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- Every Tuesday evening, Spiritual Cinema Circle at The Instant Theatre Company at 7 p.m. Visionary, inspiring movies. Suggested donation: \$5, Beverages and snacks available for purchase.

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- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.

- Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scotts Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri it's Rickey Dean on piano.

Oct. 6, 7, 8

- At the Highlands Playhouse, "North Platte Canteen," Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695.

Oct. 6, 7

- Trunk Show at Vivace's at 230 S. 4th St. featuring designer jewelry by Julia Richardson JMR Designs, 10-5 each day.

Oct. 6

- Bascom-Louise Gallery's Art and Wine Auction, 6 p.m. at The Farm. Call 526-4949 for tickets.

Oct. 7

- Jewelry Trunk Show at Peak Experience 10-5. Cloisonne Enamel Artist Ricky Frannk presents his magnificent collection of one-of-a-kind jewelry.

- Book Signing at Cyrano's - William Rawlings "Crossword" from 1-3 p.m.

- Turkey Shoot in Scaly Mountain at the new Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Station on Hale Ridge Rd. just off of NC 106. For more information call 787-1860.

Oct. 8

- Book Signing at Cyrano's Bookshop, Fred Wooldridge's "I'm Moving Back to Mars" 1-3 p.m.

Oct. 10

- PAC Film Series presents "Tin Cup" at 7:30 p.m. It's free but donations are appreciated. Rating is PG-13.

- Tuesday at 7 p.m. Doris Mager, The Eagle Lady, will present her entertaining and informative program on birds of prey at the Highlands Civic Center. She will have an assortment of live birds of prey.

Oct. 12

- A public forum featuring candidates for the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives will be held at noon on Thursday, at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Franklin.

- Book Signing at Cyrano's Bookshop, Susan Mason's "Silver Service - Elegant Savannah Cuisine" 6-7:30 p.m.

USDA loan new answer to silt problem

Since federal funding to eradicate the silt problem in Highlands' rivers and lakes is not happening, town officials are seeking other ways to fund its removal.

"We're looking at a U.S. Department of Agriculture low-interest loan," said Mayor Don Mullen.

"We can get up to \$1.5 million at 3 ½% interest and 20% of that is a possible grant."

He said the money could be available quickly, but the town has to have exact figures as to scope and cost of cleaning out Big Creek, Mirror Lake and Lake Sequoyah.

Town Engineer Lamar Nix has been looking at several scenarios, including renting or purchasing dredging equipment and using town manpower or contracting the work out.

"When I get figures in on all
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County's ETJ rep-matter not finished

As far as the county commission is concerned, the case concerning its ETJ appointees to town boards isn't exactly a closed matter.


Even though technically ETJ representatives Mitch Gurganus and Mike Bryson are on the Planning Board and Tony Potts on the Zoning Board each for three-year terms, the county wants legal documentation verifying that fact.

At the Oct. 2 Macon County Commission meeting, County Attorney Rickey Moorefield advised members that the county could appeal the judge's recent dismissal of its case against the Town of Highlands on the grounds that the county has the right to appoint ETJ members to the town boards. "It's a matter of statutory regulations between towns and counties," he said. "There has to be some sort of legal documentation acknowledging the fact that the county has the legal right to appoint," he said. "So far we don't have that."

County manager Sam Greenwood said cases involving towns' appointments of ETJ residents to municipal boards is a state-wide issue.

"A statutory interpretation by
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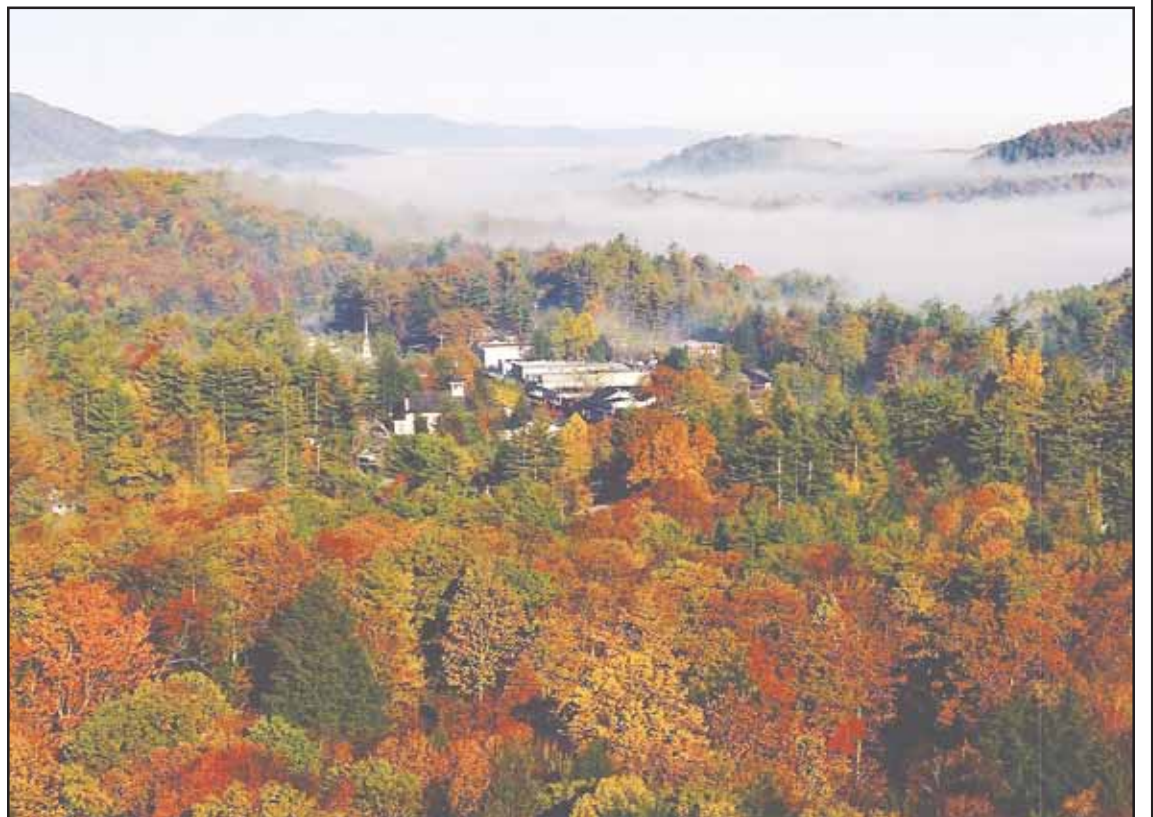
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A sign of what's to come the next few weeks



An autumn view of Highlands from atop Sunset Rocks. Now is the time to take to the outdoors while enjoying nature's colorful sights and her crisp, clear weather. See "Hiking in and about Highlands & Cashiers" on page 4. Photo by Cynthia Strain/Mill Creek Gallery

Restaurant parking still undecided

The possibility of revamping the parking requirements for restaurants outside the B1 district is still up in the air.

At the Oct. 4 Town Board meeting, commissioners learned that the Zoning Board denied Wild Thyme Restaurant's request for a parking variance because as it stands now, the ordinance is the law.

"I think members personally would have liked to vote differently, but they couldn't because of the

ordinance," said Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein.

The Zoning Board report presented at the Town Board meeting stated that "the board recommends that the parking requirements for the four restaurants located around the central business district off of Main Street be revised on the basis that it is unfair to impose an off-street parking requirement on those restaurants when none is imposed on the restaurants situated along Main

Street."

However, Zoning Board member Bill Rethorst, in attendance at the Town Board meeting, said the report was erroneous. "The Zoning Board discussed it at length, but we didn't recommend revising the ordinance," he said.

Town Administrator Richard Betz said he was acting Zoning Administrator the night of Sept. 13 meeting and both he and assistant Sonja Stewart thought the board

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •



Mayor Don Mullen

From my perspective

I am glad to see that the subject of affordable housing in Highlands has been a topic of the newspapers and the community lately. I welcome this discussion and hope to be engaged in it.

As many of you know, that has been one of my deepest concerns for the town. Recently I have been in conversation with people in other areas with similar problems and have been studying the situation in some depth. As I have said before, it is a very difficult economic situation when land values in the area have escalated to the point that it is very hard to create affordable housing. I do not say that it is impossible but I do say we must pursue this goal with vigor.

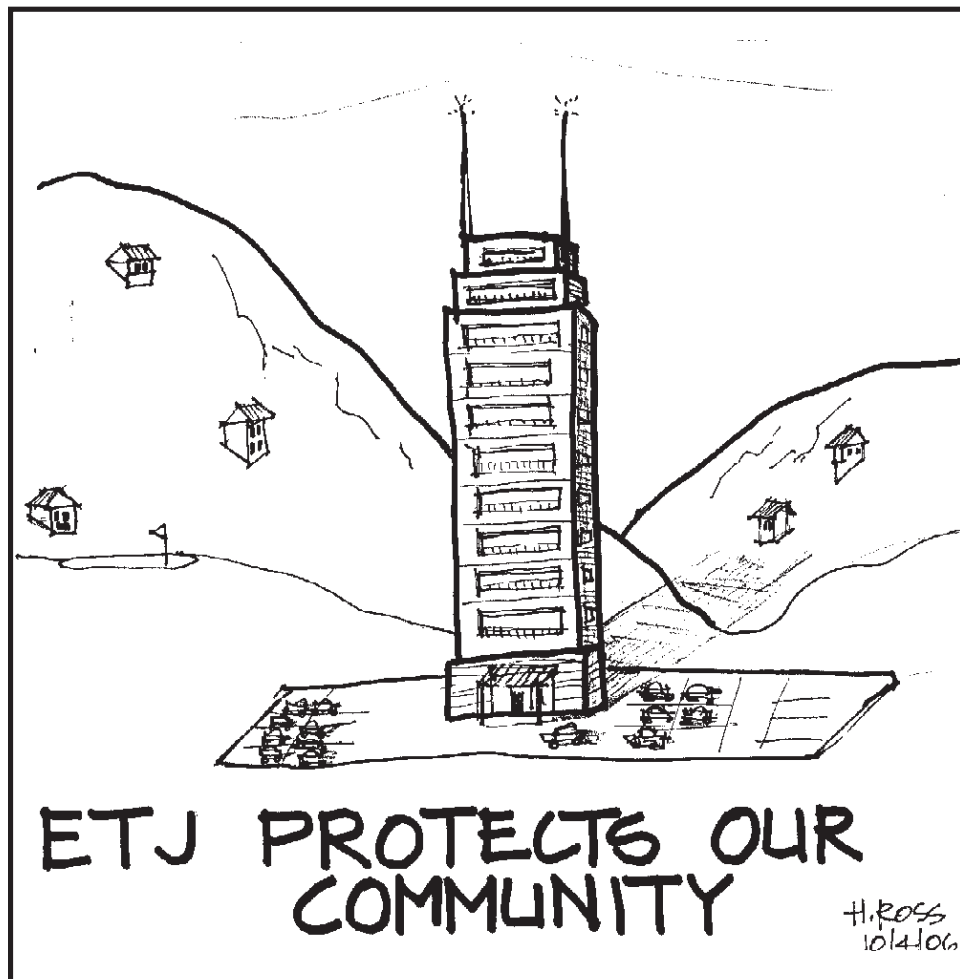
I look forward to further dialogue with the Town Board, the community, the developers and the press along these lines in hopes of moving toward solutions.

After almost four years of construction on and around Church Street, it appears that we are about to return to civility on that street. It has been paved completely and we are all happy to see that happen. The new developments on the street by the Old Edwards group are completed and businesses have opened. Although the process has been painful for many of us, we can see that the improvements made in the appearance of Church Street are positive.

Now we must look at Spring Street just a block away and consider what will make it more hospitable and friendly to drivers and pedestrians on that street. The Town will soon take up that problem but not until construction on the hill is completed.

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• BIRD'S EYE VIEW •



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• LETTERS •

Our coveted rights are slowing disappearing

Dear Editor,

I'm not sure what day of the week it will be, it may have already happened by the time this paper is out, but on that day I will be in mourning. I will be mourning the death of the country I love. That day will be marked by President Bush signing the "detainee bill."

I remember the shock and the nausea I felt when I first heard about Abu Ghraib. I thought, "there must be some mistake, this can't be the United States we're talking about." The military was able to successfully pin the abuse on a few low-ranking soldiers, but it was clearly the result of policies from high up the chain of command.

Now those shocking abuses - torture - are codified into U.S. law, and activities once associated with the Soviet Union or North Korea are acceptable here. I feel sick that my country says that torture is OK.

I also feel sick about another provision of the bill: the end of habeus corpus rights. It's easy to misunderstand the importance of habeus corpus, just what does it mean anyway? I think of it like this: habeus is "have" or "possess", and corpus is "body." It means possess the body. The right of habeus corpus means you own your body. In order for the State to possess it, the State must charge you with a crime, present evidence that you can inspect, try you before a jury of your peers, and convince that jury of your guilt. Then and only then can the State deprive you of possession of your body, in other words, take away your freedom.

