Twigs whimsy to delight through holidays

By Kim Lewicki

For now the rooftop holiday decorations on Twigs stay.

At the Dec. 8 Zoning Board meeting, Twigs co-owner Mal Phillips was ready to contest Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein’s ruling against blowup holiday decorations on the rooftop of Twigs.

But in a surprise move, Gantenbein withdrew his notice of violation.

“I have done research for case law to support the violation of putting this type of decoration on roofs and there isn’t any,” he said. “Besides, I don’t want to be the Grinch that stole Christmas.”

HS schedule changes a possibility

Though there is no set agenda at this point, Highlands School officials are thinking about changing the traditional school calendar and day and course offerings.

“There is no agenda at this point,” stressed Principal Monica Bomengen, “we are in the phase of brainstorming, dreaming, and imagining the future. The next phase after that will be to identify the most desirable elements of change, seek consensus on them from all stakeholders, and examine potential obstacles.”

One of focus areas is the school day and schedule, including starting and ending times, the possibility of a year-round schedule, the types of classes to be offered next year, whether to continue a traditional schedule or put our High School and/or Middle School on a block schedule, and other scheduling issues.

“With Highlands businesses based on a resort economy, why should we work against the economic realities in setting our school schedule? I believe it makes sense to examine all the issues and develop a schedule tailored to Highlands families’ unique needs,” Mrs. Bomengen emphasizes.

The faculty and staff are beginning to hold discussions about

Money for lake clean up set

By Kim Lewicki

After more than a year of pushing a bill through Washington channels, money to clean up Highlands lakes is truly on its way.

The money earmarked for Highlands — $1.2 million — is attached to an appropriations bill for the Dept. of Agriculture which was signed by both the House and Senate on Dec. 7.

“The House of Representatives has passed an appropriations bill for the Agriculture Dept. and the Highlands Water Remediation and Preservation
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**Bryson elected chairman of board**

At the Dec. 6 Macon County Commissioners meeting, Chairman Mark West was wished a fond farewell and presented with a plaque of appreciation. Dr. Jim Davis was sworn in while his wife Judy held the Bible. This is his second time to serve. He sat on the board 1996-2000.

Charlie Leatherman was sworn in for his second term. Allan Bryson, was elected Chairman of the Macon County Commissioners and Leatherman elected Vice Chairman. Byron has been on the board six years – he’s in the middle of his second term. He was the previous board’s vice chairman.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Christmas scene inspiring

Dear Editor:

We would like to publicly express our appreciation to Angela and Art Williams for the artistically lighted manger scene ideally located by their lakeside home at Highlands Country Club. It is perfection! Simple but elegant, made from natural materials, illuminated with white lights that also run along the bank, the whole exquisite scene is beautifully reflected in the water. It is an inspiring picture.

Everyone entering or leaving our lovely town after dark on the Dillard Road will be touched as the creche catches their eye. Anyone who hasn’t seen it should make a special effort to do so. It is magnificent.

Amelia and Curtis James
Highlands
Annual decorating kicks off holiday season at Chestnut Hill

Residents of Chestnut Hill of Highlands launched the Christmas season on Wednesday, Dec. 1, with their annual gingerbread house decorating party. The gingerbread house project is the first of several decorating events at the retirement community. An 11-foot fresh Christmas tree for the Clubhouse dining room will be decorated in time for the residents’ annual Christmas Candlelight Evening formal dinner on Dec. 16.

The gingerbread house structure was baked and assembled by Chestnut Hill chef Melinda “Lindy” Womack. The residents participated by adding embellishments of icing and candies.

“Everyone has a great time working on the decorations each year,” said Paul Eaton, Chestnut Hill executive director. “The gingerbread house will be displayed in the Clubhouse through New Year’s, and several other social events are scheduled throughout the month to celebrate the season.”

Obituary

Joseph Albert McDade, Col USA (Ret)

Col. Joseph Albert McDade, 79, died December 2, 2004, at the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center. He was born in Tacoma, Wash., on July 31, 1925. He was a University of Illinois graduate and received a Master’s degree from Georgia Tech. He began his military service in WW II with the 82nd Airborne division, which received the Belgian Fourragere unit citation for action in the Ardennes, Belgium. He was also a Vietnam veteran. Other citations included the Purple Heart, Bronze Star (3), and Legion of Merit (3). Following retirement he co-founded Echodata Corporation of Norcross.

He was a member of the Atlanta Athletic Club and Wildcat Cliffs Country Club.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Jane Atkins McDade, of Highlands, son Joel Atkins McDade of Duluth, Ga, and brother Daniel James McDade (Betty Crafton) of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. A graveside service was held in Heflin, Ala., with the Rev. James Callahan, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, P.O. Box 190, Highlands, NC 28741, or to the American Cancer Society.

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Hats change at Fire & Rescue Dept.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. held its annual elections Tuesday, Dec. 7.

