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Highlands School ‘Red Ribbon’ week ends with visit from AB Cardinal

The week began with the Mayor reading his Proclamation of Red Ribbon Week over the intercom and then Chief Harrell read the history of Red Ribbon Week. All students and teachers were given red bracelets to wear. Tuesday was Sock it To Drugs Day when everyone wore crazy socks. Wednesday was Pledge Day when students signed the bulletin board in the hall pledging to be drug free. Thursday Mr. Draheim and I went to classrooms and handed out red lollipops to signify “Lick the Drug Problem.” On Friday almost everyone wore red for Red Day. The AB Cardinal from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission visited the elementary students and spoke to them about the dangers of alcohol. We created a sign from Styrofoam cups that the students had colored red on the bottom. The sign was in the fence around the track and read “Highlands School Says Be Drug Free.” It was a fun week and most importantly, the students’ awareness of the dangers of drugs was heightened.

Appearance board dissatisfied with permitting process

Feelings of dissatisfaction among Appearance Commission members concerning the new look of Highlands Plaza were re-ignited Monday night.

As the first order of business, Chairman Rick Siegel suggested the commission write a letter to the owner of the complex, Margaret O’Donnell, and to the Zoning Board expressing its concerns.

“I think we should write a letter discussing the amount of stucco on the building,” said Siegel. “The amount allowed is 30% and it’s well over that, more like 50%, and that’s something that’s not allowed.”

Member Pat Taylor said when the metal — a nonconforming material — was removed from the façade another nonconforming material was substituted.

“Once a nonconforming material is taken off, it’s no longer grandfathered and it shouldn’t be replaced with another nonconforming material,” he said.

When Al Bolt, whose mother owns the plaza, first approached the Appearance Commission and the Zoning Board about giving the plaza a face lift, changes were going to mimic the Car Spa in color and material — that of stone and fiberglass shingles.

Also discussed at the time was a porta cochere attached to Bryson’s Food Store. Time went by before anything was done and eventually the Special Use Permit granted for the changes ran out.

Bolt said they rethought the changes and realized the plaza façade structure wasn’t strong enough to hold the stone and fiberglass shingles and the porta cochere ended up being too expensive an endeavor.

But commission members say instead of returning to the Appearance Commission or any other boards, Bolt moved ahead with plans to re-dress the plaza and applied a stucco-like material on the façade and painted it a color not previously discussed, though one allowed by the town.

Interim Planner Richard Betz admitted the job fell through the cracks but didn’t think there was anything anyone could do about it at this time.

But member Thomas Craig said the work was performed without the proper

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I had just finished what I considered one of my best pieces of work and raced from the printer to the lil' missus for my first and most difficult line of editing. This poor woman has been subjected to every word I have ever written and it takes a lot to get kudos from her these days. I waited for the smile that never came. "I hate it. You do what you want but I hate it." My response: "Don't hold back, tell me what's really on your mind."

The life of a satire writer is not easy. If what I write passes my first editor, then I am facing the paper's editor who has to remind me occasionally she is still running a family newspaper. Then, things I know will get me big time "heat" go by without a single phone call or email. Go figure.

When I finish writing a piece, I sit back and try to guess who's going to be offended. I never guess right. I once wrote a harmless little thing about teaching my new grandson how to say "duh," something he needed to be a Wooldridge. I was verbally accosted by a nice-challenged lady who was offended because I made fun of the French surrendering. It was only one sentence, but was enough to light her up. Telling her I didn't mean it and that my lil' missus is half French didn't help. Thank goodness she had not seen my piece on the French founding New Orleans. Phew!

The one thing I have learned from being a satire writer is that the single most volatile topic a writer can put to words is about Highlands' traffic. Cars, pedestrians, cross walk lights, honking, traffic courtesy and a myriad of other traffic related words makes Highlanders angry. Guess what? The locals really are very sensitive about tourists' driving habits.

I can't tell you how pleased I was to watch Dr. Henry put his computer in his mouth over an article about folks' driving habits, tourists vs. locals, etc. Wow. I would never touch that topic and I even wrote the good doctor to congratulate him. Very brave and it was soooo good to have company.

Since the Highlands I once knew and loved is gone, I am trying to adjust to the new Highlands and part of that requires me to adjust to the traffic. Please don't write to tell me to get the hell out 'cause that's already been suggested, more than once. Out of loyalty and love for the old Highlands, I am making the adjustment quite well. I don't have to like it, but I do have to accept it.

I did spend some time this summer watching traffic flow during the height of the season and must report it was not that bad. In fact, not much has changed. 99% of all pedestrians still disobey the cross walk lights and the other 1% obviously has nowhere to go. They still wander around in the middle of the street.

Traffic on the Franklin Road has been an issue for years but has gotten better since they finally chased off most of the 18-wheelers. But things are still bad and will stay that way until someone puts my suggestion into practice.

Years ago, I suggested free orange juice stands spaced out along the highway. Tourists cannot resist pulling over for free orange juice. This would allow the locals to get past them. Everyone wins. The tourists are happy sipping their free orange juice, locals get to their destinations on time and, best of all, my stock in Tropical Orange Juice rises. What a deal!

If what I have written offends you, please contact me at 1-800-har-har-har and leave a message. Do not call the house as I am currently out of town helping a French housing developer find suitable land that is 12 feet below sea level.

Going home? Read Fred's column all year at: http://www.highlandsinfo.com/newspaperdownload.htm
Beware: the season can transform

Let me set the situation.
You may have missed it
while you were
concentrating on real news.
Prince Harry and a hunting
companion were questioned
by British police last week
after two harrier hens were
shot. I'd hate to be the cop
questioning a member of the
royal family. “Excuse me,
your highness, might I have
a tiny moment of your royal
time?” Apparently Harry and
his buddy were the only
hunters on a royal estate
when the crime occurred,
and crime it was. Only twenty breeding
pairs of the hawk are known to exist in
England and the birds are protected by
law. As of press time, make that nineteen
surviving pairs. “Yes. It’s about the
shooting of a pair of Harrier hens who
were shot while you and your friend were
hunting on the property. Do you have
any information that might be useful?”
“No.” Harry might have responded.
“No. Of course not. It’s just that no
one else was on the estate at the time of
the crime, or perhaps it might have been
an accident. I thought you might be able
to shed some light.”

“I understand. I don’t suppose there
is any chance that you shot them
by accident, perhaps an unintended
discharge of your weapon, or mistaken
identity. Might you have mistaken them
for grouse?”

“No.”

“Well, thank you then. You have
been most accommodating.”

You have to give the guy credit for
trying.

My brother-in-law sent his son to a
Quaker pre-school. Consistent with the
Friends’ doctrine of pacifism,
all toy weapons were banned. The
teachers were shocked, but should not
have been, when bananas intended for
snacking, became guns in the hands of
the little boys.

My son Bull bought a sling shot on a
recent trip to Cherokee. While we were
hiking, I cautioned him about the urge to
use it as a weapon against small game. I
told him the story of the rifle my brother
and I bought when I was 16. We had
saved to buy it, a beautiful Remington,
semi automatic, tubular feed, capable of
firing 22 short, long, or long rifle bullets.
The stock was genuine walnut and
beautifully finished. We lubricated the
mechanism with fine gun oil until it
dripped liked an ice cream cone on an
August day, and then we lovingly wiped
away the excess.

Mike Lyle, a good friend
who stood 6’ 7” and cared
nothing about basketball
joined us on a squirrel hunt.
We tromped around the
woods for hours without
spotting a squirrel. I saw
a bird perched in a distant tree,
not only silhouetted against the
sky. I doubted that I could hit
it, but there was magic in that
rifle. I fired and it fell to the
ground. I went to the place
where it plopped to the
ground like a feathered rock. I
had never before seen a
Baltimore Oriole, and was
sickened that I had killed a thing of such
beauty. Unfortunately, I had forgotten the
lesson by the time I made my first SCUBA
dive a few years later. I was armed with a
Hawaiian sling, a primitive underwater
weapon. It was like a sling shot, but
instead on a fork, the rubber tubing was
attached to a long wooden cylinder. The
spear passed through a hole which had
been bored the length of the cylinder, an
ideal tool for killing the most beautiful
angelfish I have ever seen.

Boys love weapons. Bull and I
quickly moved from targeting tree stumps
to telephone poles. Then the insulators
started looking like birds. That, I think,
is what happens when a boy of any age is
holding a weapon. Objects transform
into what the hunter is hunting. A
frustrated deer hunter sees antlers on a
cow. In Minnesota, some farmers actually
paint “COW” on their animals’ flanks. It
doesn’t help. It is not that the hunter
doesn’t know the difference. The cow has
metamorphosed, at least in the eyes of
the shooter. Alcohol serves as a catalyst,
but the process can take place without it.
A stroll in the woods quickly confirms the
fact. Forest Service signs are peppered,
pocked, and pierced. You might even find
one with a tiny pimple, the signature
mark of a new sling shot. It is not, as you
might suspect, the result of vandalism.
Those hunters saw a deer, a bear, or
turkey where you see only, ROAD
CLOSED.

A friend told me that hunters, sons of
a co-owner of his Edisto Island property
in South Carolina, shot a great blue
heron while deer hunting. They’re pretty
rich, but no where close to being in
Prince Harry’s league. It wasn’t really their
fault that the bird was transformed. It is
remarkable that my friend, who is also a
hunter, didn’t realize what had happened.
It is a beautiful time of year, perhaps
the most wonderful to be tromping...
The author...
Keeping Mum

The 2006 dark British comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson (Rat Race, Love Actually), Kristin Scott Thomas ( Gosford Park), Tamsin Egerton (Eragon), Patrick Swayze (Donnie Darko, King Solomon’s Mines), the brilliant Dame Maggie Smith (Ladies in Lavender, My House in Umbria, the Harry Potter stories),
directed by Niall Johnson (White Noise). Rated R.

The Storyline: The story starts 40 some years before the present, when a charming, sweet, pretty, young woman is found traveling on the train with a steamer trunk filled with body parts (Oh, come on, we all know it’s wrong, but haven’t we all used a little less than perfect judgment at one time or another?). Jump forward a bit and we meet the family of Reverend Walter Goodfellow (Atkinson), and such a perfect family it is! Well, no, actually it’s not, but Walter is a little too distracted to notice that his marriage is in danger of falling apart. (Patrick Swayze as Lance, the loathsome golf pro, is perfect in this role; his son Walter is a little too loathsome golf pro, is perfect in this role), his son is a daily target for local bullies, and his daughter is a tramp. But just before everything collapses completely, Grace Hawkins (flawlessly played by Smith) shows up, and, a la Mary Poppins, things start to improve overnight (for the Goodfellow’s at any rate. It turns a little rough for some of their neighbors and classmates). Things go from worse to better, but as that happens, the population of Little Wallop becomes a little smaller still. We end up learning a lesson that it’s never too late to learn a lesson from your mother.