The right of habeus corpus is a fundamental human right that people struggled for a thousand years to obtain. It is enshrined in our Constitution: "The privilege of the Writ of *Habeus Corpus* shall not be suspended, unless when in cases of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it." [Article One, section 9]. I don't think there's a rebellion or invasion going on right now, so I think this suspension of habeus corpus must be unconstitutional.

Read the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution. Five of the 10 are concerned with restraining the power of the State in the particular area of arbitrary or unfair imprisonment. The

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Incumbent Commission Chair Allan Bryson is running against Brian McClellan for the District I chair on the Macon County Commission Board. Both men chatted with members of the audience after last Thursday's debate held in Franklin. Photo by Kim Lewicki

MC commission candidates square off at 'League' debate

On Thursday, Sept. 28, The League of Women Voters continued its Candidate Forum at the Tartan Hall in Franklin.

Candidates running for openings on the Macon County Board of Commission answered questions from the League and from the audience.

Running for the District I seat is incumbent Allan Bryson and Brian McClellan. Running for the two District II seats are incumbent Bob Simpson, Ronnie Beale, Harold Corbin and Rick Mashburn. Mashburn didn't attend the forum.

This week Highlands' Newspaper will report on answers from candidates for the District I seat – Bryson (D) and McClellan (R). In the Oct. 12 issue, we will report on answers at the Sept. 28 forum from the candidates running for District II.

QUESTION 1:

Why do you want to be a county commissioner; why would you be a good one and what are some of the important issues

facing the county this term?

Bryson:

I have held the seat for two terms and believe in putting in the hours for the people of Macon County. I've been a member of the county planning board and I'm a member of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department and a first-responder. I'm self-employed for the past 24 years. I know how to make a budget and meet payroll. I don't like paying taxes anymore than anyone else. Right now there are 96 other counties in the state with higher taxes than Macon County. The commission has shown that it knows how to watch your money. Out of 100 counties, we are 97 in the state. Upcoming issues include the expansion of two schools and the building of another. These projects have been in the works for some time. We will be using QSAB bonds to foot much of the cost – about \$10-\$11 million. The total cost is about \$15 million. Building the new school will decrease the number of

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• OBITUARY •

Barney A. Rice

Barney A. Rice, age 103, of Cashiers, NC died Sunday, October 1, 2006 at the Fidelia-Eckerd Nursing Home in Highlands. He was born in Jackson County, the son of the late Lewis and Augusta Crowe Rice. He was married to Rosa Kelly Rice who died August 14, 1994. He was a retired farmer and beekeeper. He was a member of the Heady Mountain Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Dorothy Riddle of Cashiers, NC and Ellamae Franks of Sapphire, NC; three sons, Doyle Rice of Cashiers, NC, Oliver Rice of Clayton, GA and Freeman Rice of Franklin, NC. Twenty-three grandchildren, a number of great-grandchildren and a number of great-great-grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by three sons, Ray Rice, Marvin Rice and Ford Rice; three sisters, Lily R. Bradley, Dora R. Burrell, and Cora R. Bradley; four brothers, DIV Rice, Lemmy Rice, Chris Rice and Frank Rice.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 4, at 11 a.m. at Heady Mountain Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Norris and Rev. Berliss Powell officiating. Burial was at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Audie Franks, Joe Rice, Wayne Rice, Mitchell Rice, Brad Rice and Maverick Riddle served as pallbearers.

The family received friends Tuesday, October 3 at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands. Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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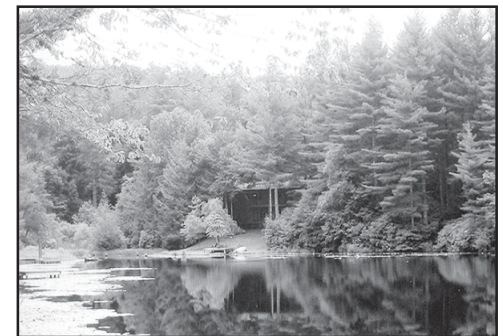
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Rocky Mountain High

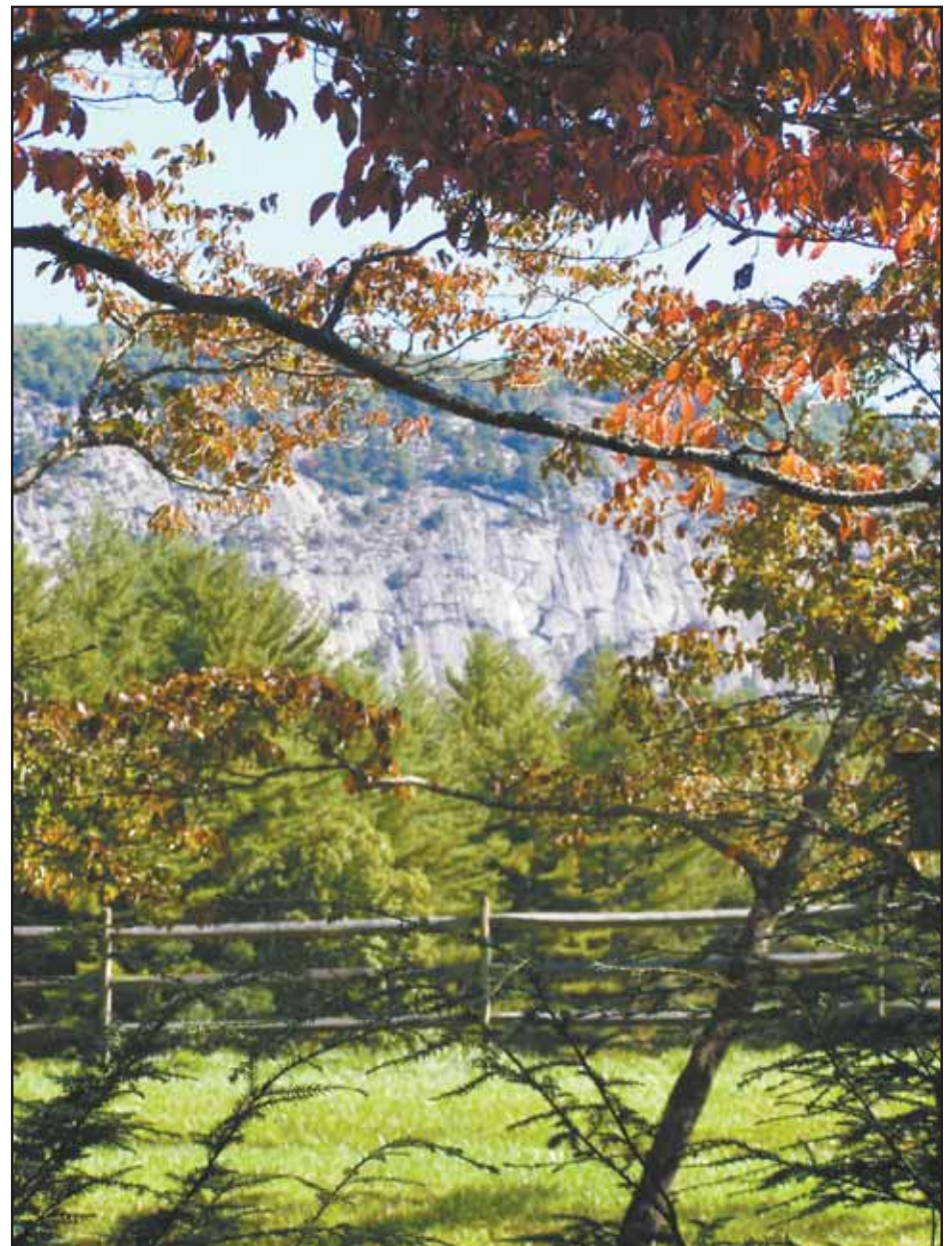


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• HIKING IN AND ABOUT...



Autumn colors are spiking the trees in area coves.

Photos by Susanna Forrester

Trails and vistas abound in Horse & Whiteside coves

By Susanna Forrester
Reporter

The autumn season in Highlands and Cashiers isn't complete without a trip through Horse Cove and Whiteside Cove. During late September through mid-October the coves are filled with the colors and aromas of fall. They are also filled with beautiful natural wonders that can be enjoyed by all ages any time of the year — the Horse Cove Poplar, Granite City, and Sliding Rock to name a few.

To reach Horse Cove from Highlands continue out of town on East Main Street. The road is steep and curvy once it begins to drop down into the cove, but when it opens up into the valley the views are breathtaking — granite-faced cliffs frame the pastureland and sprays of yellow and lavender flowers trace the highway.

Just before reaching the flatter lands of the cove take Rich Gap Road, a gravel road to your right. A large pull-over on the left is marked by a Forest Service sign, and across the road is a set of steps leading into the forest. The trail makes a short loop along with a few rabbit trails that branch off from the main loop, but they no longer go anywhere. Go to your right, and in a small clearing a massive tree is

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America's smallest Post Office stands in Whiteside Cove at the belly of the mountain.

marked by a small plaque dedicating it to Bob Padgett who protected the tree from logging.

The tree, a tulip poplar, lives in a forest that seems ancient by its very association with the 400-year-old tree. At 130 feet high, it is considered the second largest poplar in North Carolina, and the third largest in the country. If you continue to follow the loop you'll see another large poplar tree wedged against a massive rock. It's hard to appreciate their sizes unless you get up close and personal, so give that tree a hug.

Eventually, Horse Cove splits into Bull Pen Road on the right, and Whiteside Cove on the left. Keep left, and stop at the pull-over on the left after 1.2 miles. A steep trail leads straight up the slope into the trees. Make sure you've brought sturdy hiking boots, and a flashlight. Granite City is a labyrinth of small caves and house-size rocks that can be explored without elaborate caving equipment. There are steep drops and climbs that shouldn't be attempted by a novice without equipment, and families with small children should probably avoid this adventure.

Autumn is a good time to explore Granite City since the chillier autumn weather drives snakes into hibernation. Other creatures might still be around, such as the occasional bat, or salamander. The caves are cold and damp all year round, so keep your jacket handy.

Whiteside Cove turns to pavement after a short while, and the trees fold back for some magnificent views of Whiteside Mountain. Just after crossing a small bridge there is a pull-off on the left for America's smallest post office. The tiny building is no longer in operation, and has been restored and moved several times. It sits below a small lake and a grand view of Whiteside Mountain's steep cliffs. On a cool autumn day the belly of the mountain is usually swathed in autumn's mantle, and it makes a grand photograph with the lake in the foreground.

If you brought a picnic lunch, stop by Sliding Rock on your way out of the cove. Sliding Rock, located next to Grimshawes Bridge, may not be fit to swim in this time of year, but it makes a charming picnic spot. A sandy beach below the sliding area is outfitted with a small bench and plenty of space to spread out a blanket. This may be one of the few times of the year when you can have Sliding Rock all to yourself.

Don't forget to stop and take a deep breath of mountain air during your tour, and please be mindful of other drivers who aren't appreciating the beautiful scenery. Fall comes and goes quickly in the mountains so try to make time to be a tourist for a day, whether you're a lifelong resident or a first-time visitor.

• Each week in October Highlands' Newspaper will feature a hike in the area.

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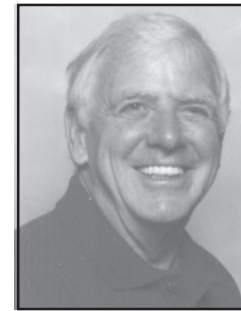
Hey, What's in your underwear?

I know exactly what you're thinking. Here's another tacky column containing more information than you really want to know about. Well, if you're thinking that way, you would be absolutely right. But I know you're going to keep reading anyway, wondering just how tacky I can get.

Back in my days as a kid, there was a commonly used expression, "He's got ants in his pants" to describe brats like me who couldn't sit still. I remember the first time I was accused of that, I raced outside to my cardboard fort to drop my drawers and look for ants. I was relieved to find no ants but, instead, a partially eaten Ritz cracker that, to this day, I am not sure how it got there.

In time, I realized people say things that mean something else. When I was first accused of "getting my shorts in a wad" I resisted the temptation to race out to my fort for an inspection. I was becoming wise to the ways of the world and knew my shorts weren't actually wadding.

Once I became an adult, I moved to Florida and was introduced to the "fire" ant. These crafty little guys sneak up your



Fred Wooldridge

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leg and into your underwear by the hundreds without making a sound. Then, on a signal from their leader, they all simultaneously bite everything you have. There was no time to run to a cardboard fort for an inspection because there was no doubt my manhood was at stake.

In great pain, I ran for the garden hose and shoved it into my underwear. This was another wonderful life experience for me as my drawers filled with cold water. Relief poured over me as my Jocks turned into a

watery ant grave, giving new meaning to the "ants in your pants" cliché.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Florida fire ant, let me tell you that each bite becomes a very sore red bump with a disgusting puss sack on top of it. (Aren't you glad you know that now?) I walked around in pain for days. I have 8 X 10s if anyone is interested.

