**Confusion reigns over ordinance**

By Kim Lewicki

Basically commissioners agreed to disagree, but they are getting a little bit closer to firming up amendments to the nonconforming building ordinance. At the Sept. 21 Town Board meeting the subject boiled down to three issues: Whether destroyed nonconforming buildings—historical or not—with right-of-way violations, can be rebuilt on the same footprint; whether nonconforming buildings with setback violations can be rebuilt on the same footings if destroyed by natural means—termites, fire, wind, fallen trees; and whether nonconforming

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**Mandatory sewer connecting coming**

At Wednesday’s Town Board meeting commissioners learned the state mandates that new construction, whether residential or commercial, connect to adjoining existing sewer lines.

Something the town just hasn’t been enforcing.

So now commissioners are drafting an ordinance to address that issue.

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**Watershed ordinance coming with ETJ**

The October 12 public hearing agenda has been beefed up a little.

Now, along with the discussion on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, commissioners will hear comments on the adoption of watershed ordinance in the ETJ d area, and an amendment to the 12-month limitation on rezoning petitions.

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**Bears to aid in Katrina Relief**

About a month ago, this heart-warming photo of a bear family was taken on the grounds of Community Bible Church. The church is selling an 8”x10” photo or a pack of four postcards of the scene for a suggested donation of $4 each. All the money is going directly to World Relief to aid in Hurricane Katrina Relief. The photos are only available at the church. Call 526-4685. Photo by Bill McCutchen

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**Local LaCrosse encephalitis case reported**

By Kim Lewicki

During this time of year in Western North Carolina, flu-like symptoms can sometimes mean something more than just the flu.

Like so many other diseases and ailments, symptoms of LaCrosse encephalitis—a rare disease that is spread by infected mosquitoes—usually include a mild illness with fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, and fatigue.

That’s what Mark and Lindsey Smith of Highlands thought was going on with their five-year-old son, Benjamin.

“Last Wednesday night, (Sept. 14) he complained of a severe headache, nausea, and an 110 fever and was throwing up every two hours,” said his mother Lindsey. “After two days, his symptoms had not changed, but we and the doctor thought it was a virus that would just run its course. But he never got any better.”

By Sunday, Sept. 18, he was walking around the house holding his head and screaming. Their doctor sent them to Mission Memorial in Asheville where he was immediately admitted.

Lindsey said not much can be done for patients suffering from the virus. Doctors re-hydrated Benjamin, managed his pain and basically watched his symptoms.

They also took spinal fluid to determine what was wrong.

By this time Benjamin was having mild hallucinations and was “rhythmically fighting” said Lindsey.

“Flailing his arms and legs about—he thought everyone was hurting him and he thought his hands were bleeding,” she said. “It was very scary.”

Though it will take a month to get results back from the spinal sample doctors took from Benjamin, doctors treated him for LaCrosse encephalitis.

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• A HAWK-EYE View •

“Quit horsin’ around, Brownie.... When I said I needed someone with court experience, I wasn’t referrin’ to tennis!”

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Personality blooms through writing
Dear Editor,
I have known Fred Wooldridge for many years. Fred, as you know, was a well respected police officer, in Miami, Florida. He was the one you wanted watching your back.

Now that he has retired, his incredible personality has been allowed to bloom through his writing. He writes articles for FUN, and he would never intentionally harm anyone. Many, like me look forward to his articles. In fact, there are several people I know, who pick up your paper, just to read his articles. Then, of course, they read the rest of the paper.

He is not only an asset to your paper, but to the community of Highlands. We must be able to laugh at ourselves, think good thoughts, and forgive those who by chance, offend us. Let’s all ban together to make this world a better place, like our beloved Highlands.

Ruth Neijna
Highlands

A great stress-reliever
Dear Editor,
Thank you, Fred Wooldridge, for sharing your gift of satire especially during these stressful times. We are lucky to have you here in Highlands.

Margaret Payne
Highlands

Please, keep Fred
Dear Editor,
I look forward to your paper and would be so disappointed if Fred’s column was not there.

Please continue to have him write for you. Thank you in advance.

