it's John Snow with 7,383 votes to Ken McKim's 5,579.

For N.C. State House District 119 it's Phil Haire with 1,484 votes to Marge Carpenter's 1,388.

For N.C. State House District 120 it's Roger West with 6,625 votes.

For County Commission District 1 it's Brian McClellan with 6,331 votes to Allan Ricky Bryson's 6,186.

For the two County Commission District 2 it's Ronnie Beale and Bob Simpson with 6,416 and 6,233 votes, respectively. Harold Corbin got 5,718 and Rick Mashburn got 4,969.

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ing this up to everyone it's especially important for the town to get its poles and its renters into compliance, to have contracts and to run this like a money-making business with a paper trail. "Right now you don't have any record of who or what's on each pole."

"This is more complicated than folks like us can handle," said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

Commissioner Herb James agreed. "We need help with this."

Town Administrator Richard Betz said

For Sheriff it's Robert Holland with 7,523 votes to C.D. Jenkins' 5,539.

For School Board District 2 it's Tommy Cabe with 6,566 votes to Tony Esterwood's 4,190.

For School Board District 4 it's Guy Gooder with 3,596 votes. Wendy Dalton got 3,476; Joey Curtis got 2,228, Brooks Bennett got 913; Mike Geiger got 404 and William Cozzens got 376.

Bishop said there are still some provisional ballots out there -- names that didn't appear on the register which require research. The vote will be official as of Nov. 17 when the canvass is complete.

since it's obvious that Nin Bond will likely use the state's recent ruling to re-introduce Highlands Cable Group and since Bond and McGavran have past business dealings, he questioned their relationship.

"Nin and I became acquainted some years ago when we were considering working on a grant for Hayesville but that never happened and I haven't been involved with him since," said McGavran.

Commissioners agreed to take the information under advisement and to seek the Town Attorney's input.

Saturday game ends a great 2006 season for Highlanders

The Highlanders lost to Jordan-Matthews in the second game of the state playoffs 3-8 culminating a great year on the field.

Jordan-Matthews has been in the top five for State every year for the past four years.

New to soccer, HS senior

Darin Keener took on the dreaded position of goalie keeper and made some spectacular saves during the season. This

one was made during the Hayesville game earlier in the season.

Final Highlander Record

Overall: 12-9; Final

Conference Record: 10-0;

First Round of State

Playoffs: 7-3; Second

Round of State Playoffs

3-8.



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Noel Atherton



Free concert at 1st Pres

The music committee of Highlands First Presbyterian Church and the music department of Western Carolina University will co-sponsor a faculty showcase concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 19. This is a part of the church's ongoing concert series.

Featured musicians will be Eldred Spell, flute; Terri Armfield, oboe; Michael Schallock, tuba; Mary Kay Bauer, soprano; Robert Holquist, baritone; Michael Lanford, piano; and Lillian Buss Pearson, piano.

The free concert will take place at First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main Street. Everyone is invited.

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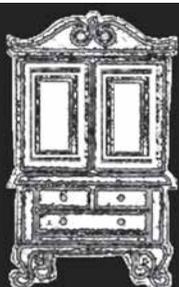
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

An Encounter Scripture

Mark 10: 17-31



Rev. Don Mullen
First Presbyterian Church

Coming face-to-face with Jesus is not always a pleasant experience. Jesus is direct, demanding, and difficult. Some turn away from the real Jesus. Dietrich Bonhoeffer called that the difference between "cheap grace" and "costly grace!" More about that later.

Hopefully, most of you are here this morning hoping to have an encounter with Jesus. That's the purpose of the hymns, the music, the sermon and the liturgy. We hope to meet Jesus.

In our scripture today a man comes before Jesus. He is a good man. He kneels before Jesus. I think this man is representative of us all. He had "great possessions." So do we all when compared to the vast majority of the world's inhabitants. We all have more stuff than we need. We come here today to kneel before Jesus. What then?

This is a story of a man who is met by Jesus. Not only is he met by Jesus, but he is called by Jesus. This is not primarily a story about the man's money. Jesus tells him that the way to eternal life comes through discipleship. Get your priorities straight, then "Come, follow me."

In his book, "The Cost of Discipleship," Dietrich Bonhoeffer talks about cheap grace and costly grace, "Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our Church," he says. "We are fighting today for costly grace. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions of fixing limits.

"Grace without price; grace without cost. Cheap grace means grace as doctrine or theology, a principle, a system. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship. Grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

"Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field," Bonhoeffer says, "for the sake of it a [person] will gladly go and sell all that he has. Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a [person] must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a [person] his life and it is grace because it gives a [person] the only true life.

"Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son; 'ye were bought at a price,' and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Costly grace is the sanctuary of God."

You see, the Gospel of Mark is about discipleship. Many had come and followed Jesus and had left much to be with him. But the journey had not been easy for them. It was tough to follow Jesus – a perilous way full of misunderstanding, risk, confusion and difficulty. That is what that wonderful little book of Mark is all about – the cost of

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Oct. 29: 10 a.m., 5th Sunday Singing & Dinner featuring "Promised Land."

Nov. 26: 7 p.m., 4th Sunday Singing featuring "The Marks Men."

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Holy Eucharist - Rite II

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Tuesday: 8 a.m. - Mens Cursillo Group; 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

Wednesday: 2 p.m. – Interlude; 6:30 p.m – Choir

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - Mens Cursillo Group Meeting;

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Choir – 7:15

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Horse rescuer Melanie Sue Bowles to sign at Cyrano's on Friday, Nov. 10, from 1 to 3 p.m.

In "The Horses of Proud Spirit" Melanie Sue Bowles recounts her efforts to save unwanted and abused horses and provide them with a safe, nurturing environment. Ms. Bowles will sign copies of her memoir at Cyrano's Bookshop on Friday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Ms. Bowles and her husband, Jim, lived in rural Florida where all their neighbors seemed to keep horses. Melanie Sue decided that she, too, wanted a horse. After riding a docile creature at a nearby farm, she bought it for \$1,200. But when she got home with Cody, a knowledgeable friend told her that the horse was actually a broken-down thoroughbred, so mistreated, sick and hobbled with pain that she should not be ridden. Months of care and attention from a veterinarian and the Bowles restored Cody to health—but now an inexperienced horsewoman like Melanie Sue found the high-spirited Cory impossible, indeed dangerous, to ride. Everyone said she should sell her and acquire a more manageable breed. But Bowles had a revelation: she would try to see things from the horse's point of view. She watched how other horses interacted with each other and with their human owners. She learned what frightened and reassured them. She and Cody became best friends.

The remarkable stories that follow detail Melanie Sue's relationship with Cody and many other horses that eventually

joined her at the Proud Spirit Horse Sanctuary, which is now located on 329 acres in Mena, Arkansas. Ms. Bowles, a firefighter and EMT, had found a new calling. Inspired by her father and the Florida environmental crusader Marjory Stoneman Douglas, both of whom emphasized fulfillment through helping others, she told her husband: "I want to make a difference in the lives of horses, Jim, lots of horses. I want to have a sanctuary for any horse that needs us, that's been abused, neglected, abandoned or forgotten. A place where they can live out their lives in peace and dignity." Melanie Sue saved horses on their way to the slaughter house, horses whose spirit had been beaten out of them. Her book is full of heartwarming (and sometimes sad) stories and is illustrated with photos of Cody, Strut, Annie, Wrangler and many other of the 150 proud and happy equines that have ended their days under the care of Melanie Sue and Jim. While "The Horses of Proud Spirit" is a must for horse lovers, Ms. Bowles's fine writing and remarkable achievements will appeal to all who like happy endings achieved against great odds.

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discipleship. In our story today someone is being met by Jesus, face-to-face, and is being asked to become a disciple. In hearing how much it costs to be a disciple, he slumps down and walks away sorrowfully.

The story is about someone like us being met by Jesus and asked to follow, but who decides that it is not a way he wants to go. He believes, but then he walks away.

Cheap grace. This is the only story in the gospel in which someone refuses to follow. Can we not sympathize with this man? We can certainly identify with his materialistic encumbrances – his stuff. Like him, all of us have many possessions – more than we need to live.

We know how concern about all of our stuff tends to chain us to the stuff. Yet, more than that, don't we all know how risky a matter it can be to be met by Jesus? Can we blame the man for walking away rather than following?

Today's story reminds us that there are good, understandable, reasonable reasons for not following Jesus. Jesus is too often presented by us, from the best of motives, as the solution to all our problems, the way to fix everything that's wrong in our lives. But this story reminds us that Jesus is sometimes the beginning of problems we never would have had if we had not met Jesus!

Barbara Brown Taylor also says this is not a story only about money. If that were so, we could buy our way into heaven by cashing in our chips right now. The kingdom of God is not for sale. The poor cannot buy it with their poverty any more than the rich can buy it with their riches. The kingdom of God is God's consummate gift, to be given to whomever God pleases, for whatever reasons please God. Beware how you analyze that. It's serious business.

The catch is, we have got to be free to receive the gift. We cannot be otherwise engaged. We cannot be tied up right now, or too tied down to respond. We cannot accept God's gift if we have no spare hands to take it with. We cannot make room for it if all your rooms are already full. We cannot follow if we are not free to go.

