Old Edwards Inn & Spa engineer Bronce Pesterfield had hoped the Oct. 18 Town Board meeting would be the start of a lengthy discussion concerning a conditional zoning request on U.S. 64 east. Instead OEI’s request was flat out denied.

“There’s no point in sending it on to the Planning Board because we already know the vote will be four against and three for it,” said Commissioner Alan Marsh. “I say we just deny it.” The 4.22-acre tract is split-zoned, like the Werder property across the street at Hickory and U.S. 64. The tract that initiated the conditional zoning concept in Highlands.

The front part is zoned B4 and the back part, which about the Pinecrest subdivision, is zoned R2.

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Crisp property rezoning OK’d again

Citizens both for and against R3 Conditional Use Zoning of the 4.4 acres on Harris Lake spoke during the public hearing session at the Oct. 18 Town Board meeting.

Though the board voted 3-2 to accept developer Bill Nellis’ plan several meetings ago, a public hearing about the zoning change never took place, so it was held prior to the Oct. 18 meeting and the vote retaken.

The voted didn’t change Commissioners Dennis DeWolf, Hank Ross and Herb James voted in favor of the project. Commissioners Amy Patterson and Alan Marsh voted against it.

During the public hearing session, David Wilkes, president of Trillium Place Homeowners Association, asked the board to solve the town’s stormwater run-off problems before allowing a development in the vicinity that might contribute more run-off to the area.

“Development on Satulah, at the gymnasium at the school and the filling of the wetlands around Harris Lake for a subdivision have all contributed to the growing stormwater run-off problem around Trillium,” he said. “Resolve that before you load up the cart and affect people downstream with more run-off.”

Bob Harrell said he and his wife opposed the project on the grounds that multi-family project will drive down the value of the single-family home they plan to build in the subdivision across from the Crisp property.

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RiverWalk not paying citations

In a closed session at the Wednesday Oct. 11 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted not to pursue RiverWalk’s appeal of citations issued by the town on the grounds that it would be too costly to contest.

The citations for $500 each were issued by Watershed Administrator Larry Gantenbein when silt from the development left the property. Though seven citations have been issued since the project started some months ago, to date only the first three are being contested. The three citations under appeal are valued at $1,500.

See RIVERWALK page 17

County’s purchase explained

Recent emails to the county attorney and articles in the media allege something is awry concerning the county’s purchase of property near the county recreational facility on Buck Creek Road in Highlands.

About two months ago, county commissioners voted to purchase 1.73 acres on Zachary Lane near the county fields. Macon County Commission Chairman Allan Bryson said owners of the property, Morris and Cindy Reed, approached the county about purchasing the land.

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Highlander Pride...Get It!

That’s the cry at Highlands School as the new administration helps bring “Highlander Pride” back to the school. Coach Brett Lamb, pictured with Assistant Principal Terry Bradley, says “we’re really headed in the right direction.”

A statement that is becoming more popular among the Highlanders and their supporters is “Highlander Pride—Get It!” School spirit is being expressed through new spirit items sold through the Booster Club.

Bradley says that “the students are really gaining pride in the school.”

“Fourteen blue and gold HS have been painted on the streets leading to the school by Sally Taylor’s high school art class. Bradley thinks they’re awesome.” Principal Brian Jetter said “It’s a way of extending our pride right out into the streets.”

Photo & story by Marlee McCall
Dear Editor,

I was recently confronted with a current TV commercial run by U.S. Rep. Charles Taylor, which stated that Heath Shuler “was sued for illegally dumping directly into a stream.” Mr. Taylor bases his opinion on a lawsuit that is currently pending in Knox County, Tenn. The commercial even flashes a copy of the complaint that was filed in the lawsuit, which I personally drafted, but the ad does not allow us to see what the complaint actually says.

As the attorney representing the plaintiff in that case and the attorney who wrote the complaint that Mr. Taylor uses in his commercial, I am deeply disappointed in Mr. Taylor. That a man of Mr. Taylor’s position in this country can be so completely dishonest or so proudly ignorant as to believe that the complaint in question makes the accusations that he states in his commercial should raise grave alarm.

Mr. Taylor’s accusations are simply false.

First, the allegations of the complaint were drafted in plain English, not in “legalese.” Unfortunately, Mr. Taylor’s ad does not show the voters the language of the complaint. Anyone who can read should immediately see that the complaint does not name Heath Shuler, nor does it contain any allegations against Mr. Shuler.

Second, the lawsuit is not a lawsuit for “illegally dumping directly in a stream.” The lawsuit is a breach of contract claim by a homeowner against a private seller, and a breach of warranty claim against several other people who helped in the sale, none of whom are Heath Shuler.

The statements made by Mr. Taylor regarding the lawsuit are false. Where he expects voters to rely on them, they are even worse: they are defamatory. Mr. Taylor’s statements presume the ignorance and worse, insult the intelligence and expect the apathy of his constituents. I am deeply disappointed that a member of Congress would stoop to such a level in his effort to remain in public office.

Robin S. Kuykendall
Attorney at Law
Knoxville, Tenn.

Parking regulations must be fair to all

Dear Editor,

In light of the $130,000 that it cost us to add (lakefront) parking required by the Town of Highlands 15 years after …on the Verandah was first granted a permit in 1981, we concur with the Mouschouris and Lard letter to the editor in the October 12th edition of Highlands’ Newspaper regarding restaurant parking.

Marta & Alan Figel
Marlene Alvarez & Andrew Figel
…on the Verandah

Remember…drinking and driving is illegal

Dear Editor,

As we start into the holiday seasons, I would like to take a moment to wish everyone safe and festive seasons.

It is often taken for granted how our actions are viewed by others, and that they speak louder than words. Although, our words certainly can speak volumes.

Remember to be caring, compassionate, and mindful of others. It is often taken for granted how our actions are interpreted and often send the wrong message, but are illegal in our beautiful state and town.

I hope by taking the liberty to provide you with some information to help safeguard our quality of life, we will strive to make informed, responsible decisions during these seasons. Thank you and may we all have very safe and joyous holiday.

See a list of related illegal offenses listed on page 30.

Bill Harrell
Highlands Police Chief

Time for change in NC

Dear Editor,

Every time we watch the news we see oil prices going up or down, questions about where the real estate market is headed, etc. One of the major parts of the

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definite kudos go to all the volunteers who have worked so hard at the Highlands School to put up a state-of-the-art playground for the young children at the school.

Many months have been spent on this project which included getting the playground ready, collecting all the necessary supplies and then putting up the equipment for the kids to enjoy. Many people of the Highlands area have donated their time, money and talents to make this important project possible.

Community volunteer efforts are very important to our success as a free and independent society, and the people of Highlands are best when we work cooperatively together to accomplish our goals. The entire community thanks those who worked so hard in this effort.

Our discussions within the community regarding affordable housing has aroused attention not only locally but also within the federal government. In most towns in our country this is attracting increasing attention. Just this past week I talked with a representative of the rural division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture for western North Carolina and she will be coming to Highlands next month to help us attempt to develop a plan to help people who work in Highlands to live in Highlands. Federal money is available for this purpose. A community that is not diverse cannot exist for long in spite of the wealth of the community as a whole. I am also talking with mayors and community leaders from other towns to get new ideas. Let us hope that we can begin to solve this problem for this area which we all love so dearly.

Letters went out this week to the people on Hickory Hill Road stating the importance of paving their road. It is a primary source of the silt in our water supply source, Big Creek, and it is of utmost urgency that, when the residents get this request for rights of way from the N. C. Department of Transportation, they send them back promptly with a positive answer.

We have many state roads in our town and NC DOT has agreed to pave them all at no cost to us if they can just get the rights-of-way. Our water supply is threatened more and more every day.

Signups for MC Girls Basketball through Oct. 21

Applications are available at the Highlands Civic Center. The cost is $30. A copy of your birth certificate is required.

The league includes those ages seven to 18 (Must be seven by Oct. 15). A minimum of 8 players must sign up to form a team. Anyone interested in coaching please contact Michelle Munger.

Leagues will exist in each age category where there are enough teams to play. Remember, the final day to register is Oct. 21.

For more information call Michelle Munger at 526-8029 or 342-3551.

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Elk thrive in Cataloochee Valley

By Susanna Forrester

Elk are back in Cataloochee Valley! The valley has a rich history that can still be seen today. A church, a school, a barn, and a house are still standing — left behind by the settlers who called Cataloochee home. Visitors can tour these buildings unsupervised, and get a taste for life in the early part of the 20th century. The Caldwell house, which sits off the main road, was built in 1906 by Hiram Caldwell.

Three cemeteries are also located in the valley and offer a wealth of history about the inhabitants that lived and died here. The graves are testimony to the difficulties settlers faced — many of them are young children. They are marked by small signs along the main road. If you are willing to venture off the beaten path Little Cataloochee Trail offers four other homes that can be toured. All the homes in the valley were occupied until the 1930s when the Park purchased the land.

