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## On-going

• On Mondays, from 4-6 p.m., The Food Pantry is open for anyone needing provisions – canned goods and non-perishables – at the Highlands United Methodist Church building on Church Street Alley.

• Live music at ...on the Verandah from 7 p.m. nightly; Chad Reed at the piano Friday to Monday and Wednesdays; and from noon at Sun. Brunch; Michael Lococo jazz guitar on Tuesdays and Thursdays

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• Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Friday and Saturday from 4:30-6:30. Saturday, complimentary samples 12:30-4.

## Nov. 4-5

• At The Christmas Tree on S. Fourth Street on the hill, the annual Department 56 Village 2005 Retirement sale, all day.

## Nov. 4-6

• Highlands Community Players present "Second Time Around" a comedy at the Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 526-8084. Box Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Nov. 5

• At ...on the Verandah Restaurant, live music with the Trio Lococo from 8:30 -12 midnight.

• Profits over People? Saturday at The Rootcellar 3 – 7 p.m. followed by a participant pot luck dinner Call 782-9676

• Car Wash and Bake Sale at First Citizen's Bank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the Highlands Middle School Girls Basketball team. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of sweatshirts for the team.

## Nov. 6

• WOW! – Worship of Welcome at Highlands United Methodist Church, at 11 a.m. There will be lunch and fellowship right after the service in the fellowship hall.

## Nov. 7

• Macon County Commissioners Board meeting at the Highlands Rec Park at 6 p.m. To speak, be there early to sign up.

• The Chamber of Commerce Fall Finale, Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Conference Center. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 526-5841.

## Nov. 8

• HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic: "The Ethics of Belief" by W. K. Clifford. Don McCormick-coordinator.

## Nov. 11

• HS Basketball first game of the season, against Rabun-Gap Nacoochee, at home – Girls, 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8 p.m.



## Town Board OK's River Walk

By Kim Lewicki

Developer Tom Turrentine had to smile when he left the Town Board meeting Wednesday night.

Even self-proclaimed obstructionist, Commissioner Amy Patterson

spoke highly of the project.

"I know everyone thinks I'm the biggest obstructionist in Highlands, but what could he have done that's better?" she asked. "This is the way we

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## Town gets good bill of health

By Kim Lewicki

"The town is in great financial shape. People at this board have made good long range decisions."

That's the word from the Town's auditor, Martin Starnes & Associates from Hickory, N.C. concerning the audit for the year ending June 30, 2005.

General fund revenues for 2005 were \$3,858,813, up from 2004's \$3,425,225. "A healthy growth period," said Brian Starnes.

General fund expenditures for 2005 were 3,346,838, up from 2004's \$3,135,000.

Added net income included \$468,225 to the fund balance with an unreserved fund balance of \$1,992,588.

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## HS playground scenario still up in the air

By Kim Lewicki

The last word concerning the watershed/playground/soccer field project at Highlands School has not been uttered.

As requested at the Oct. 17 school board meeting, Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association (UCWA) Director Katy Calloway has emailed Superintendent of Macon County Schools Dr. Rodney Shotwell information about other school systems which have created interpretive recreation areas and outdoor classrooms in wetland restoration areas.

Lots of people believe the proposed \$250,000 Highlands School Watershed Restoration project funded

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## Volunteers helping volunteers



As a special treat, Fire Chief James Manley and department member Lenny Metrick, gave members of The Girls' Clubhouse a ride back to school on the fire truck they cleaned as one of their community service projects Friday, Oct. 28. Members are Amy Fogle, Stephanie Puchacz, Amanda Barnes, Paige Baty, Elizabeth Gordan, Jenny Coram, Kimberly Machuca, Shelby Houston, Gabrielle Tilson, Christy Owens and Maricia Owens. The group meets every Friday afternoon at 3 p.m. in the Highlands School library prior to performing community service projects.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

## SRO chain of command defined

By Kim Lewicki

The question of "Who does the schools' SRO officers answer to?" came up at the Oct. 17 Macon County School Board meeting.

In Highlands, the SRO officer is employed by the town's police department. In Franklin and Nantahala, the SRO officer is employed by the Macon County Sheriff's Department.

"Should they answer to the principal or their law enforcement agency?" asked Chairman of the Board Kevin Corbin

Though it's true a special relationship must exist between the SRO officer and the principal of the school, the

school attorney and Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell said they must operate separately.

"There has to be a dividing line between law enforcement and schools," said Shotwell. "Supreme Court cases reinforce this position. If the SRO is involved with a legal matter they must rely on the guidance from their department, not the school officials."

But Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell said collaboration between law enforcement officers and schools is an important step in increasing school safety.

"The concept of having law enforcement officers involved with schools

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## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Trying to understand Bowery Road.....

Dear Editor,

In the newspaper recently I read that our mayor has suggested to the property owners in Highlands "Don't sell your land," and "You have the right to gain as much use of that land as possible. It's a constitutional right."

Oh, really? This statement must not be meant for the property owners on the first part of Bowery Road.

I drove down Bowery Road last night and realized that the property owners along the first seven-tenths of a mile of that road did not sell their land. Yet the state has taken it to build what appears to be the widest, ugliest site of destruction I have ever seen. The town fathers requested this too. It is the idea of Highlands town leaders that Bowery Road be turned into what now appears to be an interstate highway. There is a house that has only one tree left as a buffer to that highway.

What happened to the promise of an environmentally sensitive paving project? The road is widened with every passing day; and many more trees have been X'd for destruction. The entire project looks like an act of vindictiveness. Surely something like this would not happen in any other town. Drive it and see. It will make you want to weep.

Glenda Bell  
Highlands

### We're still here!

Dear Editor,

The "season" in Highlands is drawing to an end for summer residents and for many shop owners. This letter is a request to the latter. Many of us are fortunate to live in Highlands permanently and enjoy our town even when the streets are not lined with autos whose tags read "Georgia," "Florida," "Alabama," "Mississippi," and many of the other 50 states. Is it too much to ask those merchants who are here just for the summer months to leave their store fronts in as good a condition as when they are selling merchandise? Brown paper bags, newspapers and other ugly coverings over the windows are insults to those who live here all year long.

We take pride in our town and hope that those who make their livings here, even if it is just seasonally, share our pride in how Highlands appears. We spend our money in Highlands, and we question the wisdom of supporting merchants who leave their shops for warmer climates when the first threat of cold weather arrives and do not have the courtesy to cover their empty store windows with blinds, drapes or some more attractive covering than paper bags and newspapers. A friendly sign saying "Thanks for a good season. We will see you in the spring" would be appreciated, also.

Think about the impression you are making in this community when you leave!

Dr. David B. Heller  
Highlands

### Community service appreciated

Dear Editor,

My officers and I want to thank The Girls' Clubhouse for cleaning the stationhouse for us recently.

As a seasoned experienced police officer, I have had many opportunities to mentor to young people, i.e. (Scout Explorer Post Commander, Field Training Officer, Citizen Police Cadet Instructor and as a father) and I find it a very proactive deterrent. It allows people to observe that we are human and do genuinely care about people of all ages.

Having the girls interact with us was a good opportunity in our strides toward the community policing philosophy. Having the young people meet some of the officers in person and to ask questions was a positive step toward that goal.

I sincerely hope that nobody would deter our youth from interacting with professional positive role models like the Highlands Police Department in any capacity.

Bill Harrell  
Highlands Police Chief



## The Pantry open Mondays 4-6 p.m.



The Highlands United Methodist Church has partnered with the International Friendship Center with the opening of The Pantry on Church Street Alley behind the church. It's open every Monday from 4-6 p.m. Anyone with need, not just the international community, may come to The Pantry for food and other non-perishable items. Pictured are HUMC Pastor Eddie Ingram, International Friendship Center Director Jill Montana, HUMC Pastor Kim Ingram and John Bonner.