Dorothy Arbuthnot
Highlands

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The Chamber’s new digs

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center is now located on Main Street, next to the Main Street Inn and across the street from Reeves Hardware. The chamber is leasing the building from owner Anne Tate, shown here with Chamber president Jim Mullen, board members Al Bolt, Sarah Sloan and Chamber Director Bill Bassham.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Obituaries

James Norman Reese

James Norman Reese, 74, of Highlands, N.C., died Sunday, September 11, 2005 at his residence. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Norman and Ellen Savannah Norton Reese. He worked for the Eastern Airlines as an aircraft maintenance airworthiness and also worked at Lockheed Aircraft and Servair and was a building contractor. He was a veteran of the Air Force serving during the Korean War where he received the Korean Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He is survived by two sisters, Melinda Wilson and her husband, Woodrow of Highlands, N.C., and Lyla Baty and her husband Michael of Miami, Fla. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Gordon Reese.

Graveside memorial services will be held Sunday, September 25, 2005 at 3 p.m. at Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Baker Crane officiating. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Grain of truth in column

Dear Editor,

While I always enjoy reading your newspaper and the column by Fred Wooldridge, I especially enjoyed the one he did spoofing Realtors in the Sept. 2 issue. I have been in the Real Estate business for more than 25 years and I had a good laugh. While most of it was obviously a tongue-in-cheek article there was a grain of truth in it.

With more than 400 Realtors in the Highlands-Cashiers MLS maybe we need to wear badges to keep from selling to each other.

I got a letter from a Realtor a few days ago with a picture of a bear on it. For a minute I thought that the bear was licensed.

We are taking ourselves way too seriously, folks! I hope that we can all be big enough to continue to support Highlands’ Newspaper. It is an asset to our community. Keep entertaining us, Fred!

John Cleaveland
Highlands

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I am off to the sweat shops

This all started last year when I walked into JCPenney to buy a pair of Levi blue jeans, on sale for $26.95. Years ago when I bought Levi jeans, I always got the pair with no crouch room in them. They were as tight as I could possibly get them with no crouch, completely cutting off all circulation to my lower limbs. In those olden days, I thought I had lots to show off. The material was so rough and heavy it would scrape off one layer of skin just getting them on. Once on, it would take a half dozen deep knee bends to stretch them out to where I could even walk.

Now I get the geezer stuff. In those olden days, I thought I had lots to show off. The material was so rough and heavy it would scrape off one layer of skin just getting them on. Once on, it would take a half dozen deep knee bends to stretch them out to where I could even walk.

Anyway, when I complained to JC Penney about the poor quality of workmanship, they referred me to Levi Strauss and Company. My problem is they now live in China, a land where there is not even one single cowboy. Cowboys don't wear Chinese pants, do they? Would John Wayne wear a pair of sweat shop jeans? Are sweat pants made in sweat shops?

Anyway, I am off to China, so Highlands' Realtors can relax, unless, of course, you're a Chinese Realtor with no sense of humor. I will exchange my blue jeans for a better pair and while I am there. I will also complain to the "Guess" folks about the watch I bought in Walmart that quit running after only two years. Since 80 percent of all the products I am off to the sweat shops?
The 2005 Drama, starring Clint Eastwood, Hillary Swank, and Morgan Freeman. Screenplay by Pail Haggis. Produced by Clint Eastwood, directed by Eastwood, music composed by Eastwood, boxing costumes handmade by Eastwood, and made the little miniquiches served at the party as well. Based on the short story collection "Rope Burns" by E.X. Toole.

The storyline: Eastwood, playing the role of irritable, stoic old guy Frankie Dunn, is living a somewhat loner existence in an old L.A. boxing gym, with the help of his long time (and long suffering) sidekick, strong, quiet, sensitive guy, Eddie (Scrap Iron) Dupris, ably played by Morgan Freeman.

A few promising boxers come and go, but one stands out a bit. Maggie Fitzgerald (brilliantly played by Hilary Swank) stops in to plead with Dunn for a chance to get a trainer, despite Dunn's insistence that "I don't train girls!" But she is a persistent one, and to no one's surprise, Dunn decides to take her on.

A long and grueling process ensues, Maggie and Frankie become in a way, each other's substitute family, and Maggie begins her long, improbable road to the first success she has ever known.

OK, part one is rather predictable, good and well done, but rather stock Hollywood. Its parts two and three that get, not just good but great. Very realistic, grim and life-like drama, real tears and real tough choices.