Later in life I wound up at Fort Gordon, GA, working for Uncle Sam's Army. I was relieved to learn fire ants had not yet made their way to Fort Gordon.

The Army took away all my nice

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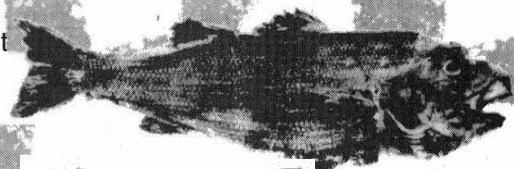
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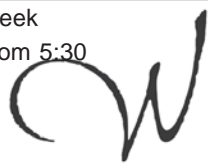
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Theocracy and democracy

As the Congressional elections of 2006 approach, it is important to identify clearly what is at stake. Neither of the major parties inspires great confidence, but the Republican Party has been taken over by right-wing religious extremists who do not in any way represent the American political mainstream.

Cornell University's Center for Religion, Ethics, and Social Policy, a middle-of-the-road think tank, recently released a report that describes in great detail how this theft of party machinery was orchestrated and carried out. Many people are vaguely aware that something like this has taken place, but I think the majority of voters, including traditional conservatives, have no idea what has happened to their party.

Christopher Shays, a Republican Representative from Connecticut and one of a handful of moderates left in the party observes, "The Republican Party of Lincoln has become a party of theocracy."

This has certainly been aided in no small measure by a president who supports many of the views expressed by this messianic sliver of the



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population, including, most notably, a constitutional amendment prohibiting homosexual marriage (the first proposed amendment that would deprive some citizens of rights, as opposed to expanding them), and opposition to federally-financed stem cell research.

George Bush has been coy about

directly expressing his religious views, although everyone knows that he is a born-again Christian and, either for political or sincerely Christian reasons, favors the agenda of what is more properly called the "theocratic right." I mean, Jimmy Carter is a self-described born-again Christian, and he would be embarrassed to be put in the same theological creche as George W.

Members of the theocratic right are also called "dominionists," since they seek dominion over all facets of public life. At the "Reclaiming America for Christ" conference in February 2005, D. James Kennedy, Pastor of Coral Ridge Ministries, called on his followers to:

...reclaim America for Christ, whatever the cost. As the vice-regents of God, we are to exercise godly dominion and influence over our neighborhoods, our schools, our government, our literature and arts, our sports arenas, our entertainment media, our news media, our scientific endeavors — in short, over every aspect and institution of human society.

Two to three decades ago, dominionists made plans to take over
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Billionaires come to the rescue

Last week, I mentioned the incredible outpouring of money spawned by the annual get-together of the Clinton Global Initiative. Men and women of immense wealth, remarkable talent, and unmatched generosity seem to have decided to spend part, sometimes an extraordinary portion, of their wealth in an attempt to improve the world and the lives of those who inhabit it. Libraries and prestigious universities, they seem to be saying, are well endowed, and I don't need my name affixed to another building. Instead they have come together to combat global warming, poverty, hunger, illness, illiteracy, and religious intolerance. There might be a dollar or two directed to Western North Carolina to fight the latter.

These people stand in stark contrast to the politicians who lead our nation, men and women of comparatively small fortune and modest ability who are consumed with self interest.

This week featured a resurgence of the finger pointing between Democrats and Republicans. Hillary and Condi joined the fray, each defending her “man” and his relative lack of responsibility for failing to kill bin Laden.

We are mired in the past, alternately assigning, and denying, responsibility for what has gone poorly, claiming ownership for what has gone well. Political ads dredge up past offenses, an undocumented nanny here or a brief affair there, an imprudent investment in the corner. Candidates hold each other to impossibly rigid standards, while wallowing in ambition, greed, and self aggrandizement.

Where are bold proposals for the future? What has become of leadership? Elected leaders seem far more interested in re-election and feathering their own nests than in serving the country.

Maybe the idea of service is naive and antiquated. Perhaps that is why the actions of Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Paul Allen, Richard Branson and others are so startling. Because in a world of greed, sacrifice has become anachronistic.

In a world in which opposing ideologies categorize each other as evil, these men search for an avenue to respect and reconciliation. In a country which refuses to join the world in curbing global warming, this group of geniuses is engaging other geniuses to design the vehicles, fabricate the alloys,



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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develop the batteries that will make an attractive zero emission car a reality. Bill Gates learned that for a few dollars, he could save the life of an African child. Not a bad investment, he reasoned. Why not save millions?

Not all of their dreams will be realized. Not all their ideas can be accomplished. But it is not so difficult to treat a kid for AIDS or malaria. It is possible to teach a farmer to farm, to provide him with fertilizer and disease resistant seeds, to teach him about markets, once he has produced more than his family needs to survive. We can bring clean water to the surface.

If we were able to eliminate malaria in South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana, I wonder why cannot the same be accomplished in Africa, South America, and Asia. I promise that somewhere a billionaire is asking the same question.

The world's auto makers have only grudgingly and under regulatory and economic pressure reduced emissions and improved fuel efficiency. U.S. manufacturers lag far behind their Japanese counterparts in efforts that have been made. Auto makers have successfully lobbied to limit government intervention. Energy bills are gift bags for oil companies. Corporate CEOs are more interested in this quarter's profits than in the health of the planet, or the long range transportation needs of the nation and the world and they continue building SUVs.

We talk of good guys and bad guys in the world's conflicts much as we did as kids. We played cowboys and Indians and the Indians were invariably the bad guys. History has taught us that we were wrong then and shall teach us that we are wrong now.

The new philanthropists ask if there

is not some solution to the conflict other than Christians killing Muslims and Muslims killing Christians. Many of us are only nominally Christian or Muslim, or altogether free of religious preference. Still if I were a kid today, I would dress in camouflage and grab a toy M-16 and kill the neighbor kids who were wearing baggy pants and head cloths and carrying AK-47s.

Leaders, both western and middle eastern simplify the argument, reduce it to good versus evil, good guys against bad, reduce it to a form easily digestible by populations eager for a easy explanation.

I believe that an Iranian, able to afford a plasma TV and a zippy electric car, will be far less likely to advocate rolling the calendar back to the ninth century.

I believe that moderates of both sides must come together and that the roots of discord must be exorcised so that the rhetoric of hatred no longer produces the fruit of terrorism and reprisal.

It is not important what I believe, but it is terribly important that there are guys out there who hold the same beliefs who have the money to explore the options and who don't have to stand for reelection, weather the insults of political opportunists who would question their courage and patriotism.

In a way it is unfortunate that we must turn to handful of the world's wealthiest and most influential people to address the critical needs of us all. Satisfaction of common need was the very basis for the establishment of community and government. Our government has abdicated that role in favor of self perpetuation, power, and the pursuit of wealth, but ironically wealth minuscule compared to that held by those who now offer it so freely in a noble attempt to save our planet and ourselves.

Rescued birds of prey to be exhibited at the Civic Center

On Tuesday Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. Doris Mager, “The Eagle Lady,” will present her entertaining and informative program on birds of prey at the Highlands Civic Center.

She will have an assortment of live birds of prey. The event is free and sponsored by Highlands Plateau Audubon Society.

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white briefs and gave me droopy, loose fitting olive-drab boxer shorts. This was to become another great life experience because this part of Georgia is noted for its infamous red clay.

Instead of ants or Ritz crackers, I found my underwear filled with red clay after a day of hard training, crawling around on my stomach, dragging an unloaded rifle. No one told me red clay, mixed with perspiration, makes red dye. After six weeks of training, everything important to me inside my underwear was stained red. Yes, I have 8 X 10s of this also.

Even later in life when I was wise to fire ants, Ritz crackers and Georgia red clay, I decided to clean the mildew off my roof. This required me to throw a tank of pool chlorine on my back and spray the roof. Little did I know a small leak in the tank allowed chlorine to drip into the back of my underwear.

By the time I felt the pain, it was too late, the damage was done. The chlorine had eaten away about eight layers of hide (you know where) and even the garden hose shoved down the back of my drawers didn't help. This is when I learned another important life lesson. Fire ants, Ritz crackers and red clay are nothing compared to chlorine in your underwear. Don't call the house because I don't have 8 x 10s of this disaster.

After walking around for two weeks with my legs spread four feet apart, everything eventually healed and I braced myself for my next underwear attack.

Then it happened. When I retired, I made a major life decision. Are you still reading? I vowed to stop wearing underwear.

Life without underwear is wonderful. Who started this underwear idea anyway? I am now a free man. Should a Ritz cracker work its way past my belt line, it just falls straight through. Is that awesome, or what?

There are many more wonderful things I can tell you about not wearing underwear when you come over for your 8 X 10s. Meet me in the cardboard fort.

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2nd annual antique show draws crowds; raises money for Playhouse



Joana Baumrucker and Dwight Bryant on the Highlands Playhouse Board of Directors, welcomed guests to the Preview Party Thursday night and to the show each day Friday through Sunday. More than 1,000 people attended the show. "The response was overwhelming," said Baumrucker. "The exhibitors were pleased and the facility was perfect." The Playhouse board will be making a donation to the town once the bottom line is determined. Photo by Jim Lewicki



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people who wrote our Constitution understood the importance of safeguarding the right to a public trial.

And now, in 2006, we are giving this hard-fought guarantee of our liberty away for nothing. The bill states that anyone who gives "purposeful and material" support to terrorists is an "unlawful enemy combatant," and can be imprisoned indefinitely without charges brought. This definition is broad enough to include opponents of this administration. A forceful argument against Bush's terrorism policies could be construed as "purposeful and material" support to terrorists.

I can almost hear some people saying: "you're just paranoid. This is just meant for terrorists, evil-doers. As long as you stay on our side you don't have anything to worry about." And I say to those who think that: you have no understanding of what it means to be free.

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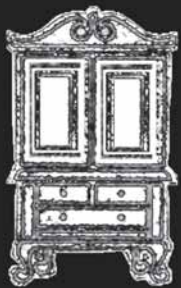


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had made that recommendation. Gantenber was not at the meeting.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf asked if the board compared parking requirements for businesses other than restaurants outside the B1 district. Rethorst said they only discussed its relevance as it applied to restaurants.

Because their parking variance was denied, the Carters, owners of Wild Thyme Restaurant, had to secure parking within a block of the restaurant or lose seats. When Macon Bank moved across the street the parking arrangement the restaurant had with the bank ceased. To satisfy the parking requirements, the Carters had to con-

struct parking spaces on residential property behind the restaurant.

Leon, of Don Leon's Café asked if the board would discuss the ordinance.

His is one of the four restaurants outside the B1 area whose seating capacity is directly linked to the number of off-street parking spaces. There are no parking restrictions for businesses in the B1 district.

"The town needs to look into the situation and decide what needs to be done," said Leon of Don Leon's Café.

But Commissioner Herb James disagreed. "How are those businesses any different than any other business," asked James. "The town hasn't put them in harm's

way. They knew about the parking requirements when they went into business."

Commissioner Hank Ross said the board plans to look at the entire parking

ordinance arrangement and not just how it applies to restaurants. The planning board is supposed to look at the situation as well, but when is the question.

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three scenarios, we can move forward," he said at the Oct. 4 Town Board meeting.

But member of the Lake Sequoyah Improvement Association Bill Hogue said something needs to be done and quickly.

"We've been talking about this for 16 years and we're still no where. Now we have a sand bar encroaching on our pumps. We need some proactive action here," he said.

He said other towns have purchased

small dredges and he suggested Highlands do the same thing.

Nix said he was looking at all the scenarios including hydraulic dredges, but needed definitive figures.

Mayor Mullen said the low-interest loan was basically a sure thing with a 40-year payback period so the town was moving in the right direction.

Town Administrator Richard Betz said the town would repay the loan with proceeds from water bills.

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'We're doing the best we can'

Dear Editor,

A direct quote from our Mayor when asked why the Town isn't enforcing the noise ordinance against Riverwalk.

They worked Tuesday night until 8 p.m. and the response from the town was that they had a piece of equipment stuck and were afraid they were going to lose it, where? In the silt of the river.

This is the only place that the construction people dictate to the town government when and how they can enforce ordinances. Wednesday night it went on until 7:30 p.m. Lord only knows what "danger" was there to allow them to work past 6 p.m.

All of us read, with great happiness when "Riverwalk" was shut down until they fixed the erosion problems.

It is a real shame that our elected officials don't have the "guts" to stand up for what is right for the people of Highlands. It is hard to believe the lack of leadership of our elected officials.

I guess every one of our town officials have "run for cover" since Riverwalk has "lawyered up" on them.

The people who voted against Buck Trott are now having second thoughts. Remember "the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know."

With the way things are going in Highlands, I expect to see Wal-Mart and Burger King on Mirror Lake by Spring.

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New auxiliary officers for the coming year are from left Kitti Barber, president; Jolene Niblack, treasurer; Polly Touzalin, recording secretary; and Joy O'Toole, corresponding secretary. Betti Bunnell, the new vice president, was not available for the photo.

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary names new officers

Some familiar faces, but with new titles, will lead the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary in the coming year.

