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Sept. 13 & 14

- Telling TTouch Training for companion animals at Carpe Diem Farms. Dogs, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon; Cats, Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person for Dog Sessions and \$25 per person for Cat Sessions. Call 526-2854.

Sept. 13

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 4 mile hike to Secret Falls, in the Horsecove area. Meet at Highlands Bank of America at 10 p.m. Drive about 10 miles round trip, returning 2-3 p.m. Call leader Bill Crosby, 526-3849 for reservations.

Sept. 14

- Lorie Meservey, the organist at HUMC, will present an organ recital, at 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 15

- ArtWalk T-Shirts will be available Monday before ArtWalk at the Visitors' Center. They cost \$20.

Sept. 16

- Stop smoking classes at Health-Tracks starts today. Seven two-hour classes, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 for individuals and \$100 for couples. Call 526-1348.

Sept. 17

- CLE presents "Robert Frost: 'It is Amazing How I Have Done It,' at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will sponsor its Fall Blood Drive Sept. 17 & 18 at the Highlands Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 18

- The Audubon Society will host a field trip to Caesar's Head State Park. Date may change due to weather. Meet at Town Hall at 7:30 a.m. For more info, call Edwin Poole at 526-2775.

- CLE presents "Men in the Kitchen, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. Holly Roberts will guide the open-minded man through the process of preparing a meal from start to finish. The cost is \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members. Call 526-9361.

- Highlands Historical Society Day. Merchants are donating part of sales proceeds to the Historical Society.

Right-of-way encroachments requested

By Kim Lewicki

Two groups asked the Town Board to allow them to encroach into the right-of-way, one on Church and one on Fourth streets. Both requests were partially granted.

At the Sept. 3 Town Board meet-

ing, commissioners first heard from Bob Wright representing First Presbyterian Church. He asked for a revocable license agreement to allow a wooden awning over a new handicapped-access entrance on Church Street.

The plan was for the awning to be cantilevered from the building and fasten to the sidewalk in conjunction with a proposed handicapped parking-dropoff area.

Commissioner Patterson said the

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At the Hetzel home, cats and dahlias rule

By Kim Lewicki

Nine years ago, when the Hetzels moved to Highlands from Florida, their lives took a new turn. Alan focused on dahlias and for Hazel – though Alan's not far behind – it's cats. "I just can't stand to see a hungry lost animal," said Hazel.

They don't know how or why, but over the years cats have appeared at their door looking for food and companionship.

"I don't know if people leave pregnant cats on the highway, or if the coyotes at the landfill are chasing them here but they just keep coming," said Hazel.

As the crow flies – or the cat walks – their spread on Queen Mountain isn't far from the land fill. All the cats are wild, and it's taken years for them to get used to Hazel and Alan. Years of care and they're still standoffish, skittish and wary of everyone but them.

It all started nine years ago with Boo, who stayed and had seven kittens. And even though the Hetzels have fed and cared for her and her babies it took six years for Boo to trust them enough to jump into their laps. "It took me through her pregnancy to get her to come up on the

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They came as visitors and now they're part of the family – all 21 of them. More wild than domestic, they rule the roost and the Hetzel's dahlia farm on Queen Mountain. Hazel coaxes Sweetie in for a photo with a cat treat.

Fire & rescue driver licensing could change

By Kim Lewicki

If the N.C. Dept. of Motor Vehicles has its way, volunteers for the county's fire and rescue departments will have to get a N.C. Class A or Class B Drivers License to operate department vehicles. But with the county's help emergency service per-

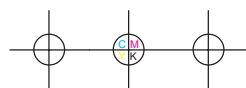
sonnel hope to keep that from happening.

At the Sept. 8 Macon County Commissioners meeting, Warren Cabe, emergency services director, asked commissioners to sign a resolution requesting the state not to change its driver license require-

ments for fire and rescue volunteers.

Cabe said it's just not a feasible option for county volunteers. "They volunteer their time and services as it is, and if the state makes them do this they will have to travel to Asheville to train and test for the li-

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• Town Board Reports •

At the Sept. 3 Town Board meeting, various dept. heads gave monthly reports.

• Rec Park Director, Selwyn Chalker, reported adult softball was over for the season. The rain hampered games a bit, but it was still a good season.

The pool is being drained so it can be resurfaced.

He also reported that the dept. had conducted an informal survey of participants the month of July. There were 142 responses to the survey. Of that 59 were residents of the Town of Highlands and 83 were not. The majority of the town residents had lived in Highlands less than seven years. Some comments were made with the majority good. The Recreation Committee plans to look over the surveys this winter.

For the month of August, 243 people attended meetings at the Rec Park; 292 participated in morning exercise; 154 used the fitness room and 53 played tennis.

• Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein reported levying fees for residential zoning certificates— \$1,270 and \$6,125 for commercial.

He levied sign fees in the amount of \$283 – \$183 for temporary and \$100 for permanent.

He reported that the planning board suggested the noise ordinance be amended for Saturday work – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all zoning districts. It also voted to allow construction activity to be extended to 7 p.m. in residential district, only. The Town Board will consider the suggestion at the Sept. 17 meeting.