Eastwood is as stoic as he can be, and surprisingly sweet. Swank (who did equally good jobs in Insomnia, Gift, and Boys Don't Cry) is inspiring, believable, and fragile. Freeman, in the role as narrator as well as character, does his usually brilliant job, as always.

This was the 25th film Eastwood has directed, and he really has learned a few things over the decades. It is decidedly NOT an action film, only indirectly a sports film, much more a drama, a friendship film, and a responsibility story.

A few that are similar, but more light-hearted are Karate Kid, Rocky, Shawshank Redemption, and Tuesdays With Murray.

...WOOLDRIDGE continued from page 4

sold in WalMart are made in China, if you have something that needs to be returned, let me know.

As long as I am there, I plan on putting an end to the rumor that American Cheese is made there. That just can’t be true. But then again, Swiss cheese is not necessarily made in Switzerland. Was Limburger cheese originally made by Charles Lindbergh? ...Nah!

As long as I have to go to China to exchange my jeans, I might as well check the place out. I will take the little missus, who is the caes of finding out of the way scary places to explore and get lost. She is excited because all the Ralph Lauren products are made there. If I do not return, it is her fault that I have been sold into slavery, probably working in a sweat shop making Levi jeans....or worse, fortune cookies.

I also had planned on taking a tour of the Chinese Checker factory but found they have never heard of the game. Chinese checkers was invented by the Brits, but then they decided to blame the game on the Chinese when it didn’t sell well.

Once the Brits realized Americans would buy this dumb game, they sold us the rights and I have been wandering this planet for well over a half century wrongfully blaming the Chinese for this stupid game. Please forgive me. This is what we deserve for flushing the Brits tea in the bay. Chinese checkers is one of the few items sold in the US that was not made in China, who grossed a staggering 81 billion dollars from us just last year.

So there you have it. My bags are packed with quilt outfits and funky shoes. I am getting in the spirit of things and bow to everyone I greet. The checkout girls at Bryson’s think I’m nuts. (Hmm).

I will give you a complete report, if and when I return. In the meantime, I suggest you hold off on buying any more jeans until then. I was going to recommend Wrangler jeans until I found out they are not made here either. Is anything made in America anymore? At least they have cowboys in Mexico.

P.S. - Oh, I almost forgot. I will also attend several fire drills while in China and give you a report on that also.

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The race for Town Board

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

Question #4
Litter along Highlands’ corridors as well as along town streets has become an unsightly problem. The town has relied on student and adult volunteers, adopt-a-highway, and semi-annual litter pick-ups to handle this job. Do you think this tactic is adequate and if not, what do you suggest?

Mayor Candidate
Mayor Buck Trott
I agree that litter on our streets is a problem. It is a shame that our citizens are not more concerned about the appearance of our community.

Some parties have adopted streets and roads under the Adopt-a-Highway program. I know Mirror Lake Improvement has picked up roads in their area every month for the past 10 years.

There is a local endowment that is paying nonprofits to pick up selected areas. I really advocate that our many walkers carry a bag and pickup litter as they are on their daily strolls. I know of a medical doctor who picks up litter every Saturday she is here.

Our citizens are going to have to become better stewards of our beautiful area.

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The lack of a policy revolves around the cost involved for installing a grinder pump or relying on gravity. “The grinder pump is much more expensive,” said Betz.

In an earlier meeting, commissioners said it didn’t seem fair to demand connection by all if the prospect was more expensive for some due to terrain.

So, commissioners are still working on that part of the mandatory sewer connection policy.

For now, the draft ordinance will stipulate that all existing properties along new sewer lines – lines the town opts to install – must connect within 24 months regardless of the condition or age of their septic system.

If owners volunteer to connect, the fee would be one-half for the first 12 months.

... WATERSHED continued from page 1

Currently, the town’s watershed ordinance only discusses three sub-basins of the watershed – Watershed III critical area (WS III CA), Watershed III Balance of the Watershed (WS III BW); and Watershed II critical area (WS II CA).

Since the proposed ETJ’d area is in the balance of the watershed (WSIII BW) the town’s watershed ordinance must be amended to include it so it is in effect if and when ETJ takes affect.
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I do not believe that government can, or should, do everything for everybody. Citizens should take some responsibility for some of the non-essential needs of their community. Luckily, Highlands has many citizens who contribute time and resources to many causes that benefit the community whether they be in the arts, the environment, litter or literacy.