Brilliant performances by all, starting with the amazing Maggie Smith, who can play any role at all, comic, dramatic, frantic, or even thrilling. Atkinson, best known for his Mr Bean character, is, in my opinion, even better in this film. Very British in tone, clever, silly, some genuine scary moments, and some actual drama and a little romance as well. Over all, a feel good film, despite the mayhem. A few more along this line are Waking Ned Devine, Widows Peak, Love Serenade, Ladykillers, and the absolutely bizarre Nothing But Trouble. These and about 5,000 more titles are available for sale or rent at Movie Stop Video, swing on in and take a look.

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zoning certificate which wouldn’t have been granted if the town knew more than 30% stucco was planned for the facade.

“I’m afraid we’re setting a precedent that if you complete something without the town knowing about it, they will grant it,” he said.

In the end, the commission agreed to write a letter to the Zoning Board with a sketch of what was done at the plaza.

Betz reminded the commission that the Zoning Board has the ultimate say and isn’t required to heed or accept the group’s recommendations.

“The Appearance Commission has no legal authority to make them change it, other than a recommendation from the Zoning Board,” he said.

Last month the commissioner agreed to write a letter to RBC Centura voicing its dissatisfaction with the ATM kiosk now located at the bank.

Meanwhile, the new banking kiosk for the State Employees Credit Union on the agenda was discussed at length. It is a free-standing kiosk-like shed which will be at the top of S. Second Street as it enters the plaza.

However, rather than the rendition of the kiosk submitted which included backlight signs at the top of the kiosk on all four sides, Pat Taylor sketched a more suitable kiosk for the plaza. His is more in line with the Car Spa in design and materials though, miniature in scale, with lighting allowed per the town’s ordinance.

The board approved Taylor sketched design and sent it and precise verbiage describing it to the Zoning Board.

The Zoning Board will consider the State Employees Credit Union application of a Special Use Permit for the banking kiosk in Highlands Plaza at its Nov. 14 meeting.

– Kim Lewicki
F. Augustus Dozier, MD, FACS

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Dozier earned his undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech and his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, GA. He completed his residency in general surgery at Atlanta’s Georgia Baptist Medical Center and affiliated hospitals.

For the past 28 years he has practiced in Atlanta at hospitals such as Emory’s Crawford Long and the Atlanta Medical Center, where he was formerly chief of general surgery and a member of the surgical residency teaching staff. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at the Medical College of Georgia, and is certified by the American Board of Surgery.

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**His & Hers**

Ma, they’re makin’ eyes at me

I have lots of experience with women. Not what you’re thinking. I mean experience in living around a variety of women. Most of those have been extremely strong and accomplished women.

- My mother and her two sisters all had college educations at a time when Southern women were often expected to run the kitchen, clean the house, knit and sew, and play hostess. My grandfather was well educated, and insisted that all his daughters attend the strongest women’s college which was also south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Thus, they attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Md. (One met and married a Johns Hopkins man, created my branch of the family. That’s a story for another day.) My Uncle Johnny used to say that when his three sisters got rolling, they’d conduct three monologues at the same time in the same room. He described them as “three-masted frigates under full sail, with all guns blazing.” The point is, they were all feminine, but none of them could ever, even on a real bad day, be called a shrinking violet.

- I looked for women who were able, smart and strong to marry. I raised my two daughters to be the same. (I’m very proud of both of them. Both have it all – husbands, children, careers, and a wicked sense of humor which they got from me and I got from my parents. That’s also a story for another day.)

The subject for today’s sermon, if you hadn’t guessed before now, is women in politics generally, and Hillary Clinton specifically. Mrs. Clinton has actually produced a commercial claiming that the male Democrats are picking on her.

To whom is she complaining in that commercial? Does she want her mother to come out on the porch with her broom and chase away the nasty boys who are picking on her little girl? If we have another version of the Cuban Missile Crisis and are nose-to-nose with another world power (probably led by a male), is she going to whine and complain? Or, is she going to suck it up, make the right decision, and then act decisively, like Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher did regarding the Falkland Islands crisis?

Or, further back in history, it was apply to Hillary. Murder as a public policy would rule out Lady Macbeth as well.

Any woman who would be successful while holding great power has to be strong and self-confident, among other qualities. Furthermore, such a woman has to know her own mind and have the courage of her convictions. Think Golda Meir in Israel, Indira Gandhi in India, Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan, to name a few modern examples beyond that of Lady Thatcher.

Ask yourself whether any of these women would have stumbled and fallen over such a simple question as whether they agreed with the policy of Governor Spitzer of New York to give drivers licenses to illegal aliens. And, if any of these women HAD fumbled over such a simple, yes-no question, would they have sought to deflect attention by saying that people were picking on them? Or, would they have acknowledged their mistake, reached a decision, and carried it out?

Can you imagine any of these extraordinary women falling back on the cover story that “the boys were picking on them”?

Let’s consider a male president whose contemporaries thought he wasn’t up for the job. Long after he left office, the verdict of history concluded that Harry Truman was a strong, decisive, and good President. What was Harry’s advice about politics that Hillary should follow today, if she can? If you can’t stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

My mother, her sisters, some of my wives, and both of my daughters all demonstrated that they can stand the heat. Maybe one of them should run for President....

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Inquiring minds want to know

Since the entertainment industry has failed to provide any really important happenings to report on lately, and since I'm really sick of writing about Hillary, it's time to bring several current topics of interest up to date.

First on the list of miscellany is the primary schedule, which I advised would produce some excitement before the year is out. Well, it is. In case you haven't kept up on the subject, several states took exception to the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primaries being first to be held which gave them extraordinary impact on the direction of the primary season. So, many states made noise about shifting their primaries to an earlier date, which put the whole deal into turmoil.

Both parties are ignoring their national headquarters in scheduling their primaries in January, 2008 including Iowa (Jan. 3rd), Wyoming (R only – Jan. 5th), Michigan (Jan. 15th), then Nevada, South Carolina, New Hampshire and Florida. And the fun is far from over.

Who, besides us political junkies, gives a hoot? Is the rush to get to the head of the line just territorial pride? I hope so. I'd hate to think that a candidate (or candidates) who would run poorly in the traditional earliest states would try to realign the order to gain an advantage. You never know what ignites these things.

Here's a pleasant thought. DEBKA, a website concentrating on the middle east: "In a special internet announcement in Arabic, picked up by DEBKAfile's counter-terror sources, Osama bin Laden's followers announced Monday, October 29, the launching of Electronic Jihad. On Sunday, November 11, al Qaeda's electronic experts will start attacking Western, Jewish, Israeli, Muslim apostate and Shiite web sites."

On day one, they will test their skills against 15 targeted sites and will expand the operation from day to day thereafter until hundreds of thousands of Islamist hackers are in action against untold numbers of anti-Muslim sites." Generally, DEBKA's reporting has been pretty accurate. I have no idea if this report has credibility. Time will tell.

The North American Union, and the "superhighway" from Mexico to Canada, subjects discussed here in previous columns, need to be revisited. Not much has reached the public recently but one important fact should be brought to the table. No matter what you think of Ron Paul, Congressman from Texas and candidate for President in 2008, aside from his views on the war, is pretty much on point. WorldNetDaily quotes him as saying "the proposed highway is part of a broader plan advanced by a quasi-government organization called the "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America", or SPP, he explains. "The SPP was first launched in 2005 by the heads of state of Canada, Mexico and the United States at a summit in Waco."

The SPP is an unholy alliance of foreign consortiums and officials from several governments. One principal player is a Spanish construction company which plans to build the highway and operate it as a toll road. But don't be fooled: The superhighway proposal is not the result of free market demand, rather an extension of government-managed trade schemes like NAFTA that benefit politically connected interests."

The reason I think it's timely is that Paul predicts that the superhighway will become a sleeper issue in the 2008 election. You may think Paul is a nut (I don't) but another presidential candidate, Tom Tancredo shares his concern about the Administration's end-run around Congress in establishing this alliance. The subject may enjoy considerably more exposure as the campaign drones on.

Breaking News. Pakistan's President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency, which tosses another log on the mid-east cauldron. This action seems to have been brought on by the return of his political rival Benazir Bhutto, a contrary Supreme Court and an Islamic movement gaining momentum in his country. It also allows the election, scheduled for January, to be delayed a year. Stay tuned on this one. It may get messy.

I said I was tired of writing about Hillary, but not too tired to comment on her performance during the recent Democrat debate. Things were going along nicely for her until the lefty questioners threw in a subject that she was not expecting.

Did she agree with NY Gov. Eliot Spitzer's decision to issue drivers licenses to illegal immigrants? She said yes before she said no and the rest of the participants beat her up pretty good. This was the first serious goof in her otherwise nearly perfect campaign and gives hope to the rest of the boys that her ascension isn't necessarily assured. Her wobbly knees didn't become one who would be Commander-in-Chief.
Crisp autumn days and cool fall nights usher in a season of anticipation and preparation as the holidays approach. First up: Thanksgiving. For this all-star feast, many intrepid cooks work for weeks, planning the very best... the perfect golden roast turkey, savory homemade stuffing, creamy gravy, mounds of fluffy mashed potatoes. Every family has its favorite dishes—and no Thanksgiving is complete without them.

While no one would dare suggest tampering with tradition, why not consider a few novel additions? Side dishes and desserts offer excellent opportunities to break out of the mold and offer up something refreshingly different. Try introducing a creative, new casserole, or another incarnation of a family favorite. (If your family can't do without the traditional log of cranberry relish, right out of the can, simply add another option for more adventurous palates, such as a “salsa” made of fresh cranberries, minced ginger and orange zest.)

The same goes for dessert. Let someone else bring the standard pumpkin pie, while you wow the crowd with a rich and creamy mocha-pumpkin cheesecake. This sinfully delicious concoction combines the goodness of organic butter, cream cheese and eggs with the rich flavors of coffee, chocolate and pumpkin—and is surprisingly simple to prepare.

