CEO Shull to leave hospital for Tryon job

Kenneth A Shull, FACHE, who has been president and chief executive officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for the past four years is leaving to become CEO of St Luke’s Hospital in Columbus, NC, near Tryon. Shull informed hospital directors here of his decision to accept the new position at their regular board meeting Thursday afternoon. Shull will remain with the hospital here through Nov 22.

“Ken has guided our hospital through some difficult times and we appreciate his dedication, leadership and commitment,” said hospital Board Chairman Charlie Sheehan. “He is leaving the hospital better off today than it was four years ago. Now it’s time to begin a new chapter in the hospital’s progress. We certainly wish him success in his new endeavor.”

Sheehan said the board has already formed a committee and will have an announcement on their decision for the new CEO some time in December.

On Monday, Nov 2
• Questions for the Candidate” Wine and cheese Reception for Grey Drake, 5:30 p.m. at Wolfgang’s restaurant and bistro. Compliments of Wolfgang and Mindy Green.

Tuesday, Nov 3
• Race for kids at the Highlands United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m.
• Rotary Bingo with Highlands Girl Scouts from 6:30-8:30 at the Highlands Community Building.

Planning Board says ‘yes’ to Methodist Church

A couple of months ago the United Methodist Church requested a zoning change from B3 to Conditional-B1 for its property behind the church on the grounds that parking requirements in the B3 zone would eat up the property earmarked for future church expansion. Following an official request and detailed explanation by church architect Jeff Weller, the Town Board sent the request to the Planning Board.

At Monday’s Planning Board meeting, the request was OK’d unanimously with four votes. Present were Griffin Bell, Pat Taylor, Thomas Craig and Mike Bryson.

Since Griffin Bell is a member of the board of trustees at the Methodist Church he thought he might have a conflict of interest, but board member Pat Taylor said since there is no “financial gain” on Bell’s part, he will continue to vote.

County only keeping 8% of room tax money

The long debate over how much the county should charge to administer the Occupancy Tax Funds it distributes to the Franklin and Highlands Chambers of Commerce has been decided.

At the Wednesday, Oct. 28 Macon County Commission meeting, Finance Director Evelyn Southard presented her findings.

Based on the information gleaned by the Indirect Cost consultant hired by the county last year, the county will be keeping 8% — roughly $32,000 a year — to administer the occupancy tax.

“I have reviewed the cost of the occupancy tax procedure for the past three months and my recommendation is that the county administer the tax for 8% of the gross amount collected,” she said. “That amounts to $32,000.”

That will pay for one staff person, who is estimated at 25% time, the annual license fee for software, etc.

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Free Edition for Highlands 7,43
Dear Editor,

I went to the town building over by the baseball park last week to listen to the people who want to be part of Highlands' government for the next couple of years. I'm sorry you couldn't be there but it got pretty interesting. The two magic words for this meeting seemed to be hostility and hospitality.

It started up with a fellow asking a question of a particular candidate and then letting any of the others to jump in. One of the candidates seemed quite outspoken and excitable. He was bold enough and not at all put off by not knowing much about the facts of the problems and solutions.

Some of the questions were more about 'gotcha' instead of being getting useful information. I asked if the bill or the potential candidate submitted these-- nope, they came from the group that put this thing. I don't think that this was helpful at all. I did not go to this to hear people attacking others and doing nothing constructively. If I wanted this I would turn on TV and watch congress in action.

One person (another one jumped in much later) said that the only thing the town government should worry about is 'hospitality.' Every time he said it, I kept expecting to see Groucho jump out with his rubber duck give this person a hundred bucks-- didn't happen.

Supporters of some people were asked why they came to Highlands and bought one of the expensive homes. It seems that most half of them said it was so they could buy the shops and buy the shiny doo-dads. Now, this got me really concerned. Used to when our family was going down a road and saw a bunch of cars coming towards us, my daddy would say we were late again. It was all over and everybody was heading back home. Sure made one feel left out.

Well, that's the way it was that night. I been here year round for the last 12 years and no one asked me why I came here. Left out again! Course never was one much for shiny doo-dads, so I guess it don't matter too much. Anyway, if I wanted a shiny doo-dad, I don't think I would drive all the way from Charleston, Atlanta, Miami or even Otto to get one in Highlands.

Now some of the stores in town are pretty nice and a few of them even have useful things. There is an auction place not far from here that will tell you right up front that they don't have anything that you really need. I suspect there may be a few other shops in town with the same kind of stuff.

You and I know a couple of families

The comedy called “Politics”

Dear Editor,

We reserve the right to reject or edit submissions. NO ANONYMOUS LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Views expressed are not necessarily those of Highlands’ Newspaper. Please EMAIL letters by Monday at 5 p.m.

There is a 500-word limit without prior approval.

Kim Lewicki
Publisher

After returning from “The Dining Room,” Friday, Oct. 16, we had a glass of wine by the fire before heading downstairs to bed.

The bedside lamps were on, but once in bed we turned them off.

Just as we were drifting off the sleep, Jim jumps up and says “Oh my God, something bit me!”

I figured he was talking about a spider and that it was in the bed. So when I jumped up I said, “Is it still in the bed?”

By now he had turned the bedside lamp on and was examining his middle finger. Instead of answering, heslowly turned on his heel and began examining the floor.

Suddenly, a large bat rose up from somewhere and began frenetically and furiously flying about the room.

Well, I began screaming, of course, running here and there trying to evade the bat that was flapping above my head.

I looked at Jim who was laughing at the spectacle – evidently there was a lot of flapping going on.

He suggested I leave the room, which I did, but only to stand right outside the bedroom door. I heard flapping, running about and finally, “Get me some Tupperware!”

I quickly returned with the vessel. Jim had pinned the bat behind the French door which was opened and pushed against the wall.

Using a newspaper he successfully corralled the creature into the bin and then through the whole mess outside.

Though now safe, we quickly realized that the bat had likely entered the bedroom through the chimney of the old fireplace down there, one without a flue.

That being the case, neither of us was too keen on sleeping downstairs so we headed for the twin bed in the guest room upstairs.

Between the bat encounter and the twin bed, we didn’t get much rest that night.

Enjoy the bat!
OBITUARIES

Rickey George McCall

Rickey George McCall, age 40, of Highlands, NC, died Saturday, October 24, 2009 at his residence. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Leon and Hailey Talley McCall. He was a construction worker and equipment operator. He was a member of Carvers Chapel Baptist Church.

He is survived by one daughter, Britney McCall of Clayton, GA; four sons, Ricky Jordan McCall of Otto, NC, Randall McCall of Highlands, NC, Wayland McCall of Clayton, GA and David McCall of Highlands, NC; three sisters, Julie Reed of Clayton, GA, Laura McCall of Highlands, NC and Jane McCall of Franklin, NC.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 28 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home in Highlands, with Rev. Alton Dendy officiating. Burial was at Miller Cemetery. Pallbearers were Doug McCall, Shawn McCall, Kevin Earp, Jordan McCall, Gary McClure and Phillip Nix.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale Street, Memphis, TN 38105-2794.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences are available by visiting www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Barbara Jane Herndon Gryder Magruder

Barbara Jane Herndon Gryder Magruder died Wednesday, Oct. 21. She was born September 29, 1933 and grew up in Chattanooga, TN. Mother Zollie Evangeline Hale Hales, and father Paul Ralph Herndon, both predeceased her, as did her son Jack Erwin Gryder.

She is survived by her husband Lauch M. Magruder, children Pamela Jane Gryder Carr of Pensacola, FL, Susan Gryder Vassar of Lakeland, FL, Sandra Gryder Scher of Tulsa, OK, her step children, Claudia Magruder Featherstone of Knoxville, TN, Gloria Kate (Kay) Magruder Van Skiver of Cedaredge, CO; 13 grandchildren and her brother, Paul Herndon of Sparta, NC.

Funeral services were held at St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral, Jackson, MS at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2009. Burial was at Highland Colony Parkway Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC in early December.

Jane was an active member of St. Andrews Cathedral, Jackson, MS and the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands.

In the early 1960s with her husband Jack Gryder and their four young children, Jane moved to Jackson. She was a charter member of St. Philips Episcopal Church. After the death of her husband, she continued serving as a teacher in its church school and later as a member of its Vestry. She married Lauch Magruder in December 1969. In 1997, when her husband retired, they moved to their home in Highlands, NC.

Jane was a faithful servant of her Lord having shared Christ’s love with many. She was a regular music director for the Cursillos of both the Episcopal and Methodist churches, being instrumental in organizing The Mississippi Methodist Cursillo. Jane founded the Family Choir at St. Andrews Cathedral in Jackson. She served as music director of the Mississippi Faith at Work conferences in Jackson and the Summer Chapel in Highl

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**Laughing at Life**

The party's over. Pack your thousand dollar bills

Yes, Highlands is winding down another fun season of frivolity and reckless spending. No, no, I'm not talking about the Democrats. Shame on you! Frivolity and reckless spending is their job all year long. I'm talking about those pesky country club folks, summer people and tourists who are packing their thousand dollar bills and heading for warmer climes. Who needs all that money? We're getting “free” money anyway.

I've been a part-time Highlander in one fashion or another for 41 years. Whodathunkit? Not being a thousand dollar person, I'm packing my twenties and leaving soon myself.

Without a doubt, Highlands is unique. Did you see where the police were called to an 11 year old party down on the Old Wadalla Road? Now I've been to some all night shindigs in my day, but never one that lasted 11 years. Wow, I wanna meet those people. I'm bettin' they were all Catholics.

Speaking of police, one of my favorite things to read is the police reports. Boy, do I envy Highlands' cops. The town takes very good care of its finest, as it should. Our officers have take-home cars and, from reading the police reports, are not the busiest guys in town this time of the year, actually, any time of the year.