Governments should support citizens’ efforts in these areas but not necessarily take the lead. When governments get involved, things can become more complicated than necessary.

Regarding the specific problem of litter, I guess I’m one of those folks who just don’t notice litter along the highways, maybe because there is not a lot of it. We will never be litter-free but since current methods seem adequate to combat this never-ending problem, I do not think the town should spend valuable resources on litter control.

... LA CROSSE from pg 1

at Mission Memorial this season – July through October – five in the past week. There’s definitely a spike in the number of cases typically reported,” said Dr. Rebecca Carchman, ICU physician in pediatrics at Mission. “It’s been a wet year with more mosquitoes.”

Statistics are hard to finalize, because it takes a month or more to get test results back from the state to verify the virus. People involved, things can become more complicated than necessary.

... Dr. Carchman said the best way to steer clear of the virus is to use mosquito repellent when outside.

“You can get the virus from a bite from mosquitoes infected by furry animals like squirrels, chipmunks and foxes,” she said. “They bite the animals and then infect humans.”

There is no vaccine for LaCrosse encephalitis. The best prevention is to avoid mosquito bites and to eliminate outside vessels that hold water.

Health officials say the risk of exposure has increased as people move into previously undeveloped areas where the virus lives. Benjamin was playing in the woods around his home in Highlands and also in Cashiers and he went blueberry picking in Franklin. All very normal children activities in very normal places.

Dr. Carchman said many of the children they’ve treated were from the Brevard-Cherokee area or had visited there recently. Those most prone to the virus are children six months to 15 years old. “We don’t know why adults aren’t usually affected,” said Carchman.

Benjamin was released from the hospital Tuesday morning and is feeling much better, but his parents are still reeling from the experience and urge other parents to take precautions when sending their children outside to play.

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Commissioner Candidate
Hank Ross
Littering is a one of those senseless
things that I will never understand. As a
seasoned participant of the Gorge Road
Cleanup, I know how well volunteer litter
pickup campaign can work. A well-organized litter
pickup campaign can be very successful
and is also a good community building
experience. These efforts have been used
in the past to encompass the entire
plateau; however, they have not been as
consistent as the Gorge Road Cleanup.

Other sources of litter removal
include the Highlands Street Department
and a new program using prison labor
by the County Sheriff's Department. I
believe that more consistent organized
community efforts can have a major
impact and improve the quality of our
beautiful community.

Candidate Forum –
Oct. 20
At the Highlands Conference Center,
6:30-9 p.m. There will be separate
forums for the mayor and
commissioner candidates. Mayor
candidates scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30
p.m., and the commissioner candidates
scheduled for 7:45 to 9 p.m.

... CONFUSION continued from page 1

buildings with setback violations can be
voluntarily taken down to the footprint
and rebuilt to the owner’s liking.

Commissioners Alan Marsh and
Herb James say nonconforming build-
ings – historical or otherwise – should
be rebuilt to conform to all setback and
right-of-way stipulations regardless of
circumstances.

“If a historical building is destroyed
and built back, it’s not historical any-
more,” said James.

But Commissioners Dennis DeWolf
and Hank Ross said historical buildings
with setback violations should be allowed
to be rebuilt, but exactly as they had been.

“To the owners it may not be the
same thing, but to future generations and
the general public the sense of the
building would be historical,” said De-
Wolf.

Ross said the removal of noncon-
forming buildings would change the char-
acter of Highlands. “It’s close-knit, with
narrow roads, and small houses,” he said.
“Theres a funkiness to it. If we don’t al-
low the nonconforming buildings, it will
change the character.”

Commissioners pretty much agreed
if nonconforming buildings, historical or
otherwise, had right-of-way violations,
they would have to come into compliance
if destroyed and rebuilt.

After close to an hour discussion,
with a semblance of a consensus reached
on at least some of the issues the board
asked Town Administrator Richard Betz
and Zoning Administrator Larry Ganten-
bein to write an amendment that will
address the reconstruction of noncon-
forming buildings, simply.

The two said they would try.
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Commissioner Candidate
Larry Rogers
I do think the current litter pickup plan is adequate and should be kept in place. The only addition might be to have those individuals who have court-ordered community service hours to help with the litter cleanup.

Highlands Treehouse Showhouse
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Interim director of bio station named

James Thomas Costa, Ph. D. has been named Interim Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station. He holds a professorship in the department of biology at Western Carolina University, and will continue to teach some classes there.

