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**Oct. 20**  
• PTO meeting in old gym at Highlands School at 6 p.m. Spaghetti Supper at 5:15 p.m. \$50 Savings Bond drawing for one family present. \$50 to class with highest number of parents present.

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• At Acorn's, Canio, Trunk Show featuring custom clothing for all occasions. Hand-hooked rugs, custom bed covers.

**Oct. 22**  
• Local author William Rawlings, will autograph his latest suspense thriller, "The Tate Revenge," Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. at Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street.

• The annual Highlands School Fall Festival this year at Highlands School in the old gym from 5-9 p.m.

**Oct. 25-29**  
• The Instant Theatre presents "The Turn of the Screw" for five performances at 8 p.m. at the ITC's Studio on Main, 310 Oak Square, Highlands. Adult tickets are \$20, with reservations, and \$25 at the door. Tickets for students ages 13-17 are \$7 with reservations, and \$10 at the door. Seating is limited to 65. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 for reservations.

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## Sewer policy still on hold

By Kim Lewicki

The town's mandatory sewer connection policy continues to hang in the balance.

Commissioners are juggling the town's cost of sewerage with the fees and stipulations they feel they can

project onto Highlands' citizens to do it.

At the Oct. 19 Town Board meeting, Commissioner Dennis DeWolf, who has pondered the proposed amendments to the sewer connection policy and fee schedule at length, suggested the town come up with a long-term sewer collection

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## Watershed project could be a win-win for school

By Kim Lewicki

The chance that a free \$250,000 earmarked for Highlands School could be tossed away sent concerned PTO members and parents to Monday night's Macon County School Board meeting.

For some time now, UCWA Director Katy Calloway, Highlands School gym architect Donny Luke, and Highlands Watershed Administrator Larry Gantenbein have been discussing "repairing" school property in the vicinity of the soccer practice field and the bog area along the stream that runs through the playground.

At the August school board meeting, Calloway presented a preliminary Highlands School Watershed Restoration Project proposal. It was tabled pending

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## Board targets priorities

The Land Use Planning Committee now has a path of priorities to follow toward the eventual implementation of the Land Use Plan.

At the Oct. 10 Town Board meeting, commissioners looked over a list of land use plan priorities they had previously requested from the planning board.

Though the land use plan is pages thick, priorities were reduced to three pages regarding commercial areas, natural environment and residential areas.

Town Planner, Larry Gantenbein said there were several priorities which involved simple tweaking of the current

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## Bear 'family' helping hurricane victims



Who would have know that a picture taken of a bear family at Community Bible Church would raise more than \$2,000 to aid in Hurricane relief? Thanks to the Highlands Newspaper and enthusiastic bear lovers from all over, money continues to pour in to support World Relief, said church officials. "When the Sept. 23 paper came out with the bear picture, we were flooded with phone calls. People have even come into our office holding the clipping from that paper," they said. The "Bear pictures" are still available at CBC. Call 828-526-4685. All proceeds go directly to World Relief to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

## Curious black bear scares local

By Kim Lewicki

Bear encounter or not, Alaina Rastelli will continue to hit the trails.

About 5 p.m. Monday she settled on a small rock outcrop on top of Bridal Veil Falls to enjoy the view. Two minutes later she heard twigs and branches snapping on the trail behind her. She looked up and was face to face with a 250-pound black bear with no obvious escape route except over the falls.

His initial reaction was to paw the ground and huff and puff at her.

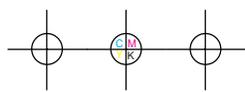
Hers was to curl up in a ball and play dead - exactly the wrong thing to do when confronted with a black bear, said officials.

"That's what I always heard to do when approached by a bear," said Alaina. "I kept quiet and acted like I didn't see him."

But instead of leaving the area, the bear curiously approached her and rolled her over, leaving marks on her neck and upper arm.

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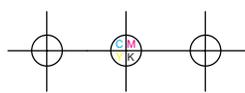
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• **ENGAGEMENT** •

**Pittman-Thompson**

Judy D. Pittman of Lawrenceville, Ga and Marc (Bud) Pittman of Highlands, N.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Muriel Pittman, to Mr. Chad Anderson Myers Thompson, son of Jacqueline V. Thompson of Stockbridge, GA and Robert Charles Thompson of McDonough, Ga., Chad is also the son of Mr. Mark Myers, now deceased.



Elizabeth Muriel Pittman and Chad Anderson Myers Thompson

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. R. M. Davis (deceased) and Ms. Bessie D. Davis, both of Thomaston, Ga., and Mr. M. H. Pittman (deceased) and Mrs. Esther R. Pittman of Highlands, N.C., formerly of Griffin, Ga., Miss Pittman is a graduate of Central Gwinnett High School and the University of Georgia, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism with a major in Public Relations.

She is currently the Media Relations Manager at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bryant of Macon, Ga., Mr. Bonton Myers (deceased) and Mrs. Bonnell Myers of Griffin, Ga., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert James Thompson, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga., Mr. Thompson is a graduate of Stockbridge High School and the University of Georgia where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, majoring in Management Information Systems. Chad is employed with Quality Care for Children of Atlanta as their Data Specialist.

The wedding is planned for March 18, 2006 at the UGA Chapel in Athens, Ga., A reception will follow at the Georgia Museum of Art on the UGA campus.

• **LETTER TO THE EDITOR** •

**Thank you Planning Board!**

Dear Editor,

Thank you Planning Board for unanimous approval of the River Walk subdivision concept at the Oct. 11.

Our family could have chosen any developer to tackle this project but since we currently live on the property and have for 28 years and plan to continue to live here with children in the future, choosing the current developer was very important.

We picked a developer after months of thought, as we did not want to sell to multiple developers which could destroy all our pristine environment. Since we live in the middle of the property and could have been impacted mostly, we chose Tom Turrentine for obvious reasons. We have known Tom and his family for more than 26 years and are very familiar with the quality of his other projects, his attention to detail and his deep concern to protect the environment as well as all the beautiful trees.

We have worked diligently with him to create a plan that will leave approximately 88 percent of the land in its natural state forever. Our plan exceeded our wildest dreams in achieving this goal. We were always concerned with the impact after the build out of the ¼-acre Laurel Terrace subdivision. We now can spread this density over the entire 34 acres and place each house among the trees and natural surroundings while maintaining the privacy we currently enjoy.

Our family was also very concerned with protecting our neighbors who surround the property. Under current zoning, Mr. Turrentine could start 80 houses which only needed a building permit, and at that point the total amount of green space would be in the hands of the 80 individual home owners. Mr. Turrentine has agreed to build 10 less homes than zoning allows and put the remainder of the land (88%) into a trust never to be disturbed and enjoyed by all of us.

With our family living there and concern for fellow adjoining property owners, we look forward to the Town Board approving Mr. Turrentine's plan and we thank the Town Board in advance for their vote and keeping this beautiful property as close to its natural state forever.

**The Scudder Family**  
**Al & Frank Scudder, Highlands**

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# • BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS •



## John Hayes Shaheen

John Hayes Shaheen was born on September 3, 2005, weighing 8 lbs. and 6.5 oz. and 22 inches long. He was welcomed home by parents Jon and Gibby Shaheen and his big sister Savannah. Maternal grandparents are Gilbert and Susie Beck, great grandfather Fred Green of Highlands. Fraternal grandparents are Bill (Pops) and Ruby Shaheen of Scaly Mountain.



## Brionna Ann Potts

Ryan and Keeshia Potts of Marion, N.C., announce the birth of a daughter, Brionna Ann Potts. She was born on Oct. 10 and weighted 8 pounds and was 22 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Willie and Ann Turbyfill of Heaton, N.C., and great-grandmother is Beulah Turbyfill.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Karin Potts of Highlads; great-grand-

mother is Velamae Potts of Highlands; and great-grandfather is Jim Scott of Naples, Fla.

# • OBITUARY •

## Jean H. Woodsby

Jean H. Woodsby, 73, of Orlando and Highlands, died unexpectedly October 12, 2005. Jean is survived by her husband, Charles E.; son, Ron E. (Dana) of Lakeland; and daughters, Deoborah W. Thrash (John E. Jr.) of Columbia, S.C., and Sherry W. Parrish (William) of Orlando; grandchildren: Clark Woodsby, Harris Woodsby, Shannon M. Pierce, Jennifer E. TYhrash, John Thrash, III, Nicoloe J. Parrish and Joshua W. Parrish; great-grandson, Alexander T. Black; sister, irene Gilber of Travelers Rest, S.C., and brother Pete Harris of Spartanburg, S.C., and Johnny Harris of Atlanta, Ga.

Jean was born in Spartanburg, S.C., and was a member of First Baptist Church of Orlando. She was a generous benefactor of many Christian organizations including, "The Jesus Film Project," Global Harvest Mission, Campus Crusade for Christ, Samaritan's Purse (Hurricane Katrina Fund), and Edgewood Children's Ranch. She also sponosred many children from Honduras.



A clebration of her life was held at 10:30 a.m. on October 17, 2005 at First Baptist Church, Jim Henry Chapel in Orlando with Pastor Jim Henry presiding.

Memorial donations may be made to Arthritis Foundation, 125 South Swoope Ave., Suite 107, Maitland, Fla.

## ... LETTERS continue from page 2 Article warms hearts

Dear Editor,

Just a quick note of thanks for the incredible coverage of Sara's article in the Oct. 14 issue of Highlands' Newspaper. Ordinarily, as a father, I would never want my daughter anywhere close to a "centerfold," but I'll gladly make an exception in this case! And as the parent of a previous exchange student, you can certainly identify with the joy of seeing your child making the most of this fantastic opportunity. If circulation appears higher than most weeks, you can blame us as we grabbed a few extra copies. Thanks for the great coverage of such a wonderful program.

Thomas Bates, Cashiers

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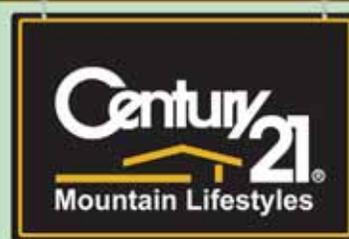
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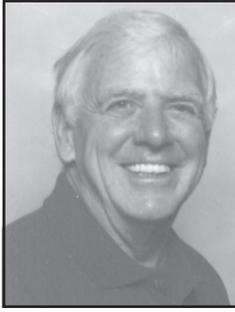
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# • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

## What were they thinking?

I admit I am not the brightest person on this planet, but I am smart enough not to pitch my tent next to a creek or build a city in a big hole.

Whatever possessed the French to build New Orleans 12 feet under sea level goes far beyond my comprehension. When I ask my French friends, they just



**Fred Wooldridge**

stare at me.

Now I know why they called them the "Coonass," which means "French rednecks who build cities in holes." Didn't they know water runs downhill? Maybe it was greed or the heat that caused this lapse of common sense. Please, do not write in with corny French jokes 'cause I know

them all. Besides, I like the French, as long as they are not building a city for me.