Chief James Manley retained his position; Ryan Gearhart was elected Assistant Chief; Captain Wayne Henry retained his position; Jody Zachary was elected First Lt.; James Tate was elected Second Lt.; Carl Zoellner was elected Rescue Captain and Jimmy Petrone was elected Rescue Lt.

The department’s annual awards banquet is set for Jan. 15, 7 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center.

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I’ll show you mine, then you show me yours!

I had just finished converting a giant refrigerator box into a nifty fort, complete with peep holes, a secret entrance and small windows for shooting at the enemy. Then Betty arrived, the girl from down the street and although she didn’t have a rifle, I let her come in. After all, she was a third-grader and bigger than me.

I decided to assign her the task of ‘enemy spotter’ and was in the middle of explaining her duties when she announced, “I’ll show you mine, then you show me yours.” Before I could fully understand what that meant, POW, she dropped her drawers. I dropped my rifle and, in a state of shock, pinned myself against the back wall of my fort and stared. My first thoughts were, “No wonder they’re all so mean, they’re missing important body parts.”

I was able to escape unharmed, but to this day, I have been affected by that incident. I think it is the reason I am always so politically incorrect. I must still be mad at Betty for freaking me out. There must still be scars.

I grew up in a world totally run by males with full body parts. The powers at that time would never have relegated authority to people who were without them. In my era, there were mailmen, policemen, firemen and yes, flag men. Women in combat? Get a grip. Women were waitresses, stewardesses, secretaries and stuff like that. They brought coffee for their bosses, jobs befitting people who were missing body parts.

When the world began to change and I didn’t, I slowly became more and more politically incorrect. I was a cop during an era when police departments struggled to hire blacks because they constantly flunked the swimming exam. The solution, of course, was to eliminate swimming from the exam. Politically incorrect dummies like me suggested we teach blacks to swim. (Ha).

Then came police women. I had a real problem with woman cops but had to adjust to survive. By the time I retired, the department was hiring tiny munchkin types who could have auditioned for the remake of The Wizard of Oz. I wonder what London, England thinks of us?

I am also down on fat cops. In my era, the department made sure you were in top physical condition to get hired, then allowed you to turn into a fat slob once training was over. I got in lots of trouble over my politically incorrect conduct on that issue. Today, police officers just get hired fat. (Retirement is good.)

In a fight over physical training for police officers, the Miami Herald newspaper featured an article titled (I am not making this up) “The Fat Wimps Won” after I lost a duel with the police union over physical training for officers. Am I politically incorrect, or what?

During my tenure, one of my fellow officers was a cross dressing, homosexual who took off his clothes in a gay strip joint after he got off duty. (Could I make this up?) I am so politically incorrect, I disapproved but didn’t know what to call him, so I just stuck with “unprofessional.”

So I guess I will always be politically incorrect and it’s getting worse, thanks to Betty.

I believe women should not play in the NFL or be in combat. They should not be towel valets in men’s rooms nor should they be lifting cargo on the loading docks at seaports.

Because I still view them as the weaker sex, politically incorrect dummies like me still hold the door for women, even strangers. I still say...
Scrooged

Christmas. After the ghosts have shown him what was, is, and could be, he is transformed into, well, a loud, self-centered, obnoxious jerk who likes Christmas.

Big budget, big cast, funny, too silly for any of the tear-jerking, touching moments usually associated with the story (although they seem to have tried to have them), Murray plays this one deliciously nasty, and some of the other highlights are the Ghost of Christmas Past’s portrayal as a creepy, cabdriving elf, looking like an extra from the Manson Family Christmas Special, and a knockout (literally) performance by Carol Kane as Ghost of Christmas Present, who brings meaning to the phrase “truth is painful.” Christmas Yet-To-Come is also pretty good, but there is only so much you can do with a non-speaking role, although the special effects are cool.

A bit of trivia, three of Murray’s brothers are in the film, bit parts mostly, and in one scene, where Kane as Christmas Present is dragging Murray around by the lip, she tore him up so badly they had to suspend filming for three days. Kane, not a well known actress, is one I have always liked, she has done great work in Princess Bride, Annie Hall, Baby on Board among others. If you like this one, give a look to Christmas Story, Christmas Vacation, and Mixed Nuts. Some of Murray’s best include Groundhog Day, What About Bob?, Quick Change, Caddyshack and The Man Who Knew to Little.

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The Storyline: (what do you mean, storyline? It’s “A Christmas Carol, we all know the story.”)

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and the callous, self centered, obnoxious, business driven, Frank Cross (who would have ever thought to cast Bill Murray as a loud, self-centered, obnoxious jerk?) is the youngest network executive in the history of television, and he is pretty busy, what with all the bonuses he’s got to cancel, people to fire and/or insult, mice that need reindeer antlers stapled to their heads, and he’s got to be done in time for the live broadcast of his network’s “A Christmas Carol.”