• Public Service Administrator, Lamar Nix, reported that a new polymer in the

pre-clarifier is enabling his dept. to treat more turbid water which allows filters to be more efficient. The average daily water treatment was 530,000 gallons per day, the maximum was 690,000 gallons. The pre-clarifier knocks down turbidity before it gets to the filter, which extends filter life.

• Police Chief Jerry Cook, reported his dept. made 294 service calls, responded to four accidents, 16 alarms, drove 5,307 patrol miles, spent 32 hours in court and 80 hours in training.

There were four larcenies logged, and one breaking and entering. One larceny was cleared. Rings reported stolen from a VZ-Top resident were found.

• Town Administrator Richard Betz, reported he had written Kendall Hobson about the possibility of amending the deed restriction concerning the property on which the water tank on Satulah stands so the town could allow parking there for the hike to Satulah. He said Hobson said it was never his family's intention to shut off access to Satulah and he would discuss it with his family.

He also reported that David Rohrer, Red Cross Disaster Shelter Manager, asked the town to pay the storage rent at the Peggy Crosby Center of \$1,020. The board took the request under advisement.

He said the merchants wanted the town to declare Sept. 18 Highlands Historical Society Day when a portion of profits would be given to the society. The Town Board OK'd the request.

Betz also reported that members of Edwards et al and their attorney Richard Melvin had indicated that they would not pursue the Edwards et al case any further.

Candidates for the 2003 Election Town of Highlands

There are three seats open on the Highlands Town Board. Commissioner candidates are:

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In the five October issues prior to the Nov. 4 election – Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Highlands' Newspaper will publish a question-and-answer column Email your questions to highlandseditor@aol.com. We will select questions and each candidate will be asked to answer the questions.

• Letter to the Editor •

Thanks for supporting our children

Dear Editor,

Once again we would like to thank the Town of Highlands and the Heffington Foundation for their continued support of our daughter, Jennifer, with the scholarships granted to her this year.

With the rising costs of tuition, the assistance for her education at Clemson University is a blessing. What a wonderful town we live in to be so fortunate to have organizations that really care about the success of our young people through the scholarship programs. We really appreciate your much needed help.

Jennifer is on the Dean's List which requires a least a 3.50 average and is taking 19-credit hours this semester. She has switched her major to business with an emphasis in marketing. In addition to her studies

she is a Resident Advisor involved with intramural volleyball, the Campus Crusade for Christ, student government and is a Freshman Mentor.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty and staff at Highlands School. So many of you (past and present) have had such a positive impact on Jennifer's life.

Another blessing of living in Highlands and raising kids here is the schools – including the Highlands Community Child Care Development Center with the staff there.

Thanks, too, to Bob and Sandy Carlton for their continued support, encouragement and belief in Jen.

**Rick and Karen Dunn
Highlands**

Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic coming up Sept. 29

It's that time of year again, time to hit the links in support of Highlands School.

The Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic is a huge fundraiser that directly benefits Highlands School graduates. And there's a call out to entire community to help.

Every Highlands School graduate who plans on attending college and who applies for a scholarship gets one regardless of the kind of continuing education desired – college or technical, said fundraiser chairperson, Liz View.

"That includes recent Highlands School graduates and those currently attending college," she said. "They can reapply for four years."

The principal in the scholarship fund is about \$600,000 and the interest generated funds the scholarships.

"Last year we gave out about \$34,000 in scholarship money to Highlands School graduates and those enrolled in college," said View. Of course the higher the principal the more interest generated and the more scholarships awarded, she said.

"The Golf Classic fundraiser is our major fundraiser and it adds to the principal in the fund so more and more students can reap the benefits year after year," she said.

As last year, the Highlands Falls Country Club is hosting the event and is donating the space and everything needed for the day on the course including the box lunch. Area food service people are donating the fixings for the award party. The tournament is set for Sept. 29 with a 10:30 Shotgun Start.

The entry fee per player is \$125, payable to the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. "But donations are accepted from sponsors, too," said View.

The entry fee includes the tournament fee, cart fee, a box lunch, awards party and a hole-in-one prize.

Each team will consist of four amateurs and the format is Captain's Choice (scramble).

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• Laughing at Life •

Don't be shocked: My menu has changed

with Fred Wooldridge

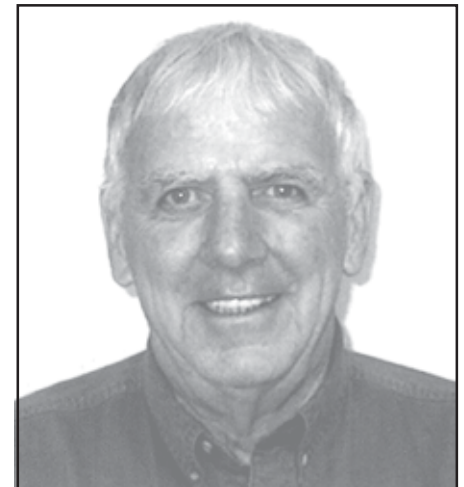
If you have not seen the old space movie "2001 Space Odyssey" head over to Movie Stop and rent it immediately as this is exactly where we are all heading.

