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On-going

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese at the Falls on Main, free wine flights Friday & Saturday from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery – Open Studio with a Live Model 5:30–8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. This class is for artists 18 yrs. and older or under 18 with written parent permission.
- Pilates classes are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:15 p.m. at the Rec Park. The cost is \$8 per class, but the first class is FREE.
- Al-Anon Group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.
- Mountain View AA meets in the basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, Mon. at 8 p.m.; Tues. at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wed. and Fri. at noon.

Feb. 18

- Kicks off of ITC's Firday "Evenings of Little Entertainments" at The Instant Theatre Company's studio at 310 Oak Square, 8 p.m., pre-show music begins at 7:45 p.m. Admission \$15, adults only, sold at the door. No admittance after the show begins. Call 342-9197 for tickets.

Feb. 20

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5 mile hike on the Tessentee Farm loop trail. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

Feb. 21

- The School Improvement Team meets at 7 p.m. in the Media Center at school to review comments and to decide the final form of the HS Improvement plan for 2005-2008. Draft copies available at the Hudson Library, the post office and the school.
- Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Feb. 23

- Little League Registration 4-6 p.m. at Highlands Rec Park.
- Rotary Centennial Breakfast at 8 a.m. at the Rec Park.

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Friday, Feb. 18, 2005

All systems go for WWTP expansion

By Kim Lewicki

After trimming certain aesthetic elements from the wastewater treatment plant expansion bid, the commissioners arrived at a price they can live with so expansion is a go.

At the Feb. 16 Town Board meeting, members agreed to finance the addi-

tional \$600,000 needed through a bridge loan with a payback period of five years in quarterly payments.

Town Administrator Richard Betz said the type of loan and payment plan would be similar to the financing obtained for the water treatment plant.

"We have very good credit with the

Local Government Commission so we should be able to get an interest rate close to prime like last time," he said.

The lowest bid from Haren Construction Company of Etowah, Tenn. to expand the plant's capacity from .5 mil-

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'Hearts of love' for the birds



Photo by Kim Lewicki

Mrs. McClellan's Kindergarten class decorated the evergreen tree outside their classroom window (a Christmas gift from the Tucker Johnson family) with 19 wooden hearts covered in peanut butter and bird seed. "A Valentine treat for the birds," said McClellan. The Moss family made the hearts – one for each student in the class. On Valentine's Day, each student hung their heart on the tree.

Tug Wa Ridge starts annexation talk

By Kim Lewicki

The last step in an annexation request lead to a passionate discussion about the future of Highlands – its boundaries and its lifestyle.

At the Feb. 16 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted 4-1 to annex Tug Wa Ridge LLC. Commissioner Amy Patterson voted against the annexation saying the town should stop "rubber stamping" annexation requests.

"It's not up to the developers to

decide how big we're going to grow," she said. "They want to be annexed to get water and sewer because it allows them to do what they want to do but how is this a benefit to the town?"

Commissioner Herb James said the high-end homes are a good tax-value to the town. Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said it enables the town to extend its excellent zoning ordinances farther into the county. "I think it's a good thing, a

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Police stake-out pays off

By Kim Lewicki

About 9:45 a.m. Wednesday morning, Highlands Police officers began staking out the two pharmacies in town, waiting for a suspect to show up. Around 2 p.m., he arrived with an accomplice.

Christopher Anthony Miglino, 32, of Norcross, Ga., Franklin and Cullowhee, and Marjorie Diane Marek, 34, of Norcross, Ga., were arrested on one count of obtaining a controlled substances by fraud.

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Town moving ahead on Bowery Road

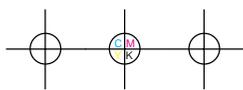
In a closed session Wednesday, commissioners voted to move ahead on the Bowery Road improvements.

The January deadline to appeal the latest ruling in the town's favor has passed. "They did not appeal to the Supreme Court," said Town Attorney Bill Coward.

With that news, commissioners instructed Coward to get property appraisals along the first seven-tenths of Bowery as the first step toward the condemnation needed to widen the road.

For years, 10 property owners along the first seven-tenths of the road have fought the town's right to widen and pave the road.

Court rulings in the town's favor have been appealed numerous times.



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● **ENGAGEMENT** ●



**Talley and
Bloedow**

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Talley of Highlands announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Elizabeth (Niki) to Steven Bloedow, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Tapscott of Englewood, Fla.; Mr. Bryan Bloedow of Detroit, Mich.; and Mrs. and Mrs. Ricky James of Scaly Mountain. The wedding is planned for June 11 in Highlands.

● **OBITUARIES** ●

Hattie Cole Henry

Hattie Cole Henry, age 85, of Lake Becky Road, Mtn. Rest, SC died Friday, February 11, 2005 at a Toccoa Rest Home.

She was a native of Macon County, a daughter of the late Claud and Lacy McCall Henry. She was a homemaker and a member of Highlands First Baptist Church.

She is survived by a sister, Marjorie Louise Henry Carter of Mountain Rest, SC.

Funeral services were held Sunday, February 13, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home with Rev. J.L. Sutton officiating. Burial was in the Highlands Memorial Park. Carson Henry, Jimmy Henry, Claude Henry, Jr., Lawrence Henry, Earl Simpson and Jason Brock served as pallbearers.

The family received friends Sunday from 1-2 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

Online sympathy messages may be sent by visiting www.bryantfuneralhomes.com. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

James Clyde Nix

James Clyde Nix, age 90, Satolah, Ga., died Sunday in a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was born in Rabun County, Ga., the son of the late Frank and Leona Reed Nix. He was married to Gertrude E. Nix who died in 1987. He was a carpenter and was a member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

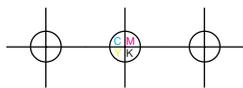
He is survived by four sons, Earl Nix, Steve Nix and Gary Nix all of Clayton, Ga, and Jimmy Nix of Highlands, NC; three sisters, Louise Owens of Clayton, Ga, Ella May Wilson of Highlands, NC and Clara Owens of Franklin, NC. Six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by a son Boyd Nix and three brothers, Dewey Nix, George Nix and Claude Nix.

Funeral services was held Tuesday, February 15 at 2 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church with Rev. Everett Wilson, Rev. Walter Wilson and Rev. Jamie Passmore officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery. Lamar Nix, Brian Nix, Phillip Nix, Chad Roach, Jeff Weller, and Mike Wilson served as pallbearers. Edwin Wilson, Charles Reed, Ron Leslie, Larry Leslie, Bill Lowe, Ralph Reed, Brooks Bennett and Dennis Ivester served as honorary pallbearers.

The family received friends Monday, February 14 from 6-8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, c/o Ralph Reed, Timberlane Road, Satolah, Ga. 30525.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



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Since the summer, the two have been calling various pharmacies in Highlands and in Georgia getting prescriptions filled for Xanax, Lortab, Hydrocodon, Diazepan, and Alprazolam. Police Chief Jerry Cook said Marek posed as the nurse of a doctor in Sylva to phone the prescriptions in.

"She had all the proper codes and the DEA numbers, and she used several aliases," he said.

Highlands Pharmacist Sherry Sims alerted police Jan. 20, when a check on the phoned-in prescription revealed the "patient" to be false as was her address, phone number and birth date. Highlands Police have been waiting for Miglino to come pick up the prescriptions ever since.

"Over the last six months, this doctor's "nurse" called pharmacies with five or six names," said Cook. "Today they came to pick up three prescriptions, one new one and two refills." Since the summer, prescriptions were filled four times in Highlands.

Cook asked the pharmacies to hit the panic alarm as soon as the suspect arrived and asked Macon County dispatch to call him directly.



Miglino and Marek

He said they knew everything about Miglino except what he drove. "He's been using a credit card to purchase the drugs," said Cook. "From that we were able to find out everything about him, even what he looked like."

Cook said the case is still under investigation and the State Bureau of Investigation has been called in because two states are involved. "We've got a paper trail we're just starting to make sense of."

The prescriptions were for various amounts - 10-50 count and 2, 10 and 500 mg - with each pill's street value estimated at \$10-\$15.

Miglino and Marek are being held at the Macon County jail on a \$2,500 bond each.

No rent increase for WHLC

By Kim Lewicki

WHLC's mobilization of the community paid off.

At the Feb. 16 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted 4-1 not to raise the rent on the station's five antenna on the town's Big Bear Pen property.

"I suggest we leave the rent at \$500 per month but we also need to form a system of incremental increases for inflation so we won't have to go the mobilization of the community like this next time," said Commissioner Hank Ross. Commissioner Alan Marsh suggested a nominal increase.

Six years ago, the town entered into a 10-year lease with WHLC for \$100 per

month per antenna with the agreement to revisit the rental agreement every two years. "It hasn't changed since then," said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

Karen Hallett of Thinc. Management, a telecommunication consultant, suggested the rent be at least \$500-\$750 a month. "It is perfectly reasonable and fair for the town to collect fair market value for tower space," she said. She said Highlands Computers is paying \$275 per month for each of two small transmitters.

Several citizens spoke in favor of keeping WHLC's rent the same citing the service the station does the community concerning inclement weather reports.

Highlands student shines at contest

From left: Katherine Munger, Ashley Thurston, Ashleigh Culpepper, Casey Jenkins of Highlands School competed at the Gym Company 500 Gymnastics meet in Mooresville, NC Sat., Feb. 5. At level 9 Jenkins placed 3rd on vault and 4th on bars, beam, floor and all around.



Rotary celebrates 100 years



This month, Rotary International and the 2,800 members of 49 clubs across Western North Carolina celebrate 100 years of service to folks at home and families and communities around the world. At the Feb. 16 Town Board meeting, Mayor Buck Trott presented Rotary presidents with the proclamation making February Rotary month. Pictured are Rotarians Dennis DeWolf, Alan Marsh, Selwyn Chalker, president of Highlands Rotary, Rotarian Hank Ross and Curtis Matthews, president of MountainTop Rotary. Highlands Rotary meets at noon on Tuesdays at the Highlands Conference Center and MountainTop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Founded by Chicago attorney Paul Harris on February 23, 1905, Rotary grew from a small group of businessmen dedicated to community service and professional ethics to over 1.2 million Rotary members in more than 31,000 clubs in 166 countries. The name Rotary derives from the group's early practice of rotating meetings between members' offices and homes.

Highlands' Newspaper Weekend Weather Forecast by Meteorologist Tim Root

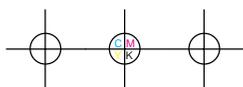
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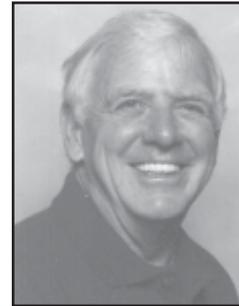

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I'm headed to South America

(In search of my hubcaps)

I'm embarrassed to tell you what year this happened, but the hubcaps on my 2-year-old "55" Olds 98 were swiped by two Chilean guys while I slept in my one-room efficiency on Miami Beach. I know this because the Chileans, living right above me, quit their jobs at the dog track and moved the same day the hubcaps disappeared. I have not seen either since. So I'm headed for Santiago, just to look around. I still remember one guy's name was Jose so that's a good lead.



Fred Wooldridge

Colombian jungles at Concordia. Assault rifles are issued to each passenger for this exciting layover. I think the plane we use the next day is newer because the windows don't open. But the best part about this airline is they make persons carrying live chickens sit in the back of the plane. I am pumped.

After wearing out our welcome in Santiago, which shouldn't take very long, we plan to shoot across South America to Argentina. After performing several tangos, (I still love the part where she throws her leg around my waist) we will look for a boat heading for Cape Horn.

