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# "Fall Sales" Section **INSIDE** **FREE** Highlands' Newspaper

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## ▪ REGISTER TO VOTE ▪

### Oct. 2

- Karaoke Fundraiser at 7 p.m. at Highlands Inn on Main Street. Money raised will help the families of Peek's Creek rebuilt their lives.

- An exhibit by the Franklin Camera Club opens at the Mill Creek Gallery with a wine reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

- Free Rabies Clinic at the Highlands Conference Center, 1-2:30. Also at the Scaly Mtn. Community Center, 3-4 p.m. Dr. Amy Patterson, vet. \$5 per pet.

- Mountain Music Spaghetti Supper 5 p.m. at the Highlands Rec. Park. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. All you can eat while listening to The Grass Roots Revue and Oliver Rice and the Blue Ridge Mountain Band. All proceeds benefit the Highlands Emergency Council.

### Oct. 3

- Former Archbishop of Canterbury, the most Rev. George Carey, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at the 10:30 service at the Episcopal Church.

- The descendants of Bunyan Miller will hold their annual family reunion at the Highlands Civic Center, at 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

- Highlands Literacy Council's "Appreciation Concert" to be held at the Gazebo on Pine Street. David Fisch, local favorite and owner of Pescado's, and his band, the Fishmouth Fools will be performing classic blues hits from 2-5. There will be free popcorn thanks to Macon Bank and soda for 50 cents.

### Oct. 4

- Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday at 10 a.m. in the Board Room. This is an important meeting to finalize plans for Highlands Own Craft Fair.

### Oct. 5

- Fifth cooking class at Hudson Library at 3 p.m., featuring executive chef Francois Ternes of the Old Edwards Inn & Spa. Call 526-3031.

### Oct. 5 & 6

- Lean the basics of the Cajun Waltz, Two-Step and Jitterbug in time for PAC's Great American Traditions Festival-Cajun Style set for Oct. 17. Learn different dances each day. \$20 per person includes both sessions. At Highlands Rec Park 6 p.m. Call 526-9713 for more information.

### Oct. 7

- Pizza Supper Thursday after the volleyball game which starts at 5 p.m. Learn about the Booster Club and how you can help Highlands School.

## Voting rules for November 2 General Election

By Kim Lewicki

The general election for federal, state and county offices is November 2. With one-stop voting, absentee voting, and the fact that this is a presidential election, there are several important things to remember.

"First and foremost," says Kimberley Bishop, director of the Macon County Board of Elections, "is you must vote for president and vice president separately from all other contestants."

Since 1967, a straight ticket vote will not automatically include president and vice president. "The law prohibits a combination vote for president with any other office," said Bishop. "If a person in North Carolina wants to vote for the president and vice president they must make at least two marks in the voting booth - one to vote for the presidential race and the other to mark the straight party option."

There are other things Bishop wants voters to be mindful of.

"If you don't take advantage of one-stop voting or an absentee ballot, you must go to your precinct to vote on Nov. 2," she said. "If you wait until Election Day to vote, you must do it at the polls."

She said last year scores of people showed up at the Macon County Board of Elections on Main Street in Franklin to vote on Election Day.

The last day to register to vote is October 8 - 25 days prior to the election.

One-stop voting, where registered voters can vote prior to the election begins October 14 and runs through October 30. One-stop voting is available at the Macon County Board of Elections at 5 West Main Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. October 16, 23, and 30 (Saturdays).

"We're trying to make this as convenient as possible for voters," said

Bishop. "So we will even be open for one-stop voting on Saturdays between October 14 and October 30."

Since November 2003, 1,740 new voters have registered to vote in Macon County. "That doesn't include

name changes, party changes or changes of address," said Bishop. "That's new voters."

October 26 is the last day to re-

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Photo by Jim Lewicki

Some students in the afterschool program. Front from left: Ethan Crisp, Emily Mathis, Carli Calloway, Adriane McCall. Back from left: Jerry Reed, Corey Baldwin, Meredith Garren, Katie Ingram, and Danielle Mathis.

## Afterschool program key for working parents of students

By Nancy Welch

Contributor

Brenda Owens reminds you of a conductor as she waves her hand over the group she oversees. The director of the VIP after school program at Highlands School said she developed a system of gestures to alert both students and staff.

"Five fingers means quiet," explains the petite woman with salt and pepper hair. "Two means emergency." Owens is in her fourth year with the program and says things are going well.

"VIP stands for 'very important people' and these children are just that - very important people. We had the program years ago, but the lady running it left," she says. "Dr. (Melissa) Porter came to me and asked me to take it over."

Porter was assistant principal at the time.

"I was the first one to have the center licensed," Owen says. "This means a lot of training. I am trained in CPR and first aid and I am required

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## ● TOWN BOARD AGENDA ●

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, October 6, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approve agenda.
- III. Approve minutes of September 8 Special Board Meeting and September 15 Regular Board Meeting.
- IV. Reports.
  1. Mayor.
  2. Committees.
  3. Town Attorney.
  4. Engineer/Public Services Administrator.
  5. Police Chief
  6. Recreation Director.
  7. Planner/Zoning Administrator.
  8. Treasurer.
  9. Town Administrator.
- V. Old Business.
  1. Review of application for permit to use Town streets & sidewalks for construction:
    - a. OEI - McCarroll Construction / Spring Street Wall
    - b. HCCDC - Triangle Construction.
    - c. Highlander Newspaper - Building Traditions Inc.
- VI. New Business.
  1. Earl Jones.
  2. Appoint member of Planning Board/Land Use Planning Committee.
  3. Bronze Pesterfield - Spring Street Retaining Wall.
- VII. Adjourn.

## 'School Improvement Team' needs community members

The Highlands School is assembling a School Improvement Team that will meet regularly to begin writing the new three-year strategic plan for improvement of the school. This is a prime opportunity for parents and other community members to become involved directly in the school improvement process.

"Our faculty has spent considerable time identifying important issues and articulating a vision for the future of the school. We have distributed surveys to faculty, students, and parents. We now need to use the information we have gathered to begin writing our new School Improvement Plan," says Monica Bomengen, principal of Highlands School. "We welcome the participation of community stakeholders, including but not limited to parents, into this

process."

Bomengen anticipates that the School Improvement Team will meet twice a month from October through June. The new plan must be submitted to the Board of Education for approval by the July BOE meeting. Highlands School employees who are participating on the School Improvement Team include Bomengen, Assistant Principal Mark Thomas, media specialist Carol Bowen, and teachers Cindy Cox, Tracy Hedden, Adrian Holt, Molly Jones, and Stephanie Smathers. Students will be invited to participate along with adults.

The first meeting of the School Improvement Team will take place on Monday, Oct. 4, at 7p.m. in the Highlands School Media Center. For more information, or to sign up for the School Improvement Team, contact the school at 526-2147.

## • OBITUARIES •

### Harry E. Cox

Harry E. Cox, age 90, of, Highlands, died Friday, September 24, 2004 in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of Joliet, Illinois, a son of the late Edward and Adeline Cox. He was a US Navy Veteran of WWII. He was a retired Captain with the Joliet Fire Department. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Nancy Balch Cox; two daughters, Mary Yde of San Francisco, and Shelly Hoertz and her husband John of Sarasota, Fla.; one son, William Yde and his wife Charlene of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Melba Jones of Richmond, Va. and Doris Ross of Joliet, Ill.; one brother, Jack Cox of Joliet, Ill; four grandchildren also survive.

Memorial services were held Monday, September 27, 2004 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, with Rev. Hunter Coleman officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Highlands Community Child Development Center, PO Box 548, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### John Clifford Dendy

John Clifford Dendy, 92, died Saturday, September 25 in a Franklin nursing home. He was a native of Macon County and was the last child of the late Joseph and Dora Peek Dendy.

Mr. Dendy was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII. He owned and operated Dendy Orchard and was a member of the Board of NC Apple Growers Association.

He was the oldest member of Goldmine Baptist Church where he served as deacon, choir director, Sunday school teacher and training union teacher. He was also a member of Junaluska Masonic Lodge #145. Mr. Dendy built and played violins and taught singing schools in area churches.

He was married to Gerstle Owens on November 22, 1946. Surviving in addition to his wife are two daughters, Linda McCall and her husband Ray of Highlands, Myrtice Trent and her husband Glenn of Zirconia, N.C.; one son, Larry Dendy and his wife Sherry of Ayden, N.C.; three grandchildren, Timothy Shirley, Heather Dendy and Eric Dendy. Two great-granddaughters also survive. He was preceded in death by five sisters, Lola, Stella, Clara, Mae and Mattie Dendy; seven brothers, Earl Clyde, Bert, Floyd, Ellison and Sydney Dendy, and Sheridan Peek.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 28 at 2 p.m. at Goldmine Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Wooten, Rev. Gene Hawkins and Rev. Alton Dendy officiating. Burial was in Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Pallbearers were Timothy Shirley, Eric Dendy, Mack Dendy, Charles Shirley, John McCall, J.B. Keener, Butch Deal and Conrad Henry. Military graveside rituals were conducted by Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108.

The family received friends Monday 6-8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to Mt. Moriah Cemetery Fund c/o of Mary Owens, 21 Pinecone Road, Franklin, N.C. 28734.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

## New faces at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce has added two new staff members to replace two retiring staffers.

Bonnie Earman has assumed duties as Manager of the Highlands Visitor Center. She replaces Missy Owens who has decided to be a stay

at home mom. Earman brings a wealth of experience to her position.