In the movie, space travelers have the ability to chit chat with their friendly computer, Hal, who is running the entire spacecraft but responds to voice commands from humans. Eventually, Hal flips out, takes over the ship, making his own decisions, resulting in everyone's demise.

If you are old enough, you will remember the first telephone answering machine, a crude gizmo which operated with cassette tapes but got the job done. Then came digital gadgets, followed by the currently popular computerized answering machine used today by most institutions. "Please select from one of the following forty-two options. Listen carefully as our menu has changed." Sound familiar? I am convinced that in another 20 years, there will be a "Hal" in everyone's home.

Trying to keep up with the Jones', I have gone to great expense to buy the latest state of the art computerized answering machine for my home. I call her "Gertrude" after an old secretary who was just as grouchy and bossy as my machine. My old Gertrude had a sign on her desk which read, "Thank you for not breathing while I smoke." My new machine may be just as arrogant.

Here is how she works. When you call my house, my machine does not permit me to answer, even if I am home. She is real fussy about that and you will only



make the mistake of answering once because an electric shock is released into your ear, magnetizing every filling in your head, making it difficult to get utensils and other metal objects out of your mouth. People with metal plates in their heads should not buy this system.

Anyway, callers will first hear a welcome statement by a James Cagney impersonator who says, "You dirty rat, you call my house when I am busy. I'll get you for this." If this does not get the caller to hang up, Gertrude continues. "If you are selling something, press 'one' now as I am definitely interested." Gertrude then puts the caller into a lock mode. Any attempt by the salesman to hang up will, of course, result in an electric shock to his outer ear, magnetizing his fillings. I know of salesmen who have been on hold for days.

If the caller is not a salesman, my answer machine will say, "If you are calling from a touch tone phone, press 'two' now. If not, press 'three'." Then Gertrude says, "For voice identification, say the following words. "Fred is the nicest guy in Highlands." My computer then searches through a myriad of voice identifications. Voices of creditors, subscribers

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Seasonal resident Fred Wooldridge has made it his hobby to poke fun at just about everything from nature to politics. He means no one harm.

• Sports Pix •

ACL & NFL Season Picks Part II

with Ryan Potts

This week it's NFL

Well, the NFC West is going to be lame yet again this year.

I'll go with St. Louis in this division, although Mike Martz's ego will lose them two games year in and year out. Kurt Warner may be healthy, but he is down to Issac Bruce, Torry Holt and Marshall Faulk. Man, it must be tough to be "down to" those three.

However, I do owe St. Louis a debt of gratitude for taking Kyle Turley (a.k.a. Richard) from New Orleans.

I still say the "Greatest Show on Turf" is closer to "Softer than a Nerf."

Next, I like Seattle because Shaun Alexander is a rushing machine. The idea of building an offense around rushing in the historically pass-happy West is a great move, but just in case Seattle needs him, Koren Robinson is a stud at WR. I am going to enjoy watching Norman Hand up in Seattle. I don't know who is fatter, him or Holmgren.

Third, I am going with the Niners. Garcia is hurt, and even if he comes back healthy he needs all 180 lbs. just to get the ball to TO. Seriously, the only reason SF hired Dennis Erickson is because it is impossible to commit NCAA violations in the NFL.

Last, of course are the Cardinals. Dude-two words, Jeff Blake. We had him in New Orleans, and it was fun to see him hit the Superdome roof with the deep ball, but in Arizona, it just won't be the same. Oh yeah, they have Emmitt too...I think I will wet my pants. Emmitt says that the Cards are a contender, I say that Emmitt spent too many nights in Big D with



Michael Irvin. (hey, two Cowboys jokes in one paragraph-score!)

The NFC North should be a doozy (I love that word-it is so-Bugs Bunny), mainly because all of these teams are seriously handicapped. I'll go with Green Bay here, because it is still tough to win in Lambeau and Brett Favre is, well Brett Favre. Donald Driver has really come on. Plus they have KGB Giambaliberalovescharlestaylorbiamilia rushing the passer.

Then I am taking Detroit, because Joey Harrington is a winner, and they won some games last year on his talent alone. Charles Rogers - did anyone else see this guy at MSU? He's Randy Moss without the holdouts and temper tantrums.

Third, we will try Minnesota, because Randy Moss and Daunte Culpepper aren't enough to overcome that sorry defense. I think that the Vikes should go with Mo Williams at RB, but they probably won't - because they were stupid enough to pay Culpepper the max. How that translates I really don't know, but hey, if it works for Larry King then it can work for me.

Bringing up the rear is Chicago. They went out and got Kordell Stewart, but I don't know why because they won't use him. That playbook has more screens than a resort in Belize, yet they think that Kordell is going to do anything. I have a plan-put Grossman in there and air it out-Grossman is unlike

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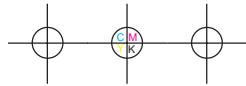
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• Armchair Traveling •

The lure and romance of Amalfi

By Phyllis Picklesimer

I collect romantic places as some collect antiques or fine art, storing them in my mind to later recall the smell of a rose, a turquoise sea, or the heat of the sun absorbed and held within...such a place is the Amalfi coast of Italy.