Someone told me there are more Highlands' squad cars parked in Franklin than patrolling Highlands. I guess not too many officers can afford to live in Highlands on their salary. They surely don't pack their thousand dollar bills and head out. Still, they do get calls, like checking unlocked homes. You believe I was here when homes in Highlands were left unlocked?

Highlands' officers should remember this. Whether working Miami’s dangerous Liberty City or Main Street Highlands in the dead of winter, it only takes one nut with one bullet to end your life. It's a thankless, dangerous job.

Since the '11 mistus and I were winter wimps, we'll be pulling out a here soon. Some say good riddance. If I stayed, my blood flow would slow to a trickle, my nose would fill with mucus (Can I use the “S” word?) and I would spend all day

under covers. I definitely have bear genes in me. Unless I'm fired, I'll continue writing through the winter months and, as always, my column can be found on the Internets so my fellow weenie winter wimps who left town with their thousand dollar bills can catch my insanity.

And, at least part of the winter, I'll be sending you columns from camel-land (Dubai) where we go each winter. Dubai residents have million dollar bills but they don't pack them and head out! When I send columns from Dubai I have to be careful because of censorship. Any writing about drinking, nudity, hot babes, sex, etc. will get censored. You would think Dubai is being run by a bunch of Methodists. I have received a “red flag” notice from the government censors telling me my e-mail was unsuitable. Get down on your knees everyone and kiss the ground you're kneeling on. Then shout, “God Bless America.” Unfortunately, I think censorship will soon come to America.

Moving on, I think the smartest guy in town is our Town Manager. I planned on wasting at least part of my summer columns making fun of him but when the last time you saw his name in print doing anything? He's a whiz at dodging bullets. Is he even in town? What a disappointment. Also, my biggest fear in leaving Highlands is that someone in the dead of winter, will paint two hour parking signs on all the parking places.

And finally, let's talk about the November elections. No, I'm not running since everyone foolishly rejected my request to run the place from a foreign country. The two contenders for mayor are local businessman Dave Wilkes vs. Dr. Don, our current mayor. Dr. Don is a country club person who doesn't pack his thousand dollar bills and leaving soon himself. There are some who wish he would, but that's none of my business since I'm not even eligible to vote. I'm looking forward to writing some fun columns about whoever wins that race.

I hope my network of informants will keep feeding me dirt. Of course, I would never reveal the identities of my “deep throats” so don't ask. Then again, if I were a politician, I would sell you that information for a few of your thousand dollar bills.
Undying love

Dr. Henry Salzarulo
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The story spans two decades, but most of it took place at the beginning and the end. The middle can be summed up as follows: "The next 18 years passed with Bill and Faith sharing a remarkable love, while watching their barren tree and trying with no success to conceive a child."

The story starts in Belize, a funky little country just south of Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Belize was once an English colony, British Honduras, which makes it different from its neighbors.

Instead of a Maya Spanish culture, Belize is a blend of British and African, Carribean funky with reserve. Crumpets and ganga tea. That's where we met Bill and Faith. They were on their honeymoon.

Lizzie and I were there for the diving. While waiting for a boat to take us to the offshore caye where we were staying, we decided to catch a glimpse of Belize City. It was Carribean to be sure. White frame building with lots of gingerbread and tin roofs, not the thatched huts we'd seen in Latin countries. Bill had bought a sliced orange from a street vendor. He pleaded with Faith to share it, but she kept thinking of warning about eating local fruits and vegetables, about the Pepto-Bismol and Imodium back at the hotel.

She relented, as he knew she would, and as they shared the sweetest orange they had, or would ever taste, Bill suddenly, in the middle of the dusty street, with people streaming by on both sides, pulled Faith to him and kissed her.

It wasn't the "Oh, darling, Are you enjoying the exhibit. The snacks are divine," kind of kiss. It was head on, open mouth, undying love.
**Reflections from Turtle Pond**

**Beyond religion**

John Shelby Spong is a familiar name to many people in Highlands. Bishop Spong has spoken here many times since I’ve lived here, and I have never gone to hear him. Now, after reading his new book, *Eternal Life: A New Vision: Beyond Religion, Beyond Theism, Beyond Heaven and Hell* (236.25), I realize what I have missed.

Bishop Spong is a retired minister of the Episcopal Church, but has moved so far in his spiritual path that he says he has moved beyond religion. In fact, he declares that that is the destiny for the human race to mature past the need for “theism,” that is, a personal God.

His book could be seen as a history of humanity told through stages of consciousness. What sets humans apart from the animal kingdom is our sense of self-consciousness. Animals are aware, they are conscious of their surroundings, but they are not aware of themselves. They do not feel anxious about an uncertain future or shame at an embarrassing moment in the past. Perhaps most important, they are not aware that one day they will die.

Bishop Spong traces the beginnings of religion to the needs of these earliest self-conscious humans. He defines religion as a coping mechanism, a way for anxious self-aware creatures to manage their fears.

Religion served many purposes. It gave assurance that life would not end at death. It gave us explanations (even though they were inaccurate) for the mysteries of the planet — gods pulled the sun around the earth with a chariot, gods hurled thunderbolts in anger, when it thundered a god was bowling ten-pins. Religion made us feel that we had a powerful supernatural being on our side, who, if we performed the proper ceremonies, could be persuaded to intercede on our behalf.

In fact, Bishop Spong says, “religious practices, when analyzed objectively, make it obvious that their hidden purpose is to manipulate the external supernatural deity so that this deity will bring divine power to bear in the service of frightened human beings.” These religious practices employ flattery, as if we could fool the creator of the universe.

In addition, religion has been a powerful form of social control: if we follow God’s rules we’ll not only have “His” protection in this life but in the life to come. So people have used the line for centuries within the Christian tradition because they have been terrified to live outside the protection of the Christian God and terrified of the prospect of eternal punishment.

Bishop Spong insists that the era of religion is the era of humanity’s child- hood, when we desired parent figures to provide us with security. Now, he believes, we are maturing to a new level of consciousness.

I found the beginning of the book a little tedious because, I think, Bishop Spong knew how shocking his message would be to many people who have built their cases slowly. And perhaps what I will write next will be difficult for many Christians. Bishop Spong declares that Jesus was not the son of God; instead he was a human who had fully matured. He writes, “Jesus was a human who so deeply lived, a human who through love flowed without barrier or interruption, a being so courageously present that he was open to the ultimate ground of all being. He had stepped from self-consciousness into a universal consciousness that brings us into a profound oneness with all there is. He had become one with God.”

Bishop Spong proclaims this universal consciousness is available to all of us. I was raised in a Protestant church, and my family attended faithfully every Sunday. When I was about 12 I became very devout; I was impassioned at the thought of becoming Christ. Then I went through confirmation class and was instructed that Jesus was a singular being, that I had no chance of becoming as Christ, and I thought, “What’s the point?” I completely lost interest in religion.

As the human race has matured in consciousness and become more analyti- cal, we have begun to look at the rituals and theologies of our religions and found that they no longer satisfy our needs. Many people have thought the problem was with their particular religion, Christianity for example, and pursued spirituality in the religion of another culture, like Buddhism. Other people have discarded spirituality entirely. Our secular culture and its relativism make its own dire consequences of materialism of the thirtieth generation of the new age of materialism, and the harshness of eternal punishment.

A favorite author of mine, Alan Watts, wrote a book entitled *Beyond Theology*. His message is that Christianity creates a sense of a separate individual self and takes it to such an absurd extent — of an
Random thoughts (leaf looker edition)

First off, congratulations to the Lady Highlander volleyball team for making it to the second round of state playoffs! Great job by these young ladies to finish with a winning record and advance in the playoffs. Another weekend, another ugly win from the Florida Gators. While there are plenty of theories about why the Florida offense is struggling, I say look no further than the unimaginative play calling of Steve Addazio. Gone from last year are the reverses and deep passing game to keep defenses honest. Instead Florida simply runs the read option play 80% of the time and depends on Tebow’s talent. Also, by now it should be fairly obvious that Tebow is not a NFL quarterback based on throwing the ball—his release time is poor and his decision making is questionable. The guy knows how to win and can make plays, but I don’t believe he can run an NFL offense because of his lack of accuracy and decision making in the passing game.

Speaking of passing game issues, Alabama is looking more and more one dimensional each week. However, as long as their defense continues to dominate and they don’t beat themselves with turnovers, they look like the #1 team in the country...for now. BTW—what a game from Terrence “Mount” Cody—two FG blocks to save their bacon from Tennessee.

Don’t look now, but Jonathan Crompton has been terrific the last two weeks playing QB for the Volunteers. I’m surprised that Kiffin didn’t try and get a few more yards for that final FG attempt down in Tuscaloosa.

We are down to three unbeatens in the NFL. The Vikings stumbled in Pittsburgh thanks to a pair of defensive touchdown returns, but it doesn’t matter—the Vikes are still atop 3 NFL team. Any questions as to how much the Gators miss Percy Harvin? The guy is dominating in the return game and has also been a major weapon for that Favre fellow in the Viking offense.

Silly turnovers...check. Poor effort by the O-Line...check. Down 24-3 on the road...check. Saints fans (including Ryan) remembering how we’ve seen this movie before...check. The bartender telling me that “these aren’t your daddy’s Saints”...what? Turns out he was right, and maybe just maybe Saints fans have something to be excited about this year.

Then again, the Falcons could paste us this week and I might have to listen to my brother in law crow about it.

Fearless World Series prediction. The Yankees win in 7 thanks to CC Sabathia and Alex Rodriguez. The New York media then proceeds to make us all remember why we hated the Yankees in the first place.