Boat selection is more important then picking an airline. Four years ago, we got on a boat sailing from Charleston, S. C. that was built in 1951 and had the original engines. Later, I think in 1962, they did an upgrade by putting cheap plastic palm trees in the dining room. They had reruns of the Howdy Doggy Show on their black and white TVs.....Op's, I mean "tellies" and the water from the shower floated around on the bathroom floor for hours afterwards, mixing with oily water from the engine room. I had oily feet for the entire trip but it was good for my corns.

One thing I don't have to worry about is whether the boat I pick is capable of withstanding the fierce weather and 50-foot seas of Cape Horn. All the boats that are not capable are sitting on the bottom 'cause they got "the Horn."

High seas are not my fear, but glaciers are. I have seen "Titanic" four times and have taken notes. Most of the boats sailing south out of Buenos Aires have glacier ice marks all over them so I am currently reading a handbook titled, "How to survive on an iceberg with only one thermos of tea." I will also bring my wig, evening dress and pumps, just in case there is an evacuation.

So as time draws near, excitement grows and packing has already started. Depending on how the revolution is going in Columbia, we should be home in a couple of weeks or so. I will give you a full report if we ever get back.

Now if I could only find my stuffed Koala bear.

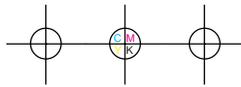
Traveling to foreign countries these days can be tricky for U.S. citizens. If you haven't noticed, no one seems to really like us much anymore. Two years ago we sat around and watched a very angry mob demonstrate in downtown Buenos Aires. Later that afternoon, we found they were demonstrating against the United States because the war in Iraq had started that very day. Duh, stupid is.....

So I suggested to the little missus we should disguise ourselves as French. Everyone likes the French, except, of course, Americans and since practically no one likes Americans, this would be the perfect disguise. The French spend a lot of time drinking fine wine and making love, so I am thinking, "I can do that." But since I only know a few cliches, like "Chevrolet Coupe" and the "Vu Le Vu" thing, we decided to scrub the idea and not go as Frenchmen....ah, I mean French persons.

As of this writing, I have decided we will disguise ourselves as Australians, even though the little missus refuses to participate. Australians, like the French, seem to be well liked around the world, except for when they jumped into the war with us. At least they speak English.

I found my Australian Akubra (hat) and kangaroo scrotum change purse tucked away in the corner of my closet and will definitely bring those. I am currently working on my accent. "G'day, mate! Prongs on the bar-bee for dinner? A bloody Joey ate my garden greens." Good, huh?

Since money is always an issue, I found a really cheap South American airline that flies from Miami to Santiago and only makes seven stops, which includes a thrilling overnight stay in the



• MOVIE PIX •

Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow

The 2005, PG rated, action/adventure film, starring Jude Law as Sky Captain, Gwyneth Paltrow as Tuff Gal Reporter Polly Perkins, Angelina Jolie as the leather clad, eye-patched Captain Frankie Cook, and Giovanni Ribisi as Dex, the Techno Geek Extraordinaire.



Stuart Armor

Written and directed by Kerry Conran, with a really cool musical score by Edward Shearmur, and a surprise appearance by a special guest playing the role of the Uberall Mad Scientist Totenkopf.

The Storyline: Tuff Gal Reporter Polly Perkins gets a mysterious message from a mysterious, accented scientist, asking for a meeting at Radio City Music Hall. But before she finds out the reason for the meeting, some of those annoying, gigantic robotic monsters that have a habit of popping up from time to time, begin to destroy New York by smashing buildings, crushing cars, knocking people down, you know, in general, behaving like typical New Yorkers. But when they start taking out billboards and disrupting train service, they've gone too far, so it's time to send out the secret radio message for... SKY CAPTAIN! Sky Captain battles the decidedly Art Deco robots to a standstill, for now. But bits and pieces of the evil Totenkopf's very big and very evil plan come to light, forcing Sky Captain and our intrepid gal reporter, who, while being quite smart and capable in so many ways, doesn't

seem to get the idea that she could run a little faster if only she would kick off her 6 inch high heel shoes, to reluctantly join forces. Add clever side kick Dex (a bit like Q in the Bond films, but more action) and sexy but sinister leather-clad Captain Cook (I'm not making this up), wearing

an outfit that does not appear to be standard Royal Air Force issue, and you have met the team that will do their very best to stop the mad scientist's evil plan to destroy the world. Only time will tell if they succeed, I'm not going to give away any surprises here. Chewing gum, android Ninja girls, and animal mutants all play an important role.

OK, so it's not high art and drama, but it is a lot of fun. The special effects are terrific, and the gadgets intentionally resemble stuff from The Day the Earth Stood Still and Land that Time Forgot. The filming, done with a sepia tone, and the dialogue are all done to mimic the serial action films of the 40's and 50's, in much the same way as the Indiana Jones and Star Wars stories, and it works. Fast and fun, silly and cute, a slightly comic cliffhanger, worth seeing for light hearted fare.

More of Jude Law can be seen Cold Mountain and I Heart Huckabee's, Angelina Jolie in Beyond Borders and Taking Lives, Paltrow in Sliding Doors, Shallow Hal, and Emma. If you like this one give a look to Hellboy, Batman, I Robot, Spiderman and Van Helsing.

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lion gallons a day to 1.5 million gallons a day was \$5,071,500 — \$934,600 more than budgeted —

"Bidding statutes permit us to negotiate with the lowest bidder to bring the contract price closer to the funds available," said Betz. "Plus I looked at our capital reserves and found some more money, so we have more to spend." Also, a remote access gate and certain paving and roofing materials have been deleted from the initial bid.

Local Government Commission statutes require the town hold a public hearing and adopt a resolution OKing the bridge loan financing terms before

the bid can be accepted. But the town has until April 20 to accept the bid and could probably negotiate for a 30-day extension if needed, said commissioners.

The state approval process was delayed 1 1/2 years since the town budgeted for the project. In the meantime, steel and fuel costs sky rocketed, said Mayor Buck Trott.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said with the wastewater treatment plant expansion, the town must look hard at the sewer distribution system. "We need to get more people on the system," he said. Currently 677 customers are on line -- only 10% of the town, said the mayor.

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In addition to improv and music, "Little Evenings" also features original scenes, written by ITC's Artistic Director Emeritus Collin Wilcox Paxton. Titled "Snapshots" because of their brevity, company members will rehearse one or two scenes throughout the week and perform them every Friday.

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CONSTANTINE rated R

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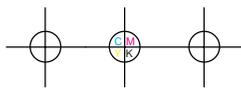
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***Adams vs. Jefferson: The Tumultuous Election of 1800,*
by John Ferling (324.973F)**

There is a religion unique to the United States of America: the worship of our Founding Fathers (notice the capitalization) and the Constitution. We Americans believe that those men were geniuses, or even more, demigods. We believe the Constitution is a holy document.

That is all fine and good, and as someone told me when I mentioned I was going to review this book, why worry about what happened 200 years ago when there is plenty to worry about today? I think by questioning the basis of our national religion we can have a better understanding of politics today. For one thing, our exalted view of the founders makes today's politicians look crass and small-minded. As this new book makes clear, our founding fathers were not the high-minded selfless gentlemen we believe them to be, and when they are taken down off their pedestals our current breed of politicians don't look so bad.

Also, it is not widely known that there was quite a bit of opposition to the Constitution in the 1780's. Several states came close to voting against ratification. Much of the opposition arose because there was no provision for the rights of citizens, and the Constitution was ultimately ratified only after the promise to immediately amend it during the first session of Congress. These first ten amendments are known today as the Bill of Rights. (What does it say about a document that has to be amended so extensively in order to be acceptable?)

The Constitution also struck many observers, such as Patrick Henry ("Give me liberty or give me death!") as undemocratic. It's obvious the writers of our Constitution did not trust the people much. Senators and the President were not popularly elected. Senators were chosen by the state legislatures, and the President was chosen by the Electoral College. Presidential electors were chosen in 8 of the 13 states by the state legislature. Only in 5 states did the people directly elect the electors! And let's not forget that many people couldn't vote at all. Only white males had the vote, and in most states they had to be property-owners. Women and non-white males

were literally second-class citizens.

Adams vs. Jefferson is a well-written book about the fascinating period just after the adoption of the Constitution. Mr. Ferling is Professor Emeritus of History at the State University of West Georgia and an expert on American Revolutionary history. This book is part of Oxford Press's "Pivotal Moments in American History" series and Mr. Ferling makes a convincing argument that the election of 1800 qualifies for this category.

The men who wrote the Constitution became known as the Federalists. They dominated the first Congress, and of course George Washington, a Federalist, was our first President. Before Washington's first term was over an opposition party was formed by James Madison and Thomas Jefferson, called the Republican Party (not related to today's party of the same name). "James Madison portrayed the Federalists—mostly 'men of influence, particularly the moneyed' class—as a self-serving, anti-republican elite that thought the people incapable of self-government."

Independence had brought an immediate spirit of equality and the elimination of class lines: "Abandoning displays of deference towards their social betters, commoners no longer bowed, doffed hats, and stepped aside when greeting a gentleman or lady of rank. It was becoming commonplace for all adult white males to be addressed as 'Mr.' as titles such as 'Esquire' fashionable among the gentry before 1776, rapidly passed from the scene. The changes unsettled many of the socially and economically prominent."

By 1796 the Republican Party was gaining power, particularly among the working classes. The Republicans asserted that the Federalists believed working people were not qualified to hold office, wanted an America modeled on British society with class differences, were opposed to expanding suffrage, and even declined to shake hands with those perceived to be of a lower class.

Two crises cemented these beliefs about the Federalist Party, one foreign, the other domestic.

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HCCDC opens on Valentine's Day



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Students at Highlands Community Child Development Center had a big day Monday. It was the first day in their new school and it was Valentine's Day – a day of learning, parties and fun.

The ins and outs of annexation

By Kim Lewicki

The words "annexation" and "extraterritorial jurisdiction" are considered "fighting" words by some, 'God sends' by others.

Highlands land use planning committee has brought up the subject a few times over the last couple of months as a possible way to control development immediately outside the town limits — control mostly as it pertains to land use.

Involuntary annexation worries some property owners because they don't want to be told what they can or can't do on their property. Once property outside the town limits is annexed, owners must adhere to the town's zoning, watershed and subdivision ordinances.

Over the last couple of months, three or four developers have asked the town to annex their property along N.C. 106 and N.C. 28 so they can hook on to the town's infrastructure. As Highlands property owners within the annexed portions they also become entitled to town services like police protection and garbage service.

"The Town Board usually considers this a win-win situation," said Town Administrator Richard Betz. "Developers put in the infrastructure to serve the new development at their own expense, and in return the Town gains zoning protection, water and/or sewer revenues, and ad valorem tax revenue."

There are two forms of annexation – Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and Annexation.

N.C. General Statute defines Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) as land lying beyond the municipal limits of a municipality and within the one-mile

extraterritorial jurisdiction boundary as delineated on the official zoning map of the town. ETJ authority is granted to a locality to exercise zoning powers for a specified distance outside its boundaries. It is intended to protect activities on the edge of communities from being encroached on by incompatible adjacent activities.

"From a land use point of view it's important to think about what can happen on the edges of town," said Land Use Planning committee chair Ginger Slaughter. "It's important to buffer the town from certain kinds of development."

Annexation is when a city or district attaches additional territory to its boundary. As such, property owners benefit from increased municipal services and towns or cities gain more revenue through the levying of taxes.

Except for the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, the Town Board consistently rules that to get town water and sewer, property must be within the town limits and therefore must be annexed.

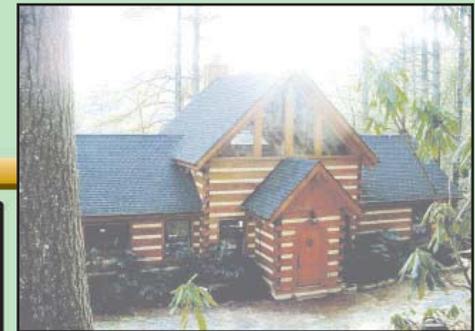
The fastest way to get the infrastructure is to offer property to the town through "voluntary annexation."