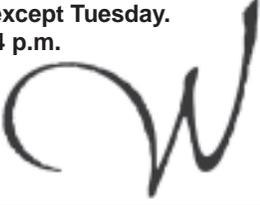
Here's how it all happened. La Salle, René-Robert Cavalier, Sieur de...or is that René-Robert Cavalier La Salle, Sieur de? (Let's just call him Rene, the Coonass.) arrived in Louisiana and said, "Let's build a city right here in this big hole in the ground with that big lake above us on one side and that mighty river above us on the other." "Splendid, René," others said. The "others" were obviously "Coonass" also. TA DA, New Orleans was founded in a big hole. It's OK to insult these particular Coonass' because they are dead and can't defend themselves.

It gets worse. Read the history. Shortly after construction started, the river swelled and flooded the town. "Hmmm, did we make a mistake? Nah, keep building," they commanded. Then it happened again and again, but instead of admitting their mistake and moving elsewhere, they decided to pile dirt up around the town and compound their mistakes. This dirt, of course, came from the hole, making it even deeper. Because electric pumps had not been invented, all new home sales came with free wading pants for the occupants.

Finally, someone thought of concrete and they built a levee, which  
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## Managing diabetes, bereavement are topics shared with area doctors

Once again area physicians were afforded an opportunity to hear two of the nation's leading medical experts as Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and the Highlands-Cashiers Senior Physicians group held their final medical symposium of the season here recently.

Nearly 30 area physicians and others attended the breakfast event on Oct 8, which featured presentations by two authorities on widely different areas of medicine.

The opening lecture was given by a national past president of the American Diabetes Association. John Colwell, MD, PhD, professor

of medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina at Charleston, and Director of the Diabetes Center, spoke on managing the many health factors associated with diabetes.

He was followed at the podium by J. Richard Williams, Jr., MD, CPE, FACPE, one of the nation's leading experts on Hospice care and bereavement. Williams is the former National Medical Director and Vice President for Medical Affairs of Hospice Care, Inc., and a member of the board of directors of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization.

"The reputation of these speakers and the quality of their presentations were indicative of the outstanding level of medical knowledge and expertise that we have been able to bring to area physicians during the course of these symposiums over the last several years," said Donald C. Mullen, MD, retired cardiac surgeon and organizer of the Highlands-Cashiers Senior Physicians group. "This continuing series has provided a wonderful opportunity for both retired and active physicians to learn about a wide range to medical topics, including cutting-edge techniques from some top people in the field."

Dr. Colwell, who has authored three books, 40 individual book chapters on diabetes, and nearly 150 peer-reviewed and other articles on the subject, stressed that recent research has reinforced the importance of aggressive management of both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes in order to minimize the damage the disease can cause to various parts of the body and to significantly reduce the risk of

death from cardiovascular disease.

Type 1 diabetes is usually diagnosed in children and young adults, and was previously known as juvenile diabetes. In Type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce insulin. In Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes, either the body does not produce enough insulin or the cells ignore the insulin. Insulin is necessary for the body to be able to use glucose, which is the basic fuel for the cells in the body.

The potential of damage to organs such as the eyes and kidneys can be reduced by as much as 50-75 percent with aggressive management, he said, while the risk of death from cardiovascular disease in those with diabetes can also be substantially reduced, though the rates differ for each type of diabetes. The incidence of Type 2 diabetes is increasing, but Dr. Colwell said that may be due to the fact that it is age related, and Americans are now living longer than ever before.

Although a topic only recently coming to the forefront of medicine, Dr. Williams told the group that a number of studies have shown a clear link between bereavement and the increased risk of death for the surviving partner, particularly in the elderly.

Some studies have shown that the surviving spouse may be twice as likely to die within 12 months of a loved one. Nearly a third of elderly survivors experience clinical depression within that year period, and depression has shown to be associated with an increased risk of death from cardiovascular disease, even in survivors who have had no previous history of heart disease. Dr. Williams cited one large study that showed 30 percent of men and 15 percent of women age 65 or older will die within 7-10 months after the death of their spouse.

However, Dr. Williams added that those who receive some type of bereavement support, such as counseling or interaction with a support group, fair far better. Those who have spiritual belief or participate in religious activities are also less likely to suffer either physical or mental illness as a result of grief.



Dr. John Colwell (L), one of the country's leading authorities on diabetes and Dr. Richard Williams (R), a leader in the field of bereavement support, addressed a group of about 30 interested physicians and others at a recent medical symposium, sponsored by the Highlands-Cashiers Senior Physicians group and Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

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## The race for Town Board

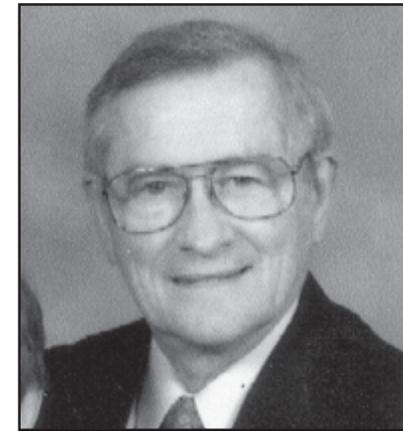
Every week prior to the Nov. 5 election, candidates have agreed to answer questions.

**Question #8:**

**In your opinion, what, if anything, is wrong with Highlands today? How would you recify the "problem?"**



**Mayor Candidate  
Mayor Buck Trott**



**Mayor Candidate  
Don Mullen**

Highlands' major shortcomings right now is its relatively small area that has city sewer connections available.

Presently the town has only 20 percent of its area with sewer lines installed. The current state-of-the-art sewer plant is being tripled in capacity to handle present as well as future growth. This is a major challenge since sewer line construction costs in a stone surface is terribly expensive.

The other challenge is meeting the demand of drinking water. The present water treatment plant can be enlarged by one third in the current building. The primary water source, Big Creek Arm of Lake Sequoyah experienced tremendous siltation during the Fall of 2004 hurricanes, Frances and Ivan. If this siltation is not removed before it's declared wetlands, the town's two Big Creek intake valves will have to be relocated into Lake Sequoyah's deeper waters.

Both of the above situations demand attention and planning to meet the ever changing increased quality standards forthcoming from EPA.

Highlands is at a major crossroads in its growth process, and its character as a pleasant mountain village for quality family life is being threatened. We are becoming a town of more permanent residents, but also a town of increasing numbers of second homes. This is all fine because Highlands is a place where people come to enjoy the beauty and serenity of our wonderful outdoors in a peaceful and enjoyable way, whether they are part time or permanent residents.

However, in the downtown area high-priced, Aspen-like resort development has interfered with the village character we have cherished for so long. There should be a moratorium on this rapid and uncontrolled development until we can have a better overall plan for expansion of the business area.

Fragmented decision-making that doesn't take into consideration the cumulative impact of those decisions has overwhelmed our town planning process and the enforcement of its ordinances.

Land values have escalated so fast that many local people have trouble making ends meet in our town. Tax relief for the elderly and the long term residents should be investigated and strongly considered if we are going to continue to maintain our vision of a family friendly town of hardworking, industrious people. Most second homeowners can absorb tax increases, but it has become a burden for many of our working residents. We do not want to become simply a playground for the wealthiest of our society.

It is more important to preserve our remaining green space and quality of life than it is to develop more homes, businesses and condominiums. If we are not careful, we are going to overdevelop the area, making it unattractive and unfit for enjoyment of the village character and

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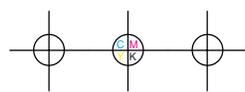
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**Commissioner Candidate  
Hank Ross**

Problems?

To me this is a wonderful place to live. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

The problem with Highlands is that too many other people feel the same way.

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"That's when I screamed, which startled the bear and gave me the chance to jump up. I crossed the stream and started bushwhacking my way through the woods," she said.

Alaina has since learned that black bears react to noise and the flailing of arms. "It was a very humbling experience," she said. "I don't feel this was an attack. I know he let me go. He was just curious."

That night NC Wildlife Resource Commission officers from Franklin visited the area but only found evidence of the bear having been there. "We found bags of garbage and tracks," said Edwin Grant. "We believe he left the area that night."

He said someone reported almost hitting a bear on U.S. 64 west as it crossed the road at Dry Falls that night. "That could have been him," he said.

Though the incident occurred on Federal land, animals are the State's responsibility, said Steve Waldroop, law enforcement officer with the USFS.

Officials and Alaina say the bear's behavior indicates he was more curious than aggressive and "we don't want this blown out of proportion," they said.

Nor does Alaina. "I just want people to be educated about what to do. Don't do what I did. Don't roll up in a ball and play dead. Make noise. When hiking, take a whistle or an air horn, something that will startle the bear."

Waldroop said 20 years ago bear sightings were a rare thing but nowadays people are seeing them everywhere.

One State official on the job more than 20 years says he's only heard of one other time that a bear got that close to a person.

"When Alaina saw the bear pawing at the ground an huffing, it might have been looking for grubs or some other

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**Commissioner Candidate  
Eric Pierson**

I believe Highlands has gotten too involved with controlling everything rather than being proactive and planning for the future.

We need to look ahead to protect and serve the citizens of this town.

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more information. Since August, it has blossomed into something with much more potential, at no expense to the school or the county.

"Funding for phase I has been secured through Highlands Cove mitigation funds," said Calloway. "And I just got word that the rest of the funding has been approved through EPA a Water Quality Cooperative Agreement."

Phase I involves restoring 802 linear feet of stream habitat from the channel ditch running along the back side of the soccer practice field between the elementary and middle school wing to a more natural meandering channel design.

Phase II involves restoring about 4,500 sq. ft. of wetland habitat in the vicinity of the old slide to treat stormwater runoff from the new gym.

Phase III involves building a boardwalk and covered classroom with the wetland environment to encourage hands-on learning and the building of an "interpretative recreation area," or playground, said Calloway. "These playgrounds typically have a 'theme' but the point is this funding will cover all expenses."

Concern arose at the Oct. 13 PTO Board Meeting where attendees said Principal Monica Bomengen announced that she had made an executive decision to scrap the UCWA project and move forward with expanding the soccer field behind the school into a regulation-sized soccer field.

"What concerned us was she said it wasn't appropriate for parents and faculty to be involved in decisions as to how school property is used," said PTO President Susie deVillie Schiffli. "We simply wanted the school board to allow more time for the Highlands community

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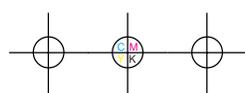
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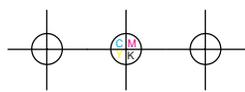
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Actually, Highlands today is in pretty good shape. The problem, I think, is that we aren't looking far enough ahead to plan for tomorrow. If you believe that Highlands today is pretty good and want to keep it that way, then we have to put forth more effort to anticipate what is coming next.