Driving south from Naples on the Autostrada, you may see faintly the outline of Mt. Vesuvius, Pompeii's downfall, often just discernible through the smog of Naples.

Leaving the frenzy of the Autostrada to embark on the Amalfi Drive brings a total change of scenery and attitude. The coast road seems to hang from the mountains that plunge to the sea. Narrow, often appearing to lack room for two cars to pass each other, let alone the buses, it rewards the not-so-faint-at-heart with spectacular vistas of jagged cliff faces and shimmering blue sea. For those who like less excitement in their lives, there are tourist buses that ply between Sorrento and Amalfi.

As one approaches Sorrento, a stop at its belvedere to overlook the town is a must. From this distance, it seems as tiny as a child's toy village as it spreads across the flat cliff tops above the harbor and gray-sand beach dotted with red and yellow umbrellas 150 feet below the town. (The Amalfi Coast often

requires strength and resolve from its sea bathers and sunners.) When the light is right, as it often is, Sorrento has an incandescence that makes it easy to understand why it was here that Ulysses and his crew fought off the sirens' call. In summer, the streets are crowded, but it is still pleasant to walk beneath its shady arcades, and then to experience its exceptional view of the Bay of Naples.

After you leave Sorrento, the Amalfi Drive ascends once more. Here the road is cut into the mountainside above the sea. The vistas are beyond compare. The sea is perfectly smooth, its surface broken only by the small white boats trailing their equally white and glistening wakes. The contrasts of the cerulean sea and sky, the churning wakes, the sparsely clinging vegetation of the small bushes and pine trees that have gained a roothold on the craggy cliffs is enthralling. At each turn of the road, and there are many, there is another incredible picture composed by nature to be momentarily absorbed before the next turn with its new vision appears.

Again, as you approach Positano, stop at its belvedere to view the town far below. Positano's white houses with their flat red roofs and balconies bursting with purple bougainvillea step down the cliffs all the way to the

sea. High above the town, as is true all along the corniche, are small farms with their crops of grapes clinging to any area of the mountain where it is possible to walk without being roped for safety. The harbor is dotted with many small boats, but the dark-gray beach is small. Positano is the most chic of Amalfi Drive towns. It has long been popular with artists and writers. It, like the other towns along the drive, began life as a small fishing village before its aspects of mountains and sea became a tourist magnet.

A short distance from Positano is located the most elegant of the Amalfi coast resorts, the San Pietro. It spills down the cliffside offering exquisite rooms and unparalleled views.

Immediately upon leaving Positano, the road cuts through four tunnels, swoops and twists its way past still more sea-mountain-sky views, passes other small fishing villages, and finally deposits you at the town of Amalfi. The cliffs are lower to the sea here, and the town

has adhered itself to the mountain behind as it climbs up the slopes. Its requisite white buildings and red roofs give a feeling of Tuscany as they cling to the mountainside. Many working and pleasure boats bob in its harbor, protected by its stone breakwater. Its tree-lined promenade along the harbor is popular with visitors and locals alike.

Not far from town, but in an area where the cliffs rise much higher from the sea, the medium-priced Hotel Belvedere juts out over the azure sea as it hangs on the hillside. Discovered by accident, the views from its bougainvillea draped balconies and rooftop terrace are unsurpassed. Watching from the roof terrace, as the setting sun turns Amalfi's facades golden and as the lights come on up and down the mountainside in the soft twilight of a July night, a memory is created.

The memory it creates is so perfect you may fear that it is unrepeatable, but like all who dare to drive the Amalfi Drive, you're brave enough to try.

Phyllis Picklesimer and her husband Fred are summer residents of Highlands. She is associated with Starr Travel in Greensboro, North Carolina and leads groups to many far-flung areas of the world several times a year. Fred's family has lived in the Highlands area since 1853. Once a month she will write a travel column for Highlands' Newspaper.

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• Movie Pix •

The movie guy presents:

The Quiet Man

Director, John Ford – 1952
Starring John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara

Lighthearted fare, stock characters and formula story line make up this one, but it really is a great movie.

Made when movies did not aspire to realism or messages, it's a romantic, funny, feel-good and predictable story, fun to watch, all the characters likeable, with stunning scenery and a cute musical score.

The story line: Sean Thornton (Wayne) returns to his childhood home in the sleepy village of Innesfree, Ireland, after a successful but tragic boxing career. Surprising absolutely no one watching this movie, he falls immediately in love with Mary Kate Danaher (O'Hara – who after all is at her most gorgeous). Her brother interferes, Sean resists all attempts to drag him into a fight, so, natch, a really cool 10-minute fight scene ensues. Somehow or another, all ends up happily ever after.

It might be overly cute, but strong performances by Wayne and O'Hara, who obviously like the materiel assisted by a supported cast that includes Barry Fitzgerald as Michaleen and Ken Curtis from the Sons of the Pioneers (one of my favorite 50s cowboy groups) make it a fun romp.