Involuntary annexation is much more complicated. Property owners must be notified, sometimes ETJ must be declared first, a long-term plan must be defined and the town must be ready and able to supply services throughout the newly extended area.

"There's been a lot of talk about the town annexing property along the U.S. 64 Highlands-Cashier corridor," said Chairman of the Macon County Commissioners Allan Bryson. "People

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Rec Park Forum 1st step in plan

By Kim Lewicki

Not too many people turned out for the county's Rec Park Forum last week, but at least it was a start.

Several town representatives were there – commissioners Hank Ross, Amy Patterson, Alan Marsh, Dennis DeWolf, Richard Betz, and Selwyn Chalker.

Participants were asked to sign sheets indicating what sort of facilities and activities they would like to see in Highlands – covered swimming pool, skateboard park, etc. Commissioner Amy Patterson signed the "covered swimming pool" sheet.

Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen was there for input on upgrading the Highlands School playground and recreational activities in general.

"We have received a \$2,500 grant for Highlands School playground improvement and the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association is looking at a stream restoration project adjacent to the playground," said Bomengen. "I would like to raise funds to provide a community playground at the school."

She also suggested school gymnastics, ballet, and dance classes offered through the recreation department. "Many parents drive their children

down the mountain for these lessons," she said.

Bomengen also suggested a skateboard park and a pool that could be used all year long.

"We need a competition-sized swimming pool for kids who want to swim competitively," she said.

A formal Rec Park meeting will be held in April. Prior to that time, forum organizers will compile information gleaned from countywide forums demographic surveys distributed at forums and mailed to households in Macon County.

The long-range plan will serve to guide elected officials in developing county parks, recreation facilities and leisure-time activities and programs for Macon County. They want to know exactly what citizens would like to see in the way of programs and facilities countywide.

Macon County officials and Haden-Stanziale, a Charlotte-based planning firm, is working with the county to compile the information and outline a plan.

The county is following in the footsteps of Jackson County which recently completed its long-term recreation plan for the county.

Free health screening on March 12

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital kicks off its season of offering free community health screenings March 12, with a screening for residents of Highlands and Scaly Mountain at the new Jane Woodruff Clinic at the hospital.

Unlike in past years, however, Highlands residents who miss the first screening on Saturday, March 12, will get a second chance Saturday, April 2.

As a service to improve the health of the communities it serves, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital has held a series of free screenings for each of the past seven years. Other screenings this season are planned for the Cashiers/Glenville area, and for the Dillard/Sky Valley area on Saturdays March through May.

Participants will be checked for important health indicators such as blood pressure, blood sugar levels, cholesterol levels, height, weight, bone density, hearing, and body composition. They will also have the opportunity to talk with experts on a variety of health topics, including the opportunity to talk directly with a physician at many of the screenings. It's free but pre-registration is required.

Appointment times will be assigned as part of the registration process to help reduce lines and waiting times.

To pre-register participants can use the hospital's website at www.hchospital.org, by clicking on the screening menu, and completing the registration form. Registrants will receive a confirmation email. Participants can also call the hospital's Foundation office at 828-526-1435 to register. The registration period for each screening ends at 5 p.m. the Wednesday before the screening date.

As in the past, those participating in a screening are asked not to eat or drink anything but water after midnight the night before. They should also wear short sleeved garments, and women who wish to have their bone density checked should wear socks instead of hose, and shoes that can be easily removed.

Following the screening, a light, healthy continental breakfast, provided free by the hospital's dietary department.

Confidential results of screening tests will be reviewed by the participant's own family physician (or another local physician if no family doctor is specified) before being mailed out.



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Highlands School News

Friday, February 18, 2005

Coming Up... Jazz quartet comes to Highlands School

Friday Feb 25- 12:30 p.m. students dismissed teacher staff development

Tuesday Mar 1- 5 p.m. Women's Varsity Soccer vs. Rabun County (away)

Thursday Mar 3- 3:30 p.m. PTO board meeting Peggy Crosby Center

Friday Mar 4- Interact Club

Tuesday Mar 8- 5 p.m. PTO Dinner; 6 p.m. PTO meeting; 7-8 p.m. World of Science Tour exhibit viewing

Wednesday Mar 9- third Hepatitis B shot

Thursday Mar 10- 12:30 students dismissed teacher staff development end of third reporting period

Friday Mar 11- non-instructional day, optional leave

Thursday Mar 17- 12 p.m. spring book fair begins; 6-8 p.m. book fair family night event

Friday Mar 18- Report cards go home; Interact Club

Friday Mar 25- 12:30 p.m. students dismissed teacher staff development make-up day for 9/8/2004

Monday Mar 28- Spring Break begins

Stephanie McCall 11th Grade

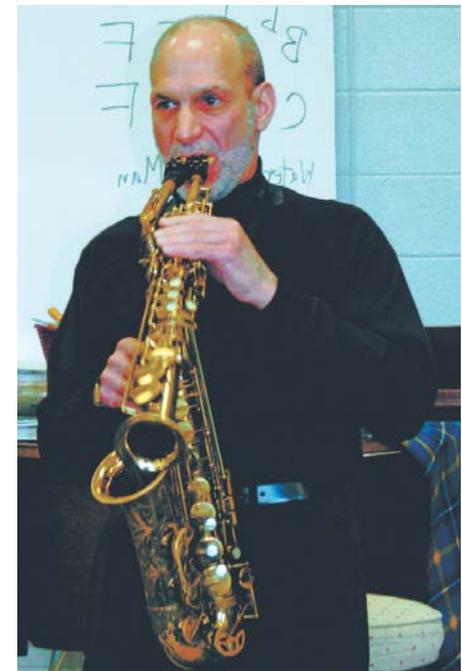
Music filled the halls of Highlands middle school on February 10 as performance middle school and high school band classes were treated to a visit by the Asheville Jazz Quartet.

On the Jazz Quartet's visit to Highlands School students were serenaded with popular jazz songs such as "Satin Dolls" by Duke Ellington, "Georgia on My Mind" by Ray Charles and "Watermelon Man" by Herbey Ancock. Students participated in rhythm exercises while they learned about the music structures involved in improv, technique and instrument communication.

The high school band is currently in the process of forming a jazz band of their own under the guidance of band director Joe Powell. Senior Drum Ma-

yor Kayla McCall said, "I think the visit from the Jazz Quartet really inspired our jazz band. It took away a lot of the bands' fears about doing improv off the top of our heads. Hopefully we can put the Jazz Quartets' influence into our music and perform as well as they do."

The Asheville Jazz Quartet, which has been together since 1987, features bass/trombone player Charles Holland, percussionist Paul Babeley, pianist Warren Gaughan and soprano/alto saxophone player Lloyd Weinberg. Each member carries a degree in music and teaches music to students in both private and public atmospheres. Most of the time they perform in areas of North Carolina, but they also visit surrounding states such as South Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee.



Herbey Ancock with Asheville Jazz Quartet.

Traditional calendar and 4 X4 schedule wins for 05-06

Highlands School has been looking at some serious changes for next year's calendar and schedule. Principal Monica Bomengen made the final decisions on Thursday, February 9. Highlands will officially be changing to the 4 x 4 block schedule but keeping the traditional calendar next year.

A block schedule is based on two semesters, with four different courses offered each semester. Previously, the high school has followed a seven class period schedule that runs throughout the school year, with five afternoon block classes in Art, French, Foods and Consumer Sciences, Social Studies and Computer Applications offered each semester.

School staff and community members were given the following calendar options:

1. Traditional calendar – 3 days for

Thanksgiving, 2 weeks for inter Holiday and 10 weeks of summer vacation.

2. Balanced calendar – three-week intercessions between grading periods and 5 weeks for summer.

"Things have gone very smoothly. The voter response is a very high percentage of parents, faculty, and staff. People really care about participating in this community decision..."

– Principal
Monica Bomengen

3. Compromise calendar – 4-day weekends between grading periods, 1 full week for Thanksgiving, 1 ½ weeks for Winter Holiday and 10

weeks for summer.

Bomengen said, "Things have gone very smoothly. The voter response is a very high percentage of parents, faculty, and staff. People really care about participating in this community decision. There is tremendous support by parents and students for a block schedule, but some of the high school faculty are against that change. The faculty position on the calendar is mixed. The majority of parents and students I have talked with about the calendar appear to oppose the balanced (year-round) calendar, although several of them support the compromise calendar."

High school Math teacher Jane DeWolf commented on the schedule and calendar changes saying, "I am in favor of the seven period day because I have taught a 4 X 4 math

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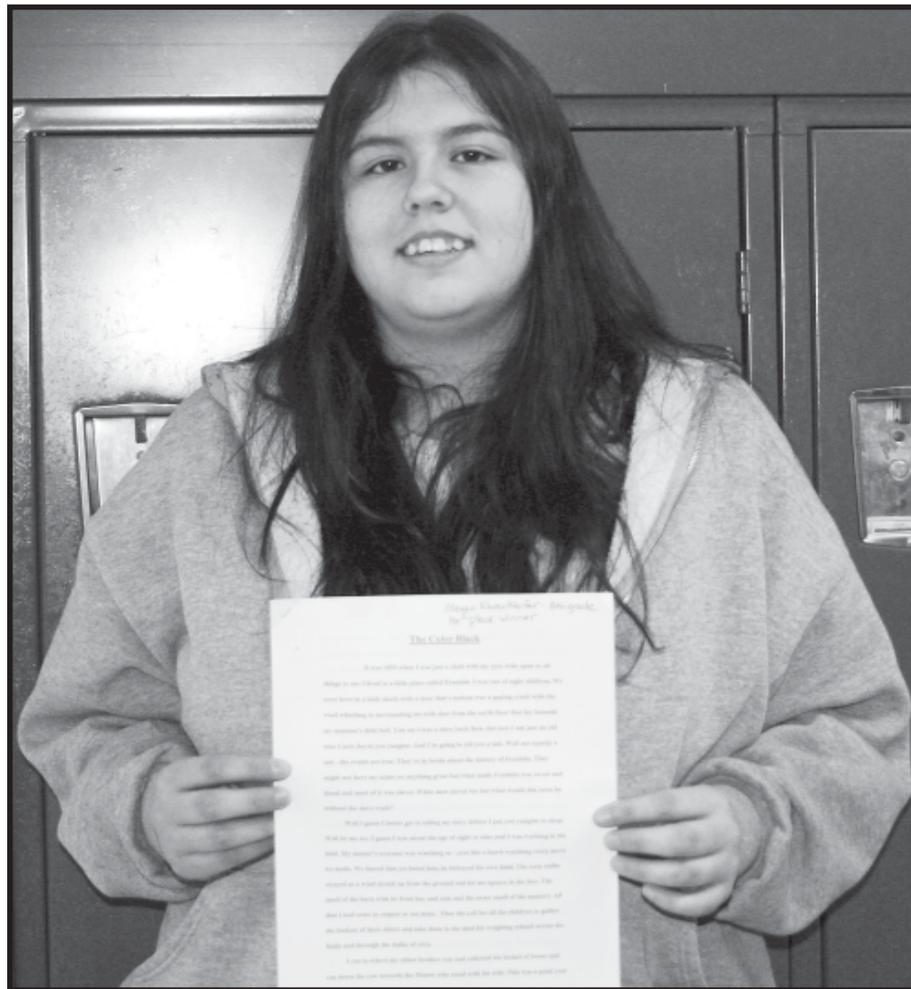
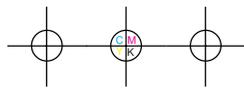
"Who wears that anyway?"

