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Friday, Nov. 5, 2004

On-going

- At ...on the Verandah on Lake Sequoyah, piano bar entertainment from 7:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. and Paul Scott on Wed. Sunday Brunch, it's Chad Reed at the piano from noon to 2 p.m.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese – Wines. Wine Flights Fri and Sat: 4:30 until 6:30. Sat: Football and Flights. Wines by the glass and cheese plates available Wed through Sat: 1:30 until 4:30. Tastings Saturday: 1 until 4:30.

- Saturdays Zorki playing acoustical guitar at Paoletti's Late Night at 10:30 p.m.

Nov 4

- Chestnut Hill will hold an Open House on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Select cottages and apartments, plus the new model home, will be available for inspection.

Nov. 5

- Dr. David Dennison's farewell bass performance at ...on the Verandah. The music starts at 7 pm. Piano player Paul Scott and other local musicians will join Dr. Dennison.

Nov. 5-7

- "Steel Magnolias" performed by Highlands Community Players at PAC. Thurs.-Sat, 8 p.m. Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$8 children. Call 526-8084 for more info.

Nov. 6

- Volunteer and Emergency Worker Appreciation Day Golf Outing at noon at the Highlands Falls Country Club. Fishing, catch and release, hot dogs, soft drinks, snacks and beer. Call 526-2203 with foursome information.

Nov. 7

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the newest section of the Greenway in Franklin, from Tasse Park south. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for more info.

Nov 10

- Highlands Wine & Cheese is presenting a special Burgundy lunch with winemaker Ann Parent and importer Steve Pignatiello: Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Main Street Inn. Cost is \$34.95 per person. Please call 526-5210 for reservations. Seating is limited

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County & N.C. unofficial results for 2004 election

By Kim Lewicki

Record turnouts at polls across the country marked the 2004 presidential election – and Highlands was no exception.

Most folks waited to cast their votes for more than an hour in lines that snaked down the Rec Park hallway and

into the gymnasium most of the day and into the night.

"The turnout was especially heavy in Highlands," said a worker at the Macon County Board of Elections.

According to unofficial figures, 1,273 people voted at the polls; with 344 absentee votes and 43 curbside

votes. "A 66 percent turnout," said Mayor Buck Trott.

Many people who hadn't voted in years, not even at the last presidential election turned out to vote at this one.

Though poll doors were locked at 7:30 p.m., those already on line were

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A weekend of Fall festivities



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Four-year-old McKenna Ammons was all fired up about the goings-on at the Highlands School Fall Festival, Saturday, Oct. 30, and telling her grandma Ann Calloway all about it. For more photos about weekend activities see pages 10, 15 and 26.

Up-to-date flood plain maps could prevent disasters

By Kim Lewicki

In the wake of Hurricane Ivan, Macon County Commissioners want to update the county's floodplain maps to hopefully prevent Peeks Creek-type disasters from happening again.

At the Nov. 1 Macon County Commissioners meeting held in Highlands, commissioners passed a resolution asking the legislature to appropriate funds for the updating of the floodplain maps in WNC as soon as possible.

"After hurricane Floyd the legislature approved money for updating the maps in the eastern part of the state. Ours are scheduled to be updated three to four years from now," said Stacy Guffey, Macon County planning director. "But the recent flooding events bring home the point that we can't wait that long. In three to four years there could be densely developed areas in the floodway. If that's the case, many more lives will be at risk during floods."

The commissioners formally asked the Macon County Watershed Council to review the county's Floodplain Pro-

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County proposes infrastructure funding guidelines

By Kim Lewicki

For years the county has reimbursed the town a portion of expenses incurred for expanding its wastewater and water treatment facilities.

The last installment of \$300,000 was made during 2003-2004 but town officials believe Highlands deserves

county funds for future infrastructure, too.

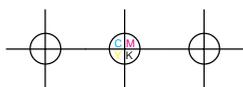
They say the highest percentage of property tax proceeds to the county come from Highlands so money for such things as infrastructure should continue.

At the Nov. 1 Macon County Com-

missioners meeting, the Highlands Town Board heard the second draft of proposed conditions for application for funds from county infrastructure reserves and they didn't like it.

"It looks like this is only for projects out of the town limits," said

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• **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR** •

Thousands raised for health

Dear Editor,

On behalf of all Healthy Carolinians of Macon County members, I would like to thank each and every sponsor, player, and volunteer that made Healthy Carolinians of Macon County's Second Annual Golf Tournament a great success. HCMC raised over \$6,600 to fund various health activities and initiatives. We appreciate your support and look forward to next year's tournament.

Kathy McGaha
Program Director

May we all live to be 'turtles'

Dear Editor,

I think I have a pretty good sense of humor; and believe me, I thought long and hard about writing this and I swear I mean no one any ill will or embarrassment. After all, this letter is in response to an intended-to-be-funny (and hopefully innocent) letter coming under the heading of "Laughing at Life." Finally, God knows, we Americans do not need anymore divisiveness or polarization, political or otherwise.

Ok, enough disclaimers. I was reading and enjoying the letter about the "turtles," which was defined as those older people, who live in their Palm Beach condominiums, and who are just barely able to peek over the steering wheels of their 27-foot, 300-hp Lincolns and Cadillacs. I'm a Democrat, my candidate didn't make it in the last election...but that's fine; I was still able to laugh along with the author. I could certainly relate, because although I am not yet a turtle, my accounting firm was the one that volunteered our weekend to tabulate the votes of the 600 or so precincts in Broward County, in the 2000 presidential election debacle. Yeah, I had my 15 minutes of fame on CNN.

As I said, I was chuckling along until I saw that one of the write-in choices, in the proposed new "bingo-type" ballot, that the "turtles" would use, in addition to Bush, Kerry, Tony the Butcher, Ralph Nader and Liberace, was a "Rabbi Webberman."

Here is where I said to myself...hmm!

Does that mean the author thinks that South Florida (or Palm Beach) is a haven for old retired Jews? It probably does. The author is correct. South Florida, because of its great weather (we only had four hurricanes this year), is a haven for Jews, and Catholics, and Protestants, Muslims, you name it... all kinds of retirees. That's why every turnpike billboard you see, north-bound or south-bound, other than those for Disney World, Antique Malls or the occasional joints that advertise free showers for truckers, is a golf course community. Not everyone is fortunate enough to have found out about Highlands.

But, and back on track, the letter also made those older people in Palm Beach out to sound like they were stupid. In fact it was the ballot style that was stupid. The people? Well they are as stupid or as smart as any 60, 70 or 80 years olds are, wherever they may be casting their ballot. (By the way, I can't say for sure, but some people in Palm Beach County probably did truly intend to vote for Pat Buchanan).

Yes, you may have guessed it...I am a Jewish person. And, I'll admit that I (we) may have a tendency to be a little sensitive (and some may say paranoid) about this kind of stuff. You know, it's kind of like everything else in the world...all minorities at one time or another. African American people probably don't like it when someone innocently refers to them as anything other than what they want to be called. Protestants may feel a slight "twinge" if they hear something, out of context, that a Catholic priest may have said (or vice versa). So, I'll give you that...I could be over-reacting a bit.

However, in addition to being the President of my Synagogue, I am on the board of an organization that feeds, houses and helps 43,000 people in

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'Kisses for Kerry'



Photo by Kim Lewicki

A newly formed group called "Kisses for Kerry" decided the FUN has gone out of politics — this election brewed anger and separation. In answer to the need for humor and smiles along with the voting process, "Kisses for Kerry" volunteers strolled around town to remind people to smile while they vote and not to forget humor when discussing politics. KFK was identifiable in their sandwich board signs espousing their slogans and their gesture of handing out Hershey's Kisses to all. Peace, Love and Politics; More important than the "WHO" is the fact that you do!

• OBITUARIES •

Anthea Judith Mackie

Anthea Judith Mackie, age 69, of Highlands, NC died Thursday, October 28, 2004 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Ms. Mackie was born in Manchester, England on January 6, 1935. She owned and operated her own landscaping company in Highlands. She was very active in her church, Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, and loved the outdoors.

She is survived by a daughter, Morgan Nolte of Pendleton, SC; four sons, Regan Higgs of Highlands, NC, Austin Higgs of Seneca, SC, Ian Higgs of Central, SC, and Julian Higgs of Kannapolis, NC; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A memorial service was at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 1, 2004 at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church with Father Bill Evans officiating.

The family received friends from 6 until 8 p.m. on Sunday, October 31, 2004 at the church.

Bryant Funeral Home, Franklin, NC was in charge of arrangements.

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allowed to vote.

The following unofficial statistics are as of 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3 and represent county and state counts. The first figure is the county count, the second the state.

President & Vice President of the United States

George W. Bush & Dick Cheney - 9416 (N.C. /1,917,126)

John F. Kerry & John Edwards - 5465 (N.C. /1,486,464)

Michael Badnarik & Richard Campagna - 64 (N.C. /11,505)

Write-in - 22

U.S. Senate

Tom Bailey - 156 (N.C. /47,239)

Erskine Bowles - 5875 (N.C. /1,586,734)

Richard Burr - 8368 (N.C. /1,754,65)

U.S. Congress District 11

Patsy Keever - 5689 (N.C. /129,869)

Charles Taylor - 8810 (N.C. /157,281)

Governor

Patrick J. Ballantine - 7431 (N.C. /1,478,390)

Mike Easley - 7132 (N.C. /1,881,189)

Barbara Howe - 158 (N.C. /51,204)

Lieutenant Governor

Christopher Cole - 253 (N.C. /55,182)

Beverly Eaves Purdue - 6423 (N.C. /1,838,866)

Jim Snyder - 7641 (N.C. /1,429,369)

N.C. State Senate 50th District

John J. Snow - 6560 (N.C. /35,336)

Robert C. Carpenter - 8055 (N.C. /34,999)

Attorney General

Roy Cooper - 6283 (N.C. /1,817,842)

Joe Knott - 7849 (N.C. /1,471,129)

Auditor

Ralph Campbell - 5787 (N.C. /1,592,247)

Leslie Merritt - 8178 (N.C. /1,633,105)

Commissioner of Agriculture

Britt Cobb - 6012 (N.C. /1,627,501)

Steve Troxler - 7959 (N.C. /1,627,363)

Commissioner of Insurance

C. Robert Brawley - 7291 (N.C. /1,398,578)

Commissioner of Labor

Cherie Berry - 8040 (N.C. /1,690,108)