She is an active member of Mountain Garden Club, the Land Stewards, and the governing board of Leadership Highlands. She is the current co-chair of the Beetle Ball.

She has previously worked with various businesses in the hospitality industry in Highlands.

Bonnie has a grown son living in Charleston and another here in Highlands.

Jenny King is replacing Ruth

Buchanan as the administrative and financial manager. Ruth will be staying home with her new son who is expected in early November. King is a former business owner in Highlands as she operated Highlands Whole Life Supply.

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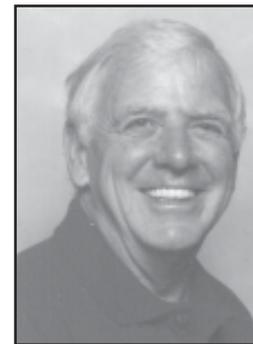
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**I love deer hunters**

I am going on the record here. Hello, are you reading this? I love deer hunters. I have close friends who are deer hunters. I have eaten venison and like it. I own a deer rifle and like to sip "Jack." I know all the latest hunting jokes (mostly bad) and love to sit around camp fires at night, spitting and scratching my groin. I will do everything I have to do to earn the respect of my deer hunter buddies short of shooting a defenseless deer. It's hopeless, what else can I say?



Fred Wooldridge

below the national poverty level, can purchase a permit to kill as many deer as it takes to feed the hunter's family. That solves the thinning out problem and puts venison on poor people's table all year long.

No one else will need a permit or license to hunt deer all year. They just can't kill them. TA DA again. Enter the camera rifle, a specially designed rifle which takes high speed pictures of whatever is in the cross-hairs. It feels and looks like a rifle, fires a blank cartridge, kicks like a rifle and startles the deer when you pull the trigger. The only difference is the deer lives and you wind up with a 10 x 12 photo of your kill in awesome color, complete with cross hairs in the picture. Of course, if you miss the deer, you throw the picture away.

I even hired an instructor (you must remember Dilbert from last year) but he gave up on me because of my ineptness at hunting critters. I'm a true city slicker.... 100%. God once said, "Let there be Fred, let him dwell in the city in the winter and in Highlands in the summer. Let him hunt humans." POW; I did.

While I completely and totally understand the philosophy behind "the hunt" and the thinning out the herd theory, I cannot overcome my love of deer, live ones. They hold a special place in my heart.

While traveling through a state park on the California coast, the little missus and I stopped our car to study a map. We were startled by a small herd of deer which approached the open windows of our car, obviously looking for a handout. For the next 20 minutes, we just stared at each other, all of us motionless. They are such beautiful creatures.

So when I get to be President (I gave up on being a flag man cause' there's just too much responsibility) I will change the law on hunting and killing deer. Here is how it will work.

TA DA. Deer hunting season will be open 12 months a year. Any person, who wishes to kill deer and can prove he is living

I ran the idea by Dilbert and he looked at me as if someone had just sat on his ham sandwich. Then I realized Dilbert just looks poor but makes six figures a year. He can't even mooch venison from his poor friends because he doesn't have any. Sorry Dilbert, you'll just have to stick with those savory Ribeye steaks you got squirreled away in your freezer.

Years ago I knew a man who loved deer even more than me. During the off season, he fed the deer and slowly moved their food into his open barn. The deer began to hang around the barn and slept there at night. By the time hunting season started, he had over a dozen deer frequenting the open barn. The evening before hunting season, he closed the barn door and trapped the deer inside. He fed them and gave them water throughout the season, releasing them the day after the season closed. This, of

## • SPORTS PICKS •

### Some random thoughts from under the floppy hair

What exactly is the definition of overrated?

The right reverend Hunter Coleman informed me last weekend that Georgia is most certainly overrated based upon their showings thus far. I

replied that I didn't think UGA was overrated, mainly because their team is built to win ugly, and they have done a fine job of it so far. So who is actually overrated?

USC is certainly not the best team in the nation. That honor at this point belongs to Utah, who has absolutely destroyed three opponents and look like they are heck-bent on crashing the BCS party. Urban Meyer's Utes feature the best QB you have never heard of in Alex Smith, and their funky shotgun/single wing/spread offense is difficult to prepare for. Also incredibly overrated could be the Miami Hurricanes-who look dreadful on offense and better stop the run on defense or risk losing the ACC in their inaugural season.

Another college football thought here — placekickers are suddenly in the spotlight due to all the missed kicks as of late, which just goes to show you how reliable kickers usually are. Most of the time they just do their job and only get noticed after a gamewinning kick-but nowadays PAT's are not even a given and that scares a lot of college coaches.

By the way, for those of you waiting for me to spontaneously combust over the robust screwing of the Florida Gators in Knoxville-its not gonna happen. Sure, I was ticked at the moment-but the fact remains that Florida should have won that game by 2-3 touchdowns. A few mistakes here and there, coupled with a fantastic performance by young Erik Ainge is what produced victory (and a



Ryan Potts

few thousand strains of Rocky Top) for the Vols — not two boneheaded calls on the part of officials. (How's that for maturity)

Most of you know of my borderline psychopathic devotion to Barry Bonds so the

fact that he is now sitting at 703 is of no surprise to me whatsoever. However, what is surprising is that the Giants are still right in the thick of the playoff race with a mere 6 games left. Here's hoping that the fighting Barry's make it to the playoffs so we can watch the man in October-but I see the Dodgers and Cubs making the playoffs and not the G-men.

Over in the AL the Sawx have made a race out of it against the (Expletive Deleted) but will probably fall short of the AL East crown and settle for the wild card. This after Pedro Martinez blew an 8th inning lead on Friday and promptly proclaimed the (Expletive Deleted) to be his "daddy." Not exactly a comforting thought coming from your #2 pitcher. I would love to see how Democrats and Republicans alike would react if George W. announced tomorrow that "Since we have not found Osama Bin Laden I will just have to congratulate him and call him my daddy." John Kerry would get so mad that his hair would move, John Edwards would call him a nancy boy and Ted Kennedy, well, Ted would probably just pour another one and call it a day. Meanwhile Dick Cheney and John Ashcroft would be making plans for a long Presidential vacation. For Pedro Martinez to come out and say that is just totally ludicrous and makes me thankful that I am not a Sawx fan full time.

Hey the Saints actually are above .500, I think I'll wet my

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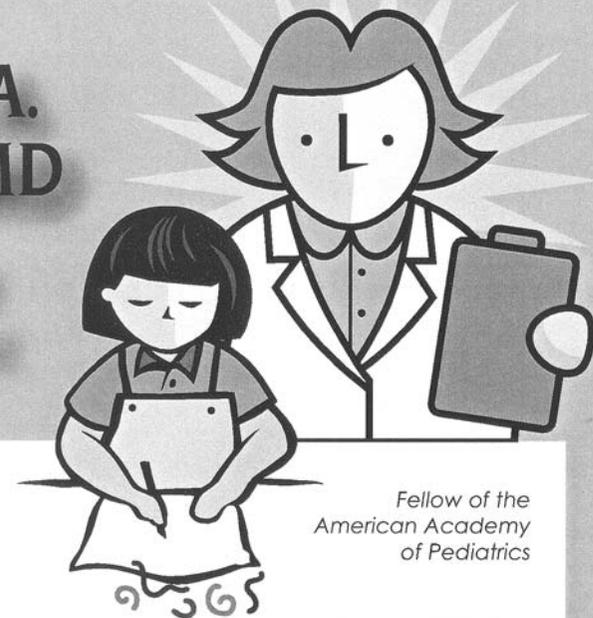
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to take 15 hours of training each year. And it also requires quite a bit of paperwork."

Owens says the hours for the program are 3 to 6 p.m. "The first hour is for homework, then we have snacks from 4 to 4:30, then there's time outside. Finally, we come in for educational games," she says.

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade are eligible to participate in the program. "We have 25 enrolled, but usually have 13 to 18 in attendance each day," Owens says.

The cost for the program is \$150 or \$9 a day for those who use it infrequently. "We do get some help from DSS (Department of Social Services). We currently have six children on DSS, but only one is paid entirely by them. We also have two scholarships."

She said there is a very thin line for those who seek help from DSS.

"I wish we had more scholarships," she said. "I do enjoy working with the children," she says. "I teach them some crafts. We stay busy and it takes a lot of patience, but Highlands School is a wonderful place,"

She says the program receives some help from not-for-profit agencies in the community, but could use more help. "For instance, we have snacks, but can often use more," Owens says. "Sometimes some of the children are just so hungry when they get out of classes."

Once every few months, Owens throws a birthday party for children who have had or are having birthdays during that time frame. "I enlist someone to make a cake and we have juice. The children love it," she says.

Frank Rodriguez arrives to pick up his child. "You tell everyone Mrs. Owens is the most wonderful thing about this school," he says, smiling. "We couldn't do without her."

On Oct. 14, thousands of children across America will join their parents, educators, and community and business leaders to rally in support of the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.

The VIP Afterschool Programs in Macon County have invited Franklin's Mayor Joe Collins, Highlands Mayor Buck Trott, Macon County's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rodney Shotwell, Macon County School Board Chair Kevin Corbin, and Macon County School Board Member Susie McCoy.

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quest an absentee ballot by mail – that’s seven days prior to the election.

To get an absentee ballot, registered voters must send a written request to the Board of Elections no later than Tuesday, Oct. 26. The request should include the name, residence address in Macon County, date of birth, and address where you want the ballot mailed.

A near relative may request an absentee ballot for someone as long as they are the person’s spouse, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, stepparent or stepchild. No other relative can request an absentee ballot for someone.