The Auxiliary installed a new slate of officers at its annual meeting last Monday. The group also heard briefly from hospital CEO and President Ken Shull during the luncheon festivities, held at Chestnut Hill.

Officers for the coming year featured many names from last year's leadership, but several in different roles. Kitti Barber, last year's recording secretary, was installed as the new auxiliary president for the 2006-07 year. And outgoing president Polly B. Touzalin will be this year's recording secretary. Jolene Niblack will serve again as treasurer and Joy O'Toole will continue as corresponding secretary. Betti Bunnell, a new face among this year's officers, will serve as vice president.

In addition to auxiliary members, several members of the hospital administrative staff attended the event to show their appreciation for the auxiliary's support. Shull pointed out that the auxiliary has given more than half a century of service to the hospital. Its beginnings go back to the formation of the hospital in the late 1940s.

"You are the bright smiling face of the hospital," he said. "Thank you for what you do and for making us that much better."

Shull went on to give the group a brief update on the hospital, citing several positive developments.

The hospital ER continues to be very busy this summer, breaking record for the number of patients being seen. "That means people have faith in us," he added. He also reported that the hospital made money last month for the first time since the calendar year began.

Efforts to recruit more primary care physicians are also in high gear, he said. The hospital is currently talking to several family physicians and internists who have expressed interest in possibly relocating to the area. Shull pointed out that the physicians who have visited the area have been impressed by the quality of the facilities and the fact that all of the medical staff are board certified in their fields. "That's something you don't find very often in small hospitals," said Shull.

"We certainly have a very unique hospital here," agreed outgoing president Polly Touzalin. "This is a small hospital, but it's very big (in importance) for our community."

Halloween fun at the Nature Center

On Oct. 28, there will be a Halloween "Enchanted Forest" Nature Trail at the Highlands Nature Center, from 7-9 p.m.

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Election 2006 public forum Oct. 12

A public forum featuring candidates for the North Carolina Senate and House of Representatives will be held at noon on Thursday, Oct. 12 at Tartan Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Franklin.

NC Senate candidates for District 50, incumbent John Snow (D) and challenger Ken McKim (R), will discuss issues and their qualifications. Also, candidate for the NC House of Representatives District 119, Marge Carpenter (D) will present her views. Incumbent Phil Haire is unable to attend but will send a representative.

Hospital consultant said change must start with board

By **Susanna Forrester**
Reporter

The board of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is taking steps to catch up with the changing world of healthcare.

James Orlikoff of Orlikoff & Associates was hired to perform an assessment of the hospital and its board and including data gleaned from the hospital survey sent out this past year. The board has decided to implement the changes he recommended. He versed members of the board and hospital in a meeting Wednesday, Sept. 27.

"No one can make a board change except itself," said Orlikoff, who is the National Advisor on Governance and Leadership to the American Hospital Association and Health Forum. "That's what this board has done. This board has been remarkable because of their willingness to change. That is the most important characteristic of a board."

According to Orlikoff the professional standards for medical staff and hospital management have changed since the 1960s, but board structures have not changed to keep up. "Boards were lagging behind," said Orlikoff. "Boards are asking themselves, 'How can we do this better?' The quality of governance affects the quality of the organization."

The main issues Orlikoff faced with the HCH board were its size, the term lengths of board members, and board members' level of experience. The size of the board was reduced from 18 or 19 down to 13, and term lengths were altered so that new board members would always have experienced board members to help guide them. "You always have at least two-thirds of the board with six to nine years experience," said Orlikoff.

Orlikoff also recommended the removal of mandated spots on the board. "Is the purpose of the board to lead the organization, or is the purpose of the board to represent?" he said. "We're eliminating the geographical requirements for board representation. More and more hospitals are selecting people who don't live in the community."

One of the other recommendations Orlikoff made to the board was that it create a governance committee. The committee would keep track of board education and training, and oversee the board evaluation process. "Everyone in the hospital has requirements for continuing education," said Orlikoff. "Currently there are no requirements that board members have to get education."

"Different boards have different jobs and therefore require different structures. Many people think they understand governance because they've been on a board," said Orlikoff. "But if you've seen

one board you've seen one board. There are very few boards that have tripartite leadership like the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital."

Though national standards are non-existent for hospital boards, Orlikoff feels that there will be legislation regarding them eventually. But instead of allowing legislature to force hospital boards to change, "I'd rather see boards do it themselves," said Orlikoff.

"We hope to get a structure out of this that serves the community," said Ken Shull, CEO and president of HCH. No one owns a hospital. The board is the ownership. We want to arm them with the education and expertise they need. We think the community is better served with an active board."

For Orlikoff putting together an effective board is "like putting together a baseball team." The board needs several people with financial expertise, several with experience in quality control, several who understand healthcare, and someone who understands politics. "If you do the first two the constituency representative becomes irrelevant," said Orlikoff. "As long as the hospital is serving the community well."

Since the process began, the community and current board members have shown their support. "We've had a lot of positive feedback. Even people who lost automatic representation seats were very supportive," said Shull.

Being a part of a board is not an easy task said Orlikoff. Board members need to be "big picture, system thinkers who respect the confidence of the board room, understand group decision making, and support decisions even if they disagree," he said. If a person has all those characteristics then they may find that "it's very rewarding," said Orlikoff. "You're really making a big difference for the community."

According to Orlikoff the Highlands and Cashiers communities are fortunate to have a hospital where they can come. "There are 12 percent fewer hospitals today than there were 10 years ago," he said. "The population is growing, but hospitals are decreasing." He said healthcare costs shoulder much of the blame.

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Author, teacher, on quest to root out, end illiteracy

By **Marlee McCall**

John Corcoran author of "The Teacher Who Couldn't Read" spoke on Sept. 28 in Highlands School's gymnasium. Bretta Stroud director of Highlands Literacy Council invited Corcoran to be a key component in her recent push to wipe out illiteracy in Macon County where 51 percent of the population "basically cannot read," said Stroud.

Corcoran traveled from California to tell people in Highlands, along with those in 44 other states on his tour, about the importance of literacy and how many people are illiterate.

Corcoran never learned to read as a child. Third grade was the year that he started to understand that he wasn't like the rest of the children in his class because he couldn't read. At this point he decided that when he was called upon to read he would simply act up to avoid the possibility of his secret being discovered. This continued until eighth grade. He decided to stop acting up when he was told he couldn't play sports because of the amount of trouble he had gotten into. He behaved through high school and graduated to go on to college with an athletic scholarship. He played sports throughout college but even with available tutors he

never asked for help.

He was engaged to his wife Cathy he told her his deep secret, though she didn't understand how illiterate he was until they had a child and he couldn't read the children's books.

The couple never discussed the matter, but Cathy took over any paperwork in the household. Corcoran became a teacher despite the fact that he still couldn't read or write. To get through, he used the same methods he used to understand things with his students — observation and hands-on projects.

After living a lie for 40 years, Corcoran took a courageous step. After all those years of buying his own lie that he wouldn't be able to learn how to read or write, he asked for help.

At first he was very afraid of what might

happen after unveiling his secret. He thought there would surely be many angry colleagues, parents, and students and there were some angry people, he said. But by overcoming his shame and fear he has influenced others to ask for the same help like he did. He has appeared on Oprah, 20/20, Larry King Live, and Phil Donahue. Corcoran says this story isn't just his, but also millions of others in the U.S.



John Corcoran author of "The Teacher Who Couldn't Read"

Photo by Marlee McCall

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students at Macon Middle School, something that is necessary. Growth is a big issue in Macon County. Everyone knows we have it. We now have a high-impact zoning ordinance on the books; we're working on a subdivision ordinance and we're going to the state legislature about a homestead act.

McClellan:

I have lived in Highlands for seven years. I'm from Anderson, S.C. In my vocation, I help people enjoy their retirement. I serve as an elder at the Community Bible Church. I'm president of the Rotary Club of Highlands. I'm a member of the Highlands School PTO board. I'm a tutor and a Big Brother. All these things have shown me what happens when you do for others. It's important to serve other people first. My wife is a teacher at Highlands School. I have two children, Matthew and Luke who are 16-years-old and attend Highlands School. My life experience is what makes me qualified for this job. Leading Macon County forward is an important task. We are at a unique moment in Macon County – we face many issues and need well thought out solutions concerning our resources. It's important to remember whose money it is and to ensure that our education system is the best it can be. It's important to put money into the classrooms so we can offer a learning environment that is safe and encouraging. It's important that all these matters be dealt with in an open matter with no more closed doors.

QUESTION 2:

• Throughout Western North Carolina development is increasing. Do you think steep slope development needs special care and would you ask for a steep slope development ordinance?

McClellan:

Regulation in development strategies is needed. We need to look at all sides of the issues. Developers must understand the importance of developing in stages. As far as it being an ordinance, I would do whatever is the will of the people. It depends on what the majority of the people want done in the county. That's who we should listen to. As a county commissioner, that's what I'll do.

Bryson:

We've been working on some kind of

regulation in this area for some time. The fact is, no silt can leave your property. There is zero tolerance for that. But enforcement is crucial and if you can get the "no silt to leave the property" part enforced, then we wouldn't have a steep slope problem.

QUESTION 3:

• The sedimentation and erosion ordinances aren't being enforced. If they were, it would most likely take care of the worst problems in the county. But by the time enforcement officers learn of problems, the damage is already done. A subdivision ordinance would require the registration of a plat at one time instead of one piece at a time. Being under some kind of review would make sure developments are in compliance before the work is done and it's too late. Would you be in favor of increased staffing on the county level to get this done?

Bryson:

First of all, if we enforce the rules already on the books, that would take care of it. There's no point in having more rules if we're not going to enforce the rules already there. We don't want to get behind like in Highlands. We also need to consider fines — \$5,000 a day will get developers' attention, \$500 a day is lunch money to them. Developers need to us local contractors who will go by the state and local rules so everyone can make a living. Our subdivision ordinance needs to think about the person who just wants to sell a piece now and then to make some money, not necessarily develop a subdivision.

McClellan:

It's important to enforce the regulations we have before we get more. I enjoy being in the mountains, I like to go hiking and trout fishing. It's important to get a handle on this. We need more people on the job, maybe reallocate resources to make money we have available. We need to decide what the priorities are and act on them. This isn't a new problem. It's ongoing and should be important every year, not just an election year.

QUESTION 4:

• What can you accomplish concerning animal control?

Bryson:

We have been working on that for a some time. The state came in and changed rules and now that they are set, it's time for the committee to come before the county with a plan and a solution that will take care of the problem. The county has property to build a shelter, or we could contract the work out, or we could do both and work with other groups. It won't be inexpensive. Probably about \$1 million in the end. Everything must be OK'd by the state. There are new licensure requirements, new training requirements. More rules cost more money. The committee we set up to investigate options is getting off their rocking horse very shortly.

McClellan:

This is a quality of life issue. It's a health issue. We need to follow state regulations. We need to have one body not competing bodies dealing with this. Before we consider partnering with someone, we have to find out if they are willing to open their books. If they're not willing to open their books, to say where they get funds, and how the funds are used then they shouldn't be getting any money from the county. If the county partners with someone on a private level, the county needs

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the Republican Party, figuring that with its large conservative constituency, it was more amenable to a religious coup. More or less simultaneously, Republican strategists like Karl Rove and others, decided to exploit the evangelical right as a means for shoring up their right-wing base. It was an ideal merger, hugely benefiting both parties.

Meanwhile, George W. Bush ran in 2000 as a "compassionate conservative," a term that successfully camouflaged his true colors, and in 2004 as "our protector against terrorism," a phrase that would have shrunk in shame after the federal government's ineptitude post-Katrina.

With more than 100 million eligible voters failing to show up on election day, it was relatively easy for a highly-motivated, well-organized and zealous minority to make a formidable impact on the presidential and congressional elections.

It is unlikely that most voters, or even most traditional conservatives, are aware of the extent to which the theocratic right has gone to stuff the Republican Party in its gunnysack.

Republican congressmen and women, running for reelection in 2006, are certainly aware that they'd better toe the religious line or face fierce opposition in the primaries. It's even worse than the NRA's intimidation.

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Although many people are disappointed that Dr. Leslie Pearlstein's application for privileges at the Highland's Cashiers Hospital has been disapproved by the medical staff, the process has been detailed, proper and necessarily private. With Dr. Pearlstein withdrawing his application the credentialing process has ended. This very thorough review process was performed with the highest integrity as the medical staff struggled with a very difficult decision. This final decision was made by the medical staff and never reached the board of directors level. Although many may disagree with this decision, the process was correct and honorable and, most importantly, the process works.

The medical and administrative staffs of the hospital continue to have high regards for Dr. Pearlstein as a person and wish him the best in the future. Although disappointed, he too has handled this difficult situation in an honorable way and has cooperated with this process completely. The hospital now must move forward and continue the search for this very important position. We have many well respected, highly regarded and successful physicians who have retired

Respected journalist Bill Moyers, long an opponent of extremists, had this to say:

"True, people of faith have always tried to bring their interpretation of the Bible to bear on American laws and morals . . . it's the American way, encouraged and protected by the First Amendment. But what is unique today is that the radical religious right has succeeded in taking over one of America's great political parties. The country is not yet a theocracy but the Republican Party is, and it is driving American politics, using God as a battering ram on almost every issue: crime and punishment, foreign policy, health care, taxation, energy regulation, social services, and more."