The NBA regular season started this week...anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Bueller? (a tumbleweed softly rolls by)

And finally, this year, for Halloween I am going as Bill Belichick. All I have to do is wear a hoodie and look ticked off all the time. I think it’s a great costume, and in this economy, you have to go cheap.

...BRUGGER continued from page 6

eternal separation from God either in hell or even in heaven worshiping “Him” — that it will collapse of its own weight. This, Watts says, is the ultimate power of Christianity.

When we perceive individuals as being separate, we are seeing only one level of reality and missing the deeper levels where everything is joined. Watts uses as an example a crack in the fence looking through it imagine seeing first a cat’s head, and then 10 seconds later a tail. If we don’t know anything about cats we would think the head and tail were separate events, and maybe even postulate that a head-event causes a tail-event. The fence blocks our ability to see the underlying unity of cat.

Bishop Spong wrote this book to explore what it meant to leave heaven and hell behind when he discarded religion. What did that mean about death? His conclusion: “God is ultimately one, and that means that each of us is part of that oneness.”

All of Katie Brugger’s columns are available on her website: www.kathleenbrugger.com
That's a good question
(from all sources) on a regular basis. For some reason, Charlie has made it a habit of forgetting to report lots of property and lots of income. Now I can somewhat relate to remember all that we have. I am not so much. The House Ethics Committee has been ruminating the matter for about a year, and evidently Madam Pelosi is in no hurry for Charlie to pay for his crimes. But back to my new pen pal. She asks, "I wonder how Rangel accumulated all that wealth on a representative's salary?" That's a good question.

Rangel grew up in a poor home in Harlem, left school, had a distinguished stint in the Army, went to college, and, can you imagine, came out with a law degree in 1960. Let's pick up Wikipedia's version of what's next. "After graduating law school, Rangel passed the state bar exam and was hired by Weaver, Evans & Wingate, the city's most prominent black law firm. Rangel made little money in private practice..." For the next five years, he held several low to mid-level state and federal positions and had held elected legislative positions since.

Now I'm in no position to know exactly how Mr. Rangel accumulated his wealth, but I've got a pretty good idea how it could have happened.

Rangel Human Resources is a coke, and was happy to work his wonders and evidently he did it well. Possibly Rangel might become a greater liability to Madam Pelosi than his votes is an asset. We'll see.

On a lighter note, I woke up this morning to the news that the cost of health care legislation that started out at $850,000,000,000 and that Obama wanted to keep under $900,000,000,000 is now estimated to exceed $1,000,000,000,000. Given the government's history of underestimation, it may well exceed $2,000,000,000,000 in the next 10 years.

Now, I am three score and ten and then some. You golden oldies can relate. I remember when the Fortune 500 wealthiest individuals were millionaires; now they are billionaires. I remember when national budgets were in the single digit billions; now they are trillions. Other stats reflect the same escalation. Life has expanded a thousand-fold and I'm feeling it.

Medicaid cuts to affect pregnant women & babies
Recent budget reductions in the Medicaid program called Maternity Care Coordination may affect local services for pregnant women. Child health advocacy groups and local health departments across the state are concerned that these cuts are likely to increase North Carolina's infant death rates.

MC Health Dept. Director Jim Bruckner said the recent cuts were aimed at eliminating possible duplication in mental health case management services, but were now being applied to services for pregnant women as well.

Concerns surfaced in reaction to a recently-published list of rate reductions, which included a 39% cut for Maternity Care Coordination, a service support for pregnant women provided by local health departments. Local health department were told the cut would be no more than 19%.

In Macon County, the health department's MCC program provides services to over 193 pregnant and post-partum women each year. These services are provided by a registered nurse and include:

For more information about MCC or any other service, please call the Macon County Public Health Center at 349-2081 or visit www.maconnc.org/healthdept.
night.

The next day we recounted the story to a brother in Wilmington with whom our daughter Megan and her boyfriend were visiting for fall break.

Big mistake.

My brother and Megan are very similar when it comes to ailments. Megan’s an actor – enough said – Josh is excitable, so between the two of them the episode quickly lost all sense of proportion and verged on hysteria.

At first, Josh laughed with us about the episode but changed the story a bit, telling Megan and Joel that the bat was in the bed. I had said it was UNDER the bed.

Turns out when Jim rolled over and dangled his arm off the side of the bed, the bat latched onto his finger. As soon as he felt it he jumped up and flung it to the floor. He likened the “feeling” to that of a bird perched on a finger, but a bit sharper which is why it felt like a bite. He also says he initially thought it was a snake but didn’t want to use that word at the time.

Anyway, Megan calls us and says that we have to go to the hospital right away and get a rabies shot.

During his tenure at Appalachian State University boyfriend Joel and several of his housemates had to get the rabies shot series when a bat was in a house they rented.

At that time, the CDC said exposure meant being in a room where a bat was flying around. The CDC has relaxed those standards a bit, but at that time, Joel and his three roommates went to the Watauga Health Dept. and received the series. Since they were poor college students, it only cost them $100 each.

“Jim has to get the shots,” said Joel. “If he was bitten and the bat has rabies, he’ll die. No one has ever survived rabies.”

Well, Jim’s at the grocery store getting lunch fixings for another brother and his family who is coming in for the day.

I met him at the door, and tell him the news. “You have to go to the emergency room and get a rabies shot,” I said as calmly as possible. “If the bat had rabies, you’re going to die. They’re waiting for you.”

“No,” I said. “Megan just talked to Terry Potts over there and he said for you to come in right away.”

He drops the groceries and goes. He’s there for about three hours. Gets six shots, including Tetanus, the first of five rabies vaccine shots and the immune globulin shot which was actually five injections.

When he comes home he says I have to go.

“Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. People get rabies from the bite of an animal with rabies. Any wild mammal, like a raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, can have rabies and transmit it to people. It is also possible, but quite rare, that people may get rabies if infectious material from a rabid animal, such as saliva, gets directly into their eyes, nose, mouth, or a wound.

“Because rabies is a fatal disease, the goal of public health is, first, to prevent human exposure to rabies by education and, second, to prevent the disease by anti-rabies treatment if exposure occurs. Tens of thousands of people are successfully treated each year after being bitten by an animal that may have rabies. A few people die of rabies each year in the United States, usually because they do not recognize the risk of rabies from the bite of a wild animal and do not seek medical advice,” so reads information on the subject.

“Rabies can be confirmed only in a laboratory. (So save the bat!) However, any bat that is active by day, is found in a place where bats are not usually seen (for example, in a room in your home or on the lawn), or is unable to fly, is far more likely than others to be rabid. Such bats are often the most easily approached. Therefore, it is best never to handle any bat. Most of the recent human rabies cases in the United States have been caused by bat virus from bats. Awareness of the facts about bats and rabies can help people protect themselves, their families, and their pets.”

After talking to several medical experts, including the ER doctor and nursing staff on duty, and Stan Polanski at the Macon County Health Dept., I agreed to undergo the rabies shot series, too.

Turns out being in a room with a bat doesn’t ALWAYS count as exposure, but be...
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**COOKING ON THE PLATEAU**

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Long cooking brown rice can take up to 45 minutes to prepare—but a quick cooking alternative such as Minute® Brown Rice is ready in only 10 minutes. Brown rice is cholesterol free, 100 percent whole grain that contains no trans fat, and its only fat comes from the natural rice bran. Minute Brown Rice is also gluten free, low in sodium and is a complex carbohydrate which makes it a versatile ingredient that can be used in any meal. And it is excellent for dollar-stretching leftovers.

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These recipes bring the best of both ingredients together to help you make healthy meals in a matter of minutes.

### Southwest Chicken and Rice Wraps
*Serves 4*

- 1 can (14 ounces) low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups Minute Brown Rice, uncooked
- 2 tablespoons Mrs. Dash® Salt-Free Extra Spicy Seasoning Blend
- 2 cups frozen southwest blend vegetables
- 2 cups chopped chicken, diced
- 1 cup low-fat cheddar cheese, shredded, optional
- 1/2 cup light sour cream, optional

Bring broth to a boil in a medium saucepan.

Add rice, seasoning blend, vegetables and chicken; stir. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes.

Warm tortillas and divide rice mixture evenly onto tortillas. Top with cheese and sour cream, if desired, and roll into desired shape.

### Chicken and Rice Florentine
*Serves 4*

- 1 can (14 ounces) low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 cups Minute Brown Rice, uncooked
- 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash® Salt-Free Lemon Pepper Seasoning Blend
- 1 tablespoon Mrs. Dash® Salt-Free Onion & Herb Seasoning Blend
- 2 cups cooked chicken, diced
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, shredded

Bring broth to a boil in a medium saucepan.

Add rice, seasoning blends and chicken; stir. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer 5 minutes. Remove from heat and let stand 5 minutes.

Add spinach and stir until wilted. Serve topped with Parmesan cheese.
Gary Drake
Question 5:
There are so many things about Highlands that one could consider unique and once again we are faced with the possibility of changing our town. Main Street in Highlands is also US HWY 64 and there are only a handful of towns left which have the ability to offer parking in the middle and down both sides in the heart of town. We have been grandfathered in for this type of parking and if we ever change the make-up, there’s no going back. My question is this: Has the Department of Transportation been consulted in the possibility of this change and was this yet another financial drain on our budget?

The extension of parking islands down to 1st Street doesn’t make sense to me because there is parking available in Wright’s Square, in front of Wright’s Square, down 2nd and 3rd Streets, and the length of Spring Street. These areas are never filled to capacity and if this project moves forward, I find this parking project to be spending once again...just because we can. We have to preserve our “unique and charming town feeling” for ourselves and the generations that follow.