No effort was made to make any part of this movie politically correct. Wayne is as overly Macho as Wayne can be, O'Hara, being a helpless female, cannot resist. Irish Catholics



Stuart Armor

are portrayed as universally cute, mildly retarded, drunken brawlers (which is actually only true at one of my family reunions), and smoking cigarettes is done so casually you might almost think they weren't ashamed of themselves.

But we're talking about Hollywood, 1952 here. Director John Ford (real name Sean O'Feeny)

makes a good story here. It's filmed on location in Ireland, beautiful scenery. Ford had long wanted to make the movie, first proposed in 1935, but the studios thought that an Irish romance with only John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara to carry it wouldn't have enough going for it to make it financially viable.

O'Hara and Wayne also appear together in "McLintock," and "Wings of Eagles." Other John Wayne films include "Cowboys," "Stagecoach," "True Grit," and "Sons of Katie Elder," to name a few. Some newer Irish-themed movies worth seeing are "Widows Peak," "Waking Ned Devine," and "Matchmaker."

Each week Stuart Armor, owner of the Movie Stop in Mountain Brook Center, critiques a video for our readers.



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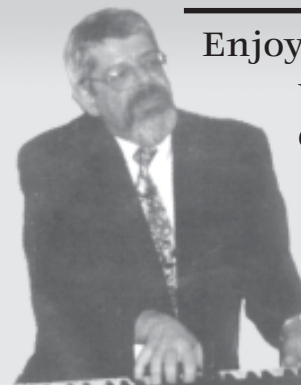
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Affair raises \$2,500 for library



Hudson Library Board of Trustees President Doug Campbell thanks Café of the Arts owner Alain Taulere for hosting a benefit for the Library on Tuesday, Aug. 26. Chef Jean Pierre prepared an elegant menu that included an appetizer, salad, entrée of salmon or chicken, dessert, a drink and wine. Regis Moreira entertained at the Oak Street piano during the meal. Thanks to Alain Taulere, Chef Jean Pierre, pianist Regis Moreira and the rest of the staff at the Café of the Arts, more than \$2,500 was raised for the Library's general fund.



The Highlands Middle School Soccer team started the season playing hard. They won their second game against Rabun Gap-Nachoochee 4-2.

MS soccer team off to good start

By Coach David Parrish
Contributor

Highlands Middle School Soccer started season play Monday, Sept. 8 against Franklin's Macon Middle School.

Franklin controlled the game throughout most of the match going up 3-0 at half. The fighting Highlanders did not fare much better in the second half giving up another 3 goals, but they did coming together in the last 10 minutes of the match putting pressure on the Macon Middle Defense and getting their game legs going. But it was too little too late as Macon Middle won 6-0.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9 they traveled to Rabun Gap-Nachoochee and came away with a 4-2 victory.

Rabun Gap went up early 1-0 but at the 20 minute mark of the game Highlands tied the score with a goal that bounced off a Rabun Gap Player and in the net. Greg Porter netted a goal with 10 minutes left in the half as Highlands took a 2-1 half time lead. In the second half, Highlands seem to pour it on scoring goals from Scotty Vos and Greg Porter again. Rabun Gap was able to score a final goal in the last minutes of the match but Highlands walked away with a 4-2 win.

• Obituary •

Joseph Brownlow Keener

Joseph Brownlow Keener, age 92 of Robbinsville, N.C., died Monday, September 8, 2003 at a Sylva Nursing Home.

He was born in Macon County, the son of the late Issac and Nell Callaway Keener. He was married to RoJean Wilson Keener who died in 1989. He was a carpenter and sawmill worker and was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church. He was a US Army Veteran of WWII.

He is survived by three sisters, Myrtle Mackey of Clyde, NC, Maggie of Florida, and Martha Lou James of

Highlands, NC; one brother, Issac Keener of Highlands, NC. A number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Walter Wilson officiating.

Burial was at the Highlands Memorial Park. The VFW Post #7339 and American Legion Post #108 conducted complete military graveside rites.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

• Life Under Construction •

Listening to Life's Volume

with Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

You might recall, last week my column was about taking a break and slowing down. Don't be insulted if I remind you about my last column, I'm just refreshing your memory in case it gets a little foggy at times, like mine.

I am still taking my life down a notch. I believe in living life out loud most of the time but right now my volume is blaring. Now I want to be fair. Some of you out there may not have enough to do. I don't seem to bump into you in my everyday world, but I know you are out there, so just reverse what I am saying!

Today, I will be struggling with some enormous decisions. Do I shower before I devour breakfast or after? I know most of you could answer that question in a heartbeat, but I will not let you influence me. Some decisions you just need to make on your own.

Well, in the time it took to think about this, I became hungry, so I just decided to eat. If only, other life decisions were as simple.

Today I am constructing a slower life and turning down the volume. The volume of everyday life varies. On a scale of one to ten, what volume is your life operating on now? Are you paying attention to the volume that you are living your life by?