HUMC Pastor Kim Ingram with Faviola Olvera who is with the International Friendship Center. Photos by Kim Lewicki

## • OBITUARY •

### Thomas Barak Wright, Sr.

Thomas Barak Wright, Sr., 80, husband of Frances Crunkleton Wright of Central, S.C., died Friday, November 4, 2005, at his home. He was a native of Highlands, N.C., and a son of the late Charles N. Wright and Helen Wright Wilson of Highlands.

He was a pulpwood dealer at Wright Timber and an Air Force veteran of WWII. He was a member of Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Blue Ridge Shrine, and the American Legion. He was an avid hunter and archer.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Thomas Barak "Tommy" Wright, Jr. of Central, S.C.; two daughters, Helen Wright Hedden and husband, Henry Arnold "Arnie" Hedden, of Central, SC, and Betty Lynn Wright Long of Central, S.C.; one brother, Vernon R. Wilson and wife, Patricia, of Belton, S.C.; sister, Maxie W. Duke of Walhalla, S.C.; four grandchildren, Amy Sefick Allaire, Heather Hedden Beam, Hank Hedden, and Linsay Long; and two great grandchildren, Drew and Owen Allaire.

Funeral services were Monday at 11 a.m. at Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church. Graveside services were at 3 p.m. at Highlands Memorial Park in Highlands, N.C.

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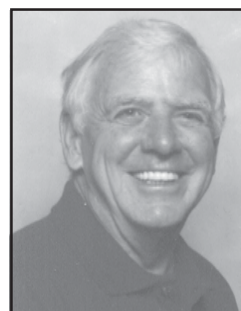
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# • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

## Tinkle, Tinkle Lit-tle Glass

Finally, the smell of fall is in the air and change is happening right before our eyes. Tree leaves are turning brown and the fall colors just aren't as powerful anymore. Could it be global warming or do I have cataracts? Maybe it's not cataracts because tourists complain to officials, "Where's the color? Please work on that or we won't come back." Is "Freddie, the Leaf" out there, hanging on for dear life?



**Fred Wooldridge**

The humidity has dropped and the air is crisp. Not far off, the first snow...and then the peace and quiet that represents the mountains of Highlands in winter. From the Highlands Falls Country Club to the Cullasaja Club and beyond, wine glasses are tinkling everywhere as the summer folks celebrate together for the last time. It is their Highlands' New Year's Eve Party, their last days together in the mountains for this

year. Mercedes, Cadillacs and Jaguars are loaded with clothes and expensive jewelry as the rich pull up stakes and head south. It is a sad time for merchants to watch all that money leave the mountain. "What stores will not survive the winter" is one topic of conversation at all the gatherings and everyone has an opinion.

There is the smell of burning wood and the feel of slumber around the town. Merchants can relax and just concentrate on the weekends. Repairs can be made in preparation for next year. OEI can buy a few more properties and grow even bigger while everyone complains. By the way, just where will Nick's be next year?

The locals rejoice to see those pesky summer people head out because some of them are downright

rude. There is a secret party at the Recreation Center just to celebrate the event. "Praise God, they're gone," is the hymn of the day.

For the locals of Highlands, tourists and summer people are like cops, they are necessary evils. (Note I didn't say realtors, so please control the wadding of your shorts). This very tony place would be just another small, insignificant mountain town except for the wealthy tourists and summer folks who come here. I know that kind of comment upsets a lot of locals. Some think Highlands would prosper better without them, but it wouldn't.

The wealth of Highlands has also made this place unaffordable for many. You just can't have it both ways. We are a classy town and I say,

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## • ANOTHER VIEW •

### The tragedy in our midst

I haven't written about the war in Iraq for a while because so much has been said about it and because of the sinking feeling in my belly every time I think about it.

Our government has made an incredible mess, our boys are dying and losing their limbs every day, innocent Iraqi civilians continue to be slaughtered, and nothing much changes in that country.

President Bush thinks, I believe, that the increasing disaffection with the war is due to a growing intolerance for American casualties, loss of courage, a waning of civilian spirit. So he takes on the role of national cheerleader, urging us to "stay the course." He refuses to realize that the disaffection is with this administration's inept handling of the war and the public's slow but developing awareness that this was an unjust and unnecessary conflict.

Fewer and fewer people still buy the absurd premise that Iraq had anything to do with 9/11. They understand that the President either lied or was misled about weapons of mass destruction, and, when none was found, had to make up some other reason why we invaded. He lacked the character to admit his mistake, if it was an honest mistake, and find some decent way out of Iraq.

Even though we know the number of our soldiers who have been killed there—about 2,000—the real impact of the war is hidden from view. The Pentagon will not allow photographs of the caskets unloaded at Andrews Air Force base or anywhere else. Parents of dead warriors are prohibited from seeing the arrivals. Hundreds of amputees and other badly wounded soldiers pass quietly through Walter Reed Army hospital in D.C. Almost no one hears their stories, experiences their suffering. We are all encouraged to go on with our lives as if everything was normal.

The President wants to have it both ways: to have us support the war, and to pretend at the same time that we can go on embroiled in the World Series or Super Bowl, shop 'till we drop, enjoy lower taxes and ridiculous debates about gay marriage and Terri Schiavo, and make no sacrifice whatsoever to honor our dead and wounded.

When I hear that the latest federal budget slashes funds for veterans' services while financing countless pork projects for rapacious congressmen, I



Dr. Alex Redmountain

want to send everyone on Capitol Hill to Fallujah and leave them there.

I keep wanting to remind all who read this that the people who are responsible for our Iraq policy made every effort to avoid combat duty when they were physically able. President Bush got a plum assignment in the Texas Air National Guard and

performed in a questionable manner; Vice-President Cheney found several ways to circumvent the draft, stating the he "had other priorities;" Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld served in the Navy after all the fighting was over in the Korean war; former Deputy Defense Secretary Wolfowitz avoided the draft, as did Richard Perle, another of the Iraq War architects; and so on.

In fact, if you look at the Republican congressional leadership, it is astounding to see how many managed to avoid military service altogether.

Recently I watched a documentary featuring former Georgia Senator Max Cleland, the Vietnam veteran who lost three limbs in that ill-fated conflict. (I won't even go into the disgusting campaign tactics by his Republican challenger that cost Cleland re-election in 2002).

In the movie, he is seen visiting amputees and other wounded soldiers from Iraq, comforting them, encouraging them, sharing his own struggles with the men and women. He also spends time with the parents of the wounded and the dead, mostly listening to their pain. As I watched, I wondered why I never see images of President Bush at Walter Reed. I don't believe that he has no sympathy or concern. Then I realize that it's probably because those spin-meisters at the White House don't want the public to be exposed to these images, to witness the consequences of this horrid war. They want us to keep pretending, keep smiling, and keep shopping.

It's as if a giant Potemkin Village has been erected around the entire country, a Hollywood set of abundance and prosperity, while behind the scenery, hidden from view, are the maimed and mangled and deceased, casualties of a war we didn't need to wage, legacy of one man's stubbornness and pride.

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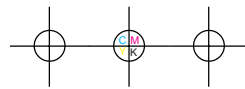


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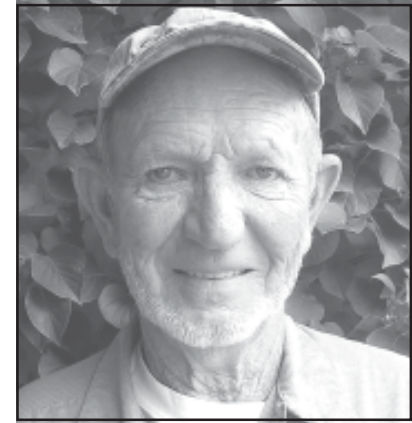
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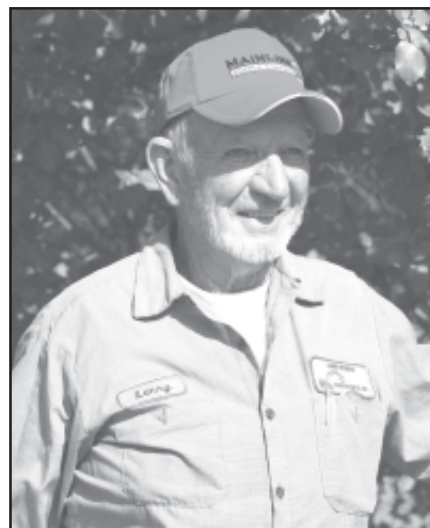


**Commissioner Candidate  
Larry Rogers**

**By Kim Lewicki**

At the Oct. 20 forum at the Highlands Conference Center, commissioner candidates were asked

## "Highlands On My Mind"



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for  
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the same questions as the mayoral candidates, and then some.