Question 6:
Although there are several things that need attention, the most pressing issue is our water quality. If we address the following, I feel that we are well on our way to addressing the problem. 1) Acquisition of the FEMA flood insurance is imperative. 2) The Mirror Lake and Sequoyah Lake projects must be completed with better oversight of contractor’s performance to prevent the problems that occurred during the Harris Lake project. 3) Resolving the silt problems that affect both Mill Creek and Big Creek.

Don Mullen
Question 5:
About a year ago the Town Board requested consultants to take a look at the streets, sidewalks, parking and flow of traffic in our town. We were looking for a long range plan for the town regarding these issues. We were fully aware that there were differences of opinion regarding parking and the flow of traffic in Highlands, and we looked for ideas from situations in other towns who had problems similar to ours.

The result was a comprehensive plan for the future of streets, parking and flow of traffic. This has not been presented to the Board of Commissioners. It is my understanding that no one has seen this report, although it has been approved. Now the public and the commissioners will have an opportunity to fully discuss these plans in detail as will the town’s Planning Board. There will be some changes, but we are looking at the plans carefully and more than likely we will not make all the changes which have been recommended at one time. Much depends on the ultimate cost of what needs to be done. Some changes could be made quickly and inexpensively but other changes may take several years. It is simply too early to say what the final outcome will be at this point. Much discussion and public comment is necessary. The extension of parking on the north side of Main Street between Third and First Street may possibly be one of the first options so that Wrights Square will have more access to parking. The town has long considered a red light at Third and Main as a recommendation which has been denied by the North Carolina DOT. I must hear much more public and board discussion on all of these issues before I will state any of my own conclusions.

Question 6:
There are many issues which point to a vibrant Highlands 10 years from now. The continuing improvement of the infrastructure of the Town of Highlands is probably the most important. Our low sewer attachments of only 30% must be greatly improved over the next five years. The continuing collection of silt in our water supply lake, the Big Creek arm of Lake Sequoyah, is of utmost concern because of its threat to our water supply and the quality of our water. If we do not obtain funds soon for the removal of this silt, we may have to proceed on our own from our reserve fund. Storm water control is not only a quality of water issue but also a flash flood issue and must be continuously monitored.

Highlands is a wonderful place to live, raise families and enjoy. While maintaining our great traditions, we must also look for what changes we must make in the way we do things to keep up with modern advances in town management, improvements and conveniences. Remaining stagnant and unchanging is unacceptable, but each change must be done with great thought, examination and care.

The business climate must remain healthy and we must all look for means of supporting our business community. Workforce housing for those who work hard in Highlands but must live farther away must continue to be evaluated. The Highlands Community Child Development Center which many of us worked hard to build has supplied much needed child care for working mothers and fathers but more must be done to bring these workers living closer to Highlands.

A walking greenway trail and park system in and around Highlands which can be expanded to link us with Franklin and other trails will attract people to our incredible area and keep the business climate of the town vibrant and productive. All of these issues of importance to all and important for the future of our town.

Amy Patterson
Due to other pressing obligations, Commissioner Patterson wasn’t able to answer the questions this week.

Hank Ross
Question 5:
The Town Board has not voted or completed their review of the parking study. The purpose of the study is to make parking within downtown more convenient and safe while enhancing the appearance and signage. I am very much in favor of improving the safety of intersections, adding parking on Main Street and improving the appearance. The intersection at Main and Third Streets is especially in need of safety improvement for both vehicles and people on foot.

I am not, however, in favor of creating a center island along Main Street. Since people constantly stroll across Main Street from business to business and there are many needs in the downtown area, a center island would be an eyesore and an inconvenience.

Gary Drake
Question 6:
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Oxygen and old age

by John Armor

Don’t hate defeat. No concessions. No quitting. No giving up before the goal is reached. Last week I made one of the greater concessions of my life. It was a concession to oxygen and old age.

All of us maintain a certain fiction, as long and as far as we can. Well, for Jack Lanne, he’s still the same trim athletic guy he always was, and leading exercise groups at the age of 92. But for the rest of us, we are not the young, agile folks we once were.

Hair goes. Teeth go. Gravity takes hold of various body parts. Knees and other joints get stiff and uncooperative. We pretend it isn’t much. But all together, it’s a lot. It’s permanent. And, it’s all downhill.

But there is one symptom of deterioration I’ve always thought is an order of magnitude worse than all the others combined. All of you have seen it. Some of you have experienced it. It is the plethora of take-along oxygen bottles that are appearing all across the graying face of America.

There is a good reason why oxygen in old age is a worse symptom of defeat than any other. All the others we do not like to waste. But, I tell you, there is no cure. There are many months, nay years, to lose weight, change your habits, start exercising, and so forth. However, with breathing, you are never more than three minutes from death.

Now, that produces a sense of urgency. Last week I went on oxygen. Well, firstly I got double pneumonia. Last time I got that a few years back, I visited my kindly doctor. He wrote a prescription for stiff antibiotics, and that knocked the pneumonia for a loop, pronto. Not this time, however. The magic pills didn’t work. So, I dragged myself to the hospital on the weekend and came away with a prescription for O2 bottles and stronger pills.

For those who have seen the various tubes and bottles but have no experience with oxygen supplies, here’s how it works: They bring you an “oxygen concentrator.” That’s a machine which uses osmosis to take ordinary air, throw away some of the nitrogen, and run the oxygen content of the output up to double or more, the 17% it represents in normal air. Then there are the back-up and travel additions.

Since we live at the end of a half-mile gravel road on a mountain top in the Blue Ridge, power failures from our electrical coop (which shall remain nameless to protect the guilty), are commonplace. So, there is also a large tank, like the ones that Charlie Allnut used to sink the Louisa in “African Queen,” which can put out a 16-hour non-electrical supply of oxygen. Then there are the baby bottles, a six-pack of small ones that carry a two-hour supply each.

The bad news is that we now have all of those devices in our home. The machine is connected to a 57-foot tube, so I can go most places in our compact house and remain tethered like a puppy on a retractable leash. The good news is that a steady dose of oxygen at night and while I am working on the computer are more than enough to do the trick. I’m not trapped to these devices, 24/7.

I’m sleeping like a rock. I wake up bright-eyed and bouncy-tailed. My energy level is way up. All my muscles are stronger than before. Even my dubious knees are happier now. I’m getting more exercise, and losing weight slowly but steadily. As they say in the detergent ads, everything is sunshine bright. If your doctor has a chat with you (or a family member) about oxygen therapy, don’t reject it out of hand. As they say, “Try it, you’ll like it.” Well, maybe “like it” is the wrong phrase. But you will be amazed by the good results.

As much as I doubted it and denied it for years and years and years, I am now officially an old fart, and significant deterioration has set in. But as Bette Davis said, “Old age is no place for sissies.” And to paraphrase Maurice Chevalier, “Oxygen and old age are far preferable to the lack of both.”

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You could not come to her home without her urging you to eat or drink something. She insisted that every repairman, yard worker, and the like who came to her home sit down and eat something or at least have something to drink. It was not unusual to find 8-10 workers on her deck eating the lunch she had prepared for them.

She was a member of Meh Lady Luncheon Club in Jackson, the Jackson Life Underwriters Association, Highlands Falls Country Club, and Mountain Laurel Tennis Club, both in Highlands, the choir of St. Andrews Cathedral in Jackson, the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands and the Highlands Choral Association.

In lieu of flowers, Jane asked that memorial contributions be made to the Episcopal Cursillo in Mississippi, Lake Logan Episcopal Center, 154 Suncrest Mill Road, Canton, NC., 28716, the University of Mississippi, Church of the Incarnation in Highlands or a charity of your choice.
ing in a bedroom with a fireplace and a bat does.

Since we couldn’t be absolutely sure that the bat hadn’t entered the bedroom through the chimney the night before, and that we absolutely hadn’t been bitten while we slept, then I couldn’t risk foregoing the shots. In addition, humans can’t always feel bat bites, nor do bats always leave a mark or draw blood.

So, long story short, the shots are VERY expensive. Jim’s first round that Saturday morning in the ER cost $4,200 and each subsequent shot cost about $385. Times all that by two.

“An exposed person who has never received any rabies vaccine first receives a dose of rabies immune globulin (a blood product that contains antibodies against rabies), which gives immediate, short-term protection. This shot should be given in or near the wound area.

They should also be given a series of rabies vaccinations. The first doses should be given as soon as possible after the exposure. Additional doses should be given on days three, seven.”

Though Polanski said that rabies shots are only given in Highlands about once a year, the awesome crew in the ER say that’s not the case at all. So, bat proof your house. After Jim got back Saturday afternoon he went up on the roof and screened in the chimney stack.

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• Please check with our appointment scheduler or your insurance plan.
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In the future, I hope that Highlands will be a much more sustainable community using energy efficient technology to lower energy costs and thus have less effect on our environment. Also, I think that cutting edge communications technology should be available and that it will help with our existing businesses and attract small technology companies and telecommuters. I believe that Highlands can tackle these issues while preserving our environment and town character.

David Wilkes

Question 5:
I think any plan designed to remove parking space from the middle of Main Street is suspect. Replacing these spaces with additional spaces 1 to 2 blocks away is not a good idea.

Any plan that affects the business district should be designed with input from and consideration of the people most directly affected — the businesses on Main Street. The plan included designs such as traffic islands on each entrance to town designed to “slow traffic as it approaches downtown.” These might be necessary in towns where traffic comes from interstates of major highways into a town, but not in Highlands.

Most of the plan was designed for aesthetics, and not practical solutions to real problems. A meeting with the town engineer, representatives of the business community, the town board, and town manager would yield better solutions and cost far less than $50,000.