Wayne Goodwin - 5903 (N.C. /1,547,161)

Secretary of State

Elaine F. Marshall - 6656 (N.C. /1,856,730)

Jay Rao - 7405 (N.C. /1,399,457)

Superintendent of Public Instruction

Bill Fletcher - 7880 (N.C. /1,617,192)

June S. Atkinson - 6096 (N.C. /1,613,946)

Treasurer

Edward A. Meyer - 7828 (N.C. /1,488,590)

Richard H. Moore - 6171 (N.C. /1,764,944)

County Commissioner District 2

Mark West - 6888

Jim Davis - 7513

County Commissioner District 3

Charlie Leatherman - 10,953

Associate Justice of N.C. Supreme Court

Sarah Parker - 6100 (N.C. /1,688,314)

John M. Tyson - 5328 (N.C. /967,184)

Associate Justice of N.C. Supreme Court

Ronnie Ansley - 1638 (N.C. /209,931)

Rachel Lee Hunter - 2590 (N.C. /435,111)

Howard E. Manning, Jr - 863 (N.C. /307,627)

Betsy McCrodden - 718 (N.C. /276,476)

Fred Morrison, Jr - 641 (N.C. /160,867)

Paul Martin Newby - 3458 (N.C. /577,222)

Marvin Schiller - 172 (N.C. /63,663)

James A. Wynn - 870 (N.C. /501,373)

Judge Court of Appeals

Linda McGee - 5194 (N.C. /1,491,221)

Bill Parker - 5755 (N.C. /1,096,287)

Judge Court of Appeals

Wanda G. Bryant - 5079 (N.C. /1,386,266)

Alice C. Stubbs - 5692 (N.C. /1,167,687)

Judge Court of Appeals

Barbara Jackson - 5805 (N.C. /1,375,676)

Alan Thornburg - 5039 (N.C. /1,124,927)

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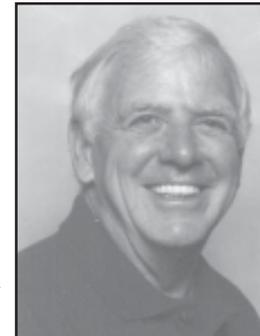
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• **LAUGHING AT LIFE** •

Highlands, Take a Valium and open a super market

Remember when a guy named Ken Adams stormed into Highlands and announced he would open a Burger King restaurant at the corner of highway 106 and Spring Street? It was a declaration of war, which totally polarized the people in Highlands. You would have thought the NAACP had just announced it would hold its convention here. It got ugly as folks picked sides and the verbal abuse began. People who were friends for years became enemies. The restaurant never happened, only because Adams changed his mind. He actually won the fight. All that wasted energy. All that anger. There are still people who don't speak to one another. How sad.



Fred Wooldridge

is nothing people can do about how this changes the face of Highlands. He has the right to buy up everything that people will sell him. And guess what? While the construction mess seems to be endless, the place is beginning to look rather snazzy. You don't have to like it, just don't lose friendships over it.

Highlands is no longer quaint, so forget quaint. The current struggle seems to be one of image. Do we want to be tony or do we want to be just ordinary? In trying to make decisions on our image, we should try to remember what's really important is our relationship with the people we live with every day, not our image.

Hard working people who live in Highlands would like to see less expensive restaurants open here so they can take their families out to eat occasionally. What's wrong with that? Fast food shops offer cheap food. On the other hand, do we really want to look like Slipshod, Alabama, a wide place in the road, lined with fast food shops? In our quest for balance, let's not lose respect for one another. Other fast food restaurants will eventually come to Highlands with a lot less drama than the Burger King issue of yesteryear, so get over it. Just make sure fast food does not control us or our image.

Highlands is now a place where traffic signals are multiplying faster than churches. We have a bypass road to escape the traffic horrors of Main Street and timed parking restrictions. You can no longer make a U turn on Main Street which was so much fun and traffic tickets are issued for speeding. Highlands is growing up. We are even a two newspaper town. `Whodathunkit.

What we don't have and could

Years later, a Subway shop slipped into town without hardly firing a shot. Oh sure, there were a few who opposed the opening of the store but because it was kinda out of the way and not so in your face, it opened with little fanfare. Guess what? Highlands has survived the Subway shop just as it would have survived a Burger King.

Highlands' folks always seem to get their shorts in a wad over issues they have no control over. Years ago, I learned that valuable lesson and will tell you that if I hadn't, I would be sitting in a nursing home somewhere with drool running out the corner of my mouth from all the stress. Stress will make you old before your time. Self imposed stress is as stupid as eating French fries.

I haven't been to one single 'get together' all summer where the Fourth Street construction site has not come up in a negative way.

Have we forgotten that, in America, you have the freedom to open a business and make a living? Mr. A.L. Williams of the Old Edwards Inn has proven that if you have the money, get the right permits and do the job right, there

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• **MOVIE PIX** •

'Dave'

The 1993, romantic comedy, political spoof of presidential proportions, starring Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver, Ben Kingsley, Ving Rhames, as as the necessary evil bad guy, Frank Langella. Written by Gary Ross (from Pleasantville), directed by Ivan Reitman.



Stuart Armor

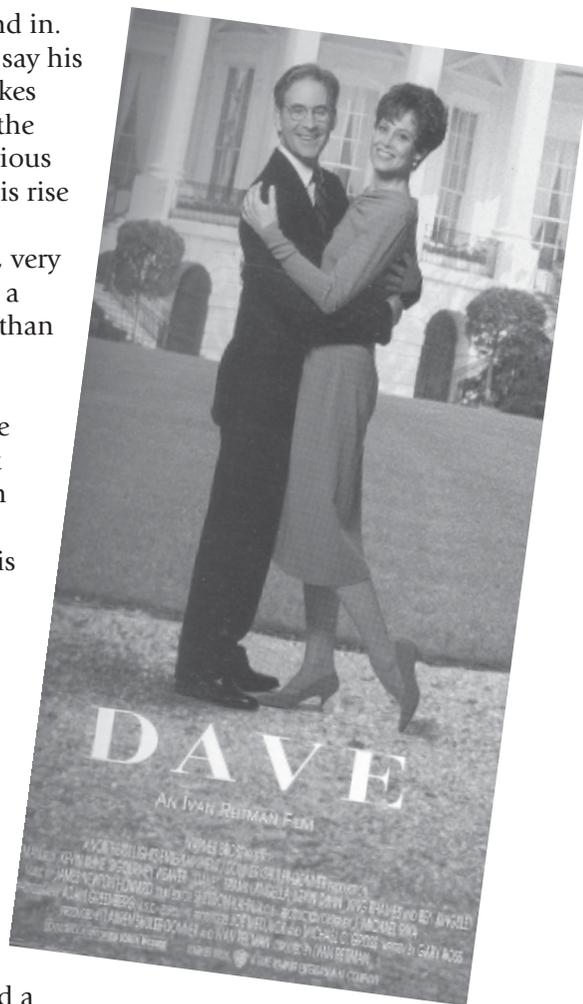
Rhames work very well together in this feel good film, Langella is a perfect foil. Fun cameo appearances by Tip O'Neil, Paul Simon, Nina Totenberg, Arnold Schwarzenegger and more are a neat touch. There aren't a lot of light

hearted Presidential films, Guarding Tess, American President, and My Fellow Americans come to mind. More common, not surprisingly, are political thrillers. But this is light and fun fare, no re-counts needed, choose this one.

More of Kline's best roles are In & Out, Fish Called Wanda, I Love You to Death, and Emperors Club. Weaver, perfect in any role, does some of her best in Snow White, Galaxy Quest, Copycat, and the Alien series.

The Storyline: Mild mannered, good nattered Dave Kovic runs a temp agency and picks up a little side work impersonating the President of the United States at car lots and mall openings. He does a passably good job, good enough to catch the eye of the evil chief of staff (Langella as an Alexander Haig type, does a wonderful job of being a terrible person). When the actual Prez has a stroke in rather embarrassing circumstances, Dave is called in, a la Prince and the Pauper, to stand in. He is supposed to just say his lines, but his nature takes over, and he becomes the good guy that the previous occupant never was. His rise in popularity throws a wrench in the very big, very evil plans, and Dave is a little more competent than his handlers hoped. A cute, sweet romance develops between Dave and the estranged First Lady (Weaver), fashion tips with the Secret Service (Ving Rhames is brilliant in this) are exchanged, and Dave has to figure a way to make everything right somehow, and avoid changing the White House for the Big House.

It's schmaltzy, naive, and unrealistic, and also a gentle comedy, a light hearted satire, and a cute romance. Kline, Weaver and



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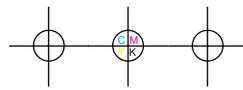
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Monica Leslie - 5486 (N.C./33,972)

Sybil Mann - 5796 (N.C./29,850)

School Board District 1

Brooks Bennett - 3863

Donnie Edwards - 6657

Write-in - 3

School Board District 3

Tommy Baldwin - 9160

Write-in - 22

School Board District 4

Joey Curtis - 3177

Susie McCoy - 5464

Debbie Robb - 3285

Write-in - 1

Soil & Water Conservation Supervisor

Calvin Conley - 9061

Write-in - 1

NC State House 119th District

Phil Haire - 1305 (N.C./14,007)

Margaret Carpenter - 1840 (N.C./13,031)

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• SPORTS PICKS •

It's a Bizarro World

Something is in the air — something that defies logic, transcends reality and has turned the world as we know it upside down. The Boston Red Sox have won the World Series, the New England Patriots were destroyed by Pittsburgh, Miami lost to UNC in football, Utah is the #7 football team in the country and the sports landscape has suddenly turned into Bizzaro World.

You see, in Bizarro World everything as you know it is gone, replaced by unusual and uncharacteristic happenings. Good becomes bad and bad becomes good-kind of like pro wrestling but without the tights. This got me to thinking about how Bizarro World might affect the rest the universe around us. For example, in Bizarro World — George W. Bush is a thoughtful, articulate intellectual who is very quick to admit his shortcomings. His political opponent is a strong willed, interesting redneck named John Kerry. While both candidates have their good qualities, neither of them stands a chance against uberpolitician Ralph Nader, who has too much money and power on his side to lose.