Every question asked in this series has had a future component: growth, planning, recreation, ETJ, fire department employees, etc. Presently, in my opinion, we're just reacting to these issues, frequently after the fact. We need to pay more attention to where we are going, and how to get there, rather than just letting it happen to us.

What would I do? More input from citizens. For instance, the long range planning commission is required every 10 years, but it could be more often. We don't really have much "public information" put out. Town meetings are required to be open to the public, but I

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master plan rather than sewerage the town in a hit and miss fashion.

"We need to establish a plan, understand potential costs of installation and figure it all into a timeline," he said. "For too long we've had people in town paying for the wastewater treatment plant without having a collection system available."

Commissioners agree that all new construction must connect to adjoining sewer lines but final adoption of the amended ordinance is hung up on the proposed requirement of hooking onto an adjoining sewer line even if the home is serviced by a working septic system.

"If residents can prove their system is proper and functioning, it seems unfair to make them tie in," said DeWolf.

Even though Commissioner Herb James has said several times that the majority of taxpayers in town are paying for something they're not using and may never use, he agreed saying if a septic system is good, it makes no sense to require someone to hook on to the sewer.

Commissioner Hank Ross said every septic system has a lifespan and if people are required to hook on to town sewer when their septic system fails, eventually everyone will be hooked up. "We have to look at this as a long-range plan," he said.

DeWolf said with a master plan in place citizens will know that in a period of time the town will have a sewer collection system in place. "The problem is we're going outside the town and on the fringes with this and we need to be connecting in town," he said.

Resident Rick Siegel said he has a functioning septic system, but would like the town to sewer his street so that if his system fails he can hook on.

But Commissioner Amy Patterson said the town can't put the lines in without users to pay for it. "So we need people to hook up," she said. Siegel



**Mayoral Candidate Zeke Sossomon**

think often the issues aren't fully explained or explored. And a little creative thinking; saying "no" to anything new will preserve the present, but not necessarily make the future better.

suggested a non-subscriber fee where taxpayers would pay a fee for not hooking on if sewer is available.

Commissioner Patterson said in the mountains it's hard to determine what "working fine" means when it comes to septic systems.

"The fact is we don't have the soil for adequate percolation. Just because it's not bubbling up doesn't mean it's working fine," she said.

But resident Bob Wright disagreed. He said it's true that neither the state or the county has a follow-up system in place to check on septic systems over the years, "but to say septic systems don't work in the mountains is just not true."

Commissioner DeWolf suggested hiring an independent consultant to define a failing system. Commissioner James suggested using the consultant to pinpoint potential problem systems in sensitive areas in town. "I don't think it's necessary to ask a consultant to look at the whole town," he said.

DeWolf is also concerned about the cost burden for those who have failing systems and must to hook on to adjoining sewer lines, but can't afford it.

"We need to look at low-interest loans to help, look at funding for those whose income status demonstrates a need, and look into programs to help finance failed systems," he said.

Resident John Cleaveland suggested asking the county to be the lead agency in procuring funds. "They run water and sewer all over the town of Franklin. Start asking the county to be the lead agency for any grant you want. They have more clout than the Town Board and they sure do it for Franklin," he said.

In the end, the board sent the ordinance back to the Public Works Committee to hammer out a plan hitting the points outlined in Wednesday's meeting.



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to review and discuss both the proposed UCWA project and the proposed expansion of the soccer field."

At Monday's meeting it was disclosed that the soccer field behind the school never has been, nor can it ever be a regulation-size soccer field due to geographical constraints which dictate the width - namely the granite outcrop behind the school. But the soccer practice field is desperately needed so board members want to make sure that the new plan still has room for the existing field.

"The Buck Creek field isn't a regulation-size soccer field either and there are too many teams using it for different sports," said school board vice chair Donnie Edwards. "There just isn't enough flat land in the area for fields."

Edwards wants to make sure the meandering part of the natural channel which will replace the ditch that runs along the back side of the soccer field and collects run-off from Satulah Mountain won't stick too far into the area needed for the soccer field.

Calloway said since this is a voluntary project without mandates from the state, the design can be basically "whatever people want." "I'm sure we can design it that way," she said. Since the land is flat, the meanders (curves in the channel) don't have to be severe. "Meanders are meant to slow down water, but the velocity isn't that great there because it's flat," she said.

The only area under state scrutiny and Clean Water Act stipulations is the perennial stream that runs through the playground. Gantenbein said the ditch along the back of the soccer field is man-made but it is developing into a stream. "But until it has sufficient year-long flow it doesn't have to be protected because it's not considered a perennial stream."

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ordinance. "Some of this we can do all at once and quickly," he said. "Other parts will take a lot more time."

Commissioners asked the planning board to dispense with those aspects quickly and then move on to ordinances and ordinance revisions that will take more time.

In the Commercial section, commercial buffering and "big box" development will be dealt with quickly. "Everyone agreed that the business district needs a little help," said Planning Board Chairman John Cleaveland. One quick fix is sufficient buffering like fencing and landscaping around commercial areas. Cleaveland said "big box" stores with large parking lots will be prohibited, as will the over-development of existing commercial properties.

In the Natural Environment section, natural buffers to protect streams and lakes rather than landscaped green areas and requiring highway buffers will be

"I think a win-win situation can exist," said Schiffli. "I hope we can look at all the ramifications benefiting all parties involved. It's important for Highlands parents and the community to have a say even though the final decision rests with the Macon County School Board."

Edwards agreed. "I want the best of both worlds," he said. "But I don't want to give up one thing to get the other."

The board tabled the proposed project until the November meeting at which time Calloway said she could have detailed plans with buffer and meandering dimensions delineated between the stream and the soccer field.

Schiffli said she is pleased with the outcome.

"I am delighted with the response from the school board, in particular Donnie Edwards' comments. While he is interested in seeing more information on the stream restoration phase (specifically how far the proposed buffer would move into the practice field), he stated he supports the UCWA project. He is seeking to find a win-win solution that will serve the greatest number of students. This, of course, is what we seek as well."

Chairman of the school board Kevin Corbin said that parents and other Highlands citizens do have a voice and input as to how school property is used.

"He made it clear that we do have a place at the table and an opportunity to be a part of a meaningful discussion. I am most grateful to Chairman Corbin for clarifying that," said Schiffli.

At Monday's board meeting, Schiffli said perhaps land could be donated to the school from landowners in town for off-campus fields. The board had no problem with the notion.

quickly stipulated, as will the prohibition of high impact or incompatible development.

In the Residential Areas section, controlling development on steep slopes will be dealt with quickly by limits on structure footprints, the removal of vegetation and required topographical information prior to building.

Priorities that will take a bit longer to formalize include the zoning map revision, imposing impact fees, reviewing business zones for incompatible adjoining land uses, prohibiting ridge top construction, and view cutting.

"Right now a 70-house subdivision has no impact fees for the effect it will have on town roads," said Gantenbein.

Cleaveland agreed. "Also, during construction a lot of roads are destroyed and someone should help pay for those."

He also suggested imposing fees if a house isn't finished by a certain date. "The owner should pay something for disturbing others' peace and quiet."

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**On-going**

• 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.

• Live music at Jack's at Skyline Restaurant every Friday and Saturday nights.

• Music and dancing at Fressers in Helen's Barn the third Thursday of each month, 8-12

• 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 basement 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.

**Oct. 20-22**

• At Acorn's, Canio, Trunk Show featuring custom clothing for all occasions. Hand-hooked rugs, custom bed covers.

**Oct. 22**

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

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• The annual Highlands School Fall Festival this year at Highlands School in the old gym from 5-9 p.m.

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- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 11-mile hike up Mt. LeConte, approximately 6-7 hours. The hike will be rescheduled for Oct. 29 if rained out. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 7 a.m. Bring a drink, lunch, snacks if you wish and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes, preferably boots. Drive 100 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leaders George and Carol Fritz, 369-0047, for more information.

## Oct 23

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike in Black Mountain State Park in Georgia on the Tennessee Rock loop trail to a viewpoint. Drive 30 miles round trip. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. or call leader to arrange an alternate meeting place. Share \$2 per car parking fee. 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.

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## Oct. 25-27

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will hold its fall campout at Davidson River campground in the Pisgah Forest near Brevard. Hike Tuesday .to Skinny Dip Falls, and the Devil's Courthouse; hike Wednesday to Raven Cliff Falls. Call Larry Jelley, 524-4200, for more information about the campout.

## Oct. 25-29

- The Instant Theatre presents "The Turn of the Screw" for five performances at 8 p.m. at the ITC's Studio on Main, 310 Oak Square, Highlands, NC. The ITC Box Office opens for advance reservations on October 3. Tickets for adults are \$20, with reservations, and \$25 at the door. Tickets for students ages 13-17 are \$7 with reservations, and \$10 at the door. Early reservations are Strongly Suggested as seating for each performance is limited to 65. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 for reservations.

## Oct. 27-29

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## Oct. 27-30

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- Deadlilne for Highlands Olde Mountain Christmas T-Shirt and Poster Design Contest. Winner receives \$100 for the T-Shirt

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## Oct. 29

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

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 3-mile hike with an elevation gain of 900 feet up Albert Mountain, then down to Betty Creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 8:45 a.m. Drive 55 miles round trip, returning 3-4 p.m. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes, preferably boots. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader George Gover, 349-1509, for more information.

- "Nature by Night" at the Highlands Nature Center. 7 p.m. Bring your flashlight and learn about nocturnal creatures through games, activities, and observations along the Garden trails. Ages 5 to adult, \$2 per person. Pre-registration required, call 526-2623.

- The Mirror Lake Improvement Association and the USFS are sponsoring the semi-annual Cullasaja Gorge Clean Up at 9 a.m. beginning at Cliffside Lake Picnic Shelter. Safety vests, gloves and bags will be provided. Call Jack at 526-3417 for information.

## Oct. 30

- A reading of the hit Broadway shoe *Doubt* by John Patrick Shanley, will be held at the Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main at 310 Oak Square on at 4 p.m. The reading is free to the public and no reservations are necessary. The role of Father Brendan Flynn will be read by Max Vogler, Collin Wilcox will read the role of Sister Aloysius, and the roles of Sister James and Mrs. Muller will be read by Callie Rawlins and Mary Haraisaris, respectively. A wine and cheese reception will follow the reading. Call the ITC office at 828-526-1687 for further information. For more information about the Instant Theatre Company, please visit our web site: [www.InstantTheatre.org](http://www.InstantTheatre.org) or call us at (828) 526-1687.

## Oct. 31

- Highlands Halloween sponsored by the chamber of commerce. Trick or treating on Main and Fourth streets. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Hot dogs, treats and fun!