In some ways, it is unfortunate that the Democratic Party, which has lost its way, is the only opposition to this theocratic juggernaut. Not only have the Democrats gotten lost, but they lack for charismatic, energetic and seasoned leadership. Watching Bill Clinton on the Fox Network the other day, fighting back at those who said he didn't vigorously go after Bin Laden, almost made me forget his adolescent indiscretions, which cost Al Gore the 2000 election and sentenced us to eight years of the most incompetent president in my seven decades of life.

in Highlands and we look to them for advice and help in recruiting a surgeon. In my capacity as Professor Emeritus of Surgery I have called some of my friends who are department heads in surgery around the country seeking help and they have promised to do what they can.

The Upper Cullasaja Water Association had a most instructive annual meeting this past Thursday night at the Highlands Conference Center which was well attended. We congratulate Bob Wright on the fine job he has done as first executive director and then as president of the association and Katy Calloway as she continues the leadership in the organization.

The main speaker that night was Forrest Westall who is a leader in the field of stormwater control. Mr. Westall is now with McGill Engineering in Asheville.

That group is now studying the Town of Highlands stormwater situation and will submit their final report to us in December. We look forward to that as we look soon to having a stormwater system in our town which more than meets our needs and will solve many of the problems we have had with stormwater runoff.

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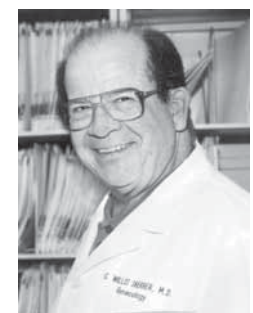
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Dr. Sherrer thanks his many friends and patients in the area for allowing him to serve their medical needs, and the hospital for its support during the years he has practiced in Highlands. If you are a patient of Dr. Sherrer you will receive a personal letter about your medical records and treatment options. He will continue to practice three days per week in Atlanta (at 404 355-6600).

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Admission and parking are free. Breakfast and lunch, prepared by the Rotary Club of Highlands, are available for purchase. Co-sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and the Highlands Recreation Department, this is an event loved by both exhibitors and visitors in part because it is all under the roof of the Civic Center and protected from inclement weather. Four items that have been donated by Dwight Bryant, The Smith's, Carla Martin and Bill Squires all exhibiting in the show, will be raffled this year at 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3 pm. Tickets may be purchased at the show, \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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The chorale began about 11 years ago as the Highlands Community Chorus after area churches decided to combine their musical efforts. Rehearsals are being held

every Monday evening starting at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. Those wishing to join the chorale are asked to donate \$10 for the purchase of music.

Performances begin on Dec. 9 at 4 p.m., followed by an encore at 7 p.m. on Dec. 10. Both performances will be at the Community Bible Church. The concert is free, but an offering is requested to help with the cost of the event.

If you want to sing, show up at the Catholic church Monday at 7 p.m.

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William Rawlings to Sign at Cyrano's Bookshop on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Author and physician William Rawlings, Jr., will sign copies of his latest mystery, "Crossword," at Cyrano's Bookshop on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 7, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Readers of Dr. Rawlings's earlier novels know they are in for a treat — especially as the action in "Crossword" takes place in Highlands, as well as New York and the Golden Isles of coastal Georgia.

Matt Rutherford and Lisa Li, the characters who searched for the fabled and long-lost Confederate treasury in Rawlings's "The Rutherford Cipher" return in a tale that involves murder, political conspiracy, the severed head of a would-be hit man and . . . crossword puzzles. Imagine trying to solve the Sunday New York Times crossword as though your life depended on it and you'll know how our hero and heroine feel as they attempt to solve a series of clue-laden crosswords before the killer strikes again — with Rutherford himself as the intended victim.

But you don't have to imagine. "Crossword" includes an actual puzzle — which Dr. Rawlings describes as "not to easy and not too hard" — featured in the plot. Cruciverbalists who successfully solve it using the clues provided are in-

vited to send their answers to the author, who will select a name at random from among the correct entries and treat the winner (and a friend) to dinner at one of the fine Highlands restaurants mentioned in "Crossword."

A life-long resident of Sandersville, GA, Dr. Rawlings owns a vacation home in Highlands and contributes travel articles to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Aside from "Crossword" and "The Rutherford Cipher," his other thrillers include "The Lazard Legacy" and "The Tate Revenge." Rawlings revels in being a small-town physician and says, "I love writing about the real South that still exists outside of urban areas, about interesting characters based on people that I have known, and about situations that — if they didn't really happen just as I said they did — could have." Please come and meet this very engaging, and talented, author.

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Fred Wooldridge to sign 'I'm Moving Back to Mars' at Cyrano's Bookshop, Sunday, Oct. 8, from 1-3.

Retired Miami Beach Police major and Highlands' Newspaper columnist Fred Wooldridge will be signing copies of his book of humorous essays, "I'm Moving Back to Mars: The Official Book of Nonsense" at Cyrano's on Sunday, Oct. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Fans of Wooldridge's "Laughing at Life" column will find just what they like here, with pieces ranging from "How I Avoid Terrorists" and "Is Being Dead Just Like Holding Your Breath Forever?" to "Strange Places I Have Stuck My Tongue" and "I Am Not Making This Up."

Wooldridge writes in a light, easy manner, and a few moments with "I'm Moving Back to Mars" is sure to make you smile — even if you're a member of the "Mad at Fred" club, and even if you don't want to smile.

Whether it's his ongoing contest with the squirrels (a.k.a. "tree rats") raiding his

bird feeder or tangling with the bad guys during his 28 years on the force, Fred's wit and warmth come through on every page, and he's as comfortable on Highlands' Main Street as in South Beach.

But Mr. Wooldridge includes deeper, inspiring subjects too. He writes of the exhilaration of rappelling down the cliffs of Cullasaja Gorge and (while still a rookie officer in Florida), sharing the last moments of an elderly Holocaust survivor having a heart attack.

Come and meet Fred this Sunday afternoon and share a laugh. Even real-estate agents are welcome.

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Susan Mason to sign at Cyrano's Bookshop on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Renowned caterer and party planner Susan Mason will be signing copies of her new cookbook "Susan Mason's Silver Ser-

vice: Elegant Savannah Cuisine" on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at

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Walkin' Jim Stoltz to perform in Highlands

Tales, Tunes & Photos from 26,000 Miles of Wilderness Walking

Come experience the personality and music of Walkin' Jim, America's one-of-a-kind wilderness troubadour at Forever Wild – 2006 on Friday, Oct. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Highlands Playhouse. Accompanying Walkin' Jim Stoltz will be musician Lee Knight. Tickets are free for this event, which is sponsored by the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance. This will be Stoltz's only Western North Carolina performance during his 2006 tour.

The evening will also feature a special guest appearance by Lee Knight, a Cashiers resident whose mastery of traditional Appalachian music has earned him nationwide appearances, including at Carnegie Hall. There will also be a short auction that will include a golf-themed quilt and a painting by local artist Maddy Buckhannan.

Walkin' Jim has trekked since 1974, from coast to coast, from Mexico to the Arctic – more than 26,000 miles in the wilderness. All those miles are the source

of his great love and respect for America's natural beauty, as well as of the magnificent tales, photos and songs that he will present.

Walkin' Jim has been featured in U.S. News & World Report as a modern-day Johnny Appleseed. Forever Wild – 2006 features his original music and stunning photographs. He also tells stories of adventures ranging from a near-fatal slide down a snow field (he was saved by the guitar strapped on his back), to the solitude of playing his music for an audience of moose.

"We are really excited about this appearance," said Cynthia Strain, chair of the JMCA. "Think Woodie Guthrie combining with Ansel Adams, and you get the idea of the power and beauty of Walkin' Jim's multi-media performances. And to have both Walkin' Jim Stoltz and Lee Knight on stage, and for free, is really not to be missed."

She said Walkin' Jim is a perfect



match for JMCA. "After all, he is devoting his unique talents to preserving the environment and expanding environmental awareness on a national scale, which is exactly what JMCA is seeking to do here on the Plateau. We hope to combine Walkin' Jim's appearance with a few other fun activities, and will be provid-

ing more information as the concert date approaches."

Forever Wild – 2006 is a project of Musicians United to Sustain the Environment (M.U.S.E.), a rapidly growing non-profit that heightens environmental awareness by raising funds for effective grassroots projects through CD sales, concerts and public donations. Its roster of performers includes Pete Seeger, Paul Winter and Country Joe McDonald. For more information on M.U.S.E. and its artists, see www.musemusic.org. For more information on Walkin' Jim and Forever Wild – 2006, please visit www.foreverwild.info.

To celebrate Jim's 20th year of touring America with Forever Wild, he is planning to visit all 50 states, and is offering his concerts for free. Tickets to the October 20 Forever Wild – 2006 are available by calling 828-526-9938, x320 or by visiting its office in the Peggy Crosby Center in Highlands.

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Interact officers elected



Highlands School Interact students meet the second Thursday of each month in the school cafeteria. So far 21 students have signed up to participate in Rotary's youth group. Highlands School Guidance Counselor Thomas Jessup is the school liaison and Cynthia Dendy is the Rotary Advisor. Officers from left are Kelli Baer, treasurer; Allison Winn, secretary; Sara Bates, vice president; and Alec Schmitt, president.

Photo by Cynthia Dendy

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Roane named food and beverage director at OEI

Courtney Roane was recently named Director of Food and Beverage Services for the Old Edwards Inn.

Roane was the former Director of Food and Beverage with Wyndham Inner Harbor, Baltimore. Prior to Wyndham, Roane served in executive positions with Intercontinental, Meristar, Omni, Hilton, Quorum Hotels, and recently Columbia Sussex Hotels and Casinos.

Roane began her career in food and beverage at the Boar's Head Inn, Charlottesville, VA after graduating from J. Sergeant Reynolds College, Richmond, VA.

She received training from some of the finest California Wineries. Roane was on the culinary team of the inaugural season for the Jacksonville Jaguars and she brings over 25 years of catering, restaurant and culinary operations experience to Old Edwards Inn. Roane is an active member in the Society of Chaine de Rotisseurs, National Association of Catering Executives, and American

Culinary Federation.

According to Mr. Mario Gomes, Old Edwards Inn Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, "Courtney possesses a firm understanding of the critical role food and beverage brings to the success of our resort- we are thrilled to have her as a member of our award-winning team," said Mario Gomes, CEO of Old Edwards Inn & Spa.

Fall is hiking weather

On Oct. 7, the Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike to four waterfalls on the Horse Pasture River with an elevation change of 700 feet. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at the Osage Mtn. Overlook on Hwy. at 9:50 a.m. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579 for reservations.

'Sylvia' coming to the Instant Theater Oct. 16-21

All dog owners know their dog can speak to them and in "Sylvia," a wonderfully endearing play by A.R. Gurney, we get to eavesdrop. Greg (David Kronawitter) and Kate (Madeleine Davis) are a married couple living in Manhattan. Sylvia the dog (Jillian Burfete) adopts Greg and all sorts of delight and drama develop as we watch Greg try to reinvent himself in middle age.

Veteran actor, David Kronawitter, who stars in the upcoming production of "Sylvia" last appeared in Highlands at the Highlands Playhouse in "The Odd Couple" and "6 Rms Riv Vu," in 2004. He comes to Highlands from Atlanta where he acts and directs in various venues.

Pet lovers in the audience will find great enjoyment in watching the relationship of a pet and a mas-

ter. On the surface the play may sound light, but A.R. Gurney asks some interesting questions and, if you listen carefully to Sylvia, they are all answered. Anyone who has ever owned a pet, loved a dog, known an animal-lover, or just tolerated the family pet, will love this play.

"Sylvia" will be performed at The Studio on Main at 310 Main Street in Highlands. Complimentary fine wine and rocks drinks will be served. Performance dates are Oct. 16 - 21 and the show begins at 8 p.m. For tickets call the Instant Theatre Company box office at 828-342-



David Kronawitter

9197. "Sylvia" is recommended for mature audiences.

Old-fashioned turkey shoot coming up in Scaly Mtn.

On target for Oct. 7 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the inaugural Scaly Mountain Turkey Shoot.

The event benefits the restoration of the 105-year old historic Scaly school house, now being used as the community center.

"It's something will take the community back to the kind of get-togethers that were so popular in years gone by," said Marvin Huskey, who with Keith Billingsley, is co-chairman of the family-oriented event.

Shooters, both men and women, will take their marks at the site of the new Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire Station on Hale Ridge Road just off of NC Highway 106.

Marksmen, who are 16 or older, will compete in groups of 15 with the winners being advanced to the best-overall competition. Group winners get hams, turkeys and other prizes, while the top contender gets an over and under shotgun valued at \$500.