In the Sports Landscape of Bizarro World-the New Orleans Saints are a football dynasty led by the greatest clutch player of his generation — Peyton Manning. In Bizarro World the Yankees are the lovable losers of the National League — setting a major league record with 134 losses in a season last year. Fortunately, George Steinbrenner is known throughout the league for his patience and understanding. Although these things are major news stories on our planet-in Bizarro World only a select few care about basketball or football-as hockey and lacrosse are the most popular sports on the planet.

While Bizarro World has an incredible effect upon the national



Ryan Potts

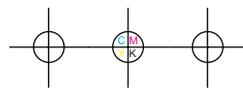
landscape — it also has a tremendous effect on the small town of Highlands. In local news, yeoman worker AL Williams has purchased a tiny parcel of land on Big Bearpen with the purpose of opening a tiny shop open only to the local people. Access to the spa

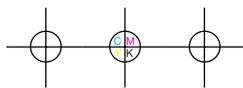
will be provided by the new four-lane highway built on the Bowery Road, funded completely by Alice Nelson, Rose Monroe and a small group of industrialists from Asheville. Highlands mayor Dollar Mosey (who strangely resembles the Easter Bunny) has approved the creation of the highway so long as it doesn't interfere with traffic to Highlands School — which is the largest public high school in the state. This year HHS will be building a new baseball field and sports complex funded entirely by county money - 80 percent of which will come from tourist revenues out of Franklin. Such policy is said to be unfair, but since Highlands is the county seat, they will apportion the tax money accordingly.

As you can see, Bizarro World is an unusual and exciting place that is full of wonder and mystery. (Well it is full of something anyway). The only question is — how does one return from the land of the Bizarre? Well, the best way to do so would be to find something that never changes-something that you can count on never changing and therefore unaffected by the bizarre. A short list of the most dependable things I could think of is as follows:

1. Gene Keady's comb-over
2. Tim McCarver calling someone by the wrong name
3. Billy Packer's arrogance
4. This column not being funny

5. And finally, my mom, who just turned 87 years old this week. God Bless You Mom!!! (Just kidding — but my mom and dad do both have birthdays this week so happy B-Day to them.)





A powerful concoction – faith and medicine

Editor's note: This article is a continuation of a series written by a man whose wife is fighting cancer.

We went to Dr. Richard Lauer's office at Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta this week for what was supposed to be Cynthia's final round of chemo before her cystoscopy and biopsy, scheduled for next week. Once again, the oncologist said, "No treatment this week."

As has been the case on several dates, Cynthia's blood counts were low. The doctor won't give her the chemotherapy treatment if her blood counts are low, since that means that her resistance to disease is low.

Before we left, Dr. Lauer gave us a pep talk. "You've done extremely well despite heavy, heavy doses of chemo," he said.

The evaluation work will be done by Cynthia's urologist, Dr. William Scaljon, also at Piedmont Hospital. The biopsy samples will be sent to a lab for evaluation. Based on that assessment, Drs. Scaljon and Lauer will decide where we go from here. The options are few: more chemo, radiation, surgery, or – in the most optimistic of findings – nothing but follow-up exams.

The period ahead of us – the waiting, the uncertainty of the situation – can be maddening. As I began counting the hours until the biopsy report will be returned, I remembered a sentence I heard many times on the eve of the presidential election:

"It all comes down to this."

But we have relied heavily on

our faith. No matter what report we get, our faith will remain unshaken. I have read and heard a great deal about the importance of faith in the healing process.

I broached the subject of faith in my conversation with Dr. Lauer. Faith, he said, obviously has some "good" effects on cancer patients, "but I can't quantify it."

Dr. Lauer recalled a study he heard about. Cancer patients in an intensive care unit with no windows were the targets of the experiment. Outside half of the units there was a large "X" on the wall. A group of priests, rabbis, and pastors went through the area and prayed for the person inside. They didn't see the patients, and the patients didn't know they were being prayed for.

The patients who were prayed for fared much better during the testing process.

He also told us about another case that he was aware of. A wealthy man in the computer field got into drugs and alcohol, and "other bad habits." Eventually, he lost everything he had. He became a homeless person, living on the streets. Then one day, he "had a conversation with Jesus."

He became a lay preacher, and his life began to look good again. Then he learned that he had cancer. "He became very angry with God," and he died a bitter man.

I have done some research on the matter of faith, and the role it plays in treatment of those stricken by serious illness.

Religious scholar and Methodist Minister Dr. Charles E. Wilson, Jr., bases much of his opinion about faith in

catastrophic illness on the experiences of Norman Cousins.

In the 1960s, Cousins was stricken with a crippling and life-threatening disease. He was hospitalized, in great pain. As he tried to deal with the pain, he noticed that, when he could manage to laugh, the pain seemed to subside.

Cousins checked himself out of the hospital, rented a hotel room, and began treating himself with massive doses of Vitamin C and that magnificent cure-all, laughter.

Miraculously, he recovered and led a productive life. His experience led to the discovery that the human body produces a material called endorphins when the person laughs. Endorphins act like morphine, killing the pain in the body.

"When a person is angry and bitter and uptight and in a vengeful mode, those endorphins are not produced," Dr. Wilson says, "and healing is either denied or delayed or is not as enhanced as it should be.

"When a person is joyful and happy and has a sense of well-being with the world...in the sense that God accepts us in forgiveness and love, the healing of faith and the endorphins bring about the physiological changes that are enhanced to allow wellness to take place.

"This," said Dr. Wilson, "is where faith and physiological changes mesh together."

Faith is based on the premise that God loves us, Dr. Wilson said. "He created us, he knows us, and he's got a purpose for us, so our faith in the nature of God has a

part in it."

Sickness and disease are counter to God's wishes for our well-being, Dr. Wilson said, pointing out that Jesus always healed – "He never said, 'You were meant to be sick or poor.'"

When a person prays, Dr. Wilson says, "we are reaching out to God for his help and acknowledging that we have a trust in his goodness and the wellness that he wants for us."

God's forgiveness plays an important part in healing, Dr. Wilson said. When a person sins and does not seek forgiveness, it "creates a turmoil in one's mind and one's spirit. Healing does not take place easily in a mixed-up, confused, frustrated mind.

"When a person feels that God is interested in him or her personally, that God cares about them and wants them to be well, they can also believe that God will forgive them for failures in the past. And that's a step in the healing direction."

Dr. Wilson's views mesh well with those of Eric Butterworth, a spiritual healer who is associated with the Unity Church.

In his lecture series, "The Principles of Spiritual Healing," Rev. Butterworth says that the healing process should not start with a belief that some higher, outside power will make us well.

Spiritual healing, he says, "is an awakening from within of the natural healing force that is increased and made much more real and effective as a result of an awareness of consciousness, that something that comes through and takes charge of our own life,

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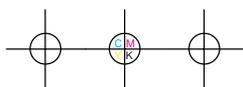
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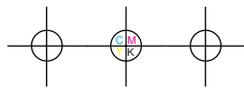
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Broward County (of all faiths) and for many years I served on the board of an organization that helps rehabilitate homeless people. Though no one is asking for my credentials, I merely stated this because I believe I qualify as having a social conscience that extends well past my own religion.

So, if you don't mind, first a short history lesson, then a suggested revision to the punch line about the "bingo" ballot.

History lesson — Jewish people weren't even allowed to live in many places in Palm Beach and Broward Counties until after 1950 or so. If you ever go down that way, check out the Ziff Museum on Miami Beach. You will see photographs of vacancy signs in Ft. Lauderdale that said "a room with a view and without a Jew".

Revised punch line — Let Rabbi

Webberman stay in, and add *Father O'Flarity, Deacon Thomas and Pastor Smith.*

Hopefully we will all get to become "turtles" one day. But to reach that stage in our lives we will have had to go through a lot. We will have had our share of struggles...made a living, raised a family, fought in wars, lost loved ones, socked some money away for retirement and voted. It means we will have had to experience things that us not-yet-turtles have not yet completely gone through....including all the goods, the bads, the highs and the lows.

Then, if we are fortunate, some of us will one day get to try to peek over the steering wheels of our Cadillacs; and if we are really lucky and get to live in the mountains, we'll need a step stool to climb onto the floor board of our 12 foot high 4 X 4s.

**Thanks for hearing me out.
Richard Lundy**

Good Halloween

Dear Editor,

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all the community organizations that came together to make the trick or treating a success. The looks on the faces of the children is what it is all about.

First thanks to the city of Highlands and our fine police department for their help with closing Main Street and crowd control. The Highlands Rotary Club was again there to help with directing traffic. For the first time this year, the Mountain Top Rotary stepped in to cook the hot dogs and help distribute them to our young people. The Interact Club of Highlands School was a huge help in taking pictures of our little ones at Wright Square.

The folks from Harry Norman went through gallons of apple cider as did First Baptist Church. Shaun Moss was a big success with his magic show. Our staff here at the Chamber worked hard distributing the candy and helping with the event. Finally, I want to thank our businesses who spent the money on the candy and the time to pass it on to the children. It's a great way for us to say thank you to our local citizens.

**Bill Bassham
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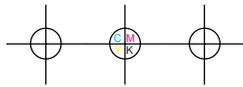
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our destiny, and releases the power from within our own self as a result of our own consciousness."

Briefly, Rev. Butterworth believes that we all have the power to heal ourselves, if we learn to channel our energy properly.

The "root" of the inner ability is the wholeness of the individual. "You can be healed because you are whole, because you are a whole creature, and the physical problem is an evidence of an incomplete expression of that wholeness."

Even so, "the wholeness is the reality of You," he says. "This is the emphasis that we like to give in terms of spiritual healing: the realization that every person has within him the built-in capacity to be whole - not because of anything that someone will do for him, not because of some special ability of a healer, but because he is essentially a whole creature and he has the capacity to be whole."

More and more medical scholars are realizing that medicine and surgery "are very limited in their capacity to help a person who realizes that he is sick and there is nothing he can do about it."

Rev. Butterworth quotes the Greek philosopher Zeno: "The most important part of learning is to unlearn our errors."

Prayers are important to the healing process, and some experiments are beginning to show that link. One recent study divided cancer victims into two groups. A group of pastors and priests prayed for half of the victims, who did not know they were being prayed for. They fared much better in their treatment

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use is a decent car wash, a movie theater, an auto parts store and a chain super market. How nice it would be to have a large chain owned super market. If you are a person who needs to always be worked up and stressed over something, try those items.

If none of this works for you and you just can't calm down over

than did those who were not the subject of prayers.

Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, a clinical psychologist at Ohio State University, and her husband, Ronald Glaser, director of OSU's Behavioral Medicine Research, conducted studies that showed chronic stress and psychological stress can impede wounds from healing, can impair the effectiveness of vaccines, and can weaken the immune system of caregivers.

It all falls into place for Cynthia and me. On the day she was diagnosed with cancer, I rearranged all my priorities. I knew that my role was to make her life as stress-free as possible. I haven't won a dispute since that day. We go to church every Sunday. We pray. Others are praying for us in many different parts of the country.

And, of course, Travis Goodloe's crucifix is hanging in our kitchen, where we can see it every day. Travis was told that he had six months to live after being diagnosed for the second time with throat cancer. He refused a second round of surgery. A friend gave him a small cross, a relic from Father Francis Xavier Seelos, a New Orleans priest who died some 200 years ago. Travis kept the crucifix in his living room. His cancer went away. That was six years ago.

Travis has loaned the crucifix to Cynthia.

We don't know what to expect when the lab reports come back, but we are confident and optimistic. Cynthia is certain that she will win the battle against cancer. I can't argue with that.

the current issues, if your shorts are in such a wad it will take years for them to unfurl, if you don't mind losing friendships and you think I am just a jerk who needs to mind his own business, then remember this. In the not too distant future, kudzu will completely take over Highlands and none of this will matter anyway.

Girls Clubhouse stays busy



Each week, The Girls' Clubhouse, a group of middle school girls, meets to do community service. With the daunting job of the Highlands School Fall Festival ahead, last week the girls helped out by making sponsor posters for the various booths at the festival.

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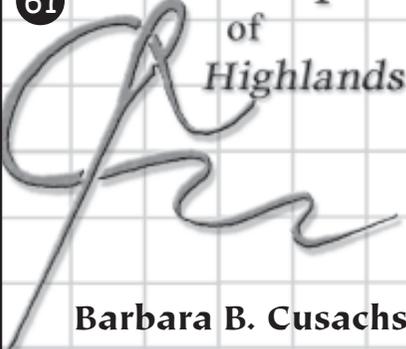
Barbara has been a hair stylist since the sixties and, she says "I have seen it all!"

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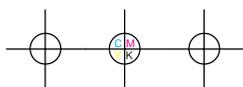


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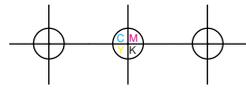


Resident manager of Highlands Inn, Tony Wood, with Sabrina and Billy Hawkins' children Corbin, Samuel and Haley.



Lamar Nix, Highlands Public Service Administrator with his son two-year-old Luke.

Even though Halloween was celebrated on Nov. 1 in Highlands, from 5:30 to 7:30 the town was full of ghouls and goblins of all sizes, shapes and ages. As is the custom, the streets were closed from Third to Fifth so parents, friends and families could stroll Main Street and trick-or-treat at the shops along the way.



School field trip to Asheville printing plant

Last week, 15 members of Highlands School Journalism and Yearbook classes traveled to Asheville to watch edition two of this year's Mountain Trail roll off the presses.

Each month, Highlands School newspaper publishes the Highlands School paper - Mountain Trail as part of its paper. It is printed along with the weekly Highlands' Newspaper at the Asheville Citizen Times press plant in Asheville.

Students were taken through all the steps of publishing the paper -- from its digital transmission via high-speed cable from Highlands to Asheville., to loading it onto the truck for delivery -- by Asheville Citizen-Times Commercial Printing Sales Manager Steve Koletnik.

They learned about various weights of newsprint, the four inks used to produce color in the paper, how every byproduct of the process is recycled, even how inserts and special advertisement sheets are inserted and bundled into the paper.

After a two-hour tour of the facility, the group ate lunch at the Apollo Flame and took a quick jaunt to the mall.

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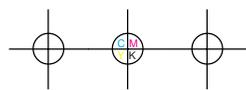
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"The spirit of generosity in this community is incredible," said Marlene Alvarez, the fund's organizer and owner of On the Verandah. "All the restaurant and hospitality people I talked to wanted to help in anyway they could, not just monetarily, but by letting other, private donors know about the project."

Through the assistance of the Highlands branch of RBC Centura and the Cullasaja Gorge Fire Department, all the money raised is being directly distributed to those affected in the Peeks Creek area.

Donations are still being accepted at the Highlands branch of RBC Centura or you can make checks payable to Highlands' Peeks Creek Relief Fund, c/o On the Verandah, 1536 Franklin Road, Highlands, NC 28741.

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Commissioner Hank Ross. "How does that help the Town of Highlands?"

But Macon County Commissioner Allan Bryson said the draft was just a "starting point." "This is not set in stone. It's just a start, so we have an idea of what to expect from each other."

Suggested application guidelines stipulate new construction only; out of town limits including ETJ; money can't be used to meet other grant applications but may be used to match grant applications; funds must be matched by the town at least dollar for dollar; and waterline construction must include fire protection standards.

Proposed eligible entry includes towns and public nonprofits which town officials suspect is the "talked about" water/sewer authority to consist of country clubs along the U.S. 64 east corridor.

Bryson said infrastructure needed to improve fire protection within the town limits would likely be eligible for county funding.

The Town Board wants to meet with county commissioners sometime in November or December to further discuss the proposal.

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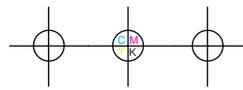
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Crunch Sunday

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Friends hike 'small' part of American history

By Nancy Welch
Contributor

Ellie Hogan and Betty Holt (along with Hogan's dog, Bowman) have traveled the footsteps of American history. The two Highlanders and Bowman spent eight months of Sundays hiking the Bartram Trail.

The two had hiked for years, usually short hikes along familiar trails. They said they found themselves repeating the same trails over and over and wanted a new challenge.

"I think I went to the U. S. Forestry Service and got some brochures on the Bartram Trail," Holt said. "I showed them to Ellie and she said, 'let's do it.'"

"We started in late May and hiked anywhere from 3.7 to 12 miles at a time," Holt said.

"We started out with relatively shorter hikes because Betty was used to doing shorter hikes" Hogan said.

"We did the North Carolina section of the trail," Holt said. "But it really has a little bit in Georgia. But the brochure I had was about the seven sections of the North Carolina portion of the trail, so that's what we concentrated on."

"It was a wonderful experience to see everything first in bud, then everything in blossom, then everything going back to sleep for the winter," Hogan said. "That was really nice. Some of the walks were absolutely spectacular."

The two said the trail was extremely steep in a number of sections, but was well maintained.

"I'd say the only parts that weren't well maintained at the time were sections six and seven after the hurricanes had been through," Hogan said.

Holt said section three actually went through the residential section of Franklin.

"You can walk it or you can bike it or you can go by water, taking a canoe or kayak," she said.

"I wanted to kayak it really bad," Hogan said. "But things kept happening, like the water going up after the storms. Nature kept

happening!"

Hogan said the most uncomfortable moment of their travels involved a copperhead snake and Bowman.

"At one point I walked over a snake," she said. "Usually I see snakes, but Betty saw it and I turned around to go check it out and my dog — with Betty on one side of him and me on the other — got right over the copperhead and the snake's head was up, but Bowman had not a clue and I was calling him and Betty was calling him and he wouldn't go either way because he was right in the middle."

Finally, Hogan joined Holt and the dog went to them, unharmed.

"We saw quite a few snakes in the beginning, but they seemed to thin out as we went on," Hogan said.

Hogan said she saw a red fox, owls hunting and a pair of ruffed grouse.

At the very end of the 80-mile trek, standing on top of a mountain, the two had a real scare.

"Bowman just went running off and Ellie is - like - distraught," Holt said. "We were running everywhere for about 20 minutes. We were even making plans to go in two different directions to find him, but finally Bowman showed back up."

"We camped one night," Hogan said, and the two broke into laughter. "I like to camp."

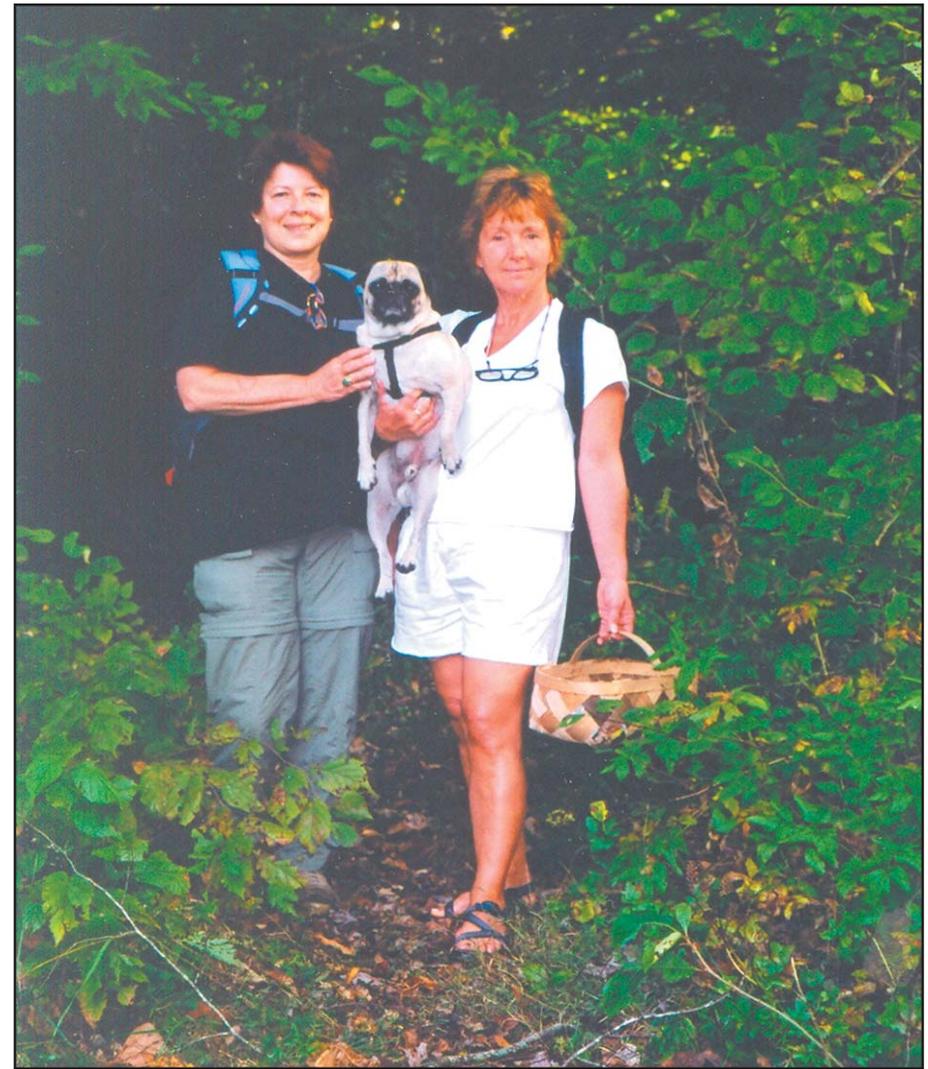
Holt admitted she was not a veteran camper.