Absentee ballots must be received in the Board of Elections office by 6 p.m., Nov. 1.

Macon County has a split ballot – one for district 119 and one of district 120. The only difference in the ballots is in the North Carolina Sate House Race. For district 119 Phil Haire (D) and Margaret (Marge) Carpenter (R) are running. For district 120 it’s Roger West (R).

Polling places are indicated on voter registration cards. The polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

A copy of the ballot will appear in Highlands' Newspaper closer to the election.

**Chamber seeks Dupree Award nominees**

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominees for the Robert P. Dupree Award for outstanding community service.

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# ● LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ●

## Is there a writer in you?

I think we should all write. We are all writers whether we call ourselves writers or not.

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Julia Cameron in her book, *The Right to Write* believes that it is human nature to write. She says that it claims our world and makes it directly and specifically our own. We should write because humans are spiritual beings and writing is a powerful form of prayer and meditation, connecting us both to our own insights and to a deeper level of inner guidance.

Have I convinced you yet?

After much furniture rearranging, I've finally set up my desk in the perfect working and writing space. A place where I am able to glance or even stare out the window as long as I please to watch a variety of birds feeding and hummingbirds whirling around. Not to mention the magical mist as it drifts up from the valley floor to eventually top the mountains and head higher in the sky.

Writing to me is either very



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

simple or extremely complex. If an idea does not pop up, I agonize sometimes wondering if it will ever arrive. Other times, it just flows. Either way, it is an experience and one that I tend to enjoy. Writing is like breathing and I plan on continuing that for quite some time.

Why not give your hand to writing this week? Don't try to write too carefully or to do it "right." You don't have to sound like the most intelligent or creative person. Just sit down and try it.

Now, you might ask? Yeah, why not? Take out one sheet of 8 1/2 by 11 paper. Describe how and what you are feeling right now. Talk about anything that crosses your mind – physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Just keep writing until both sides of the paper are completely full of words. When you have finished, stop.

Note: A portion of the proceeds for any book purchased in the month of September and October will go to help those who suffered losses from Hurricane Ivan. They will be at local Coffee shops and bookstores or you can email me @melspeaks@aol.com.

**MEL (formerly known as Maryellen Lipinski) is still writing away and hawking her books. Where you might ask? Coffee shops and book stores. Want to buy/sell? Well, she does that too! Village Realty of Sapphire Valley. 888-577-5122.**

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pants.

The latest ACC magazine has Wake Forest winning the conference (which I can totally agree on) but UNC finishing fifth behind GT, Duke, and Maryland. Dude — I have nothing but hatred for the University of Whine and Cheese — but to rank them fifth is totally unrealistic. Anything less than second place for Cryin' Roy would be a huge disappointment.

For those of you wondering why I have been on a little hiatus as of late — (crickets chirping\*a tumbleweed softly rolling across the plains\*Roseanne Barr acting intelligent) the work is starting to pile up-but hopefully I'll be here on a fairly regular basis once I can get into a groove. So here's to sports, and three cheers for whoever is playing the Yankees.

**... LAUGHING continued from page 4**

course is against the law and he came within a cat's whisker of going to jail when someone tipped off officials. The deer were released and slaughtered within the week.

Since I probably won't be president before the first day of deer season, thousands of hunters will be up before dawn and sitting in their tree stands so they can be the first to nail a deer. When Dilbert took me out hunting, I saw so many hunters on opening day, I suggested that maybe the Government needed to thin out the herd. This went over like a

# Archbishop to speak at Church of Incarnation

The most Rev. George Carey, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury, will preach at the 10:30 a.m. service on Oct. 3 at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is the leader of the 70 million members of the Anglican Communion throughout the world.

Noteable Archbishops of Canterbury have been Augustine, Cuthbert, Dunston, Anselm, Thomas a Beckett, Thomas Cramner, William Laud and William Temple.

Dr. Carey served as Archbishop of Canterbury from 1991-2002. All are invited.

motorcycle rally at the Chamber's Music Festival annual gala so I dropped the subject. It's probably one of the reasons I am currently banned from the woods during hunting season.

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# • HIGHLANDS SCHOOL SPORTS •

## Conference record soars with wins

By Kathryn Coppage  
12<sup>th</sup> grade-HS Journalism student

Highlanders are on a winning streak as they hold a 6-2-1 soccer record.

Last week, the Highlanders had three victories, destroying Andrews 11-0 on September 20 and winning the next game against the Murphy Bulldogs on September 22. Their most recent game was against the Madison County Patriots on September, 23.

In a 3-0 victory, the Highlanders beat the Madison County Patriots, who are ranked tenth in the state overall.

The first half was an aggressive match. Both teams withstood the pressure that was being dished out from the opposing team. The half ended 1-1.

Alex Johnston scored the goal for the Highlanders in the first half. Keener threw a throw-in to Johnston who took a left-footed shot that went soaring between the goalie's legs.

In the second half, Alec Schmitt made it impossible for the Patriots to comeback with two remarkable shots that gained the win for the night. His first goal was scored off of a header that sent the ball into the far post of the goal, out of the keeper's reach.

Schmitt scored his second goal with a break away down the left side of the field. At about the corner of the eighteen yard box he sent a shot into the right side of the goal that lit the crowd on fire.

The game was over from there. The Patriots had nothing else on the Highlanders who were pumped from their successful game against a 2-A school that ranks tenth in the state.

"It was an awesome game against one of the best teams we have ever played. We look forward to playing the Patriots again next season. They had great sportsmanship and gentlemen-like conduct that was greatly appreciated," said Keener.

In another victory, the Highlanders won 3-0 against the Bulldogs. It was a tough game according to team captain Matt Keener.

The Highlanders started off shaky in the first half with a halftime score of 0-0, but things got heated up in the second half. The bark of the Bulldogs was not enough to keep the Highlanders down.

"Both teams were equally matched in physical stature, but our team stepped up to another level in the second half and put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs with three goals by the Highlanders," Keener stated.

The Highlanders' series of wins gives the team high hopes for a third consecutive year of state playoffs.



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Photos by Jim Lewicki

## All volleyball teams 'strong & focused'

By Claire Frederick  
11<sup>th</sup> grade-HS Journalism student

Lady Highlanders varsity volleyball team shocked West Oak Sept. 20 when they defeated the 2-A school in the first game of the match.

West Oak made a comeback the next two games, but Highlanders varsity wasn't ready to give up. The fourth game they won putting the tension on both teams. Although great effort came from the Highlanders, West Oak won the final game and overall match. Despite the loss, coach Rick Rawlins feels it was the best played match of the season.

Junior varsity defeated West Oak in the overall match. The JVs lost the first game but regained their focus to win the last two games.

The crowds went wild for the Lady Highlanders on Sept. 21, as they displayed their talent against Nantahala. Varsity defeated Nantahala the first two games. Nantahala came back for a win in the third game, but Highlanders beat them the fourth and final game.

JV played Nantahala for a win in the first game. Nantahala tied it up to put the pressure on in the second, but the Highlanders fired back with a win in the third game and overall match.

Lady Highlanders have proved that they won't give up their rhythm as Conference champions.

The last matches of the week were played against Cherokee on Sept. 23. Varsity won all three games in a row without much difficulty. They had their best serving record yet, with 17 aces accomplished as a team and only five service errors.

The JV team also beat Cherokee. They won their first game but fell to a more intense Cherokee team in the second game. The JVs didn't give up and won the final game.

Coach Rawlins said, both JV and varsity played "focused and alert, and they were able to run their offensive plays when the ball was put into play by Cherokee. Reducing our service errors makes a tremendous difference in our ability to maintain momentum and score points," he added.

<p><b>Upcoming Soccer Games</b>                  Oct. 4 – 6:30 p.m., against Swain, HOME.                  Oct. 6 – 6:30 p.m., against Hiwassee Dam, HOME.</p> <p><b>Upcoming Volley Ball Games</b>                  Oct. 5 – against Swain, AWAY.                  Oct. 7 – against Hiwassee Dam, HOME.</p>
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# • MOVIE PIX •

## Close to Eden

The 1990 comic drama by Nikita Mikhalkov, starring Vladimir Gostukhin, Bayarto, and Badema (yes, I understand that these names are not exactly household words, but that's who they are). Rated PG, Russian with English subtitles.



Stuart Armor

The Storyline: Gombo lives in Chinese Inner Mongolia, living a traditional lifestyle, mostly. About the only way the government interacts in the lives of his family is limiting them to three children. Sergi is a Russian truck driver, living far, far from home because he cannot get work in Russia. It would seem unlikely that these two would ever meet, but sometimes, the unlikely happens.

After Sergi runs his truck into a lake and Gombo helps him out, they form the beginnings of a friendship. At his wife's prompting, Gombo decides to go to the city with his new friend to get the modern world's two most useful commodities, television and condoms.