Who knows? This year's departure from tradition just might become next year's must-have—and a new Thanksgiving tradition.

Pumpkin Cheesecake with Mocha Top and Bottom
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5 tablespoons Organic Valley Butter, divided
1 1/2 cups finely crushed chocolate graham crackers
3 tablespoons finely ground coffee beans
3 packages (8 ounces each) Organic Valley Neufchatel or Cream Cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
5 large Organic Valley Eggs
2 cups cooked pumpkin puree or 1 can (16 ounces) solid pack pumpkin
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate chips
4 tablespoons hot strong coffee, chocolate-covered coffee beans or chocolate-covered raisins

For crust: Heat oven to 350°F. Melt 3 tablespoons of the butter; combine with crushed graham and ground coffee. Press into bottom and partially up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 minutes.

For filling: Use electric beaters at medium speed to cream Neufchatel or cream cheese for 3 to 4 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar and continue beating 2 to 3 minutes. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in pumpkin and vanilla.

For cheesecake: Pour filling into crust. Bake until instant thermometer inserted in center reads 160 degrees, 70 to 75 minutes. Cool cheesecake to room temperature, then chill it thoroughly.

For glaze: Melt chocolate and remaining 2 tablespoons butter in double boiler, or a bowl set over a pan of boiling water. Remove from heat; whisk lightly, then whisk in hot coffee. Cool 10 minutes. Press top of cheesecake to even out the surface and "mend" any cracks. Spread chocolate glaze over cheesecake. Decorate with chocolate-covered coffee beans or raisins. Chill to set topping.

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Where I search for inspiration

One of the interesting things about writing a newspaper column is where the source for most column ideas originate (more intelligent people would refer to this as a “muse” -- then again, it is likely that no intelligent people read this column)

Usually, I am influenced by the events of the week in sports. Most often, I will watch as many games as my schedule (which often masquerades under the alias “the wife”) will allow me to watch, and usually a column can be produced by thoughts I have while watching those games.

Unfortunately, since the games I watch are often decided by priority (meaning that my favorite teams are usually first on the agenda) I tend to write more about SEC football, ACC basketball and localized sports teams (except for the Saints, who I refuse to mention anymore due to the terrifying yet realistic fear that I will disrupt the remarkable turnaround they have made rece…dang it.)

Another method of gaining information for a column is the wealth of crap…er…information that comes from the Internet. It becomes eternally frustrating to try and come up with something original when there are so many people writing about sports on their blog or their website.

Somehow, somewhere, someone is going to be thinking the same things that I am (however horrifying that may be) and so whenever you stumble upon something that sounds exactly like what you were thinking about writing it is a real drag.

However, for sports junkies like me, there are several terrific websites to read to keep up with the latest and greatest from the world of sports. I would recommend the following websites for those that are interested in keeping up with sports from a fan’s perspective. I have also provided a disclaimer for some of the sites that contain more mature humor.

• The Big Lead - Covers all major sports, mostly a news site
• Deadspin - The original sports information blog
• Every Day Should be Saturday – covers College Football and is quite possibly the funniest sports website ever. (Warning - adult humor involved.)
• Sunday Morning Quarterback – Excellent College Football analysis
• Ghost of Wayne Fontes – NFL blog with ties to major college sports. (Adult humor involved.)
• ESPN’s Page Two - Covers all major sports.

The last resort for a column, particularly when they are on the edge of a deadline and looking for a topic (which is where you must be thinking I am at right now) is to call up an old friend and just mentally track the conversation in your mind.

One of the great things about sports is that it bridges a common bond between people, and allows for interesting conversation after the usual “How are you?” and “What’s going on in your life these days?” Chances are that when two old friends strike up a conversation about sports, it is going to be something that is fresh within people’s minds and relevant to the current sports scene.

I have several friends in particular that I search for inspiration

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Beta Club & JMCA get recycling going!

Members of the Highlands School Beta Club under direction of their sponsor teacher, Anne Porter, have kicked recycling at the school up a notch.

The Beta Club has initiated a full-scale recycling program which began with the distribution of collection boxes placed throughout the school. Beta club member Kyle Lassiter is spearheading the current program, working with Mrs. Porter on the logistics. Each Beta member has been assigned a week to collect the materials, sort them, and take them to a recycling center.

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (JMCA) has been advising the Beta Club on the organization of the program. Executive Director David M. Bates, who is on the Mayor’s designated Highlands Recycling Task Force, has worked with Anne Porter by providing recycling information and materials. JMCA would like to see the school in the near future, plans to have a school assembly, led by Joel Ostroff, the Macon County Recycling Coordinator.

At the assembly, the Beta Club members intend to hand out the box-filled with recycling goodies provided by the Highlands Recycling Task Force. Recycling was re-started at the school by 4th grader Alex Bronough and his mother Tamara last year. Alex decided to place a garbage can in the central hallway and advertise for the kids to recycle their cans and bottles.

Last year, 5,018 bottles and cans were recycled, with another 1,035 processed since the Beta Club program began. The additional volume of newspaper and mixed paper generated each week by the school has astounded the Beta members. The Beta Club encourages everyone to take their recyclable garbage to a Recycling Drop-Off Center. The closest facility to Highlands is on Buck Creek Road.

For a list of acceptable recyclable materials and other Centers, contact JMCA at 526-9938 ext. 320.

Effective immediately, and in conjunction with the statewide burning ban due to severe drought conditions, the Macon County Fire Marshal’s office has prohibited open burning due to local conditions which make fires hazardous.

Recent rainfall hasn’t eliminated the fire danger in the county and the recent frost has caused many of the leaves on trees to fall creating a high fire danger.

Open burning will be prohibited until adequate rainfall lessens the hazards associated with open burning.
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Bank rewards students for creativity

RBC Centura Bank sponsored pumpkin decorating contest for all 2nd graders at Highlands School. The bank donated the pumpkins which were decorated and displayed in the lobby for one week so customers, the children’s families, friends, and bank employees could vote for their favorite. There were two winners: Analyse Crook from Ms. Miller’s class, and Ben Avery from Ms. Cox’s class. Winners received goodie bags and a keepsake pencil from the bank for participating in the contest.

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The town of Highlands won an award this past week from AAA of the Carolinas. We were chosen by them as the winner in the Traffic Safety’s Safe Communities area in the under 10,000 population category. This is quite an honor for us as a town and specifically for our chief of police and his department. Chief Harrell and his officers are doing a great job.

The Public Works Committee got down to serious talks about improvement in our stormwater runoff in the town of Highlands. At the beginning of this year a major study of this issue was carried out by McGill Associates, an Engineering firm who identified the problem areas in our system. If we are going to continue to be a progressive, modern town which cares for all its citizens, good stormwater control is essential. We could stay in the dark ages and ignore these problems, but this would be irresponsible for our future and the well being of all our people.

It is time for us to begin making these improvements by addressing these flooding and hydraulic issues. We considered the drainage area from Harris Lake and around the Biological Station which runs off into Mill Creek to be a priority and will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners that we proceed with this soon. We will be seeking funds from the Clean Water Trust Fund to accomplish this first step after McGill gives us a final figure as to the cost. After that there is still much more to do, and over the next few years we will.

We have been in conversations with our state Senator John Snow regarding funding the paving of Hickory Hill, Chowan and Cullasaja Roads and he has officially requested release from the state of discretionary funds totaling $280,000. We should hear from this soon and hopefully in the spring we can get these roads paved. We also have Wyanock and Azalea to do in the near future as well. North Cobb is another road I would like to see surfaced.

I hope everyone will get involved in Highlands’ first culinary event which begins Thursday, Nov. 8, in our new Pine Street Park. Reservations can be also made at individual restaurants. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitors Center for the Culinary Weekend. A complete schedule of events can also be obtained there or in the newspapers. This looks like it will be an outstanding effort supporting our business community and bringing people to Highlands. Support from the community is important.

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through the woods around Highlands, except that it’s hunting season. The air and fallen leaves share a crispness. The colors of sky and foliage are brilliant. But if you go wandering, beware. Blaze clothing does not keep you from becoming game. You may be drilled with a high velocity missile, or maybe just plinked with a sling shot. Singing loudly might protect you. I don’t think animals have learned to sing as part of their metamorphosis.
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**Daytime Event Information**
Daytime Events can only be purchased by voucher and additional vouchers can be purchased at Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center by calling 866.526.5841. Vouchers must be redeemed at the daytime event venue. Reservations for all events — daytime or evening — is suggested and subject to availability. All events, prices, personalities, performances, venues, dates, and times are subject to change without notice.

**Evening Events Information**
Evening Events are subject to availability and prices vary. Reservations for the evening events are to be reserved directly through the participating restaurants. All events, prices, personalities, performances, venues, dates, and times are subject to change without notice.

**DAYTIME EVENTS**

**Historical Treats**
**Venue:** SweeTreats
**Date:** Friday, Nov. 9
**Cost:** 2 Vouchers
**Time:** 10-11 a.m.
**Limit:** 40
**Event Description:** Highlands Historian and Author Ran Shaffner will present a personal history of Highlands, full of fun facts and anecdotes. Attendees will be treated to a sampling of goodies, coffee, tea, and beverages at SweeTreats, which has been a landmark in Highlands since 1989. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Highlands Historical Society. SweeTreats is known for its ice cream and yogurt. In addition, its restaurant features delectable desserts, a light fare for lunch and dinner, a full coffee and wine bar.

**Presenter/Host:** Highlands Historian Ran Shaffner established Cyrano’s Bookshop in Highlands in 1978 and was proprietor until he retired a couple years ago. Ran has a doctorate in Comparative Literature from UNC Chapel Hill, and has been an educator for the Peace Corps, UNC Chapel Hill, Fairfield Univ. in Connecticut, and Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. As an author he has published The Apprenticeship Novel, Good Reading Material, Mostly Bound and New, and Heart of the Blue Ridge: Highlands, NC.

**Simple, Quick, Elegant Hors d’oeuvres**
**Venue:** ...on the Verandah
**Date:** Friday, November 9
**Cost:** 5 Vouchers
**Time:** 11 am-1 pm
**Limit:** 40
**Event Description:** ...on the Verandah will guide you on a culinary showcase of preparing delicious appetizers, for seated or informal service, for either your pre-planned or impromptu gatherings. You will create simple and quick amuse-bouche menus using everyday ingredients already in your kitchen or easily available at your local market. During the course of the event, participants will be able to enjoy these delicacies and match them with just the right wine. Recipes will be provided. As an added attraction, CK Swan Galleries of Highlands will be featuring the works of local artist Elizabeth Barr, renowned for her oil based Highlands’ area landscape.