He gets a visit from his old boss, who tells him to lighten up a bit. Now, Frank doesn’t usually listen to very many people, but he does pay attention this time, ’cause the old boss in question is about seven years dead, and that’s the sort of thing that kind of gets your attention.

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OEI hires security manager

Bob Zangara has been named Security Manager for the Old Edwards Inn and Spa in Highlands. Zangara’s responsibilities will consist of overseeing security functions for the Inn, Spa, Madison’s Restaurant and Wine Garden as well as supervising security staff at The Old Creek Lodge.

A veteran of the United States Army, Zangara has worked in the area of law enforcement for more than fifteen years. He is certified in Domestic Violence, DUI Detection and Investigation; Investigation and Identification of Narcotics; Fatal Accident Investigation; Radar Use, Radar Instruction, as well as CPR and First Aid.

Prior to moving to North Carolina, he served on the DUI Task Force with Broward County, FL and the Undercover Narcotics Multi-Agency Task Force for the Wilton Manors Police Department, also in Florida. He is an active volunteer with REACH in Haywood, NC.

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to charter schools.” Bomengen was trained in Boston as a charter school administrator, in addition to her district public school administration training.

Child care issues raised by altering the traditional school schedule of five days per week for 40 weeks per year are also being considered.

“We are investigating the options of offering supervised ‘vacation camps,’ before-school care, and other family-friendly accommodations,” she said. “Such innovations could also provide part-time employment for enterprising high school students who are not employed in the local tourism and hospitality industries.

She said Highlands School is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. “It seems a shame that it’s only in use from 7:30 until 4, unless there are athletic practices or games. There is no reason why our school community cannot devise options that will work for our students and their families,” said Bomengen.

The first parent and community forum to discuss scheduling is set for 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16, in the Highlands School cafeteria. A questionnaire will be distributed in order to begin gathering data regarding parent preferences and concerns.

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“Yes M’am” to women who are older than I (there are a few) and come to their rescue if they are in trouble. I once raced over to help a lady who was struggling to get a large box into the trunk of her car. She screamed and ran from me because she thought I was going to mug her.

I believe we should have empathy for people who are missing body parts, they should receive extra care and attention. Until the arrival of policewomen, I would never have used foul language in front of a woman. They taught me how to do that and a lot more.

Yes, I still blame Betty for flashing me at 1 time when I was so impressionable and vulnerable. I never did show her “mine.” She wouldn’t have been impressed anyway.
Audubon ‘Bird Count’ is Dec. 16

The Highlands Audubon Christmas Bird Count is set for Thursday, Dec. 16. Interested participants should contact Edwin Poole, 526-2775. Participants will gather at 7:30 a.m. in the meeting room behind the Hudson Library for team assignments.

More than 50,000 observers participate each year in this all-day census of early-winter bird populations. The results of their efforts are compiled into the longest running database in ornithology, representing over a century of unbroken data on trends of early-winter bird populations across the Americas.

Prior to the 1900s, people engaged in a holiday traditions know as the Christmas “Side Hunt.” They would choose sides and go afield with their guns; whoever brought in the biggest pile of feathered (and furred) Quarry won.

Conservation was in its beginning stages around the turn of the 20th century, and many observers and scientists were becoming concerned about declining bird populations.

Hospital ahead of ‘safety’ game

When it comes to the safety of its patients, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is going the extra mile these days.

The hospital has recently installed new bar code scanning technology designed to track and verify medications administered to patients. In fact, the hospital is one of the first facilities in the Southeast to use this technology.

“Concern over patient safety issues has been in the national news a lot lately. Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has been fortunate not to have had many of these kinds of issues arise,” says Administrator Jim Graham. “That is due in large part to our staff of skilled professionals and their exceptional level of commitment. The programs we are adding now are really extra measures to improve the safety and well-being of each and every patient.”

The SpeakUp Campaign, which began back in October, encourages patients to become more active partners in their health care by asking questions about procedures and treatments, and voicing any concerns. That helps prevent medication and treatment errors.

Nationwide, medication errors are the most common threat to patient safety, says David Taylor, RN, and manager of Clinical Services for the Hospital. However, the new barcoding technology should play a major role in reducing the chances of those types of mistakes.

Although Medication Administration Verification Bar-Code technology has not yet been mandated by the government, the hospital decided to get well ahead of the regulatory curve.

Each patient is given a wrist band with a unique bar-code printed on it, along with their name and date of birth. The nurse giving the medication uses a special handheld computer to scan the patient’s wrist band, and then the bar code on the packaging of each medication being given. A database instantly compares what has been prescribed for that patient with the information on the packaging to make sure it is the right medication, in the right dose, given at the right time, by the right method – by mouth or injection.
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Christmas Band Performance K-12

Elementary students adorned with red noses and other holiday symbols sang their hearts out.

Teachers and even Assistant Principal Mark Thomas entertained the group as they sang “I’m Gettin’ Nuttin’ for Christmas.”

Singers performed from risers on the gym floor, and the bands performed from the new, curtained stage.