No special alterations such as poly chokes or Hastings are allowed and barrels cannot exceed 32 inches.

Guns will be provided for shooters who need them. Shots are \$5 each and shells will be furnished.

Food and drinks will be available and children are invited to participate in the free Turkey Trot Coloring Contest where

cash prizes will be given.

"Businesses in the community have been most supportive," said Huskey. To date the "Boss Turkey" sponsor is Cabe Realty.

Grand Turkey sponsors are Poss Realty Century 21, Huskey Properties Inc., The Cyprus Restaurant and Sam's Grading Inc. Great Turkey sponsors are Travis Nix Hardwood Floors, and Futral Properties.

For more information call 787-1860.

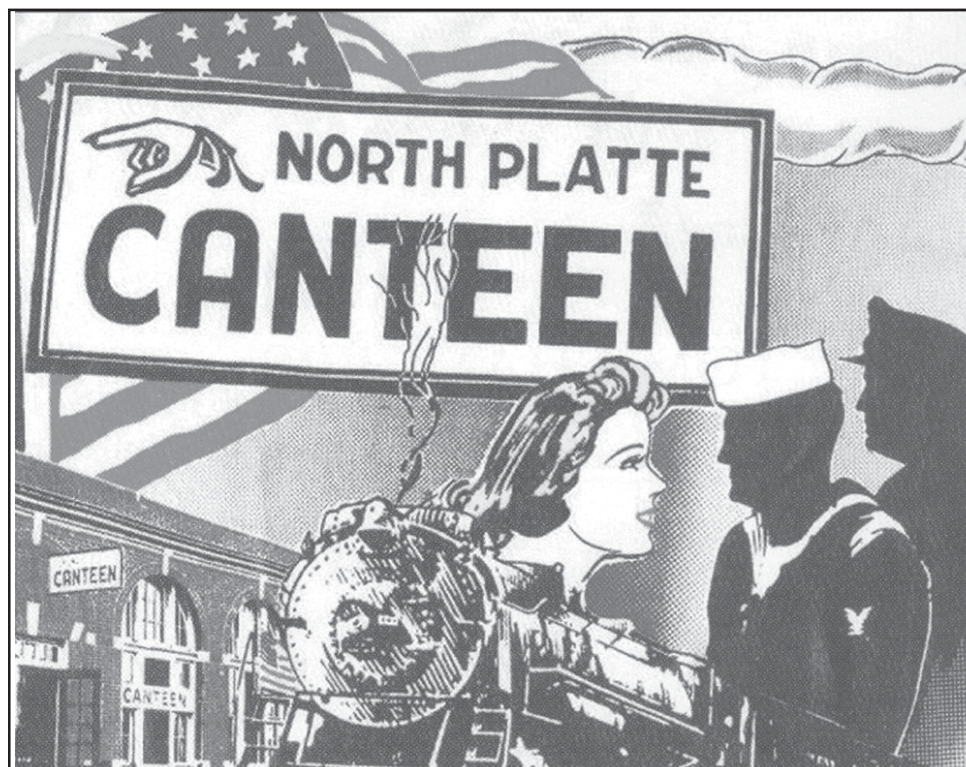
Signups for MC Girls Basketball through Oct. 21

Applications are available at the Highlands Civic Center. The cost is \$30. A copy of your birth certificate is required.

The league includes those ages seven to 18 (Must be seven by Oct. 15).

A minimum of 8 players must sign up to form a team. Anyone interested in coaching please contact Michelle Munger. Leagues will exist in the age categories where there are enough teams to play. Remember, the final day to register is Oct. 21.

For more information call Michelle Munger at 526-8029 or 342-3551



'North Platte Canteen' sets up in Highlands Playhouse

By Laurie Anderson

It was a time for heroes, and not all of them carried guns. On Christmas day, 1941, barely two weeks after the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the town of North Platte, Nebraska began an extraordinary effort that did not end until April 1, 1946. Volunteers from the town and nearby region set up a hospitality center, or canteen, at the local train station to greet and feed soldiers on their way to war.

The station was on an active Union Pacific line between New York and California, and with the start of World War II townsfolk saw increasing numbers of servicemen passing through.

Residents conceived the idea of boosting morale by providing food and friendship. During whistle-stops that averaged only about 10 minutes, soldiers, sailors and Marines were given free coffee, sandwiches, cigarettes and magazines before they had to reboard and move on. If it was someone's birthday, women were ready with homemade cake decorated with candles — and occasionally quickly iced with the soldier's name.

The canteen operated in all weather conditions, ultimately hosting an estimated six million service personnel. The operation was all the more amazing because it was a time of strict food rationing, and contributions were entirely voluntary.

This October, the Highlands Playhouse will recreate this amazing and little known part of American history in The North Platte Canteen. A USO troupe decides to put on a show at the canteen that include hits of the day like "Chattanooga Choo-Choo," "The Coffee Song," and "Beat Me Daddy Eight to the Bar". The performers include a

comedic emcee, singers, dancers, and other variety acts.

The "North Platte Canteen" is on stage Oct. 6 and 7, at 8 p.m., Oct. 8 at 2 p.m., Oct. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. For more information and tickets call the Highlands Playhouse at 828-526-2695.

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a judge is needed," he said. "Someone has to make a firm judgment in the matter."

Moorefield said the court's opinion is "if the people in the ETJ don't care enough to hire a lawyer to fight this why should the county?"

But Commissioner Jim Davis said it was the commission's job to protect the citizens in the ETJ area. "If we don't protect them, who will?" he asked "Who represents those citizens if we don't."

Moorefield said the county does have a stake in such appointments if only to have some say as to development in the county. "It has to do with statewide county and town relationships," he said.

Early September, Judge Dennis Winters dismissed the county's case based on the fact that the county doesn't have any real, as in real estate, interest in the case, said Moorefield. "That's why I thought it was important to list Daniel A. Bryson, as plaintiff because he owns property in the ETJ area," he said.

Meanwhile, county commissioners still aren't convinced that the population figures used by the town to determine the number of ETJ appointees is correct but for now are just looking for legal verification of their appointees and their terms.

"We need some sort of resolution," said Moorefield.

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In a letter dated Sept. 15, Highlands Town Administrator Richard Betz wrote the commission saying, "We would expect that the county will appoint or re-appoint members to these boards in 2009. Msrs. Bryson, Gurganus and Potts are listed on our roster of board members at ETJ representa-

tives appointed by the county whose terms expire in 2009."

Commissioners voted to appeal the recent ruling, but could withdraw the appeal upon receipt of a legal resolution verifying that the county has the right to appoint ETJ board members forever.

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• **UPCOMING EVENTS** •

Fall Colors Art Show Oct. 21 & 22



It's a "mother-daughter" thing at the Art League of Highlands Colors Fine Art Show. Well over 200 children visited the Children's Art Room during the last show. Many artists will be demonstrating their techniques for the public and fellow artists during the Art League of Highlands Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Highlands Civic Center Oct. 21 and 22. Hours are 10-5. All exhibited work is original. Admission is free and there will be great door prizes for adults and children. Contact Robin Anne Cooper for info at 864-654-2068.

- On-going**
- Free Round Robin Tennis each morning at the Rec Park from 9 a.m. until noon.
 - Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass.
 - Sally Foster Giftwrap Sale to benefit Highlands School. Pick up order sheets at the front office of the school, talk to a student, or go on line at www.SallyFoster.com to order use code number: 605265. All orders will be delivered to Highlands School.
 - Thursdays at the Barn: If you would like a walking tour of the new property on which will sit our new Fine Art Center, join us any Thursday at 5 p.m. for a personal tour. Meet us at the Crane Stable Barn on Oak Street.
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 - Mountain Findings will be open until 6 p.m. each Friday. The normal hours of operation have always been 10 am to 4 pm, Monday through Saturday.
 - Angie Jenkins on the piano at the Old Clayton Inn in Clayton on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner.
 - Shakespeare & Co. bookstore in Highlands Village Square is hosting readings by members of the Highlands Writers Group at a literary happening 3-5 p.m. the last Sunday afternoon in each month during the summer and fall. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited. Call 526-3777.
 - Last Highlands Al-Anon meeting is Oct. 15. Resume May 2007. Cashiers meeting to continue.
 - The Scaly Mountain Women's Club's pancake breakfasts the fourth Saturday of each month through October from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 - The "Zachary-Tolbert House" in Cashiers will be open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. through October 14. The house is located at 1940 Highway 107 S., two miles south of the Cashiers Crossroads. Special tours and

- events may be arranged by calling the Cashiers Historical Society, 828-743-7710.
- Highlands Historic Village is open for tours Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the end of October. The House-Trapier-Wright Home and the Museum and Archives are located at 524 N. 4th Street, across from the Funeral Home. Special tours or access to the archives may be arranged by calling the Highlands Historical Society at 828-787-1050 or by e-mailing highlandshistory@nctv.com.
- New Beginners Clogging class Tuesday,

- 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.
- Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will have Osteoporosis prevention exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Free with Health-Tracks Membership or \$8 per class for non-members. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.
- Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is offering a total body and muscle-toning workout exercise class at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Free with Health Track Membership or \$8 for non-members. An advanced class will also be available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
- Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is holding Pilates classes on Mondays and Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Cost of the class is \$10 per session or \$8 (each) for 10 sessions. Contact Health Tracks at 828-526-1FIT.
- A Grief Support Group is held every Friday from 10-12 at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for anyone who has lost a loved one through death or is dealing with a progressive illness with a loved one. If interested in attending, please contact Helen Moore (Hospice) 526-0727 or Martha Porter (Chaplain at HCH) at 787-1463.
- Every Tuesday Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.
- Every Tuesday evening, Spiritual Cinema Circle at The Instant Theatre Company brought to you by StarPony Productions at 7 pm. Visionary, inspiring movies showcased at film festivals

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around the world are viewed. Suggested donation: \$5, Beverages and snacks available for purchase.

- Live music nightly at ...on the Verandah at 7 p.m. Paul Scott plays Wednesday; Angie Jenkins plays Mondays; Chad Reed playing every Tuesday and Thursday-Sunday for Sunday brunch.

- Live piano music with Hal Phillips at Skyline Lodge & Restaurant every Friday and Saturday night and Sunday brunch.

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn. featuring Cy Timmons Wed. through Sat., 6 p.m.

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

- Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Saturday from 4:30-6:30.

- Live music at Wolfgang's Bistro every Sun. and Mon. it's Momo on Piano; every Wed. it's Paul Scotts Trio; and every Thurs. & Fri it's Ricky Dean on piano.

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- At the Highlands Playhouse, "North Platte Canteen," Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sun-

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to know exactly where the money is going.

QUESTION 5:

•As an elected official who represents the public and its leaders there is a delicate balance between pleasing the public and being the leader for the overall good. What sector do you listen to?

Bryson:

I receive many calls and return many calls. I've been at odds with a lot of people in this room. I don't beat around the bush. A long time ago, someone told me, 'If you vote with your heart, you'll never go wrong.' I listened to that fellow. The fact is you represent all the people in Macon County and they deserve a straight answer to anything they ask. I feel I deliver that. I am responsible to all the people, not just business owners or just developers. We need to work with everyone – developers and those who don't want development, those who want to save trees and those who want to cut trees down. I am committed to listening to the average joe in the hardware store and I support all the people and give them straight answers all the time. It may not be what they want to hear, but I will always give them a straight answer.

McClellan:

The people you should listen to are the people of Macon County. We are here to serve the people in Macon County. You can lead through persuasion. But you can't do much if you're not in office. A lot of issues coming up are quality of life issues. I believe in moral and ethical conduct. What's inside you tells you what's right. Every issue affects people differently in the county. You have to look at all sides and seek a common ground between all. You have to work around the edges and finally to what's right for Macon County. The people should expect nothing less.

QUESTION 6:

•As far as economic development goes, what can be done to develop more and better jobs, more industry and more diversity?

McClellan:

High tech jobs – those are the buzz words but we have to have the ability to bring the jobs here. We have to educate students in those kinds of jobs. That's what employers are looking for. First thing they want to know before coming to an area is: are there people here to do the jobs? We must make Macon County attractive to business. We must attract businesses that will fit in well with Macon County. We must offer incentives so we can compete on a level playing field and do what other counties are doing. It takes someone who has worked for those kinds of industries and I've done that. Textile and even high tech jobs are going to India. We need to be one step ahead of that. We need a knowledge base. I have that kind of knowledge. I understand that area and will make contracts work.

Bryson:

We are addressing these future needs by expanding the Southwestern Community College here Macon County. That is becoming a reality now. Currently, we're using the annex at the courthouse but will be moving into the new facility soon. Now 70 schools in Western North Carolina are being hooked up with high speed Internet. That will be a great help in Western North Carolina. Finally getting things done past Hickory. A clean environment is what's going to bring jobs here. PODS are being used right now where 20 employees work on contracts and that industry is getting bigger every day. Now people with offices in Atlanta are coming to Macon County and working out of their houses here and living here more full time than before. That's because the technology is here. They like to live and work here because the quality of life is here.