Question 6:
I don’t believe there is one most important issue to every citizen of Highlands. I think that for many year-round residents on fixed incomes, the increase in utilities, and the prospect of increased taxes are the most important issue.

For businesses, most important issue is the town’s focus on our hospitality industry including shops, restaurants, accommodations, real estate, construction and services. This focus comes from improving communications and cooperation between businesses and town government. For part-time residents and visitors, it’s retaining the charm and unique character that brought them to Highlands. To do this you have to realize what creates this charm and not destroying it and becoming another McResort Town. Addressing opportunities for solutions to situations like parking and recreation through discussions with the town, the business community, the school, civic organizations, and parents will give better results for our particular needs than consultants who have no history or involvement in Highlands.

The solutions to every issue facing Highlands should be addressed from the point of view of what’s best for the community and economically feasible.

David Wilkes

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tongue searching for her tonsils kind of kiss. He pulled her so tightly into him, that I thought they might fuse. That's when we met them.

Suddenly Bill stiffened. His chest heaved, his eyes bulged, and he started to turn blue. He dutched his head in a gesture of air hunger. Lizzie said, "Do something" so I did. I ran to him, spun him, put my arms around him, and pulled up under his rib cage with both fists. A welcome explosion of air followed, and sitting on the tip of the explosion, like a spaceship atop a million horsepower rocket, was an orange seed. It had wedged in his voice box and damn near killed him. Faith bent over, picked it up, and with a strange giggle said, "Let's take it home and plant it."

The next 18 years pass with Bill and Faith sharing a remarkable love, while watching their barren tree and trying with no success to conceive a child.

Faith was undergoing her thousandth examination when concern creased the doctor's face. "Probably nothing, probably just from the hormones, or maybe a cyst, or maybe just air trapped in the colon. But let's check it out to be sure."

"Ovarian cancer, stage 4," he mumbled, into the report which he held in front of his face. Bill was worried when the doctor called him and asked him to accompany Faith to the appointment, but neither of them was prepared for that. They did everything they were told to. All the scans, lab tests, nutritional counseling, a second opinion at Duke, the chemo, the retching, the hair loss. In the end there was nothing else.

One of the last things Bill said, while Faith still had the ability to comprehend, was, "Try to contact me. If there's anything out there, if there's any way, if you have any power or influence, send me a sign. Make our orange tree bloom. I'll know it's a sign, one flower. That's all I need, to know you're OK. We nurtured that tree. Hell, we smuggled the seed through Customs. We planted and transplanted it. We fertilized it and pruned it. We made it bonsai. We nursed it when it had scale. And we've loved it, even though it never bloomed."

Bill told me he thinks it was the last thing Faith ever understood. That and, "I love you."

He waited for the bloom. Every day, he examined the tips of the branches for the appearance of a cluster of tiny white balls. But they didn't appear. Their anniversary passed, his birthday, and then hers, the anniversary of her death. The cycle was repeated the following year, while his despair mounted. He came home on Halloween of the second year, walked zombie like to the miniature tree, picked it up, carried it to the porch, placed it carefully on the table, and put a bullet through his temple.

A neighbor reported a gun shot and the police investigated. It looked like a routine suicide, no hint of foul play. One of the officers called to his partner. "Hey Ben.

from the history guy ...

Oct ober 29, 1960

Louisville, Kentucky, Cassius Clay wins his first professional fight

Grab your pen make a list of those that are pugilists.

Is the first one written Cassius Clay?

I think that just perhaps it may. But if instead on the top was Ali, well that would not really be folly. If you were a fan and got lucky, might have seen his first win in Kentucky. In addition to his work with gloves, this guy was known for his other loves, that of engaging in hyperbole, like “Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee”

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Varsity Girls win first round of State Playoffs

On Saturday, Highlands went up against rival Swain in a five-game match at home.
After winning the first game, Highlands was raring to go and excited about winning all the way.
However, the girls lost to Swain during the second and fourth match but beat Swain during the third match and the final fifth match 15-11.
That win put them over the top making them the winners of the first round of State Playoffs.
On Tuesday, the team traveled to Alleghany High School in Sparta, NC near the Virginia border for the second round of playoffs.
Despite the long, five-hour drive the girls were ready to play but lost in three games.
The score for the last game was 25-19.
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Week Long
• The 2010 Highlands Historical Society calendars are available for $10 each, and if you buy 4 you get a free cookbook. The calendars feature scenes of Highlands from the 1800s to the early 1900s. Calendars are available at Cyrano’s, The Highlander Newspaper, Country Club Properties (Wright Square location), and The Chambers Agency. All proceeds benefit the Highlands Historical Society.

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Special Midnight Show Friday and Saturday Night.
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Sun: 2:05, 4:30, 7:20
Mon + Wed: 4:30, 7:20
Tues + Thurs: 2:20, 4:30, 7:20

CIRQUE DU FREAK:
THE VAMPIRE ASSISTANT
rated PG-13
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Sun: 2:10, 10:00
Mon + Wed: 7:10
Tues + Thurs: 2:10, 7:10

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Sun: 2:15, 4:10, 7:15
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Tues + Thurs: 2:15, 4:10, 7:15

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rated R
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Sat: 9:20
Sun: 4:20
Mon + Wed: 4:20
Tues + Thurs: 4:20

COUPLES RETREAT
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Girl Scout Bingo
If you like Girl Scout cookies – you love Girl Scout Bingo. Give it a try! On Thursday, Nov. 5th the Rotary Club of Highlands and Highlands Girl Scouts will join forces to offer Girl Scout Bingo at the Highlands Community Building from 6:30 – 8:30. The cost to play is $1 per card per game and there will be 15 games. While each game’s prize depends upon the number of players, most Bingo games pay $40-$70 with game 15 being some serious money. Half of all Bingo money goes to Bingo players and the other half goes to Highlands Girls Scouts. Enjoy the free refreshments served by Highlands Girl Scouts. The Rotary Club of Highlands is licensed to operate Bingo by the State of NC.

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One more week to see ‘Members Invitational’ exhibition at The Bascom

Art lovers check out some works in The Bascom’s annual “Members Invitational” exhibition. Featuring works by Bascom members, the exhibition runs through Nov. 7 in the Loft Gallery at The Bascom, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Exhibition admission is always free. For more information about the exhibition or other Bascom happenings, visit www.thebascom.org or call (828) 526-4949.

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Every Fourth Saturday
• Friends of Panthertown work days, are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

Saturdays
• At Cypress International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.
• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. $19 per person.
• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satelite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.

Thursdays
• ZUMBA classes at the Highlands Rec Park, Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays 8 a.m. Classes are one hour long and cost $5 per class. Also at the Cashiers Community Center at 1 p.m. on Thursdays. Call 342-2498 for more information.

Through Sun. Nov. 8
• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands is accepting donations for the troops for its “Christmas for the Troops” campaign. Care packages will be put together containing microwaveable meals and soups, snap-topped cans of tuna, chicken or soup, ramen noodles, cereal bars, cookies, hot cocoa, tea and coffee, spices, salt and pepper, hard candy, nuts, canned snacks like Pringles, pudding snacks, etc. Also travel-size board games, dominoes, air activated heat wraps, hand warmers, word puzzles, DVDs and CDs, icy/hot patches and winter gloves. Please no chocolates, aerosol or perishable items. Please drop off donations at the church or mail a monetary donation to First Presbyterian Church, Christmas Care Packages, P.O. Box 548, Highlands, NC 28741.

Through Friday, Dec. 18
• American Art Today, Juried Works exhibition will open at The Bascom and run through Dec. 18. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m. The juror, Dr. Annette Blauprun, will speak at 6 p.m. For more information, call (828)526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Thurs., Oct. 29
• Nick’s Restaurant donating 10% of all proceeds from lunch and dinner to Highlands-Cashiers Hospice.
• Lady Highlanders After-school Hoops Clinic for grades K-6 from 3-5 p.m. at the Highlands School new gym. Learn the fundamentals of basketball, $25 per student or $40 for family of two. Make checks payable to Highlands School.
• UCWA, the Upper Watershed Association will hold an Annual Meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Peggy Crosby Center.
• Literacy Council will host Halloween Spooktacular, its first annual Halloween Spooktacular, a Halloween-themed event from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. Children who attend will participate in an arts-and-crafts activity, as well as listen to a read aloud of a Halloween themed book. “As an educator, my goal is not only to promote good literacy in my students, but also a love of language as a creative tool. Halloween is a great opportunity for the kids to have a little fun and to celebrate the world of imagination and creativity,” said Laura Miller, the council’s programs coordinator. Everyone who attends the event is invited and encouraged to dress in their Halloween costume. The event is free and open to the public. Snacks will be provided. For more information about the event, contact Bessie Dietrich Goggins, executive director, by telephone at (828) 526-9938 extension 240 or by email at highlandsliteracy@bunco.com.

Fri.-Sun, Oct. 30-Nov. 1
• Walhalla Civic Players present “Dracula in Dixie” at the Walhalla Civic Auditorium. Regular performances at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. As a bonus, there will be a special performance at midnight on Halloween night. Tickets for all shows are $12 for adults, $8 for all students. Children three and under are admitted free. For more information call the Walhalla Civic Players hotline at (864) 280-3538.

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 30-31
• This Halloween the Highlands Prominent Committee is hosting a Halloween Haunted House on Friday and Saturday from 7-10 p.m. Numerous volunteers will convert a dark warehouse into a hall of horrors at 2851 Cashiers Road in Highlands, located next to the Mountain Hardscapes parking lot. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased at the door. Not for the faint of heart, the haunted house is open to all adults and brave children.
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Friday, Oct. 30
• Macon County Library Blood Drive (149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin) 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 524-3600 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will automatically be entered into a drawing for one of three pairs of Delta Air Lines domestic tickets!