To reach Cataloochee Valley take Cove Creek Road. If you are on interstate I-40, exit at North Carolina exit 20 and travel 0.2 miles on route 276. Then turn right onto Cove Creek Road and follow the signs 11 miles into Cataloochee Valley. The valley is 39 miles from Cherokee, and 65 miles from Gatlinburg, TN.

No matter how far you are from Cataloochee the trip is well worth it. The drive is beautiful, the valley is educational, and the elk are unbelievable. If you get a chance this fall, don’t forget to schedule a visit to this glimpse into our Appalachian legacy.
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It was a dark and stormy night during an era that was the best of times and the worst of times. (Is that good, or what?) Sheets of rain danced across my windshield like hundreds of tourists scrambling for their cars to beat the two-hour deadline and get out of Highlands and go shop in Cashiers. Like angry citizens flooding a town board meeting to protest the insanity. Like...well, you get the idea.

My wipers were running full blast and I still couldn't see the road ahead. I turned my squad car onto Euclid Ave. just as lightning lit up the night sky. There, in the distance, I spotted two figures standing in the middle of the street, and then they disappeared in the darkness. I approached slowly, staring into the darkness.

Seeing nothing, I stopped my car, waiting for another bolt of lightning to improve my vision. Seconds later the sky lit up again and I could now see one of the figures had a gun. I reached for the microphone and called for backup. With a hurricane approaching, I was not surprised to learn help would not arrive soon. I pulled my gun from its holster and laid it next to me.

I slowly inched forward until my headlights lit up the two figures standing in the street. A black male, dressed in a muscle shirt, was pointing a gun directly at my car. His greasy dreadlocks glistened in my headlights. Wrapped around his left arm and pulled tightly to his chest was a defenseless old lady. She was crying and when she saw my squad car, she called out, "Officer, please help me!"

I knew with my lights shining in his eyes he could see little. I quietly opened my car door and slid from the seat, gun in hand. I stood and pointed my weapon at the perpetrator's head, using the top of the car door to steady my aim.

The man screamed out obscenities and told me to drop my gun or he...

Fred Wooldridge
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I once wrote in these pages that a revolution could never happen in America, but the situation has so deteriorated in this country as of October 1st that it may take a revolt of some kind to make things right. Perhaps the election in November will rally enough voters to throw the Republicans out. If not, we are facing a concrete symptom of the nascent fascism I've been warning about.

Those who get most of their news from television or the supine press may wonder what in the world I'm talking about. In the last days before the Congressional recess, before our esteemed representatives and senators set aside their duties to go home and face the voters, Congress passed what "The Times" called the worst law since the Alien and Sedition Acts of 1798.

For all of you who may have aged a bit since high school history class, here is a little memory aid: The Acts were initiated by the Federalists as incipient war with France threatened the newborn American republic. They gave the President authority to deport any alien "dangerous to the peace and safety of the United States." The requirement for residence before qualifying for citizenship was raised from five years to 14. But the most pernicious of the laws, the Sedition Act, declared that any "treasonable" activity, including the publication of "any false, scandalous and malicious writing" was punishable by fines and imprisonment.

It was obvious to all that these Acts were meant to muzzle critics of the Federalist Party, and to grant basically unconstitutional powers to the executive branch, effectively to the President. The citizenry responded with outrage, and it led to the election of Thomas Jefferson to the Presidency in 1800 as the anti-Federalist Republican candidate, and the expiration of the Acts in 1801.

Which brings me to the present. The first thing you should know is that three usually decent Republican senators, John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and John Warner, caved in to the President after failing to achieve a compromise on a draconic "anti-terrorism" bill. That McCain, who had suffered brutal treatment as a POW in North Vietnam, could be intimidated by this draft-dodging President seems inconceivable to me, but it has happened. It is one of many recent accommodations made by McCain to the radical right in the hope of securing the Republican nomination in 2008, but it disqualifies him, as far as I am concerned, of governing as a man of principle (not that he cares what I think).

The second factor is that the Republicans didn't care all that much... See REDMOUNTAIN page 11
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Basic humanitarian needs now ‘in’

I guess I’ll never understand the third world. Madonna, one of a handful of celebrities who need only a first name, has adopted a one-year-old boy from Malawi in sub-Saharan Africa. It would seem a wonderful thing for the pop star and her filmmaker husband to do. She has also pledged $3 million to the country which has been racked by an all too common combination of poverty, illness, and in all probability, corruption at every level.

Malawi has a law which forbids adoption of her citizens by “nonresidents.” To satisfy the law, Madonna would have been required to live in Malawi for 18 months before adopting little David Banda. She was granted a waiver from the seemingly absurd law and has been awarded custody of the little boy. Why, one wonders, are governments willing to keep their orphan children in orphanages?

Good for her and good for humanitarians like her. Many in the international relief community are far less accepting of a wave of celebrity adoptions that have swept Africa. Of course, her action and theirs, raises awareness of the plight of Africa. Malawi in an impoverished country of 13 million with an orphan population of 900,000.

There seems more that a single serving of sour grapes among those who would criticize Madonna and her ilk. Perhaps aid workers, who have labored in obscurity in under-funded efforts are simply jealous of Madonna and the publicity she brings to the crisis and to herself. They argue that this interest in Africa is a passing fancy, the cause du jour for wealthy, bleeding heart liberals.

And what if that is true? What if the out pouring of sympathy and support withers in coming months and years and... See ANOTHER VIEW page 36

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would kill the woman. “This is the police, drop your weapon and release the woman,” I shouted. With that, he fired. The bullet entered my windshield and lodged in the driver’s seat. “Drop your weapon or I will kill you,” I ordered.

The perpetrator realized by the sound of my voice I was no longer behind the wheel. Still blinded, he pointed his weapon toward me and opened fire. I could hear the bullets striking my car door. I fired back. My first round went into the woman’s chest just below her heart and the second went into her shoulder. My third and fourth rounds hit the bad guy in the neck and head. The two figures fell dead to the pavement.

The lights went on in the training room and my vision went blank. I pulled the oversized helmet from my head and smiled at the instructor. “You killed the little old lady, Wooldridge. Aren’t you glad you’re retired? Otherwise, you would be headed for the Grand Jury.” I had just flunked the department’s virtual reality “shoot, don’t shoot” training exercise.

“You pulled a typical rookie stunt. For starters, your car window is not bullet proof. When you stood, you exposed your entire mid-section to the bad guy. Further, when you heard the bullets hitting your car door, you panicked, jerked your weapon as you fired, pulling the barrel toward the woman’s chest. How long have you been gone now, Major?” I laid the electronic weapon on the table and smiled sheepishly, “Seventeen years. I obviously have forgotten a lot.”

The episode was a quick reminder of what I have always known. An armed citizenry can be a scary thing. Folks buy guns and, if we’re lucky, they go to a firing range once to familiarize themselves with it. What they don’t realize is that it will never be like that if they ever have to use the weapon for defense.

There is the incredible tension, possible rain, darkness, the terrible sense of urgency, the adrenaline flow, the fear of being killed and your heart racing at 140 beats per minute. You also may be out of breath from running. Now try to hit your target.

Or you can do as I do and keep away from guns. There is nothing more dangerous than an out of shape, untrained, retired police officer with a gun who thinks he is still skilled.

• Don’t forget to buy Fred’s new book “I’m Moving Back to Mars” at your local book store.

My husband of 13 years is a Pro-Life Christian and a man of honor and integrity. He has always been willing to go above and beyond the call of duty to protect his fellow citizens. His record of outstanding service began long before he was elected Sheriff. This is evident from his instrumental role in the passage of the Infant Homicide Prevention Act and his record of convictions as a detective. His exemplary service has continued throughout his tenure as your Sheriff. Robby is one public official who is quick to acknowledge that he is first a public servant. I ask that you join me in supporting Our Sheriff, my husband, Robby Holland in his re-election campaign for Sheriff of Macon County and keep our Sheriff’s Office moving in the right direction. Thank you and God Bless,

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“AB” Logan Schmitt
“AB” Cody St. Germain

8th Grade

“A” Emily Murphy
“A” Danielle Shomper
“AB” Copeland Hardin
“AB” Kaitlin Lewis
“AB” Stephanie Smart
“AB” Kim Machuca

9th Grade

“A” Amanda Bruce
“A” Brice Jenkins
“A” Beverly Nix
“A” Kate Parks

10th Grade

“AB” Tiffany Billingsley
“AB” Bessie Chambers
“AB” Ashley Dickey
“AB” Katie Durham
“AB” Amanda Fuller
“AB” Sarah Hedden
“AB” Shelby Johnson
“AB” Will Mathiowdis

11th Grade

“A” Casey Jenkins
“A” Michael Nix
“A” Luke McClellan
“AB” Alex Hedden
“AB” Carolyn Hornsby
“AB” Matt McClellan
“AB” Taylor Parish
“AB” Marisol Ruiz
“AB” Griselda Sanchez-Velasco

12th Grade

“A” Jessica Dryman
“A” Kyle Lassiter
“A” Taylor Stinson
“AB” Andrew Billingsley
“AB” Will Edwards
“AB” Thomas Forrester
“AB” Michael Grabe
“AB” Katie Pierce
“AB” Greg Porter
“AB” Sally Wheeler

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“AB” Sarah Bates
“AB” Jacob Bowers
“A” Brittny Dryman
“AB” Amanda
“A” Lucy Herz
“Chambers
“A” Chase Jenkins
“AB” John Hodges
“A” Pamela Potts
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“A” Allison Winn
“AB” Arthur Reynolds
“AB” Becca Ashburn
“Potts
“AB” Jason Aspinwall
“AB” Sara Vanderbilt
for Bush’s bill, but wanted to bring up a proposal that they could use during the coming election to vilify any Democrat who voted against it as being “soft on terror.” Enough Democrats fell for this ploy so that it easily carried both chambers of Congress (shades of Karl Rove’s familiar tactics.)