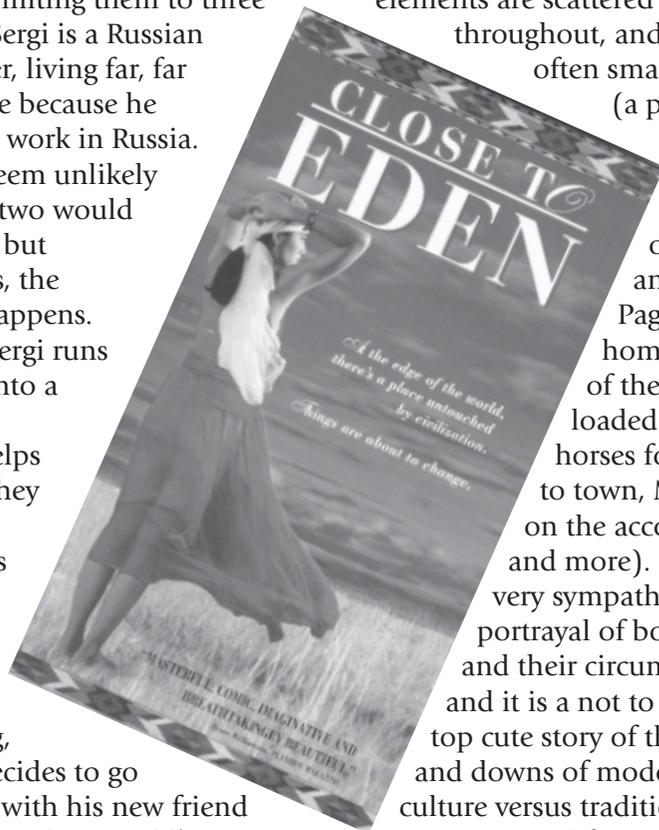
Gombo has to choose just how far into the modern world he is willing to go. A guest appearance by Ghengis Kahn helps him out.

Filmed on location in Mongolia, this is a beautiful film,

artfully done considering that there is not a lot of landscape variation in Mongolia. The story is more than a buddy film, or a fish-out-of-water story, but it has elements of all of that. The comic elements are scattered throughout, and are often small asides (a poster of Rambo on the wall of Gombo and Pagma's home, scenes of the truck, loaded with horses for a trip to town, Mozart on the accordion, and more). It is a very sympathetic portrayal of both men and their circumstances, and it is a not to over-the-top cute story of the ups and downs of modern culture versus traditional life.

Nominated for an Oscar for best foreign film, it's funny, touching, and clever and well worth seeing.

If you like this one, several other Good Russian films are Barber of Siberia, East/West, Brat 2, My Name is Ivan, and Solaris (the original, not the American remake).



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# • ALL ABOUT WINES •

## The art of wine

About five years ago on an August afternoon, I found myself meandering through Barcelona. It was warm and crowded; the city had energy. Los Ramblos, the main street, was a world all by itself. Fantasy, frivolity, food, and fun. Venturing further into the city, I encountered more typical city streets — traffic, bigger buildings, and less personality.



**Bert Mobley**  
Highlands Wine & Cheese

Or so I thought. Something happened that left me standing in the middle of the sidewalk with my mouth open. (I know that's cliché, but in this case, it's true.) Aghast. Flabbergasted. Astonished. Amazed. Just plain in Awe.

Gaudi happened. On the other side of the street was a building like one I'd never seen before. It didn't have angles; it had curves. It wasn't a structure; it was a personality. I'd read about Gaudi and seen pictures. But I was not prepared to meet this art of architecture in the flesh. Pure awe.

I'm ashamed to admit this fact, but I can walk down a city street and be oblivious to the buildings around me. But since encountering Gaudi (an extreme example, I admit), I have tried to concentrate my attention on the details of architecture which is all too easy to miss. Carvings and designs that I'd never noticed before now express the personality of an architect, a builder, a business, a town. Someone went to the trouble to make the building more than functional. They made it, in their own way, beautiful (or at least they tried).

Art, of course, is not restricted to a museum or a gallery. When we have eyes to see (and ears to hear and tongues to taste), art is almost everywhere—in design and texture, fashion and flare. The juxtaposition of leaves on a sidewalk: the chirp of

a bird in the backyard: the sprinkling of herbs de Provence on a porkchop.

For many, however, art is associated with the "good life," the finer pleasures this world affords. And as we are all too aware, with war and the devastation of storms and the uncertain havoc that this world can dish out, the "good life"

sometimes seems to be nothing more than a dream. Fantasy, escapism, hedonism — a blanket that money can offer to give us, at best, a semblance of order and pleasure. Eat, drink, and be merry. Fiddle away while Rome burns around us.

With all the grief and catastrophe in the world, what place does art have?

This weekend, Highlands hosts a wine and art auction to benefit the Bascom-Louise Gallery. Some wonderful food, fine wine, paintings and sculpture. In the last week or two, men with masked torturers looming behind them have pleaded in vain for their lives to be spared, houses have fallen down, lives have been lost close to home and far away. What purpose, amid these fickle, fateful tragedies, does a wine and art auction hold?

The time when this event may seem most frivolous is actually the time when it is most necessary. Art is not escapism: it is the essence of our life as we reclaim the beauty and the goodness that often eludes us.

We don't exist to merely function in the midst of whatever this crazy world hands to us. We exist to thrive in it, to serve as God's instruments on earth, to be an ongoing part of creation, to continue to affirm the resounding echo of the universe: "It is good." When the goodness seems all but lost is the time when we must listen and look the hardest to find it.

• See WINE page 13

## Wine-dinner at ..on the Verandah



An evening of food, wine & entertainment with representatives from Domaine Serene Winery with Chad Reed at the piano was enjoyed by guests at ...on the Verandah Restaurant, Tuesday, Sept. 21. The pairing of food and wine is featured at several special dinners at the restaurant throughout the season.

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At some point in the midst of another difficult period of history, Antonia Gaudi created buildings that scream the power of human creativity so forcefully that I stood stupefied in the middle of a Barcelona sidewalk. And now at this period of history, artists continue the legacy that goes back to earliest time. Beauty has never been a luxury: it is perhaps the most important necessity of our lives.

One of the factors that draws me to wine is the artistry involved. Sure, hands get dirty and you have

to know something about brix to craft grapes into wine. But winemakers do it everyday as they have for millennia, and sometimes, the result is a wine that, like any good art, brings a sense of perplexity and pleasure. Of awe. Wine and art make our lives fuller, richer, more worthwhile; they make us pause and notice and grasp something that perhaps we've never known — or perhaps we've just forgotten. It's time to toast the beauty and goodness of a fallen world.

## HCP opens 10th seson with 'Magnolias'

Rehearsals are under way for the Oct. 28-31 and Nov. 6-7 comedy/drama, "Steel Magnolias," by the Highlands Community Players.

In its 10<sup>th</sup> year, HCP is adding a second weekend to its performance schedule in response to requests from the public to offer more attendance choices. Evening shows are at 8 p.m. with both Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. all at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

Season tickets for four plays for the price are three are still available.

The Highlands Community Players box office will be open for season subscribers on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 18-19 and for general admission on Wednesday Oct. 20. The box office number is 526-8084 and tickets are \$15 each with student tickets at \$8. Group rate for 15 or more is \$12 per ticket.

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# Log cabins – the ultimate permanent 'collection'

By Nancy Welch  
Contributor

Like most young girls, when Joanna Scott was 13 she had a dream. It wasn't to be a ballerina or a movie star. Scott wanted to have her own authentic log cabin. Not any log cabin, a log cabin that had existed a century ago and had housed a family and traditions.

Unlike many young girls, Scott never gave up her dream and now she has made it come true. Her log cabin is actually three cabins (yes, all old ones) put together on one- and a-half acres of land on Shortoff Road.

"I found the cabins I wanted to use, then I came up with a floor plan," the tall, blond said. "All three cabins are from Kentucky and were built about 1840 in the vintage Appalachian style."

Scott, who spends part of her year on St. Simons Island, lost her husband four years ago. That's when she came to Highlands.

"I had a condo at VZ Top and it was very nice," she said. "But I felt it just didn't fit me."



She said when her husband died, she realized it would be easy to always look back and live in the past.

"I had my dream and I needed to use positive energy to move forward. I liked having a positive endeavor, using my creativity on an all-consuming project," she said with a serene smile.

Scott began traveling around to different builders in search of her dream. She met with 30-year-veteran builder Wayne Yonce who owned the first cabin she found. It was on concrete blocks, with the logs carefully numbered so it could be moved and accurately reassembled.

"It had no floor or no ceiling or no doors, just logs" Scott said. "But I knew I liked it I wanted two more and I wanted Yonce to build the final cabin."

She said she eventually found the other two cabins in Monticello, Ky.

"Then we had to put the three together," she said.

Scott rented a nearby property so she could watch the progress as the cabins were moved onto the land she had purchased

"It took 11 months to build," she said. "It took 10 months to find and buy the land."

She said it is amazing the craftsmen, under Yonce's direction, were able to complete the project that quickly, especially working through the winter months in Highlands.

"The logs were so old and every one had a different line or angle," Scott said. "It was quite a trick

working with all this vintage wood.

The front porch of the two-story cabin features local mountain stone. The door has stained glass, Scott's one concession to sophistication.

The main room, which is the largest, is open with very high ceilings. Fans turn slowly moving the air which carries the outdoor aroma of wood. Paned windows stretch across the far wall and seem to bring the outside in. Shortoff Mountain stands regally behind the cabin. A veil of fog mystically obscures the top, but quickly lifts to reveal a breathtaking view. Under the window and old wheelbarrow is home to a huge arrangement of mountain wildflowers.

To the left stands a huge fireplace surrounded by overstuffed, inviting chintz-covered furniture. A pillow in one chair carries the stitched message "In the mountains, we forget to count the days."

Over the fireplace hangs an old millstone and, above it, a Hubert Shuptrine print of an old piano sitting near a window, in a log cabin, of course.

The floors are heart of pine milled in Shreveport, La., especially for the house.