The rich young man went away sorrowful because he understood all at once that he was not free. His wealth was supposed to make him free, but kneeling in front of Jesus he understood it was not so. He was unwilling to prioritize. Invited to follow, he went away sorrowful instead, for he had great possessions that he lugged behind him like a ball and chain. He could not believe that the opposite of rich might not be poor but free.

Although Jesus's disciples misunderstood many things they understood the cost of discipleship as that young martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer did during WW II. Two of them had left their fishing nets behind, two more of them a fishing boat and family. Another left a lucrative career, pushing his chair away from his tax collector's desk to follow. All of them had walked away from something, but not because it was a prerequisite for becoming a disciple. It was

more like a consequence. He called, they followed, and some stuff got left behind. Not because it was bad, but because it was in the way. Not because they had to, but because they wanted to. He called, and nothing else seemed all that important anymore.

The story is told of Clarence Jordan, that great prophet and writer of the "Cotton Patch" gospels, who visited an integrated church in the Deep South. Jordan was surprised to find a relatively large church so thoroughly integrated, not only Black and White but also rich and poor, and this was in the early sixties!! Jordan asked the old country preacher, "How did you get the church this way?"

"What way?" the preacher asked. Jordan went on to explain his surprise at finding a church so integrated, and in the South, too. The preacher said, "Well, when our preacher left our small church, I went to the deacons and said, 'I'll be the preacher.' The first Sunday as preacher, I opened the book and read, 'As many of you as has been baptized into Jesus has put on Jesus and there is no longer any Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, males or females, because you is all one in Jesus.'"

"Then I closed the book and said, 'If you one with Jesus, you one with all kind of folks. And if you ain't, you ain't.'" In other words, get your priorities straight. Jordan asked what happened after that.

"Well," the preacher said, "the deacons took me into the back room, scolded me and told me they didn't want to hear that kind of preaching no more." Jordan asked what he did then.

"I fired them Deacons," the preacher roared.

Then what happened, asked Jordan. "Well," said the old country preacher. "I preached that church down to four members. Not long after that, it grew and grew. And I found out that revival sometimes don't mean bringin' people in but gettin' people out that don't love Jesus."

Costly grace. Sometimes, I think we in the church have made discipleship such a small, trivial thing that we have made belief look easy. There's an old joke about the evangelist who, after preaching a long sermon, gave an altar call. "Come to the altar and give your life to Christ!" He said. No one came.

In frustration, the evangelist said, "Come to the altar, as a way of saying that you love and honor God." No one came.

In even greater frustration, the evangelist appealed to the congregation, "Come to the altar as a way of saying that you want to live a better life." No one came.

Finally, exasperated, "If you love your mother, come down to the altar."

Sometimes, as it says in the book of Hebrews, God's word is sharper than a two-edged sword. God's word cuts us, strikes us, almost kills us with its truth. Yet in that word, in encountering that face, in hearing his call, and in saying "Yes," despite the cost, there is life everlasting.

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

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• 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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Nov. 10 - Friday

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

Nov. 10 - Friday

• All veterans will be honored guests at Southwestern Community College's Veteran's Day Salute 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 10, in the Balsam

Auditorium on the Jackson campus. The program will begin with the presentation of colors by Cherokee American Legion Post 143, followed by the national anthem and the pledge of allegiance led by Cherokee Commander Lewis Harding and the Cherokee Elementary Traditional Singers. T. Walter Middleton of the 803rd Engineer Battalion, B Company, a survivor of the Bataan Death March and a World War II prisoner of war for 3 1/2 years, will talk about his wartime experiences. SCC history instructor Duane Wesolick will collaborate by presenting a program on the Bataan Death March.

Nov. 11 - Saturday

• Wreath & Holiday Decor at The Christmas Tree on the hill with Christina Picklesimer. Call 526-2687 for more information.

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

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

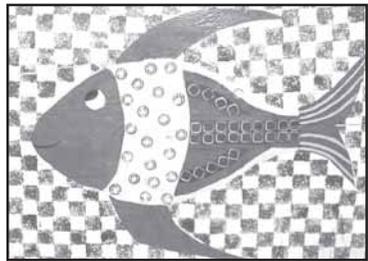
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• Christmas Extravaganza and Yard Sale at Trimont Christian Academy in Franklin. Major fundraiser. Call 342-7654 for information.

Nov. 13 - Monday

• Chamber of Commerce Fall Finale at Highlands Inn.