## Nov. 1

- The Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought (HIARPT) will again sponsor its off-season Dialogue on Tuesday morning at 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center beginning Nov 1 with a discussion of Jared Diamond's "Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed" For more information, contact Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

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## Nov. 4-6

- The Instant Theatre presents "The Turn

of the Screw" for five performances at 8 p.m. at the ITC's Studio on Main, 310 Oak Square, Highlands, NC. The ITC Box Office opens for advance reservations on October 3. Tickets for adults are \$20, with reservations, and \$25 at the door. Tickets for students ages 13-17 are \$7 with reservations, and \$10 at the door. Early reservations are Strongly Suggested as seating for each performance is limited to 65. Call the ITC Box Office at (828) 342-9197 for reservations.

## 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. 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. For tickets, call 526-9060.

## Nov. 26

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.

## Dec. 14

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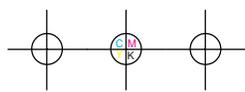
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eventually proved to be another mistake. Fortunately, there was not enough room to build the entire city in the hole, so builders, much to their chagrin, were forced to build some of it above sea level.

Modern day engineers have known for years New Orleans could not withstand a major hurricane. Much has been written on this. They knew the levee would break, the pumps would fail and the town would be flooded. They knew the devastation would be immense, yet year after year went by

and "The Big Easy" just let the good times roll.

Then, hurricane Katrina proved the engineers right. So long, "Big Easy," hello big muddy hole of death. This would be comical if it weren't for the fact that, because of government's lack of initiative, hundreds of innocent people are now dead. Even the mayor of New Orleans told his people prior to the strike to take a last look at their city as it would never look the same again. Is that an understatement, or what? Everyone knew the potential for destruction. Everyone did nothing. It's

mind boggling.

Even more mind boggling is the desire to rebuild the city back in the big hole, which, of course, got the French excited. Hello, is anyone catching on? Building a city in a big hole is a bad idea.

According to current dreamers, New Orleans will be built "more better" than ever, with a "more better" levee and a "more better" pumping system to pump the drains. How noble. Have they forgotten Katrina was only a category 4 hurricane and did not hit their city directly? With 15 or 20 more years of active hurricane seasons ahead, this could all happen again, and soon. That's why all the smart people (and

money) are moving to Texas and Florida.

Insurance companies took a major financial hit and rebuilding an entire city back in the hole is something they may not be willing to insure. Is anyone out there thinking?

Living in Highlands is comforting. Even Florida homes are somewhere between seven and 50 feet about sea level, high enough to keep the sea out of most living rooms. But could I sleep easily in New Orleans, knowing all that water is above me? Nope! It would be like sleeping under a dam that engineers say will fail if hit by a storm.

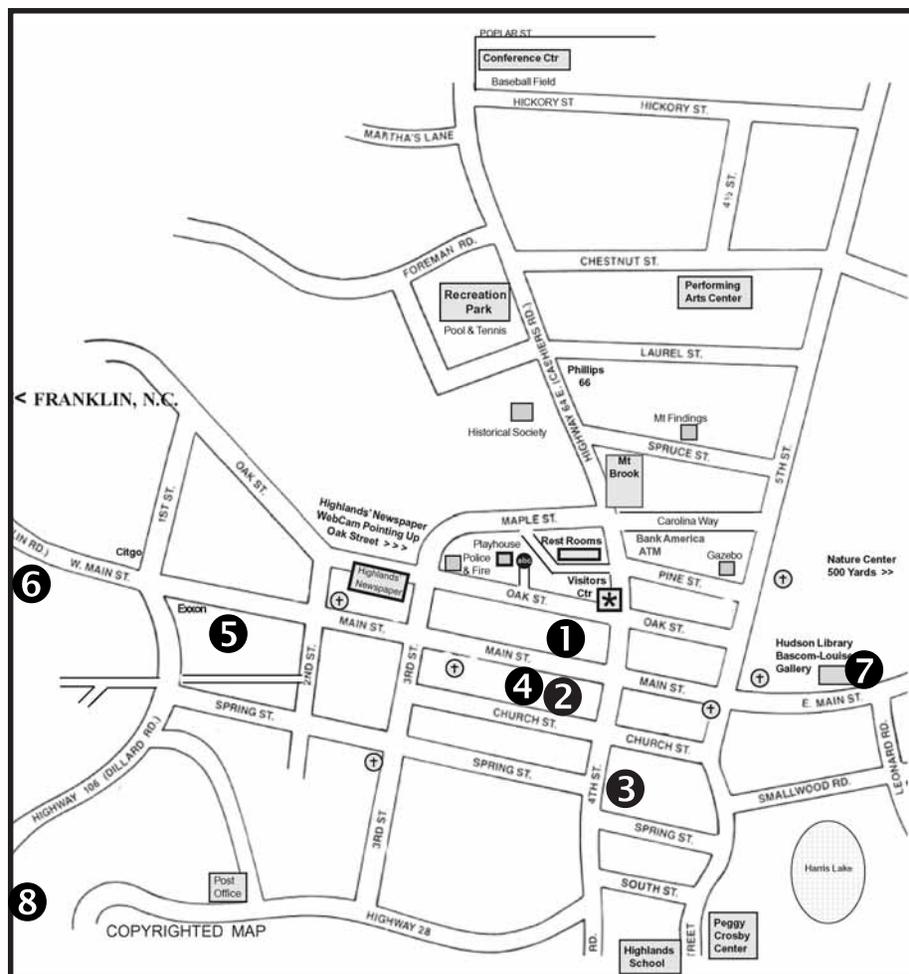
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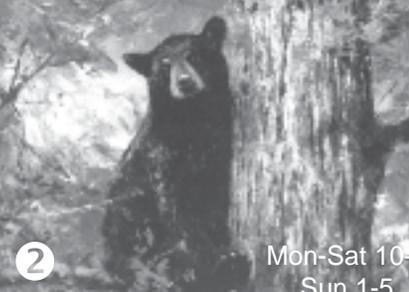
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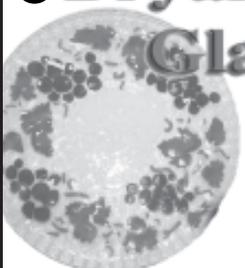
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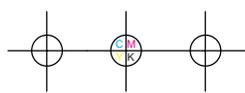
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## Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles Top Producers



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The following CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of September: Elizabeth Matej, broker associate in the Cashiers office was both Top Sales Agent and Top Listing agent. She was also the Top Sales by Units agent for her office in 2004, as well as a recipient of the Masters Ruby award for her production last year.

In the Highlands office, Gary Garren was top Top Sales Agent and Sherman Pope was Top Listing Agent.

Gary Garren is the Managing Broker for the Highlands office.

CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles is comprised of six Broker/Owners and over 140 agents located in nine offices in Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties.

## Highlands Goes Thai with ...on the Verandah and Taste of Thai

...on the Verandah and Atlanta's Taste of Thai restaurant are collaborating on Thursday, October 20, 2005 to offer the first of ...on the Verandah's theme dinners that will feature guest chefs from some of Atlanta and Miami's best ethnic restaurants. Future dinners in 2006 will include Vietnamese, Indian, Moroccan and Chinese.

Andrew Figel, OTV's partner-executive chef, and Chuck Sunyapong, Taste of Thai chef, are creating a menu that will include twists on some of TOT's favorite dishes. The five-course dinner will feature beef, lobster and duck and will be paired with white wines from the Verandah's Wine Spectator award-winning cellar. "We want to wow our customers' taste buds while re-introducing them to the sheer pleasure of white wine. The menu that Andrew and Chuck have developed will do just that," said Marlene Alvarez, GM/co-

owner of ...on the Verandah.

Tommi & Tu Kanjanampa, who started Taste of Thai 14 years ago, have been multi-year winners of the prestigious "Best of Atlanta" award.

On the Verandah, Highlands' most scenic dining overlooking Lake Sequoyah, in Highlands serves a contemporary American fusion menu with an Asian and Latin American influence.

Executive Chef/co-owner Andrew Figel and his sister, GM/co-owner, Marlene Alvarez operate this world-renowned restaurant that was successfully established in 1981 by their parents Marta and Alan Figel.

On the Verandah is open seasonally, from mid-March through New Year's Eve. Reservations for the dinner or Sunday brunch at ...on the Verandah can be made at 526 2338, [www.ontheverandah.com/](http://www.ontheverandah.com/)

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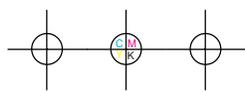
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New officers of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation include from left, Clam Patton, secretary/treasurer; Cassandra Manley, chairman; and Hugh Spruill, vice chairman.

## H-C Hospital Foundation elects new officers

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation has elected new officers for the coming fiscal year, including a new chairwoman from Cashiers.

Cassandra W. Manley will head the Foundation board during for the 2005-2006 year (which began Oct. 1), filling the shoes of William W. "Bill" Gaston, of Highlands and Spartanburg, S.C., who retired as chairman but who will remain on the board.

Other Foundation officers are C. Clement "Clem" Patton, of Highlands, who will serve as secretary-treasurer, and Hugh S. Spruill of Highlands and Duluth, Ga., who is vice chairman.

"I am looking forward to working with the other Foundation board members and the hospital administration to do some great things in the year ahead," said Manley. "I am particularly excited about the hospital's plans to bring a new, modern medical office facility to the people of Cashiers. This will certainly be one of the top fundraising goals for us in the year ahead."

While still in the planning stages, that project is budgeted at \$4.5 million. It will provide space for a number of physicians, including future physicians, as well as shared ancillary services such x-ray and laboratory.

The Foundation has a number of other challenges in front of it as well, including finding the funding for a new magnetic resonance imaging unit (\$2.5 million) and another \$3.5 million for new equipment needed to replace technology that is reaching the end of its effective life.

"The Foundation board certainly has work to do, but with the continued generosity of the people of the Highlands-Cashiers area, I believe we can work together to meet the health care needs of all area residents," she added.

Manley and her husband Jim came to Cashiers from Houston, Texas, where she was a restaurant critic, food editor, and cooking teacher. A graduate of Sullins College and the University of Texas with a degree in journalism, she has been active in a number of civic organizations, both in Cashiers and Houston. She co-chaired the silent auction for the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Fall Fling Festival, and has edited Color the Mountains, since coming to Cashiers. She has served on the Village Green board and the Cashiers Humane Society board.

While in Houston, she participated in the Junior League, the Post Oak Garden Club, the Houston Food Bank, the End Hunger Network, the Public Relations Board of St. Joseph's Hospital and several national advisory boards for hunger and health care organizations.

Clem Patton has a long history of service to Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, both on its board of directors and as a member of the Foundation board. He is a retired vice president for BellSouth, Corp. A native of Arkansas, he graduated from Vanderbilt University and later attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he earned a master's degree. He is a former member of the Highlands Rotary Club, and former deacon and treasurer of the First Baptist Church of Highlands, and has served a number of local civic organizations, including the Little Tennessee Watershed Association, and the Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association.