Doors and some cabinets are old and left untouched, their roughly hewn wood with chipped paint adding a cozy comfortable ambiance to the large, airy house.

To one side are the kitchen and a spacious sun room with a dining room table next to another large window. Scott has achieved her goal of bringing the outside into her cabin.

The counters in the kitchen, which features all modern appliances, are of a neutral granite and a rough-hewn old cabinet maker's bench serves as a table. An old pie safe with pierced tin doors is the kitchen pantry.

**Above: Joanna Scott at home in her three-log-cabin collaboration. Left: It took 11 months to build the home from the three cabins which she got from various areas in Appalachia.**

The bedrooms, one downstairs and two upstairs, are open and airy and the old beds are covered with quilts. In one guest room, a floor to ceiling rack serves as a display rack for Scott's quilts. Some are old and tattered, but Scott loves them.

"I really don't think of myself as a collector," Scott said. "But one day I realized I had a huge collection of quilts and I do enjoy them so much."

Staring from a frame on the upstairs wall are the solemn faces of a man and a woman dressed in 1800s garb.

"They were the original owners of one of the cabins," Scott said. "I feel so lucky to have found that picture."

The bathrooms feature wooden vanities and old mirrors. No detail had been ignored. Surely a professional decorator was involved, as every detail is perfect. "No," Scott said. "I did it all. I think I could just do this the rest of my life."

Incredible thought has gone into furnishing the cabin. Humorous touches bring smiles from friends. A sign in the sun room simply reads, "GIGGLE."

"Everyone who reads that does giggle," Scott said.

The home appears to have been lived in for months, even years. "No," Scott said. "I just moved in here five weeks ago."

She does admit she began moving items in before the cabin was completed. "It was supposed to be done by then, so I got started," Scott said, laughing at her own impatience.

The side and back of the spacious cabin are surrounded by a deck overlooking what Scott calls her "secret garden." "It's a mess right now," she explained. "I'm in the process of installing outdoor lighting and they have had to dig trenches through everything."

Then Scott reveals a secret.

"At 15, I wanted an old barn. That's my next dream," she said.

But for now she is quite elated with the completion of her original dream. "I had a dream and I built it and it's better than my original dream" she said.

Photos by Marci Welch

# Bonjour! French adventures – Part 2

By Megan Lewicki

Highlands Rotary Exchange Student

Last Saturday I visited the beautiful town of Annecy with Myriam, my host mother. It's about a 20-minute car ride from Chambéry the city I am living in this year as the Highlands Rotary exchange student.

The Thiou Canal runs through the town and into the Lac d'Annecy, where hundreds of boats can be seen. I had the most fun just strolling around Annecy's charming medieval setting. The town is covered with bridges that offer the perfect view of the canal.

Myriam and I stopped to take a picture of the Palais de L'Isle. It is a 12<sup>th</sup> century prison that sits in the middle of the canal. If you know any French at all you're probably wondering why this prison is named "palace of the island."

Well, originally the French intended to construct it as a palace, but in the end they thought it better suited as a prison. It served this purpose throughout the Middle Ages. Today the Palais de L'Isle is a museum.

Although I did not have the chance to tour the inside, I was more than content with viewing it from afar.

Sitting high above Annecy is the Château D'Annecy. I wonder if every town has a castle... So far it seems like they do. You have to pay to tour it, but I snapped a quick picture of part of the château before we were asked to leave.

On Sunday, I went mushroom hunting. I kid you not; I actually searched the French forests for mushrooms. According to my host father, Remy, it is a very cultural thing to do. I now know why the French are so skinny. It isn't the wine, it isn't the smoking, and it's not the food. They hike up devastatingly steep and rough terrain in search of *champignons* (mushrooms).

I should start off saying that when it comes to hiking through the forest, I'm very out of shape and extremely clumsy. In fact, I fell on my *derrière* approximately seven times. Remy thought his walking stick would help me, but then I just fell down with the walking stick. It was quite an experience.

Here is a hint the next time you want to hunt for mushrooms — the most bright and beautiful mushrooms are the most dangerous. These of course were the mushrooms that I wanted to pick. They looked like something out of a video game – red with white spots, bright orange and even blue. Each time I picked one, my companions would shake their heads and say, 'No, no. That one you save for your enemies!'

Since mushroom picking is a very common and popular thing to do, competition is fierce.

Some people actually wake up at six in the morning just to beat everyone to the mushrooms. My host father, Rémy, is one of these people. But on Sunday he didn't wake up early as he usually does, and to our dismay we only found a few good mushrooms. But we did find patches of wild blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries. After a long day of hiking and



**Above: On her mushroom hunt, Megan learned that the prettiest mushrooms are poisonous.**

**Left: A typical canal shot in medieval Annecy.**

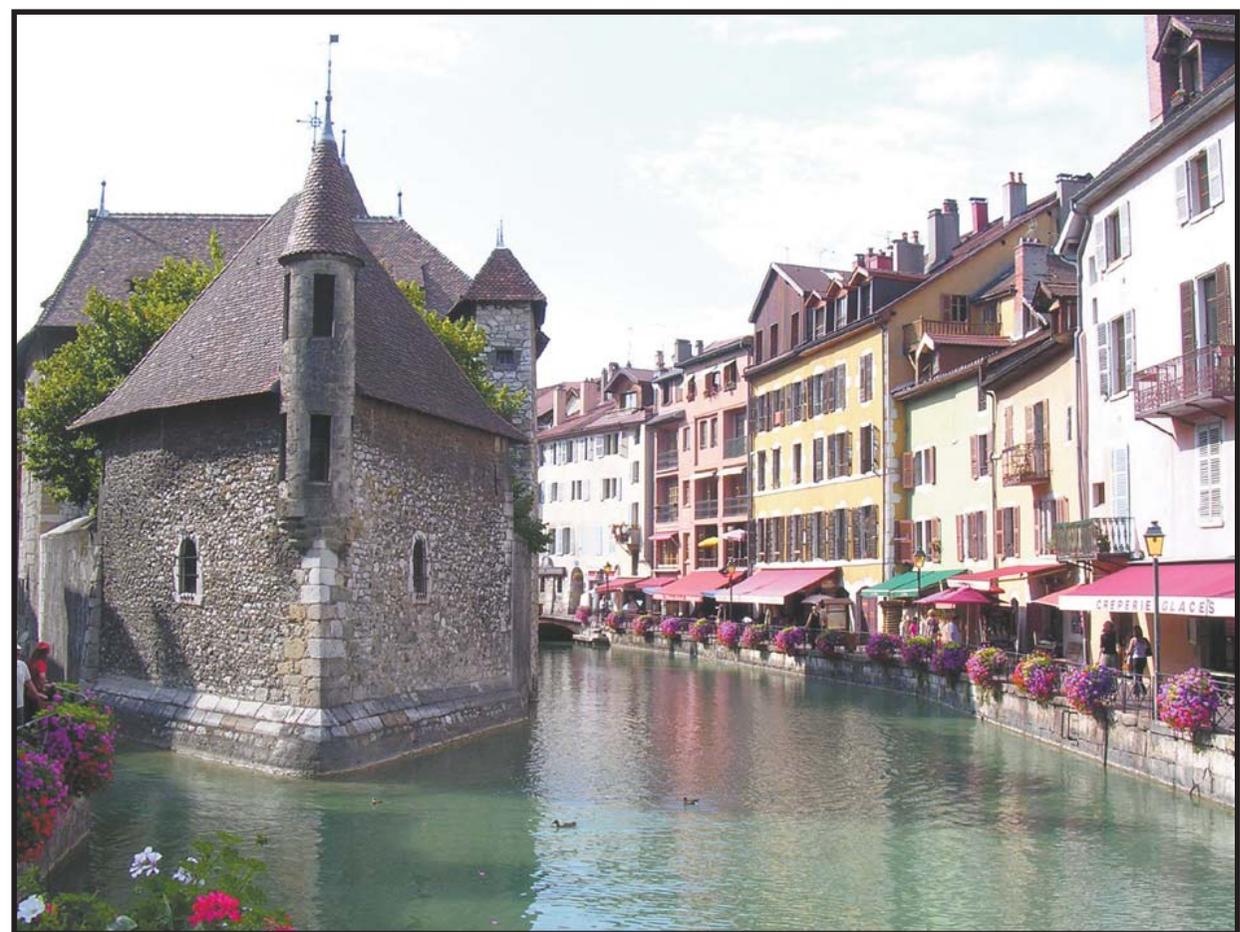
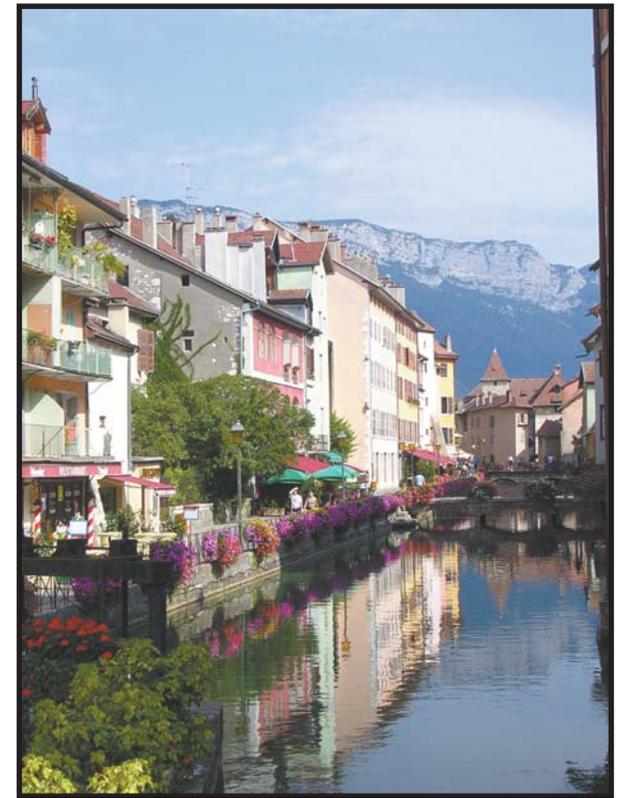
**Below: The Palais de L'Isle – a 12<sup>th</sup> century prison that sits in the middle of the canal. today, the Palais de L'Isle is a museum.**

Photos by Megan Lewicki

falling, they were the best berries I've ever had in my entire life.