They too, started with answers to the question, "What do you believe is the biggest problem or issue in the election and why?"

All four candidates present – Amy Patterson, Eric Pierson, Larry Rogers and Hank Ross – said growth and how it will effect Highlands is paramount.

Patterson wove the ETJ issue into her answer. "Everyone has an opinion about zoning whether it's restorative or protective. Most people like zoning if it's done to someone else, not if it's done to them. But we have to see Highlands as a community and not just to the corporate limits. That way we can shape our community as we decide where we are going. She said if ETJ is evoked, it must be equal to everyone. It's not about imposing rules as much as it's about shaping a community over the next 20 years, she said.

Pierson said he believes in planning for the future, but not just through ETJ here and there. He said first off, the town needs to supply the citizens within the corporate limits of Highlands with utilities before taking on more areas. He said the county should be responsible for what happens outside the town and the adoption of the high impact ordinance was a "step in the right direction. That was a big issue," he said.

Rogers said he wasn't for ETJ, but said some zoning is good. "But too much zoning drives prices up which means people can't afford to keep their land." He said now was not the time for ETJ. "The water should be protected by the county."

Ross said what developers do outside the town limits has potential effects on Highlands. He said Highlands can't depend on the county. "They make promises but there's no follow through." He said ETJ goes beyond the watershed and supply.

Whether the candidates thought the town should build more public

restrooms came up as it does during every election.

Patterson said the prohibitive cost of land and the cost of construction in Highlands makes the prospect of more restrooms hard to justify. "Ultimately, the cost would have to be footed by the taxpayer," she said. "The solution will have to be collaborative and there's no easy answer."

Pierson said more restrooms are needed but it's not feasible for the town because it is cost prohibitive. "It would be paid for by taxpayers' dollars and there are other things that need to be attended to right now," he said.

Rogers said the merchants should open their doors to customers who need to use the bathroom. "I don't furnish the coffee that sends them there," he said.

Ross suggested a partnership with business owners. "Let people use their facilities as a matter of convenience. The public restrooms are probably adequate but when you have to go, it's a long walk."

As usual, a question involved inadequacies at the Rec Park, saying that many people don't believe the Rec Park has the kind of programs or staff to keep children responsibly engaged after school.

Rogers said it's true that there needs to be more for kids to do at the Rec Park but he also said that it's not a babysitting service. "Parents can't just let their kids loose and expect someone else to take care of them."

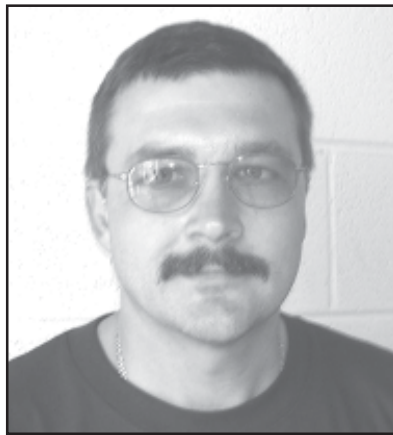
Ross said he's not sure it's the town's responsibility to provide activities, just the facility, but agreed it did need improvements.

Patterson said it's not the government's responsibility to take care of kids. "Citizens need to be responsible for themselves and for their kids," she said. She also said kids need to be kids and they don't have to be involved in activities all the time.

Pierson agreed that it's not the town's responsibility to provide daycare







**Commissioner Candidate  
James Manley**

for children. "But it is the town's responsibility to provide a safe place to go play."

To the "sewer" question, all the candidates agreed – it's a costly endeavor but sewerage the town is something long overdue – but none of them had a firm solution as to logistics. "But it has to be a viable entity," said Pierson. "Money for it can't be taken out of the General Fund."

Patterson said it was a "Catch-22" situation. "People want it for when they need it, but don't want to pay for it until they need it."

The question of "conflict of interest" arose. "Being in a small town, elected officials often have conflicts of interest when dealing with town issues. How would you deal with that?"

Patterson said it depends on the integrity and honesty of the individual on the board. "State statute says you have to vote unless you will gain financially by the vote. That makes it difficult to abstain which ends up being an automatic 'yes'." She suggested people vote for those with integrity.

Pierson said if a board member has a conflict of interest he or she should abstain.

Rogers said he would just tell the board and public of his involvement and let them decide. "Be honest," he said.

Ross said over the last four years there have been times when he wasn't sure if he should declare a conflict of interest. "So I ask the Town Attorney," he said. "I give him full disclosure. Developers are king in the town and I'm in that business, so from time to time a situation arises, so I check with the attorney."

The election is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polling booths are set up at the Highlands Civic Center and are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Mayoral candidates are incumbent Mayor Buck Trott, Zeke Sossomon, and Don Mullen.

Commissioner candidates are incumbents Amy Patterson and Hank Ross, Eric Pierson, Larry Rogers and James Manley.

## ... SRO from page 1

stems from the practice of Community Policing. Community Policing utilizes the assistance of community members for identifying and prioritizing problems and developing solutions," said Harrell. "In a School Resource Officer program the members of the school community partner with the law enforcement officer assigned to their school in order to create a setting that is safe and secure, with a focus on prevention and early intervention activities."

The school system has agreed to pay for Highlands School's SRO officer's insurance for one year, supply an office and a computer station, but officials say that has nothing to do with the chain of command.

"In Highlands, the S.R.O. ultimately follows directives given by the Highlands Police Department supervisor, Captain T. Carver and inevitably the Chief of Police," said Harrell. "As an employee of the Highlands Police Department, the S.R.O. follows the chain of command as set forth by the policy and procedure manual of the police department. However, both entities should have such a relationship that no personal agendas compromise what is best for the children."

Throughout the country, the issue of school violence and the safety of students, faculty and parents at school has become an issue of great concern. Shotwell and Harrell agree partnerships between law enforcement and schools can be an effective and comprehensive investment in enhancing the safety of our school communities.

"The SROs are a valuable resource we use each and every day," said Shotwell. "They are a bridge for law enforcement to educate our children about the law and how it affects the students. They build relationships with the students so they feel free to come and share their concerns about drug use and illegal activities in the community."

Harrell said functions served by the SRO include law enforcement officer, public safety specialist, community liaison and problem solver, law-related educator, and positive role model.

Shotwell said from reports he's seen it's obvious the SRO officers' presence in Macon County Schools has thwarted potential problems.

"Students feel comfortable enough to go and speak to the SRO when they hear about any possible illegal activity, many times before it occurs," he said.

Highlands School SRO officer Ronnie Castle, reported 34 incidents in September and 35 incidents in October ranging from larceny, assaults, communicating threats, graffiti and disorderly conduct.

Castle also participated in searches of cars and lockers with the Highlands Police Department and the school administration.



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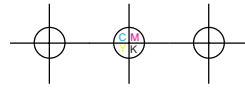


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# HS Volleyball wrap-up

By Claire Young  
JV Volleyball Coach

The Lady Highlanders finished their volleyball season Thursday night after losing to Murphy in the second round of the state tournament.

The girls played a tough match, but came up short, losing in three straight games (21-25, 20-25, 20-25).