QUESTION 7:

•There is talk of a 10-14 story high condominium project outside the Highlands ETJ area. This will cause visual pollution as well as other negative factors. As a commissioner, would you voice your opposition to the NC Department of Insurance, oppose through a resolution or oppose it by revising the current high-impact ordinance to include a three-story height restriction on buildings in the county?

•See CANDIDATES page 29

• PLACES OF WORSHIP •

BLUE VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.
Upcoming Events:
Oct. 22: 7 p.m., 4th Sunday Singing featuring "New Image" from Alto, Ga.
Oct. 29: 10 a.m., 5th Sunday Singing & Dinner featuring "Promised Land."
Nov. 26: 7 p.m., 4th Sunday Singing featuring "The Marks Men."

BUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

CHAPEL OF SKY VALLEY

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The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding, Pastor
Church: 706-746-2999
Pastor's residence: 706-746-5770
Sundays: 10 a.m. – Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer with Holy Communion each service

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NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329
Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

CHRIST CHURCH

(Anglican)
The Rev. Thomas "Tommy" Allen • 526-2320
Sunday: Holy Communion: 4:30
(Community Bible Church)
Tuesday: Bible Study in Cashiers at noon
Wednesday:
Mens Bible Study at 8 a.m.
(Highlands First Baptist): Christianity Explored in the 21st Century, 7-8 p.m., Bank of America Building 2nd floor.
Thursday: Morning Prayer at 10:30
(Peggy Crosby Center Rm. 203)
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Sundays 11 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
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Pastor Everett Brewer
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service – 1st & 3rd Sunday -- 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

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3645 U.S. 64 east, Highlands
Sundays: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 Worship;
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. Womens Bible Study
Wednesdays: 5:15 p.m. Students' Dinner (free for kids in 8th grade and younger);
5:30 p.m. Supper; 5:45 p.m. - 7:15 pm Small Groups for kids Pre-K through 8th; 6:15 pm - 7:15 pm Adult Bible Study 6pm-7pm Choir Practice
• Small Groups are offered for all ages throughout the week, see our website or call for more info.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968
Sunday: 8 a.m. – Holy Eucharist-Rite 1; 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast; 9 a.m. - Sunday School; 9:45 a.m. - Choir Practice; 10:30 a.m. - Childrens Chapel; 10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist - Rite II
Monday: 4 p.m. - Womens cursillo Group; 5:30 p.m. - Womens Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 a.m. - Mens Cursillo Group; 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting
Wednesday: 2 p.m. – Interlude; 6:30 p.m – Choir

Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - Mens Cursillo Group Meeting; 10 a.m. - Holy Eucharist with healing; 10:30 a.m. - Daughters of the King Meeting; 10:30 a.m. – Bible Study
• Sunday Service on Channel 14 Sun. at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.;
Choir – 7:15

Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6 p.m.;
Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; Sun.School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Mondays: 8 a.m. – Mens Bible Discussion & Breakfast
Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – Seekers
Wednesdays: Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7
Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

HIGHLANDS 7TH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
Call Lloyd Kidder at 526-9474

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
Sun.: school 9:45 a.m.; Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.;
5 p.m. Youth Group
Wed: noon – Mens Emmaus Reunion Group; 4:45 – Childrens choir and handbells; 5:30 – Supper; 6 – Adult Handbells; 6:15 – children, youth, & adults studies;
7:15 – Adult choir
(nursery provided for Wed. p.m. activities)

Thurs:12:30 – Womens Bible Study (nursery)

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA

Rev. Delmer Chilton, Pastor,
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Jamie Passmore, (706) 782-8130
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Choir – 6 p.m.

Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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St. Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Franklin 369-6871
Friday: Sabbath Eve Services at 7 p.m.
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Rev. Tien, Priest
Parish office, 526-2418
Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.; Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time) 526-9769
Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

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McClellan:

This is a long way from being a fact. This is a county issue. Groups need to get together and to listen and to see what the people of Macon County want. We should listen to all the people and do what is asked by them.

Bryson:

This is definitely bringing stress into our community. I'm against this based on several issues. No one seems to want it but big money has big ways. Fire protection worries me for one thing. They are going to use the waste water in the sprinkler system and that sounds good, but this is at the headwaters of Highlands drinking water. They need to meet all the codes, they must have an adequate water supply and the county has to commit to the money necessary to be ready to fight fires in a building that size.

QUESTION 8:

• Sum up why you should be elected commissioner.

Bryson:

We have made a lot of accomplishments over the last eight years. The people sitting on these boards are doing a good job in public office working for the betterment of the county. There have been some changes in the two terms I've been on the board. We now start the budget process a lot earlier – in March – and we put it up on the website so

people can see what's happening. We also hold finance meetings with all the departments. We moved the meetings to Monday nights at 6 p.m. instead of in the mornings, so every working man, woman, even students can get to the meetings. Our tax rate has continued to be one of the lowest in the state. We have gained respect with the state for our recycling program. Ours is recognized every year as the third or fourth best program in the state. I appreciate your support in the past and I look forward to serving you another four years.

McClellan:

You citizens make the process work. But you've got to go to the polls to make it work. We need change in this county. We need to be more accountable to the people. The budget process is not done the right way. You decide what needs to be spent and adjust the budget accordingly. That's a more efficient way to spend money. If the main criteria for office is how long you've lived in the county, then I lose. If it's about how you live your life in service to others while doing what's right for the county, then I'm your man. I can help make the county what it can be – the jewel of North Carolina.

• The next candidate forum is noon, Oct. 12 at Tartan Hall with candidates running for the NC Senate and House seats.

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Cyrano's Bookshop.

This is Cyrano's first-ever evening signing, and a sampling of dishes from Mason's sumptuously designed book will be served; her food has been an indispensable part of Savannah entertaining for more than 20 years.

Whether it's a garden party; a corporate or philanthropic dinner; a christening, wedding or even the occasional funeral (that would be Mason's famous chicken pot pie), the recipes featured in "Silver Service" capture the essence of the historic Georgia city. They are supplemented by features on the foodways of the region, such as Carolina Gold rice, highly prized in the 18th and 19th centuries and recently brought back into production.

Shrimp and Tasso Gravy over Creamy White Grits, Tomato Pie, Oyster Stew; Seared Tuna with Wasabi Crème Fraiche, Curried Pumpkin Soup, Fried Green Tomatoes, Black-Eyed Pea Vinaigrette and Red Velvet Cake are just a taste of the recipes on offer in "Silver Service," accompanied by beautiful, mouth-watering photographs.

"Delicious and gorgeous are the two

words I hope people use to describe every party I cater," Mason writes in her introduction. And indeed she has fed celebrities from Bill Cosby and Paul Newman to Wynton Marsalis and Tom Hanks but, she adds, "because I plan and execute everything the old-fashioned way, this cookbook is good for home cooks and people who do their own entertaining."

Originally from Dothan, AL, Mason has not forgotten her roots or the people who helped her in her career, and has praise and thanks for her co-author and friend Barrie Scadino, her kitchen and wait staff, and the many people who have generously shared their family recipes. Her cooking has been featured in two previous books, "Savoring Savannah" and "Cooking With Herbs" and in magazines such as Veranda, Southern Accents and Esquire.

Cyrano's Bookshop is located at 390 Main Street in Highlands, North Carolina. Books can be reserved for autographing by calling (828) 526-5488 or sending an e-mail to cyranos@nctv.com; to learn more about our store please visit www.cyranosbookshop.com.

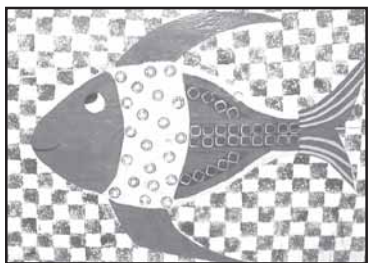
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Greg Porter



Alec Schmitt



Andrew Watson

Not Pictured:
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Pictured with his team is Coach Chris Green.

Photos by Susanna Forrester

Upcoming Games:

Mon. Oct. 9 4 p.m. Hayesville at Hayesville
Wed. Oct. 11 6 p.m. Andrews at Highlands
Thu. Oct. 12 5 p.m. Madison Co. at Highlands
Mon. Oct. 16 6 p.m. Murphy at Murphy
Wed. Oct. 18 6 p.m. Tallulah Falls at Highlands

Sat. Oct. 21 1 p.m. Polk Co. at Highlands
Mon. Oct. 23 6 p.m. Blue Ridge at Highlands
Wed. Oct. 25 6 p.m. Swain at Swain
Nov. 1 TBA
State Playoffs TBA

• HIGHLANDS-CASHIERS HOSPITAL BOARD MEETING •

To keep the news media, and the public, better informed about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, we are providing a summary of the more significant actions and discussion items coming before the hospital's board of directors at their most recent meeting (Thursday, Sept. 28).

- Board members were presented with a draft of changes to the board's bylaws suggested earlier this fall by outside consultant Jamie Orlikoff of Orlikoff and Associates, Inc. Orlikoff, who is one of the country's foremost authorities on hospital governance, has been working with the hospital on restructuring the governing board. Those changes were approved in principle last month, but they won't become official until new bylaws are formally approved, probably at the October meeting. If approved, the changes, which involve reducing the number of board members and eliminating several board slots that represent certain groups within the hospital, won't take effect until the hospital's annual meeting, slated for sometime in November.

Orlikoff was in Highlands Wednesday for his final meeting with board members, which included an educational session.

- Dr. David Register, chief of the Medical Staff, reported that the full Medical Staff have voted not to recommend staff privileges for Dr. Leslie Pearlstein, and that Dr. Pearlstein had subsequently withdrawn his application.

- Board members also heard a report from the Finance Committee. Committee chairman Julian Franklin reported that utilization of the hospital's emergency room continues to be strong (this summer has set records in the ER), and the number of Hospice days of service is up 150 percent over last year. While the number of admissions to the hospital is down by approximately 30 percent, the number of patient days is roughly the same as in the previous year. The Fidelia Eckerd Living Center continues to remain full. It was also pointed out that utilization of the new MRI has been strong (205 scans performed this summer) and that utilization is expected to grow to 1,100 scans next year.

- The board heard a report from the hospital Performance Improvement Committee about a new means of monitoring the quality of patient care. The hospital constantly monitors quality indicators and initiates efforts to improve the care it provides its patients in accordance with the standards set by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

- Shull said physician recruiting efforts are still a major focus. He and the board discussed some changes in the recruiting strategy that might help the hospital become more effective in attracting new physicians.

- The board also briefly discussed the need to upgrade the hospital's medical equipment used for diagnosing cardiology illnesses, and heard a report that members of the hospital's Foundation are in support

of the plan and are committed to raising the necessary funds. Last month, hospital directors heard a recommendation from

full-time cardiologist Carl Curtiss, MD, asking them to consider purchasing a nuclear medicine scanner (now provided

by a mobile unit) and to buy a new ultrasound unit for echocardiography. No action has taken, however.

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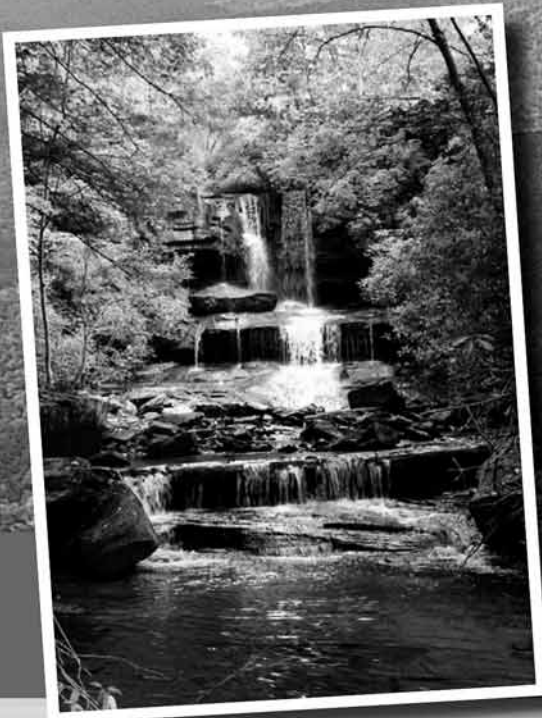


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Mon – Thurs: (4), 6:50

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Sat & Sun: (2), (4:30), 7, 9:30

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OPEN SEASON rated PG

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Sat & Sun: (2:15), (4:10), 7:15, 9:10

Mon – Thurs: (4:10), 7:15

FLYBOYS rated PG-13

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Sat & Sun: (4:20), 7:05

Mon – Thurs: (4:20), 7:05

GRIDIRON GANG rated PG-13

Fri: 9:20

Sat & Sun: (2:10), 9:20

day at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

Oct. 6

• Bascom-Louise Gallery's Art and Wine Auction, 6 p.m. at The Farm. Tickets are \$150 each. Call 526-4949.