Highlands School’s renovated gym was packed with parents, grandparents and friends who turned out for the annual Christmas Band concert Dec. 7. Elementary students sang their hearts out to music teacher Doinna Sizemore’s piano accompaniment and giggled with delight when several teachers and even the assistant principal entertained with song of their own. Sizemore also directed the fourth- and fifth-graders who played their recorders. The middle and high school bands performed a variety of Christmas music as well as selections dedicated to American men and women overseas.
Highlanders Luke Osteen and Kemberly Herding selected to compete on JEOPARDY! show.

Highlanders JEOPARDY! bound

By Kim Lewicki

How many times have you yelled answers to questions posed on TV game shows and beat the contestants?

Highlanders Luke Osteen and Kemberly Herding say they do it all the time. So when a chance to try out for JEOPARDY! came along, they jumped on it.

On Nov. 19, Luke, Kemberly and her husband John Armor went to Asheville's Biltmore Square Mall to stand on line with about 1,700 other hopeful JEOPARDY! contestants.

John was number eight in line. Kemberly left Highlands for Asheville right after she picked up daughter Miranda from Highlands School. By the time she got to the mall around 5 o'clock that evening the line was about 1,700 deep. That's when John gave his place in line to his wife.

“We had talked beforehand and decided if only one of us had a chance at competing he'd let me play,” said Kemberly. “He's a smart cookie, but we thought I'd have a stronger chance of winning the pop culture categories.”

About 1,500 hopefuls were given a 10-question test. Luke, Kemberly and others passed and were invited to show up at the Renaissance Hotel the next day for a 50-question test. They passed that and were interviewed and invited to play a mock JEOPARDY! game.

The interviewers liked what they saw.

Luke joined a pool of 400 contestants who will likely be called to tape a JEOPARDY! show over the next year.

Kemberly was selected immediately and asked to fly out to Los Angeles and Sony Pictures Studios, Thursday, Dec. 9 for two days of taping.

She hopes her years and years of watching JEOPARDY! pay off. “I’ve wanted to do this since I was little kid,” she said. “I’ve been watching the show since the Art Fleming days and now with Alex Trebek.”

She said JEOPARDY! is really a family affair at the Armor house. “Everybody plays along, including my daughter,” said Kemberly.

Luke and Kemberly both say they get pretty involved with the game. “I don’t know any serious JEOPARDY! watcher who just stares at the screen,” said Kemberly. “Everybody plays along.”

Though most know Luke Osteen as a mild-manner sort of fellow, he said he gets down-right excited during JEOPARDY! “I’m one of those who shouts back at the TV when I know the answers,” he said.

In fact, during the mock taping in Asheville he got so excited he pushed the buzzer to answer the question before the entire question was read.

“They told me I’d have to wait to answer the question,” he said. “It’s not like being at home where you can shout at the TV.”

Instead of getting encyclopedias or luggage like the old days, current JEOPARDY! winners get cash which offsets out-of-pocket expenses to get to California. It’s not an “all expense paid” trip.

Three people play per game so there’s a first, second and third place winner. Cash prizes start at $1,000 for third place, $2,000 for second, so contestants win enough money to cover most of their expenses.

Kemberly doesn’t know when her show will air, but it’s likely all of Highlands will be watching.
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*Denotes Little Smoky Conference Games

Members of the Highlands School Basketball team are: Junior Ryan Bears [2], Sophomore Nick Kerhoulas [3], Freshman Adam Hedden [4], Senior Mat Keener [5], Sophomore Darin Keener [10], Sophomore Jason Aspinwall [12], Senior Jeremy Keener [15], Senior Andrew Kerhoulas [20], Sophomore Alec Schmitt [22], Senior Matt Rice [23], and Senior Allen Shearl [24].
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Project is in its list of projects,” said Shirley Johnson, president of the Lake Sequoyah Improvement Assn. “The Senate has passed an appropriations bill for the Agriculture Dept., too and included Highlands in its list of projects. Now a conference committee is ironing out any differences between the two bills.”

Once the HR and Senate iron out differences, the President will sign the bill.

The government wants Highlands to get the money as part of the Fiscal 2005 federal budget so the end is in sight, said Johnson.

The mayor said the basics for removal have already been discussed – the type of machinery involved and where the silt will be taken. But particulars like bidding the job, when the work can start, how long the work will take and exactly how much of the money can be used for what, still must be worked out.

Lobbyists with Kilpatrick, Stockton LLP, plan on coming to Highlands in January to work out the particulars.

Commissioners would like to use it to clean up Mirror Lake, Lake Sequoyah and now a silt island that has developed in Big Creek.

“It’s going to take a lot more than $1.2 million to clean up the lakes, but it’s a start,” said Johnson.

All this started with a task force made up of the Lake Sequoyah Improvement Assn., (LSIA) the Mirror Lake Improvement Assn., (MLIA) and the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Assn., (UCWA) and members of the Highlands Town Board, who began meeting the spring of 2003 to address the problem of siltation in area lakes.