As for the law itself, as reported in the New York Times: (1) enemy combatants, however the President chooses to define the term, can be summarily arrested, detained indefinitely, and have no right of appeal; (2) the Geneva Convention would not apply, and the President could decide what methods of interrogation were permissible; (3) Detainees in U.S. military prisons would have no right to challenge their detentions. This means an abandonment of the writ of habeas corpus, a major legal principle of every democracy; (4) the courts would have no power to review any aspect of this new system; (5) All the President would have to do is lock up forever anyone defined as an enemy combatant, and no court could reverse that action; (6) coerced evidence could be used in court; (7) there would be scant protection against the use of secret evidence; (8) the definition of torture is extremely narrow, and allows for many acts that would be offensive to mainstream Americans.

That is what we are up against. Today these actions are employed against “enemy combatants,” whoever they are. Tomorrow they could be used on your neighbor, or you, or anyone the government wanted to put away.

It will be sold to the American people as a crucial measure to fight terrorism and increase our security. I remind you of what Ben Franklin said: “Those who would trade liberty for security will soon end up with neither.” Smart old almanac writer.

On Oct. 9, Lynn Kimball hosted in her home a “meet the candidate” cocktail and hors d’oeuvre reception, for Highlands and Cashiers residents to meet Ken McKim, who is running for the NC State Senate. McKim is a Highlands resident.
Pesterfield requested the tract be rezoned R2 conditional.

OEI wants to build 17 two-story, single-family, detached cottages ranging from 1,580 sq. ft. to 2,099 sq. ft. on the property situated around a one-way loop road entering and exiting on U.S. 64 east.

Though 12 homeowners of the abutting Pinecrest subdivision signed a petition in favor of the project, Larry Austin and his wife, who own the home at the end of a long driveway in the middle of the project, said they were opposed to the idea.

“The Austins contend that they own the driveway and that OEI is using it to determine its overall acreage for built-upon purposes. “If that’s the case, you don’t have 4.22 acres,” he said. They also said with current traffic conditions on U.S. 64, they have trouble getting out of their driveway now and can’t imagine how it would be with cars from 17 homes added to the scenario.

Pesterfield said the driveway right-of-way issue as well as other concerns would be addressed and discussed at length; that the purpose of coming to the board was just to get the discussion going.

Commissioner Amy Patterson, who has no bones about the fact that she is against increased density in town, said the project doesn’t match the town’s definition of conditional zoning. “What condition would we be getting out of this?”

Commissioner Hank Ross said two homes per acre would be OK with him, not four as requested.

Georgia Sanders, representative of the Pinecrest subdivision, said everyone on the petition would rather this project than a commercial project. “We don’t need anymore commercial buildings and we sure don’t want one in our neighborhood,” she said.

Commissioner Patterson said B4 commercial projects are “light commercial” like lawyer offices. She also said citizens shouldn’t be telling the board what zones it should have.
Motorcyclists ‘Tail of the Dragon’ threatened by I-3

The Stop I-3 Coalition announces two motorcycle rallies on Saturday, Oct. 28, to alert all residents of South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee to a proposed new interstate highway and to educate bikers to the threat it poses to “The Tail of the Dragon,” one of the premier mountain motorcycle routes in the Southeast.

Kick-off rally. 10 a.m. Tugaloo State Park, Lavonia, Ga. Riders depart on their own, 11:30 a.m.

Rally at the finish of the run, around 4 p.m. Fontana Village Resort, Fontana Dam, North Carolina, just minutes away from the “Tail of the Dragon” on U.S. 129.

Riders are invited and encouraged to get additional information and to pre-register at www.stopi-3.org, or by contacting Sandy Lyndon at sandy@bbinc.org or at (706) 754-0046.

The proposed interstate at issue would run from Savannah to Augusta, and through the mountains from there to Oak Ridge, Tenn., almost inevitably ruining the 11-mile stretch of “The Dragon” (U.S. 129) that begins at Deal’s Gap on the Georgia-Tennessee line.

The Stop I-3 Coalition represents a confederation of residents and organizations dedicated to stopping an unneeded interstate or any similar highway that it believes would do irreparable harm to mountain economies, forests, farms, and streams, and to rural qualities of life rooted in a strong sense of place.

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economic problem however is usually ignored. The average American supports four separate governments with an incredible appetite for money and power! We have the federal, state, county and city governments all demanding more taxes from us. They all think a percent here or one-half percent there won’t hurt anyone. However, if all of them have only a one percent increase, it translates into four percent for most of us.

There is some protection for the taxpayer at the federal and state levels in that they can only take a certain percentage of your income. However, the county and city governments can take your entire income plus in property taxes. They set the value of your property and the property tax rate without any regard for income. There has to be a better way.

What they don’t get in property taxes they get from “fees” they have been allowed to attach to everything.

Who is responsible in North Carolina for high property evaluations, high property tax, one of the highest gas taxes in the nation, illegal immigration, forced annexation, extra territorial jurisdiction, the lottery, medical malpractice suits or anything else you may dislike or like? It is the North Carolina legislature that has been controlled by the Democrats for the last 100 years.

What happened to “the party of the people?” They will say that property taxes are the responsibility of the county and city governments, but ask them what the Machinery Act of North Carolina is and what it’s purpose is. It is time to over haul the Machinery Act to reflect the times and to provide some protection for North Carolina taxpayers who are being forced from their land and homes by property evaluation and property taxes. We can’t survive bigger governments and a failing economy at the same time.

Harold Neely
Highlands

Award recipients needed

The Highlands Advisory Board to the Honors College at Western Carolina University is seeking people who have won distinguished scholarships like the Rhodes, Truman, Fulbright, or Goldwater awards to act as mentors to WCU students who are applying for such awards.

“People with experience with major scholarships and awards can give invaluable advice to students who are preparing applications,” said Dr. Brian Railsback, dean of the Honors College. “With the board’s help students can become more competitive for these awards.”

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after relatives said they didn’t want it, said Bryson.

“All the property we bought for the recreation facility on Buck Creek Road was Zachary family land,” said Bryson. “The same is for this. It’s all the same family, in the same vicinity and is part of the overall plan for the facility.”

Bryson said since its inception in 1999, commissioners have agreed that the 4.5-acre facility would have to be expanded someday to accommodate future activities.

Bryson said the 1.73-acre Reed tract isn’t contiguous to Zachary Field, the name dubbed the Buck Creek Facility, but the county hopes to purchase two other lots of a similar size next to the 1.73-acre tract which would make the entire “parcel” contiguous to Zachary Field.

“This would give us a 5.5-acre increase to the current complex which we need,” said Bryson. “If we don’t do it now, we may never have a chance to expand the park to accommodate our kids over the next 50 years.”

He said the Zachary family has told him that they want their land to be used for the kids of Highlands and the county far into the future.

Bryson said with the county’s social services and the free clinic using the Zachary Field facility plus with the tournaments that take place at the complex, there is a great need for more parking.

Though the 1.73-acre parcel wasn’t appraised prior to the purchase, Bryson said the county entered into a “negotiated agreement” with the Reeds for the tract “just as it did with the Zacharys for the original tract back in 1999.”

The original asking price for the Reed tract was $225,000. The county bought the land for $150,000. Cindy Reed is a part-time employee of Bryson’s Outdoor Tool but County Attorney Rick Moorefield said that didn’t represent a legal conflict of interest.

A group of half-acre lots near the corner of Buck Creek Road and U.S. 64 east is currently on the market for $149,000 per ½-acre. “We got three times that for the same price,” said Bryson.

Before commissioners voted to purchase the Reed property, Commissioner Charlie Leatherman and Bob Simpson walked the property. Bryson said this wasn’t just “his doing.”

In 1999, the county purchased 3 ½ acres from the Zachary family for $225,000 and soon after purchased two more ½-acre lots from the family for $50,000 each, which put together the 4.5 acres needed for today’s Zachary Field.

The recent acquisition and subsequent acquisition of two more parcels will put the Buck Creek recreational facility close to 10 acres.

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Chuck and Wanda Cooper, owners of a large home on Harris Lake in the Harrell’s subdivision, said they would much prefer nine single-family homes to the multi-family concept. “We’re concerned about the parking of all the cars,” said Cooper.