"Matt-Man Makeover"

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Senior night, Highlands vs. Blue Ridge Conference Tournament



Eighth grader Megan Ehrenkaufner won first place in the Olive B. Eaton creative writing competition for the second year in a row. **Photo by Erin Munger**

Student Wins First Place in Writing Contest for Second Year

**By Erin Munger
12th Grade**

Megan Ehrenkaufner took first place in the county wide Olive B. Eaton Creative Writing competition with the short story "The Color Black." Organizers of the competition joined together with the Franklin Sesquicentennial (150 years) Committee to seek out writers for this year's annual competition. Competitors this year wrote poems, essays or short stories on historical figures or on events or places in the Franklin area in 1855, Franklin's founding date.

Ehrenkaufner's "The Color Black," a story about a slave who helped build Franklin in 1855.

"I've always had an interest in slavery because it has lots of emotional strength, and people seem to overlook the fact that there were slaves here in Highlands and Franklin, but slavery was here. I wrote this essay to show people what they were overlooking."

Ehrenkaufner's teacher Cathy MacIntyre-Ross made entering the contest a required task for her seventh and eighth grade English classes. MacIntyre-Ross has the greatest faith in Ehrenkaufner's writing and said, "Megan was the first place winner last year, so of course I knew her writing would be top quality. She is an extremely creative person and writes lots of stories and poems for her own pleasure. I know she could be a great writer one day. I really enjoyed all of the entries this year and was very proud of the effort made by the students. The prompt was a challenging one, but the students really rose to the occasion."

Students submitting works were required to produce creative writing of 1,000 words or four pages double-spaced. Karen Wallace, Macon County Librarian judged the competi-

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- Movie Review - Hide and Seek

**Stephanie McCall
11th Grade**

Come out, come out wherever you are! A popular child's game becomes a nightmare in the thriller movie *Hide and Seek*. Directed by John Polson (*Swimfan, Siam Sunset*) and written by Ari Schlossberg (*Luck 13*), this movie revolves around widower David Calloway, played by Robert De Niro (*Godsend, Meet the Fockers*), and his daughter Emily Calloway, played by Dakota Fanning (*Uptown Girls, I Am Sam*).

After the death of his wife David moves upstate with Emily who soon creates an imaginary friend named Charlie. An imaginary friend seems like Emily's way of coping with her mother's death until Charlie starts making her do gruesome things. Night after night David is awakened to find Emily has written threatening messages across the bathroom walls. She can only explain her actions with "Charlie made me." David is running out of ideas to help Emily, and more and more horrible things keep happening. Soon Charlie turns on Emily and David, and they are faced with a life and death situation. Who is Charlie, and what does he want? If you want to know the secret, you have to play the game.

This movie is rated R for frightening sequences and violence. This is an adequate rating because quite a few of the children in the theater where I viewed the movie were very scared. Robert De Niro and Dakota Fanning give outstanding performances, and I would recommend this movie to anyone over the age of 17 that is looking for thrills and chills.

- Music Review - "When It Comes"

**Catlin Huitt
12th Grade**

Tyler Hilton just recently hit the charts with his new single "When It Comes" on his c.d. *The Tracks of Tyler Hilton*. His first debut was on the WB's hit show *One Tree Hill*. If you like the sounds of John Mayer and Ryan Cabrera, you will probably like this guy. From a teens perspective senior Brooke Fowler comments, "Tyler Hilton has an incredible voice. It could be said that his music is like a combination between John Mayer and Ryan Cabrera but also has some of his own originalities."

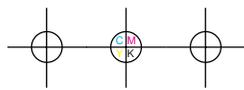
Music, as well as any art, can be interpreted different ways by different people. To me "When It Comes" tells us not to worry about tomorrow but live for today. It talks about getting away and not worrying what will happen tomorrow because tomorrow is always a chance which one must take.

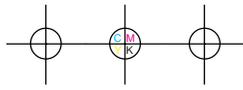
Information on "When It Comes" is available at www.tylerhilton.com. The c.d. *The Tracks of Tyler Hilton* is in stores now.



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tion. The top three winners were awarded cash prizes. Ehrenkaufner won \$250, second place and third place winners were awarded \$150 and \$100.

Canyon Woodward, the second place winner, wrote "Tahlequah Secrets", and third place winner Lyle Jones wrote "History at the House at the Foot of the Hill."

Ehrenkaufner is an eighth grade student at Highlands School. Woodward is home schooled and Jones attends Macon Middle School. Honorable mentions for Highlands School were Casey Jenkins, Hannah Krumholt, Luke McClellan, Codi Moore, Marisol Ruiz and Bobbi Jo Talley.

The Color Black

By Megan Ehrenkaufner

It was 1855 when I was just a child with my eyes wide open to all things to see. I lived in a little place called Franklin. I was one of eight children. We were born in a little shack with a door that's bottom was a gaping crack with the wind whistling in surrounding me with dust from the earth floor that lay beneath my mamma's little bed. You see I was a slave back then, but now I am just an old wise Uncle Joe to you youngins. And I'm going to tell you a tale. Well not exactly a tale - the events are true. They're in books about the history of Franklin. They might not have my name on anything great but what made Franklin was sweat and blood and most of it was slaves. White men slaved too but what would this town be without the slave trade?

Well I guess I better get to telling my story before I put you youngins to sleep. Well let me see, I guess I was about the age of eight or nine and I was working in the field. My master's overseer was watching us - eyes like a hawk watching every move we made. We feared him yet hated him, he betrayed his own kind. The corn stalks swayed as a wind struck up from the ground and hit me square in the face. The smell of the barn with its fresh hay and oats and the sweet smell of the manure. All that I had come to respect as not mine. Then the yell for all the children to gather the baskets of their elders and take them to the

shed for weighing echoed across the fields and through the stalks of corn.

I ran to where my oldest brother was and collected his basket of beans and ran down the row towards the Master who stood with his wife. This was a good year for the crops; not only was there enough for the masters household, there was enough to give to us slaves and go to the market. But the catch is we had to earn our food. That meant hard work and if we didn't meet expectations our food was deducted. When I had reached the master, he said to me with sternness in his voice "Gather your clothes and your blanket, we're going to the heart of town tomorrow".

I shuddered what did this mean? I had heard tales of family members going to the block and never returning, but I figured them tales of fiction not truth. I nodded and turned and left to go to my family's shack to sleep. I lay on the cold earth floor with my blanket atop me. I listened to the sounds of the corn stalks rustling and the fire pit whispering with heat and the cheep of crickets. I lay pondering on what monster lay before my wake to the dawn. It was early when we heard the pounding on our door. I stirred. There stood Master with a luminous glow surrounding him from the moon's light. He said in a sharp tone

"Lets go now." I was bewildered by this order but dared not defy him. Outside by the wagon stood my mother's brother's son shivering with cold or fright - I could not tell which. I approached him and hugged him before the master saw his shivers which overwhelmed him. After we had sat in the back of a wagon for a hour or two on the old country roads, we approached the town. At the market Mark and Malachi, two of the strongest men, unloaded the baskets of vegetables. Then Master said, "Mark, you stay with Seth (the overseer) and sell these vegetables." Then he turned to us and said "Come we're going to the block". And that moment I realized I may never see my family ever again.....

As we approached the center of town where the block was located I saw a group of blacks on chains. They looked down on the ground, their spirits crushed. They were being sold just as I was going to be. To some other

slave driver. To some unfamiliar place. I was scared out of my wits, not that I had that many according to the white men. I was put in an area to be looked over. It was full of children my age.

I saw white men milling around going from each enclosure to another looking at the men and women. Poking, prodding, speaking in tones that made the dogs run. Then they turned toward the children. One walked straight up to me and stopped at the rope's edge and said to his fellow friend "What do you think - he looks plenty strong but I wonder... these Negroes can be deceiving." He said "I can take a chance - come they are about to auction the youngins, so we better hurry. There was one I liked the looks of." Their voices faded away and I shivered what was I going to do?? Then my number was called and some white man came and dragged me out of my area and took me to the block. There I stood and the man said some information I can still remember. What he said just like I'm talking to you youngins. He said " Act. 3852" The white man turned me over to a black man who started to rip of my clothes and said in rough English, "Go to the block."

I went out being guided by yet another white man. He said in a booming voice " Tom, 8 years. Old black previous owner comments that he is a worker and has been trained well - doesn't require much food and will be strong Negro like his father". I stood petrified. I was looking at an ocean of white men who were all

glaring at me.

Then the man with the booming voice said, "Shall we start the bidding at..?" Another man said, "Make him run. I want to see what I'm buying is good." The others nodded in agreement. I started to run around and then I stopped. The man said, "Have you been told to stop?" and flicked a whip in my direction. It licked my legs; I screamed out in pain.

The sea of white men erupted into a cloud of embarrassing laughter. Then the man said, "Now the bidding starts at 5 dollars. Bidder 123 going once, going twice,... sold to Mr. Moore. Thank you men for bidding. The next item is ..."

I was being dragged by a young black man towards a wagon. As I was put into the wagon I saw my cousin being dragged onto the cart back to our plantation. He must not have sold because he was being beat. I looked at the clear blue sky and let out a sigh. I watched a bird fly by so free. I looked away from the sky which showed all that I had not, what about me? The last glimpse of family I saw was being beat like a dog. Well, youngins, what you think? Pretty scary. You know these places around town that were built in 1855, I helped build. I was a slave for a contractor .

"Uncle Tom," said a child. "Are you sad you lost your family?"

As a tear rolled down the old man's face, he said, "Yes." Tears of black African Americans cover the ground under our feet.

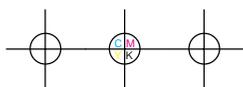
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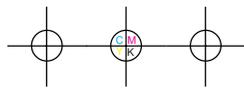
Middle school students are excited about the upcoming World of Science Tour on March 8. Here are some other events that are coming up:

Recycling project Middle school students will begin their recycling project on February 14. Starting Monday, recycling boxes will be given to each middle school homeroom. All used paper products should be put in the boxes and at the end of the week SGA officers will take the boxes to Mr. Massey who will weigh them. Massey will keep track of the weight of the boxes, and at the end of the year the homeroom with the most pounds of recycled paper will win a pizza party.

Middle school Spring Dance March 4, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. All students in grades six through eight are invited to attend.

The World of Science Tour will be held in the Highlands School gym on Tuesday, March 8. Parents and community members may view student science projects from 6-8 p.m. following a PTO chili or Mexican dinner starting at 5 p.m.





Highlands School 2005 spring Beta Club inductees



Beta Club inductees, Taylor Stinson, Sally Wheeler, Jake Heffington, Kyle Lassiter, Amanda Chambers, Laura Gibson, Callie Rawlins, Kelsey Schmitt and Andrew Kerhoulas. **Photo by Matt Keener**

On Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., the Highlands School National Beta Club chapter was proud to induct nine new members. Freshmen; Taylor Stinson, Sally Wheeler, Jake Heffington, Kyle Lassiter, sophomores; Amanda Chambers, Laura Gibson, junior; Callie Rawlins, and seniors; Kelsey Schmitt and Andrew Kerhoulas. They earned their spots as Beta members by achieving 93 average or above in all of their first semester classes. In order to remain in the club, they must maintain a cumulative average of 90 with no grade falling below an 85.

Kayla McCall, Beta Club president, began the candlelight ceremony by lighting the white candle of truth.

Also participating in the ceremony was McKenzie Thompson, vice president, Alex Osteen, secretary, Iyali Ruiz, treasurer, and Chase Jenkins, member.

The motto of Beta Club is "lead by serving others." Highlands School members are required to serve 21 hours of community service per year. This year, the club has performed fund-raisers for muscular dystrophy patients, donated gifts to Toys for Tots and Angel Tree organizations, and have organized a party for the Highlands chapter of Junior Beta.

Senior members, Iyali Ruiz and McKenzie Thompson were nominated for National Beta Club scholarships.