**Presenter/Host:** Matthew Thole is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, SC. He has honed his culinary skills in many of the best restaurants in the southeast, culminating in New Orleans, LA at John Besh’s Restaurant August. Chef Thole will demonstrate varying cooking techniques that can be used with wild fowl from roasting to making a consomme. He will also discuss the different types of wines that pair well with wild fowl. You will be able to sample some of the creations as well as the accompanying wines.

**Wild Fowl Cooking Class**
**Venue:** The Log Cabin
**Date:** Friday, November 9
**Cost:** 3 Vouchers
**Time:** noon-2:30 pm
**Limit:** 20
**Event Description:** There is more to life than just chicken. This class will show a variety of techniques for utilizing wild fowl. Starting with identifying the types of fowl available on the market, including duck and pheasant. Chef Thole will demonstrate varying cooking techniques that can be used with wild fowl from roasting to making a consomme. He will also discuss the different types of wines that pair well with wild fowl. You will be able to sample some of the creations as well as the accompanying wines.

**Presenter/Host:** Matthew Thole is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, SC. He has honed his culinary skills in many of the best restaurants in the southeast, culminating in New Orleans, LA at John Besh’s Restaurant August. Chef Thole uses many of the flavors and skills learned in his time in both Charleston and New Orleans.

**Enotec Italian Wine Portfolio Tasting**
**Venue:** Ristorante Paoletti
**Date:** Friday, November 9
**Cost:** 2 Vouchers
**Time:** noon-2:30 pm
**Limit:** Open
**Event Description:** An informal “Open House Tasting” of hand picked wines- Enocompah “great values” to “Luxury wines” from SuperTuscan and Piedmontese Producers. This is a rare opportunity to taste and purchase for the home as many wines will be available in our cellar at tremendous pre-holiday prices. Come meet the importer!

**Presenter/Host:** Importer Blair Taylor

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Flavor Spectrum with Domaine Serene Winery
Venue: Wolfgang’s Restaurant and Wine Bistro
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 5 Vouchers + tax & gratuity
Time: 12:30 pm
Limit: 60
Event Description: Domaine Serene wine and food tasting brought to the “nth” degree... Chef Wolfgang and Chef David will create four small pairings that will complement & contrast, leaving you thinking outside of the box. Controversial dishes that will challenge your palate. Each participant will be poured a taste of six different Domaine Serene wines to complement the 4 different dishes.
Presenter/Host: Chef Wolfgang Green, Chef/Owner of Wolfgang’s Restaurant and Wine Bistro welcomes you to his 14th season in Highlands. Wolfgang’s Restaurant and Wine Bistro is a proud recipient of the “Best of Award of Excellence” from the prestigious Wine Spectator magazine. Chef Wolfgang was the former Executive Chef for the “Brennan Family” of Commanders Palace, Elected Member of Academy of Chefs, Certified Executive Chef, Voted Best Texan and Jamaican Chef of the Year, and was an elected member of the Texas Culinary Olympic Team. Executive Chef David McGlade was trained at Johnson and Whale’s and came to Highlands from Charlotte, N.C. to work with Chef Wolfgang. The two Chefs make a wonderful team that has successfully worked together for the past five years. Their different culinary techniques and styles balance one another.

Mediterranean St. Food - Interactive Cooking Class
Venue: Cyprus Restaurant
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 4 Vouchers
Time: 1-3 pm
Limit: 20
Event Description: Simple street fare from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia. A few highlights: Stuffed Mussels from Istanbul Turkey, Sfinçone stuffed meat pie from Sicily, Falafel in Pita from Lebanon (with Mlecha Salad)!! You are welcome to bring your favorite knife. Bring your smile and your sense of humor!
Presenter/Host: Chef Nicholas Figel

A Taste of Chocolate Heaven & Bruttacoo Port Tasting
Venue: Basketcase
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 1 Voucher
Time: 1-4 pm on going
Limit: Open
Event Description: Highlands newest gourmet shop invites you to come “up the hill” for a slice of heaven accompanied by a unique California Port from Bruttacoo Cellars.
Presenter/Host: Kristi Rogers of Basketcase, Gourmet chocolates & gift basket designer & Marty Rosenfield, Chef/Owner of Lakeside Restaurant.

Wild Game Cooking Class
Venue: The Log Cabin
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: 2-3 pm
Limit: 20

Event Description: Who cares about the other white meat, what about the other red meats. This class will demystify wild game by explaining the difference between free range and farm raised game. Discussing in detail that not all venison is the same and demonstrating how to work with the different types of game available. Chef Thole with explore the wonders of free range antelope and venison. As well as how to pair wines with your game.

Laurent-Perrier Champagne & Marie Belle Chocolate Pairing Seminar
Venue: Old Edwards Inn and Spa
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 5 Vouchers
Time: 2-4 pm
Limit: 40
Event Description: This celebratory event pairs two delicious favorites symbolizing luxury and nobility - fine Laurent-Perrier Champagne and Neuhaus Belgian chocolates. Laurent-Perrier is one the world’s most esteemed Champagne houses with a lineage that traces back over 200 years. Neuhaus Belgian Chocolates was established in 1857 and is best known for divine pralines among other confections. This event is being held in conjunction with Highlands own Chocolates Bear.
Presenter/Host: A representative of the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Group and a representative from Neuhaus will be presenting the selections of champagne and chocolates.

How To Entertain From A to Z – SOLD OUT
Venue: Oak Street Cafe
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 6 Vouchers
Time: 2-4 pm
Limit: 10

Holiday Entertaining - Wine, Food, & Ambiance Cooking Class
Venue: Fireside - Gallery Room
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 2 Vouchers
Time: 2 pm
Limit: 20
Event Description: What better way to add sparkle to the holiday season than with the perfect wine? Whether you need the right ‘meet and greet’ wine or are looking for inspiration in food and wine pairings let the Fireside help you make this the most wonderful holiday yet. Trisha Kieltyka of The Christmas Tree on the Hill has transformed the room into a holiday wonderland. Stan and Donna Cochrane of Mirror Lake Antiques will present a holiday table replete with antique china and silver.
Presenter/Host: Travis Schultz grew up in the restaurant developing a passion for food. A recent graduate of Cook Street School of Fine Cooking in Denver, he also studied at the Italian Culinary Institute in Assi, Italy, and with Chef Martial in Paris.

Wine & Hors d’Oeuvres at Sunset Rock
Venue: Meet at the Highlands Nature Center
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: 4:30 pm
Limit: 20
Event Description: Fressers Eatery & Adventure Depot invite you on a 1 mile walk up to Sunset Rock. Once atop Sunset Rock enjoy the beautiful sunset while enjoying fine wine, & appetizers. The hike is very moderate and the view from the top is spectacular. Please plan to wear sturdy shoes.

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Complimentary Wine & Hors d'oeuvres
Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: FREE
Time: 5-7 p.m
Limit: Open
Event Description: The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us for a complimentary glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate Highlands' First Annual Culinary Weekend. Join us on Friday or Saturday evening and see all that we have to offer.

Relax, Refresh, Rejuvenate
Venue: Peggy Crosby Center
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 928-200-0018
Time: Call for an appointment!
Limit: Call for an appointment!
Event Description: Refresh and unwind while enjoying a relaxing massage.
Presenter/Host: Lisa Wilker, LMT

Gourmet Breakfast
Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers for party of 2
Time: 8-11 am (Reservations Required)
Limit: Call for reservations 526.8170
Event Description: Start your day with a mimosa and gourmet breakfast for 2. The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us between 8 am and 11 am for a mouth-watering country breakfast. Children over the age of 12 are welcome. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 1-800-946-6822 or 828-526-8170.

Breakfast at Main Street Inn
Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 1 Voucher per person
Time: 8:30 am-11 am (Reservations Required 526.2590)
Event Description: Start your day off right with a wonderful breakfast at the Main Street Inn. Enjoy assorted juices, smoothies, cereals, fresh fruit, and tea breads. Champagne, Mimosa and Belini's are available. Menu Entrees include Cheeseburger Scrambled Eggs, Plant of Scrambled Eggs, Incredible Irish Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Cranberries, and Cream, Creme Brule French Toast, Toasted Cheese Grissini, Sausage Patties, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Banana Bread, Cinnamon Rolls w/ Icing, & Biscuits with Assorted Jams. Reservations are required 526.2590.

Fly Fishing & Trout Lunch - SOLD OUT
Venue: Harris Lake Next to Lakeside Restaurant
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 7 Vouchers
Time: 10 am
Limit: 14

“All Things Wonderful” Fashion Show Luncheon
Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: November 10
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: noon-2 pm
Limit: 50 Lucky Ladies!
Event Description: Main Street Inn and Drake’s Diamond Gallery, Rosenthal’s, and McCulley’s Cashmere will host a ladies champagne luncheon with a fashion runway. Ladies will love this venue with fantastic lunch selections in the elegant Main Street Inn Grand Dining Room. Models will present the latest fashions from three of the finest ladies fashion icons in the state of North Carolina.
Presenter/Host: Gary & Debbie Garner of Main Street Inn, Wanda Drake of Drake’s Diamond Gallery, Kitty Byers of Rosenthal’s, & Mary Bynum of McCulley’s Cashmere.

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Northern Thai Cooking Class
Venue: Cyprus Restaurant
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 4 Vouchers
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Limit: 20
Event Description: We will explore the beautiful cuisines of Northern Thailand, from Chiang Mai to the homes of the hill tribes. Some examples: Clear curry broth with tomato and minced pork. A selection of Yam, (salads), with Chile pastes and sauces, “Khan-toke,” a central bowl of glutinous rice. Roasted chicken rice noodle stir-fry with fried shallots, Tropical fruit smoothies, (durian, souspap, mango). You are welcome to bring your favorite knife. Bring your smile and your sense of humor!
Presenter/Host: Chef Nicholas Figel

A Celebration of Presentation - The WOW Effect!
Venue: ...on the Verandah
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: Free - a percentage of all event display purchases
Time: 1 - 3 pm
Limit: No maximum
Event Description: ...on the Verandah Restauran - “highlands Most Scenic Dining” - and Dutchman’s Designs will demonstrate table and culinary presentations perfectly suited for your next dinner party or cocktail reception. Learn how to use edible flowers, herbs, and garnishes to brighten up any dish and make your room decor shine and stand out.
Presenter/Host: Owners Andrew Figel and Marlene Alvarez of ...on the Verandah and Stephanie Blumen of Dutchman’s Designs.