"But Ellie knew all about it," Holt said. "She decided we should backpack in, camp and then backpack the next day out, so I said, 'OK, all right, because I didn't want to be chicken,'"

After much planning and preparation, the two tried on their full back packs.

"We could barely walk," Holt said, and the two laughed.

But they were determined, so they set out to scope out the territory they would be covering. As it turned out, the Nantahala River was too high to ford. So much for the industrious back packing to the



Betty Holt, Bowman the dog and Ellie Hogan hiked seven parts of the famous Bartram Trail that winds through North Carolina.

camp site.

So the two altered their plans and drove in and then walked into the site, carrying back packs.

"It was only about a half a mile, but even that was hard," Holt said.

"The amazing thing is we slept 11 hours!" she said,

But few would call the camp-out roughing it.

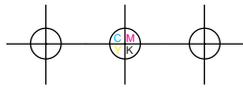
"We had steaks, baked potatoes and wine," Holt said. "It was wonderful."

"Hiking takes a lot of planning and a lot of commitment," Hogan said. "A lot of people don't realize that."

But neither Ellie nor I know how to quit anything, so that's probably why we finished it," Holt said.

William Bartram was America's first native born naturalist/artist and the first author in the modern genre of writers who portrayed nature through personal experience as well as scientific observation. Bartram's momentous southern journey took him from the foothills of the Appalachian mountains to Florida, through the southeastern interior all the way to the Mississippi River. His work thus provides descriptions of the natural, relatively pristine eighteenth-century environment of eight modern states: North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee. William Bartram published an account of his adventure in 1791. It quickly became an American classic and Bartram's *Travels* has been described by one scholar as "the most astounding verbal artifact of the early republic."





A day of 'fun runs' & festivals

Saturday, Oct. 30, started fast and furious with the school's annual Fun Run at the corner of Laurel and U.S. 64. The day ended with the Fall Festival which brought in more than \$16,000 for Highlands School.

Saturday morning, Highlands School students spanning pre-school to 8th grade raced to Fifth Street and back in minutes.

The Pre-School winner was Andrew Ingram.

Kindergarten first place winner was Wesley Hedden followed by Abigale Gilbert and Natalie Thompson.

First Grade winner was Colin Weller followed by Chance Gilbert.

Second Grade winner was Taylor Schmitt followed by Andrew Figel and Katy Ingram.

Third Grade winner was Ryan Vinson followed by Karin Hedden.

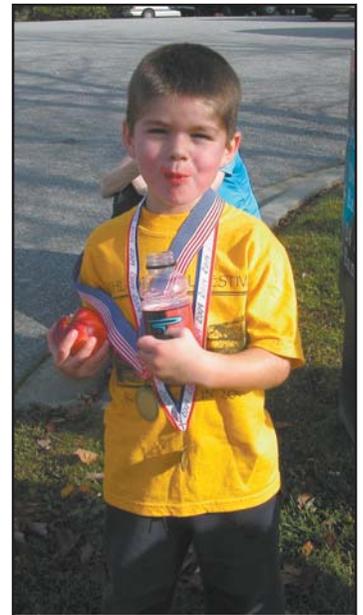
Fourth Grade winner was Will Arajo followed by Parker Sims and Corbin Hawkins.

Fifth Grade winner was Sayne Feria followed by Stephanie Smart.

Sixth Grade winner was Jose Feria ran the 5K race an hour before. Next came Justin Watson and Samuel Wheeler.

The Eighth Grade winner was Spencer Nadler.

The Adult winner was Stephanie Figel.



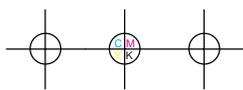
Above, beaming first-place winner pre-schooler Andrew Ingram. Jose Feria was primed for the Fun Run after just running the 5K.

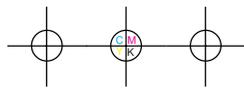


Cake walks, hayrides, hair and face painting, pumpkin painting, bean bag toss, fishing, golf, and more were just some of the booth themes run by seniors of Highlands School. The Fall Festival is the school's biggest fundraiser. Right Kathryn Coppage makes a little one beautiful. Photos by Jim Lewicki



Thirty-three students ranging from pre-school to 8th grade ran in the Fun Run on Saturday. Teacher Dave Cashion was in charge of the jail at the festival. If put in, someone had to pay with tickets to get you out.







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tection Ordinance and to find ways to strengthen it in order to better protect lives and property.

"One thing that seriously impedes our efforts is not knowing where the floodplain actually is," said Guffey. "We have maps from 1978 that depict the floodplain, but because of development and movement of river and stream channels, those maps tend not to be very accurate."

Guffey said the county also, needs a base flood elevation (BFE) which is the elevation associated with the 100-year flood.

"In other words, anywhere located below BFE has a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year," Guffey said. "With a BFE we could more accurately predict where flooding would occur and thus either limit development in those areas or impose tougher rules on construction in order to make structures more able to withstand flooding."

He said another benefit of updated maps would that officials would know the location of floodways. "Floodways are basically the areas of the floodplains in which water flows rapidly," said Guffey. "Those are the area where homes and lives are at most risk, so we

need to know where they are."

Some homes in the Peeks Creek area, which were built decades ago, were a few feet from the water's edge.

The legislature has allocated \$5.2 million to be used over several years. But Macon County is asking for money to begin work right away.

High-impact uses under moratorium in county

By Kim Lewicki

After months of work and lots of public input, the Macon County Planning Board has made the first move in developing a land use plan by first focusing on high impact uses.

At the Nov. 1 Macon County Commissioners meeting held in Highlands, commissioners voted that a High Impact Ordinance was needed and OK'd a six-month "high impact use moratorium" while the planning board fine tunes the ordinance.

Affective immediately, new business permits won't be granted for airfield/airstrips; asphalt plants, chip mills, commercial incinerators; concrete supplier; helicopter sightseeing operations; the manufacturing and or storage of bulk inflammables, chemicals or explosives; mining & extraction operations; motor sports facilities; radioactive/hazardous waste disposal facilities; sawmills; slaughtering & processing plants; and solid waste management facilities.

The ordinance doesn't apply to airstrips or solid waste management facilities already in operation or businesses that are currently in a permitting or grant allocation process.

The planning board will begin drafting the ordinance with the county attorney. Once a draft is finalized, commissioners will vote on it and a public hearing will be scheduled.

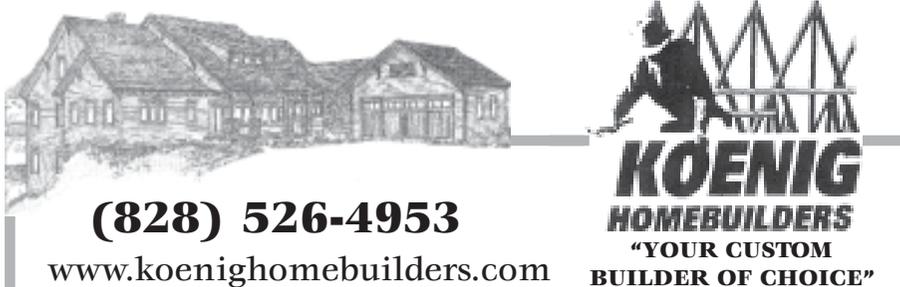
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● **BUSINESS NEWS** ●



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Laundry and Dry Cleaners at Old Edwards Inn on Spring Street officially opened 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1 with a ribbon cutting.

On November 1, the Laundry and Dry Cleaners at Old Edwards Inn, the newest operation under the umbrella of the Old Edwards Hospitality Group, opened for business.

The full-service laundry will provide a new level of service to the Highlands area with drop-off, wash and fold as well as dry cleaning.

In addition to maintaining and supporting the Old Edwards Inn

and Spa's laundry needs, the Laundry and Dry Cleaners at Old Edwards Inn will be open to the public Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The address is 459 Spring Street. The telephone number is 828-787-2597. The Laundry and Dry Cleaners at Old Edwards Inn will accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and checks.

Old Edwards names spa director

Carol Iovino has been named Spa Director of the recently opened Spa at Old Edwards Inn in Highlands, NC. Pivotal to the \$40M renovation and expansion of the Old Edwards Inn is the addition of a 10,000-square-foot luxury boutique spa.

Iovino's primary responsibility will be to ensure every client's complete satisfaction in an exceptional spa experience. She will also oversee daily operations, hiring, staff training, scheduling and retailing the



Carol Iovino

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Recently relocated from Florida, Iovino brings more than 20 years experience in the luxury hospitality and spa industries to Highlands. Prior to her move here, she was the lead medical esthetician at a well-known plastic surgeon's office in West Palm Beach. She specializes in facial rejuvenation and anti-aging therapy. She is licensed by both North Carolina and the State of Florida.

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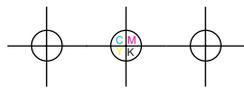
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Art classes take to the outdoors



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Julyan Davis joined an the Bascom-Louise art class presented by George Van Hook and set up "shop" in front of Crane's Barn on Oak Street, Sunday, Oct. 31. Van Hook worked with half a dozen students set up in various locations around the barn. Julyan of Icon Gallery on Fourth Street, set to work right in front of the structure. At the last minute, Van Hook decided to run in the 5K Run Saturday morning and was the Overall Male Winner.

**HCP's 'Steel Magnolias'
on again for Nov. 6 & 7**

The delightful and moving comedy-drama, "Steel Magnolias," opened on Thursday, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands, leading off the Highlands Community Players' tenth anniversary season. The play is running Sunday, November 6 and 7. Performances start at 8 p.m.; the Sunday matinees, at 2:30 p.m.

The production is a revival of the very first play the Players produced in 1995 and three of the six original actors are still around to re-enact their roles: Virginia Talbot will play M'Lynn (played by Sally Field in the movie), Jody Read will play Miss Clairee (Olivia Dukakis in the movie), and Donna Cochran will play Ouiser (Shirley MacLaine in the movie). Dr. Ronnie Spilton will direct.