Owner of the property, Beth Crisp said over the years her family has stood by and watched as homes, subdivisions, even the original hospital went up around them and never said a word. “When the Coopers built their home in front of my mother’s house, we never said a word and we never complained,” she said. “We feel the condominium project is the lesser of two evils because Mr. Nellis is going to leave much of the native plantings and trees. If nine houses, the size of Mr. Cooper’s are built, there wouldn’t be any greenspace left.”

Neighbor Dennis Sticka spoke in favor of the four-building, 14-unit condominium project.

“It’s wonderful having someone with a tract record and who understands the importance of blending in with the downtown areas and developing a true town atmosphere with trails that go someplace and greenspace that will remain open,” he said.

Nellis promised to incorporate state-of-the-art storm-water controls including down spouts from the roof gutters that will go underground and channel to a bio-detention pond which will stop velocity and allow for slow percolation. He said the roads are being designed to handle a 25-year storm event with run-off also channeled into bio-detection ponds.

Commissioner DeWolf said he didn’t think it would be fair for the town to keep someone from developing due to storm-water run-off problems at some other site. “I don’t feel he should pay the penalty for the lack of attention to storm-water run-off at adjacent projects.”

He also said the proposed project is well-designed and will offer a residential buffer amongst a commercial area. “The buildings will be placed at the rear of the property, not encroaching on the lakefrontage. This leaves more open space,” he said. “What appeals to me most is the high degree of sensitivity to the conditional use zoning requests we have put in place. I just feel it’s a good project.”

Alan Marsh reiterated what he said in the past. That the members of the Planning Board who live inside the town voted against the project each time because it didn’t meet the land use plan as they see it.

Hillrie Quinn with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust asked that the town put into the record that the park within the project be deeded to the town and maintenance agreements be clearly understood between Nellis and the town. Nellis is agreed to deed one of the tracts he bought from the hospital to satisfy built-upon percentage requirements to the Land Trust. Quinn wanted that in the record, too.
The perennial stream running across the RiverWalk subdivision and onto the Daughtrey property runs brown each time a “normal” Highlands rain takes place. This shot was taken during Monday’s morning rain. This photo was taken from the Daughtrey’s porch. Photo by Kim Lewicki

Attorney for RiverWalk Billy Clarke is appealing the citations on the grounds that they were issued in an arbitrary and capacious manner. Allegedly, new verbiage required by the state to appear on the citations, wasn’t on the first three forms “It’s on the form now,” said Gantenbein. The verbiage basically states that parties have the right to appeal citations.

So far, the last four of the seven citations aren’t being appealed, nor are the town’s notices of violation or the stop-work order issued RiverWalk, LLC, the second week in September, said Gantenbein.

Meanwhile Town Attorney Bill Coward has drafted a new soil erosion ordinance based on a model act by the state. “It’s stronger, better and easier to understand,” said Coward. “The board is very interested and concerned about protecting our streams.”

Currently, RiverWalk developers are allowed to do whatever work necessary to upgrade the soil and erosion sedimentation plan but that’s all. Once the plan is upgraded, implemented and matches what’s on paper, development can begin again.

They are implementing McGill & Associates upgraded erosion plan which includes two permanent retention ponds. The rim of each pond is concrete, allegedly costing $35,000 per pond, the bottom is dirt, “so what’s collected will slowly percolate out,” said Gantenbein.

Meanwhile, the Daughtreys, who own a home adjacent to RiverWalk, say silt continues to leave the RiverWalk subdivision site contaminating the perennial stream running across their property and the Cullasaja River.

On Sept. 26, officials from the state’s Division of Water Quality issued a notice of violation to RiverWalk developers. They have 15 days to reply.

This week, Gantenbein issued another notice of violation when on Oct. 9 silt fences filled to the brim were released rather than cleaned out. Instead of issuing citations, however, state officials suggested Gantenbein simply document the notices of violation and submit them to the Town Board.

At its quarterly meeting, Monday, Oct. 16, the Mirror Lake Improvement Association, agreed to set aside $15,000 of its savings for sediment testing and attorney fees. The association plans to hire a limnologist to test the sediment in Mirror Lake. By plugging a tube into the sediment, scientists can determine how long the sediment has been there “As far back as 25 years,” said president of the association, Buck Trott.

The association hopes to get remediation funds from RiverWalk to help clean up the river and Mirror Lake. If necessary, they are prepared to hire a lawyer to help them with their fight against silt and sedimentation.

Members said they must continue documenting the amount of silt that comes into the lake, particularly after rain events. Liz Daughtrey said it’s clear that aquatic life is floundering in the silt-laden creek which continually runs brown each time it rains. “And I’m talking about just normal Highlands rains,” she said.

She and others at the Mirror Lake Association meeting voiced their frustration at the problem that seems “never-ending” and the town’s inability to do anything about it.

At the Oct. 18 Town Board meeting, Attorney Coward requested another closed session to further discuss legal matters concerning RiverWalk.

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Thomas Meyer offers free reading at the Studio on Main

Tom Meyer, Highlands poet and scholar, has spent 10 years studying character for character of the ancient Daodejing of Laozi. After publishing his translation in 2005, Meyer’s book has received widespread acclaim and was a finalist for the PEN Award for Poetry in Translation (for a distinguished book of poetry in translation published in 2005) for the 2006 National Poetry Award.

It was said of his work at the awards ceremony, “Here is a much translated ‘wisdom’ book, but it took Meyer’s deft hand, accurate eye, vivid line and sense of aplomb to create a contemporary version that is neither scholarly-pedantic nor new age-y, but first rate poetry.”

In an unbroken flow of couplets, Thomas Meyer's translation of the Daodejing captures the supple thought of this ancient Chinese text: Anyone interested in the Daodejing (Tao Te Ching) or anyone who appreciates the beauty of the written word will not want to miss this free reading by acclaimed author, Tom Meyer.

The reading begins at 5:30 on Thursday, Oct. 26 at The Studio on Main, 310 Main Street Highlands.

For more information contact the ITC at 342-9197 or on the web at www.InstantTheatre.org.

Franklin students charged with ‘assault’

Five players of the Franklin High School junior varsity football team were recently expelled from the team following accusations of “hazing” and assault.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, four of the students were charged by the Macon County Sheriff’s Office with assault and the additional student was charged with disorderly conduct.

The charges came after the Sheriff’s Office completed its investigation into the alleged hazing incident and filed the appropriate paper work with the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Over the past days, School Resource Officer, Greg Rogers and investigators with the Macon County Sheriff’s Office have been conducting official interviews of those involved in the incident and those having knowledge of the incident.

“As in all investigations, it is our goal to conduct thorough interviews and to gather all information possible before bringing about charges,” said Sheriff Robert Holland. “This includes meeting with the Assistant District Attorney to determine exactly which laws have been violated and the appropriate action to take.”

Holland said now the case has been thoroughly reviewed and that all appropriate charges have been filed.

Though the incident has been referred to as a hazing incident when in fact the acts do not meet the legal definition of hazing as defined in NCGS 14-35 (which requires that the victim must be subjected to physical injury).

In addition, though the nature of the acts that were carried out by these students, were previously referred to as sexual offenses had occurred after a thorough investigation it has been determined that the acts do not meet the elements of any sexual crimes as defined in the NC General Statutes.

“After interviewing all the suspects, as well the victims, we have determined that many of the allegations heard out in the public have been misconstrued and are not the facts,” said Holland. “According to all statements there were no sexual acts as defined by North Carolina law committed by any student. Now that criminal charges of assault have been filed, it will be handled in the juvenile court system. These students have fully cooperated with the officials involved in this investigation and understand that there are consequences for their actions. This is an unfortunate incident that in-
Don't miss your last chance to see the popular play, “Sylvia” at the Instant Theatre Company’s Studio on Main. The play runs through Oct. 21, which means only a few more opportunities to enjoy one of the most loved A.R. Gurney plays ever written.

“Sylvia” is the story of a couple in mid-life exploring their new-found freedom with the children gone and their careers in flux. When Greg (David Kronawitter) arrives home with the adopted dog Sylvia (Jillian Burfete) his wife Kate (Madeleine Davis) is convinced that he’s in need of psychiatric help.

We meet Kate’s friend Phyllis from Vassar played by Mary Bynum Wheaton who agrees that something is very wrong with this provincial couple. Greg’s friend Tom (Bill Nellis), a stout hearted fellow, understands how dogs affect relationships and also suggests that Greg seek counseling. Enter Leslie (Suse Volk) a gender-ambiguous therapist with issues of his/her own. The cast of “Sylvia” is like none other!

Jillian Burfete, well known to the ITC’s Cocktail Hour Theatre fans as “The Donkey Rider” brings her infectious humor to the stage as Sylvia, the stray pup found in a Manhattan park.

Wishing to thank her dog Lily for her inspiration, Jillian endears herself to the audience by saying things a dog would say and acting as a dog would if it were in human form.

Call the Instant Theatre Company’s box office at 828-342-9197 to get tickets for the last few performances of “Sylvia” at the Studio on Main, 310 Main Street in Highlands.