Nov. 14 - Tuesday

• Discussion of the movie "Chocolat." In this chocolate shop, Vianne begins to create mouth-watering confections that almost magically inspire the straitlaced villagers to abandon themselves to temptation and happiness. A "Two Thumbs Up!" Movie is available at rental stores and on DVD at Hudson Public Library. Coordinator: John Gaston. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

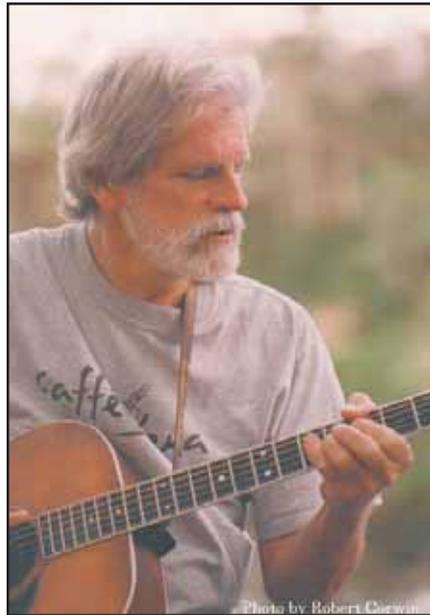
Nov. 16 -- Thursday

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

Nov. 17, 18, 19 - Fri-Sun

• WONDERLAND is the 4th annual all-children's cast production for the North Georgia Community Players. This play is a delightful adaptation of Lewis Carroll's "Through the Looking Glass" and features favorite characters from the "Alice in Wonderland" story. Five

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The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main is the perfect place to enjoy the music of Jack Williams, with its cozy ambiance and complimentary wine. You'll feel as if you're at a private party. The Studio on Main is located at 310 Main Street, Highlands and has ample parking and easy elevator access to its intimate upstairs theatre.

Call 828-342-9197 for tickets today and visit their website at www.InstantTheatre.org to get a preview of holiday events.

performances are scheduled. Show times are Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Saturdays, Nov. 11 and 18 at 7 p.m. and Sundays Nov. 13 & 19 at 3 p.m.

Nov. 18 - Saturday

• Gingerbread House Workshop by Designer Krysti Rogers at The Christmas Tree on the hill. Call 526-3687 for more information.

• Highlands School Alumni Basketball Game in the new gym at 7 p.m. Barbecue Dinner in the gym at 6 p.m. Program to include highschool and middle school and cheerleader introductions plus quarter-time entertainment. Call Brett Lamb at 526-2147 if you want to

play. Call Stephanie McCall at 526-4499 if you want to be a sponsor. The night is free but donations will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the Jack Cabe Endowment and the Highlands School Booster Club.

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

Nov. 19 - Sunday

• Concert at First Presbyterian Church featuring the music department of Western Carolina University at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary

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

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

Nov. 21 - Tuesday

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

• Community Thanksgiving Service is on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Highlands Rec Park/Civic Center. Come for a meal and worship.

Nov. 24 & 25 - Fri. & Sat.

• Sapphire Valley Master Association's Arts and Crafts Fair 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center.

Nov. 24 - Friday

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

Nov. 25 - Saturday

• Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting and Carolling on Main Street in front of 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. 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. 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. 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.

Dec. 2 - Saturday

• 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.

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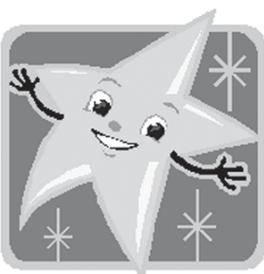
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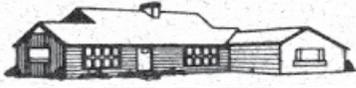
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HOUSEKEEPER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Full-time position. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Experience in hospital cleaning is preferred. Excellent benefit package available after 60 days' employment. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1301 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

COOK AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Full-time, year-round employment; 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., various days of the week. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Competitive salary and full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

DIETARY AIDES AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Full time, 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., various days. Must be able to work weekends and be able to read and speak English. Salary depends on experience. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

CLINICAL LABORATORY TECHNICIAN AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. This full-time position is for 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday, nights. Must have completed two years of college from an approved program in Medical Technology and possess a credential as an M.L.T. from either ASCP or HEW. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1303 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL AND FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER. Experience in management of Housekeeping, Floor Care, and Laundry is preferred as is knowledge of State and Federal regulations. Full benefits available after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1301 or apply online through website, www.hchospital.org.

R.N.S AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Positions open in E.R. and on Acute Care (Med Surge). Full-time, 12-hour shifts available for all days, weekday nights, and weekends. Salary range based on years of experience. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1301.