Despite perfect serving from juniors Rebecca Ashburn, Angela Sanchez, and Allison Winn, the team appeared physically, mentally, and emotionally exhausted from Tuesday night's victory in five games against their archrivals, the Rosman Tigers.

The team has a lot to be proud of this season, especially their hard work, sportsmanship, and support of each other. Angela Sanchez and Allison Winn led the team at the serving line, each missing only one serve all season for a 97 percent record.

Captain Ramsey Ashburn had the

most successful serves (342) for a 94 percent record, including 75 service aces, the most of any team member.

Setter Toni Schmitt led the team defensively with 127 digs and 22 blocks, followed closely by Rebecca Wyatt with 119 digs and Ramsey Ashburn with 109 digs and 23 blocks.

Katie Bryson also improved her game over the course of the season and was a major contributor with 37 serving aces and 70 digs.

Setter Callie Rawlins led the team in blocking with 42 blocks, with Anna Trine contributing 25 blocks. Anna also shone at the net all season with 214 kills.

Maggie Dearth had the next highest number of kills with 114, followed closely by Rebecca Wyatt with 109.

The Highlands team was especially dependent on the depth of its bench this season, particularly the consistent back-row play of defensive specialists Katie Bryson, Leslie Wilson, and Allison Winn.

Juniors Rebecca Ashburn and Angela Sanchez showed great versatility all year with consistent, dependable play at multiple positions in times of great need. Ramsey Ashburn showed tremendous leadership all season as the team's elected captain.

Special congratulations are in order to Callie Rawlins who was named to the All-Conference team and to Anna Trine who is this year's Most Valuable Player! Congratulations, girls, and congratulations to the team for a very exciting season!



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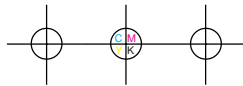
## “Second Time Around”

Eleanor Curtis (played by Kathryn Cochran) brushes off her husband (Stuart Armor) Mike's objections about his eating habits in the Highlands Community Players' comedy “The Second Time Around.” The production continues Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands. Ticket reservations can be made at 526-8084. The play is sponsored in part by Laurel Magazine. All proceeds go to hurricane relief.

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At the Oct. 26 game, attendees took a moment to remember the country's fallen soldiers in Iraq.  
Photo by Megan Lewicki

## Highlands soccer wins Big Smoky Mountain Conference championship

By Kim Lewicki

For the third year in a row, The Fighting Highlanders won the Big Smoky Mountain Conference Championship.

At the last home game on Oct. 26, Highlands beat Andrews 8-1. At halftime the score was Highlands 5, Andrews 0.

At the onset of the game the mood of both teams seemed flat. On the sidelines both coaches asked their men, "Are you ready for this?"

"Seniors, this is your last chance to win," said the Andrews team coach.

Highlands David Parrish even wondered if his team was up for the

challenge. "Everyone just seems a little off," he said. But before halftime was over, he knew everything was going to be fine. Once again Highlands was winning.

Mickey Lica, Taylor Parrish, Tyler Wavra, Jake Heffington and Andrew Willhide each had 1 assist, David "Buddy Boy" Parrish scored 3 goals and had 1 assist, Ryan Bears scored 2 goals and made one assist, Grey Alexander made one goal and made one assist and both Ezra Herz and Alec Schmitt scored a goal.

Stats at the end of the regular season were conference 9-0-1; overall 11-7-2; three year stats 35-0-1.

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"Stand by everyone, the fat lady has not yet sung on the growth and wealth issues. In fact, she may not even be in the church yet."

Although I am not rich and don't live in a big country club home, I will join with all the others and leave. Wine glasses tinkle here also as I bid good-bye to my awesome friends.

It would be fun to live in Highlands all year because I love this place, especially the people who live here. I will miss them the most. Even though I am a winter weenie, it is not only the cold that drives me away, it is the absence of family. Six months is too long to be without them, especially since we are a close-knit bunch. The telephone can only get us so close. It's not like being there, sharing meals and giving hugs. I can't wait to get my hands on those grandchildren. Can anyone relate? Forgive me, Highlands, but my loyalty is split. There is a feeling of great mixed emotion as I head down the mountain. This is corny stuff, but

true.

It's November and already too late for me as my nose has been stopped up all week and I can't feel my finger tips. I am such a winter wimp. Panic is setting in as I pack to leave. Will I be able to get out in time? Hurricane Wilma has trashed my other neighborhood and I would have to live in the dark. What's a mother to do? Meanwhile, my luggage has leaped from its place in the closet and demanded, "Get me outta' here." Some would say "Good riddance, go live in the dark" and others would say "Stay a while longer."

Highlands has been my getaway for 38 years. Like my family, the lil' missus and I have a bond with Highlands that cannot be broken. Maddy and I love this place, even with all its growth and an occasional wart.

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Winners of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Olde Mountain Christmas Art contest have been announced.

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Highlands School fifth-grader Lindsay Wagner, whose artwork will be on this year's poster, won \$50.





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## 2005-2006 Highlands girls basketball outlook

**By Brett Lamb**  
Girls Head Coach

When you walk in the gym and see the Lady Highlanders take the court, you may think of David and Goliath. We are not blessed with any Goliaths, but we are a bunch of Davids. We will sling our stones against our Goliaths — Franklin, Rabun County, Hiawassee Dam, Nantahala, and all the other teams that we face this year.

What you will see from this year's Lady Highlanders is intensity, hard work, and a strong dedication to never give up — no matter who the opponent or what the score.

Our practices have been geared toward getting the team in the best shape as possible. We go full force in each practice — running, working on drills and plays so each practice is a game scenario.

Our philosophy, as a team, is fast paced and up-tempo. Each person has a role and she is equally important. Our goal for the year is to win conference, by keeping our opponents on the run, working together and playing defense to

create a style that fits our speed and skills.

I am extremely excited about the events to come and fueled by the enthusiasm of the young ladies. We will represent Highlands the best way that we can — both on the court and off, we will always play hard, and we will play defense. If we can do these things to the best of our ability, we will be successful as a team.

The Lady Highlanders for 2005-2006 are:

Seniors: Captain Keri Raby, Ramsey Ashburn, Maggie Dearth, and Franka Dadic

Juniors: Captains Toni Schmitt and Allison Winn, Katie Bryson, and Becca Ashburn

Sophomores: Ali Lica, Kaylie Buras, Vicki Smith, and Bailey Buck

Freshmen: MariSol Ruiz, Danielle Reese, and Codi Moore

Head Coach: Brett Lamb

Assistant Coaches: George Schmitt, Shanci Messer, and Stephanie Smathers

The first game is home against Rabun-Gap Nacoochee, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.





# A Scotsman emerges

Though it seems impossible, R.K. Harniman, better known as "Tree," handles a chainsaw with the percision of a brain surgeon.

Tree started as a classically trained artist at New Haven University back in 1965 but very soon found his niche as a tree carver when a blight left hundreds of dead, topped-off trees. "The Gentle Giant Indian" was born and that theme is felt in his work today.

He's known for carving creatures that epitomize the American wilderness, its forests and rivers. But beside eagles, panthers, bears, wolves, and fish, he's immortalized the American Indian as well.

His latest piece of art is a "work in progress" at a spec house at Highlands Country Club. After getting permission from the club to use its "logo" of a Highlander, he set out to carve just that as the center post of a spiral staircase in the home.

The piece started as a drawing on paper which was transferred to a 360-degree drawing on the trunk of a cherry tree on the property that was a victim of Hurricane Ivan.

Tree has had to wield his chainsaw while on a scaffold in the midst of large scale construction activity and says it's by far the hardest job for which he's ever accepted a commission.

Slowly a Scottish Highlander has emerged and no matter the vantage or

from where an onlooker stands, The Highlander is always watching.

"A trick I mastered long ago," said Tree.