Hugh Spruill is also a veteran of the hospital Foundation board, who is very active in many church and civic groups both here and in the Atlanta area, including his alma mater Georgia Tech. Before his retirement, Spruill owned and operated several businesses and also developed property in the Atlanta area.

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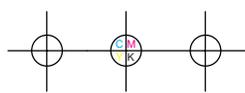
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# Highlands School Sports

## Fighting Highlanders stack up the 'wins'



Nick Kerhoulas at the home game against Hayesville, Oct. 10. The Highlanders are undefeated in conference.

Photo by Noel Atherton

## Volleyball varsity team secures title of regular season champs

**By Claire Young**  
JV Volleyball Coach

The JV and Varsity Volleyball teams had a tough schedule last week with away matches against Blue Ridge (Oct. 3; Varsity only) and Rosman (Oct. 4) and its final home match of the regular season against Swain (Oct. 6).

The Varsity team secured its title of regular season champions by finishing off Blue Ridge in 3 straight games (25-12; 25-14; 25-11), but lost to both Rosman (8-25; 24-26; 25-21; 19-25) and Swain (15-25; 19-25; 16-25).

Despite losing a very close match to Rosman at home in the first half of the season, the Lady Highlanders had high hopes going into Tuesday. After an uncharacteristically slow first game, the

team appeared to have things under control in the second game with a 20-12 lead. They eventually lost the match in the fourth game. It was a very strong defensive game for the girls, with all back-row defenders earning at least 5 digs apiece. Captain Ramsey Ashburn led the team with 16 digs, the most of any player all season.

The JV played 2 great matches against Rosman and Swain, but unfortunately came up short in both of them. The girls played an exceptional first game against Swain on Thursday, though they ultimately lost (24-26, 16-25). By scoring 40 points in that match, they nearly doubled their point total from their last match against Swait, a reflection of their continued improvement over the season.

Allison Winn had 9 digs, Danielle Puchacz had 3 kills, and the team had a nearly perfect serving record.

Both Varsity and JV teams won their match this week against Hiwassee Dam. The Varsity lost the first game (17-25), but then came back to win the match in the next 3 games (25-16, 25-10, 25-13). Outside Hitter Anna Trine broke her hitting record for the season with 21 kills in a single match, and Setter Callie Rawlins had a great game with 22 assists, her season high. The JV team also lost its first game of the match (19-25), but then came back to win the next 2 (25-20, 15-4). The Varsity finished its season as undefeated conference champs, and the JV is tied for first place in the conference.

Excerpts from the home match against Swain are currently being shown on Highlands' local television show, *Heart of the High Country*.

The JV championship game between Highlands and Hiwassee Dam is Thursday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. immediately be followed by the Varsity championship game.

## Upcoming Soccer Games:

Monday, Oct. 24,  
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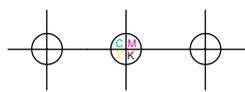
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## - News from Arica, Chile, part 5 -

# ¡Feliz 18 de Septiembre!

## A week of celebration....

By Rachel Power

Highlands Rotary Exchange Student  
**W**ow! So much fun in one week! Starting September 15, activities just started to happen out of nowhere!

On Thursday I went to a Rotary meeting for my monthly allowance and to meet the District Chairman of the Youth Exchange Program in this District, Juan Mangili Godoy. The dinner meeting lasted from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30! We ate dinner there with the members. There were two other exchangees there, Sonja my cousin, and another girl Maya, from Germany. Maya goes to another school, but I know her from the Centro Español.

The members asked us questions, where we were from, how we liked Arica, and Chile, did we miss our family. When Señor Mangili Godoy made his speech I didn't really understand it, but I tried! It was mostly about reaching out to people to encourage them to become active in Rotary, and invite people who you think are eligible to be Rotarians. The president of the club also gave the Rotary Exchangees a gift - it was sheet of Rotary rules! Since the meeting ended so late, the next morning my parents let me sleep in and skip a little bit of school.

Though I went to school later than usual Friday, I got there in time for the ramadas. Ramadas are stands that have games for the kids, or food stands. It's like the Highlands School Fall Festival. The high school made the armadas for the little kids and there were games like fishing, ping-pong, and there was also this game where they put a guinea pig in a circle of boxes that are numbered. People bet on which box the guinea pig will go into. A person puts the guinea pig into a shoebox, then spins the box, and then the rodent walks into whatever box it wants to go into. (I didn't like that game very much.)

There was also the Cueca dance contest. Cueca (Quay-ka) is the national dance of Chile. There is a lot of clapping and going around in circles. But it looks fun. Students dressed into costumes of flowing dresses with floral patterns, and clothes for the typical huaso. A huaso (wa-so) is the typical Chilean farmer, with a poncho, cowboy boots, spurs and dark jeans. My class came in third at the Cueca contest. The seniors won. But there is always next year.

Later that night I went to a birthday party for a friend named Patrick. Some of us chipped in and bought him a new volleyball and signed it, and others bought volleyball

related stuff. He loves volleyball. It was a good day.

On Saturday, I went to Centro with Sonja and we saw a parade of dancers dancing in different costumes to represent the different regions of Chile, and watched them dance cueca in the streets. It was really busy and fun.

Later that day I ate lunch with my family and grandparents at Lo Nuestro (Ours) a restaurant is in front of the beach. The grandparents are from my dad's side of the family. They flew in from Santiago, the capitol of Chile a few days before. The restaurant belongs to the boyfriend of one of my aunts, Marie Gloria. It has a buffet and an open barbeque spit. It is really good, and right in front of the beach, so if you want you can walk on the beach after lunch!

Later that night, I went to the ramadas that they had in Centro. There were booths for games, and booths for Chilean food. The food from Chile is not like Mexican food, it is not spicy at all, and there are no tacos, or burritos here. At the food stands there were empanadas, ásados, amticuchos, and churros with manjar inside. There were also candy apples and cotton candy. Empanadas are little baked pastries, with things like cheese inside or pino; the mixture of beef, onions, half a



During the festivities, children tried to cat

boiled egg, and an olive or two. They are really good. Ásado is a barbeque grill, with whole chickens, steak, and chorizo (a type of sausage). Amticuchos are shish kabobs with steak, chicken or chorizo. Churros are like donuts in Chile. They are fired, and coated with sugar, and eaten at breakfast sometimes.

At the armadas, the churros had manjar inside them. The whole place was filled the smells of grilled meat, the sounds of cueca music, and lots of laughing and running around. It was a really fun atmosphere that made everyone happy. The best part was Saturday - the final day until the actual date of Chile's independence day!

After the ramadas I knew that the next week would be filled with so many great events! Turned out I was right. Later that night, I went to the, Club de Huaso in Azapa Valley. It is a place with a huge field of grass, and a place for dancing surrounded by huge cement walls. That night I danced with my friends and sat in the grass talking to everyone. Lots of teenagers were there. Since everyone has to pay to enter, lots of kids jumped over the walls to avoid paying. It was really funny to see. You would see kids walking near the wall, check for cops, and then jump over. Some made it over, and others fell back down on the ground. Trust me, I paid!

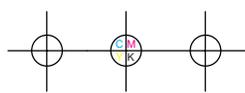
On Sunday, I woke up and got ready to go the Centro Español to eat with my family and family friends. As the day before, I ate empanadas, and BBQ. My sister also taught me the basic steps of cueca. You pretty much go around in circles and figure eights, clap, and wave a handkerchief around. I have seen my parents dance cueca and other parents, too. Pretty much all of Chile knows how to dance cueca. When I told my family and friends that the States doesn't have a national



Ramadas are stands that have games for the kids, or food stands held during the Chilean Independence Day Festival. Sonja and Rachel participated in the potato sack races.



Festivity fare included candy apples and empanadas.





chickens let loose in the yard.

complemented it all. I wanted to see it all day, but Alejandra wanted to show me another cool thing.

The top of the hill was flat, but scattered across the bare sand were rocks of all sizes. A few yards ahead of me, I could see a huge pile of rocks. But as we got closer, I saw the rocks were arranged into names of my cousins, and siblings. My sister had taken Sonja and me up there to put our names up there, too. She told us that now we are a part of their family, and have a place to put our names with the rest of our family. I was so excited! I spent about 25 minutes finding rocks and making sure my name was recognizable.

You have no idea how happy and

welcomed I felt to have my name with my other family members. The sun was going down and we had to walk back down the hill but going down was a blast! We slid down the hill, like snowboarding. My shoes were full of sand.

The week was full of family-related activities. On Saturday morning, I went to the beach with a friend, and watched the waves crash against the tetrapods, and the rocky coast of the Playa de Lachou (playa is beach), beneath EL Morro. We tanned at the beach and had lunch in El Centro. To really know a city or a new place, it's best to get a local who loves his or her city to show you around. The person

will show you what his or her home is really about. I love Arica more because of the sight-seeing.

On Sunday, I went to eat my last almuerzo with my dad's parents before they returned to Santiago. I have three cousins from that side of the family, all girls. They go to school in Azapa Valley. The oldest has a horse and invited me to go riding with her one day. I hope so! She said that she rides her horse up on the acceros (hills) of Azapa. There is so much to do here in Arica and I can't believe I've experienced so much in two months. To know that I am going to be here for a year still amazes me!

Well, off the experience more, chao!



During the Cueva Contest, Students dressed into costumes of flowing dresses with floral patterns, and clothes for the typical huaso. A huaso (wa-so) is the typical Chilean farmer, with a poncho, cowboy boots, spurs and dark jeans. Cueva (Quay-ka) is the national dance of Chile. There is a lot of clapping and going around in circles.

dance, their eyes got big and some jaws dropped.

They said that on TV, their president dances cueca with his wife — I'd like to see Bush dance on TV.

There were activities such as the potato sack race, and a race where you had to blow up a balloon, pop it, run across a field, then find a piece of gum in a plate of flour. And a Chicken chase! Poor chicken! Watching little kids chasing a chicken for 30 minutes was so funny!

Later there was soccer and tennis. That night I went to the Club de Huaso again. There were so many people from different schools there. Some I recognized from the gym or Centro Español. But I made some new friends that night. The whole weekend was fun. And for the next week — to celebrate Chile Independence Day there was no school.

On Monday, My whole family ate in my house in Azapa Valley. Again, empanadas and BBQ (here, there is no BBQ sauce for the ribs or grilled meat just salt, avocado and salsa and salad. It was all good food. I ate so much!

Later that day, Sonja, Alejandra, Miguel, Alfonso, and Fernanda went up behind the house, and behind the olive tree groves to climb a huge hill of sand (acero is hill in Spanish). It was hard going up! We had to climb loose sand with just a few rocks to grip onto, but even those weren't that stable! But we all made it up, out of breath.