Originally from New York state, Dr. Costa received his master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia, specializing in the study of entomology. Prior to coming to WCU, he held research fellowships in biology and molecular evolution at Harvard University. During the past academic year he returned to Harvard as a Fellow in the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, completing a book on insect social behavior. Titled “The Other Insect Societies,” the book will be published by the Harvard University Press in the spring of 2006. This summer he was a co-instructor of a course at Oxford, England sponsored by Harvard. Dr. Costa’s research on insects has taken him to such countries as Costa Rica, where he has also delivered scientific papers. Other countries in which he has delivered papers include Mexico, Germany, Australia, Canada, and France. In the year 2000 he delivered a paper on “Effects of genetic heterogeneity on eastern tent caterpillar colony performance” at a meeting of the Southeastern Population Ecology and Genetics Group in Highlands. He has also taught classes to graduate students involved in research into insect behavior at the Highlands Biological Station, and has been a speaker in the Zahner Lecture Series at the Highlands Nature Center.

Lydia Sargent McCauley (right), a trustee of the Highlands Biological Foundation, welcomes Dr. James Costa (left) as the Interim Executive Director of the Highlands Biological Station. Ms. McCauley is the sister of Hugh Sargent, president of the Biological Foundation, and the daughter of Ralph Sargent, who was president of the Biological Station for many years.

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Christopher Mitchell is one of the nation’s most active and knowledgeable arms and militaria authorities. He has led the field with his expertise in American and foreign military items spanning the periods of 1750 - 1945. Mr. Mitchell’s education includes a bachelor of arts in history from Springhall College in Mobile, Alabama. He also completed the core requirement courses for the International Society of Appraisers.

Mr. Mitchell is highly regarded for his understanding of the period pertaining to the American Revolution through the American Civil War. He specializes in Confederate items as well as Civil War presentation items, which he has collected for more than 25 years. He is a frequent consultant to museums, auction houses and some of the nation’s leading collectors of militaria from all wars.

Mr. Mitchell will be exhibiting items for sale from his collection at The Highlands Antique Show at The Highlands School on 5th Street, Sept 29, Oct 1 and Oct 2, 2005.
Highlands Head Start receives donation from Mountain Findings proceeds. From left, Donna Nelson (Lead Teacher), Melissa Dorsey (Assistant) and Erin Tiddick (Volunteer). Donna sees this money going to purchase books, safer equipment and furniture, educational field trips, and a birthday gift to meet each child's greatest need.
**Highlands School Sports**

**Lady Highlanders undefeated in conference**

By Claire Young  
JV Volleyball Coach

The Varsity volleyball team at Highlands School is two steps closer to its goal of a conference championship after resounding victories against Hiwassee Dam (Sept. 13) and Blue Ridge (Sept. 15) last week. At the halfway point in the season, the girls are currently undefeated in the conference.

In the Tuesday home match against Hiwassee Dam, Ramsey Ashburn and Toni Schmitt expertly served 100 percent, with Ramsey having 6 aces out of her 16 serves. In addition to her 14 serves, Toni had 11 assists, a season high for the junior setter.

Senior Anna Trine dominated the net with a remarkable 12 kills, the highest she has attained this season. Senior setter Callie Rawlins also had an impressive game with 12 successful serves including 2 aces, 3 kills, 8 assists, and an amazing 5 blocks, the most of any player in a single match all year. The Lady Highlanders won in 3 straight games (25-11; 25-13; 25-10).

The JV had a heart-breaking loss to Hiwassee Dam, their only opponent in the conference this year. Despite 100 percent serving performances from Freshman Carolyn Hornsby, Sophomore Kaylie Buras and Amanda Parmelee, and Junior Allison Winn, the girls lost in 2 close games (22-25; 24-26). Captain Allison Winn had a great defensive game with 4 digs, 2 assists, and 3 blocks, and Junior Angela Sanchez contributed 2 aces, 3 digs, and 4 kills.

Thursday's game against Blue Ridge secured another win for the Varsity. Juniors and first-year varsity players Rebecca Ashburn, Katie Bryson, Angela Sanchez, and Allison Winn were all 100 percent from the serving line. Seniors Maggie Dearth and Anna Trine had 6 kills each. This win brings the Lady Highlanders’ overall record to 6 and 3.