He's recently taken up shop at Legends Out of The Woods Gallery on the Franklin Road where there are several masterpieces in various stages of completion out front.



When it's completed, The Highlander will hold a staff in his right hand.



Tree with his latest masterpiece, a Scottish Highlander.



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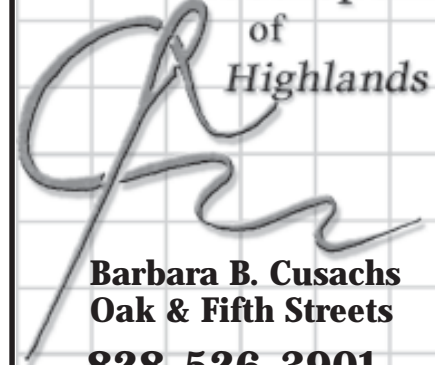
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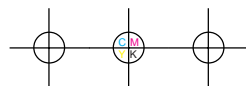
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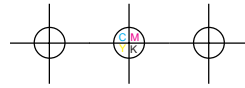
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## - News from Arica, Chile, part 6 - 'I saw Jesus!'

**By Rachel Power**

Highlands Rotary Exchange Student

**R**ecently Tia Carmen (Tia is aunt) took me, my sister, Alejandra and my cousin, Sonja to the top of El Morro, the most famous landmark in Arica.

That's where I saw Jesus. It's a huge statue standing on top of El Morro, with open arms positioned to look out into the Pacific Ocean and protect the city of Arica. It is called, "Cristo de la Paz." Translation: The Christ of Peace. It is there to represent peace among the countries of Chile, Peru and Bolivia.

El Morro is a very important landmark for Arica, because of what happened in the War of the Pacific, (Guerra de Pacifico) of 1879-84. The war was between Chile, and the allied countries Peru and Bolivia. Before, Arica was a city of Peru, not Chile. Neither were the Chilean cities, of Iquique and Antagna. They were part of Peru or Bolivia.

There were deposits of the mineral nitrate in Atacama, a Bolivian city at that time. Many Chinese immigrants and Chileans worked as miners in Atacama.

One day, Bolivia decided to tax and over-price the mineral for Chile. Chile reacted in rage, and took the port of Antofagasta. Peru became involved in the situation and declared war on Chile. Arica is between the two cities of Antagna, and Iquique. There had

been battles in both cities and finally there was one in Arica. When the cities were captured, all the Peruvians and Bolivians ran to Arica but Arica was soon surrounded.

But the trapped enemies did not give up. The Chilean soldiers ran into the city and in 55 minutes they captured El Morro. Capturing El Morro meant that Chile now had the power to ship the mineral and sell the nitrate as they wished.

At that battle, not only did Chile capture Arica, it also gained the entire first region of what is Chile today, as well as the second region. Chile is divided into 14 different regions - sort of like our states. The Bolivian and Peruvian alliance broke up in the middle of the war.

It was interesting inside El Morro. In a little museum there are old uniforms and cannons that were used during the War of the Pacific. The most gorgeous part about El Morro is the view of Arica and the Pacific Ocean from the top. The ocean is so blue here, and there are miles and miles (or kilometers and kilometers) of mounds of sand that surround the city.

The three of us tried to find our school and homes from up there. We found the school, but not my house - it is behind El Morro. We stayed up there looking at all of Arica for a long time.

My sister pointed out where her friends lived and what was where in Arica.

I am now becoming more familiar with the city and getting around is pretty easy. There are several types of taxis here in Arica. There are radio taxis, where people call the company for a pick-up and those are the most expensive about \$2 USD.

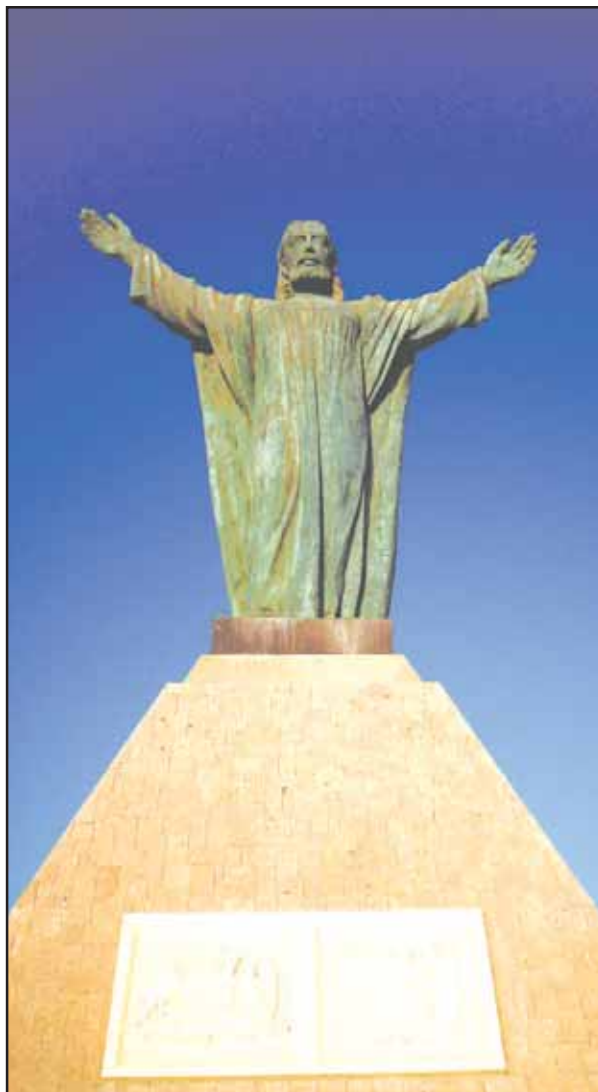
Other ways of transportation in the city (aside from walking) is by colectivos. There are two types of colectivos - a micro colectivo, which is a bus that goes on the main highway which is pretty cheap. The



Rachel beneath the Chilean flag on the top of El Morro.

second type is a taxi colectivo which travels certain routes in the city. Those have numbers on the top of the car, to identify the route. For example - numbers 1, 8 and 16 go on the route from El Centro, to my school, Junior College. So if I eat in El Centro with my friends for lunch on a school day, we find the taxis with one of those numbers on the top to get back to school.

I have been experiencing so many interesting, and exciting things I know I will never forget. The pictures that I send and the articles you read can't describe half of what I experience here in my new home.



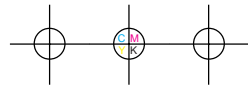
Left, the statue of Jesus on top of El Morro represents peace between the countries of Chile, Peru and Bolivia. Right, a view of the port of Arica, Chile from atop El Morro.



Photos by  
Rachel Power







# Highlands School students celebrate Fall at area farm

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**K**indergarteners and first-graders at Highlands School had a busy Halloween this year.

To culminate their unit on "Celebrating Fall," on Oct. 31 a group of 40 students and several parent and teacher chaperones, traveled to Walhalla, S.C., to New Hope Farm and Gardens owned and operated by Chris and Annabel Christiansen.

New Hope Farms is a

working farm that raises Angora goats and rabbits. The children enjoyed a day in the sun while experiencing the program which included Goat to Coat, Feed to Seed, educational programs, a hay ride, spinning demonstrations, storytelling and craft making.

"The children got to see an Angora goat being sheared, watch the fiber being spun in the spinning wheel, were shown scarves that were made

from the fiber," said McClellan. "They also made bird feeders, learned how to they make brooms from straw, and so many other wonderful and educational things. It was a glorious day, and we highly recommend this trip to everybody!"

The group left Monday morning and was back in time for the Halloween Parade at the school at 1:30 p.m.

New Hope Farm and Gardens is known for its Angora "fiber" goats and rabbits.



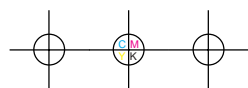
Owners of New Hope Farm and Gardens, Chris and Annabel Christiansen demonstrated their gentle shearing technique and then Annabel demonstrated how the goat hair can be spun into yarn which then can be woven into scarves and other apparel. The goats are sheared twice a year.