Saturday, Oct. 31
• At Greenleaf Gallery 12 noon – 5 p.m – The “Leafware” Potter – Rusty Schrum-Owens at 177 Main St. in Wrights Square. Light refreshments.
• Downtown Trick or Treat. Halloween Highlands style. 6 – 8 p.m. Featuring merchants On the Hill, Main Street, Town Square, Wright Square, and Oak Square. Main Street will be open for foot traffic only, from 5:45 – 8 p.m.
• Spooky Raku, a Halloween Pottery Firing, a free community gathering and demonstration, will be held at sundown on Halloween. The Bascom’s resident ceramist and former college professor, Taylor welcomes all for a spectacular nighttime firing. Glowing red pots set in counterpoint to the black night sky will create a magnificent mood and an unforgettable All Hallows Eve. For information, call (828) 526-4949.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a two-mile easy-to-moderate hike to Lookoff Mtn. in Black Rock Mtn, State Park in GA with a short steep section before the lookout. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. or call leader for alternate meeting place. Drive 26 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Mon., Nov. 2- Thurs., Nov. 19
• Pottery workshop “Open Studio for Ceramics,” by Patrick Taylor, will be held at The Bascom for intermediate to advanced students. Two sessions: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is $375/$350 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 or visit www.thebascom.org.

Monday, Nov. 2
• “Questions for the Candidate” Wine and cheese Reception for Gary Drake, 5:30 p.m at Woffgangs restaurant and bistro. Compliments of Wolfgang and Mindy Green.
• Macon County Planning Board Public Input meeting at the Pine Grove Community Center at 7 p.m.
• Macon County Planning Board Public Input meeting at the Otto Community Center at 7 p.m..

Thursday, Nov. 5
• Taize service at the Highlands United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m.
• Rotary Bingo with Highlands Girl Scouts from 6:30-8:30 at the Highlands Community Building. 
• Franklin Community Blood Drive at the First Baptist Church (69 Lotla Street) noon to 5:30 p.m. Please call 369-9559 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred.

Friday, Nov. 6
• Angel Medical Center Blood Drive (120 Riverview Street) 8 am to 5 pm. Please call 369-4166 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome, appointments preferred.

Saturday, Nov. 7
• Searching for Liberal Religion? The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin, N.C. will present an introduction to liberal religion on Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. The Fellowship is located at 85 Sierra Drive in Franklin, N.C. For further information including directions contact www.franklinfellowship.org or call 706/782-7978. All are welcome.
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a six mile moderate hike on the Coweeta Lab Ridge Trail with a spectacular view from Albert Mtn. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9:00 a.m. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 20 miles round trip. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.
• WNC 234th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be celebrated at Harrah’s Cherokee Casino & Hotel. All Mariness, Navy, families, and friends are invited to attend this BLACK TIE event celebrating 234 years of the United States Marine Corps. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm and Ceremony/Din-

Historical Society’s ‘Christmas Showhouse’ in Historic Stewart House, Dec. 5 & 6

The 2010 Highlands Historical Society calendars are available for $10 each, and if you buy 4 you get a free cookbook. The calendars feature scenes of Highlands from the 1800s to the early 1900s. Calendars are available at Cyrano’s, The Highlander Newspaper, Country Club Properties (Wright Square location), and The Chambers Agency. All proceeds benefit the Highlands Historical Society.
Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Downtown Trick or Treat Highlands’ style, Saturday, Oct.31

Halloween lovers of all ages turn out in a big way to trick-or-treat downtown including Main Street and shops on the 4th Street hill. The fun is set for 6-8 p.m.

AngelFood

The November menu is available and orders may be placed and paid for at The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Main & 5th Streets through Monday, November 9th. Cash or EBT cards only. Distribution day is Saturday, November 14th from 9-10am at the church. NOTE: Steaks in a box of Angel Food are now thicker than ever before. Though there may be fewer steaks in a box, it’s the same amount of meat but the quality is higher and the steaks are tenderer.

NEW! Online ordering is now available by going to www.angelfoodministries.com. Click on “Order Online or “Find a local site”, type in your zip code (or 28741), and select Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. You may pay by credit card via this website.

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Samuel Wheeler deserves to be saluted for his many recent feats including this hat trick at a recent Blue Ridge School away game. Photos by Noel Atherton

The only senior on the Varsity Soccer team, Will Mathowdis was honored with his mom Holly at the home game against Swain on Monday.

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Most of us believe we should love humanity, that we are a community of brothers and sisters on this earth linked in more ways than we know. We look at pictures of suffering children in faraway lands and our hearts are torn with sorrow. We grieve when we read of tragic accidents.

But it is interesting that sometimes it is easier to love people in general than people in particular, easier to love humanity than a particular person whose habits and actions we have come to know. That is probably because we never associate with all of humanity. We can believe we are caring people without any nagging evidence to the contrary when it comes to loving everyone. “Do I love my neighbor? Yes, I do,” most of us can answer when we think of people in general. Humanity in general never puts us to the test to see if our ideals really stick.

However, people in particular often put our ideals to the test: A particular child may defy us, disappoint us, or scream out in anger; a particular colleague at work wants the same assignment or promotion we do; a particular job is not what we expected. “The Lord makes no exceptions when he asks us to love one another.” He makes an exception when he asks us to love one another.

Yet, in this marvelous school called life, how we respond to people in particular is the truest test of character. If the Lord has asked us to love one another, we cannot make exceptions; saying, “I can love everyone but him,” or “I can love everyone but her.” The Lord makes no exceptions when he asks us to love one another. He makes no qualifications. It is not to love until we are crossed, or love until we are imitated, or love until our feelings are hurt. It is not to love until someone wears out our love and it runs dry.

We must ask ourselves the hard question: “Do I see myself in a continual contest with others where only one can win? Do I feel a need to be more important than others? Am I slow to forgive and do I hold onto grudges? Do I always feel the need to be right?” It is difficult to have any of these feelings at the same time we truly love our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not been asked to love people in general. We have been asked to love each person, one at a time, with all the attendant imperfections and shortcomings. It is with that powerful, personal approach that the Lord loves us.
Last week six highschoolers at Highlands School were inducted into the Beta Club. Inducted were Cai Roman, Emily Murphy, Danielle Shomper, Andrew Renfro, and Isaac Beavers. Kaitlin Lewis was also inducted but she was not there because she was sick. Other members who were present included: Courtney Rogers, Marlee McCall, Sarah Power, Shelby Johnson, Kate-Marie Parks, Brice Jenkins, Cord Srawn, and Amy Fogle. Right, the induction was led by the officers: Kate-Marie Parks, Shelby Johnson, and Brice Jenkins. Marlee McCall assisted in the induction.

Students inducted into Beta Club

There was no reason for him not to vote.

Conditional Use Zoning enables land owners to put projects not normally allowed in a specific zone but more importantly it allows the town to dictate stipulations. The Planning Board suggested conditions for the Conditional B1 zoning which will alleviate parking requirements otherwise required in B3.

They are use in the new B1 zone be church-related; 30% of the property is to remain permeable there can only be one single curb cut to keep the area pedestrian-friendly and 10-foot setbacks will be required on the property lines adjacent to other properties and five feet on the street side.

“Conditional-use makes it a separate district and gives the town the opportunity to limit what can be done and makes it enforceable into the future,” said Town Planner Joe Cooley.

Currently, the church’s “Wellspring” property located behind the church’s Main Street property, houses the Food Pantry, parking and a cottage used for guests.

Eventually, the church wants to build a new Faith and Fellowship Center on the property including additional parking — about 10 spaces — but not the amount required in the current B3 zoning.

“All of this is being planned so the sanctuary can remain on Main Street as it has for the past 100 years,” said Weller. With the Fellowship Hall moved behind the church, the sanctuary could be extended to the south which would allow it to stay on Main Street,” he said.

Weller said it’s likely construction won’t start for another five years, but the OK for Conditional B1 is necessary now so planning can begin.

Now that the Planning Board has ruled on the subject, it will go to the Town Board for the final vote.

Also on the agenda Monday night was the potential Abandoned Structures/Derelict Building Ordinance.

This was brought to the table due to two buildings seen on US 64 and NC 106 when entering Highlands.

Board member Craig asked if such an ordinance was really necessary in Highlands because there are so few abandoned or derelict buildings.

But member Pat Taylor said any building has the potential to become a derelict and so the issue should be addressed.

Planning Administrator Joe Cooley said though the county doesn’t have a code on the books for this sort of thing, “It’s important for ‘due process’ issues to have something on the books,” he said. “But ultimately it’s the responsibility of the Town Board to condemn a building.”

After a short discussion, the board decided 3-1 that Highlands doesn’t need an Abandoned Building Ordinance: Pat Taylor voted against the motion. – Kim Lewicki
begin its search for a replacement immediately. Vice President of Operations Frank Leslie was named interim administrator of the hospital.

St. Luke's Hospital is similar in size to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, which has 25 acute care beds. It does not have an attached long term care center, but does have a 10-bed geriatric psychiatry unit. Located in the county seat of Columbus, St. Luke's is the only hospital serving Polk County, NC, which abuts the South Carolina state line. It has affiliations with Spartanburg Regional Medical Center in Spartanburg, SC, about 25 miles to the south, and Mission Health System in Asheville, about 40 miles to the north. It is managed by Carolina's Healthcare System. In addition to becoming president of St. Luke's, Shull will also become a vice president of the Carolina's System.