When we turned around to see Azapa Valley, the view took my breath away. It was gorgeous! In front of us were the crops of Arica -- olive trees, corn, tomato and cucumber fields... it was all so green and vibrant compared to the background of tall mounds of sand. The light blue sky

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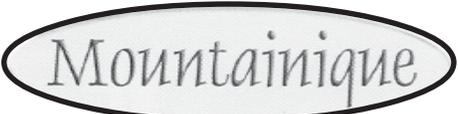


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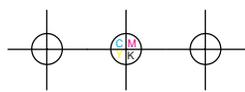
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## Planning Board makes wise decision

Dear Editor,

Preservation of 88 percent of green space in a development is, quite simply, rarely heard of in the development world today. However the plan for the River Walk development that has been unanimously approved by the Planning Board would do exactly that.

Although I do not know Mr. Turrentine, I met him at the Planning Board meeting and have had the opportunity to discuss this project with him at great length. After this discussion and a study of the plat, I concluded that he has worked diligently to preserve the inherent beauty of Highlands, while also acknowledging the inevitable growth of our precious little town.

As far as the development goes, Mr. Turrentine presently owns the adjoining Laurel Terrace and its already existing plat - which can be acted upon immediately with no approval necessary. Instead of going in that direction, Mr. Turrentine, a long-time resident of Highlands himself, has sought to create

a different, more protective plan. This plan would keep Laurel Terrace forever preserved for posterity as natural forest.

As my home adjoins where the Laurel Terrace subdivision would be, I have had deep concerns as to the outcome of the entire development of the area. I have been coming to Highlands since the early 50s so I am well acquainted with the good and the bad of developers who have come through our fair town. I have watched in dismay, sometimes, disgust, as areas have often been cleared for the developer to get the most for his money, showing little regard for the beauty that makes Highlands unique.

Even as I reflect nostalgically however, I know that change has been and continues to be inevitable in our town. Sadly, the area around me and my three neighbors is going to be developed, whether it is today or tomorrow and whether we like it or not. Period.

I feel that Mr. Turrentine's proposed plan has shown aesthetic gentility and

land responsibility with the least amount of disturbance done to the natural areas. With the present existing Laurel Terrace plat, he has the right and the capability of immediately placing 31 houses right next to me. Obviously, this would be terrible for me and my neighbors.

However, this development would also impact all of Highlands with the obvious outcome being houses lining Fourth Street (U.S. 64 east) - absolutely destroying the beauty of the only drive into town from Cashiers. The entire green space would be eliminated with each homeowner having carte blanche as regards to forest preservation.

I congratulate the Planning Board for its approval of the least invasive plan. With this plan we can bow, albeit grudgingly, to growth, while still having the opportunity to try as best we can to preserve some of that beauty and taste that has made Highlands unique for many, many years.

Anna Comer,  
Highlands and Alabama

## Say 'No' to ETJ

Dear Editor,

As a homeowner and taxpayer of Macon County, I want to go on record as opposing the ETJ meeting on November 16.

The ETJ effort is a ploy to eventually lead to annexation and taxation which we do not need in Highlands Falls where we have our own 24/7 security year round, water, sewer, paved streets...all of our own making and cost.

The ETJ scoundrels speak of protecting the watershed when much of the land they are discussing does not come under such.

Further, the ETJ folks are about to violate some laws of the State of North Carolina! If the elected and appointed officials pursue the ETJ plans, I believe they won't be around very long as the voters rise up and toss them out.

Bob Cromwell  
Highlands Falls Country Club

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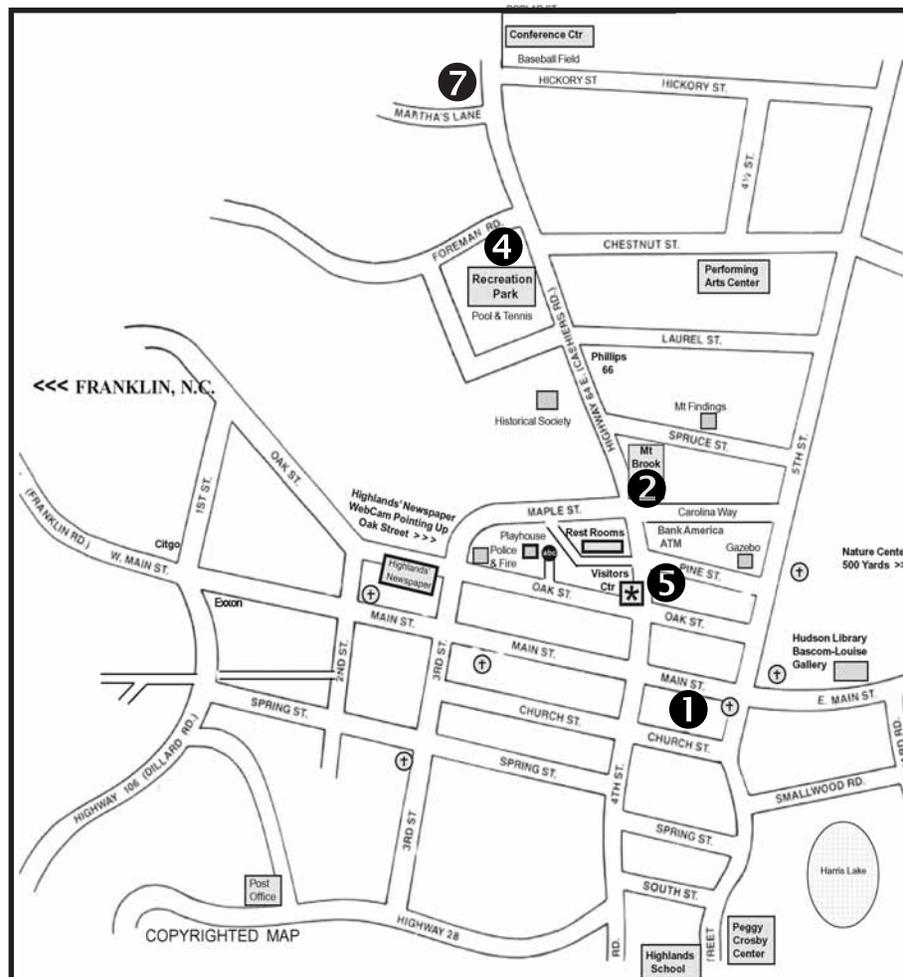
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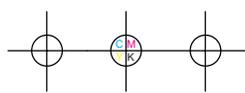
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The Community Care Clinic is located in the Macon County Health Department office on the lower level of the recreation building at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road.

## Clinic to be open for business by end of October

The Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers announced that construction of its office, located at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road is now scheduled for completion by the end of October.

The clinic will be the first in the Highlands-Cashiers area to provide free health care to local residents without insurance or other resources. Until now, the nearest has been the Good Samaritan Clinic in Sylva, more than an hour away.

"We began raising funds for the clinic two months ago, and are already halfway to our \$80,000 goal," said Board Chair, Ginger Slaughter. "Since all our

medical staff are volunteers, we can provide important health care services at extremely low cost."

In planning for the clinic, organizers drew from the experiences of many others in the Carolinas, particularly Good Samaritan in Sylva. Judith Hallock, Executive Director of Good Samaritan, said, "There is a definite need for a clinic in the Highlands-Cashiers area. Sylva is just too far away for many to get to, especially those who may have little access to transportation."

Anyone interested in supporting the clinic is asked to contact Ginger Slaughter at (828) 526-1991.



First place gross round team in Southwestern Community Colleges 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Foursome Golf Tournament were, from left, Gary Ramey, Steve Peek, Sue Bumgarner and Gary Peak.

## Tournament raises money for SCC student scholarships

The Captain's Choice event was held on the links of Highlands Cove and raised more than \$10,500 for scholarships for students attending SCC.

Although no one won the 2006 Chevrolet Colorado hole-in-one prize donated by Allison's Inc., winners in other events included Steve Peek, longest drive-men; Myrna Campbell, longest drive-women; Robert Hooper, closest to

the pin-men; Barbara Putman-closest to the pin-women; Mark Isabelli, Charles Frederick, Dan Anderson and Ben Swafford, first place net round; Jim Moore, Russell Hoyle, Michael Smith and Si Simmons, second place net round and Will Madden, Tony Potts, Steve Chenowith and James Bryson, second place gross round.

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Dr. William Rawlings, Jr., author of top-selling southern thrillers *The Lazard Legacy* and *The Rutherford Cipher*, has just released his third novel, *The Tate Revenge*, which he will autograph at Cyrano's Bookshop this Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22, from 1-3 p.m.

A multi-layered tale of suspense with a distinctly southern twist, the plot launches in Paris, leaps to Savannah and leaves a trail of intrigue from south Georgia to Atlanta.

Rawlings, a masterful storyteller with a penchant for detail and authenticity, traveled to Paris to become familiar with the streets and locations where the novel kicks into action.

"In addition to Vidalia onions," he remarks, "the story involves the travel industry, art stolen by the Nazis during WWII, the Eiffel Tower, the Port of Savannah, war criminals, terrorists, racists, and the antiques business." It promises plenty of plot twists and page-turning entertainment.

A lifelong resident of Sandersville, Ga., Rawlings earned Phi Beta Kappa at Emory, Alpha Omega Alpha at Tulane, and both a MD and a Master's in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at Johns Hop-

kins. Returning home, he set out to become a "country doc" rather than a "real doctor" with a large car and a country club membership.

He spent more than a decade involved with medical research and has authored or co-authored approximately two dozen scientific papers. He was the moving force behind the investigation into kaolin related pneumoconiosis, popularly known as the coal worker's "black lung disease."



**Dr. William Rawlings, Jr.**

When he's not practicing medicine, Rawlings is a world traveler. He has visited 50 countries and his favorite destinations are remote. He has been a guide and translator in Bolivia and trip doctor on numerous expeditions to the Amazon.

Rawlings is also a collector. In the 1980s, he acquired a lot of Outsider Art but eventually sold the collection and now amasses eclectic items of interest ranging from Oriental export porcelains to Hogarth prints. His interest in the gold of the Confederate Treasury showed up in his second novel *The Rutherford Cipher*, the movie rights for which were recently purchased by Hollywood producer David Hyman.

**'Treehouse' tour to aid victims**



Through Oct. 23, Highlands Treehouse Showhouse on Laurelwood Lane will be open to the public for view, Mon-Sat 11-4 and Sunday 1-4. Tickets are \$10 available at the door. All proceeds to benefit hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita victims will be dispersed by the Highlands United Methodist Church. For more information, call Rebecca Clary at 526-2973 or 200-9238.

# Box office opens for HCP's 'Second Time Around'

Take a trip, man, right back the '70s, when the Highlands Community Players present the comedy "The Second Time Around," opening Thursday night, Oct. 27, at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC) on Chestnut Street in Highlands.

Set in the 1970s, the play concerns an older couple, Sam, a widower, and Laura, a widow, who plan to live together without benefit of matrimony. When they announce their intentions, Laura's son and Sam's daughter, are shocked even if it is the '70s.