Senior Maggie Dearth knocks it back over the net during a practice game.

**Fighting Highlanders win conference game**

Highlands lost the Tuesday, Sept. 13 game to Brevard 5 - Highlands 2. Brevard High School currently ranks 7th in State for all 2-A schools. Alec Schmitt got 1 goal; Buddy Parrish got 1 goal; Gray Alexander got 1 assist; and Matt Chenoweth got 1 assist.

The team fared much better at the Wednesday, Sept. 14 game against Hayesville — their first conference game. The score was Highlands 9, Hayesville 1. “The score could have been much higher, but there would be no point and only insult the other team,” said Coach David Parrish.

The Highlanders will play each conference foe twice for a total of 10 conference games. During the Hayeville game, Buddy Parrish had 1 goal and 2 assists; Nick Kerhoulas had 1 goal; Alec Schmitt had 1 goal and 3 assists; Jason Aspinwall had 2 goals and 1 assist; Grey Alexander had 1 goal and 1 assist; Ryan Bears had 2 goals and 2 assists and Taylor Parrish had 1 goal.

Highlands School is The Big Smoky Mountain Conference “which is relatively weak compared to other 1-A conferences in the state,” said Coach Parrish. “We hope to win the conference — undefeated — again for the fourth straight year.”

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• • Register for Instant Theater’s Free Acting Classes. Call 526-1687 to register.
• • Cashiers Quillers Guild meets at the United Methodist Church in Cashiers, every Wednesday at 12:30.
• • Live music at Jack’s at Skyline Restaurant every Friday and Saturday nights.
• • Saturday dancing at Fressers in Helen’s Barn the third Thursday of each month, 8-12.
• • LiveMusic at Buck’s Coffee Cafe Thursday-Saturday 8-11 p.m.
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• • Live music at Wolfgang’s Restaurant and Wine Bistro, Mon., Wed., Thurs., 6-10 p.m.

Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Friday and Saturday from 4:30-6:30. Saturday, complimentary samples 12-3:00.

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

• • Open Studio with a live model at Bascom-Louise Gallery on Tuesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. Cost is $10 per evening. Register by Monday evening.
• • Various art classes for children and adults at the Bascom-Louise Gallery throughout the week. Call 526-4949.
• • 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 Thursday in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.
• • Mountainview Alcohols 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.

Sept. 22-24
• • Float Air Painting with Sue Stewart will be a wonderful three-day excursion into the fine and ancient art of oil painting in the open air. The class is filling up so get your registration in right away. Call the gallery at 526-4949 to register.

Sept. 24
• • Mirror Lake Improvement Association will have a litter pickup Saturday at 9 a.m. at Thom Park.
• • Rocko returns to Club Studio at the Instant Theater on Main Street at 8 p.m. Dance to live classic, acoustic rock and roll. Tickets are $15 for adults, $7 for children. Reservations suggested. Call 828-342-9979.
• • The Macon County 2005 Walk America event will be held at the Franklin Memorial Park. Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m. and the 3-mile walk around Franklin will begin at 10 a.m.

Sept. 26
• • Toys for Tots Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Country Club in Franklin, 9 a.m. $75 entry fee ($65 with 10 arrested toys). Sponsored by Marine Corps League of Smoky Mountains. Det. #973. Call 828-524-4653. (rain date Oct. 3)
• • HIAPPT Lecture—Professor Don Culpitt, to present "A New Method of Religious Inquiry," 7 p.m. with followup lecture Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. both at PAC.
• • The Literary Council of Highlands is offering a SAT prep class for all students interested in preparing for either the SAT or pre-SAT, 6 p.m. at the Literary Council in the Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, call Breta Strood at 536-9938, ext. 240.
• • Fine Art Centre/Bascom-Louise Gallery Art & Wine Auction. For tickets, call 526-4949.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1
• • Highlands Antique Show in the new Highlands School gym. Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission $10.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2
• • Highlands Antique Show in the new Highlands School gym. Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission $10.

Oct. 1
• • Yard Sale — Satulah Club at First Citizens Bank, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring baked goods, dried flower and much more.
• • Rabies Clinic at Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 p.m. and at Scaly Mountain Post Office from 3-4 p.m. both with Dr. Amy Patterson. $5 per pet. Cash only. Please keep pets in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. All dogs, cats and ferrets over four months old must be vaccinated.
• • The Macon County Art Association will hold a show and sale of art works from paintings to photographs on the grounds of Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church on 5th Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 5 & 6
• • The Literary Council of Highlands is offering a SAT prep class for all students interested in preparing for either the SAT or pre-SAT, 6 p.m. at the Literary Council in the Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, call Breta Strood at 536-9938, ext. 240.