Most of the time, life is noisy. That's why it is important to pay attention to your volume, so you can increase it or decrease it as it



fits your current lifestyle. Try deliberately increasing the volume at times to connect to the fun and playful side of life. It's easy to do. Spend some time with kids. Turn up the volume of song in your heart or shout and cheer while watching a football game.

It may also be necessary to decrease the volume. This is true for me, at least for today.

I am accomplishing this by pouring another cup of coffee after breakfast and going outside to sit on the porch and watch the hummingbirds flit about in the yard.

An advantage of turning the volume down, for me, is that I can listen to my inner voice. You can do the same. Escape right now by taking a five-minute break. Just be still and connect with your mind, body and spirit. Practice turning the volume down so low that you can attend to the quiet of your mind. So low that you can listen to your heartbeat. It is almost painfully quiet in the mountains on this Sunday; I think I can hear my next-door neighbor's heart-

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Dr. Maryellen Lipinski is a psychologist by profession and an international professional speaker. She coaches individuals to obtain their goals in life and works as a Realtor at Village Realty to help them find a home in these majestic mountains. Her first book, *Random Thoughts and Mine Always Are. Conscious Detours to Creative Power* will make you laugh, cry, and think! Her next book, *Life Under Construction...A Work In Progress* is at the printers! www.maryellenlipinski.com



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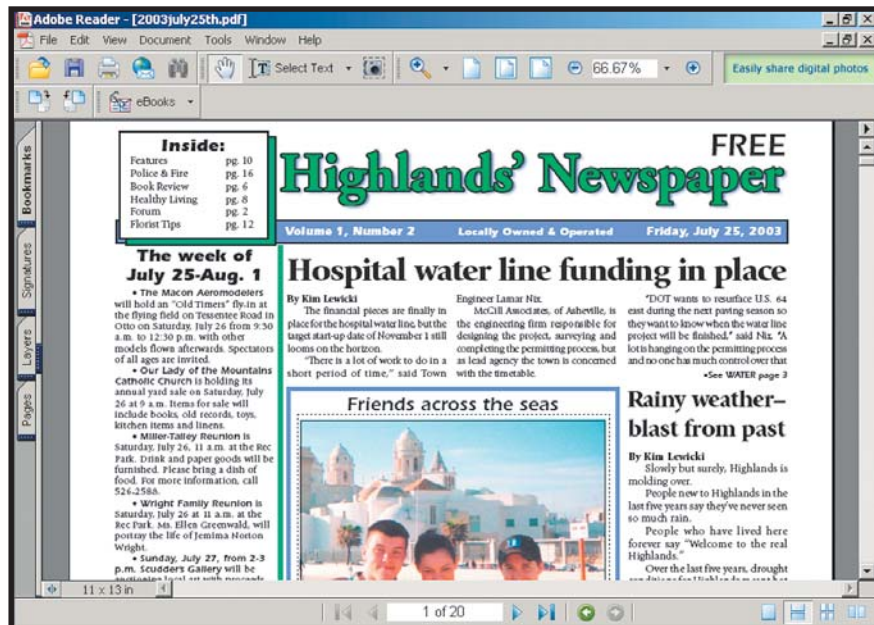


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town had a rule prohibiting permanent structures in the right-of-way. "I don't see why we should break that rule," she said. "Thomas Craig's building had been constructed with a recessed entry set back into the property and I don't see why the church shouldn't have to do the same thing."

Commissioners pointed out that a canvas awning, attached to the building and not anchored to the sidewalk, would be allowed and suggested the church consider that option instead.

The board approved the concrete handicapped dropoff area extending into Church Street which had been approved by the street committee. The dropoff area will minimize the slope of the street and help handi-

capped people access the church.

Shane Griffin, a landscape architect for Old Edwards Inn asked permission to encroach into the right-of-way on Fourth Street for ground-level landscaping and window boxes attached to balconies of the inn.

"Since the new building on the old Christmas Tree shop site will be on the property line, landscaping would be in the right-of-way," he said.

Commissioners said "no" to the ground level landscaping but "yes" to the flower boxes on the new second-floor balcony even though they will extend one foot into the right-of-way. Other balconies are being removed and strengthened before being reattached to the building.

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cense," he said.

In addition, they would have to take county vehicles with them to satisfy the licensing requirements. "That means we're without our vehicles," said Cabe. "If there's a fire in Clarks Chapel, for instance, I want to make sure we have the vehicles to handle it."

Drivers of county vehicles hold a North Carolina Class C drivers license which county officials feel is

adequate.

Of the 30 members of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., about 10 of them are trained to drive the fire and emergency vehicles.

Cabe said requiring the license change shouldn't be a safety issue because all drivers are trained extensively and checked regularly.

Commissioners voted unanimously to sign the resolution and forward it to state authorities.

Rotary's Liberty Gala a success



Photo by Jim Lewicki

A little over a hundred folks turned out in support of Rotary's Liberty Gala which is the club's main fundraiser meant to support the giving it does to the community. There was a silent and live auction with Auctioneer Al Scudder presiding. Buck Trott, Highlands' mayor and resident Santa Claus was one of the items up for bid.



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calling to complain about my column, distant relatives who want to visit and persons who talk longer than two minutes are put in lock mode and are eventually zapped.