The Studio has ample parking and easy elevator access. Complimentary wine and cocktails will be served. “Sylvia” is for mature audiences only.

- A Review -

Local talent evident in ITC’s ‘Sylvia’

By Alex Redmountain

It’s not too late to see the Instant Theater Company’s wondrously funny production of A.R. Gurney’s “Sylvia.”

The six-person cast, directed by Colin Wilcox Paxton, plays off each other with verve and professionalism. Jillian Burfete in the title role, is absolutely hysterical, stealing almost every scene in a performance that can only be described as doggedly inspired.

She is very ably supported by Madeleine Davis, one of Highland’s acting treasures, and David Kronawitter, who holds his own beautifully in a demanding role as the mid-life challenged husband. The rest of the cast, Bill Nellis, Mary Bynum Wheaton, and Suse Volk, do the production proud. Nellis is particularly effective as Kronawitter’s fellow hound-lover.

Colin Paxton’s direction is, to say the least, inspired. You wouldn’t experience her presence in every scene, but it is there, guiding the actors and crew with a sure and steady hand, and showing a rare talent for comedy. Allan Snyder handles the lights professionally, and Dave Hunter does the same for sound design.

Highlands is blessed to have a talented third theater company in our small mountain town.

The show runs through Oct. 21 at the Instant Theater on Main Street. Call
Sheriff office & NC SBI round up citizens in countywide meth bust - ‘Operation Meth Chase’

On Friday Oct. 6, the Macon County Sheriff’s Office and the State Bureau of Investigation arrested 21 suspects for drug related offenses and are currently seeking three additional suspects.

Officers participating in Friday’s drug sweep were from the Macon County Sheriff’s Office, the State Bureau of Investigation, the NC Probation and Parole Office and members of the District Attorney’s Office. Sheriff Holland states, “All of these agencies working together is the only way we, and every other community, will ever get the upper hand on the drug problem each county is facing.”

The 10-month undercover campaign called “Operation Meth Chase” began in early January 2006. Members of the Macon County Sheriff’s Office Narcotics Unit and SBI agents used confidential informants to purchase various types of drugs from people known to sell drugs throughout Macon County. The drugs purchased and seized by officers included methamphetamine, cocaine, morphine, and marijuana. During the sweep deputies also arrested some of the suspects for firearm violations including possession of firearm by a convicted felon.

At the conclusion of Friday’s roundup, 21 suspects in all had been arrested for a total of 61 felony and 11 misdemeanor charges and deputies were still in the process of locating three more of the suspects. Sheriff Holland concludes, “These arrests are the culmination of several months of meticulous undercover work and hundreds of hours of investigating drug activity by officers.”

The Macon County Narcotics Unit was organized in July 2003 after Sheriff Holland was approved for funding through grants awarded by the NC Governor’s Crime Commission.

Arrested from Franklin, N.C. (unless otherwise noted) are:

**Jessica Fay Smith**
1 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine
1 Felony count of Possession of Marijuana
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia

**Curtis Guest**
1 Felony count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 1 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Sell and Deliver Schedule 1 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Sell and Deliver Schedule 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 Controlled Substance

**Rona Stone**
1 Felony count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Sell and Deliver Schedule 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 Controlled Substance

**Timothy Wells**
2 Felony counts of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Sell and Deliver Schedule 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver Schedule 6 substance

**Justin Kyle Hodgin**
2 Felony counts of Possession with Intent to manufacture, sell and deliver Sch. 2 substance
2 Felony counts of sell and deliver Sch. 2 substance

**Brad May**
1 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia

**Damon Miles of Gastonia, NC**
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia
1 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine

**Michael Green of Highlands**
1 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia

**Lyle Van Moose**
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver

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The criminal act of “Hazing” as defined by NCGS 14-35: “to subject another student to physical injury as part of an initiation, or as a prerequisite to membership, into any organized school group, including any society, athletic team, fraternity or sorority, or other similar group.”

From this point forward, the Department of Juvenile Justice will be handling this case. Because all students involved are minors, no further details are able to be released by the Macon County Sheriff’s Office.

Medical staff elects new officers

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Medical Staff has a new chief of staff and assistant chief of staff for the coming year. Dr. Mark Wagner (R) officially became the new chief of medical staff on Oct. 1, replacing Dr. David Register, who rotated out of the position. Wagner had served as assistant chief of staff and under the current medical staff bylaws, the assistant chief automatically becomes chief of staff the following year.

Dr. Robert Buchanan (L) is this year’s assistant chief of staff. Wagner is an internal medicine physician and Buchanan is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at the hospital. As the new chief of staff, Wagner will become a voting member of the hospital’s Board of Directors under the bylaw changes that are expected to be approved at the board’s annual meeting next month. By virtue of his position as assistant chief, Dr. Buchanan will be an invited guest at hospital board meetings, under the proposed changes, but will not have a vote.

Hospital’s fall blood drive is Oct. 24 & 25

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and AnMed Blood Center will sponsor its annual fall blood drive on October 24 and 25.

The AnMed bloodmobile will be at First Citizens Bank on US 64 East from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 24. Then on Wednesday, Oct. 25 the bloodmobile will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9 a.m. until noon and at Ingles parking lot in Cashiers from 2:5:30 p.m. No reservations are needed to donate blood.

The requirements of a blood donor are minimum. Potential donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

Even those who take medication for high blood pressure can usually donate blood. In fact, most medications won’t disqualify persons as a donor. Individuals who take insulin, or who have a history of liver disease such as hepatitis (after age 11) cannot give blood, however, potential donors with a history of heart disease or cancer may be able to give blood.

If individuals are uncertain whether they can or cannot donate, they should go to any of the locations and let AnMed officials determine their eligibility during the donor screening process.

Players wanted for HS alumni game

On Nov. 18 it’s the Highlands School alumni basketball game in the new gym at 7 p.m. There will also be a BBQ dinner in the gym at 6 p.m. 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.
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Schedule 6 substance
1 Felony count of possession of marijuana up to one half ounce with prior convictions
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia
1 Felony count of maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of keeping and selling controlled substance Sch. 2 substance
1 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine
Teresa Moose
1 Felony count of Manufactured controlled substance Sch. 6 substance
Levy Fouts
2 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine
1 Felony count of Possession of Marijuana
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia
Jessica Keener of Highlands, NC
1 Felony count of Conspiracy to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture Sch. 2

Tina Speed
1 Felony count of Conspiracy to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture and sell Sch. 2 substance
James Taylor
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver Schedule 2 Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 2 Controlled Substance
1 Felony count of Possession of Paraphernalia
Tim Bogen
1 Felony count of Possession of Methamphetamine
Christopher Hodgin
1 Felony count of Possession of Marijuana up to half ounce
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia
Duane Gibson
3 Felony counts of Possession of firearm by a convicted felon
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia

1 Felony count of maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling controlled substance Sch. 2
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver Schedule 2 Substance
1 Felony count of Trafficking in cocaine
Cornelius Mills of Gainesville, Ga.
1 Misd. count of possession of Paraphernalia
1 Felony count of maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling controlled substance Sch. 2
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver Schedule 2 Substance

1 Felony count of Trafficking in cocaine
Beau Birdsell
1 Felony count of Possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver Schedule 6 Substance
1 Felony count of Possession with Intent to Sell and Deliver Sch. 6 Controlled Substance

Additional suspects WANTED for Felony Drug Charges as a result of “Operation Meth Chase” Candace Foster of Clayton, Ga; William Mathis of Franklin; Linville Charles of Franklin.

Sweatshirt, poster designs wanted

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas. To kick-off the season, there is the annual art contest for drawings that will go on the sweatshirt and on the Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas poster.

Prizes included $100 for the drawing selected for use on the sweatshirt and $50 for the poster winner.

Drawings should be in color and have the words Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas incorporated into them. All entries should be delivered to the Highlands Visitor Center on Main Street across from Reeves Hardware by November 1.

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On Thursday, Oct. 12, The League of Women Voters sponsored a candidate debate of those running for the NC Senate and NC House races. Participants included incumbent John Snow (D) and Ken McKim (R) in the Senate race. Phil Haire (D) represented by Bob Poinexter, and Marge Carpenter (R) for the House of Representatives. Haire was unable to attend due to a prior commitment in Seattle, WA, at a juvenile justice conference. The next forum features the School Board candidates noon, Thursday, Oct. 26 at Tartan Hall in the First Presbyterian Church in Franklin.

**Question #3**
- Why are you qualified to run for office? What do you want to run for office and what are some issues important to you?