The children also went on a hay ride around the farm and had a lunch picnic under the trees before boarding the bus to head back up the mountain to Highlands.

Upper right, Dillan Medlin holds a fistfull of fur sheared from the goat. Right, Abby Gilbert heads for a good vantage point before the shearing begins.



Brianna Jenkins in Ms. McClellan's Kindergarten class at the craft table where children decorated pinecones.





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by grant and mitigation money is a good thing; others believe it will jeopardize the existing practice soccer field between the middle school and elementary wing; still others wonder if the restoration of a wetland area is a safe scenario with children around.

The purpose of the UCWA project is to deal with run-off and drainage problems in the vicinity of the existing playground and soccer field – problems fueled by the new gym construction, run-off from development on Satulah Mountain as well as spring-fed problems and the fact that the soccer field sits on top of a filled bog.

Then there's the legal question. Is the school system exempt from town or watershed ordinances? Up until this

week, the answer was unknown.

"We now know that the school must comply with the Town's watershed ordinances," said Watershed Administrator Larry Gantenbein. "That means that care must be taken concerning the blue line perennial stream that runs through the playground."

Gantenbein said the stream which runs from the bull rushes at the base of the "slide rock" in the playground to the street can be protected in two ways. It can be culverted, or it can be left open to run through the playground buffered by the playground itself.

"Blue line streams can be culverted if they are less than 150 feet long and

it's OK'd by the Corps of Engineers," said Gantenbein. "They have done it in the past."

The stream is unclassified water which originates on school property. "In other words, it's not a Class I or trout stream coursing through town and then crossing school property," he said.

The playground stream goes under the road and eventually empties into Harris Lake.

Gantenbein said once culverted, fill could be laid on the playground.

If officials forego the fill route, then the stream must be buffered, "but that buffering can just be grass or the playground itself," said Gantenbein. "As long as buildings aren't constructed within 30-feet of the stream."

However, he doesn't know if the wetland area around the bull rushes at the base of the slide rock can be restored as suggested. "The soil base needs to be naturally subsided soil that must perk to be an active wetland," he said.

Dirt would first have to be removed to get to the "natural" soils before perking could begin, he said.

Wetlands shouldn't be confused with swamps, say experts. Rather than retaining water, healthy wetlands facilitate drainage whereas a swamp is dominated by trees and remains covered in water.

The playground stream is a perennial stream – one that runs all year.

But that doesn't apply to the ditch running along the perimeter of the

soccer field because it isn't considered a stream, yet, said Gantenbein.

"It appears to be turning into a stream, but we don't know if it's spring-fed from Satulah Mountain, being fed by surface water run-off, or run-off percolating into the mountain to reappear in the ditch," he said.

To be classified as a stream, it must be fed by ground water, not surface water.

"UCWA proposed creating a stream from the ditch – that is, putting in meanders. Once it's a stream, then the 30-foot buffer applies there too, but again, the buffer could be the grass of the soccer field," he said.

If officials opt to simply restore the ditch, it too, could be culverted, said Gantenbein. In that case fill could be applied over it so the soccer field could be expanded to some degree.

"But they would still have to blast the rock to make room for the regulation-size field some are proposing," said Gantenbein.

At the Oct. 17 Macon County School Board meeting, Vice Chair Donnie Edwards said blasting would likely result in a Peek's Creek scenario at the school.

Meanwhile, no decisions have been made concerning the watershed/ playground/soccer field project.

Bob Wright, with UCWA, said it's too early to say where the \$250,000 earmarked for the project would be shifted to in the Highlands community should the school system reject the project..

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"The unreserved fund balance is 60 percent of general fund expenditures," said Starnes. "The LGC recommends a minimum fund balance of eight percent but that's when they're coming in to run your government."

He said a 60 percent fund balance represents a six- to seven-month supply of cash in case the town falls on hard times.

"This is not excessive. As the budget grows, the fund balance needs to grow, too," he said.

Property tax revenues were \$1,773,326 for 2005, up from 2004's \$1,593,225.

Starnes said Highlands' property tax rate of 16 cents is extremely low. Comparative tax rates for other North Carolina Municipalities with a population of 500-999 is 22 cents.

"Your low rate speaks well for the health of the town," said Starnes. "You're doing it with less than your counterparts in the state."

The breakdown for General Fund Expenditures is: 25 percent for both the General Government and Public Safety sectors; 21 percent for Transportation, 15 percent of Culture and Recreation and 14 percent for Environmental

Protection.

"Public Safety typically takes up half of a budget so you might look at a larger piece of the pie for that in the future," he said.

He said usually one-half of a municipality's revenue comes from property tax but Highlands has two golden eggs. "You're lucky here in Highlands. "Sometimes it's going to be the sales tax that pulls you through and sometimes it's going to be the property tax."

The only downside to the audit report was the water and sewer fund. It broke even in 2005.

"If Enterprising Funds lose money, you're going to have to go to the General Fund which means you'll have to raise taxes," said Starnes. "You may want to look at raising your rate structure to build up your cash war chest."

Without an enterprising fund war chest the town won't have money in the reserves to fix problems should they arise.

This is the third year Martin Starnes & Associates have conducted the Town's audit.





New stainless steel processing tanks are being added as part of the \$5.9 million expansion project from 50,000 gallons a day capacity to 150,000 gallons a day capacity. Photos by Jim Lewicki

## WWTP expansion underway

It took years to initiate and miles of red tape but the expansion of the Highlands wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) represents a huge step toward planning for the future, says Mayor Buck Trott.

"The expansion is tripling the plant's capacity from 50,000 gallons a day to 150,000 gallons a day," said Trott. "This will position the town for inevitable growth over the next 15 years."

Beside additional digestive tanks, the expansion includes an ultraviolet sterilization system which will replace the current chlorine sterilization system which is toxic and can be dangerous, said Trott.

"The ultraviolet system is more ex-

pensive, but it's fail-safe and has a double back-up ability," said Mike Houston, plant operator.

Two new stainless steel processing tanks will replace smaller, older tanks which will be converted into digestive tanks.

The expanded aspects of the WWTP is tentatively scheduled to be on-line April of 2006.

The Town Board is hammering out a new sewer connection policy which will enable hooking on to the town's infrastructure a fair and economically feasible proposition for citizens within the town limits as well as developers on the fringe of town.



Workers are building the fail-safe, state-of-the-art ultra-violet sterilization system to replace the chlorine gas system which is toxic and dangerous.



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Everyone and anyone is Highlands is welcome to come participate in what promises to be an uplifting time of fellowship and love.

Members of the church are encouraged to invite Friends, Relatives, Acquaintances and Neighbors (FRANS) to Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 9:45 a.m.

For those who wish to come on their own and would like a host for Sunday's celebration, please call the church office at 526-3376.

There will be lunch and fellowship following the service in the Fellowship Hall which will feature all kinds of salads and desserts.

"There are countless references in the Bible that speak to the ministry of hospitality," said Sherri James, WOW! committee member. "This Sunday will provide an opportunity for us to open our doors, open our minds and open our hearts to the hospitality of Christ to those in our own community."

At a recent Charge Conference of the United Methodist Church, the District Superintendent left us all with three important words, said James.

"Invite, invite, invite."

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

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

First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

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Evening Service – 7 p.m.

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Wed: 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 6:15 p.m. Supper;

7 p.m. Teaching

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968

Sundays: Holy Eucharist – 8 a.m.; Sunday School – 9

a.m.; Choir – 9:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;

Youth Group – 5 p.m.

Mondays: Women's Cursillo Group – 4 & 5:30

Christmas Chorale – 7 p.m.

Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8; Staff Mtg. –

9:30 a.m.; Flying Solo – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays: Supper & Program – 5:30 p.m.; Choir

Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.; Gulf Coast

Support – 10:30 a.m.; Women's Cursillo – noon.

Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel 14

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;

School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir – 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.;

Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175

Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; Sunday School – 9:30 & 9:45.

Wednesdays: Childrens Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;

Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

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

### HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Wed: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study & activities – 6

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

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### SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price

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

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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### WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

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### WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

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





## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-going

- On Mondays, from 4-6 p.m., The Food Pantry is open for anyone needing provisions – canned goods and non-perishables – at Highlands United Methodist Church building on Church Street Alley.

- Anyone interested in officiating basketball this upcoming season should contact the Southwestern Officials Association. Officials are needed for all levels of play in WNC, including middle school and high school. For more information contact Lori Jones, Booking Agent, at 828-507-4404.

- Live music at ...on the Verandah from 7 p.m. nightly; Chad Reed at the piano Friday to Monday and Wednesdays; and from noon at Sun. Brunch; Michael Lococo jazz guitar on Tuesdays and Thursdays

- At Bascom-Louise Gallery: Tuesdays, Art for pre-schoolers, 9:30-10 a.m.; Tuesdays, Kindergarten-first grade, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Wednesdays, Home-schooled students, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.; Grades 6-9, Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Grades 2-5, Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

- At Paoletti's Raffle Tickets for sale to support the New Orleans Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity and for Thanksgiving dinners for the parishes affected. Raffle tickets are \$50 with seven winners. The drawing will be November 21.

- GULF COAST SUPPORT GROUP — Anyone displaced by Hurricane Katrina who would like to get together come to a group meeting at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Thursdays at 10:30.

- Cashiers Quilters Guild meets at the United Methodist Church in Cashiers, every Wednesday at 12:30.

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

- Cy Timmons at Fressers at Helen's Barn every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8-12 p.m.

- Live Music at Buck's Coffee Cafe Thursday-Saturday, 8-11 p.m.

- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Friday and Saturday from 4:30-6:30. Saturday, complimentary samples 12:30-4.

- HealthTracks, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, offers special fitness classes Monday through Thursday. HealthTracks at 526-1348 for details.

- Each Thursday – Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Highlands-Cashiers only senior residential community. Refreshments and tours of the model home and Clubhouse.

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

- Mountainview Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the remodeled base-

ment room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

- An exhibit of Highlands landscape photography by Mark Hutchison will be showing at Mill Creek Gallery & Framing in Village Square at Oak and Fifth streets.

### Nov. 4-5

- At The Christmas Tree on S. Fourth Street on the hill, the annual Department 56 Village 2005 Retirement, all day.

### Nov. 4-6

- Highlands Community Players present "Second Time Around" a comedy at the Performing Arts Center. For tickets call 526-8084. Box Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Nov. 5

- At ...on the Verandah Restaurant, live music with the Trio Lococo from 8:30 - 12 midnight. Also, live music every other night.

- Profits over People? Corporate Culture vs. Freedom! Want to do something about it? Come participate in Untie/Unite's Playshop on corporations, their expanding role in undermining our freedoms, and what you can do to stop the trend! Saturday At The Rootcellar 3 – 7 p.m. followed by a participant pot luck dinner Call 782-9676 by Monday, October 31 to reserve your place, indicate what you want to bring for the Pot Luck, and arrange to pick-up your pre-reading materials Nov. 3

- Car Wash and Bake Sale at First Citizen's Bank from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the Highlands Middle School Girls Basketball team. All proceeds will go toward the purchase of sweatshirts for the team.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate four-mile hike on the Foothills Trail from Whitewater Falls to Sloan Bridge with excellent views of Bad Creek Reservoir and Lake Jocassee. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank, in back, at 9:50. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 45 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations.

- The Franklin-based Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) will host its annual Fall Celebration on Saturday at their Gibson Bottoms property off Sanderstown Road. Live music featuring the Sawmill Creek Porch Band will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by a ceremony recognizing the outstanding conservation projects of the past year, and concluding with the presentation of the Land Conservationist of the Year award. At 1 p.m., a barbecue lunch catered by the

Sunset Restaurant will be served for \$6 per person. Afternoon activities, including Cherokee storytelling by Freeman Owle, canoe trips, hikes, hay rides, and more will begin at 2. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Brent Martin at [bmartin@lrtl.org](mailto:bmartin@lrtl.org) or call the LTLT office at 524-2711.

### Nov. 6

- On Sunday, The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Little Rock Branch Trail at Standing Indian. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Drive 28 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820 for more information.

- The Nantahala Hiking will take an easy two-mile hike on the Little Rock Branch Trail at Standing Indian. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 26 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

### Nov. 6

- WOW! – Worship of Welcome at Highlands United Methodist Church, at 11 a.m. There will be lunch and fellowship right after the service in the fellowship hall.

### Nov. 7

- The Chamber of Commerce Fall Finale, Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Conference Center. Winners of the Robert Dupree award, the Duke Power award and the Del Roberts award will be announced. A southern barbeque dinner will be provided by Fressers. Beer and wine will also be provided. Entertainment will be comedian and hypnotist, Dr. Holiday. Cost is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Call 526-5841.

### Nov. 8

- HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic: "The Ethics of Belief" by W. K. Clifford. Don McCormick-coordinator.

### Nov. 11

- HS Basketball first game of the season, against Rabun-Gap Nacoochee, at home – Girls, 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8 p.m.

### Nov. 12

- A fundraising dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church for Ronnie and Terri Crowe who due to illnesses have not been able to work for some time. Country Fried Chicken and all the trimmings prepared by Nancy Ostema and Margie Melvin. Dessert buffet and bake sale.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate, but very steep, 2.5-

mile hike up Yellow Mountain (the short way) for 360 degree views. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 35 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations.

- On Saturday, volunteer training for a hemlock woolly adelgid monitoring project with JMCA and Clemson. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Call 526-9938 ext. 320 for more info.

### Nov. 12 & 13

- The all-children's play, "THE ADVENTURES of TOM SAWYER" will be presented on two consecutive weekends, in the "Dillard Playhouse Theater." Show times are Saturday, November 12 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m. The Theater is located in Dillard, Ga. at 892 Franklin Street, off #441 N. (turn on Henry Dillard Dr. at "The Dillard House" restaurant sign.) Tickets for this show are priced at \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age, and can be purchased at most banks in Clayton and the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce. Call (706) 212-2500 for tickets/information.

### Nov. 15

- HS Basketball home game against Hayesville. Girls, 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8 p.m.

- HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic: "Integrity, Doubt, and Academic Freedom: An Interview with Gerd Ludemann." *Free Inquiry*, June/July 2005, pp. 36-39. Ed Barrett-coordinator.

### Nov. 16

- At The Christmas Tree on S. Fourth Street, the annual Gunther Ulbricht signing Ulbricht Nutcrackers from 2-4 p.m.

### Nov. 17

- Highlands First Baptist Church is hosting its 9th annual ladies holiday banquet for all the ladies in the community. The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Highland's Civic Center at 6 p.m. Best-selling Christian author Elizabeth George will speak. RSVP to First Baptist Church by Nov. 7 Call 526-4153.

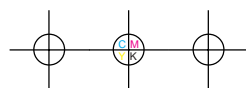
### Nov. 18

- HS Basketball at home against Blue Ridge. Girls, 5:30 p.m., Boys, 7 p.m.

### Nov. 18-20

- The all-children's play, "THE ADVENTURES of TOM SAWYER" will be presented on two consecutive weekends, in the "Dillard Playhouse Theater." Show times are Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7

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p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m.  
 The Theater is located in Dillard, Ga.  
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 on Henry Dillard Dr. at "The Dillard  
 House" restaurant sign.) Tickets for this  
 show are priced at \$10 for Adults and  
 \$5 for children under 12 years of age,  
 and can be purchased at most banks  
 in Clayton and the Rabun County  
 Chamber of Commerce. Call (706)  
 212-2500 for tickets/information.