The Washington office of Kilpatrick Stockton LLP was hired to lobby for a grant directly from the federal government for the restoration work.

UCWA pledged technical support and MLIA and LSIA pledged money toward legal fees.

In August of 2003 the Town Board agreed to become the lead agency and legal recipient of the sought-after funds which meant the town could prioritize the various clean-up and preventive tasks.

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The board agreed to allow the rooftop decorations for this season but to consider an ordinance change to clean up the sign ordinance. As the ordinance is now written it isn’t clear if rooftop holiday displays constitute illegal commercial signage.

Temporary lighting and displays as part of customary holiday decorations are allowed as long as they are installed and removed between Nov. 15 and Jan. 15.

However, any signs erected on a roof or which extend above the parapet or roof line are prohibited.

But is a blowup turkey, Santa, Easter Bunny or Valentine heart a sign – especially if such items aren’t sold in the store they adorn?

Yes, says Gantenbein. “They are considered signs in the broad generic sense.”

Furthermore, the ordinance is clear on the length of time holiday lights can be displayed – no later than January 15 – but “it’s silent on how long decorations can be displayed.”

“The ordinance definitely needs to be firmed up,” said board member Jimmy Tate.

The board agreed to send the issue to the Town Board for clarification.

While they’re at it, member Bill Rethorst suggested the ordinance change address the taping of banner signs inside shop windows.”

“It’s excessive in several cases,” he said.

Rethorst agreed to walk the town with Gantenbein to document the banner-type signs.

Concerning Twigs, Gantenbein said most of the comments he’s received on the decorations throughout Thanksgiving and now the Christmas season have been favorable.
- A Christmas Story -

A wish come true – a Christmas remembered

By Nancy Welch
Contributor

Maria Thompson, the youngest of five children, believed in Santa Claus until she was 12 years old.

"I was a real dork," the freelance consultant said, grimacing. She said as the youngest ("I was the ‘oops’ baby), she always had a good Christmas.

"I always got what I wanted when I wrote up my letters for Christmas," she said.

At the age of 10, she said she decided to go all out with her Christmas list and asked not only for a pair of street roller skates, but also for a large chalkboard.

"I really went the distance on this one," Thompson said.

"I loved chalk," she said. "I used to write on the sidewalks of New York and play hopscotch. I thought, ‘There’s no way that Santa is going to get me these skates and this chalkboard.’"

But she asked anyway.

"On Christmas Eve I would always leave Santa his cookies and milk and he would crumple up the napkin and leave me a note in his frigid little handwriting," she said.

On Christmas Eve she left her usual gift of cookies for Santa, but instead of milk, she hoped to increase her chances of getting the gifts by leaving Santa a shot of rum.

"I figured if I left him something special, like a shot of rum, my chances would be a little better," she said.

"Because I was the baby of the family, everyone went all out to make Santa real to me," she said.

"So when I came downstairs I saw the napkin by the cookie plate crumpled up and there were footprints on the floor and bits of fur from Santa’s suit here and there.

But more exciting was the fact she got her roller skates and a chalkboard.

“That chalkboard was bigger than I was. It was on a big easel,” she said, her dark eyes growing as large as an excited child’s. "It was green slate on one side and the other side was slick white so you could write or draw on it with an erasable marker. It was grander than I could have ever imagined."

In addition, she said, she received chalk and crayons in every color of the rainbow.

"You could not believe it," she said. "It is probably my most incredible Christmas memory. That was like Santa Claus big time."

When she was 12, her godsister caught her writing her letter to Santa.

"She said, ‘You moron’, and told her there was no Santa Claus," Thompson said.

"I was hysterical," she said. "I said ‘Oh my God.’"

She ran to her godmother and told her what had happened.

"My godsister was punished for it," she said. "Everybody knew it was just my thing."

"It was truly devastating to me. That was probably my worst Christmas," she said.

"But there is a Santa Claus," Thompson said. "Santa Claus is about hope. Dreams do come true and that’s what Santa Claus is.”

Maria Thompson

C of C Christmas Parade Awards

The following are the 2004 parade winners. Trophies at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 396 Oak Street for them to pick up.