**Snow**
I was here two years ago. I promised to be someone who was actively involved in the legislative process and to speak for you in Raleigh. One key problem plaguing our state is the meth problem. I was behind the legislature that took the ingredients for the drug off the shelves and behind the counter. We have reduced meth labs by 69% in the state. I helped get flood damage relief and damages for the residents of Peak's Creek and other areas of Western North Carolina to the tune of $24.7 million. There were no federal funds available for these victims because our dam in U.S. was destroyed. We were able to buy out the homes destroyed and give the owners money to go somewhere else to build a new home. Money was also given to rebuild two fire stations damaged during Ivan. I have tried to tell you about things I've been responsible for specific to Macon County. I'm also behind the Balsam fiber network which will lay infrastructure which will bring high-tech jobs to Western North Carolina. With $4 million we will be fining those and finding the money in Western North Carolina. Can't get a better system anywhere. It will bring people into the communities, being good jobs, small businesses that can bid on high tech jobs. I have a plan for Western North Carolina but we need money to get it. Another big issue is education. We need to give raises to our teachers to keep good teachers here and to make sure our kids get a good education. I hope you think favorably on me and the polls. McKim

**Carpenter**
I am your common sense conservative candidate of the 50th District seat. I am a small businessman who owns a construction business in Macon County. It's hard to make ends meet day to day. I know that it is. We have the highest tax rate in North Carolina. At 29.9 cents, we have the highest gas tax rate in the southeast. I'm from a large family. I have six sisters and six brothers. Growing up my father was a truck driver and my mother could make a dollar stretch further than anyone else I've ever known. I know the hard work of day to day living. That's why I'm running for office. There are many things we can do to make a difference. Illegal immigration affects regular people, the little people day to day. If the federal government won't address the problem, we must address it. It affects education, county services and its taxing our county. Most county agencies and departments don't know how the illegal immigrant population is affecting them because they're not allowed to ask these people if they are illegal. It costs us $239,000 a year to deal with the needs of illegal immigrants in law enforcement. They are dealing with illegal immigrants all the time, but if they are picked up, they call INS and INS lets them go. We have to follow laws, but illegal immigrants don't because they can't be processed. Illegal immigrants, taxes and affordable medical care in Macon County and Western North Carolina are important issues. I appreciate your consideration and vote.

**Poinexter (Haire)**
This is the fifth term Phil Haire is running for the House of Representatives. He represents Swain, Jackson Haywood part of Transylvania and part of Macon County. where only a few people can vote for him. Mr. Haire is responsible for the “Safe Surrender” law where young mothers can give up babies to a safe place with no questions asked. In the legislature, representatives and senators can talk but the biggest thing is the budget. Once everything that needs to be funded is funded, there is little left for anything else. This isn't about liberals and conservatives. I don't think there are any liberals in Macon County. Most people are conservative. Party definitions changed in the 1930s and 1940s. We're conservative democrats and conservative republicans.

**Carpenter**
I'm from Waynesville. I served in the NC House of Representatives in 2001 and 2002. I'm a wife, mother, educator and I've been a corporate executive. These roles qualify me for this office. I have problem-solving skills. We need first-class education for first-class jobs. Jobs and education go hand in hand. We have to have the financial support to have the necessary diversity in Southwestern Community College and Western Carolina University so they will have that leading edge so we can compete for well-paying jobs. Small businesses are the economic engine that drive our county. The lack of affordable health care is absurd. Abusive lawsuits are driving doctors out of Western North Carolina. Illegal immigrants are costing North Carolina millions each year. We need to fight illegal immigrations with a big heart and a firm hand. Must have rules and laws because so many hidden costs are passed down to us on the state level. Our families and children have my heart. The burden of the state tax system is grinding on our families which ultimately falls on our children.

**Question #2**
- There is a fine line between a fair level of taxes and serving the people with the infrastructure and services they need. How would you balance what we need versus taxes?

**Snow**
We don't have the highest taxes as far as individuals go, we are taking businesses, yet, by site selection, the area is the number one in the state for business climate. For four out of the last five years, Forbes Magazine rated us number three in the U.S. for attracting businesses in the southeast. We have to have taxes to supply essential services and take care of our people. We need a childcare subsidy so people can go to work. I'm in support of $30 million in child care subsidy. $24 million come from the tobacco buy-out to help fund Medical D. It's not enough but it's a start. There is, we can't keep cutting taxes and provide people with services and maintain the state's infrastructure. Can't maintain 73,000 secondary roads and cut tax dollars too. Need money to provide these things but want to look at each section of our government and re-evaluate what's effective and what's not.

**Carpenter**
I want to see us spend money better in Raleigh. We need an appropriate amount for education. After working in education and in the corporate setting, I can see there is no evaluation being done. There are changing needs. We spend money to take care children with HIV and AIDS but we don't do that for cocaine or meth babies. The money in the budget has to be prioritized. The pork has to go away. Don't need duplication in the system. There are 42 programs that focus on economic development when that can be done with one or two. Southwestern Community College can do it instead of those 42 programs. We need to do the work, do the research, find out who needs what money should go to and fulfill our obligations to all the people.

**Poinexter (Haire)**
When it comes to the budget, it's a matter of putting it all together. Some years have less and some years have more. The important thing is to have the representation to make sure Western North Carolina gets what it deserves. There is very little population relative here to our share. I predicted that gas prices would go down just before the election and that's exactly what happened, and they will go up again. Is there pork, yes, a lot of pork in the state government, but there's a lot more in the federal government. At least in North Carolina there is a way that we have a balanced budget. Don't give cuts to folks who don't need them.

**Answer #3**
- Would you support full funding by the state for these four trust funds: Clean Water, Natural Heritage, Parks & Recreation and Farmland Preservation? Also, would you support a bond referendum of $200 million...
a year over the next five years for a Land Conservation Fund?

Snow:
I'm in favor of the $200 million a year to buy up the land and keep it from developers. That will keep our air and water clean. But I also don't want to go into debt or underfund our other needs. I have been selected to be on the committee to work on the funding of those other funds. I'm in support of $100 million toward the clean water needs of our state. Storm water run-off like what's happening right now in Highlands where their lakes and streams are filling up with silt. We need to protect our water sources. We need to get government money so we can dredge our lakes and rivers. Also, we need a fund to protect our farmlands. We're losing 300 acres a day to development. Development makes taxes increase which makes older folks have to sell their land. We need to buy conservation easements so preserve land and not get from being developed and protect our lands for the future.

McKim:
I'm still studying all the trust funds. They all must be viewed individually. The Clean Water Trust Fund is needed for communities. Infrastructure needs on the county level are still needed. But what we must watch is money being robbed from these funds. About $529 million was robbed by the state and put in the general fund. We can't solve all the problems on the federal level. The trust funds need to be protected and not robbed to fund something else. Taxes need to be capped for older people. When they go up, they sell. We need to give them the freedom to live where they want and can afford to live so they can have a full life in Western North Carolina. Let them decide what to do with their land, though. Already 48% of Macon County is public property.

Poindexter (Haire):
Definitely in favor of the trust funds. Definitely want to keep our national forests. All the trust funds are good. Can't afford to fund each trust each year, but can set up a program to set it in motion. We developed the Little Tennessee Land Trust; it belongs to all of us forever and can't get gobbled up by developers.

Carpenter:
I watched trust funds robbed for other programs, duplicate programs. Our Rainy Day Trust Fund was robbed and that hurt Western North Carolina. Didn't have funds to help the hurricane victims. If the Rainy Day Fund was there it would have taken care of it. That's a travesty. Shouldn't have to wait as long as the did for relief. The Teachers Retirement Trust Fund was also raided. The government said it would be paid back, but they didn't take care of its debts so it's not been paid back yet. If budgeted properly, the trust fund would have been paid back. Need someone in Raleigh to put finances in order. The forecast is another money shortfall in Raleigh. What really is needed is better management. I'm willing to do that.

Question #4:
What type of policies would you implement or change state policy to deal with who gets services and how to deal with the thousands of illegal immigrants in Western North Carolina?

McKim:
I have a big heart toward immigrants but must look at dealing with them in a legal way. Give authority to law enforcement to catch and detain illegally. But we can't solve problems with out knowing the extent of the problem. Before it was easy for them to get a driver's license without any other kind of documentation. Now they need a social security number but that's not enough. I went to Mexico to hear about business practices there and learned that most illegal have forged social security cards. They're paying into the system, but they're not going to get the money. Why doesn't the state require a real ID? Why not implement that? Give the county authority to ask if they are illegal. Allow the Sheriff's Department to deport individuals or send them to processing centers.

Snow:
Illegal immigration is a serious federal problem first. We have kept illegals from getting a driver's license by requiring a tax ID number; voted to require proof of residency before qualifying for Medicaid; state agencies and businesses that win state contracts can't employ illegal immigrants. I voted to allow local law enforcement to arrest illegal immigrants. The federal government has done nothing. It wants the states to take care of the illegal immigrant problem. What are we going to do? Tell Sheriff Holland to pick them up and put them in jail at the cost of $40 a day to the tax payer? The federal government has abandoned us on this issue. It wants us to tak care of them. Fifewake before the election they're putting up a wall. Now they've identified 12 million illegal immigrants. We can't give them amnesty, not when there are others who have been here for years trying to get citizenship legally. This is not our burden, it's been put on us by the federal government.