“St. Luke's is another small hospital struggling to survive in a difficult health care environment, and I look forward to working with the physicians, staff, and board there to meet the challenges ahead,” said Shull. “I have enjoyed getting to know the people here and being an active part of these communities. This will be an opportunity to make another new set of friends and address new challenges.”

“The medical staff certainly appreciates Ken’s efforts over the last four years to improve the lines of communication with the physicians here,” said David Wheeler, MD, chief of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Medical Staff. “We wish him the very best in this new opportunity at St. Luke’s.”

Prior to coming to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Shull spent eight years as president of the South Carolina Hospital Association, which had more than 90 members. He spent 30 years experience in hospital management at various hospitals and hospital systems in Virginia and the two Carolinas, including a stint as president and CEO of Lexington County Health Services District, in West Columbia, SC, which operated a 292-bed acute hospital, 354-bed nursing center, and an ambulatory care facility in nearby Irmo, SC.

Prior to heading up the Lexington County health system, Shull was president of two smaller hospitals: Stanly Memorial Hospital, a 126-bed facility in Albemarle, NC, and Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens SC., with 56 beds.

Shull has a Masters degree in Hospital Administration from the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, and a Masters of Business Administration from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, IL. He was an administrative resident at Community Hospital Roanoke Valley in Roanoke, VA. He is certified in hospital management and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

While in Highlands, he and his wife Heidi were active in a number of church and civic organizations in Highlands. Heidi, who was guidance counselor in the Lexington, SC, area prior to moving to Highlands, recently took an interim position with the same school system, and has been commuting on weekends.
Tuition waiver for out-of-state students may change

There's a possibility the school system's waiver concerning "Tuition for Discretionary Admission" policy will change next year.

At the Oct. 26 School Board meeting, the board took up advisement the fact that a new state mandate involving the NC WISE program school system's must use to catalogue its head count -- known as the Average Daily Membership (ADM) -- now codes out-of-state students as "visitors."

"That means we can't use them in our head count tally which means we don't get any money from the state for them," said Superintendent Dan Brigman. "In the past we were at least able count them for local ADM money - about $1,200 per student per year - but we can't do that anymore," he said.

The amount the school system is given by the state for head count is based on the previous year, so the affects of the new NC WISE rule won't be felt until next year.

Right now Highlands School is the only school in the county attended by out-of-state students. There are about 11, with one more slated to come of age next year.

Though the October meeting was her last school board meeting, member Frieda Bennett asked the board to consider grandfathering in the families from Satolah, GA, who now attend Highlands School.

Satolah is considered an isolated geographical area which represents a hardship for parents who by law are supposed to take their children to school in Clayton, GA, some 45 minutes to an hour away.

For generations, Satolah families have been sending their children to Highlands School which is basically just up the road.

Currently, tuition is waived for families who demonstrate an extraordinary financial hardship; a non-resident student whose parents plan to move into the district by Dec. 1; a student whose legal residence was inside the district but who moves to another district during the school year; students whose parents are employed by the school district and students who live in Satolah, GA.

Board members said they will take the information under advisement and discuss it at a later date.

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The Oct. 26 Macon County Board of Education meeting was the last one for member Frieda Bennett who announced her resignation shortly after the September BOE meeting. She served for one year, winning the seat against Highlands District I opponent John Shearl.

At Monday’s meeting, Superintendent Dan Brigman and the board members expressed regret at her leaving. “You’ve done a lot in the short time you’ve been on the board and you’ve demonstrated a passion for education both in the classroom over the years and here at the BOE. I know it’s hard to be a school board member because wherever you go that’s the hat you wear,” he said.

Chairman Jim Breedlove said Bennett’s passion will be sorely missed on the board. Member Tommy Baldwin said Bennett brought a lot to the board and she challenged its members in many ways.

Brigman said several people from Highlands District have expressed interest in Bennett’s seat. A special meeting has been called for Monday, Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. when her replacement will be discussed and selected in an open session. Whoever is chosen will serve the remainder of Bennett’s term which ends in 2012.

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Beautiful Two Bedroom Chalet For Rent. $750 per month including utilities. Two bedroom bathscreened porch/yard. Minutes from Highlands. Call Jeanie Chambers 526-3717 (office) or 526-8225 (cell). (st. 10/22)

Cute Highlands Cottage. 2BR/1BA. • See CLASSIFIEDS page 31
• WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT •

Barnes & Plemmons to wed

Toby and Patricia Barnes of Clayton, Georgia proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Caprita Barnes of Highlands, NC to James Delbert Plemmons of Asheville, NC. James is the son of James and Rita Plemmons of Asheville. The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Ophelia Barnes of Highlands and Fred and Madge Munger of Highlands. The intended bride-groom is the grandson of the late Onlie Plemmons and Betty Hyatt of Asheville and Delbert and Pauleene Youree of Tallahassee, FL. A spring wedding is planned. Formal invitations will be sent.

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Kim Lewicki

APARTMENT FOR RENT – 2 BR/1 BA - no dogs/smokers - Whiteside Cove - $100/week - call (828) 787-1515

APARTMENT FOR RENT – newly furnished one bed/one bath. A/C/Heat. Deck. Fantastic view. 5 min from Highlands. Adults only. No smokers, no pets. Utilities included. $795. Call 526-2694. (st. 7/30)

SEVERAL HOMES AVAILABLE – 4 bedroom, 2 bath MH close in $1,000 per month; 2 bedroom, 2 bath Home Carport: $1,000 per month; Garage apt, 1 bedroom, 1 bath $1,100 per month. All homes are plus utilities and no pets. Contact Terry Potts at Country Club Properties 828-526-2520. (st. 7/2)

APARTMENT FOR RENT – 1 bed, 1 bath, living area, kitchen and utility room. $600 per month. $300 security deposit. Rent includes utilities (electric, water heat). 1 year lease. Prefer nonsmoker. No pets. Furnished. good for 1-2 people. 838-526-9494.

GREAT 2 BED/1 BATH APARTMENT – Main Street, Highlands includes 9-foot ceilings, central heat & air, balcony, large laundry room with washer/dryer. $900 per month plus utilities. Lease and references required. Contact John Dotson - 526-5587. (st. 5/21)

APARTMENT FOR RENT – 1 bed, 1 bath, living area, kitchen and utility room. $650/month. $300 security deposit. First and last month rent. Rent includes utilities, (electric, water heat, local phone) One year lease. Prefer no-smoker. No pets. Unfurnished. For 1-2 people. Call 526-9494.


FURNISHED 3BD 2BATH HOUSE IN MIRROR LAKE area available for 6-12 month lease $1200+ utilities. Call 770-977-5692.

3BR, 2BA COTTAGE NEAR MIRROR LAKE – In town. $1,250 per month. Very clean. 770-977-5692.

ON MIRROR LAKE – 3 bed, 2 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, WD, dock, canoe, furnished, 3-sided lake views. pets OK. Available Nov-May. $1,200 a month plus utilities. Call 770-435-0678.10/29

SMALL FURNISHED COTTAGE suitable for (1) occupant conveniently located @ 674 Chestnut Street. Queen bed, Living area and kitchen combined. Nice screen porch with sleeping loft. Quiet and private. No pets and no smoking. $800. monthly plus $300. security deposit with 6 months lease and references. Includes all utilities & satellite TV. Available 9/18/09. Contact Charlie @ (828)526-8645.

COMMERCIAL FOR RENT/SALE

TIRED OF PAYING MAIN STREET RENT? Join new center, less than 2 miles from downtown as an owner, tenant, or rent to own. Two spaces, 1,575 square feet each. $299,900. Can be combined. Inquire for rental rates. Contact Betty Holt, Signature Properties, 526-4218 or Chris Gilbert, Carolina Mountain Brokers, 421-3161. 10/29

RENTAL SPACE IN WRIGHT SQUARE – Half a building or two floors of one building. Call Harold Brammer. 828-526-5673. (st. 4/16)

VACATION RENTAL

ARCHITECTS PRIVATE HOME WITH STUNNING FEATURES. Three bedrooms, plus den, three full baths, and an open living area. Two Stone fireplaces and three decks overlooking stream and private stocked trout pond. Full Privacy. Designer furnished. Walking distance to town. Rate dependant on term. Non smokers only; no pets. Deposit required. Monthly, weekly or yearly rental. Call 678-358-9675 or 770-639-2682.

3BR, 2BA CABIN – Spectacular valley views available for rent in September and October. Near Glen Falls. $1,000 per week. Call 404-234-2830.10/28

RUSTIC FARMHOUSE – 3br/2b, central heat/air, spring water, big yard, access to fish pond, bordered by Buck Creek located on Buck Creek Rd.; close to Highlands and Franklin, NC. $800 wkly or can be rented monthly. 828-524-6038

RV SITES FOR RENT IN TOWN – Short Walk to Main Street. Daily, Weekly, or Monthly Rates Available. Contact Charlie @ (828)526-8645 e-mail: chestnuttocottages@yahoo.com

RESTORED FARMHOUSE ON SHORTOFF ROAD – 2 bedrooms, 2 baths in a country setting. Well furnished with a large screened porch. See details and pictures at www.homesaway.com#23644 $800 per week. (912) 354-6917.

HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB – Sorry, golf and club priviledges not available. $2,495 a week. Call 912-230-7202.

THE LODGE ON MIRROR LAKE – Fish or canoe from deck. Available weekly, monthly, No min. Call 828-342-2302.