Ten years ago HCP's "Steel Magnolias" was presented at the Highlands Conference Center where the actors performed on platforms with a minimum of set and props. Black curtains provided the background, masking a very limited "backstage."

Director Spilton says she's delighted to be producing this play 10 years later on a real stage at the Performing Arts Center where the acoustics are wonderful, the seating comfortable, and the parking adequate.

"With the set designed by HCP board member architect Peter Jefferson and every prop needed provided by our property managers Jim and Sue Schulte," says Spilton, "I have the proper setting for a compelling play plus an accomplished cast."

"Steel Magnolias" is set in a small Southern town where ladies

gather at Truvy's Beauty Shop to have their hair done, chat, advise, criticize, and comfort one another. There's many a laugh and plenty of good-natured bantering, but when trouble comes to one of the characters, the strength and loving friendship of the "steel magnolias" are revealed.

The Community Players' 2004-2005 season continues with their annual free Christmastime program of readings and music in December. In March Tanji Armor will direct the comedy, "Stepping Out," about an adult dance class of disparate characters, reluctantly pressed into performing for a charity benefit. In May, Jim Gordon will direct a new adaptation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" that weaves together recently discovered writings from the famous diary with survivor accounts of the Holocaust to create an impassioned and inspirational drama.

In August Virginia Talbot will direct another revival of a much-requested play from HCP's first season—the outrageous, hilarious comedy "Dearly Departed" about a backwoods Southern family trying to get organized for their father's funeral.

Season subscriptions for the four plays of HCP's season are available for \$45, giving subscribers four plays for the price of three. Individual tickets are \$15 for adults; \$8 for children under 12. Subscription brochures are available in several locations around Highlands, including the Hudson library and the Chamber of Commerce. Subscriptions and tickets may also be secured by calling HCP's ticket line, 828-526-8084.

**Chosen People Ministries to perform
at Community Bible Church**

Alan Shore, from Chosen People Ministries, will present "A Chosen Vessel," a one act play at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church. Dessert & coffee to follow. All are welcome.

Chosen People Ministries is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus "to the Jew first and then to the Gentile" throughout the world.



Children's ArtWalk Nov. 13



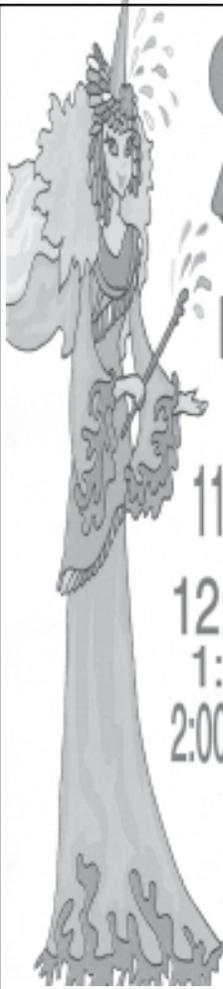
As part of the re-scheduled ArtWalk festivities, Saturday, Nov. 13, there will be special events just for children at the Highlands Nature Center starting at 10 a.m. There will be a drama class, musical performances, a magician, lots of arts & crafts like T-shirt painting, birdhouse painting, magnet making, glitter and face painting. Plus there will be lots of good eats like hot dogs, popcorn, baked goods and lemonade. Just announced: A musical review by Progressive Arts at 10 a.m.

ArtWalk

9:30 to 5 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 13 & 14

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| <p>9:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opening Ceremony at Town Square featuring the Highlands Pipe and Drum Corp and the McKim sisters <p>10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 35 Regional and local artists will exhibit around town at various locations. ▪ Highlands Community Players will perform skits during the day around town <p>The following bands will perform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zorki - 12:30 in Town Square | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brian Starr - 1 p.m. at The Old Rangoon ▪ Zorki - 2 p.m. at The Falls on Main ▪ Hurricane Creek - 3:30 p.m. in Town Square <p>November 14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A self-guided art gallery tour and a free "How to Take Better Pictures." ▪ Photograph clinic at Mill Creek Gallery in Village Square on Oak Street behind Wolfgang's. |
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Children's ART WALK

Saturday, Nov. 13
Highlands Nature Center
10am to 3pm

11:00 Brian Starr Kid's Rock & Roll
Appearance by TINKER BELL

12:00 Introduction to Drama

1:00 Puff the Magic Dragon

2:00 Shaun Moss: SPARKLE Magic Show

Face Painting
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Hot Dogs Popcorn Lemonade



Art Walk

Saturday Nov. 13
10AM to 5PM

9:30 Opening Ceremony Town Square

10 to 5: Artists Around Town

Musical Performances

12:30 Zorki @ Town Square

1:00 Brian Starr @ Old Rangoon

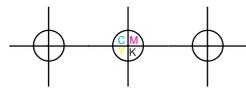
2:00 Zorki @ The Falls On Main

3:00 Hurricane Creek @ Town Square

Children's Art Walk @ Nature Center

Sunday Nov. 14

Self-Guided Gallery Tour



• HIGHLANDS SCHOOL NEWS & SPORTS •

Highlands wins first round in volleyball state playoffs

By Rick Rawlins
Coach

The Highlands varsity volleyball team played their best match of the season to defeat North Lincoln in the first round of the North Carolina state playoffs. The Highlanders won the match 3-0 with game scores of 25-15, 25-18, and 25-17, and improved their season record to 15-6.

The North Lincoln team, a member of the Southern Foothills Conference, came into the match with a season record of 20-4 and was obviously well-coached and a talented team. The Highlanders, however, came out strong in the first game of the match, playing mistake free volleyball, with good serving and tenacious defense, and did not let up for the entire match to defeat North Lincoln.

Each member of the Highlands team had a great match.

They were led in kills by Kayla McCall and Anna Trine with 10 each, Angela Aspinwall and Ramsey Ashburn with 2 each, and Toni Schmitt and Leslie Wilson with 1 each. Callie Rawlins had a great night setting with 14 assists, Toni and Angela had 3 each, Anna 2, and Ramsey and Becca Wyatt had 1 each.

Becca and Maggie Dearth also had a good night serving and playing defense, as well as Leslie Wilson and Iyali Ruiz playing defense and supporting the team.

The entire team had an outstanding night on defense, led by Angela with 6 blocks, Anna with 5, Callie with 2, and Ramsey with 1.

"This was by far the best team effort I have ever seen from a Highlands volleyball team. Our seniors provided great leadership, and the entire team put forth great individual effort that resulted in very few mistakes for the entire match. We finally played tonight the way I knew we were capable of playing, and I am very proud of these girls."



Highlands School Computer Applications Class visited MountainTop Rotary, Friday, Oct. 29. From left James Miller, Allie Roman, Michelle Dendy, Holly Conard, Stephanie Murray, business teacher Anne Porter, Principal Monica Bomengen. In back are Tim Voss and Lucio Trazzi.

Rotary gets high-tech show

At a recent MountainTop Rotary meeting, Highlands School business class gave a presentation.

The presentation was based on results of a survey about Strengths

and Weaknesses from the prospective of teachers, parents, and students. A great beginning to the long-termstrategic planning program.

Field trip sponsors needed

The Highlands School civics classes, taught by Chris Green, are planning a trip to Washington, D.C., in January to see the Presidential Inauguration. Administrators Monica Bomengen and Mark Thomas will accompany Green and 32 students.

The cost for the trip, which includes sightseeing of famous national landmarks such as the Smithsonian Institute and the Lincoln Memorial, attendance at the Inauguration, and a special "Student Inaugural Ball" is \$17,024.

The students are seeking corpo-

rate and other sponsorships to help defray expenses for classmates who cannot afford the full cost of the trip. Any businesses or individuals who would be willing to help subsidize the costs can send contributions to the school in care of Chris Green, Social Studies Department. A \$532 contribution will completely cover the cost for one participant, including meals and transportation. All contributions are tax-deductible and will be acknowledged on school letterhead for tax reporting purposes.

New faces at Highlands School

Faviola Olvera, a Highlands School alumna, is the new ESL tutor. Faviola is working with nonnative speakers of English K-12. She is fluent in Spanish, French, and English.

Belem Torres, a native of Mexico City, is the new elementary reading tutor. Belem is working with students

in grades K-5. She is fluent in Spanish and English

Betty Baker is the new first-grade teacher. She is a veteran elementary school teacher from Alabama, with 33 years experience in elementary and gifted education.

Highlands loses in 2nd round of state volleyball tournament

By Rick Rawlins
Coach

The Highlands School varsity volleyball season came to an end with a loss to Swain County in the second round of the state tournament last Thursday night in Bryson City.

The Highlanders played a very good match, hustling, playing good defense, and staying within 2-3 points of Swain until the very end of each game. "We came out playing with the same intensity and focus that we had in our first round match against North Lincoln, and we surprised Swain by going in the lead 16-15. Unfortunately, at about the same point in all three games, we made a few unforced errors that cost us the game". The game scores of the match were 25-18, 25-17, and 25-18. Swain has gone on to the final four after defeating Hendersonville 3-0, and could possibly win the state championship.

The Highlanders were led in kills by Kayla McCall with 7, Angela Aspinwall 6, Anna Trine with 5, and Ramsey Ashburn with 2. Callie Rawlins led the team in assists with 10; Toni Schmitt had 7, Ramsey 2 and Angela 1. Ramsey also had two blocks, Anna 1, and Kayla 1. Iyali Ruiz, Maggie Dearth, and Leslie Wilson also contributed to the match with some good defensive play and serving.

Highlands has had a great season, winning the conference championship, winning the first round of the state playoffs for the first time and making it to the final 16 teams in the state, and finishing with a season record of 15-7.

To volunteer to answer calls for funds, call 526-2147.



It was the face of Jesus



By Rev. Eddie Ingram
Highlands United Methodist Church

I saw the face of God this weekend at the Swannanoa Boys Youth Development Center, a juvenile prison for boys between 13-20 years of age. Along with four other members of our church, I spent three days at the prison in Asheville in mission and ministry to 25 young juveniles we call "stars" over the Epiphany weekend.

Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation." We call the days the wise men discovered the Christ child born to Mary as an "Epiphany" because once they saw the face of God in the child Jesus, instead of returning to King Herod to report the news, they went home by another road. An epiphany is when someone sees the presence of God in an unlikely place and is eternally changed.