CNA OR CNA II FOR FIDELIA ECKERD LIVING CENTER AT HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL. Full-time, night shift position for either 32 or 36 hours per week, including every other weekend. Range of pay, depending on number of years' ex-

perience, is \$9.50 to \$11.90 per hour. Weekend and shift differentials. Full benefits after 60 days. Pre-employment substance screening. Call Mandy Talley, 828-526-1303 or apply online at www.hchospital.org.

FOR RENT

HOLIDAY RENTAL – Lake Glenville, 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, stone fireplace, dock, weekly rates. Call 858-354-0057.

CHARMING CABIN — Your own little taste of heaven in a home! 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath cabin for rent in Scaly Mtn. New carpet, appliances, this stone/wood cabin has an awesome view! \$825 per month with a 1 year lease. Chapin Lane location. Call for details today! Won't last long. 423-894-9566.

ONE-BEDROOM GARAGE APARTMENT – close in, for mature single. Sparsely furnished. \$475 plus utilities. 526-5558.

COTTAGE OFF NORTON ROAD — (seasonal or yearly) – 1 bed, 1 bath cottage – great view – quiet location – only 1 mile off of U.S. 64. Close to Highlands and Cashiers. \$700/month. Call Kelsey 404-788-1304.

CUTE 3/BED 2/BATH COTTAGE in Mirror lake for rent. Walk to town. \$1,200 + utilities monthly. Available mid October. Call 770-977-5692

THE CHAMBERS AGENCY, REALTORS HAS YEAR ROUND HOUSING! #1 Two bedroom/one bath upper level apartment just off Main Street. Unfurnished. \$700 per month; \$700 security deposit. All homes require interview, rental application, credit and/or background check. Please come by The Chambers Agency, 401 N. Fifth St. or call 828-526-3717

VACATION RENTAL - Sapphire/Cashiers: 4 bedroom/3 bath, stone FP, all conveniences (plasma TV, PC, good linens, towels, china, satellite). Gated community/club. Lake access, with horses, kayaks, canoes available. Weekly, monthly and long holiday weekends possible. \$900 week, \$3,000/month. 3 day minimum by-the-day/weekend. 770-479-5535 x239 days - Kevin. 770-704-9926 eves.

VACATION RENTAL – The Lodge on Mirror Lake, fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly, monthly, 3-day min. Call 828-342-2302.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

MOTOR COACH SITE – Private, luxury motor coach site available for purchase. Downtown Highlands. Corner of Fifth St. and Chestnut St. Gated, restricted. Call 828-526-5333.

HOME FOR SALE – Classic Country Home between Cashiers and Franklin, near Lake Glenville; 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.

LOTS 21 & 23. A total of 3.65 acres in heart of Pilot Mountain in Cashiers. Mountain views, beautiful hardwoods, sounds of stream echo below. Call for price. (828) 693-9918 or (828) 243-1503.

1/19/07
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.

NEW RETAIL/STORAGE SPACE AVAILABLE. BEST PRICES IN TOWN. — All units individually climate controlled with bathrooms. 1,600sqft secure storage \$950 monthly, no maintenance fees. OR, 2,300 sq. ft. new retail \$1,750 monthly, no maintenance fees. Call (828)526-5296 or (828)421-3161. Limited space.

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.

ADORABLE 3 BR/2 BACOTTAGE with wonderful mountain view. One mile from Main Street. Highlands. \$275,000. By Owner. For Appt. 828-526-1085.

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

ITEMS FOR SALE

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.

NINE OLD DOORS – original paint, 4 and 5 panel, 7 interior, 2 exterior, good condition. All for \$375. Call 526-0498.

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

IKEA STORA LOFT QUEEN BED WITH DESK, BOOKSHELVES & DRAWERS – Solid Pine/Hardware & Instructions Included 63" w x 84" h x 86" l \$400, OBO. 828-524-1172.

4 WINTER COATS – 3 Ladies (size 12) Woolrich (\$15), 2 John Weitz (100% Camel Hair \$30 each), 1 Men's Coat L.L. Bean (lined) \$30. Call 526-5367.

GUITAR AMP CRATE GLX212 w/ 16 built in effects, 3 channels, Free footswitch \$300. dcd1982@aol.com or 526-1536

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).

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KING SIZE WATERBED FRAME – Wood, Lighted pannels and shelves in headboard, under-bed 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. REDUCED price \$550 or OBO. 828-349-3320

1 LADIES 26" BICYCLE. 6-speed, very good condition. \$25.00 828-349-3320

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.

ANTIQUE 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, dramatic 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.

AKC REGISTERED SHELTIES. Sable Merle & Blue Merle. \$300. Call 706-982-9325.

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

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.