All in all it was a very good and cultural weekend.

\*Fun Fact #2: The French eat yogurt for dessert and it's plain but they flavor it with jam. (Megan is the Highlands Rotary exchange student and is living in Chambéry, France.)



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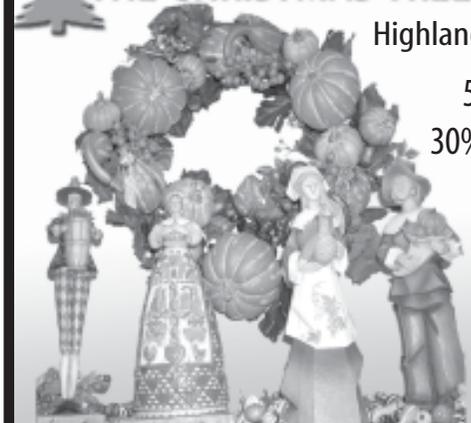
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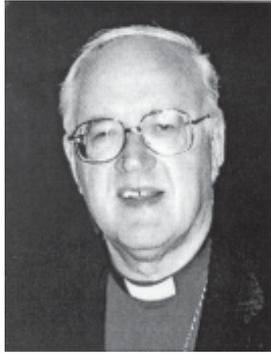
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The first Archbishop was St. Augustine, who arrived in England in 597 with instructions from Pope Gregory for the island of Britain. It should become Christian, being organized into two provinces around London in the south and York in the north.

One way and another, Canterbury rather than London became the base for the southern province. The church had a single organization covering most of the country centuries before Britain ceased to be divided into several kingdoms. By the 12<sup>th</sup> century, however, there was much more cohesion in the state and it became important for the Archbishop of Canterbury to be near the King's court when it was at Whitehall in London. The royal palace was the spot where the main Ministry of Defense building now stands between the street called Whitehall and the river.

In 1197, the Manor of Lambeth in London was granted to the then Archbishop in exchange for some land in Kent. The deeds for the exchange of the land still exist and are in the Lambeth Palace Library. Lambeth Palace is where he lives and works during the week. The Archbishop lives in a small flat in the Palace. There is a chapel and a library and the rest of the buildings are largely taken up with offices and staff accommodations. The palace is the south bank of the Thames almost opposite the House of Parliament.

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Members of the 2004-2005 Girls' Clubhouse are from left front: Elizabeth Gordon, 6th grade, Amy Fogel, 6th grade, Courtney Rogers, 6th grade (Vice President), Sara Power, 6th grade (secretary), Paige Baty, 6th grade (President), Stephanie Puchacz, 6th grade (Historian), Sally Zachary, 7th grade. In back from left are Maricia Owens, 7th grade and Danielle Potts, 6th grade. Not pictured are Susan Barnes, 8th grade and Amanda Barnes, 6th grade.

## Girls' Clubhouse begins 8th year of service to Highlands

For the eighth year in a row, a group of enthusiastic middle school girls are at it again – "Helping Around Highlands."

The Girls' Clubhouse is made up of a group of middle school girls — grades 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> — that meet every Friday school is in session to do community service.

In the three short weeks it started back up for the 2004-2005 school year, the club has cleaned windows at the school, baby-sat during the Sept. 23 PTO meeting and cleaned books in the school library.

Each week a different community service activity is planned. Sometimes the girls will pick up litter, work at Hudson Library, help deliver meals at the Eckerd Living Center, work at the Children's Art Walk, decorate tables at the ecumenical Thanksgiving Dinner at the Rec Park, hide Easter eggs for the town's annual Easter Egg Hunt, provide Christmas for the needy and lots more.

What do the girls get for their efforts? The joy of helping others and a sense of pride in their community.

Many girls who started in The Girls' Clubhouse move on to join Rotary's Interact Club which is a high school, co-ed version of The Girls' Clubhouse.

At the end of the school year, the club takes a trip to another community to do community service mixed with a lot of fun. Past trips have included working with Meals on Wheels in Charleston, S.C., the Heiffer Project in Liberty, Ky., Vacation Ministries in Helen, Ga., The Salvation Army in Charlotte, N.C., The Knoxville Zoo in Knoxville, Tenn., Discovery Museum in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Bethel Ministries and Good Will Industry in Chattanooga, Tenn.

There are very few requirements of club membership – just serve with a smile and attend meetings regularly. There are still openings. The club meets in the school library every Friday from 3-4:40 p.m. After club business and a snack, the girls head out into the community to serve. For more information, call Kim Lewicki, supervisor at 526-0782.

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**Sept. 22**

- At 9:20 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Old Edwards Inn. All was secure.
- At 9:45 a.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on Big Bear Pen Road. There were no injuries. One motorist was cited for driving without insurance.

**Sept. 23**

- At 7 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and S. Cobb Road was cited for driving without a license..
- At 9:50 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Highlands Hiker. All was secure.
- At 10:10 p.m., officers responded to an open door at Highlands School. All was secure..

**Sept. 24**

- A little after midnight, officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Oak Street. The person was escorted to his hotel room.
- At 4:45 a.m., officers responded to an open door at a residence on Fifth Street. All was secure..
- At 2:05 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two motorist on U.S. 64 west and Second Street. There were no injuries.
- At 4:05 p.m., officers responded to an accident with one vehicle. There were no injuries.
- At 5 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont Road was cited for no brake lights and no license..
- At 10:15 p.m., a motorist at Spring and Third streets was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign.
- At 11:35 p.m., a motorist was cited for exceeding a safe speed.

**Sept. 26**

- At 2:58 a.m., officers responded to a call of loud noise from patrons at Old Creek Lodge. They were told to quiet down.

- At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle parked on Old Walhalla Road, but it was unfounded..

- At 3 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and N.C. 106 was cited for driving without registration..

**Sept. 27**

- At 5:03 p.m., officers responded to the report of a gas drive-off at Farmers Market.

**Sept. 28**

- At 6:20 p.m., a pedestrian reported being hit by a car in the crosswalk at Main and Fifth streets..

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Sept. 22-29.

**Sept. 22**

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on W. Kelsey Court. It was false..

**Sept. 24**

- The dept. responded to a vehicle rollover on U.S. 64 west. There were no injuries.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N.C. 106. The victim was transported to the hospital.

**Sept. 25**

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Charlotte Lane. The victim was transported to the hospital.

**Sept. 26**

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Presbyterian Church. The victim was transported to the hospital.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at Acorn's on Main Street. It was false.

- The dept. responded to an alarm at Chestnut Hill. It was false.

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The Mill Creek Gallery is looking for local talent to exhibit their art and crafts at the gallery during the months of November and December. The items should have a Christmas theme or be suitable for gifts. Please call 787-2021 or 526-9227 for more information.

The Mill Creek Gallery is located in the charming Highlands Village Square on Oak St. at 5th. The gallery is dedicated to promoting the talent of local artists and crafters through monthly and on-going exhibits.

The October exhibit features the **photography of the Franklin Camera Club**. This includes some well-known talent such as Bud Uffleman, Narelle Kirkland, and Bill Lea. The show opens **Saturday Oct. 2 with a wine reception from 6 to 8.**

The gallery's proprietor, Cynthia Strain, is a well-known photographer of the area. Her photographs are on permanent exhibit and make a wonderful memento of special times in the mountains.

The gallery also offers custom framing services for all manner of art work. Cynthia is known for her rustic barnwood and chestnut frames, but the gallery also has scores of custom picture molding to choose from.

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# ● UPCOMING EVENTS ●

## On-Going

- 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.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Group Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the Civic Center. Each session is divided into two parts – a brief warmup for 30 minutes of walking and cooldown exercises and mat exercise for 25 minutes. Cost is \$15 per month. Call Nancy Freese at 743-0135 or sign up at the Civic Center.

- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times are Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Call 524-7395.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese – Wine Flights Thurs. Fri, and Sat: 4:30 until 6:30. Plentiful Pinot. Sat., special guest Dan Phillips Australian importer and producer of Marquis Phillips wine. Wines by the glass and cheese plates Wed- Sun: 1:30-4:30.

- At Wolfgang's on Main – Get Uncorked **THURS-SUN**. 4-6:30 p.m.: Wine and Appetizer Pairings, Flights of Wine, Wine by the glass or bottle/Appetizers; **SUNDAYS**: Dinner and Jazz 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations. **MON-DAYS**: Fine Art, Fine Wine and Fine Dining, 6 pm – Passed Appetizers. 6:30 pm – Dinner. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

- Saturdays Zorki playing acoustical guitar at Paoletti's Late Night at 9:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 p.m.