The Epiphany weekend is the same as the Walk to Emmaus weekend, a three day renewal experience for church leaders. Like the Emmaus weekend, Epiphany is a three day short course in the incredible love of God as seen in Jesus Christ. Through talks, testimonies, skits, music, and worship, the presence of God reveals to those on the weekend the incredible, unconditional and unmerited love of God. This is a love that you cannot earn – it is given freely. It is a love that produces hope for those who feel hopeless. It is a hope that does not disappoint.

I went into the prison with great fear and trembling. After all, although young, they were "offenders." In my mind, I thought, "I wonder what each of these boys had done to get them into this place." My mind and heart was filled with nervous anxiety. I also had images of my mind of rough and tough, mean, and unintelligent hard nosed street kids. When the 25 boys entered the prison chapel on our first day, what I saw was a group of boys with heads down, searching for what they were told we were to bring them – the love of God. As I saw the faces, instead of worthless kids, I saw a combination of kids of many colors and backgrounds. I saw intelligent kids, and gifted kids. I saw sensitive big hearted kids, boys who could draw, boys who could sing, boys who read constantly. It occurred to me that any of those

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• PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU •

Blue Valley Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
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) 369-8329
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

743-3319

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Community Bible Church in Highlands
Holy Communion at most services.

Clear Creek Baptist Church

Pastor Everett Wilson, (828) 743-3379
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 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.; Bible Study & Book
Study
classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;
Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.
Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4
Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8
Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.
The Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel
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First Baptist Church

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.

Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5

Highlands Assembly of God

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

Highlands 7th-Day Adventist Church

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

Highlands United Methodist Church

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
Sundays: School – 9:30 & 9:45 a.m.; Worship –
8:30 & 11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study &
activities – 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Family – ELCA

Rev. Pam Mitcham, 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. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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 526-3212.

Shortoff Baptist Church

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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

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Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

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Community helps out at Fall Festival

MountainTop Rotary worked at the Highlands School Fall Festival last Saturday, dishing out barbecue, hot dogs and soda. From left are Joe Simmons, Steve Gillam, Kim Lewicki and Nick Blozan.



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boys could have very easily been my son. Here was an epiphany for me - I discovered that I had used the "image" of a juvenile offender to insulate me from any responsibility or attachment to them. And God, stone by stone, child by child, began to thrust into my heart the incredible need - their need for love, and my need to care enough to love them and be responsible.

Day two was forgiveness day. The boys were challenged to write on a red paper heart the names of the persons they needed to forgive. We all kept our forgiveness lists. Through the day the boys began to share their stories. Their stories were shocking but true - the majority of these boys were sexually and physically abused from infancy to youth. The offenders had first been offended. Before they were victimizers, they had been victims. If you can imagine what you would have become if, at age two or three, someone would come into your room late at night every night and sexually abuse you, or physically harm you, over and over again. What would fill your heart and mind and soul? What would your children be like? What would you be like?

We folded the red hearts in half and the paper appeared to be a drop of blood. As we nailed those forgiveness lists to a large wooden cross on day two, it hit me. There was no difference between myself and the boy standing in front and behind me, waiting to nail my forgiveness list to the cross, waiting to forgive and be forgiven. I, too, was an offender. I have participated in a church and community that has disappointed them over and

over again. The world would rather lock them away than to get our hands dirty to give them hope. I could not run from my offense. As I counseled a young boy who with tears in his eyes, had been beaten since a young age, I could only say in my brokenness, "I am so sorry. I am so sorry for the people in your life who have let you down." I prayed that night that the Lord would forgive me, forgive us, for failing these children.

Time and time again, as we left on the final days, the boys said to us, "please don't forget about me." Jesus was right when he said, "I was in prison and you visited me... just as you did it to the least of my brothers, you did it to me." I went thinking I was going to show these boys the love Jesus has for them. I left knowing they had shown me the love Jesus has for me.

These boys will one day be out again on the streets. The thoughts come to my mind - what difference does this weekend and our follow up visits with them make in their ability to stay out and make something of their life? Statistics show that the "return percentage" drops significantly with those who have experienced Epiphany. But only time will tell. If only one boy finds the healing and hope to rise up and walk away from Swannanoa YDC and never return, thanks be to God.

And another thought crosses my mind - will as God's people know the grace of Jesus enough to love them and accept them into the body of Christ when they come into our presence? Even if we know their offense? The choice is ours to make.

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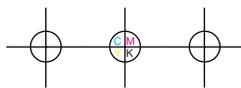
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On-Going

- Young Artists Program at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Supplement your child's education! Classes cost \$5 per class including all materials. Scholarships are given to students in need of financial assistance. Bus transportation is provided from the Highlands School to the Gallery. The schedule runs as follows:

- Pre-school with Parent Art Class – Wednesdays from 11 p.m. to 12

- Artventure – Art after school for K and 1st grade students on Tuesdays from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

- Art Attack – Art class for students in grades 4th through 8th grades on Wednesdays, from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

- Art for Home Schooled Students – meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month 1-3 p.m. Call 526-4949.

- 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&J Express Mart Gift Card.

- Pecans for Sale – Chapter #284 OES is selling pecans \$6/bag. Call Kathleen Wilson at 526-2852. Peanuts arrive Nov. 1.

- Al-Anon Group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.

- At ...on the Verandah on Lake Sequoyah, piano bar entertainment from 7:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. and Paul Scott on Wed. During Sunday Brunch, Chad Reed plays the piano from noon to 2 p.m.

- 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); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese – Wines. Wine Flights Friday and Saturday: 4:30 until 6:30. Saturday: Football and Flights. Wines by the glass and cheese plates available Wednesday through Saturday: 1:30 until 4:30. Complimentary Tastings Saturday: 1 until 4:30.

- Saturdays Zorki playing acoustic guitar at Paoletti's Late Night at 10:30 p.m.

Nov 4

- Chestnut Hill will hold an Open House on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Select cottages and apartments, plus the new model home, will be avail-

able for inspection.

Nov. 5-7

- "Steel Magnolias" performed by Highlands Community Players at PAC. Thurs.-Sat, 8 p.m. Sun., 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$15 adults, \$8 children. Call 526-8084 for more info.

Nov. 5

- Dr. David Dennison's farewell bass performance at ...on the Verandah. The music starts at 7 pm. Piano player Paul Scott and other local musicians will join Dr. Dennison as they jam one last time before Dr. Dennison's move to Cartersville, GA.

Nov. 6

- The Barker's Creek Grist Mill in Dillard will be open to the public to grind your corn or ours Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. Contact Woody Malot at 706-746-6921 for more information.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike to the Devil's Courthouse on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Meet at Macon Plaza in Franklin (Bi-Lo) at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch, a drink, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes or boots. Drive 80 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for a reservation, more info, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

Nov. 7

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the newest section of the Greenway in Franklin, from Tasse Park south. Meet at the Tasse parking lot at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for a reservation, more info, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

Nov 10

- Highlands Wine & Cheese is presenting a special Burgundy lunch with winemaker Ann Parent and importer Steve Pignatiello: Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. at the Main Street Inn. Cost is \$34.95 per person. Please call 526-5210 for reservations. Seating is limited

- Chestnut Hill will hold an Open House from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Select cottages and apartments, plus the new model home, will be available for inspection.

Nov 13

- ArtWalk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening at Town Square on Main

Street. Artists and musicians will be around town. Zorki at 12:30 at Town Square; Brian Starr at 1 p.m. at Old Rangoon, Zorki at 2 p.m. at Falls on Main; Hurricane Creek at 2 p.m. at Town Square. Children's ArtWalk at the nature Center.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike to five waterfalls in the Tallulah Falls area, an easy hike of 3-miles. After the hike, the group will dine at Glen Ella Springs, an excellent restaurant on the National Register of Historic Places. Meet at Macon Plaza (Bi-Lo) in Franklin at 1 p.m. or call leader for alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a lunch or snack if you wish, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes. The hike is limited to 12 people; reservations are required. Call leader, Doug Deane, 864-718-9265, for reservations, more information, or in case the weather looks doubtful on the day of the hike.

Nov. 14

- Self-guided Gallery Tour as part of ArtWalk.

- As part of ArtWalk, Cynthia Strain of Mill Creek Gallery, will offer a free one-hour class on taking better photographs. The class is for novice and experienced photographers and will cover exposure control, composition, and the use of filters. Meet at Mill Creek Gallery in Village Square behind Wolfgang's. For more information, call 787-2021.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an moderate 2-mile hike up Whiteside Mountain. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Cheryl English, 524-3300, for reservations, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

Nov. 16

- Alan Shore, from Chosen People Ministries, will present "A Chosen Vessel," a one act play at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church. Dessert & coffee to follow. All are welcome. Chosen People Ministries is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus "to the Jew first and then to the Gentile" throughout the world.

Nov. 19

- The film "Resurrection" at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Ellen Burstyn stars with Sam Shepard and Richard Farnsworth. Free, but contributions accepted for the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

Nov. 20

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.5-mile hike (with car shuttle) on the Smith Creek Trail to Anna Ruby Falls in Unicoi State Park near Helen, Ga. Meet at Macon Plaza in Franklin (Bi-Lo) at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch, a drink, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes or boots. Drive 100 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Cheryl English, 524-3300, for a reservation, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

Nov. 21

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2.5-mile hike on Forest Service Road 7165 off Wayah Road. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for a reservation, more info, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

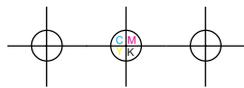
Nov. 27

The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile hike on the Woodland Trail in Unicoi State Park near Helen GA, an 80 mile round trip dirve. Meet at Westgate Plaza at 9:30 a.m. or at the Piggly Wiggly parking lot in Dillard GA at 10 a.m. The group will hike to the lodge and back with the option of lunch at the lodge or bring your own. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leaders Ann and Jack Blake, 369-1108 for reservations, more info, or in case weather looks doubtful.

Dec. 3 & 4

- "A Family of Friends Productions" announces the "Nutcracker Ballet," at the Fine Arts Center at Franklin High School on Friday, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. This has become one of our area's finest traditional Christmas presentations. Tickets are available at the door, Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Cedar's Café and Dairy Queen. Seniors and Students \$5; Adults \$8. Family tickets \$25 (available from Chamber only).





Alli Bolt, a second-grader in Ms. Hedden's class and Taylor Garrabrant, a second-grader in Ms. Miller's class, were the winners of the RBC Centura pumpkin decorating contest. Each received a bag of goodies.