A Taste of Chocolate Heaven & Brussels Port Tasting
Venue: Basketcase

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Venue: Fireside - Gallery Room
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 2 Vouchers
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Limit: 20

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Relax, Refresh, Rejuvenate
Venue: Peggy Crosby Center
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 5 Vouchers
Time: 8-11 am (Reservations Required)
Limit: Call for reservations 526-8170
Event Description: Refresh and unwind while enjoying a relaxing massage.
Presenter/Host: Lisa Wilker, LMT

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Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 3 Vouchers for party of 2
Time: 8-11 am (Reservations Required)
Limit: Call for reservations 526-8170
Event Description: Start your day with a mimosa and gourmet breakfast for 2. The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us between 8 am and 11 am for a mouth-watering country breakfast. Children over the age of 12 are welcome. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 1-800-946-6822 or 526-8170.

Breakfast at Main Street Inn
Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007
Cost: 1 Voucher per person
Time: 8:30-11 am (Reservations Required 526-2590)
Event Description: Start your day off right with a wonderful breakfast at the Main Street Inn. Enjoy assorted juices, cereals, fresh fruit, and tea breads. Champagne, Mimosa, & Belinis are available. Menu Entrees include Cheeseburger Scrambled Eggs, Plain o’ Scrambled Eggs, Incredible Irish Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Cranberries, and Cream, Creme Brule French Toast, Toasted Cheese Grits, Sausage Patties, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Banana Bread, Cinnamon Rolls w/ Icing, & Biscuits with Assorted Jams. Reservations are required 526-2590

Bubbles & Brunch SOLD OUT
Venue: Lakeside Restaurant 828.526.9440
Date: Sunday, November 11

WINE & HORS D’OEUVRES AT SUNSET ROCK

Venue: Meet at the Highlands Nature Center
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: 4:30 pm
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Complimentary Wine & Hors d’oeuvres
Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm
Date: Saturday, November 10

WINE TASTING EVENTs:

Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Friday, November 9 (Wines of Frederick Wildman Importers and Saturday, November 10 (Wines of Napa Valley, Calif.
Time: 1:30-4 pm

Wine Flights
Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Friday & Saturday
Time: 4:30-6:30 pm
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Time: 5-7 pm
Limit: Open
Event Description: The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us for a complimentary glass of wine and hors d’oeuvres to celebrate Highlands’ First Annual Culinary Weekend. Join us and see all that we have to offer.

Thomas Arvid & Cakebread Cellars
Brunch
Venue: Wolfgang’s Restaurant and Wine Bistro
Date: Sunday, November 11
Cost: 9 Vouchers + tax and gratuity
Time: 12:30 pm
Limit: 50
Event Description: Join us for a wonderful Brunch with Artist, Thomas Arvid and Cakebread Cellars. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David will create a wonderful four-course plated brunch. Thomas Arvid will be painting during the brunch. The wines featured from Cakebread Cellars will be Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon.
Presenter/Host: Chef Wolfgang, Chef David, Thomas Arvid, and Cakebread Cellars.

Relax, Refresh, Rejuvenate
Venue: Peggy Crosby Center
Date: Sunday, November 11
Cost: 8 Vouchers
Time: 8-202-0018
Limit: Call For Appointment
Event Description: Refresh and unwind while enjoying a relaxing massage.
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Evening Events

Patz & Hall Wine Dinner is SOLD OUT
Venue: Old Edwards Inn and Spa (828) 787-2604
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: $70 per person including food and sake
Time: 7 pm

Wine Tasting Event – The Wines of Frederick Wildman Importers
Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Friday, November 9
Time: 1:30-4 pm.

Wine Flights
Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Friday, November 9
Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Dinner at Main Street Inn
Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: $27.95 per person
Time: 5:30-9 pm
1st Annual Culinary Weekend

_limit: Call for reservations 526-2590

Event Description: Enjoy a wonderful dinner at Main Street Inn. Menu includes: Fresh Green Salad and Assorted Baked Breads; Carving Station with Prime Rib and Pork Tenderloin with Apple Mango Chutney; C.J.'s Southern Fried Chicken; Creamed Chicken and Biscuits; Creamy Redskin Mashed Potatoes; Home-style Brown Beef Gravy and Sage Gravy; Sweet Steamed Tomatoes; Buttery Whole Kernel Corn with Roasted Red Peppers; Whole Baby Carrots with Ginger Butter.

Presenter/Host: Main Street Inn

Silver Oak Cellars With Thomas Arvid

Wine Dinner – SOLD OUT

Venue: Wolfgang’s Restaurant and Wine Bistro (828) 526-3807
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: $195 + tax & gratuity
Time: 6 pm
Limit: 60

Formal Extravagant Five Course Wine Dinner

Venue: Ristorante Paolelli 526-4906
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: $300 per person, plus tax & gratuity
Time: 6:30 pm
Limit: 40

Event Description: Join Joel Cohen, VP Emeritus Dreyfus-Ashby Importers, Cohen Private Cellar Selections of Lake Norman, NC for a formal extravaganza five course dinner with White Truffles. Reception Champagne: Bollinger Special Cuvee. Three Vintages each of: Le Montrachet Marquis De Lagrange, Grand Cru, and Pomerol.

Presenter/Host: Joel Cohen & VP Emeritus Dreyfus-Ashby Importers

...on the Verandah Guest Chef Dinner

Series – SOLD OUT

Venue: on the Verandah (828) 526-2338
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: $175 per person (inclusive of sales tax and gratuity)
Time: 6:30 pm
Limit: 50

Wild Game Wine Dinner

Venue: The Log Cabin (828) 526-3380
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007
Cost: $120 per person includes wine
Time: 6:30 pm
Limit: 75

Event Description: The Log Cabin will host a seven coarse wild game dinner with wine pairings. Menu features: Amuse Bouché, 04 Paringa Sparkling Shiraz; 1st Course, Smoked Quail Salad, Arugula, butternut squash, orange segments and tangerine vinaigrette, 06 Trevor Jones “Virgin” Chardonnay; 2nd Course, Duck Consomme, Duck confit and foie gras baguette’s purse, 05 Teusner “Joshua” Blend (GSM); 3rd Course Roasted Pheasant Breast, dried fruit stuffed lady apple, choucroute, and a natural jus, 05 Samuel’s Gorge Tempranillo; 4th Course, Broken Arrow Ranch Antelope, sweet potato, bacon, spinach and goat cheese hash, and a dried cherry demi glace, 04 Parson’s Flat Shiraz/Cabernet; 5th Course, Braised Wild Boar Osso Bucco, mascarpone polenta and roasted baby root vegetables, 05 Shirlington Shiraz; Intermezzo; Dessert, Molten Chocolate Cake, caramalized chocolate ice cream, candied pistachios, NV Jonesey Port.

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Emerging New Appellations Wine Dinner is SOLD OUT

Venue: Lakeside Restaurant (828) 526-9419
Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007
Cost: $85 per person plus tax and gratuity
Time: 7 pm
Limit: 42

Holiday Entertaining – Wine, Food & Ambiance Dinner

Venue: Fireside-Galley Room 526-3636
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: $70
Time: 7 pm
Limit: 50

Event Description: What better way to add sparkle to the holiday season than with the perfect wine? Whether you need the right “meet and greet” wine or are looking for inspiration in food and wine pairings let the Fireside help you make this the most wonderful holiday yet. Chef Travis Schultz will present a pre-fixe menu including the final version of the afternoon’s culinary demonstration. Wines chosen specifically to enhance each course will be served. From hors de oeuvres to desserts, for an intimate family dinner or gala holiday reception, you’re sure to find something new to dazzle your guests and family. Trisha Kielyka of The Christmas Tree on the Hill has transformed our room into a holiday wonderland. Stan and Donna Cochrane of Mirror Lake Antiques will present a holiday table resplendent with antique china and silver.

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Pan - Asian Dim Sum Dining

Venue: Cyprus Restaurant (828) 526-4429
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: $70 inclusive of food and wine
Time: 7pm
Limit: 60

Event Description: Cyprus International Cuisine and Best Of The Bunch invites you to join us for Dim Sum and an Exhibition of Asian Home Decor. Enjoy a great array of Dim Sum (Chinese Tastes), delivered steaming hot to your table, on a traditional cart. Enjoy a great variety to your heart’s content as we present an exhibition of floral arts and handwork sourced by Best Of The Bunch. This dinner will be paired with exceptional small production wines. This will be an experience in cuisine and artisanal craft like nothing you have experienced. Join Us!

Presenter/Host: Chef Nicholas Figel and Best Of The Bunch.

Wine Tasting Event – Wines of Napa Valley, California

Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Saturday, November 10
Time: 1:30-4 pm

Wine Flights
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Two authors to sign at Cyrano’s this weekend

On Friday, Nov. 9, renowned North Carolina writer Robert Morgan will sign copies of his new book, “Boone: A Biography” from noon to 1:30 p.m. Immediately following Morgan, Macon County poet Brent Martin will sign his new collection, “Poems From Snow Hill Road,” from 1:30-3 p.m.

Thomas German’s event-packed yet spiritual “The Caucasian Dove” is set on the Russian Front, where Jürgen, a decorrated officer in the Panzer Korps, experiences a spiritual awakening after visiting a church in the Caucasus Mountains. Subsequently ordered into the pivotal battle of Stalingrad, then captured and forced into a Soviet Gulag after the Wehrmacht’s defeat, Jürgen gains a measure of salvation through his faith. Thomas German — who has a home in Savannah as well as Cashiers — was born in South Dakota. The son of a cowboy balledeer who was also a radio writer and interviewer, the author studied in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar, and then began a career in medicine which culminated in an orthopedic residency at Duke University and a family practice in Savannah. Dr. German says that “Caucasian Dove” evolved from his inherited passion for writing. He signs at Cyrano’s this Saturday, Nov. 3, from 1-3 p.m.