## Through Nov. 11

- Watercolor Classes at Bascom Louise Gallery, "Beyond Splish and Splash." All levels. Participants work with instructor Kathie Blozan on various surfaces in several types of watermedia, resulting in an uplifting and creative experience. No need to attend every class. 10-3 p.m. Call Bascom Louise Gallery for supply list and to register at 526-4949.

## Through Oct. 10

- The Instant Theatre Company presents "Cotton Patch Gospel" – the dramatic uprooting of Matthew's Gospel from Israel to Georgia shocks and amuses. Performances are Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. at PAC. Call (828) 342-9197 for reservations. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$5 for children 18 and under (or with a valid college ID).

## Sept. 30

- The annual meeting of the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association will be held on Thurs., at 7 p.m. at the Conference Center. Greg Jennings, with Water Resources Research Institute at NC State Univ. will address the group on stormwater management. The event is free

and open to the public.

## Oct. 2

- Karaoke Fundraiser at 7 p.m. at Highlands Inn on Main Street. Money raised will help the families of Peek's Creek rebuilt their lives.

- An exhibit by the Franklin Camera Club opens at the Mill Creek Gallery with a wine reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery features work by local artists and crafters and is located at the Village Square on Oak at 5th St., noon to 5 Mon-Sat. Call 787-2021.

- The Barker's Creek Grist Mill on Bettys Creek Rd. in Dillard, Ga. will be grinding and open to the public Saturday, from Noon to 4 pm.

- Free Rabies Clinic at the Highlands Conference Center. 1-2:30. Also at the Scaly Mtn. Community Center, 3-4 p.m. Dr. Amy Patterson, vet. \$5 per pet.

- Mountain Music Spaghetti Supper 5 p.m. at the Highlands Rec. Park. \$6 for adults, \$3 for children. All you can eat while listening to The Grass Roots Revue and Oliver Rice and the Blue Ridge Mountain Band. All proceeds benefit the Highlands Emergency Council.

## Oct. 3

- Former Archbishop of Canterbury, the most Rev. George Carey, the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at the 10:30 service at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation. All are invited.

- The descendants of Bunyan Miller will hold their annual family reunion at the Highlands Civic Center, at 1 p.m. Bring a covered dish.

- Highlands Literacy Council's "Appreciation Concert" to be held at the Gazebo on Pine Street. David Fisch, local favorite and owner of Pescado's, and his band, the Fishmouth Fools will be performing Classic Blues hits from 2-5. There will be free popcorn thanks to Macon Bank and soda for 50 cents.

## Oct. 4

- Highlands/Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary will meet Monday at 10 am in the Board Room. This is an important meeting to finalize plans for Highlands Own Craft Fair.

## Oct. 5

- Fifth cooking class at Hudson Library at 3 p.m., featuring executive chef Francois Ternes of the Old Edwards Inn & Spa. Call 526-3031.

## Oct. 5 & 6

- Learn the basics of the Cajun Waltz, Two-Step and Jitterbug in time for PAC's Great American Traditions Festival-Cajun Style set for Oct. 17. Learn different dances each day. \$20 per person includes both sessions. At Highlands Rec Park 6 p.m. Call Morris or Anita Williams for more info at 526-9713.

## Oct. 7

- Pizza Supper Thursday after the volleyball game which starts at 5 p.m. Learn about the Booster Club and how

you can help Highlands School.

## Oct. 8

- A Bel Canto Encore at 7:30 p.m. in the Highlands United Methodist Church featuring soprano Laurie Domingue Lester and bass-baritone, Jason Lester. Proceeds will benefit Highlands School vocal music program.

## Oct. 8 & 9

- "Don't Count Your Chickens" Folk Art and other fanciful items for home, garden, body & soul Friday, 10-9 and Saturday 10-6 at the Highlands Conference Center.

## Oct. 9

- Highlands Own Craft Show at the Highlands Civic Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 526-3556 for info.

## Oct. 14

- Hundreds of thousands of children across America will join their parents, educators, and community and business leaders to rally in support of the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.

## Oct. 16

- Learn how to make (and enjoy eating) Jambalaya, Crawfish Pie, and Filet Gumbo at the Morris and Anita Williams home at 10 a.m., on Saturday. The class will be taught by Anita, locally known for her creative cooking, and promises to be great fun! Tickets are \$25, and the guest list is limited to 20 participants, so make your reservations early by calling Anita at (828) 526-9713

- The concert of the Highlands Men's

Chorus, cancelled due to the heavy rains of Hurricane Ivan, is set for Saturday, 8 p.m. at PAC. The 17-member chorus directed by Orville Wike will sing a variety of musical selections including folk songs, hymns, and Broadway ballads. Tickets, \$5 each, may be purchased at the door during the hour before the performance. Children 12 and under attend free.

## Oct. 16 & 17

- Art League of Highlands "Fall Colors Fine Art Show." Gymnasium at Rec Park from 10-4.

## Oct. 17

- Great American Traditions, Cajun Style, 6 p.m. at PAC. Dance instruction from 6-7 p.m., band, dancing and a surprise performance. Taste of Cajun Cooking by Don Leon's Deli Cafe. Tickets are \$25 available at the Hudson Library, Highlands Office Supply and Cashiers Printing.

## Oct. 23

- Come explore the unique trees and plants along the Greenway Trail through town. Starts at 10 a.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Refreshments and music after at the Nature Center.

## Oct. 28-31

- "Steel Magnolias" performed by Highlands Community Players at PAC. Call 526-8084 for showtimes.

## Oct 30

- Annual Highlands School Festival at the Highlands Civic Center and 5K Fun Run from First Citizen's Bank. For more information call 526-2147.

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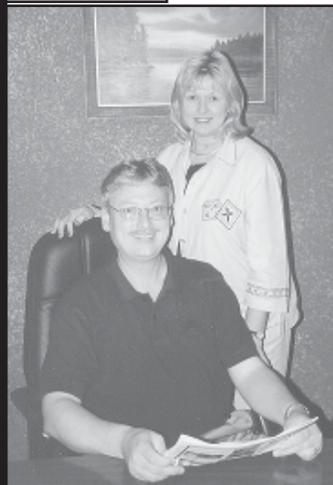
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## Dennison leaving Highlands

Dr. Dennison leaving to practice in Northeast Georgia

Local internist Dr. David R.M. Dennison, announced this week that he will be leaving Highlands to practice medicine in Cartersville, Ga.

Dennison, who relocated his practice to Highlands in February of 2001 from Atlanta, said he is moving his practice to Cartersville to join his wife, who has been teaching there since the start of the school year. He will close his practice here Dec. 1.

"I have truly enjoyed serving this great community as a physician during the last three and a half years, and working with all of the wonderful people at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital," he said. "I will particularly miss my patients, many of whom have become good friends. However, I feel the need to support my wife, Lynn, in her new career and that necessitates relocating my practice back to Georgia."

Dennison's wife is a teacher in the gifted student program at Clear Creek Elementary School in Cartersville. She is certified as a gifted student teacher by virtue of her postgraduate

work in the field but was unable to secure a position closer to this area. Dennison said the couple will return to their former home in Marietta, Ga., which they still own.

Dr. Mark Wagner, is expected to open his internal medicine and primary care practice in Highlands later this fall. He is currently waiting for approval of his North Carolina medical license. Wagner's wife, Debbie, is also an internist, and may practice part time once the family is settled after the move from Massachusetts.

And efforts are under way to recruit another family physician to



**Dr. David Dennison**

the Cashiers area, said Graham. The hospital is working with Mountain Area Family Medicine, the group practice of Dr. Mark Heffington and Dr. David Wheeler, on that project.

Dennison began sending out letters to his patients last week announcing his decision to relocate.

## Pizza Supper at HS

The Athletic Booster Club of Highlands School invites anyone interested in learning more about the Booster Club to a pizza supper on Thursday, Oct. 7 immediately following the varsity volleyball game at the school. Games begin at 5 p.m.

The Booster Club reorganized in 2003 with the goal of becoming more involved and supportive, both financially and physically with Highlands School athletic programs.

The primary fundraisers for the Booster Club are sponsorship banners purchased by local businesses and displayed in the school gym, and concession sales at various athletic events.

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# Great American Traditions – Cajun Style Oct. 17

The fun begins at 6 p.m. when Carolina Cajun Dance Inc. takes the floor to give instructions in the Cajun waltz, two-step, and jitterbug. At 7, the Basin Brothers band goes on stage to get people to dance, put on a smile and pass a good time. As the band says "if the toes are tappin', it's happenin'".

The Basin Brothers band's first release on Flying Fish records was nominated for a Grammy in 1991. Since that time, the band has released CD's for different labels and has logged over a million miles bringing their Cajun culture throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Ireland. Their new CD "Deux Violons" was nominated for "Best Recording" by the Cajun French Music Association in 2003.

Experienced dancers with Carolina Cajun Dance Inc. will be available to dance with attendees during the dance, and will provide a special surprise cultural performance.

DonLeon's Deli Café will be cook up a taste of Cajun cooking with gumbo, red beans and rice, and bread pudding, and will also provide the opportunity to win gift certificates to their famous Highlands restaurant.

The dancers and the band will share their knowledge of Cajun culture, and a room will be available for attendees to watch a videotape over- viewing Cajun life and customs.

Tickets are \$25, and may be purchased at DonLeon's Deli Café, Highlands Office Supply, and the Hudson Library in Highlands, and at Cashiers Printing and Graphics in Cashiers.