VEHICLES FOR SALE

ANTIQUE 1926 MODEL T FORD TOURING CAR – Fully restored. Needs a new starter. Selling for health reasons. \$15,000 but will discount cost of starter and ignition work. Great car and lots of fun. Call Horace Duncan at 526-3760.

2000 PONTIAC MONTANA EXTENDED VAN – Well maintained. Cruise. Electric. \$6,100. Call 342-9475 days, 526-4876 Evenings.

1992 FORD 150 PICK-UP TRUCK – Extended cab, with covered top, 100,000 miles. Cherry condition. \$3,500. Call 526-0539.

1993 CADILLAC 60 SPECIAL – 4-door, DeVille chassis, 4.7 V/8, 16 city/24Hwy. Beautiful Artic white with flawless red leather, ABS Brakes, Air bags, sun roof, Bose CD sound system, new Mich-

elin tires. Two owners, Florida car. Like new. Non smoker. \$4,750. Call 828-787-1563 or cell: 828-200-1563.

2003 DODGE STRATUS – red exterior, gray interior, 30,000 miles, AM/FM cassette, A.C. PW, PS, PB, clean. \$8,000 obo 828-526-3257.

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

WANTED

STACKABLE WASHER/DRYER – Call 421-7922.

UNWANTED ITEMS in good condition for a family of five. please call Tony @ 828-779-1765.

SERVICES

CAREGIVERS/COMPANION PRIVATE CARE – Days or overnight. References. (828) 421-5940 or (828) 399-1749. 11/23

WILL CLEAN HOUSES – Any day EXCEPT Thurs, Fri., and Sunday. Retired school system employee. Call Doris Stamey at 524-3249.

FIVE STAR CLEANING & MAINTENANCE – Light and detail cleaning, concierge services, openings and closings, grocery shopping, personal shopping, personal chef and table service, house repairs, improvements: lighting, plumbing, fixtures, tile, drywall repairs and more. Call 828-332-7201.

D.P. PAINTING & PRESSURE WASHING – Interior and exterior painting. Quality Work. References. In business since 1984. Dennis Perkins. 526-3542 or 371-2277.

YARD WORK & PRESSURE WASHING – Yard and property maintenance. Pressure Washing and odd jobs. Call Bruce at 828-369-3168 or 828 371-2766. 8/18

H & D HOUSE CLEANERS – We're the team for minor cleans. Dishes, bed, floors, & baths. Give us a call 'cause we are the Best!' 706-982-1994 or 706-782-0376

SCOTTS CONSTRUCTION 'ME FIX IT' – Decks, roofs, pressure washing, painting, lawn service, small electrical, floors, carpet cleaning, house cleaning! No job too small. 30 yrs. exp. Call David at 828-369-5886 or 828-347-5051.

C&C CONTRACTING – WE GET IT DONE – **SMALL OR LARGE** – Remodeling, decks, doors, windows or the whole house! Call Art Doughty at 828-508-1360 Workmen's Comp, General Liability, References

HIGHLANDS SHUTTLE SERVICE – Atlanta Airport Shuttle. Drive - Away • Auto Delivery. All Out-of-Town Trips Driving Services. Call 526-8078.

NOTICE

MINI-MEETING: MINI COOPER DRIVERS! Are you interested in being part of the Highlands Christmas parade? If so, come to the Mini Meeting, Friday, Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Fireside Rest.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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

Highlands Township

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

• 0501684, 148 OWL GAP RD, CORRIGAN THOMAS G, 10/20/2006, \$364,000., MORRISON ROBERT A, \$255,700.

• 0538218, LOT 5 THE COTSWOLDS SUBD, B & C MOUNTAIN INVESTMENTS LLC, 10/19/2006, \$485,000., PEARSON L WAYNE, \$294,840.

FIRE & RESCUE REPORT

The following is the Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Nov. 1-7
Nov. 1

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 2

Twice, the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers Fire Department. The call was cancelled en route both times.

Nov. 3

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Log Cabin Lane where the caller had fallen. There was no transport.

Nov. 5

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence at the Cullasaja Club. There was no problem.

Nov. 6

• The dept. responded to a gas detection alarm at a residence Bowery Road. The leak was unfounded.

• The dept. to a mutual aid call to Cashiers which was cancelled.