For persons who don't fit into any of those categories, my machine says, "Please select from one of the following four options. If you want to borrow money, press one now." POW, lock mode, zap.

Gertrude continues. "If you have some real nasty gossip to spread, press two now." This will cause Gertrude to go into "ah ha" mode, saying that and "tell me more" every thirty seconds. When the caller tries to hang up, zap to ear.

Gertrude continues, "If you have free NFL tickets for tonight's game, press 'three' now and hold while I find out where your good buddy is. He always speaks highly

of you." And finally, the machine announces, "For all other calls, press 'four' now. This will send the caller back to the James Cagney impersonator welcome message and the process is repeated.

My system is working well as I currently have twenty-two calls on perpetual hold and have not received one worthwhile message. I know that eventually I will land some free NFL tickets.

One small problem. I just returned home to find that Gertrude had somehow locked me out of the house. Apparently, she had overheard a conversation with a friend where I compared her to my old secretary.

I am on my way to the florist to buy flowers. It never worked with my old secretary and probably won't work with my answering machine. Maybe I'll call and apologize.

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beat.

It's true; I have had a bit of difficulty slowing down. I find this happens sometimes when the pace has been too swift for too long. I found myself deciding to

go to work today for a couple of hours. Lucky for me when I got there, the power was out, so that took care of that.

Laying low at my house was definitely more rewarding. In fact,

I read an entire book.

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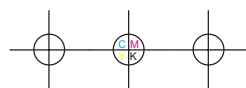
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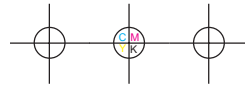
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deck to eat," said Hazel. That was seven litters ago. Now Boo is the most domestic of all, but still annoyed when visitors take up too much of Hazel and Alan's time.

Then there's Lantana who has had three litters, recently a litter of two. Then there's Dahlia, Sassy, Sweetie, Sparkle, Rascal, Chloe, Pumpkin, Cocoa and many, many more. "Alan and I name them after we get to know them," said Hazel.

If they can catch them, they get them fixed. But that's almost impossible. "The problem is, they can get pregnant while they're nursing," said Hazel "The gestation period is 62-65 days so there's no end to it."

Around the house and on the porches are plates and bowls of dry food and water so the cats can eat on demand. "We stopped the wet food because it's not good for cats - it's full of fat - and because it was getting very expensive." Hazel initially used the wet food to tame the cats a bit, but they're never far away from wild. "After they give birth, they go wild again," she said.

The cats roam freely, in and out of their special downstairs room, on and off the front and back porches and through the dahlia shed and fields.

At night many of them sleep

When it comes to cats and dahlias - they admit it - they're fanatics

in the house where they're safe from owls, possums, raccoons and coyotes - all enemies of cats. But the door is always left open a crack so they can go in and out. The cats and the house are treated for fleas and other pests. And there is not one lingering odor of anything "cat."

"I clean all the time," said Hazel.

Hazel and Alan are great admirers of cats. "Their instincts are true," said Hazel. Lantana, a recent mother, knows long before that they want to catch her. "And she's out of here," said Hazel. "Something we do makes her know. They have ESP to a great degree."

Though they absolutely love each of their 21 cats, Hazel said she's had enough. "It's important that people know, we just can't take anymore cats," she said.

When Alan's not luring a cat up onto his lap, he's out in his dahlia garden tending to his 350 dahlia plants which represent 200 varieties. He picked up the habit from his father who tended dahl-

ias at his home on Cullasaja Drive.

"He wasn't as fanatical as I, but that's what lit the spark," said Alan.

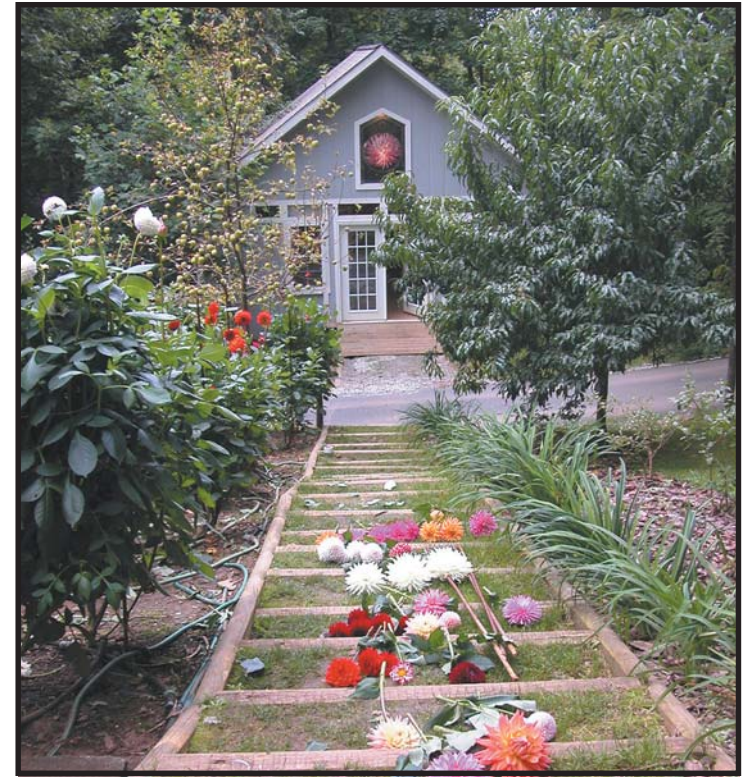
Each year Alan's garden is a burst of color and texture but he said in the nine years he's been doing this, this year is the best by far."