The daughter enlists the help of her husband, a loud and opinionated psychoanalyst, to persuade the elders of their folly. The son's wife arrives to lecture on unhealthy eating and voice her

objections. But the older couple is not to be deterred.

But, the play is a comedy after all and demands a happy ending. The way in which it is achieved includes many laughs and a surprise at the end. The cast includes several talented newcomers as well as some tried-and-true regulars.

Ralph Stevens, last seen in HCP's production of "Proof," returns to the stage in the role of Sam. Shirley Williams, recently seen in "Dearly Departed," plays the part of Laura.

Jennifer Royce (Suzanne in "Dearly Departed") plays Sam's daughter. Her husband, the psychoanalyst, is played by Wayne Coleman, new to HCP, but with an extensive background in acting and

musical theater in the Atlanta area. HCP regular Stuart Armor plays Laura's son; his wife is played by Kathryn Cochran, who has performed with HCP and also in musicals for the Highlands Playhouse.

Sam's grandson, is played by John Howard, who is new to theater. His girlfriend is played by Autumn Walton, a student at Summit Charter School, who has performed in school plays.

"The Second Time Around" runs Thursday, Oct. 27 through Sunday, Oct. 30, and Friday, Nov. 4 through Sunday, Nov. 6. The box office at PAC is open for season subscribers Oct. 20 and 21 and for the general public starting Monday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. till 2 p.m. Call 526-8084 for information about subscriptions or individual tickets.

The play is sponsored in part by The Laurel Magazine. Proceeds from the production will be donated to for the relief of Katrina/Rita hurricane victims.

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outdoor life we once had. To prevent this, firm, disciplined and consistent leadership will be necessary.

We need to provide more wholesome activities for our youth in Highlands. A task force of youth, parents and teachers should be formed to come up with a plan for giving our young people alternatives for activities that will have a positive impact on their development.

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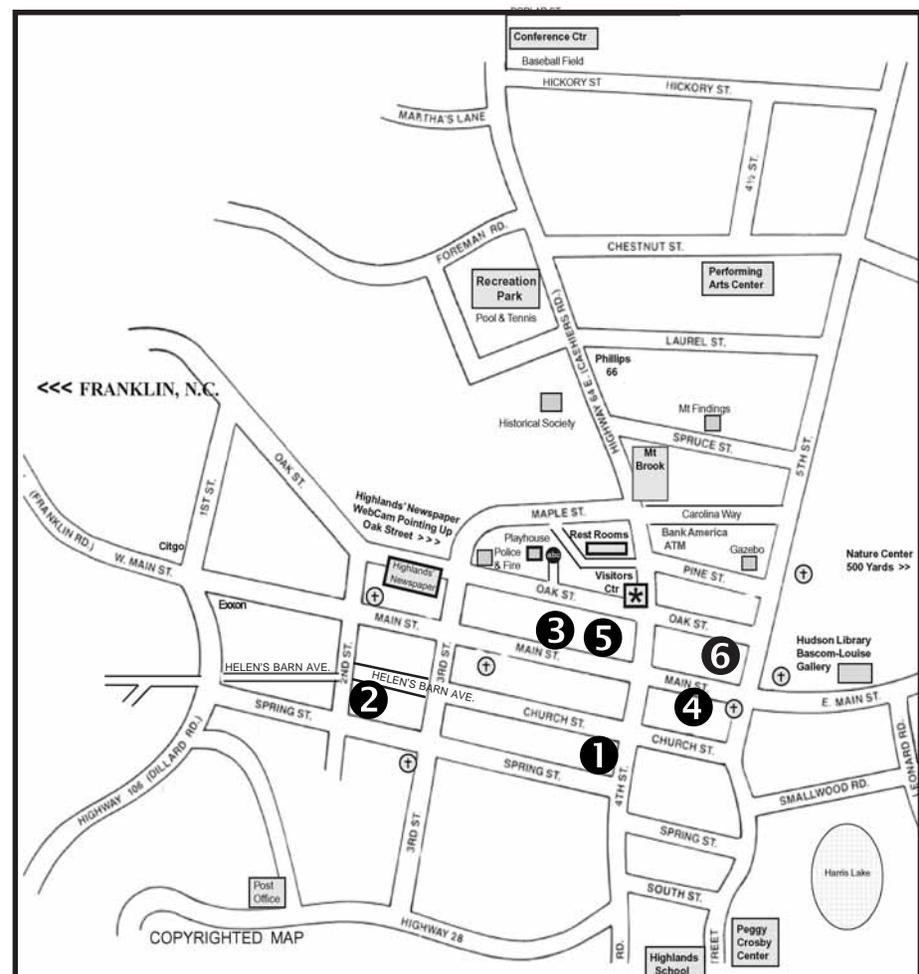


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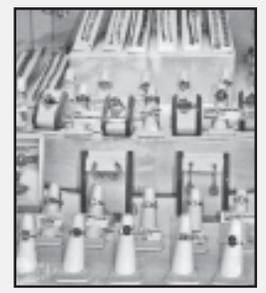
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**SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING****Home is a relationship****Pastor Kim Ingram****Highlands United Methodist Church**

Recently I preached the annual Homecoming Service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Shelby, NC. In trying to determine a text for the sermon, it seemed only fitting to find scripture that related to home. I chose John chapter 14, verses 1-3 and 18-23.

For most persons, this is a familiar text as it is often preached at funerals. We hear it as a reassurance that Jesus has gone to heaven ahead of us in order to "prepare a place" and we will one day go to be with him there.

Though that is true Christian belief, it is not actually the correct interpretation of this text, at least according to many biblical scholars. The Greek word *meno* is used in verse 2 (in English, "dwelling places") and verse 23 (in English, "home") (New Revised Standard Version). The verb means "remain" or "to dwell." Jesus is actually making the promise that though he is about to leave them physically, he will remain with them.

God and Jesus live together in the "Father's house" and the many "dwelling places" make it possible for all of us to be included in that relationship. That is good news! Home is not a place. Home is a relationship. We are invited to make our home with God. The disciples were welcome in the Father's House, here and now. The invitation is for us as well.

For persons who grew up in a difficult home situation, it is good news to know that you are invited to a new home, a relationship with Jesus Christ, that is full of love and welcome. If you leave home to go to college, to marry, to take a job, or for whatever reason, it is good news that "home" goes with you. The presence of the risen Christ is in our midst in all places. The relationships with Jesus and with others are sacred. The proximity or location is not what makes it home.

Jesus prepares a place. A place of home. We are invited to a relationship with God that is to be found and nurtured through the community of faith. Each of the churches in Highlands welcomes you. We want you to be a part of our "church homes" so that together we can experience the love of God and neighbor and go to serve the world.

When community is "home," there is room to accept differences and to be united through the love of God. Henri Nouwen described community as "that place where the person you least want to live with always lives." In community, we breathe together. In an article in *Christian Century Magazine*

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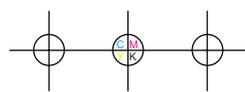
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# POLICE & FIRE

**The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 13-19.**

**Oct. 13**

• At 11:38 a.m., a motorist was cited for exceeding a safe speed on Hapholt Drive.

**Oct. 15**

• At 7:30 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 35 zone on Cook Road.

• At 11:10 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 35 zone on Cobb Road.

**Oct. 16**

• At 3:45 p.m., while investigating a hit and run collision which occurred in another jurisdiction, officers arrested Robert Drew Houston, 27, of Highlands, for possessing less than 1/2 ounce of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was released on a \$750 secured bond.

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(Breathing Together, Peter W. Marty, Aug. 23, 2005). John Courtney Murray is quoted as having once described the early church as a "conspiracy." "By that he meant that ancient believers "breathed together" (con: "with" and spire: "breath"). It wasn't sinister behavior, of course, that held these Christians together. It was their shared sense of grace, their breathing together as the people of God. When God's people breathe together, they model a common way of life that is good for the world."

So you are invited to come home. You don't have to wait until you die. In this life, Christ has prepared a home for us in relationship with him. It is a relationship that is lived out within the body of Christ, the church. Come home and breathe with us!

## Understanding the expanding role of corporations

Profits over People? Corporate Culture vs. Freedom! Want to do something about it?

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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

• At 3 p.m., James Douglas Steele, 32, of Highlands, was arrested on nuisance dog warrants and released on a \$1,000 secured bond.

• At 8 a.m., a resident of Village Walk Condominiums reported \$5,500 in jewelry missing from her residence.

**Oct. 18**

• At 2:36 p.m., a motorist at Main and Second streets was cited for driving without a license or registration.

**Oct. 19**

• At 8:40 a.m., a motorist at

Webbmont Road and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.

**The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Oct. 16-18.**

**Oct 16**

• The dept. responded to a two-motorcycle wreck at the Bridal Veil Falls parking lot. There were no injuries.

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at Cullasaja Country Club. It was

cancelled en route.

**Oct. 17**

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Rich Gap Road where the victim had fallen. She was transported to the hospital.

**Oct. 18**

• The dept. responded to the "smell of smoke" at a residence on Rich Gap Road. There was a problem with the breaker box. There was no damage.

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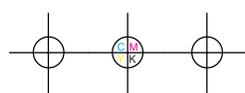


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## Youth excelling at gymnastics



Cara Hedden, of Highlands School, (front row left) is a member of the Level 4 and 5 New Vision Gymnastics Team. This team is sponsored by many Highlands merchants.

## Max Vogler appears in Instant Theater's production of 'The Turn of the Screw'

In *The Turn of the Screw*, unspecified, unidentified evils are presented against an isolated background haunted by demons and spirits and unexplainable actions. These are the ingredients of Henry James's pot-boiler of horror, adapted to the stage by Jeffrey Hatcher.

"The play is a tour de force in dramatic technique, requiring the fine skills of two superb actors, which we are extremely fortunate to have in the talents of Max Vogler and Madeleine Davis," Collin Wilcox Paxton, director of the piece, said recently during a break in rehearsals. "*The Turn of the Screw* is an allegory that dramatizes the conflict between good and evil. In this play the beauty of light and innocence is contrasted with the ugliness and darkness of evil. Audience members cannot help but be drawn into this brew of horror and mystification. We could not have found a more appropriate theater piece to produce for the Halloween season."

If you want to be wonderfully terrified make plans now to attend *The Turn of the Screw*, five performances only, Oct. 25-Oct. 29. Call the ITC Box Office at 342-9197 to purchase tickets - \$20 for adults (\$25 at the door), \$7 for students 13-17 (\$10 at the door). Complimentary wine and soft drinks are served. Advanced ticket purchases are strongly suggested as seating is limited to 65. Curtain is at 8 p.m. and no one, ticket or not, will be admitted after the performance begins.

The ITC is very grateful to its corporate sponsors, Nellis Communities, Country Club Properties and Signature Properties for making this production possible.



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## 'I'm sorry, what did you say?'