“Forget the coonskin cap; he never wore one,” Robert Morgan writes in the introduction to his new book. That misconception “is the image from Hollywood and television....The real story of Daniel Boone is more complicated than the fiction, stranger and far more interesting.” And after years of research Morgan provides the straight dope on the epic life of the frontiersman born in Pennsylvania in 1734 but who spent many of his early years in North Carolina before moving on to Kentucky and Missouri. An explorer — from the Cumberland Gap to Yellowstone — trader, businessman, politician and Indian fighter, Daniel Boone has at last received the biography he deserves. “Boone” is exciting, in-depth and beautifully written, and has many maps and illustrations. The Raleigh News and Observer calls the book “stunning” and both novelist Lee Smith and historian Joseph J. Ellis have lavished praise on “Boone.”

Robert Morgan was born in Hendersonville in 1944 and grew up on the family farm in the Green River Valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He attended North Carolina State before graduating from Chapel Hill; he has an M.A. from UNC-Greensboro. Morgan has published many works of poetry and prose. His novel “Gap Creek” was a New York Times bestseller, and was also chosen by the Times as one of its Notable Books of the Year and was a selection of the Oprah Book Club. Currently, Morgan is a professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.; he signs from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9.

Brent Martin and his wife live in the historic Doc Clark house just off of Snow Hill Road in the Cowee Community, down the Little Tennessee River from Franklin. Naturalist William Bartram visited the area in the 18th century, and Martin’s collection of poems opens with a quotation from Bartram’s “Travels” extolling “the great vale of Cowe, exhibiting one of the most charming natural mountainous landscapes perhaps any where to be seen” and includes Martin’s own poetic evocation of the event, which anticipates the manmade changes to come. Indeed many other of Martin’s poems telescope past and present into a single landscape, infusing it with both humor and regret. “The Attempted Lynching of Escomoe Howell,” “Waving at a Drunk” and “Old Woman at Brush Creek” are examples. Another poem begins: “The crows of Snow Hill have returned this morning to slide their shiny bodies between heaven and earth/ through the portal of our worn pasture....” Martin is a former assistant director of the Little Tennessee Land Trust and now works for the Wilderness Society. He autographs “Poems From Snow Hill Road” Friday, Nov. 9, 1:30-3 p.m.

Cyrano’s 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@ncdv.com.
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With your help, one child CAN make a difference!

It all started last spring in Burnsville, N.C. Emma Harris and her brother Nathan found a sparkly green hat and had a fantastic idea! “We could pass this hat around church and to our friends and collect money to help children!” The only problem was they didn’t know what children they could help. It was suggested by their mother that they could collect money for the United Methodist Children’s Home in Winston Salem.

Emma set to work immediately. She decorated a manila envelope and took it with her to school for a whole week. During that week she recruited the help of some of her classmates and with the permission of her teacher, she went door to door to every classroom teacher and asked for their support. If they didn’t have money one day, she came back the next. By the end of the week she had raised close to $300. Her next step was to go to her church and explain her mission. By the end of her fundraising effort last spring Emma had raised over $500 for the children in the children’s home.

Emma’s grandmother, Sandi Harris, decided to help out with the effort by making a quilt and donating it to Emma to raffle off with the hopes of raising even more money for the children’s home. Emma and Sandi’s great eye for brilliant color and a lot of love the Butterfly and Blooms quilt was made and made ready for a raffle.

Much to Emma’s surprise and God’s perfect timing, her family moved to Highlands. Highlands United Methodist Church has spent the last six weeks studying the United Methodist missions as they relate to children. Through this discussion the children looked at global organizations and local organizations. To conclude their study they celebrated last Sunday with a Children’s Sabbath Worship service. During this service all the children donated a blanket to an organization called World Vision. This group gives blankets to children around the world in need of some loving warmth.

Emma was given the opportunity during this service to share her desire to help the children of the United Methodist Children’s Home in Winston Salem. The quilt was put on display and raffle tickets are being sold.

This fundraising event is not limited to United Methodists. It is a fundraising event that calls to every person who loves children. If you would like to help Emma and be a part of her effort to “help children” please drop by Highlands United Methodist Church during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4 pm) or stop by Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings. Come see the quilt in person and purchase raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are being sold for $2 each or 3 Tickets for $5. The Drawing will be held at Highlands United Methodist Church Saturday Dec., 8 at 9 am.

With your help one child CAN make a difference!
True men and good husbands

Rev. Sam Forrester
Whiteside Presbyterian Church

“Husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:25-27).

Men are given the responsibility of leadership in the Church of Christ. It was man that committed treason against God in the Garden. Paul says in 1 Timothy 2:14 that Eve was deceived, Adam was not, thus he committed treason. Now, that does not relieve woman of her responsibility in sin but it lays at man’s feet the greater responsibility. It is, therefore, man that is called to serve in the leadership of the Church. How is it that man can accomplish that leadership? It is by grace alone. The woman is called to a role of submission. How is that she can fulfill her role? It is by grace alone.

In Ephesians, Paul speaks of the role of both men and women with each other. Husbands, women, are to submit to their own husbands as unto the Lord and tell men to love their wives as Christ has loved His Church.

It is clear that men, again, are given the responsibility of leadership within the family. The role of the man is clearly defined by Paul’s words in Ephesians 5:25-27. It is the man that should pursue the woman and prove his affection for her, just as Christ chooses you as members of his church. For does not God’s Word tell you, “...He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight” (Ephesians 1:4). It is then, the man’s responsibility to provide all that is necessary to win his wife’s affections, just as Christ gave himself to secure your salvation. The Word of God tells you, “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). Not only must the husband seek out his wife but he must also work to keep her secure and safe, just as Christ gives you all that is needed to keep you safe within his fold. Does not Paul say of those belonging to Christ, “May God himself, the God of peace, keep her secure and safe, just as Christ gives you all that is needed to keep you safe within his fold” (Romans 15:33)?

We as men are to be imitators of Jesus Christ. Paul teaches that the man is to be the head of the wife. Not a tyrant over her but a friend beside her. Not a jealous monster but a champion of her virtue. Not a lazy sponge on her but a provider for her.

Men, if you are going to be all that is required by God’s Word to your wife, then you must study and learn of the men Jesus Christ, for it is he that God sent to show you how to be true men and good husbands. When you do this, then your wives and daughters will live happy and fulfilled lives and the threats of this world will not be able to cause them the pain, a so called liberated life of this day brings.
Lake Sequoyah Drive Located on a huge private lot, this lovely home was crafted of the finest Native materials available with few details left to chance. The main level has all the necessities for comfort and convenience with a spacious cathedral great room with fireplace. Large Glass doors open onto a wonderful stone patio, which flows back onto a screened outdoor living room. Fantastic Custom kitchen with top of the line appliances, butlers pantry, and large utility room, and den and office, a full wing of the house features a huge Master bath with heated tile floors, walkthru shower and workout area, along with a bright but cozy master bedroom. The upper level features two large guest bedrooms each with a full bath, walk in closet and separate storage areas. Rounding out this package is a large 2 car garage, and automatic generator. Do not miss looking at this home if you are seeking the best in quality. $3,450,000.00 mls #59141

One of the nicest properties in Highlands Country Club, this spacious home is set on an acre lot above beautifully terraced gardens. It features great detail in the custom finishes throughout. From the antique beams in the great room, to the three stone fireplaces, to the huge custom dual-dishwasher kitchen, you will not be disappointed with the features and charm of this exquisite home. Custom features include granite countertops and over-sized cherry wood cabinets throughout the kitchen, marble countertops in the bar and all five full baths, and an ample generator. An inviting floor plan flows for living and entertaining. The large main-floor great room leads to a screen porch, large enough for both dining and seating areas in front of the stone fireplace. The Screen porch overlooks the lovely terraced gardens and a stone patio featuring a lap pool and whirlpool spa with a fully automatic cover. The main floor master bedroom includes two walk-in closets and a large travertine-tiled master bath with separate tub and spacious dual-controlled walk-in shower. Off the master bedroom is a large high-ceilinged room with marble fire-place and separate outside entrance. Currently used as an office, this would also make a very nice sitting room for the master. Also on the large main floor is a second bedroom with full bath currently used as a library/media room, an exquisite powder room, and a spacious laundry. Upstairs has 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, cedar closet and ample storage. The terrace level has living/game room, bedroom, full bath and a wine cellar. The terrace level also has a gardener’s room with half bath and ample storage. The grounds feature extensive landscaping and a small stream winds through the gardens past a new gazebo. Don’t miss this move-in condition home, complete with immediate availability of a golf equity membership upon satisfaction of club requirements and payment of fees. $3,300,000 mls #61729

RUSTIC ELEGANCE. 4+ bedrooms, 8 1/2 baths, media room with large stone fireplace, exercise room, formal dining and living rooms. Offered at $2,975,000. mls #59141

MIRROR LAKE ROAD. Great year-round or summer home features a nice yard & garage. 3 bed, 3 baths, cathedral ceiling in living room has wood floors. Nice office & loads of storage & an extra lot. A great walk to the lake location. $474,000. mls #59748

PERCHED ON THE SIDE OF ROARING BUCK CREEK FALLS. This family home has room for guests or a large family. Living room has windows and deck that overlooks the Waterfall and a wood burning fireplace. Large kitchen with eat in area and picture window that floods light into the warm wood beamed interior. Pick from any of the four bedrooms, each with stone fireplace to enhance your mountain stay. You will need to provide the finishing touches to complete this unique waterfall home situated on about 1.5 +/- acres. Offered at $495,000. mls #54731

Smart passive solar home features 3 bed, 2 baths & 2 car garage. Main level vaulted living room with a large stone fireplace. Island design kitchen is great for entertaining family or for dinner parties. Master bedroom with ample closets and a large bath. Upper level has 2 bedrooms, one bath and cavernous storage areas. Perennial & herb gardens, winter view. $545,000. mls #61079

Schroll - Lovely starter home is located on almost 3 acres with end of the road privacy. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath plus a family room and a wonderful covered deck that overlooks a scenic rock outcropping and a babbling spring that comes from the adjacent USFS lands. Great cabin with loads of potential. $450,000.00 mls #63664

5 acres of lovely grounds, w/guesthouse. Large rooms, native woods & natural stone. Large Living rm features pegged wood floors, rustic log accent walls, with vaulted ceilings. Master suite with a large master bath is on the main level, along with an additional guest bedroom and bath. Guest wing has 2 bed, 2 baths, plus a den. Large kitchen. Family room w/ fireplace, office, bedroom, & bath. Plenty of parking and a large 2 car garage make for comfortable living in this spacious but cozy home. The guest house has its own separate parking area, and completes the package, with 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, with livingroom and kitchen. Good location, usable yard, & Spectacular View - $3,600,000.00 mls #63599
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**Left:** Walk to downtown Highlands from this new log home with lots of charm. Three bedrooms, 3 baths, hand-hewn logs, two-story rock fireplace, Pine floors, professional landscaping, outdoor fire pit. Can have additional privacy or build additional homes on adjoining 3 acres. Offered for $849,000 with additional land also available.