If you want to learn to Cajun dance before the festival, you may sign up now for dance classes taught by Carolina Cajun Dance, Inc. Two sets of lessons will be taught at a cost of \$20 per set as follows: Tues., Oct. 5 (Cajun Waltz and Cajun Two-Step-part 1), Wed., Oct. 6 (Cajun Two Step-part 2 and Cajun

Jitterbug) and Tues., Oct. 12 (Cajun Waltz and Cajun Two-Step-part 1) and Thurs., Oct. 14 (Cajun Two-Step-part 2 and Cajun Jitterbug)

The lessons will be taught at the Highlands Recreation Center beginning at 6 p.m. Private lessons may also be arranged. For more information call Morris or Anita Williams at 526-9713.

The Festival will also feature the opportunity to learn how to make

(and enjoy eating) Jambalaya, Crawfish Pie, and Filet Gumbo at the Morris and Anita Williams home beginning at 10 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 16. The class will be taught by Anita, locally known for her creative cooking, and promises to be great fun! Tickets are \$25, and the guest list is limited to 20 participants, so make your reservations early by calling Anita at (828) 526-9713.

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## Old time favorites at Highlands Playhouse

The Highlands-Cashiers area is in for a real treat, and a trip back down memory lane when the Johnny Mercer orchestra comes to the Highlands Playhouse on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 & 16.

For years people have complained that there is little to do in the evenings in the fall, but now you can enjoy the beauty of the area in the day and enjoy such favorites as "Jeepers Creepers," "You Must Have Been a Beautiful Baby," "Goody, Goody," "Blues in the Night," "That Old Black Magic," "Moon River," "Come Rain or Come Shine," "One for My Baby," and more in the evening.

Tickets are \$20 available at the box office on Oak Street from noon to 3 p.m. or by phone at 526-2695. Performances begin at 8 p.m.

**By Susie deVillie Schiffl**  
Contributor

Cub Scouts Josh Wolfrey, Carter Potts, and Alex Bronaugh presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the Sept. 23 PTO meeting.

Tracy Hedden's second grade class was the first elementary class to obtain 100 percent membership in PTO. Mrs. Hedden's class will receive a \$100 award for their achievement.

Highlands School was one of schools in Macon County to receive the Red Apple Award for having the highest number of volunteer hours. In the 2003-2004 school year, Highlands School recorded 10,049 hours spent by volunteers. Volunteers are needed for the Health Fair for K-8th graders on Oct. 27; in the office to answer the

## Bel Canto Encore to benefit Highlands School

Students at Highlands School will be the beneficiaries of the Bel Canto Encore when the evening of beautiful singing will raise funds to strengthen the school's music program.

On Friday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m., in the Highlands United Methodist Church the recital by Laurie Domigue Lester, soprano, and Jason Lester, bass-baritone, will give the opportunity to join lovers in gram glori-man voice. selections m u s i c a l first time. wonderful us to make more aware music and rating it in planning in with the re-Highlands pal Monica "We are es-pecially appreciate the fact tat Bel make available the recital to with a special vocal music."



**Jason Lester**



**Laurie Domigue Lester**

The recital program will include highlights from operas by Mozart, Donizetti and Verdi, as well as favorite selections from Broadway musicals by Rodgers, Bernstein and Kern.

Tickets are available at Highlands School, Bascon-Louise Gallery, Bird Barn, Whiskers or by calling 526-5252. Admission for adults is \$25 or more; for students, \$10.

phones; in the school store operated by Mrs. West's 4th grade class; and at the Highlands School Fall Festival is Saturday, Oct. 30. Call Marjorie Crowe at 526-4876 to volunteer.

Assistant Principal Mark Thomas gave a presentation on the New Century Scholars Program available in Macon, Jackson and Swain Counties. New to the program this year are seventh graders Adilene Jimenez, Bobbi Jo Talley, Shelbi Chastain, Lacey Tucker, and Sally Zachary.

Thomas said his 17 years of experience in education have taught him the importance of a smile. "It's a way to let people know they are welcome at Highlands School," said Thomas. "It is only human for all of us, teachers, administrators, parents, custodians, cafeteria workers, to have the occasional bad day. Students will have their bad days as well. This is to be expected and it is important not to overreact when it happens."

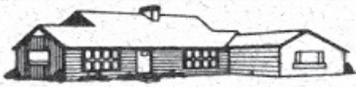
He said he tries to be courteous at

all times. "Courtesy really is contagious and, more importantly, it needs to be modeled for students."

He ended by saying a "carefree childhood" is a myth. "Children worry about a lot of things and it is incumbent upon adults to understand that it really is more complicated to be a child today than it was 30 years ago when half-day kindergarten and a parent at home after school were more common than exceptional.

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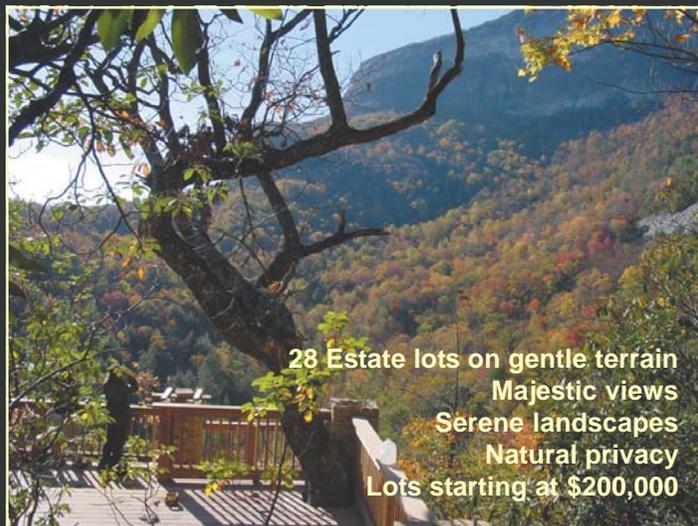


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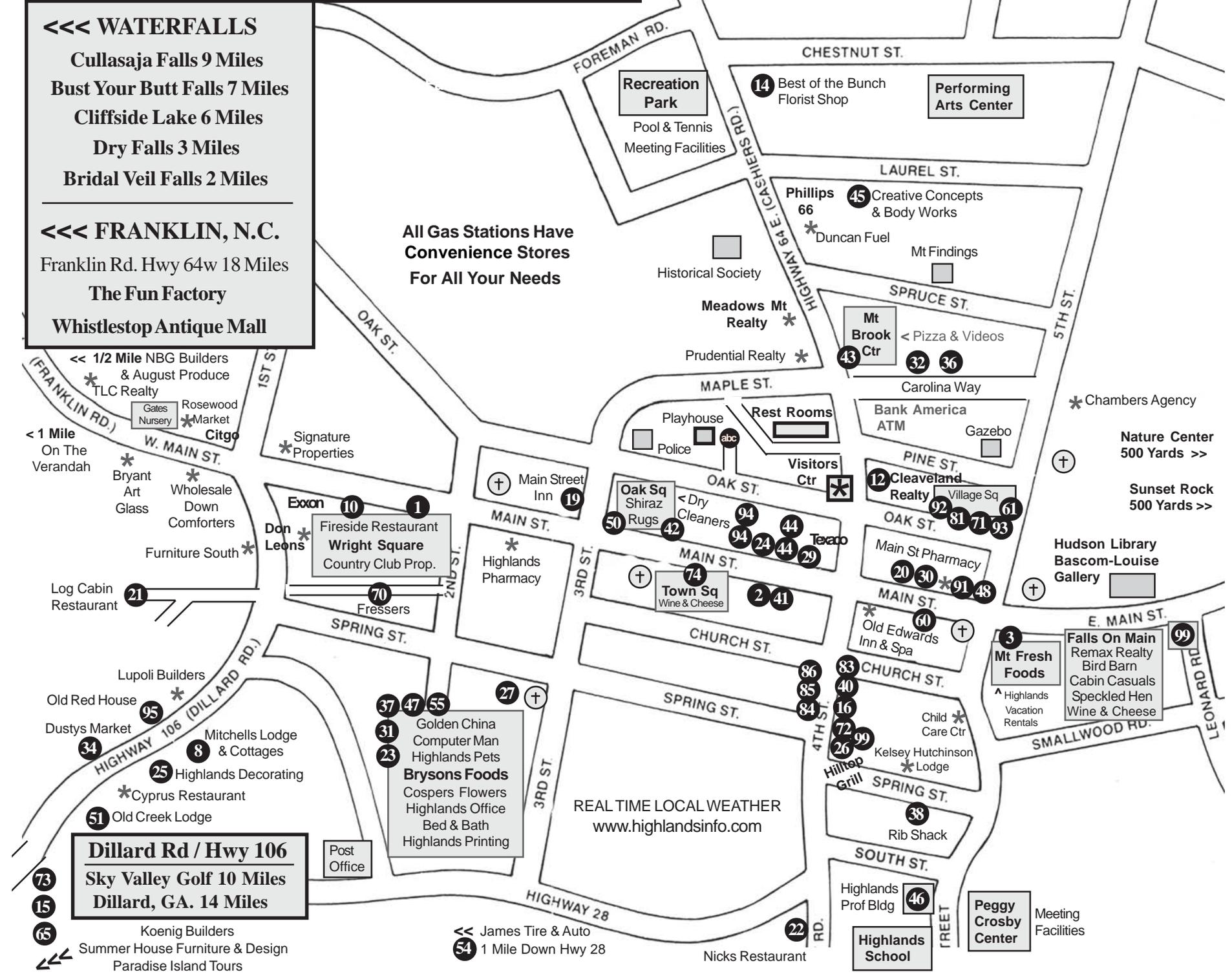
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