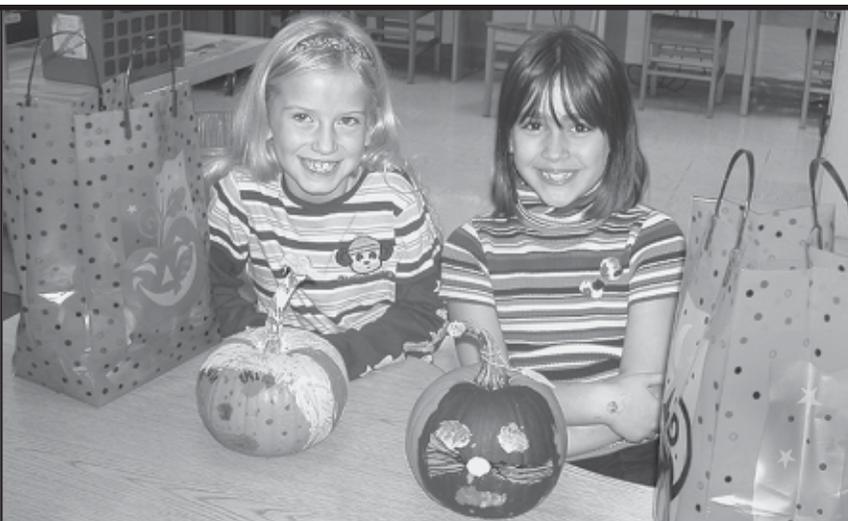


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• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Oct. 27-Nov. 3. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Oct. 27

- At 6:50 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25 zone at U.S. 64 east and Poplar.
- At 5:10 p.m., a resident reported someone trespassing on his property.
- At 6:20 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Highlands Pharmacy. All was secure.
- At 7:45 a.m., officers responded to an accident in Don Leon's parking lot. There were no injuries.

Oct. 28

- At 2:30 a.m., officers escorted a mental patient to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. At 4 a.m., they escorted him to a mental clinic.
- At 12:20 p.m., a dumpster at Mountain Brook Center was reported vandalized by a bear.

Oct. 29

- At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident at South 4th Street and Spring. There were no injuries, but one motorist was cited for making an unsafe movement.
- At 2:45 p.m., officers responded to an accident at U.S. 64 west and N. Cobb. There were no injuries, but one motorist was cited for failing to reduce speed.

- At 7 p.m., a motorist at N. Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.

- At 9 p.m., officers were called to the Episcopal Church to remove a disruptive child who was taken to the Rabun County Sheriff's Dept.

Oct. 30

- At 5:30 p.m., a motorist at Third and Main streets was cited for having an expired tag.

Oct. 31

- At 8:30 p.m., residents on Laurel Street complained of barking dogs.
- At 6:55 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.

Nov. 1

- At 6:55 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 10:25 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Ravenel Road. All was secure.
- At 3:45 p.m., a resident reported losing a cell phone.

Nov. 2

- At 2:30 a.m., a suspicious person was reported at the Mountain High Lodge. It was unfounded.
- A little after midnight, officers responded to a call of the Town van being vandalized.
- At 10:45 a.m., officers responded to a call of a merchant's van being vandalized.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue log entries for the week of Oct. 27-Nov. 3

Oct. 29

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers but the call was cancelled en route.

Oct 30

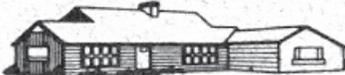
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at N. 5th Street.

Oct. 31

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Community Bible Church.
- The dept. responded to a motorhome in a ditch on U.S. 64. It had a punctured propane tank.

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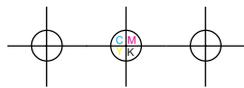
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5K Race draws crowd

Locals and visitors turn out for race

By Rick Rawlins

Race Director

The Highlands School PTO Annual 5-K run was held Saturday with 37 runners competing in the race.

The male overall winner was George Van Hook in a time of 18:28, and the fastest female time was 24:59 posted by Quintin Ellison.

The overall male and female winners received a beautiful piece of pottery created and donated by Highlands own Patrick Taylor.

The first, second, and third place winners in each of the male/female age divisions received a medal individually created by Sallie Taylor's Highlands School art students that featured either a gold, silver, or bronze running shoe. The runners were delighted with the awards.

Many thanks to all of our local volunteers who helped with the planning and handling of the race, and a very special thanks to Pat and Sallie Taylor!



This year runners took off from the middle of U.S. 64 at Maple and Carolina Way.



Visiting artist George Van Hook was the overall Male Winner with a time of 18:28.



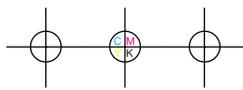
Asheville Citizen-Times Bureau Chief Quintin Ellison was the overall Female Winner with a time of 24:59

Order of Finish	Name	Time
1	Van Hook, George	18:28
2	Parfitt, Dale	19:20
3	Knops, Brad	20:20
4	Lampros, Anthony	20:33
5	Hott, Steve	21:23
6	Spiro, Jan	21:27
7	Roe, Andrew	22:12
8	Viani, John	23:22
9	Motz, Fred	23:37
10	Graham, Jim	24:16
11	Nuzzaco, Joe	24:31
12	Ellison, Quintin	24:59
13	Penn, Kelley	25:09
14	Teague, Charles	25:13
15	Figel, Stephanie	25:52
16	Flaschner, Christine	26:09
17	Olvera, Erika	26:29
18	Tankersley, Richard	26:33
19	Heller, Vicki	27:23
20	Feria, Sayne	27:48
21	DiFiore, Lynn	27:50
22	Hawk, Karen	28:54
23	Barrows, Garth	29:30
24	Bell, Glenda	29:40
25	Viani, Erica	29:46
26	Barry, Danise	31:16
27	Paulk, Don	32:06
28	Hott, Michelle	32:25
29	Feria, Jose	32:58
30	Nuzzaco, Elizabeth	33:10
31	Barry, Mike	33:54
32	Spurney, Melody	35:02
33	Turner, Luther	35:34
34	Smith, Lyndsey	39:56
35	Possee, Charlie	40:00
36	Tankersley, Helen	40:22
37	Prihoda, Millie	40:57

Steve Hott and Fred Motz race neck to neck. Erika Olvera, Charlie Teague, Richard Betz and Stephanie Figel make first lap down Fifth Street. Glenda Bell who's been training for her first marathon approaches the finish line.

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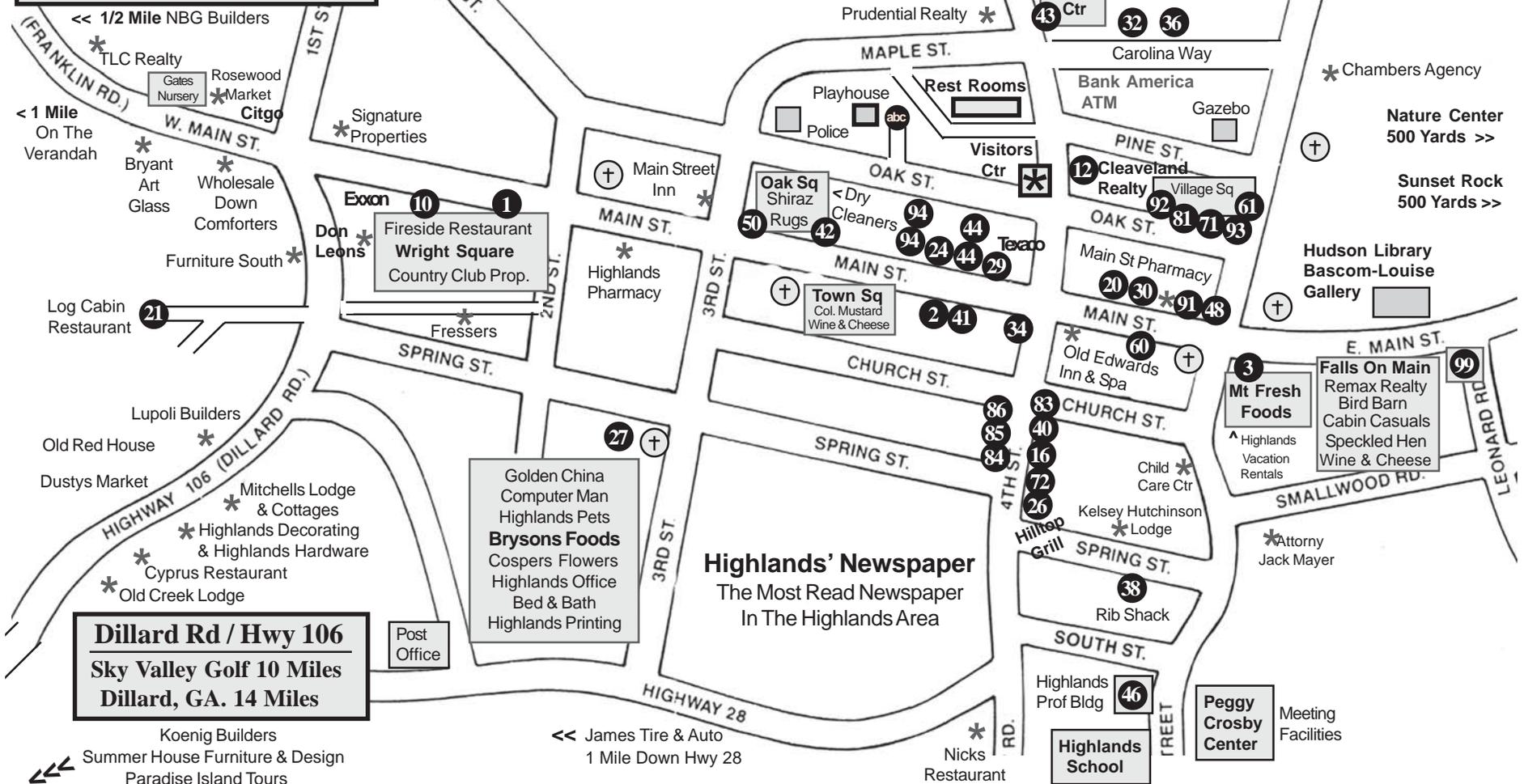
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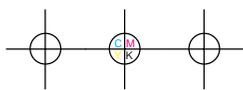
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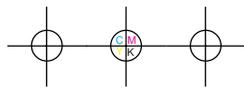
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