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class, and I did not like it. Also, according to a block schedule survey I read there is a general agreement that math, foreign languages, and AP courses, as well as music, are less successful in the block schedule than other courses. I also prefer our traditional calendar because it gives high school students a longer summer vacation. I believe that the majority of our high school students have some type of summer employment, and I know that summer jobs are extremely important to most students."

Bomengen said she offered the calendar change options because many families take their children out of school for family vacation time. Another reason, she said, is Highlands' unique local economy. The administration felt there was reason for the community to be interested in changes in the school calendar.

Bomengen said the inspiration for the block schedule change was suggested because of three primary reasons:

1. The ITV classes offered through Southwestern Community College work better with a block schedule;

2. The block will make it possible for students to be able to go to Franklin High School for vocational courses not offered at Highlands (Franklin is on the block schedule), and

3. students will be able to earn 8 credits per year instead of the 7 they currently earn on the traditional 7-period day schedule.

In the final voting results for schedule changes, 40% of parents were in favor of a 7-period day for High School, 39% were in favor of the 4 X 4 block schedule and 21% had no preference. In the final voting results for faculty and staff, 44% were in favor of 7-period day for High School, 36% were in favor of the 4 X 4 block schedule and 13% had no preference. In student voting results, 65% were in favor of the 4 X 4 block schedule for High School, and 35% were in favor of a 7-period day for High School.

In the final voting results for

calendar changes, 44% of parents were in favor of the Traditional Calendar, 45% were in favor of the Compromise Calendar and 11% were in favor of the Balanced Calendar. In the final voting results for faculty and staff, 49% were in favor of the Traditional Calendar, 40% were in favor of the Compromise Calendar and 11% were in favor of the Balanced Calendar.

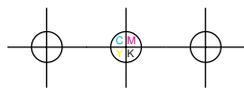
In student voting results, 60% were in favor of the Compromise Calendar, 37% were in favor of the Traditional Calendar and 3% were in favor of the Balanced Calendar.

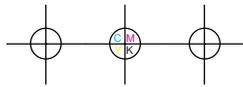
Upper classmen help under classmen with Math calculation



Jane DeWolf's highschool Tech-Math students recently helped Joy Archer's 5th graders with their project on polyhedrons. the students were instructed to make towns out of the simple shapes. These 'polyhedronvilles' are constructed to specific measurements out of paper. the Tech-math students helped their underclassmen with construction, measurement and building of their polyhedronvilles.

Photo by Jane DeWolf





Who wears that anyway?

By Catlin Huitt & McKenzie Thompson
12th Grade

Trends come and go as fast as you can say, "Who wears that anyway?" To be able to wear Versace, Armani, and Prada everyday would be a luxury, to say the least. But, unfortunately, the mass majority has neither the money to spend nor the occasion to wear those clothes.

Fashion always proves itself to be a vicious cycle. Sweaters and scarves fill stores during the winter season, but on the day after Christmas cold weather gear hits the sale rack. On December 26, the shelves of shops are stocked with springtime garments, even though it won't be warm enough to wear these clothes for months.

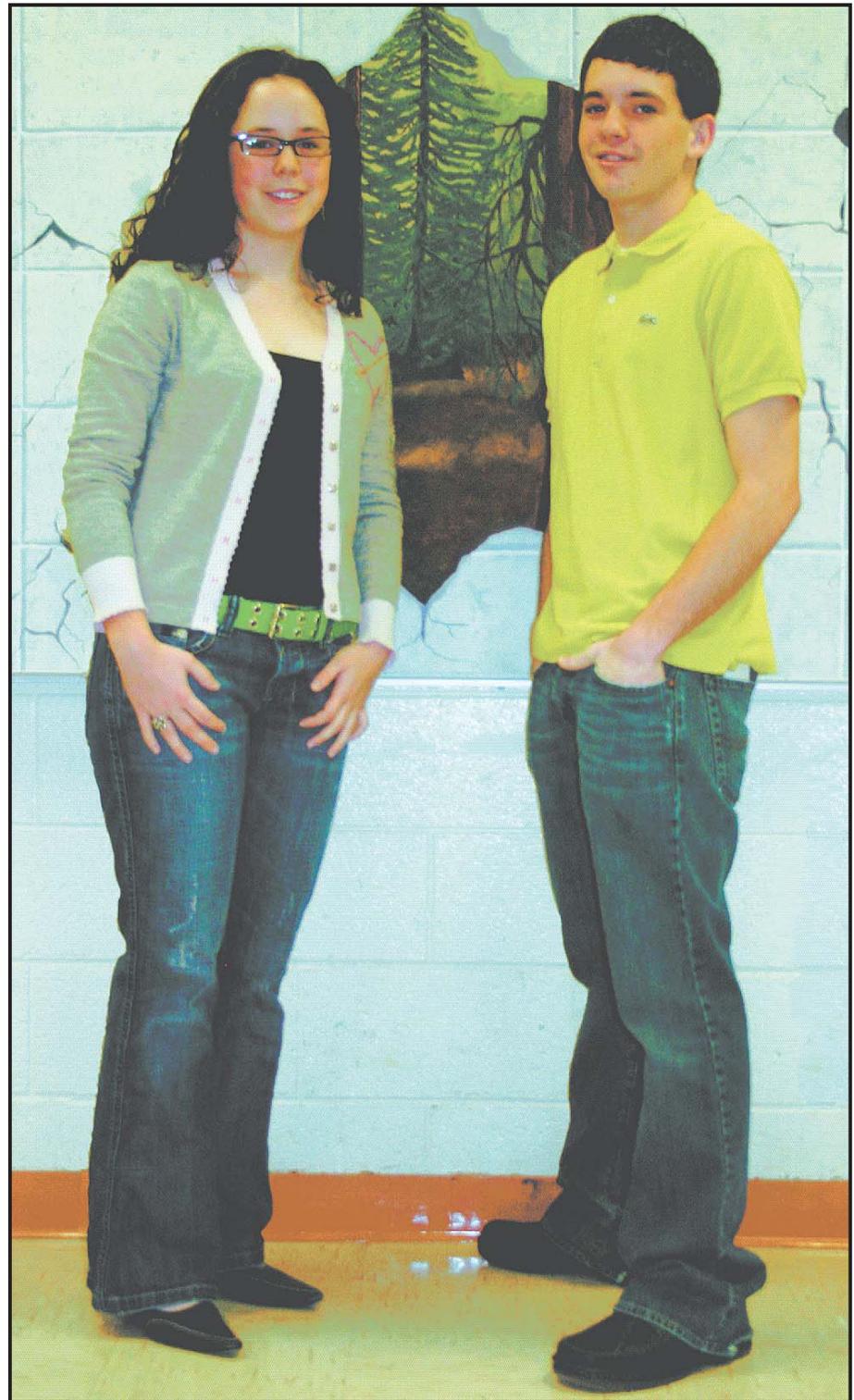
Lucy Herz, whose mother Anna Herz owns Annawear ladies' apparel shop, is known around school for her funky fashions. Herz has the ability to put vintage and retro together, and still walk out the door looking sensible. Most would say that Herz has a casual urban style, but in her words it is, "funky, eclectic, and original." She enjoys wearing blue jeans with "funky" tops and mounds of accessories. Herz said, "The way I dress is somewhat self-expression, but mainly it's what I like."

Ryan Bears, whose father Harry Bears owns Xtreme Threads, sports some of the best guys' attire in the junior class. Bears attains a laid-back, preppy look by shopping at stores such as Express, Champs, American Eagle, and Abercrombie & Fitch.

There is more than meets the eye to these two fashionable young people. Lucy is a sophomore and already has a very busy schedule. She is involved in basketball, soccer, band, Student Government, Beta-club, and her favorite activity, piano. Lucy will be traveling to France for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. In two years she would like to attend either Columbia University in New York, New York University, or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ryan is very involved, as well. He is an awesome basketball player. Ryan also plays varsity soccer, is an active member of the Interact club, and plays baseball, one of his favorite sports. He plans to finish his high school career and would like to attend the University of Florida in Gainesville or the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

These teens don't only dress well but are also very involved in their school and community.



Lucy Herz and Ryan Bears show off their individual styles. Herz is dressed in an outfit suitable for winter or spring, wearing blue jeans, a grey cardigan, and black pumps. Bears is sporting jeans and a brightly colored Polo Tee, appropriate for year-round weather.

Photo by McKenzie Thompson



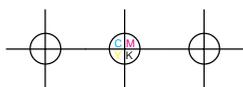
Matt-Man Makeover: coming soon

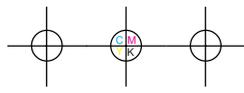
Matt Man Keener is one of the most well-known students at Highlands School. Although everyone adores the kid, a few of the girls noticed that he needed some help with his fashion sense. Catlin Huitt and McKenzie Thompson have devised a

plan to makeover Matt.

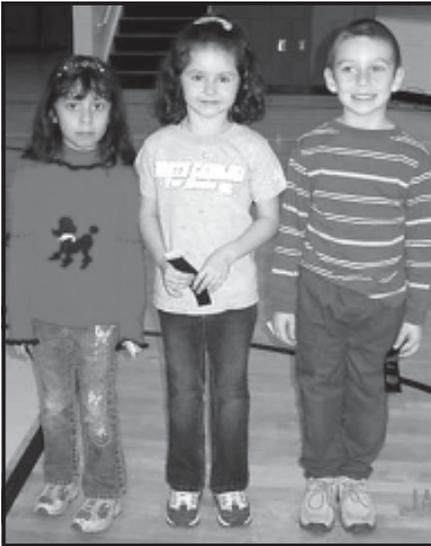
Pictured to the left is the Keen Bean. He dressed himself on the day the photo was taken.

Check next month's issue to see the final product. Will he be stud? or dud?





Perfect Attendance Awards



Mrs. McClellan's Kindergarten Perfect Attendance are: Sandra Garcia, Megan Vinson, and Tucker Johnson.

Photo by Carol Bowen



Mrs. Chalker's Great Beginnings Perfect Attendance are: Chance Gilbert and Benjamin Miller.

Photo by Carol Bowen



Mrs. Baker's First Grade Perfect Attendance are: Katie Potts (front row, left to right), Carrie McClure, Allie Wilkes, Carter Potts, Michael Beck (Second row, left to right), Whitney Billingsley, Chase Grant, and Jesse Machucca.

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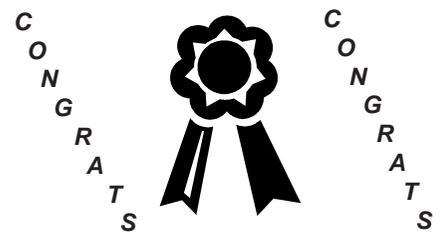
Mrs. West's Fourth Grade Perfect Attendance are: Chase Flowers (front row, left), Will Arajuo, Clay Tuccicaselli, Joey Owens, Rebecca Johnson (Second row, left), Lindsey Wagner, Skyler Wagner, and Sydney Wagner.

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Mrs. Hedden's Second Grade Perfect Attendance are: Allie Bolt, Preston Chastain, Sandra Garcia, Adrienne McCall, and Kyle McMann.