Oct. 7

• Jewelry Trunk Show at Peak Experience 10-5. Cloisonne Enamel Artist Ricky Frannk presents his magnificent collection of one-of-a-kind jewelry.

• Turkey Shoot in Scaly Mountain at the new Scaly Mountain Volunteer First Station on Hale Ridge Road just off of NC Highway 106. Guns will be provided for shooters who need them. Shots are \$5 each and shells will be furnished. Food and drinks will be available and children are invited to participate in the free Turkey Trot Coloring Contest where cash prizes will be given. The event benefits the restoration of the 105-year old historic Scaly school house, now being used as the community center. For addition information call 787-1860.

• "An Inconvenient Truth," Al Gore's controversial film about global warming is showing at The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin at 85 Sierra Drive, Saturday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. Follow the street that runs next to Hardees (Lakeside Drive) for 1.2 miles and turn left onto Sierra Drive. It's free.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to Yellow Patch on an old horse trail to Bear Pen; then on the Appalachian Trail to Betty Creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 10:00 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, or reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5 mile hike to four waterfalls on the Horse Pasture River with an elevation change of 700 feet. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at

9:30 a.m. or at the Osage Mtn. Overlook on Hwy. at 9:50 a.m. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Oct. 8

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3 mile hike to the Tennessee Rock overlook on Black Mountain in Georgia. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center on Hwy. 441 S. at 2:00 p.m. Drive 36 miles round trip. Highlands/Cashiers hikers can call leader for an alternate meeting place. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820 for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Oct. 10

• PAC Film Series presents "Tin Cup" at 7:30 p.m. It's free but donations are appreciated. Rating is PG-13.

• Tuesday at 7 p.m. Doris Mager, The Eagle Lady, will present her entertaining and informative program on birds of prey at the Highlands Civic Center. She will have an assortment of live

birds of prey. Sponsored by Highlands Plateau Audubon Society.

Oct. 13, 14, 15

• At the Highlands Playhouse, "North Platte Canteen," Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

Oct. 14

• 24th Annual Highlands Arts & Crafts Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Free admission and parking. Breakfast and lunch available. Over 100 vendors. Raffle drawings with prizes, Sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club and the Highlands Recreation Department.

• At ...on the Verandah, Trio Lococo from 8-11 p.m.

• Turkey Shoot in Scaly Mountain at the new Scaly Mountain Volunteer First Station on Hale Ridge Road just off of NC Highway 106. Guns will be provided for shooters who need them. Shots are \$5 each and shells will be furnished. Food and drinks will be available and children are invited to participate in the free Turkey Trot Coloring Contest where cash prizes will be given. The event benefits the restoration of the 105-year old historic Scaly school house, now being used as the community center. For more information, call 787-1860.

Oct. 15

• A musical variety show with heart, "The North Platte Canteen" at the Highlands Playhouse. It recalls the days of soldiers, war and hope. When the Union Pacific is snowbound, USO performers entertain soldiers. Oct. 5-6 at 8 p.m., Oct. 7 at 2 p.m., Oct. 13-14 at 8 p.m. Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the box office at 362 Oak Street. Or call 526-2695.

Beginning Oct. 16

• The Power of a Praying Woman, Mondays, 1-3 p.m. by Stormie Omartian (10 week course) at the Cashiers Methodist Church. Call Phyllis Edwards 828-743-9648 for more information.

Oct. 16-21

• At ITC in Oak Square on Main Street, "Sylvia" - a romantic comedy about a marriage and a dog.

Oct. 19

• Asheville Christian Academy will host a Christian College Fair including over 25 Christian colleges from around the country from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fair will include a financial aid workshop and families with high school or junior college students are encouraged to attend. Asheville Christian Academy is located at 74 Riverwood Road in Swannanoa. You may call ACA at 581-2200 or visit www.ACAcademy.org for more details. See you at the fair!

• Walkin' Jim Stoltz and Lee Knight performing at the Highlands Playhouse at 7 p.m. It's free. Sponsored by JMCA.

• The Plateau Fly Fishing Club will hold its final meeting of the season on Thursday at Grace Community Church in Cashiers. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and features professional guide, Willie Cope, who will discuss fly fishing tactics for fall and winter fishing. Mr. Cope specializes in the streams of the Smokey Mountain National Park and is a master fly caster and fly tyer. The grand raffle prize of a Brookings guided fishing trip will be won at this meeting. Call 743-2078 for information. Everyone is welcome.

Oct. 21-22

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show at the Highlands Rec Park sponsored by the Art League of High-

lands. All original fine art. Over 50 artists. Children's Art Room and Show both days. Free admission. Door prizes. 10-5. Contact: Robin Anne Cooper 864-654-2068.

Oct. 21

• Highlands School Fall Festival., 5-9 p.m. at Highlands School.

• Ornament signing at The Christmas Tree on the Hill with Lisa Kelechava, founder and designer of Joy to the World Collectibles. Signing Pet Set and Glitterazzi glass ornaments from 1-3 p.m. at the store on 212 S. Fourth Street. on the hill. For more information, call 526-3687.

Oct. 28

• At ...on the Verandah, Trio Lococo from 8-11 p.m.

• The Buckerettes at the Studio on Main. Channel your inner cowboy and cowgirl and dress up in your western duds to hear this all girl cowgirl band from Asheville. The Buckerettes play a variety of toe-tapping music ranging from "cowboy" to swing. Show is at 8pm. Call 828.342.9197 for tickets.

• Halloween "Enchanted Forest" Nature Trail at the Highlands Nature Center. 7 – 9 p.m., all ages. Bring a flashlight to go trick-or-treating through the Botanical Garden and encounter friendly forest creatures who share interesting nature facts about themselves. \$1 per person.

Haywood 'Open Studio' Tour

by Kevin Murphy

Mark the weekend of Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8 to visit over 30 artists' studios on the first annual Haywood Open Studios Tour.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m.-5 p.m., artists will open their studios for the public's enjoyment. The artists will be present to answer any questions regarding their work, and hopefully give some interesting insight into their particular studio set-up and style of work. The artists will also have examples of their work for sale at their studios.

To assist "studio seekers" in locating the artists' studios, a tour booklet will be provided. The booklet includes a description of each artist's work, directions to the studio, and a general map showing each location in Haywood County.

Call 828-452-0593 for directions and more information.

Bascom-Louise 'Art & Wine Gala' at OEI's The Farm Oct. 6

The gala features an auction in support of the Bascom-Louise Gallery, dinner and full bar. Donations are \$150 per ticket and may be purchased through the gallery at 526-4949.

At Cyrano's Book Shop Book Signings • 1-3 p.m. (Unless otherwise noted)

October 7

William Rawlings – *Crossword*

October 8

Fred Wooldridge – *I'm Moving Back To Mars*

October 12 • 6-7:30 p.m.

Susan Mason – *Silver Service – Elegant Savannah Cuisine*

October 14

Joan Medlicott • 11-1, *The Covington Series – The Three Mr. Parkers*

Celia Miles • 11-1, *Mattie's Girl: An Appalachian Childhood*

Gayden Metcalfe • 3-5, *Being Dead is No Excuse – The official Southern Ladies Guide to Hosting the Perfect Funeral*

October 21

Gerry Soud – *Life As I Slice It*

October 22

Ann Merritt – *The Highlander*

October 28 • 10-12

George Ellison – *A Blue Ridge Nature Journal: Reflection on the Appalachians*

Charles Frazier • TBA

Nov. 5 • TBA

Thirteen Moons

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Riley Weston – *Before I Go*

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UPCOMING GAMES

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Varsity

Thu. Oct. 5, 6 p.m. Swain at Swain
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 Tue. Oct. 17, 6 p.m. Tournament at Nantahala

JV

Tue. Oct. 17, 5 p.m. Tournament at Nantahala
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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

Sept. 26

• At 9:30 a.m. officers helped get a bird out of a house on Webbmont Road.

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to the Old Edwards Inn where a patron was having a medical problem.

• At noon, officers were called to a jewelry store on Main Street where someone was trying to use a credit card that didn't belong to them.

• At 5:30 p.m., a water leak was reported on N.C. 106.

• At 6:32 p.m., officers responded to a noise complaint coming from construction at the corner of N.C. 28 and Satulah Road.

Sept. 28

• At 11 a.m., a motorist at Main and Second streets was cited for making an unsafe movement and causing an accident.

Sept. 29

• At 5:21 p.m., a motorist on Horse Cove Road was cited for speeding 45 mph in a 25 zone.

Sept. 30

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint coming from the RiverWalk subdivision.

• At 1 p.m., officers responded to the call of a dog bite on Helen's Barn Ave. The person stuck their head in the window of a vehicle and the dog bit the tip of the person's nose.

Oct. 1

• At 12:05 p.m., officers assisted a motorist with a dead battery on Tudor Hall Lane.

Oct. 2

• At 1:45 a.m., a motorist at Church and Fourth streets was cited for driving without a license.

• At 5:55 p.m., a motorist at Second and Main streets was cited for driving without registration.

During the week, officers issued five warning tickets.

The following is the Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Sept. 28

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

Sept. 30

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

• The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call when someone was bit by a dog on Helen's Barn Ave. There was no transport.

• The dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers Fire Department to extinguish a structure fire.

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm at Highlands Country Club but it was a problem with the hood over the stove collecting smoke.

Oct. 2

• The dept. responded to another fire alarm at Highlands Country Club but it was a problem with the hood over the stove collecting smoke.

• The dept. responded to the call of an accident on Buck Creek Road but it was in the Cullasaja Fire Dept. jurisdiction.

• REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS •

PIN ID # - ADDRESS – GRANTEE – DATE – SALE – GRANTOR - APPRAISED

Town of Highlands

• 0504127, OFF 5TH ST, CALLOWAY JACK A SR TRUSTEE, 9/20/2006, \$160,000., PELL EMMA POTTS, \$50,900.

• 0504128, 1 LOT 5TH ST., CALLOWAY JACK A SR TRUSTEE, 9/20/2006, \$160,000., PELL EMMA POTTS, \$66,150.

Highlands Township

• 0532878, COWEE GAP LN, COPPAGE PHILLIP L, 9/12/2006, \$0., THOMAS REBECCA RHODES, \$160,060.

• 0537691, DILLARD RD LOT 9 TWIN FALLS, VAN HOOGEN THOMAS NEIL SR, 9/21/2006, \$0., SWEENEY JAMES, \$100,000.

• 0537533, 121 ANCIENT WAY, WHYTE STEVEN RUSSELL, 9/13/

2006, 430,000., BOYER JULIE M, \$294,600.

• 0537536, DENDY ORCHARD RD LOT 9 HEMLOCK RIDGE, STAHL HERMAN H, 9/26/2006, \$65,000., HIGHLANDS REALTY LLC, \$25,110.

• 0500515, LOT 147 SEC J WILDCAT CLIFFS, HINES JAMES L III, 9/15/2006, \$230,000., MCPHERSON DOROTHY K TRUSTEE \$128,700.

• 0503257, RD 1600 LOT 148 BLK J WILDCAT CLIFFS, HINES JAMES L III, 9/15/2006, \$230,000., MCPHERSON DOROTHY K TRUSTEE, \$98,820.

• 0503178, 1396 HICKS RD, COOK DANIEL, 9/15/2006, \$250,000., KELLAM THOMAS RUSSELL, \$158,780.

• 0502662, 429 COUNTRY CLUB DR WILDCAT CLIFFS, NOGUEIRAS TRUST, 9/20/2006, \$0., NOGUEIRAS HUMBERTO MARIO TR, \$438,580.

• 0502553, 169 VALENTINE LN,

ALPINE VALLEY LLC, 9/12/2006, \$270,000., RESCE TERESA I., \$108,610.

• 0517094, 110 HEMLOCK WAY CULLASAJA CLUB, JAMES STEPHEN T, 9/12/2006, 505000., JAMES STEPHEN T, \$502,490.

• 0533772, 75 RANDALL RD, CAMP DOWNSTREAM LLC C/O ANDY BURNS, 9/15/2006, 915000., THOMAS FRANK A JR, \$536,810.

• 0515065, 126 APPLE MOUNTAIN CIR, COX BRYAN SCOTT, 9/14/2006, \$419,000., KOVEN ROBERT P, \$204,710.

Flats Township/ Scaly Mountain

• 0636611, 815 BUCK KNOB RD, LAND ALBERT L, 9/13/2006, \$165,000., CORAM JENNINGS B, \$92,640.

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Chinquapin Mt Trail

Sky Valley

Sliding Rock

Iron Bridge

Silver Run Falls

Gorges Park

Sapphire Valley

Sapphire Lakes Country Club

Catatoga Country Club

Cashiers

Cashiers Sliding Rock

Highlands Cove & Peregrine

High Country Cafe

Good Year

High Hampton

The Farm

Dry Falls

Bridal Veil

Cliffside Lake

Bust Your Butt Falls

Jackson Hole Gem Mine

Whiteside Mtn

Highlands Cove & Peregrine

Sliding Rock

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| 03) Mtn High Lodge | 33) Chambers Agency | 62) Cabin Casuals | 92) |
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