Poindexter (Haire):
There are millions and millions of illegals. They have the numbers now, why don't the Feds do something? We can't do what the federal government hasn't done. This isn't a liberal or conservative issue. It's the employers who employ them. The truth is our economy would shut down if they were all sent back. Think how you'd feel if Wal-mart stopped selling all their products from China. They pay social security tax but the social security numbers are illegal so the federal government is getting that money, not the immigrants.

Carpenter:
Remember 9/11. I was in the House then trying to get the illegal immigrant driver's license issues solved. Easy and Black were in charge then. We found out that with a nine-zero social security card illegal could get a driver's license. Something could have been done. One of the hijackers was pulled over and he had a forged driver's license. I wanted to recall 400,000 illegal driver's licenses issued by our government. Easy was the Attorney General then. I sat on the House floor and heard our leadership decided not to spend the citizens' money to do that. Why are we going to take responsibility for things and do what must be done? Tax ID numbers are easy to get; proof of residency in not proof of citizenship. Send me to Raleigh and I'll get it done.

Question #5:
Is there something in particular you would like to discuss?

McKim:
What we need to look at is the voting record of John Snow. He voted 98.8% of the time with the liberal Senate leadership. I would not have voted the same way. I challenge you to look at his voting record. 13 bills were issued that didn't get addressed. Not just immigration. Do you want someone who votes that way or a businessman who can identify with you, who is concerned about you? I will vote the way you would have me vote. I was not for the lottery but we should at least get equal funding. We only get $78.62 per child for education. $74.36 per child gets to the east. John didn't stand up when the vote came up for that. He could have demanded more funding. Need leadership in Raleigh who will stand up for the people of Western North Carolina.

Snow:
I'm still talking about the lottery. It would have failed and we would have lost $2 million toward scholarships, funding to reduce class sizes, funding for pre-school. Before, $250 million a year was headed out of here. I am working to get the money back that is going east. I've made many differences the last two years. Dealt with the meth problem, worked for economic development, infrastructure for high-speed Internet, getting money to lay the groundwork for new and better jobs so we can keep our kids here. I'm looking toward the future. I have a dream for Western North Carolina but need the infrastructure to get the jobs. It's not about voting with the liberal majority. It's not about liberal and conservative; it's about concerted effort. It's about Democrat or Republican. It's about you in Western North Carolina. I have proof, I have worked hard for you. No one will work harder. Look at what I've done. Remember the plan. I am serving the people in my district. Send me back and I will continue to work harder than anyone else.

Carpenter:
I wish my opponent was here. Get informed before you vote. Look at the voting record in the House. There are so many issues that on which we are totally divided. Consider Phil and John for leadership and informed before you vote. Look at the record. Respectable代表着 spending and borrowing. We need to pay as we go. Need a balanced budget in North Carolina. Consider Phil and John for leadership and you will continue to get results they have already gotten. We need to see more results. Tell me what you will do if I'm trying to bury your opponent. - Kim Lewicki
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• Sally Foster Gift Wrap Sale to benefit Highlands School. Pick up order sheets at the front office of the school, talk to a student, or go on line at www.SallyFoster.com to order use code number: 605265. All orders will be delivered to Highlands School.
• Thursdays at the Barn. If you would like a walking tour of the new property on which will sit our new Fine Art Center, join us any Thursday at 5 p.m. for a personal tour. Meet us at the Crane Stable Barn on Oak Street.
• FREE improv classes at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call the ITC office at 828.526.1687. A new class is forming now. You may email us at instanttheatre@instanttheatre.org. Come play with us!
• Angie Jenkins on the piano at the Old Claydon Inn in Clayton on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner.

• Shakespeare & Co. bookstore in Highlands Village Square is hosting readings by members of the Highlands Writers Group at a literary happening 3-6 p.m. the last Sunday afternoon in each month during the summer and fall. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Call 526-3777.
• The Scaly Mountain Women’s Club’s pancake breakfasts the fourth Saturday of each month through October from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
• Highlands Historic Village is open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of October. The House-Trapier-Wright Home and the Museum and Archives are located at 524 N. 4th Street, across from the Funeral Home. Special tours or access to the archives may be arranged by calling the Highlands Historical Society at 828-787-1050 or by e-mailing highlandshistory@ncvt.com.

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A Grief Support Group is held every Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
• Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free with Health Track Membership or $8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
• Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is $10 per session or $8 (each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.

A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.
• Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.
• Live music nightly at… on the Verandah at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night and Sunday brunch.
• Live piano music with Hal Phillips at Highlands Village Square.

Upcoming Events

Art League Fall Colors Show at the Rec Park, Sat. & Sun., Oct. 21, 22

It takes a gymnasium full of artists and a room full of children to make the Art League of Highlands Fall Colors Fine Art Show what it is. The gym will be brimming over with over 50 artists and their original work, some of whom will be demonstrating their techniques. The Children’s Room will be well-supervised painting experience for all kids who enter in. Their work will be hung in the gym in the Children’s Art Show.

• New Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.
• Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will have Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free with Health Tracks Membership or $8 per class for non-members. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

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HS Fall Festival Saturday 5-9 p.m.

The annual Fall Festival, the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, is Saturday, Oct. 21 from 5-9 p.m. at the school. There will be all the favorites -- bingo, raffles, food boxes, cake walk, face painting, hair painting, castle walk, ring toss, haunted house -- and lots more. Come have dinner and spend the evening in support of Highlands School.

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- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.
- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.
- 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 Rick-eey Dean on piano.

Oct. 20
- Angel Medical Center is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive on Friday from 10:30 am to 3 p.m. Please call 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment.
- Walkin' Jim Stotlz and Lee Knight performing at the Highlands Playhouse at 7 p.m. It's free. Sponsored by JMCA.
- The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its final meeting of the season on Thursday at Grace Community Church in Cashiers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features professional guide, Willie Cope, who will discuss fly fishing tactics for fall and winter fishing. Mr. Cope specializes in the streams of the Smokey Mountain National Park and is a master fly caster and fly tyer. The grand raffle prize of a Brookings guided fishing trip will be won at this meeting. Call 743-2078 for information. Everyone is welcome.

Oct. 21-Nov. 16
- At Bascom-Louise Gallery. Exploring Plein Air Painting with Julian Davis is filling up fast. 10-4. Bring a bag lunch. Class will be held at the Oak Street property. Cost is $200 for Gallery FRIENDS.
- The Juried Show featuring some of the nation's most outstanding talent. Painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, mixed media, wood-turning and more will be featured. The opening begins at 7 p.m. and features professional guide, Willie Cope, who will discuss fly fishing tactics for fall and winter fishing. Mr. Cope specializes in the streams of the Smokey Mountain National Park and is a master fly caster and fly tyer. The grand raffle prize of a Brookings guided fishing trip will be won at this meeting. Call 743-2078 for information. Everyone is welcome.

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Free yourself

Instead of an article on spirituality I thought I would try to convince you to get up and take a walk around Highlands. Then I want you to put words to describe the blue of the sky against the red of a maple tree. Or try to explain a tree that blends from lime green to brilliant orange. Or tell someone what the wind feels and sounds like rushing through the valley. It is definitely something you must experience for yourself. You have to see it and feel it before you can attempt to explain it. Then those words simply do not do your experience justice.

Which gets me to the real topic of today’s article, grace. Jesus spent his life ministry trying to explain this simple gift given by God. Try to tell someone about the beauty of God’s gift. Try to tell them what it means to be loved the way we are. To be embraced by this grace in times of need, or on days like today. Words fail to describe it fully.

There was one story in Jesus’ ministry that comes close to it. A man walks up to him. In that very moment, Jesus looks at him and says, “What can I do for you?”

What this man is clearly saying in his first question is, “What do I need? And the answer is TRUST. In his second statement, Jesus tells him the object of his trust is God. Suddenly this GRACE-filled moment, a moment of

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Eucharist - Rite II
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Wednesday: 2 p.m. – Interlude; 6:30 p.m – Choir

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Flash back with me a few thousand years to a time when God first made himself known personally to a man alone on a mountaintop. The man, named Abram, had always wanted more than anything an offspring. At the age of 99 and a wife ten years younger, God made himself known in a covenant. And granted Abram his deepest desire. It was such a joke, they named the child laughter, Isaac. Some years later, in a moment of trust in God, Abraham is asked to give up more than wealth, he is asked to sacrifice his son. His willingness to do it, to let go and trust in God, made the covenant complete. He was able to fall back on God's grace.

What is important to you? What will you do in order to keep what you have? This very basic question motivates us in everything we do, from how we raise our children to how we vote. What are you willing to do to keep those important things? Now you are face to face with God and asked one simple question, “Follow me.” Can you sacrifice everything? What is in your way? These are the things that are keeping you from experiencing the true blessings of God's grace. Give it up and follow.

When you can detach yourselves from the world, and all the stuff, you will fully understand God's grace. This is no different than trying to explain a beautiful fall day in Highlands. Wouldn’t you rather experience it than have someone describe it. God's love is the same. This love has been given to you. Free yourself.