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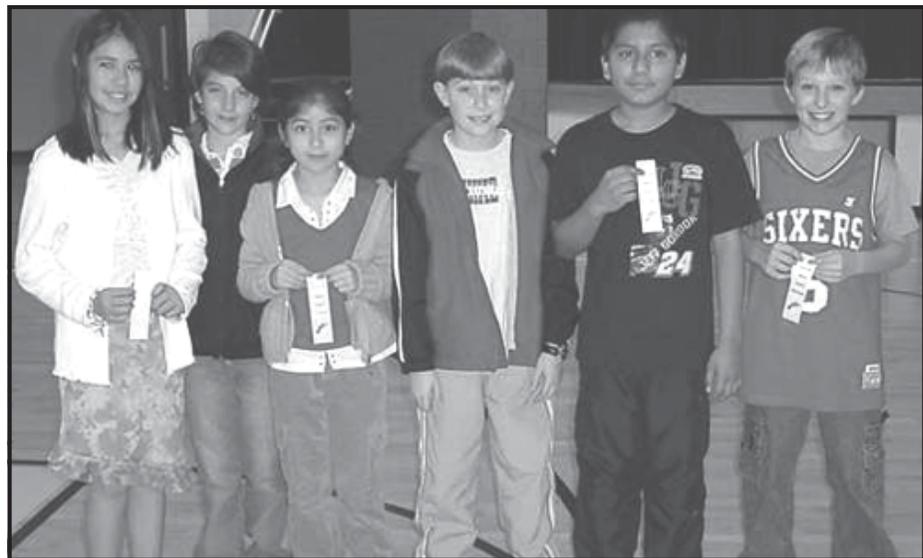


Left: Mrs. Miller's Second Grade Perfect Attendance are: Tanner Stephens and Kassie Vinson.

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Right: Fifth Grade Perfect Attendance are: Kimberly Machucca, Emily Munger, Yanet Rangel, Dylon Tucker, Felipe Ruiz, and Cody St. Germain.

Photo by Carol Bowen



Highlands Varsity spans the kittens from Cashiers



Jason Aspinwall fires a jump-shot over a Blue Ridge defender last Friday night. The sophomore Highlander had a whopping 21 points, setting an all-time high score for himself this season and making him lead scorer of the game. The Highlanders beat the Bobcats 89-43.

Photo by McKenzie Thompson

**By: Matt Keener
12th Grade**

Deafening cheers were all you could hear as the seniors were recognized at the Highlands vs. Blue Ridge game last Friday night.

The Lady Highlanders started the night off right demolishing the Blue Ridge Bobcats in a triumphant score of 52-27.

Senior Captains Kayla McCall and Angela Aspinwall dominated their last regular season game of their high school career with 18 points and 10 points, respectively.

The crowd cheered as the two senior girls walked off the court with about two minutes left. Kayla and Angela shared their tears and memories as the team embraced them.

Kayla McCall and Angela Aspinwall and cheerleaders Kelsey Schmitt, Iyali

Ruiz, and Brooke Fowler were all recognized for being senior athletes.

The five senior boys were recognized as they were called out for the starting lineup.

Jeremy Keener, Matt Keener, Allen Shearl, Andrew Kerhoulas, and Matt Rice all took roses to their parents before taking the floor for the game.

Highlands's seniors jumped out to take the lead but Blue Ridge was ready for them.

The seniors had to take a rest but were ready for the second half and every senior scored. Jeremy Keener 2, Matt Keener 8, Allen Shearl 11, Andrew Kerhoulas 10, and Matt Rice with 10.

The senior boys got a standing ovation as they were taken out one by one.

Highlands won in good fashion, with a score of 89-43.



Photo by Catlin Huitt

Name: Andrew "Trout" Kerhoulas
Age: 18
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 165lbs
Position: Center
Average points per game: 7.6 ppg
Favorite game this season: Rabun Gap
College Plans: Asbury College
Why do you play? I enjoy it

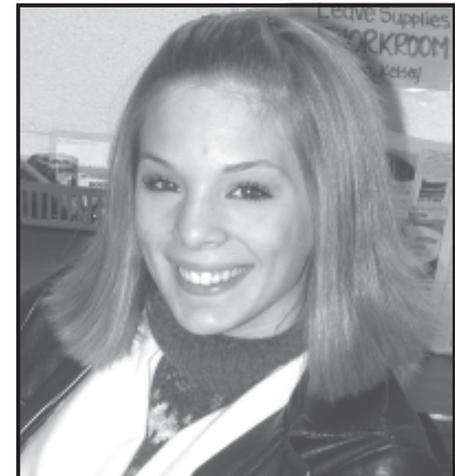


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Name: Kelsey Schmitt
Age: 18
Height: 5'9"
Weight: 103lbs
Stunting Position: flyer
How many years involved: 6
Favorite cheer: High pride!
College plans: 4 yr. university
Why do you cheer? Because I love it!

Highlands plays first Conference Tournament

By: Matt Keener 12th Grade

In the Smokey Mountain Conference Tournaments held Tuesday, February 15, the Lady Highlanders faced the Nantahala Hawks.

If the girls lost this game they would have to hope that Hiwassee Dam beats Nantahala in the finals. If Hiwassee succeeded in winning the tournament then Highlands would be the second seed in the state playoffs.

Nantahala came out strong and got an early lead but the Lady Highlanders were not going to let them win easily.

Highlands fought back with a

combination of outside shooting by Toni Schmitt, who had 21 points and inside plays by Kayla McCall and Angela Aspinwall.

The teams swapped lead changes in the second half. Then Highlands took a 7 point lead and tried to hold it, but due to fouls by the Highlanders, Nantahala was right back in the game.

With Nantahala up by one point and under a minute to go, Nantahala threw the ball in and tried pushing it up the court but Captain Kayla McCall stepped up and took a charge.

The Lady Highlanders were pumped up after the play by McCall and with just 30

seconds to go the Highlanders worked the ball around to find a shot. The ball was passed to Keri Raby standing on the three point line. Keri shot with just five seconds left but it hit rim and missed.

Nantahala won 41-40. It was a tough loss for the Lady Highlanders but they hope that Hiwassee Dam beats Nantahala so Highlands can still go to state.

The final game of the night was Nantahala boys versus number one seed Highlands boys.

This was no contest when Highlands took a 34-4 lead in the first quarter.

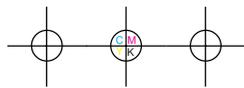
Nantahala came back in the second

quarter scoring 14 points while Highlands' boys were held to 14 points. Halftime score was 48-18.

The Highlanders knew they had to play tough and held Nantahala to 8 points while scoring 27 points. The Highlanders won in a dominating fashion, 95-47.

Highlands was led by sophomore Alec Schmitt with 18 points and seniors Allen Shearl and Matt Keener who had 14 and 13 points.

Highlands will play Thursday at 8:00 pm against the Hiwassee Dam Eagles for the Conference Championship and first seed in the state playoffs.



Artattack After school art class for students in grades 4 - 8

Wednesday 3:15-4:15

This is a class designed for students in grades 4 through 8 who want to "do art." The students will work in mixed media including: painting, printmaking, graphics, cartooning, clay, 3-D design, fabric and textile. There will be an emphasis on the purpose of art in society, a focus on some of the different forms art takes, and how the visual art affect us. Each student's individual creativity and style will be encouraged. Bus transportation from Highlands School to the Bascom-Louise Gallery will be provided for this class.

High School Art Workshops Tuesdays 4:30-5:30

This is a class designed for high school students who are interested in discovering, exploring, experimenting and stretching their creative abilities. The emphasis of this class will be personal growth. Whether you "can't draw a straight line" or are working on portfolio submissions for college, this class is designed to stimulate your personal creativity and ability to communicate artistically through the visual arts. Students will be introduced to a medium, given a subject matter, and then be encouraged to work through the process of self-expression.

It's Masterful! Art classes for home-schooled students. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 1 - 3

This class will be held during the school day. Its purpose is to enhance the academic educational process through art, working closely with the foundational principles of home school education. The use of the Bascom-Louise Gallery's art educational facility and library will help to enhance the student's artistic experience. The heart of the curriculum will be centered on the influence of "The Masters." This class is open to students from first grade through high school. Class size and age grouping will be determined by need. Each class will have a short lesson on a specific artist followed by a creative project. Instruction and experimentation with different mediums will be the core of this class. Each student will be encouraged to work independently at his or her age and experience level. There will also be a take-home portfolio that the students will work on, independent of the actual class time.

Artventure Art for Children in Kindergarten and First Grade

Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15

This class is for kindergarten and first graders, and is designed to inspire joy, confidence and pride in the art that is produced. The child will have the fun of learning about paint, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, pastels, papier-mâché, fabric, and clay. They will be taught that these products can be manipulated to produce a desired two- or three-dimensional effect. Not only will their work be inspired by their personal experiences, observation, or imagination, this class will also include an awareness of environment and the influence of other cultures that are around them. Bus transportation from Highlands School to the Bascom-Louise Gallery will be provided for this class.

Little Stars Art for Preschool children - Starting Sept. 28

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30

The Bascom-Louise Gallery is excited to be offering a new art program for preschool children. This is a wonderful opportunity to broaden the children's experience by a hands-on, age appropriate introduction to the visual arts. The children will be acquainted with the Gallery's permanent and temporary exhibits. This will be a chance to experience personal observation and expression and to learn how artists communicate thoughts and feelings through art. They will then make their own inspired special art. The children will have the chance to work with mixed media, learning the artistic process of using paints, pastels, fabrics, and clay.

Parent and child Wednesday 11-12

Wednesday 11-12

This is a delightful time for pre-school children, age 2 to kindergarten, and parents to "play" together. Parent and child will enjoy the creation process of a start-to-finish project, which will delight the eyes and heart. The child will also begin to learn how to use the "tools of art," safely and with respect. This is a fun mixed media class that will bring out the child in everyone.

Each class is \$5 • Call the Gallery at 526-4949 to register
Scholarships available



New faces in HCP's 'Stepping Out'

Several new performers have stepped forward for *Stepping Out*, the current play of the Highlands Community Players, scheduled to open March 3. Along with five HCP "old-timers," the five newcomers have learned tap dancing steps as well as their lines for this good-natured comedy about an adult tap dancing class consisting of seven women and one man.

That one man is Justin Taylor, who plays the part of Geoffrey, a fellow of few words in a class of few women! Though new to the Community Players, Justin is a graduate of Highlands High School and performed in "Mame," the 2000 senior class play. And though new to tap dancing, he is experienced in ballroom dancing. Justin keeps fit and earns his livelihood as a personal trainer at Mountain Fitness in Highlands.

Among the women in the cast new to HCP is Nancy Reeder. She has appeared in one other play, a Pennsylvania community theater production of *I Remember Mama*. After many years teaching in elementary school, Nancy is currently utilizing her dramatic talent as storyteller and as a coach for teachers in storytelling and writing techniques to use with their students. Nancy is working on a master's degree in storytelling from East Tennessee State University, living in Franklin with her friend Lonnie Busch, an artist and writer.

Bonnie Earman is performing for the first time on the stage. (Her son Taylor made his debut with HCP last summer in *The Sunshine Boys*.) Bonnie is active in many town organizations, including the Mountain Garden Club, Leadership Highlands Governing Board, and Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau. She is co-chair of the upcoming Beetle Ball, a benefit for the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance to help finance the

acquisition of ladybird beetles to consume the infamous woolly adelgids that are attacking our hemlocks. A longtime resident of Highlands, Bonnie is the Visitor Center Director for Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

Another new actress is Catlin Huitt, a senior at Highlands High School. She is originally from Anderson, SC, but now lives in Sapphire. In addition to her high school classes, she is taking college level courses at Southwestern Community College and hopes to attend Clemson University next fall.

Caroline Wilder has done a bit of acting in school plays, but this is her first time performing in community theater. A native of North Carolina, she lived for a number of years in Atlanta where she earned an MBA degree from Georgia State University and worked for a time with Swan Antiques. She lives in Cashiers with her husband Frank Wilder of Mountain Realty and works as a fourth-fifth grade teaching assistant at the Summit Charter School.

New to HCP, Jenny King is acting, not on stage, but in the key backstage position of stage manager. Jenny became a full time resident of Highlands in 1990, moving here from the North Carolina coast. She is now happily on the staff of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, having sold her business, Highlands Whole Life Supply in 2004. She now has her weekends off to spend with her partner Robert and their new puppy Mica.