ITEMS FOR SALE

GENERATOR – Winco, tri-fuel, 16HP, 9,000

See CLASSIFIEDS page 31

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### Classifieds

#### Vehicles for Sale

- **2003 Airstream 30’ Classic**, one owner, extra clean @ $34,000. Rear island queen, walk-thru bath w/sofa, dinette. Airstream’s top of the line, no pets, no smoking. (st. 10/29)
- **One Owner 2007 Chevy Pu** with 26K miles, diesel duramax, 6 speed Allison, towing package, 10’X bedliner, step rails, camper mirrors. @ $22,000, call Charlie @ (828)526-8645, or email chestnutcottages@yahoo.com (st. 10/29)

- **2008 Keystone Outback Fifth Wheel Camper** - $200. 828-631-2675 after 5 p.m. Sylva area.
- **3-Piece Bedding Set** - Oak veneer. one dresser, one desk, one chest. $300. Call 526-5772.
- **Avon Cape Cod Red Glass** - 8 piece place setting. 64 pieces. $385. Also, accessory pieces available. Call 828-524-3614.
- **Colonial Glass** - set of 12 Sherbet Goblets, and dessert plates. $35. Call 526-4063.
- **Two Electric Water Coolers** for sale. Approximately 38” tall x 12” square. Put bottled water on top. $50 each. OBO. Call 526-3262.
- **Lenox Spice Jars**; full set mint condition, original price $45 each. Also jewelry call 369-0498. 7-9 p.m.

#### Services

- **Home Cleaning** - Deep cleaning for the demanding home-owner. Call 828-713-6101.
- **Handyman’s Home Watching Service** is Just in Time. On call 24/7. Call a Neighbor at 526-0031. 10/22
- **From High End to Low Spend**. Local References. Call a neighbor. Call Mark at 526-0031. 10/22
- **Mark’s Sedan Service** - Airport Transportation, Easy Pickup Procedures. Call 828-524-2149 or cell at 239-292-9623. MC/VISA, AMEX, Cash. Check. 11/12
- **Winterization and Peace of Mind** - The Highlands Handyman’s Home Watching Service is Just in Time. On call 24/7. References. Call a Neighbor at 526-0031. 10/22

#### Horse Boarding

- **10 min. from Highlands. Full Care, Barn, wash stall, arena and trails. Owner & Caretaker live on site. Call 828-713-6101.**
- **The Highlands Handyman** - Anything and Everything. From High End to Low Spend. Local References. Call a neighbor. Call Mark at 526-0031. 10/22

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- **Studio K Hair Salon**
  - Full Service Salon
  - “Trained at the Graham Webb Academy of Hair”
  - Featured on “The Learning Channel in 2000”
  - Color & Massage Specials!
  - Call 828-524-7606
  - 1513 Highlands Road, Franklin

#### Highlands Storage Village • Units Available •

- **Cashiers Road**
- **3-Section 1-3/4” thick x 42” H x 70-1/2” W. $160, OBO for photo call 828-526-2671.
- **Two Mahogany Two Section 1-3/4” thick x 42” H x 70-1/2” W. $160, OBO for photo call 828-526-2671.
- **One Owner 2007 Chevy Pu** with 28K miles, ventless, with remote control and ember material. $250. Call 526-4594.
- **Firewood 2 Yrs Old** split & dried hardwood plus kiln-dried kindling close to a cord U-Haul $200 Can divide. 828-342-8853
- **Airstream’s top of the line, no pets, no smoking. (st. 10/29)**
- **Motorcycles, Snowmobiles, Watts. $600. 828-526-1570 11/5.**
- **Fireside Chairs** - By making it comfortable, we make it lasting. $50. Call 526-9107.
- **Two electric water coolers** for sale. Approximately 38” tall x 12” square. Put bottled water on top. $50 each. OBO. Call 526-3262.
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**CLASSIFIEDS**


**CLOCK REPAIR** – Antique or modern, complicated antique clocks are my specialty. Experienced, dependable and courteous with house calls available in the Highlands area. Call 706-754-9631. Joseph McGahee, Clockmaker. www.oldclockrepair.com. 9/1

**DEPENDABLE LOVING PET SITTER** – for all types of pets! House sitting and landscaping services also available. Call 443-315-9547.

**24-HOUR CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONE** – 16 years experience. Will travel to accommodate. $2,800 monthly, negotiable. Call Clare Myers 828-349-3479 or 828-342-1603. 11/19

**HANDYMAN SPECIAL** – Repairs and Remodeling, Electrical and Plumbing, Carpentry and more. Low prices. For free estimate call 828-342-7864.

**RELIABLE CHILD CARE IN MY HOME** – Minutes from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Daily/Weekly. 12 years experience, references and Early Childhood credentials. $5 per hour for first child, $10 a day for second sibling. Call 743-2672.

**LANDSCAPE CLEANUP** – leaves, gutters and more. Call Juan at 200-9249 or 526-8525.

**FIREFOOD** “Nature Dried” Call 526-2251.


**J&J LAWN AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES** – total lawn care and landscaping company. 20 years serving Highlands area. 828-526-2251.

**TREE SERVICE** – Complete Tree Removal, Trimming, Stump Grinding, Lot Clearing, Under Brushing, and Hemlock treatment and fertilization for “Woolly Adelgid.” 828-526-2251

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries from Oct. 9. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Oct. 9
• At 10:45 a.m., a burglary was reported at a residence on Hicks Road. It is under investigation.

Oct. 12
• At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of a person refusing to leave Hampton Inn. She wanted to stay and watch the football game even though the night manager said she had to leave. Police requested her to leave.

Oct. 17
• At 11:35 p.m., officers were called concerning a disruptive person in a van pool after a wedding.

Oct. 19
• At 9 a.m., a gas-driveoff valued at $70.20 was reported at the Farmers Market at Main and N.C. 106.

Oct. 20
• At 12:32 p.m., officers were called to Manley Auto on N.C. 28 concerning 125 gallons of missing oil.

Oct. 23
• At 11:15 a.m., Deborah Clark, 56, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI when stopped for a traffic violation on Foreman Road. She was released on a $500 secured bond.

Oct. 24
• At 8:12 a.m., residents on Worley Road reported hunters illegally parked on the road.
• At 8:15 a.m., vandalism valued at $100 was reported at a residence on Center Drive where a mail box had been damaged when a pumpkin was thrown at it.

Oct. 25
• At 1:15 a.m., officers received a call from a person in South Africa trying to locate a Highlands resident about a death in the family.
• At 1 p.m., a suspicious person was reported at a home on Wilson Road owned by people who had left for the season.

Oct. 26
• At 2:56 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cobb Road that was set off by workers.

Oct. 27
• At 10:18 p.m., the dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 106 near Koenig Builders. There were no injuries.
Business News

Artist Robert Tino part of Greenleaf Gallery’s ‘Meet the Artist’ series in October

Every Saturday in October, a special artist whose work is on display and for sale at Greenleaf Gallery in Wright Square, visits from noon to 4 p.m. This past Saturday it was Robert Tino. On Oct. 31 its Leafwear potter Rusty Owens.

Pre-Halloween product giveaway at the Hen House

The folks at the Hen House dressed the part Saturday during their Park Design product promotion. Featured were items with a Halloween motif – Witch and Famous towels.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest at RBC Bank

Through Oct. 30, RBC Bank will display pumpkins decorated by the 2nd graders of Highlands School. Please visit us and vote for your favorite pumpkin 9-5 Monday-Thursday and 9-6 on Friday. The child from each class with the most votes will win a Halloween Goody Bag from RBC Bank!

Chamber of Commerce looking for award nominees

The Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce is on the hunt for this year’s recipient of the Robert Dupree Award. This award has been presented annually since 1991 to individuals or groups who make a difference on the Highlands plateau by using their time, talents, and compassion to positively impact the lives of others. Previous award winners have distinguished themselves in outstanding community service and embody the true spirit of self-sacrifice in representing citizenship.

If you know of a person or group that should be considered for the award, please honor them with a nomination. Submit a detailed entry recognizing their efforts, activities, community involvement, projects and achievements. Your nominee does not need to be a member of the chamber of commerce for consideration. Your letter of nomination can be delivered to the chamber office, PO Box 62, Highlands, NC, 28741. You can also submit by email visitors@highlandschamber.org.

Nominations should be delivered to the chamber office no later than November 9th. Last year this prestigious award was presented to Kay & Edwin Poole and the 2007 recipient was Marianne & Gordy Vines.

Once chosen the award will be presented at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Fall Finale, Tuesday, November 17th at Fressers Eatery.

Highlands has long been a community of volunteers and Duke Power has given us the opportunity to put them in the spotlight. The Chamber is on the search for the 2009 recipient of the Duke Power citizenship and service award.

The 2009 award winner was “Jackpot.” Written nominations for such volunteers demonstrate commitment, integrity, stewardship, teamwork and initiative.

Your detailed letter of nomination can be delivered to the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 62, Highlands, NC, 28741. You can also submit by email visitor@highlandschamber.org. Nominations should be delivered to the chamber office no later than November 9th. Your nominee does not need to be a member of the Chamber of Commerce for consideration.

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Dwight Bryant, of Bryant Art Glass and a long time supporter of the Highlands Bolivian Mission donated the entire proceeds of his sales from October 23rd and 24th to the mission. He presented a check for $2,100 to Dr. John Baumrucker, the president of the mission. Dr. Baumrucker stated, “This money is particularly welcome in this recession year because donations have been sparse,” said Dr. Baumrucker. The funds will be used to support the foster home and to build a home for the cook who now spends most of her salary getting to and from work. Also, during the rainy season, getting to the home is often impossible. With a house near the foster home, she can easily walk to the home even in the most inclement weather. Bryant Art Glass is located on U.S. 64 west just across from the covered bridge at the entrance of The Bascom. His decorative and useful glass pieces adorn the White House in addition to many museums here in the U.S. and around the world. The mission really appreciated the support of Bryant Art Glass.

Girls’ Clubhouse begins first service project

The Girls’ Clubhouse prepares for year 13