- Highlands Pipe & Drum – Best Legs Award
- HHS Homecoming Court – Beauties of the Season Award
- Otto Daisy Troop – Pink Sugar Plum Award
- Basset Brigade – Low Rider Award
- The Girls’ Clubhouse – Holiday Community Service Award
- Bascom-Louise Gallery – Craftiest Mask Award
- Presbyterian Daycare – Littlest Angels Award
- Stork Pack & Ship – Best Wrapped Package Award
- Boy Scout Troop 207 – Campiest Christmas Award
- Highlands Community Players – Jazziest Christmas Award
- US Forest Service – “Bearly” Christmas Award
- Marine Corps League – Semper Fi Award
- Highlands Head Start – Best Start of the Season Award
- Bob Sutton – 2 Dog Ride Award
- Rick Siegel – Happy Hanukkah Award
- Doc Wilson – EZ Rider Award
- Methodist, Episcopal and Catholic Youth – Coming Together at Christmas Award
- Mountain Garden Club – Santa “Digs” Christmas Award
- Cashiers - Highlands Humane Society – Best Sheltering Christmas Award
- Thunderbird Club – Judges Choice Award
- Old Edwards Hospitality Group – Best Tractor Pull Award
- High Country Photo – The Grinch Steals Christmas Award
- Community Bible Church – Cooking Up Christmas Award
- JMCA – Keeping Christmas Green Award
- Reeves Hardware – No Privacy for Christmas Award
- Haywood Electric – An Electrifying Christmas Award.
Highlands Christmas Parade – Dec. 4, 2004

This year’s Christmas Parade was host to blue skies, sunny weather and scores of Highlanders and visitors who lined Main Street from The Falls on Main to Third Street to watch 65 entrants strut their stuff.

Photos by Jim Lewicki
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Dec. 10 – Dec. 16
OCEANS TWELVE rated PG-13
Mon - Thurs:(4:20), 7 Fri:(4:20), 7, 9:20 Sat:(4:20), 7:20 Sun:(4:20), 7

BLADE: TRINITY rated R
Mon - Thurs:(4:15), 7:05 Fri:(4:15), 7:05, 9:15 Sat:(2:05), (4:15), 7:05, 9:15 Sun:(2:15), (4:15), 7:15

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS (PG)
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NATIONAL TREASURE rated PG
Mon - Thurs:(4:30), 7 Fri:(4:30), 7, 9:30 Sat(2), (4:30), 7, 9:30 Sun:(2), (4:30), 7

POLAR EXPRESS rated G
Sat – Sun(2)

Moving day for Toad Hall cottage

With Toad Hall Bed & Breakfast no more, one of the cottages has been sold and was escorted out of town on its way to its new home in Otto, N.C. With permitting a problem, haulers took the long way to Otto. They by-passed downtown Highlands by turning left on to Second Street, right on Oak Street and left on Maple where they merged back onto U.S. 64 and headed for Buck Creek Road.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Flu shots set in Highlands Dec. 20

The Macon County Public Health Center has received an additional supply of injectable flu vaccine. These doses are available only to individuals in the high risk criteria, including those age 65 or older; individuals with chronic illnesses; children on aspirin therapy; children ages 6 -23 months; and pregnant women.

At a clinic Monday, Dec. 20 from 1-4 p.m. at Highlands Civic Center, 200 doses will be administered on a first come first served basis.
**HS “A Night on the Town” – Dec. 4, 2004**

**Junior Homecoming Court members**
Jacob Chandler and Claire Frederick.

**Senior Homecoming Court members**
Angela Aspinwall and Jeremy Keener.

**King & Queen Seniors**
Kayla McCall & Mat Keener.

**Junior Callie Rawlins and 2004 HS grad Cole Alexander**

**Senior McKenzie Thompson presents each girl on Homecoming Court with a rose prior to the big announcement.**

**Well-wishers surround Homecoming Queen, Kayla McCall.**

**King “The Man” Keener, King for the night, hits the dance floor.**

**Freshmen Homecoming Court members Jessica Dryman and Jake Heffington**

**HS 2004 Homecoming was held at Highlands Country Club.**
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**On-going**
- Every Saturday until Christmas, Santa Claus will be at Town Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to hear Christmas wishes. A photographer will be on hand, too.
- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery – The Element of Collage is now on exhibit in the gallery. The exhibits are free and open to the public.
- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery – Education New – Open Studio with a Live Model 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the gallery. All participants bring your choice of art medium and $10 to pay for the model and facilitator. This class is for artists 18 yrs. and older or under 18 with written parent permission. Join us for this exciting new class!
- RAFFLE – Highlands Emergency Council to help fund fuel for elderly and Christmas gift program. $1 for one or 6 for $5. Raffle for $250 Wal-Mart Gift Card or $250 D&W Express Mart Gift Card.
- Al-Anon Group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.
- At ...on the Verandah on Lake Sequoyah, Dinner and piano entertainment from 6 p.m. Dec. 26-31.
- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wed and Fri at noon.

**Dec. 9**
- Highlands Community Players Christmas Reading at PAC at 7:30 p.m. It’s free.

**Dec. 10**
- Attention Ladies! Singer, songwriter, dramatist, minister, Lisa Ison, will perform at the Community Bible Church at 7 p.m. Dessert to follow. It’s free.

**Dec. 11**
- Instant Theater sponsoring “Voices in the Laurel” at PAC at 8 p.m.

**Dec. 12**
- The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation invites the Highlands community to join them in celebrating the installation of its new rector, The Rev. Brian Sullivan. The installation will be by the Bishop of the Diocese of Western N.C., The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the parish hall.