All these new performers as well as the rest of the cast, Ronnie Spilton, Misty Thomas, Ginny Harris, Sue Feldkamp, and Mary Adair Leslie, will be performing March 3-6 and March 12 and 13, in the comedy *Stepping Out* at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Highlands. Call 828-526-8084 for reservations.

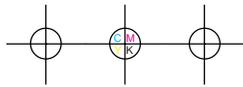


Bonnie Earman



Huitt & Wilder





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France had lent considerable support to the American Revolutionary War effort, but by the late 1790s the revolutionary French government and the U.S. came close to war. The "Quasi-War Crisis" as it was called, was the excuse for the Federalists to pass the Alien and Sedition Acts that curtailed civil liberties. "The Sedition Act, a naked step toward silencing the opposition press, was the most oppressive of the four measures. It provided for fines up to \$5,000 and jail terms of up to five years for those who uttered or published 'any false, scandalous, and malicious' statement against the US government or its officials." Coming so soon after the fight over the Bill of Rights this convinced many that the Federalists were not interested in democracy.

The Whiskey Rebellion was the other crisis. In 1794 farmers rebelled against the new federal tax on whiskey and refused to pay. The federal government used the army to attack its own citizens, with President George Washington at the head. This was too much like British colonial repression so soon after the Revolution and it scared many people.

The election of 1800, between Federalist John Adams (who was President) and Republican Thomas Jefferson (who was Vice President) was surprisingly not unlike today's campaigns, filled with negativity and surrogates spreading slander.

An essayist in the pay of the Republicans depicted Adams as a warmonger and a "poor old man who was in his dotage" (i.e. senile). Washington was a liar who longed to be a dictator. Alexander Hamilton (first Treasury Secretary) was "the Judas Iscariot of our country" who was a monarchist willing to sell out the U.S. to Great Britain.

The Federalists charged that Jefferson was a dangerous radical whose head was filled with a "stock of visionary nonsense." They depicted him as a "howling atheist" and an "infidel" who would definitely bring on a decline of moral values. People were warned to hide their Bibles should Jefferson be elected, and that

his election would bring down the wrath of God (does any of this sound familiar?).

If you think the election of 2000 was a mess, you have never heard of the fiasco of 1800—both courtesy of our bizarre Electoral College. Originally the Constitution arranged for each elector to vote for two people. The person who received the most votes would become president and the second-runner-up vice-president, even if the two men were in complete disagreement about political issues.

In 1800 both parties nominated two men. The two Republicans tied at 73, ahead of the Federalists who had 65 and 64. The Constitution directed that in the event of a tie the election went to the House of Representatives where each state delegation would get one vote. To win, one of the candidates had to obtain the votes of nine states (of sixteen). The Republicans had a majority in eight state delegations and the Federalists controlled six. The other two were split evenly between the parties.

The Federalists were the majority party and considered using this power to stall the vote until after the inauguration date of March 4. In that case the new Congress would not convene until the end of the year (Congress only met for three or four months during the winter), so the country would have been without a president until that time! In the meantime a Federalist would wield executive power—either the president pro tempore of the Senate or the Speaker of the House. Luckily wiser heads prevailed and this gambit was not tried. It took 36 votes over four days and a lot of behind the scenes maneuvering before Thomas Jefferson was finally selected as the country's third president.

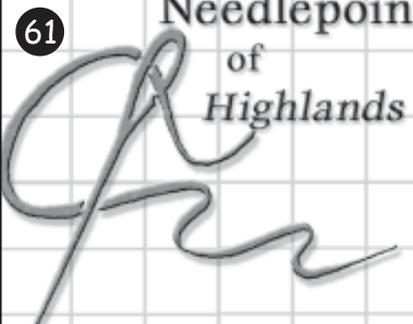
Jefferson's inauguration in 1801 was the cause for great celebration because "power was being transferred bloodlessly that day from one party to another that stood for distinctly different principles, an occurrence virtually without precedence. For many this day was nothing less than the consummation of the American Revolution."

The disaster of 1800 sparked a movement to amend the Constitution to change the Electoral College, which was done in time for the next presidential election. People of the generation that wrote the Constitution were clearly not afraid to amend it.

Andrew Moravesik, professor of politics at Princeton University, recently wrote, "No country has copied the United States Constitution for a half-century." I don't know if this is true or not, but I imagine it has something to do with our Constitution's strange state's rights compromises, legacy of our colonial and slavery history, that give more

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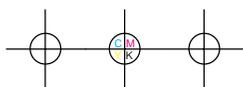
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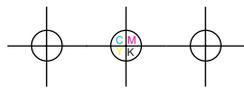
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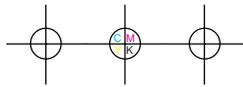
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A new edition of Highlands history

Faraway Publishing will release the second edition of local historian Randolph Shaffner's *Heart of the Blue Ridge: Highlands, N.C.*, on Monday, Feb. 21.

Apart from updating the period since 2001, when the first edition appeared, this second edition has grown to include many new illustrations and 60 more pages. "If you think it's a big book," Ran quips, "you should see what I had to leave out! Maybe you didn't know Highlands was that big."

In 2002 the first edition of *Heart of the Blue Ridge* won the History Award, given by the North Carolina Society of Historians. At that time the Society credited the author with having done "an exemplary job of bringing the history of the area alive through the mastery of literary technique."

The North Carolina Historical Review concluded, "Packed with archival photographs, this well-written narrative chronicles Highlands' development and evokes the town's charm. With the author's exhaustive attention to all details, from the smallest to the largest, the book will undoubtedly become the definitive history of Highlands, N.C."

Howard Alley, a descendent of pioneering families of Macon and Jackson counties, remarked, "Having grown up under the spell of my father's accounts of the unique people and places of Highlands, N. C., Ran's book was in a sense like being introduced in person to numerous friends and relatives of my

ancestors, along with their homes and business establishments."

And recalling her early years in Highlands during the 1920s and 30s, June Thompson Medlin wrote, "Read your book from kiver to kiver and loved every minute of it."

Among the 82 new illustrations included in the second edition are W. B. Cleaveland's drawing of Highlands around 1880, a photograph accompanying a history of the Shortoff Baptist Church, the Reeses

caddying at Highlands Country Club, the Masonic Lodge soon after its construction in 1893, the excruciatingly narrow ledge to Whiteside Cave, the Satulah stone house and fire tower, Rustic-cabin-builder Joe Webb, pioneer physician Dr. Charles Frost, poets Butler and Bess Harkins, civic leader Steve Potts, golfer Bobby Jones, teacher Annie Pierson, and many pictures by the well-known photographer George Masa.

Ran claims this second edition will be his last. He calls it "an 11-year love affair with the homeland of my heart," which he has valued not only for the facts he has collected and the personalities he has been able to record and preserve but also for the people he has met and interviewed and the unique stories they have told, fascinating as well as humorous. The book is available at Cyrano's bookshop in Highlands, for \$24.95 where the author is always available for autographing.



Author, Ran Shaffner

'Chili & Salsa Cook-off' set for March 5

The annual Highlands Chili Cook-off and Salsa Contest will be held on Sat., March 5 at the Highlands Conference Center from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m.

Cost for the event is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce located above the Town Hall. Ticket price includes chili, salsa, beverages, and the band for the evening.

Entrants to the contest are admitted free. They receive a complimentary participation gift and need to bring plenty of "product" and everything

needed to display the food. Winners will be named in the following categories: Chili — Best Overall; Hottest; Best Traditional; and Best Non-Traditional; Salsa — Best Overall; Best Fruit; Most Unusual; Best Dressed Chef and Best Presentation.

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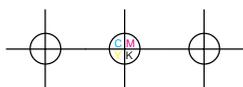
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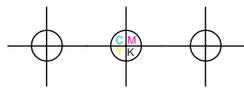
want to develop their property and want to hook on to the town's water and sewer lines that run out to the hospital."

He said if the town annexed just the roadway — that area between the two white lines — no one would feel threatened. "And those who want to be annexed can do it voluntarily and those

who don't want to don't have to."

At the Feb. 28 land use planning committee meeting facilitator Geoffrey Willett with the N.C. League of Municipalities will give a lesson on the ETJ and annexation.





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power to small states and count some humans as less than a complete person. I do know the U.S. Constitution was a great leap forward for humanity, but that does not mean that it's the best and only way to organize a government for all time. Societies evolve as do all living things, and so should the social contract that binds us together.

The winner of the 1800 election agreed. To quote the Library of Con-

gress website (www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/0004/jefferson.html): "As an idealist, Jefferson supported the concept of a continuing revolution and the importance of individual and state rights, which are illustrated by his Nov. 13, 1787, letter to William Smith in which he wrote, 'The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure.'"

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form of protection," he said.

Tug Wa Ridge developer David Bock said he understood Commissioner Patterson's concern but said through annexation the town has some sort of control. "Development outside the town is going to happen," he said. "Isn't it better for the town to have some sort of control? The county has so little control."

Patterson said evoking Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) is a way of having control through zoning without

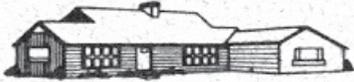
annexing property the town has to support and service.

But Commissioner James said if the town is going to have control over an area they should annex it. He also suggested increasing lot size requirements to keep density low.

Commissioner Hank Ross said without annexation Highlands risks rampant development right outside its borders without zoning.

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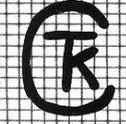

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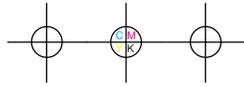


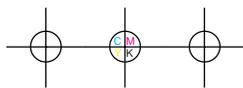
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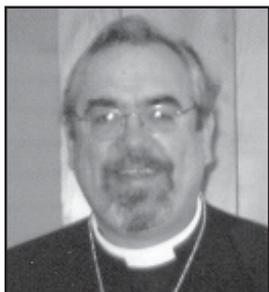
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Or we put our trust in economic gurus and stock market wizards who tell how and when and where to invest our funds in order to protect our future.

Or we put our trust in the machinery of war; the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, etc., to protect and provide, to secure a safe and satisfying tomorrow.

Or, perhaps, we put our trust in nothing but ourselves; trusting no one, relying upon no one, taking care of our people and our business without any outside interference.

Or maybe, just maybe, we have learned to put our trust in God, and God alone.

Martin Luther, in his Large Catechism, says that, "A 'god' is the term for that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in all need. Therefore to have a god is nothing else than to trust and believe in that one with your whole heart. . . Anything on which your heart relies and depends, I say, that is really your God."

A good question for all of us to meditate upon during this season of Lent is this, "What is my God?" What is it that my heart "relies and depends on"? To what do I look for "good"? In what do I take "refuge"?

The answer to this question is not an easy one. We can quite confusedly attend the services of worship in the Church or Synagogue of our choice, speak conventional and orthodox sentiments concerning God and religious duty, and believe with our conscious minds in the appropriate God; without actually believing in and trusting God with our future.

It's like when I was a teenager on the farm. Daddy had me repair the floor in the hayloft in the barn. I did it as quickly as possible and told him I was through. He asked me if I did a good job. I said yes. He said, "Are you willing to walk on the floor you fixed?" I said yes. Then he asked "Are you willing to jump up and down on the floor you fixed?" I had to think about that a minute and had to admit I wasn't. He told me to go back and work on it until I was willing to jump up and down on it.

Fortunately, we don't have to build the floor God asks us to stand on. God is already there, the sure foundation, the solid rock. The question is what level of trust do we have in that floor? Do we trust God? Or do we trust governments, and stock markets and armies and careers?

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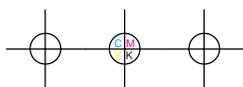
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Feb. 18

• Kidk-off of ITC's Firdays "Evenings of Little Entertainments" at The Instant Theatre Company's studio at 310 Oak Square, 8 p.m., pre-show music begins at 7:45 p.m. Admission \$15, adults only, sold at the door. No admittance after the show begins. For reservations call 342-9197. Enjoy music, improv, storytelling, one-act plays, monologues and more.