**Right:** Former home of Highlands premier contractor Deadeye Potts. Wormy chestnut in living room, some hardwood under carpet. Wonderful pond in backyard with deck overlooking it. Private location, yet very close in. Downstairs basement area could be finished into more bedrooms and living space. Extensively remodeled in recent years. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Pond, privacy, excellent construction, in-town. Unoccupied and easy to show. Reduced 50K from 998,000 to 948,000.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

On-going  
• November auctions at Scudder's Galleries  
  Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m. Viewing from Mon.-  
  Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 352 Main St.  
• Live music every night at 7:30 p.m. and during  
  brunch on Sunday at... on the Veranda at restaur-  
  ant.  
• Live music at Fressers in Helen’s Barn with  
  Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.  
• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m.  
  of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Com-  
  munity Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. In Cashiers. Call 888-  
  764-0385 or go to the website: www.ncmania.org.  
• Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4:55 p.m.  
  Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. $5 per class.  
• Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m.  
  at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come  
  have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.  
• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers  
  Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette  
  Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.  
• The Circle of Life” support group continues at  
  the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane  
  Woodward room 201. It is designed for anyone who  
  has experienced the loss of a loved one. 10 a.m.  
  until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or  
  Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

First Mondays  
• Participate in your hospital by joining the  
  Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxil-  
  iary meetings are held the first Monday of each  
  month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.  

Every Monday  
• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the  
  Highlands Conference Center.  
• Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands  
  Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts  
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Every Wednesday  
• “The Bible Tells Me So” at 6:15 p.m. at the  
  Highlands United Methodist Church. The study will  
  meet in the Fellowship Hall — beginning promptly  
  at 6:15 and will last approximately one hour.  
• Highlands Mountain/Top Rotary Club meets at  
  the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.  
• Men’s interdenominational Bible Study by  
  First Baptist Church.  
• CBC will offer the AWANA program for kids  
  — K-5th grade non-denominational Bible-based  
  program for kids — from 6:30-8:30 p.m.  

Every Third Wednesday  
• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian  
  Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A $5 soup-supper will  
  be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at  
  6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777  
  or 706-746-9064.  

Every Thursday  
• At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vo-  
  cals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.  
• At Alon Meetings, noon in the First Presby-  
  terian Church basement at Fifth & Main Street.  
• Women’s Bible Study at 9:30 am... at Community  
  Bible Church. Beth Moore’s Believ-  
  ing God. All women are invited.  

Every Saturday  
• Live music at Cypress Restaurant in the  
  Dil- 
  lar Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. $10 cov- 
  er.  
• Children’s classes ongoing at Bascom-Lou-  
  ise Gallery — cost is $5 per student.  

I’m Dreaming of a White Elephant Sale’  
Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Instant Theater

Without the community’s help ITC will have to close  
its doors forever come Dec. 31!

The Instant Theatre Company presents a dazzling I’m Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale on Saturday, December 1 in its Studio on Main, upstairs at 310 Oak Square, Main Street. The doors for the sale will not open until after the Highlands Christmas Parade has finished at 12 noon and will run until 4:30 p.m. A “White Elep- 
phant” sale implies that items to be sold will be of good quality, unique, sometimes rare, and always in good repair.

I’m Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale will include, but is not limit- 
ed to, everything from sporting goods to boutique items, books to furniture, art to  

electrical items, dishwashers to cashmere, collectibles to jewelry, and just about every-  
thing except the kitchen sink.

Wonderful donations have already come in from some generous Highlands Business, Kent LTD, Why Knot Knit… on the Veranda, Drakes Diamond Gallery, The Old Rangoon, McCulley's Cashmere, Summit One Gallery, and also beautiful trea- 
sures from friends of the ITC who want to see the theatre stay open. All proceeds from the sale go to benefit The Instant Theatre Company.

The ITC is a 501(c)3 non-profit, profes- 
sional company that provides the community with year around diverse, quality en-
tertainment. To keep its doors open for a 2008 season it needs to raise $25,000 by the end of December. If you wish to con-
tribute items to the I’m Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale please call 828-342-9197.

Since October of 2003, the ITC has presented over 200 nights of entertainment since its resurrection in October of 2003. If the ITC, with the help of the community, is able to raise the needed funds through the upcoming I’m Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale and mone-
tary donations from supportive benefac-
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- The Chamber of Commerce presents "Cooking Central" at the First Annual Highlands Culinary Weekend. Highlands area restaurants, accommodations, and merchants will partner to present instructional culinary courses/classes, tastings, and outdoor activities. Call 866-526-5841 or 526-5841.

- At Cyanos Bookshop, author Robert Moyer signing "Boone -- A Biography" from 12-1:30 p.m. and Brent Martin signing "Poems from Snow Hill" from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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<td>Jewelry by artist Mary Elizabeth Wilson. Registration is $50 per pair of 14k gold, pearl, and champagne topaz earrings. Retail value: $850.</td>
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<td>At The Instant Theatre, musicians Freddy Bradburn and Sylvia Sammons will perform at 8 p.m.</td>
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<td>Refreshments are sold at each event. Check for everything ITC by visiting: <a href="http://www.instanttheatre.org">www.instanttheatre.org</a>.</td>
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- The fourth annual Great Smoky Mountain Book Fair, a fundraiser for the Jackson County Library building fund, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sylvia's First United Methodist Church.

- American Red Cross Blood Drive at Memorial United Methodist Church (4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin) 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 349-3254 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for 2 Delta Air Lines domestic round-trip tickets! Volunteer blood and platelet donors must show a photo ID. To find a convenient place to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

- An Enchanted Evening sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin. Performances by harpist Valerie Von Pechy-Whitcup and Classical Guitarist, Michael Waters. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 85 Sierra Dive, off Lakeside Drive in Franklin. Call 524-6777 or 526-8971 or 342-0546 for tickets.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 9 mile hike to Windy Falls on the Horsepasture River, with an elevation loss/gain of 600-700 feet. The hike is mostly on a rough, un-maintained trail and should not be attempted by those with health problems. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. No pets please.

- Friday & Saturday, Nov. 16-17 | **Singer-songwriters to perform at ITC**                                              |
|                               | Freddy Bradburn had a song taken, claimed to be written by another, then made famous by yet others like the Byrds, Emmy Lou Harris, Joan Biaz and Graham Parsons. This song, "Hickory Wind," which was later sold by Vanguard Records, carries a story all its own. Sylvia loves to sing and play and present her "children-pets" as she calls her music. |

- **Friday, Nov. 16**
  - American Red Cross Blood Drive at Angel Medical Center (120 Rivenview Street, Franklin), 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for 2 Delta Air Lines domestic round-trip tickets! Volunteer blood and platelet donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh no less than 110 pounds. It is safe to give blood every 56 days and platelets every two weeks. All volunteer blood donors must show a photo ID. To find a convenient place to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543).

- **Saturday, Nov. 24**
  - At Cyanos Bookshop author Mary Kay Andrews signing three books from 1-3 p.m.
  - At Instant Theatre the second annual Tree Lighting Dance at 8 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults and $2.50 for children. No reservations are necessary. Call 828-342-9197 for further information. Refreshments are sold at each event.

- **Sunday, Dec. 2**
  - **HCP auditions from 2-6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street**. Scripts are available at the Hudson Library in Highlands. For questions or more information please call: 828.526.5440.
  - **East Coast Girls Volleyball** 9-12th grade girls at the Greensboro Sportsplex from noon-4 p.m. $40 per player before Nov. 5; $60 per player thereafter. Call Lucky Dog Volleyball at 877-665-6661.

- **Sunday, Dec. 9**
  - The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 8-mile strenuous hike from Beech Gap to the Appalachian Trail and Timber Ridge. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Gary Ginn, 524-5298 for reservations. No pets. The Nantahala Hiking will take a moderate 8-mile hike to see waterfalls and Little Green Mtn in Pannertown Valley. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 8:30 a.m., returning 2:30 p.m. Drive 15 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Walt Taylor, 743-6977, for reservations. No pets please.
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which was primarily used for military operations.

The Humvee will help the department during inclement weather and enable it to be 'able and ready' to provide services in the event of an emergency.

"We most typically and routinely have weather conditions that could leave us stranded and causes us to be unable to provide the services in which the community inherently needs under these types of circumstances," said Chief Harrell. "With the department's new Humvee, we can also assist the other emergency departments including Highlands Fire & Rescue, the Macon and Jackson Counties Sheriff's Departments, State and Federal law enforcement agencies, the Emergency Medical Technicians Department and the community."

With the Humvee, the Highlands Police Department can also transport, if the need arises, persons in need of medical attention when inclement weather prevents medical emergency personnel from reaching them.

The Chief said the department can also use the Humvee in the deployment of its traffic deterrent methods, such as its speed trailer and cone barricades, and the transporting of the department's Special Operations Command Center (SOCC). The SOCC is valued at more than $12,000, is special operations equipment which was also obtained through a 100% no match grant about a year ago through the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP).

Free of charge to the Highlands Police Department, the Humvee will mainly be a means of transportation under duress, inclement weather conditions, and road hazards when routine patrol transportation is inadequate.

As a specialty vehicle, the Humvee will be available to each officer who has been trained in its usage and operations. Other than acquiring new four-wheel drive vehicles as needed, Chief Harrell foresees the acquisition of additional new vehicles "only as the need arises."

He hopes to maintain a delicate balance between the department's standard patrol vehicles and its four-wheel drives to secure the best of services to the community — particularly given Highlands' geographic makeup. Currently, the Highlands Police Department has eight standard patrol cars, three four-wheel drives, and its newly acquired Military AM General Humvee.

K9 Handler Officer John Cherry welcomed the Highlands Police Department's first police dog "Ruby" to the Highlands community. Ruby arrived just recently, and according to Police Chief Bill Harrell, she is ready for duty.