### Hearing loss plagues many

After hypertension and arthritis, hearing loss is the third most prevalent chronic condition in older Americans and it poses a significant impact on physical and mental health.

Despite these effects most of the 30 million Americans with hearing loss are not assessed or treated.

Diminished hearing not only creates a communication barrier, but compelling evidence suggests a link between hearing loss and social isolation, poor self-esteem, and depression. One report indicates a strong correlation between hearing loss and Alzheimer's disease.

The symptoms of Alzheimer's Disease are: depression, anxiety, disorientation, reduced language comprehension, impaired memory, inappropriate psychosocial response, loss of ability to recognize, denial, defensiveness, negativity, distrust regarding others' motives

Symptoms of untreated hearing loss are strikingly similar: depression, anxiety, disorientation, reduced communication ability, reduced cognitive input, inappropriate psychosocial response, reduced mental scores, denial, defensiveness, negativity, distrust and paranoia.

The 1999 study by the National Council on the Aging surveyed 2,069 hearing-impaired individuals and 1,710 of their family members, and found that hearing instrument users were likely to report improvement in their physical, emotional, mental and social well-being.

Additionally, hearing instrument users were, on average, more socially active and avoided extended periods of depression, worry, paranoia, and insecurity than were non-users with hearing loss.

Interestingly, the family members and friends were more likely to notice these benefits than the actual users themselves.

Hearing screening should be part of an annual evaluation, along with medical, eye, and dental exams. Wren Gay Davis of WNC Hearing Aid Services has worked with hearing impaired adults for 20 years, and knows the value of an annual hearing screening.

At the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's annual free health screening clinic last year, one-third of the patients tested had noted hearing loss. About one-half of those sought further testing and follow-up care.

"Due to the insidious nature of presbycusis, or age-related hearing loss, the condition can seem to 'creep up' years after the actual onset. A yearly hearing screening can alert patients to changes in their hearing acuity, and prompt further evaluation and treatment when warranted," Davis said.

Early intervention can make for an easier transition into amplified hearing. "Waiting until the problem worsens increases the difficulty of accepting hearing aids," she said. "Amplification can assist patients maximize their hearing ability."

The message is clear. See a hearing healthcare professional and listen to what they say. You may have a condition that requires medical attention, or you may be like millions who can be helped with some type of amplification.

Don't let a treatable hearing loss rob you of the sweet sounds of life.

Ref: JAMA April 03, Better Hearing Institute, Dr. Sergei Kochkin

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kind of food," he said. "After she curled up in a ball it probably approached her thinking she was a dead animal," he said. "Black bear will eat carrion - dead animals."

Officials say the "grizzly bear" response of curling up in a ball and playing dead is not the right thing to do when approached by a black bear. It's better to make yourself as big as possible.

"Stand up tall, put your arms up high, hold sticks to make yourself look bigger and scream and make as much noise as possible," said Alaina. At that point the bear will usually run away, said officials.

They said if the bear was truly in "attack" mode it would have chased Alaina when she ran away.

"After I got away and was running through the woods, I looked back to see if he was chasing me but he wasn't. He was moving slowing in my direction, but more like he was startled and not sure what was going on."

With bear habitat rapidly dwindling, officials say more and more bear

sightings will be reported.

"They're in people's backyards, and in town which is indicative of what's happening elsewhere in the country," said Waldroop. "As their habitat continues to shrink and more homes and developments go up, the bears don't have anywhere to go."

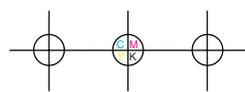
He said the bear that approached Alaina was obviously in the area and scented her but was more curious than aggressive.

Alaina said she had a grapefruit soda and was covered with a sweet-smelling Victoria's Secret body spray. "Maybe he thought I was a sweet treat," she said.

Grant asks homeowners, specifically in the Webbmont area, to call his office if they see a bear. "We want to know if he comes back," he said. "Usually once they're scared off they don't return, but just in case."

Meanwhile, he asks that Highlands homeowners stop "feeding" the bears. "Don't put garbage out overnight, and take in birdfeeders," he said.

If a bear is spotted in the Webbmont area, call Grant at 828-421-0222.



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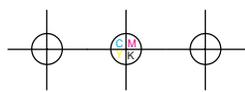
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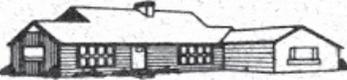
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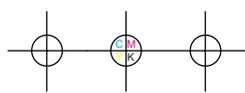
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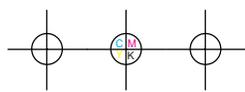


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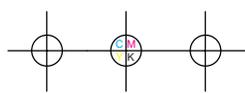
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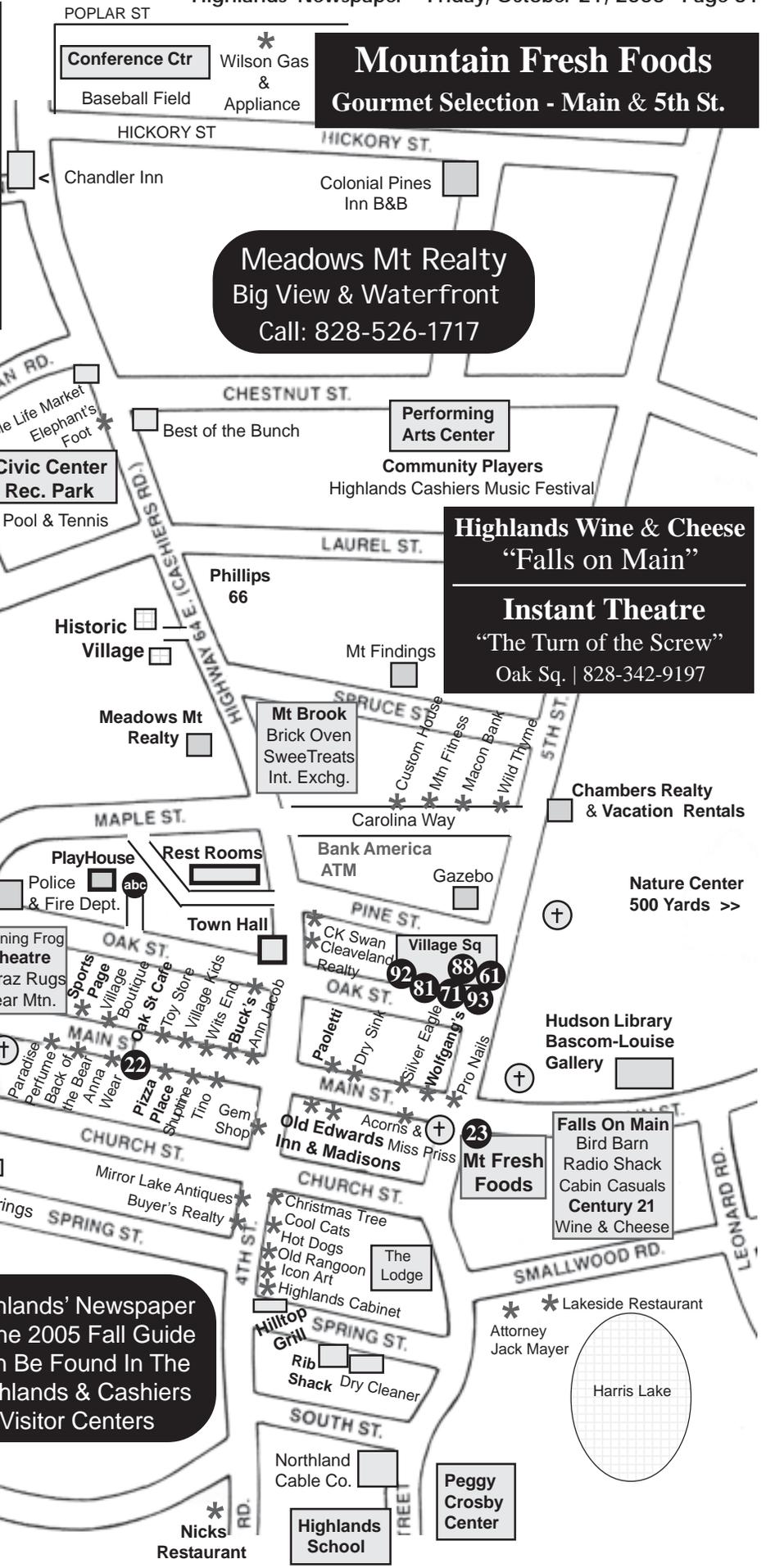


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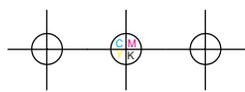
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MOUNT LORI, In town home. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 fireplaces, 1 car garage, .56+/- acres. Nice decks. MLS# 52936 Offered at \$359,000.



KING MOUNTAIN CLUB, 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths, lower level is a private two room guest suite with full bath, This one won't last long at \$595,000.



TRILLIUM PLACE - East Main St., Condo/Townhome/Co-Op Property, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplaces. MLS# 54475 Offered at \$349,900.



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LAUREL FALLS! Lovely home with 4 bedrooms, 4 - 1/2 baths plus a garage and guest quarters. Nearby waterfall! Offered at \$1,400,000.



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MIRROR LAKE AREA - 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, w/ wood floors. Single story home. Walking distance to the lake. MLS# 52988 Offered at \$285,000.



TWO BEDROOMS, 2 baths, screened in covered porch, wood deck, wood floors, in town, public water. MLS# 53596 Offered at \$269,000.



BEAUTIFUL MIRROR LAKE 3-bed, 2 bath home completely renovated. Hardwood floors and tile; stone fireplace. Ready to move into! \$499,000.



MIRROR LAKE AREA. 2 bed, 2 bath, covered deck, ridgeline view, gas furnace. Offered unfurnished at \$285,000 or furnished at \$299,000.



HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB. Approximate lot is 1.48+/- acres, wooded, MLS# 52291 \$469,000.



HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB, Approximate lot is 0.87+/- acres, MLS# 52210 \$439,000.



NORTON RIDGE, Approximate lot is 4.12+/- acres. Waterview, MLS# 50259 Offered at \$425,000.



GREAT MOUNTAIN VIEW. 4 bed & 3.5 baths. Double garage. House sits on 4.0+/- acres. Master bedroom on main level. Priced at \$849,000.



SATULAH RIDGE - Approximate lot is .61+/- acres. Utilities present: Public water supply. MLS# 56650 Offered at \$289,000.



THREE BEDROOMS plus large den and loft, 3 full baths & 2 1/2 baths. Laurel Falls at Skyline. Offered furnished at \$750,000.



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SUNSET HILLS - 3 bedroom, 3 Full Bathrooms, 2 Fireplaces, 1 Car Garage, Wood Floors, Public Water Supply. Offered at \$795,000.



CULLASAJA CLUB - 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 Baths, Fireplaces, Wood Floors, .68+/- acres. Offered at \$740,000.



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