**Dec. 11 & 12**
- Highlands Community Christmas Chorale Concert at Highlands United Methodist Church – 4 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 12.
- Bel Canto Children’s Choir and Youth Chorus of Franklin, NC presents “An Evening of Christmas Cheer,” on Saturday, from 7-8 p.m. at The Factory, in Franklin; and Sunday, 7-8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Avenue, in Franklin. Both performances are free.

**Dec. 15**
- The Bells of Glocken, a Christmas musical performed by the children of Highlands United Methodist Church. 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary. The church is located at 315 Main Street. All are invited!

**Dec. 16**
- Audubon’s annual Christmas Bird Count, Thursday. Please contact Edwin Poole, 526-2775, if you would like to participate in this full day of citizen science. Teams will count birds in the Highlands Plateau for compilation with results from all over North America.
- Parent and community forum to discuss new scheduling ideas for Highlands School, 7 p.m., Thursday in the Highlands School cafeteria. A questionnaire will be distributed in order to begin gathering data regarding parent preferences and concerns.

**Dec. 17**
- “A Change of Heart” at First Baptist Church on Friday at 7 p.m. It’s a dramatic musical with a blue grass style that tells the story of a couple from the city that gets stranded in a mountain home. First Baptist Church is located at 220 Main Street.
- Breakfast with Santa at Highlands United Methodist Church. 8:00 a.m. Come for pancakes and sausage, a craft, a Christmas story, and a visit from Santa Claus. The cost is $10 per family. Please call to make a reservation at 526-3376. The church is located at 315 Main Street.

**Dec. 19**
- “A Change of Heart” at First Baptist Church on Sunday at 6:30 p.m. It’s a dramatic musical with a blue grass style that tells the story of a couple from the city that gets stranded in a mountain home. First Baptist Church is located at 220 Main Street.
- Highlands United Methodist Church’s Christmas Cantata will be performed by the Chancel Choir during the 11 a.m. worship service. The church is located at 315 Main Street.

**Dec. 20**
- Annual Christmas “Noche de Familia” Dinner at 5 p.m. (Holy Eucharist will be conducted in Spanish from Book of Common Prayer)
- Flu shots at the Highlands Civic Center from 1-4 p.m. 200 doses have been reserved.

**Dec. 21**
- Greening of the Episcopal Church at 9:30 a.m.

**Dec. 24**
- Come Celebrate the Warmth of Christmas with a Christmas Eve Candlelight service: Including a Christmas Narrative and Musical Christmas Specials at Community Bible Church, December 24th at 7 pm. Call for more information 526-4685.
- Christmas Eve Service at Highlands United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. It will be a family-friendly, communion and candlelight service. All are invited! The church is located at 315 Main Street.
- Carols and visits from St. Nick, 4:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church.
- Family Eucharist Service at the Episcopal Church.

**Dec. 25**
- Christmas Dinner at Main Street Inn sponsored by the Highlands Innkeepers Assn. to benefit Habitat for Humanity. For reservations, call 526-2590.
- Carols and Holy Eucharist at 11 p.m. at the Episcopal Church.

**Jan. 7**
- Burning of the Greens, 5:30 p.m., at the home of Eloyce Richardson on Flat Mtn. Road. Hot dogs, hot chocolate & cider provided. Bring a side, beverages and your tree to burn.

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**Wednesday, Dec. 15:**
**The Bells of Glocken**
The Children’s Christmas musical at 6:15 p.m. in the sanctuary

**Saturday, Dec. 18:**
**Breakfast with Santa**
Time is 8:00 a.m. Cost is $10.00 per family. Please RSVP.

**Sunday, Dec. 19:**
**Chancel Choir Cantata**
During the 11:00 worship service

**Friday, Dec. 24:**
**Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m.**
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The two religions evolved over time, but stayed closer than 50 percent of whom are women) and members who have tried to summarize what we do believe. One of these was Rev. David Rankin. A short version of what he wrote is:

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- We believe in the ethical application of religion;

**What is Unitarian Universalism?**

**Blue Valley Baptist Church**
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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Sunday night services every second and fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

**Buck Creek Baptist Church**
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**
NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8239
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627
Sundays: Worship – 10 a.m.; school & primary classes – 11 a.m.; Women's & Men's Org. – noon
Tues: Women's Org. – 6:30 p.m.; Library – 6-8 p.m.
Wednesdays: Boy Scouts of America mtg. – 6:30 p.m.; Young women's activities – 6:30 p.m.

**Christ Anglican Church**
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Services: Sundays at 4 p.m. at the Community Bible Church in Highlands
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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6 p.m.
Evening Service – 7 p.m.