Ruby is a two-year-old Black Labrador who was trained at the Tarheel Canine Academy in Sanford, NC. Both, Officer Cherry and Ruby, underwent extensive training in preparation for their services to the Highlands area. Prior to Officer John Cherry's arrival at the academy, Ruby was excelling in her 14-week training course. She was further trained for an additional three weeks with her new Handler Officer Cherry at his arrival.

Graduating in the top of her class, Ruby is classified as a "Dual Purpose" police dog. Her special training and skills will be utilized primarily in narcotics detection (inclusive of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine, etc.) and in trailing in search, rescue or seizure.

Trained to trail by a single-scented article or by retrieving the uncontaminated scent of a lost individual from their last known whereabouts, K9 Ruby can assist in the recovery of lost articles or individuals.

"I am excited that Ruby will be here," says Chief Harrell, "to offer that tool... for us, the community, for surrounding emergency service agencies, for the Highlands Fire and Rescue Department upon request."

Ruby's special training enables her to trail lost individuals in the wilderness and articles of evidence, "this makes her a valuable asset to the Highlands Police Department and the community," he said.

In the war on drugs and the police department's endeavor to reduce drug use is demonstrated by taking an aggressive proactive stance and by taking into custody those who violate the narcotic laws by holding them accountable through deterrence.

"I hope that the awareness of Ruby's availability to the department will act as a deterrent and thereby reduce the abuse of illegal drug use in and around the Highlands," he said. "With Ruby's ability to conduct an "ambient air detection sniff" she will have the capabilities of detecting various different kinds of narcotics — marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine — in public arenas, in areas suspicion of drug violations, and during traffic stops where there exists a reasonable amount of suspicion of narcotic laws violations."

In these types of situations, where an "ambient air detection sniff" has occurred and Ruby has indicated a positive response or seizure, K9 Ruby can assist in the recovery of lost articles or individuals.

"This makes K9 policing available to the county Sheriff Departments and State and Federal agencies who also patrol in the area which further accentuatesRuby's value to the Highlands area in the war on drugs."

.. Administrators have been a freelance writer since 1989. She is a writer and a recent graduate of a local Citizens Police Academy, kopskorner@hotmail.com.
Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles names top producers for October

The following CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of October: In the Cashiers office Cathy Garren, broker/owner, was named Top Sales Agent and Sharon Dalton, provisional broker, was named top listing agent.

Cathy Garren was awarded the Centurion Producer award for her production in 2006 as well as the Top Sales by Volume and Production award for her office in 2006.

In the Highlands office, Jerry Hudson, broker associate, was named Top Sales Agent.

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Fun Run’ raises money for school

The Highlands School Fun Run had 136 runners participate on Saturday, Oct. 27. The event was a fundraising success with all monies going to the Athletic Booster Club and Highlands School Art Club. Thanks to all the sponsors for making the event a success. Alan and Amanda Yates, Burlingame, Church of the Incarnation, Community Bible church, Coppage & Coppage, Highlands Cabinet Company, Highlands Construction, J.W. Underwood Constructions, Laurel Magazine, Macon Bank, Rainy Day Golf, Roto-Rooter, Sam's Grading, Scaly Mountain Nursery & Landscaping, Scaly Mountain General Store, Schmitt Builders, Sports Page, and the Cashiers Connection. Thanks to Mountain Fresh Fine Foods, Bounty Land, The Pizza Place and Wits End for donations. And thank you students, parents, teachers and coaches for participation and ongoing support.

- The Fun Run Committee

Highlands plays 2nd round in playoffs

Highlands School Varsity Soccer lost during the second round of State Playoffs against Central Academy Nov. 3, in Highlands. But it wasn't for the lack of trying! Above Will Mathodis fights to keep his footing against Central Academy opponent.

- Photo by Noel Atherton

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matters of figuring out how to pay for it.

"The commissioners have said so repeatedly," said County Manager Sam Greenwood. "So now they will regroup and rethink their priorities concerning the school program. The first thing they will likely do is sit down with the school board and discuss building priorities. They will take everything into consideration concerning their capacity to finance, mainly how much they are willing to raise taxes for each building function."

Greenwood said it's likely the county will have to raise taxes and finance part of the schools' facility plan. "The county is allowed to finance up to $10 million a year and commissioners will have to raise taxes to pay the debt service of that loan," he said.

County’s often opt to finance through a Certificate of Participation program (COPS) or Local Government Commission because the interest rates are so good. "As long as the county’s finances continue to be solid, there won’t be a problem financing projects," said Greenwood.

Since the county can only finance $10 million a year, the schools building timeline will likely lengthen and more complicated financing will be required.

"In the spring, as the county prepares for the 2008-2009 budget, it's likely the commissioners will have to consider a tax increase," said Greenwood.

One penny in the tax rate brings in $950,000, so to raise $5 million a five-cent increase would be needed.

The Community College bond for $3 million was close, too, with 3,905 citizens voting "no" and 3,033 voting "yes."

The percentage between the "yes" and "no" votes for the Public Buildings bond, the Parks and Recreational bond and the Library bond were very similar with the "yes" votes in the 30 percentile and the "no" votes in the 60 percentile.

The Public Buildings bond for $6.5 million lost with 4,229 citizens voting "no" and 2,670 voting "yes."

The Parks and Recreation bond for $9.4 million lost with 4,320 saying "no" and 2,524 saying "yes."

Greenwood said the only part of the project that will continue anyway is the grading at South Macon School for a ballfield.

The Library bond for Highlands lost with 4,719 saying "no" and 2,094 saying "yes."

Finally, the media blitz against the Land Transfer Tax paid off with 75% of the voters — 5,178 — saying "no" and 1,681 or 24% saying "yes."

- Kim Lewicki
the company also produced two, year around seasons of improvisation that had audiences returning evening after evening because no two shows were ever the same.

These popular shows are variously entitled, Evenings of Little Entertainments, Little Entertainments, and Cocktail Hour Theatre.

Over the last two years there have been dances, stand-up comedy, staged readings, storytelling, films, music concerts, children’s shows, free performing arts classes for children, free scene study and improv classes for adults, Song-Writers-in-the-Round, Summer Acting Camp for children, songwriting seminars and comedy seminars.

Nationally touring singer-songwriters Chuck Pyle, Jack Williams, Jenny Bird, Cosy Sheridan, Small Potatoes and Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, the amazing all-girl band, The Buckerettes from Asheville blew audiences away. Most recently, it featured Highlands first Comedy Festival featuring nine Nationally Touring Stand-Up comedians over two weekends.

The company has also been host to the highly successful Highlands Community Players production of Parallel Lives, the unusual Stray Cat Productions (based in Athens, GA) of Art; Ralph Stevens and David Milford’s dramatic production of Copenhagen — all cutting edge, high caliber theatre featuring performances that makes you think and talk.

“All in all, the ITC has presented over 200 nights of entertainment since its resurrection in October of 2003. If the company can stay in business, the 2008 season will include a newly created improvisational and sketch comedy show ITC LIVE, an English comedy by Peter Shaffer, Little and Louie, The 2000 Year Old Man by Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner, Park Your Car in Harvard Yard starring David Milford and Madeleine Davis, Evenings of Stand-Up Comedy, films, dances, Writers-in-the-Round, the return of The Buckerettes and Song-Writers-in-the-Round, the Highlands Community Players’ production of Parallel Lives II and More, and off-season performances of a local Chamber Music Trio.

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Conference Center), the Performing Arts Center and county-owned Zachary Field – only county officials would know that Highlands School uses it for middle school and high school soccer for both men and women and because the town supplies water and sewer to the county-owned facility at no charge to the county.

“...we’ve been saying over and over that we’re not taking anything. We have a full-fledged, well-run recreation department with a budget of $700,000 but we’re only asking for $500,000.” At a joint meeting in September, county officials said as soon as the contract is signed and delivered, the $500,000 promised the town for 2007 would be released.

Once signed, the contract will be sent to the county.

Mayor Don Mullen said the town needs to tell the county it is ready to commit and pay for the municipal solid waste transfer station at the landfill.

But since the amount budgeted was $476,000 based on an estimate presented by the county, Commissioner Patterson suggested the town cap its obligation at that price.

“We budgeted for that amount and can commit to that,” said Betz.

Meanwhile, a response to a letter sent to the county Oct. 19 requesting that tipping fees charged the town at the county landfill in Franklin be waived for the next four years has not come.

“...$476,000 is a significant capital expenditure for us,” wrote Mayor Mullen, “We respectfully request that the county waive the tipping fee for commercial solid waste from Highlands over the next four years to help us defray this cost over time.”

The town pays the county about $100,000 a year in tipping fees.

The town hasn’t heard back from the county, but acknowledged that the next county commission meeting is Nov. 13 so perhaps the town’s request will be discussed then.

David Wilkes, chairman of the Highlands ABC Board, read a letter into the record clarifying the ABC Board’s integrity concerning the withholding of ABC profits to the town.

The clarification was initiated by Brian Starnes, auditor for the town, who recently said historical town’s had to keep an eye on ABC Boards to ensure proceeds are allocated properly and he questioned the legality of an ABC store establishing a capital improvement fund.

But Wilkes said, “According to the town’s contract with the county, the ABC Board has the same recreational opportunities and facilities as elsewhere in the county and I want them to know that we have significant staff, significant facilities, significant programs, and significant maintenance already,” said Commissioner Amy Patterson who is on the town’s recreation committee. “We’re not lacking anything. We have a full-fledged, well-run recreation department with a budget of $700,000 but we’re only asking for $500,000.”
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THE CHALLENGE:
Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and try to figure out where the other numbers belong.

Solution to #BN4D in Nov. 1 issue

8 3 4 1 5 9
26 21 22 17 12 13
9 14 15 16 20 21

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Object: Assign 9 different letters to each cell of 9 columns and 9 rows. In addition, nine 3 x 3 cells in the layout have the same nine different letters (this is similar to Sudoku but uses nine letters instead of nine numbers). A ‘mystery word or phrase’ using all nine different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different ‘mystery word or phrase’ (no spaces).

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MYSTERY WORD:
“JUMPING AMPHIBIANS” (9 lettes)

ACROSS
1. Tent Post (3)
2. Internet Server (3)
3. ___Cent. ___% ___ (3)
4. Hearing organ (3)
5. Space Between (3)
6. Fish eggs (3)

DOWN
6..Knock (3)
7. Palm type (4)
8. Travel (2)
9. Goofball (3)
10. Either/ (2)