Oct. 7-23
• • The Literacy Council of Highlands is offering a SAT prep class for all students interested in preparing for either the SAT or pre-SAT, 6 p.m. at the Literary Council in the Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, call Breta Strood at 536-9938, ext. 240.

Oct. 8
• • Princeton University’s Capella singing group, The Princeton Nassoons, will perform Mozart and Schumann performed by Kate and Will Ransom. The Saturday’s concert will be preceded by “The First Families of Music.” For tickets, call 526-9060.

Oct. 10
• • Leadership Highlands and the Chamber of Commerce are conducting an Elections Forum for Highlands’ mayor and commissioner candidates, 6:30-9 p.m. at the Conference Center. There will be separate forums for the mayor and commissioner candidates, with the mayor candidates scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the commissioner candidates scheduled for 7:45 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 16
• • Theannual Highlands School Fall Festival this year at Highlands School in the new gymnasium at 5 p.m.

Oct. 20
• • Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival presents its Fall Concerts, Saturday, 5 p.m. at PAC and Sunday, 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers. The concerts are entitled “Ransom Notes” and feature compositions by Dvorak, Gade, Mozart and Schumann performed by Kate and Will Ransom. The Saturday’s concert will be preceded by “The First Families of Music.” For tickets, call 526-9060.

Oct. 22
• • Theannual Highlands School Fall Festival this year at Highlands School in the new gymnasium at 5 p.m.

Oct. 23
• • “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.

Nov. 29
• • 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.
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H-C hospital, nursing center, hospice receive re-accreditation

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, and Highlands-Cashiers Hospice have once again received full, three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations.

The three organizations, which are all part of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Inc., were surveyed back in March by a team from the Joint Commission. The accreditation review process was completed last month.

Hospital officials say it was one of the most rigorous reviews they have seen since the hospital began undergoing accreditation in 1976.

While the usual period between reviews for hospitals which receive full accreditation is three years, the hospital opted to be resurveyed a year sooner. That was because the acute care part of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital recently became what is known as a Critical Access Hospital, which effectively changes the way it is reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid. As part of that re-designation process, however, the acute section of the hospital had to undergo a review by either state hospital officials or Joint Commission within 12 months.

While it is commonplace for many hospitals and Hospice programs to regularly seek accreditation, the majority of long-term nursing care facilities do not usually undergo Joint Commission review.

"Participating in the accreditation process helps us identify those areas where we might be able to improve the quality of care we provide to our patients and residents. We don't have to go through the accreditation process, but we do because we want to be the best facility possible," said Ken Shull, president of the hospital. "It's an important part of our continued commitment to excellence."

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**Sept. 14**
- At 4:35 p.m., residents on Bobby Jones Road reported about $900 in accessories missing from their home. The case is under investigation.
- At 7:30 a.m., a motorist on Hicks Road was cited for driving without a license.

**Sept. 15**
- At 5:30 a.m., a motorist on Webmont Road was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 3:20 p.m., a officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Wright Square parking lot. There were no injuries.
- At 11 a.m., officers received a missing person report from a mother who hadn’t seen her 35-year-old son since Sept. 9. Police have a lead as to his whereabouts and are investigating the case.
- At 10:30 p.m., a motorist on Cobb Road was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.

**Sept. 16**
- At 7:35 a.m., a motorist on Cobb Road was cited for speeding 56 mph in a 35 zone.

**Sept. 17**
- At 4 p.m., officers took a report from Highlands Pharmacy concerning a forged prescription. The case is under investigation.

**Sept. 18**
- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers two times on the 18th. Both times the call was cancelled en route.

**Sept. 19**
- The dept. assisted with a medical call at The Hampton Inn. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to a miss-}

There are five other schools in the conference with soccer teams — Blue Ridge, Swain County High, Andrews, Haysville, and Murphy. To get the team ready for state playoffs, Coach Parrish schedules as many high caliber non-conference games as possible. “Our record this year will reflect this in losses to state-ranked teams,” he said. “We’ve lost twice to Franklin (3-A) whom I anticipate will be ranked in the state next week for 3-A schools.”