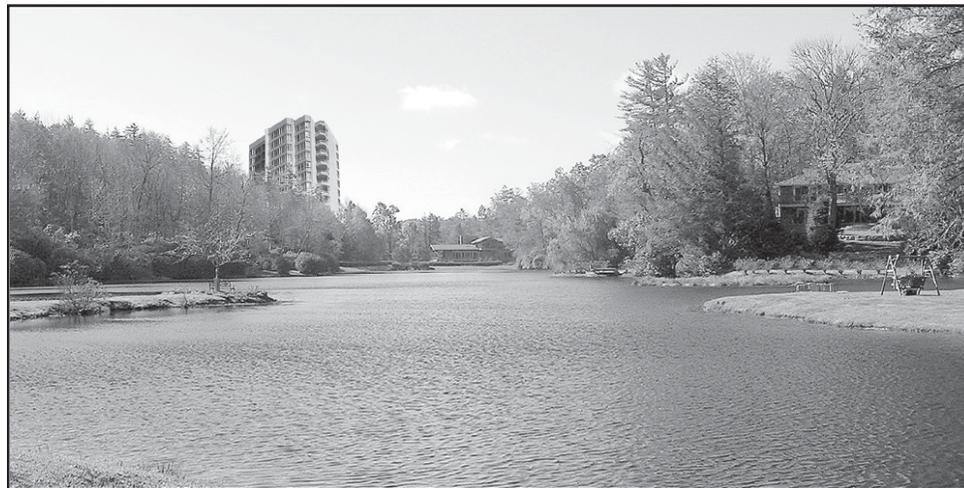
• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence at the Cullasaja Club.

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Chestnut Hill. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 7

• The dept. responded to an accident on the Franklin Road. There were no injuries.

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This composite photo of the proposed high rise condo as the Cold Springs Homeowners Association believes it will look from the Cold Springs community lake off Shortoff Road south of the building site. Wright distributed this and two other composite photos to the commission and the audience at Monday night's meeting.

Such a complex in the midst of Highlands will be a beautiful small-town experience for the owners of the condos, but it will diminish everyone else's experience."

The final speaker, Bob Wright, representing the Cold Springs Property Association whose views would be dominated by the high-rise should it be built, said the state's ridge law, initiated by the condo that grew in Banner Elk, N.C., offers no protection here. Nor will the N.C. Department of Insurance and fire marshal offer help, he said.

"As long as everything is up to code and meets their building specs they don't stop development. It's up to the local representatives," he said. "We're not asking to restrict the developer's rights; we're just ask-

ing him to be reasonable and to keep the structure below the tree-line. This is a wake-up call. When Macon County planners worked up the high-impact ordinance, they never dreamed this could happen. It was clearly an oversight but it's easily fixed. Please help us fix it."

Use of the 19 acres on U.S. 64 east is under scrutiny by the courts. The Davids, the original sellers, want restrictive residential covenants for a single-family housing development to follow the land, but their buyer has since sold the property to a developer from Florida who initially proposed a 10-story condominium on the site.

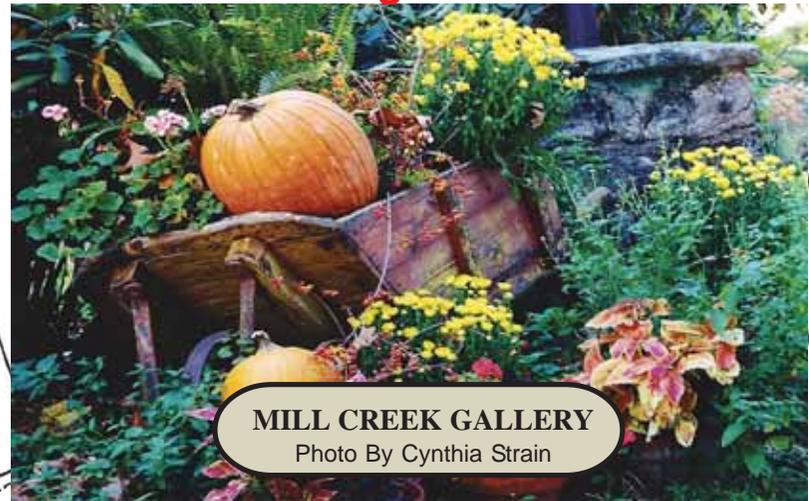
The courts recently ruled in the David's favor, suggesting they could go to a jury trial for a final decision.

10 CYPRUS **26 Skyline's Loose Moose** **SweetTreats 28**
Instant Theatre NIGHT LIFE **Fressers 12**
30 Wolfgang's **On The Verandah 20** **Wine Garden 17**