### Nov. 19

• HS Basketball home game  
 against Rabun County. Girls 5 p.m.,  
 Boys, 6:30 p.m.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will  
 take a moderate six-mile hike in the  
 Standing Indian area, from Yellow  
 Patch to Bear Pen on the Appalachian  
 Trail and down to Betty Creek. Meet at  
 Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite  
 Burger King) at 10 a.m. Drive 40 miles  
 round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and  
 wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes  
 are limited to 20; reservations are  
 required. Call leader Gail Ledman, 524-  
 5298, for reservations.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will  
 take a strenuous 8.5 mile hike on the  
 Bartram Trail from Jones Gap to  
 Buckeye Creek trailhead with beautiful  
 views along the way. Meet at the  
 Highlands Bank of America at 9:30  
 a.m. or the Jones Gap trailhead at 10  
 a.m. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy,  
 comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to  
 20; RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE  
 BY THURSDAY, NOV. 17 in order to  
 arrange the car shuttle. Call leader Jim  
 Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations.

### Nov. 20

• The Nantahala Hiking will take  
 an easy four-mile hike on the Greenway  
 in Franklin from the Nonah Bridge to  
 the end of the Greenway. Meet at  
 Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite  
 Burger King) at 2: p.m. Drive 6 miles  
 round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you

wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable  
 shoes. Hikes are limited to 20;  
 reservations are required. Call leader  
 Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations.

### Nov. 25

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber  
 Music Festival presents its Fall Concert,  
 Friday, 5 p.m., at PAC. Franz Schubert's  
 Winterreise performed by Daniel Cole,  
 accompanied by William Ransom. Call  
 526-9060.

### Nov. 26

• Annual Highlands Town Light-  
 ing, 6 p.m.

• Photographer George  
 Humphries, will autograph his new  
 "Images of the Blue Ridge Parkway,"  
 Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. at Cyrano's Book  
 Shop on Main Street.

### Nov. 29

• HS Basketball at home against  
 Robbinsville. Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8  
 p.m.

### Dec. 3

• Annual Highlands Christmas  
 Parade on Main Street, 11 a.m.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will  
 take two easy short hikes for a total of  
 2.5 miles in Blue Valley to the amethyst  
 mines supposedly operated by Tiffany's  
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 shoes. Drive 25 miles round trip. Call  
 leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for  
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### Dec. 4

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will  
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## POLICE & FIRE

The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 26-Nov. 1.

### Oct. 26

- At 9 a.m., a business owner reported larceny of U.S. mail.

### Oct. 28

- At 10:30 a.m., Old Edwards Inn & Spa reported arts, antiques and collectibles valued at \$1,000 stolen from the premises.

### Oct. 29

- At 3:30 p.m., officers responded to a hit and run accident at D&J Express Mart. There were no injuries.

### Oct. 30

- At 5:30 p.m., Highlands Custom Coverings on Spring Street reported a breaking and entering through a screen door and a larceny of computer equipment valued at \$500.

### Oct. 31

- At 6:20 a.m., a motorist on Poplar Street was cited for speeding 40 mph in a 25 zone.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for

the week of Oct. 28-Nov 1.

### Oct 28

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at Mountain High Lodge. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### Oct. 30

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Cook Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### Oct. 31

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at Juliana's on Main Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### Nov. 1

- The dept. responded to a call of "a smell of fumes" at McCully's but it was caused from a parked vehicle.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at Howell Road at Highlands Country Club. The victim, a worker who was in his truck, was DOA.

### Nov. 2

- The dept. responded to a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 64 east by the hospital. There was one injury. The victim was transported to Asheville via MOMA.

## See HCP's 'Second Time Around' this weekend

This weekend there's a "second time around" chance to see HCP's production of "Second Time Around," and it's well worth the ticket price.

As usual, HCP delivers a fun community theater production full of familiar faces and then some.

Ralph Stevens as Sam Jonas and Shirley Williams as Laura Curtis, the widowed couple who have started a new life together, deliver stellar performances. Stevens always makes it look easy and Williams' expressions are priceless.

Jennifer Royce, who plays Cynthia Morse, Jonas' peeved daughter plays the pained, devoted daughter to the tee. This is her second time on stage with HCP and it's likely she will become a regular.

A sophisticated Kathryn Cochran returned to HCP's stage as Eleanor Curtis a bon a fide thorn in her husband Michael Curtis' side.

Michael Curtis is played by veteran HCP actor Stuart Armor. As potential stepfather and stepson, a tenuous relationship develops between Jonas and Curtis and the chemistry between Stevens and Armor propels the show along.

Newcomer Wayne Coleman, who plays Dr. Arthur Morse, Cynthia's husband, sparked the stage playing his character larger than life.

The show continues Nov. 4-6 at PAC on Chestnut Street. For tickets call 526-8084. Box Office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Kim Lewicki

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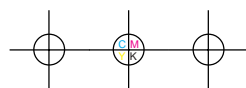
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## HS Foods Class makes Halloween treats

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## Flu vaccine available at Health Dept.

Two Macon County Health Dept. flu vaccine clinics have been scheduled for this week. The cost is \$20. No appointments will be scheduled.

Clinics will be at the Macon County Public Health Center on Lakeside Drive Thursday, Nov. 3 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 5 beginning at 7 a.m. and continuing until the vaccine is gone.

With the exception of high risk children, flu shots will not be given at times other than these two special clinics.

All vaccine will be given on a first-come, first-served basis and appointments will not be accepted. The cost for the vaccine is \$20. Persons who are on Medicare Part B should bring their card with them. Persons covered by medical insurance that will cover the cost of flu shots should bring their insurance card and the health center will bill the carrier.

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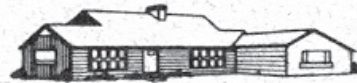


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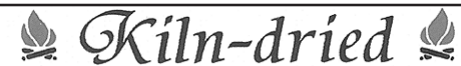


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The Pumpkin Man and his cohort, the Wicked Witch of the Mountains at Twigs. Left, Highlands School seniors, Megan Lewicki, Franka Dadic and Callie Rawlins dressed the part for what may be their last Highlands-style Halloween.



"I want to thank the many groups that came together to make this annual event for our children work. Chief Bill Harrell and his officers and Highlands Rotary Club are appreciated for keeping the streets safe; The Mountain Top Rotary prepared and served the hot dogs and drinks; the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation allowed Rotary to use of its kitchen and Highlands Recreation Director Selwyn Chalker obtained the drinks. We all look forward to seeing the highlights on Channel 14 thanks to the filming by Time

Capsule Video. Our co-chairs this year - Harry Bears of Xtreme Threads and Richard Taylor of High Steppin' and Mountainique did a commendable job. And a big "Thank You" to chamber employees Jenny King and Bonnie Earman who do so many things behind the scene.

— Bill Bassham, president, Highlands C of C.



The card family, below, is Claire, Janet and King Young with friends, including Katie Cochran.



A Halloween tradition at Highlands School - a costumed parade throughout the campus.



Members of Highlands Pre-school parading on Main Street. Maddy Spies sports a Frankenpop courtesy of Alan Schultz at Kilwin's. Right, Arthur Hancock of Time Capsule Video and Channel 14 filmed costumed trick-or-treaters in Town Square.





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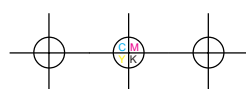
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Town Planner Larry Gantenbein said River Walk is a good example of conservation-based development.

## A photograph of a soccer game in progress on a grassy field. A player in a white jersey is kicking the ball, while a player in a red jersey is running towards him. Other players and spectators are visible in the background.

The Fighting Highlanders won against Hendersonville in the first-round of the State Playoffs, Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road, 8-1. David Parrish, Taylor Parrish, and Matt Chenoweth each scored a goal; Alec Schmitt scored two goals and Ryan Bears came through with three goals. Above, Alec Schmitt shoots on goal with Hendersonville on his heels.

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