Last year The Fighting Highlanders beat Franklin but “they are much improved this year,” said Parrish.

The Highlanders only have to play 1-A schools in the playoffs for the State Title. “But there are some good 1-A schools out there,” he said. “I believe a total of 83 in North Carolina.”
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Calling all retired medical professionals on Oct. 8

By Dr. Don Mullen
Chairman Highlands-Cashiers Senior Physicians
This is an open letter to all active and retired physicians in the Highlands and Cashiers area. Do not know about our symposium program for physicians in our area?

We have had many diverse programs of continuing education for physicians over the past few years which have been well received and well attended. We are now inviting all physicians and nurses to attend our final program for the season which will occur on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. A breakfast buffet will precede a lecture on diabetes and then a lecture on depression and death in the elderly.

Dr. John Colwell, Professor of Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina will speak on the topic of “Multi-factorial Management of Type 2 Diabetes” Dr. J. Richard Williams will speak on “Depression and Death in the Elderly Bereaved.” Dr. Williams is an authority on the Hospice movement which would be of interest to all active physicians along with retired doctors and nurses. It is a concept whose time has come and is very poorly understood even by practicing physicians today.

If you are active physician or retired doctor or nurse with an interest in these topics, please call Cindy Leach at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at 526-1498 to sign up.

Free clinic seeks director

The Community Care Clinic, a new community organization established to provide free health care to the medically under-served in the Highlands-Cashiers area, is seeking a Clinic Director to manage the joint efforts of volunteer physicians, nurses and community residents. The clinic will offer primary health care to all uninsured individuals with incomes at or below 150% of poverty level.

“Since we have here in our two counties over 13,000 residents that fall within 150% of poverty level, and the majority of them are medically uninsured, it is important that we serve these people,” said Don Mullen, Vice-chair of the Clinic Board. “Such poverty in the midst of such wealth in our community is untenable,” he said.

“We are hoping soon to hire an individual for the Clinic Director position to manage the ongoing activities of recruiting volunteers and seeing patients,” Mullen said. Interested parties may refer to the classified ad in this newspaper.

The clinic is still seeking funding for its operations. “Our annual operating expenses are estimated at $80,000,” said Ginger Slaughter, Chair of the Clinic Board. “We still need help in reaching this goal. If our fund-raising efforts are successful, we plan to open our doors in November, seeing patients every Thursday evening,” she said. For those interested in contributing funds for the clinic, please send them to: Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, Inc., P.O. Box 43, Highlands, NC 28741.
The essence of Peregrine is the seamless merging of architecture with the natural beauty of upland forests. Private Cobb Rill off Whiteside Cove Rd leads to the community’s gated entrance, providing a distinct separation from high traffic areas. Meandering paths lead up to the mountains, then to an open deck in the heart of Peregrine, where you are rewarded with awe-inspiring mountain vistas. Nestled between Highlands and Cashiers, and surrounded by Whiteside Mountain and the Nantahala National Forest, Peregrine offers a unique perspective. Lots starting at $200,000 Visual Tour # 157462

Lot 25 This gentle almost flat view lot is being offered for the first time. Enjoy outstanding views of Whiteside, Horse Cove, Chimney top and Fodderstacks. City Limit, with City Services available. This property in one of the most prestigious areas in Highlands is ready for your Architect to design your dream home. MLS# 8829101 Offered at $1,395,000

Lot 10 Located on one of the highest points in Highlands, this unbelievable view lot offers a 280 degree, level building site, prestigious community, all close to town. MLS# 55566 Offered at $1,200,000.

Lot 15 This great lot is in one of the best areas of Highlands. Blue Valley View with native azaleas, and hardwoods. Sloping from the road to a great building site makes this lot a must see for those looking for a view. Bordered on the south by a protected conservation area and to the west with a common area, this home site offers privacy with neighbors only a short walk away. Offered at $740,000. MLS# 553680

Lot 8 This level lot in Ravenel has views to the west, looking at Flat Mountain, Satulah and Downtown Highlands. Place your house just above a beautiful rock outcropping, allowing for a nice private drive to a virtually level building site. Homes on each side have set values for this estate property. It is ready to have your builder start tomorrow. Offered at $795,000 MLS# 64567

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