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| LODGING | REAL ESTATE | BOUTIQUES | ANTIQUES |
| 01) Main Street Inn | 31) Buyer's Realty | 60) AnnaWear | 90) Elephants Foot |
| 02) Mitchell's Lodge | 32) Century 21 | 61) Bungalow Boutique | 91) Mirror Lake Antiques |
| 03) Mtn High Lodge | 33) Chambers Agency | 62) Cabin Casuals | 92) |
| 04) Old Edwards Inn | 34) Country Club Prop. | 63) | 93) Shiraz Oriental Rugs |
| 05) Skyline Lodge | 35) Houston Realty | 64) Coolcats Hotdogs | ART GALLERIES |
| 06) The Lodge | 36) John Cleaveland | 65) Jolies | 95) Hubert Shuptrine |
| DINING | 37) John Schiffl | 66) | 96) John Collette |
| 07) Brick Oven | 38) Keller Williams | 67) | 97) Mill Creek Gallery |
| 08) Bucks Cafe | 39) Meadows Mtn. | 68) | 98) Robert Tino |
| 09) Cafe 460 | 40) | 69) Nancy's Fancys | 99) The Very Thing |
| 10) Cyprus | HOME DECOR | 70) Shops of O.E.I. | SERVICES |
| 11) Don Leon's | 41) Acorns | 71) The Exchange | 100) ComputerMan |
| 12) Fressers | 42) Black Bear Furn. | 72) Village Kids | 111) Curves Fitness |
| 14) Hill-Top Grill | 43) Custom Coverings | 73) Vivace | 112) Drug Stores |
| 15) Lakeside | 44) Dry Sink | 74) Wits End | 114) Dry Cleaners |
| 16) Golden China | 45) Highlands Cabinet | JEWELRY | 115) Highlands Office |
| 17) Madison's | 46) Highlands Decorat. | 75) Drakes Diamonds | 116) Jack Mayer |
| 18) Main Street Inn | 47) Old Rangoon | 76) Highlands Gem | 117) Nantahala Tire |
| 19) Nick's Restaurant | 48) Radio Shack | 77) Highlands Fine Art | 118) Zek Sossoman |
| 20) On The Verandah | 49) Summer House | 78) Kent Ltd | 119) Woodworks |
| 21) Pescado's | 50) Twigs | 79) Silver Eagle | OUTFITTERS |
| 22) Pizza Place | 51) Wholesale Down | BEAUTY & SPA | 120) Bear Mountain |
| 23) Rib Shack | GIFTS | 80) #1 Nails | |
| 24) Ristorante Paoletti | 52) Bird Barn | 81) All Seasons Salon | |
| 25) Rosewood Market | 53) Christmas Tree | 82) Creative Concepts | |
| 26) Skyline Restaurant | 54) Grinning Frog | 83) Images Salon/Spa | |
| 27) SportsPage | 55) Needle Point | 84) Mountain Magic | |
| 28) SweetTreats Cafe | 56) Shakespears | 85) Pro Nails | |
| 29) Fressers Express | 57) Speckled Hen | 86) Taylor Barns Salon | |
| 30) Wolfgang's | 58) The Hen House | 87) The Very Thing | |

Highlands Map

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MILL CREEK GALLERY
Photo By Cynthia Strain

Mountain Fresh Foods



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Map Labels and Features:

- Restaurants & Dining:** SweetTreats, Brick Oven, Bucks Cafe, Fressers, On The Verandah, Wolfgang's, Paoletti's, Wine Spectator, Rib Shack, Lakeside Restaurant, The Lodge, The Bird Barn.
- Galleries & Art:** Mill Creek Gallery, Hudson Library Bascom-Louise Gallery, Paoletti's, Wine Spectator.
- Shops & Services:** Mountain Fresh Foods, The Bird Barn (Large grouping of birding products 10% to 70% Off), Computer Man, The Connection, Golden China, Brysons Foods, Subway, Highlands Office, Car Spa, The Very Thing, Art Gallery & Beauty Salon.
- Real Estate & Home Services:** Skyline Lodge, Mtn High Lodge, Don Leon, Regions Bank, Macon Bank, Rest Rooms, PlayHouse, Police, ABC, Town Hall, Village Sq, Paoletti's, Wine Spectator, Old Edwards Inn & Spa, Presbyterians, Child Care, The Lodge, Rib Shack, Cleaners, Highlands Chiropractic, Northland Cable, Highlands School.
- Other Landmarks:** Civic Center, Performing Arts Center, Community Players, Chamber Music Festival, Madison's, Mt Brook, Mt Fresh Foods, Falls on Main, Cabin Casuals, Century 21, Radio Shack, Wine & Cheese, Creative Concepts, Lakeside Restaurant, Wine Spectator, Peggy Crosby Ctr, Harris Lake, Satulah Village.
- Streets & Highways:** Main St, Church St, Spring St, Oak St, Pine St, Maple St, Chestnut St, Laurel St, Spruce St, South St, Highway 106 (Dillard Rd), Highway 28, Hwy 106, Hwy 28, 1st St, 2nd St, 3rd St, 4th St, Leonard Rd, Franklin Rd, W. Main St.