**Community Bible Church**
(Evangelical Presbyterian Church)
Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685
3645 U.S. 64 east
Sundays: School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship – 10:45;
Youth “The Rock” meeting.
Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45
Wed: Supper – 6 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**
Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968
Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Adult Sunday School classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;
Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.; Induction of Rev. Sullivan – 4 p.m.
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Church – 6:30 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**
Rev. Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.;
Choir – 7:15
Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

**First Presbyterian Church**
Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.; Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

**Holy Family Lutheran Church – ELCA**
Rev. Delmer Chilton, Pastor, 2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

**Macedonia Baptist Church**
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

**Mountain Synagogue**
St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871
Friday: Sept. 12 Sabbath Eve Services at 7 For more information, call (706)-745-1842.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church**
Rev. William M Evans, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418
Wednesdays & Fridays: Mass – 9 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass – 4 p.m.
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

**Scaly Mountain Baptist Church**
Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

**Scaly Mountain Church of God**
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed. Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-9474.

**Shortoff Baptist Church**
Pastor Rev. Wayne Price
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**
Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)
526-9769
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

**Westside Baptist Church**
Interim Pastor, Terry Dixon
Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby
Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

**Whiteside Presbyterian Church**
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2123
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

**Wheelburn Presbyterian Church**
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

**Westside Presbyterian Church**
Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2123
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Dec. 1-8.

The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Dec. 1
- At 6:30 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Acorn’s on Main Street. All was secure.
- At 9:15 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Sagee Dr. All was secure.
- At 5:40 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Hapoldt Dr was cited for driving without a license, insurance or registration.

Dec. 2
- A little past midnight, officers responded to an alarm at the First Presbyterian Church. It was false.
- At 6:50 p.m., Roberto May Ruiz, was arrested for driving with a revoked license. He is being held in the Macon County jail on a $1,000 secured bond. His trial date is January 27 in Franklin.

Dec. 3
- At 5:56 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at the Old Edwards Inn & Spa on Main Street. It was a false alarm.
- At 11:10 p.m., management at Paoletti’s Restaurant reported a patron left without paying for the meal.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Dec. 1-8.

Dec. 1
- The dept. responded to a tree on fire across a power line on Cornet Lane.
- The dept. responded to a one vehicle accident on N.C. 106. There were no injuries.

Dec. 3
- The dept. responded to an alarm at First Presbyterian Church. It was false.

Dec. 4
- The dept. responded to a one vehicle accident on N.C. 106. There were no injuries.

Dec. 6
- The dept. responded to a possible structure fire at a residence on Maplewood Lane. A faulty furnace installation was to blame for smoke in the house.
- The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Old Edwards Inn.
- The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Laurelwood Ridge Road. The victim was transported to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at the Episcopal Church. It was false.

Recent vandal case in the courts

The teenage boys arrested for a vandalism spree Nov. 5, were arrested and released from Macon County jail on Nov. 17 on a $3,000 secured bond.

Their trial date is set for Dec. 15 in Franklin.

The case of the juvenile involved in the spree, who was also arrested, is being handled through Raleigh.

Meanwhile, vandalism victims have been asked to assess damages. Police Chief Jerry Cook said once the monetary damage of all the vandalism has been determined, the bill will be split three ways and the boys will be required to pay for damages.
HELP WANTED

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SERVICES


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We believe in the motivating force of love;
We believe in the democratic process;
We believe in the importance of a religious community.

From these ideas emanates the UU commitment to racial equality; gender equality; nondiscrimination against gays and lesbians; social action for the impoverished, homeless, and abused members of society; reform of the prison system; environmental protection; reasonable gun control laws; activism for peace and international cooperation. Not every member necessarily agrees with every one of these policies, but the vast majority do.

The living tradition which we share, as stated in our weekly bulletin, draws from many sources:

Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.

Words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love.

Wisdom from the world’s religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life.

Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God’s love by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit.

Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

I wrote once before that true democracy was a good approximation of the core values of Unitarian Universalism. I still deeply believe that it is.

We have several UU fellowships (small) and churches (bigger) in Western North Carolina. The closest one is the Franklin fellowship. You can get more information from the current president, Virginia Wilson at 706-746-9984.
Wolf Ridge –

Historical Society Christmas Showhouse

Getting a peak at an up-scale private residence decorated for Christmas is always a treat, but Highlanders and visitors really got something special this past weekend when owner Ray and Diane McPhail and partner Will Stolz who opened the house to visitors.

As the Highlands Historical Society’s Christmas Showhouse, businesses in town decorated various rooms with a Christmas theme.

The front porch was decorated by Sabrina Cashion’s school class; the front entry foyer and landing by the Mountain Garden Club; the breakfast room by The Old Rangoon; the dining room by the Laurel Garden Club; the living room by Cosper Flowers; bedroom at top of the stairs by I’m Precious, Too; bedroom #1 by Acorn’s; bedroom #2 by Barbara Smith; bedroom #3 by Hanover House with antiques by Chad Lucas; bedroom #4 by Mary Berry and Sue Potts and the room under the eaves by The Christmas Tree.

The home was a Christmas feast for the senses complete with breathtaking mountain vista views from every window. The Historical Society’s annual Christmas Showhouse is a popular society fundraiser.
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