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Local Authors to Sign at Cyranos Bookshop on Oct. 21 and 22

Two writers with area connections will autograph their books at Cyranos Bookshop next weekend. On Saturday, Oct. 21, Gerry Soud—director of marketing and public relations for the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School in Georgia—will sign copies of “Life As I Slice It: Essays on Absurdities in American Life.” And on Sunday, Oct. 22, Ann Vidar Merritt, who has a vacation home in Highlands, autographs her novel “The Highlander.” Both signing will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the afternoon.

Before he was hired by Rabun Gap, Gerry Soud and his wife, Jann (who edited Gerry’s book) lived in Davidson, North Carolina. Mr. Soud has both taught school and worked in public relations at two colleges, as well as being corporate communications director for several large companies in Charlotte. Many of the chapters in “Life As I Slice It” had their beginnings as on-air comments on that city’s National Public Radio affiliate, WFAE and range across such topics as cell phone use, reality TV and job hunting, with wit and perception. He discusses his ethnic heritage. Born in Florida to parents, themselves also born in the U.S. of Lebanese Christian descent, he’s often quizzed on current politics in the Middle East, yet as he confesses, “Fact is, my knowledge . . . begins and ends with my hummus recipe.” The inevitability of death: “I think it’s the lack of choice that troubles me the most. I’m an American and having a choice is what it’s all about.”

On the tacksiness of a certain tourist Mecca: “Nestled in some of the oldest mountains on earth, Gatlinburg puts the velvet in Velveeta with a main street that resembles the fake cardboard cut-out town from the movie ‘Blazing Saddles.’”

Scott Jagow, host of NPR’s Marketplace Morning Report from Los Angeles says, “Gerry Soud’s observations on life and work always bring a smile to my face. He has a gift for seeing things other people miss and for explaining them in a way that is both high-minded and humble. I learn something and I laugh out loud.”

“The Highlander” is Ann Merritt’s first book, but not her first creative endeavor. She has been a sculptor for more than 30 years; her father was Fred Vidar, the well known World War II combat artist. After years in the Midwest and working as a librarian at both Harvard and Cornell, Ms. Merritt now lives in Savannah with her husband; they also have a place in Highlands. But while she mentions “our” Highlands in the novel’s dedication, the tale is in fact set in the Scottish Highlands during the years after Bonnie Prince Charlie’s surprising in 1745. Two clans, the MacKellars and the Camerons, are locked in an old feud, yet when Morgan Cameron—inadvertently—saves Lesley MacKellar from highway bandits, he promptly finds himself attracted to her despite the family animosity. Ms. Merritt has traveled extensively in Scotland, paying particular attention to the country’s historic castles, keeps and towers which are the setting for many of her scenes.

Fans of swashbuckling adventure and romance will sink into “The Highlander” from the very first pages with their chase along a foggy road above the sea. The author has a fine literary style which reward her readers.

Cyranos Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@ntx.com; to learn more about our store please visit www.cyranosbookshop.com.

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Intoxicated and disruptive in public.

Statute § 14-444. Intoxicated and disruptive in public.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person in a public place to be intoxicated and disruptive in any of the following ways:

1. Blocking or otherwise interfering with traffic on a highway or public vehicular area;
2. Blocking or lying across or otherwise preventing or interfering with access to or passage across a sidewalk or entrance to a building; or
3. Grabbing, shoving, pushing or fighting others or challenging others to fight;
4. Cursing or shouting at or otherwise rudely insulting others; or
5. Begging for money or other property.

(b) Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 7A-273(1), a magistrate is not empowered to accept a guilty plea and enter judgment for this offense.

Unlawful Possession or Use.

§ G.S. 18B-102(a). As illustration, but not limitation, of the general prohibition stated in it shall be unlawful for:

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The Arts Council will sponsor a one-day basketry class for beginners on Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Franklin High School Career Center. Instructor Joanne Nolen is a skilled weaver and basketmaker with many years’ teaching experience. Participants will construct a sturdy and decorative market basket suitable for many household uses, with 14” x 8” flat bottom, 5” sides, and stationary handle.

At Bascom-Louise Gallery. For those wanting to enjoy a day of creative paper work and card design, take Donna Rhodes’ Make-it-and-take-it Greeting Card Class, back by popular demand. Learn new styles and techniques. You will complete five or more beautiful, fanciful and dazzling projects using print-making, stitching, and more. 10-4. $25 for FRIENDS.

At Cyrano’s Bookshop on Main Street, a book signing by Ann Meritt “The Highlander” from 1-3 p.m.

Movie at ITC – “Conversations with God” 2 & 7 p.m. Tickets are $10. Call the ITC Box Office at 828-342-9197.

Oct. 25 & 26
- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and AnMed Regional Blood Center will conduct their annual fall blood drive later this month. The bloodmobile will be in Highlands at First Citizen Bank, on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. On Wednesday, Oct. 25, it will be at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital from 9 a.m. until noon and at Ingles parking lot in Cashiers from 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Oct. 24
- Movie, “Good Night, Good Luck” at PAC at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments served.

Oct. 26
- Highlands Community Players presents “Crime of the Heart” by Beth Henley at PAC. Call (828)526-8084 for tickets.

Oct. 26
- Candidate Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters. School Board candidates, Tartan Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin at noon.

Tom Meyer shares his translation of the “Daode Jing,” at the Instant Theatre Company’s Studio on Main. Free to the public. 5:30 p.m. Saturday Oct. 21, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

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Mon – Thurs: 7:15

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Mon – Thurs: 7

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Fri: (4:10)
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Mon – Thurs: (4:10)

is from 5-7 on Saturday, October 21.

Oct. 21-22
Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Highlands Rec Park sponsored by the Art League of Highlands. All original fine art. Over 50 artists. Children’s Art Room and Show both days. Free admission. Door prizes. 10-5. Contact: Robin Anne Cooper 864-654-2068.

At Cyrano’s BookShop on Main Street, a booksigning by Gerry Soud “Life As I Slice It” from 1-3 p.m.

Ornament signing at The Christmas Tree on the Hill with Lisa Kelechava, founder and designer of Joy to the World Collectibles. Signing Pet Set and Glitterazzi glass ornaments from 1-3 p.m. at the store on 212 S. Fourth Street. For more information, call 526-3687.

Highlands School Fall Festival., 5-9 p.m.

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

Nov. 16
- 10th annual Ladies Holiday Banquet for all ladies of the community at the Highlands Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by First Baptist Church. Top-selling author Donna Otto, will speak. This year’s theme is “Leaving a Legacy” with a special tribute to Gwynne Robinson, founder of this ministry. Special holiday music. Caterer: Let Holly do the Cooking. RSVP by Nov. 6, 526-4153.

Nov. 18
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Nov. 21
• How Democratic Is The Constitution” from The New York Review of Books, Volume 53, Number 3 - Feb 23, 2006. Coordinator: Dave Scheyer. Material to be distributed via e-mail. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

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October 22
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October 28 • 10-12
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**Highlands beats Blue Ridge on its turf**

Gray Alexander fights through “elbowing” to get to the ball during the game against Blue Ridge at Blue Ridge on Sept. 27. The score was 6-3 Highlands. So far Highlands is undefeated in its conference games, perpetuating a tradition going back to 2001. The next home game at Zachary Field is Oct. 23 against Blue Ridge. Photo by Noel Atherton

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Celebrities refocus their interest not on AIDS, but on global warming or endangered species? Will Africa be the worse for their efforts? I promise you that Madonna’s kid will be better off, as will those who benefited from the support she provided. And it is possible, although admittedly highly unlikely, that her efforts will inspire long term commitments that will make a difference in Malawi and beyond. What is the harm in trying and if the adoption is largely symbolic, an attempt to focus attention? That’s OK, too.

The world has too long turned away, has not aggressively battled AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria in Africa. The world and her African neighbors ignored genocide in Rwanda and are now doing the same in Darfur. Give Bono and George Clooney and Bill Clinton who cry when staring into the face of tragedy a chance to make a difference, and credit them for their effort. And if Madonna falls in love with a little African boy, why shouldn’t she adopt him? I’m pretty sure she can afford another child.

For more than a year, Lizzie and I have been in the process of adopting a Haitian child. There has been reluctance among our Haitian friends to embrace our effort. To them I answer, “If not us, who?” My dear friend, who agreed to support our effort, asked that we keep it quiet, for fear of creating a backlash. Why must we conceal the fact that these are terrible places to live with little or no prospect of improving? Are the leaders of these Third world countries so blind to the plight of their people, or are they so consumed with hubris, that they fail to see the benefit of even a relatively few children being saved from poverty, illness, and illiteracy?

Maybe it is not all passing fancy. Maybe Madonna or my adopted son will make a larger difference in the years to come. Have I weakened a homeless person if I offer him a single meal? Have I disrupted the Tsunami relief effort if I send a single check? Have I torn the tattered fabric of Haiti if I bring one orphan to America?

I’m grateful that Bill Gates and all the other billionaire philanthropists, and Madonna and all the other multimillionaire celebrities tired of building libraries, supporting prestigious universities, and supporting the arts and who have turned instead to more basic humanitarian needs. Look beyond our borders and gaze beyond our plateau. Through leafless winter trees and clear December skies, you may see a world in need.
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