Feb. 20

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5 mile hike on the Tessentee Farm loop trail through woods and farm fields. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

Feb. 21

• Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

● POLICE & FIRE REPORTS ●

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Feb. 10-14. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Feb. 10

• At 10:10 p.m., officers responded to an accident at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont. There were no injuries.

Feb. 11

• At 9 a.m., an open window was reported at a home on Satulah Road. All was secure.

• At 1 p.m., a piece of jewelry reported lost was returned to its owner.

Feb. 12

• At 2:30 p.m., officers helped with a funeral escort.

• At 5 p.m., children stranded on an island in Harris Lake were rescued by Highlands Fire & Rescue.

Feb. 14

• At 10:45 a.m., a resident reported receiving harassing phone calls. The phone company has been notified.

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a home on Ravenal Ridge. All was secure.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Feb. 10-15

Feb. 10

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Buck Creek Road. There was no transport.

Feb. 11

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

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

Feb. 12

• The dept. responded to a rescue call of two boys stranded on an island in Harris Lake. That had floated to the island in a cement mixing box they found at a construction site. It took in too much water. Took dept. boat and brought them to shore.

Feb. 14

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N.4th St. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 15

• The dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly Fire Dept. for a fire alarm activation. No problem was found.

● UPCOMING EVENTS ●

March 5

• The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation is sponsoring a Flying Solo, a seminar for area singles Sat., March 5, from 10-3. Flying Solo founder, Dr. Kay Collier McLaughlin, a psychologist with specialties in group development, issues of singleness and bereavement counseling, will present a program in the parish hall. It's \$5 and includes lunch. Call 526-2968.

• Chili CookOff and Salsa Contest at the Highlands Conference Center from 6:30-9:30 p.m. \$20 per person for chili, salsa and beer. Tickets available at the Visitor Center. For more info, call 526-5841.

March 10 & 12

• Beekeeping School for Beginners will be held two days – Thursday from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the N.C. Extension Office in Franklin. To register, call at 526-2385.

March 12

• Macon County Republican convention at Franklin high school.

at the Civic Center.

Feb. 21-23

• Tickets go on sale for Highlands Community Players "Stepping Out." Season Subscribers – Feb. 21 & 22; General Public, Feb. 23 at PAC. Call 526-8084.

Feb. 25

• Senior Citizens Lunch at the Civic Center at noon. For those 50 years old and up! Donations accepted.

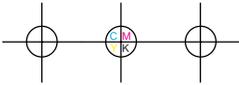
• Deadline to register and pay for the American Red Cross Adult CPR with AED and Infant/Child CPR course set for Tues. March 1, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Health Dept. Call 349-2439.

Feb. 28

• The Literacy Council is sponsoring a creative writing class Monday nights, from 5 to 7:30, It's free and for 6th-12th grades. Call 526-9938 ext 240.

March 3-6 & 12-13

• Highlands Community Players presents "Stepping Out" at PAC. Call 526-8084.



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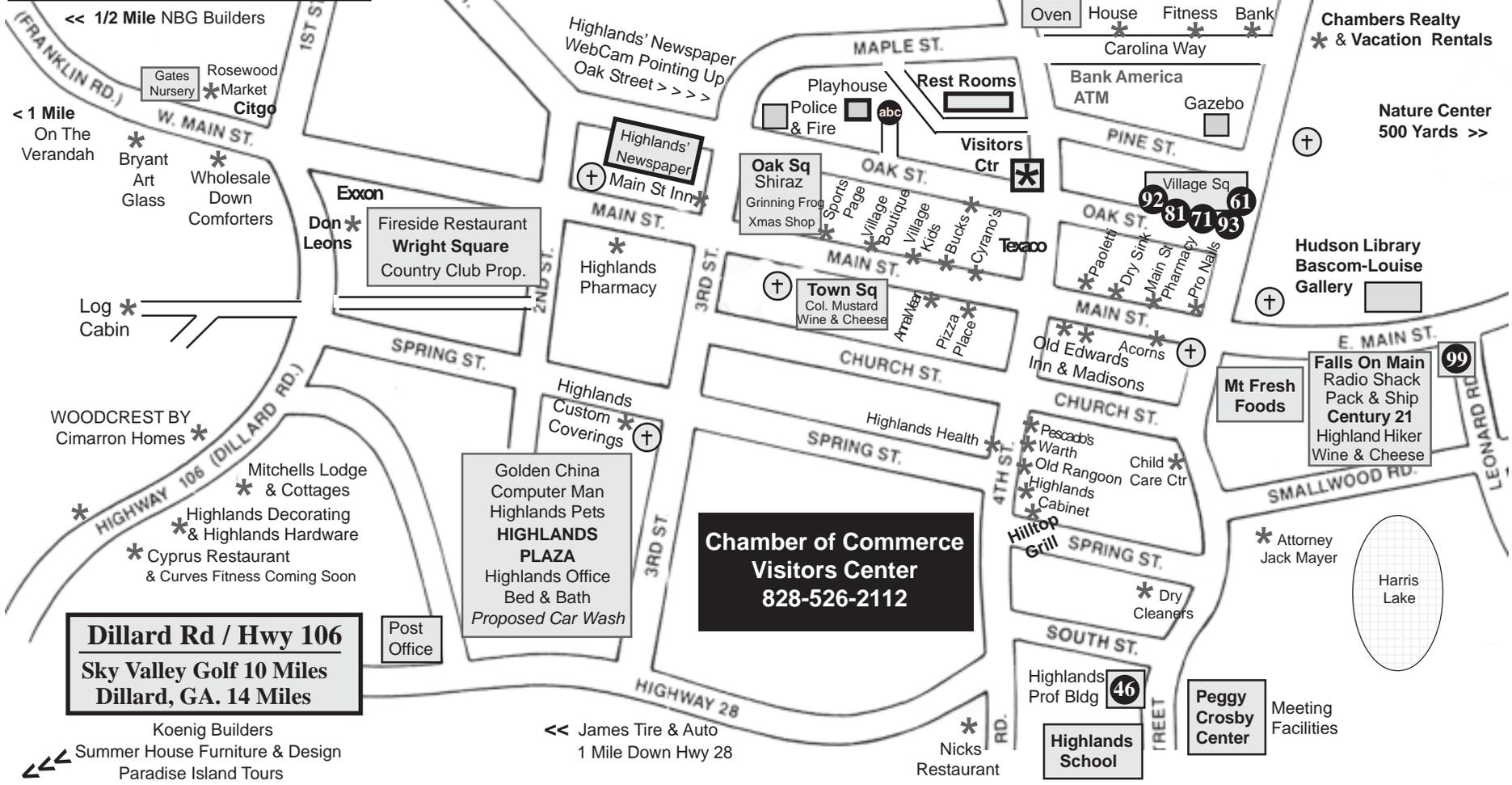
Mountain Fresh Foods
Gourmet Selection - Main & 5th St.

<<< WATERFALLS
 Cullasaja Falls 9 Miles
 Bust Your Butt Falls 7 Miles
 Cliffside Lake 6 Miles
 Dry Falls 3 Miles
 Bridal Veil Falls 2 Miles

<<< FRANKLIN, N.C.
 Franklin Rd. Hwy 64w 18 Miles
 The Fun Factory
 Whistlestop Antique Mall

Highlands Playhouse
 presents:
"Too Marvelous For Words"
June 24 - July 10
Box Office on Oak Street
828-526-2695

Highlands Wine & Cheese
 Falls on Main
 By Bottle or Glass



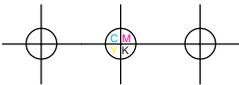
Dillard Rd / Hwy 106
Sky Valley Golf 10 Miles
Dillard, GA. 14 Miles

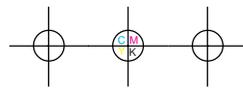
**Chamber of Commerce
 Visitors Center**
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Dustys Market
**We Cut The
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 Hwy. 106 - Dillard Rd.
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 March 3-6, 12, 13
 Performing Arts
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GREAT LOCATION!

Cute two bedroom cottage in the mirror lake area, just a short walk from Main Street, move in condition! Offered at \$250,000



"THE BEST WATERFALL SETTING IN HIGHLANDS SPRINGS AND FALLS"

This very private home in Highlands Springs and Falls looks right at the beautiful waterfall. The home sits on 2 3/4 +/- acres which includes an extra lot for privacy or to build a guest home on. The home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, all on one level. The split floor plan with large master bedroom and bath on one end and 2 bedrooms and a bath on the other offers plenty of privacy. The living room has beautiful dark stained pine floors with a very nice rock fireplace, The commercial kitchen with stainless appliances will bring out the gourmet chef in you and your guests. Covered deck to enjoy the waterfall from. If you are looking for a special water setting close in to town, this home is a must see. Offered at \$995,000.



TRILLIUM PLACE

Walk to town. Stream off back property line. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, excellent condition. Offered at \$349,900.



WYANOAK DRIVE

Great weekend or year around home! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath sits on a nice lot with small yard to enjoy. One level living with 2 car garage and real stone fireplace. Full unfinished basement. Excellent location and reasonably priced at \$319,000.



GREAT FAMILY RETREAT IN THE MOUNTAINS!

Custom designed and built post & beam home located in the gated community of Rocky Knob in Scaly Mountain, NC. Beautiful 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath home with 2nd family room and office. Plenty of decks and porches to enjoy the mountain views and native evergreens. Deeded access to Lake Osage, just a short walk from home. Large open kitchen with custom cabinets and granite\countertops. 2-car garage. Generator. Property adjoins USFS with plenty of hiking. ML#54679. Priced at only \$975,000.



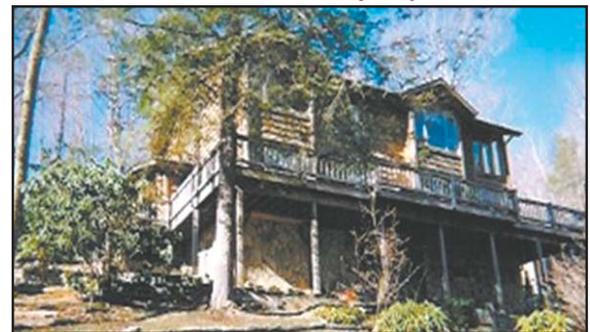
7 ACRE ESTATE

With spectacular vistas. Three bedrooms, 3 baths plus den, guesthouse, multiple additional septic approvals, 34-gal per minute well, unzoned for a multitude of possibilities. Offered at \$1,300,000 or \$895,000 with 1.7 acres.



SAGEE MOUNTAIN

This 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath sits on a lovely gentle lot with a spectacular view of Fodderstack Mountain, Horse Cove below, and miles and Miles into South Carolina and Georgia. Designed by local Architect Dennis Dewolf, the dwelling features a large living room with vaulted ceilings, wood floors, and fireplace. Master features his and her baths, and opens onto a small deck to the view. Lower level has additional fireplace and rec. room and large two-car garage. Offered at \$1,429,000 unfurnished, and listed exclusively with our office. HCC Membership available at current rate. Membership requirements.



UNIQUE WITH A CONTEMPORARY FLAIR

This 3 bedroom, 3 bath plus lower level office/den features large rooms with tall glass windows to enjoy the 1.61 acre grounds and one of a kind hand placed waterfall. Custom wood touches are evident throughout the interior, with private living spaces, a large garage/workshop has numerous possibilities. Offered completely furnished at \$1,295,000.



SYLVA VISTA ESTATES, SYLVA, NC.

Located on over 42 acres of view and stream property. Amid the huge granite outcroppings, this custom home has privacy and great amenities, loads of stone, tile, and glass, spacious rooms, bright kitchen. Combination of a spectacular mountain view and stunning waterfall! Offered at \$1,500,000.