"They love this rain forest," said Alan. "Lots of cool, wet weather. Highlands is more like the Pacific west coast where they thrive than anywhere else in the east. "Generations of local people have been growing dahlias in Highlands," he said. "Every little garden had and has dahlias," he said.

He has planted tubers (roots) from around the world and everything he grows is exhibition calibre. He's even hybridized some of his own - a favorite, Satulah Sunrise. But he says he has a new favorite everyday.

One look at his lush garden and it seems impossible, but he said he starts from scratch each spring. Once the frost comes and the plants die, he digs up the tubers, divides them and stores them for the winter. Like the cats that play hide-and-seek amongst the rows and rows of plants, his dahlias just keep multiplying. Each plant averages four or five more plants," said Alan.

He also lets some flowers "go to seed" which he plants in the spring, but with seeds he's never sure what he's going to get. "These plants have been cross-bred so many times, the seeds contain the genes of every plant it's been crossed with," he said.



The specimens lining the walk to the dahlia cottage are destined for Mountain Fresh.



Umbrellas protect his Satulah Sunrise and other varieties destined for the dahlia show in Asheville. The sun can fade the blooms.

Whereas plants from tubers are exact replicas of the plants they originated from.

Each year he enters the Annual Carolina Dahlia Show in Asheville - set this weekend, Sept. 13 & 14 at the Asheville Arboretum, but it's just for the fun of it. "Some of the entrants would kill to win, but I'm not like that.

I'm just following my joy."

Each season he sells flowers to area florists and to Mountain Fresh to make enough to pay for his hobby.

He's all for sharing the joy, too. He's teaching a class on growing dahlias at the SCC Cashiers Center starting Sept. 26.



Lantana, birthed a litter of two seven weeks ago.

Grace Style and Devotion - Study of a Teacher

By Barbara Lawrence
Contributor

A little girl sat in the third grade, in Greenwood, Mississippi, unable to keep up with her class. She couldn't

read and struggled with math. Dr. Melissa Porter is describing herself.

"A volunteer tutor changed my life" she said. "She awoke a joy of learning and

English is now my favorite subject." That's why Melissa believes volunteers are important in a school system. "They give a student such incentive to learn."

Organizations such as the Literacy Council, The Girls' Clubhouse, and Boys and Girls clubs, and people from all walks of life have so much to offer - they can all make a dif-

ference, she said. She firmly believes anyone can succeed if he or she wants to, and she says "It's not really about how smart you are, just about a will-

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She got lost in the wilds of Georgia

– Sore, but safe 12 hours later –

By Kim Lewicki

It started as a simple afternoon jaunt up to the fire tower on Rabun Bald with a friend. But when night fell, it was just Cordette and the night critters.

About 1:45 p.m., Friday, Sept. 5, Cordette Wall, 68, and her friend Arby Palmer, both visitors to Sky Valley from Birmingham, Ala., pulled into the parking area for the hike to the fire tower on Rabun Bald and started up the steep, rocky path.

Before long, Arby realized the hike wasn't for her, but Cordette, "physically fit and healthy," said her husband, Ed, was determined to make it to the tower to see the view.

Arby sat on a rock and said she'd wait for Cordette to return and refused the car keys Cordette offered in case she wanted to wait in the car.

"The trail was well marked and it was just like people said. 'One mile to a clearing about another mile to the tower,'" said Cordette. "When I got to the top, I climbed up the tower and looked out at a beautiful panorama view. It looked like all the mountains were below me."

When she left the tower, she struck out on what she thought was the trail down. What she didn't realize was

there are several trails leading down the mountain.

"I didn't know there were so many to take to get to the bottom, I thought there was just one. I just got on a trail I thought I came up on," she said.

About a quarter of a mile down the trail, she realized she wasn't on the right one. "It was a nice smooth one with no rocks. I said to myself, 'I like this one better, I'll just stay on this and see where it goes.'"

Another half mile and she came to a sign that pointed back up the mountain indicating Rabun Bald was .9 miles up and the Bartram Trail was four miles down the mountain.

"I figured if I go back up that would be a mile up to the tower and then two miles down to the parking area which would be three miles, so I might as well go four miles to Bartram's Trail."

Four miles later she came out on the Bartram Trail marked by a huge stone marker.

"I came out on a road bed but there wasn't a sign that pointed the way, just an arrow that indicated Rabun Bald was five miles back up the mountain," she said.

The road went slightly down to the right and up to the left, so she decided to go

down. "I figured it had to be going somewhere, I just didn't know where," said Cordette.

An hour and a half later she realized the trail which had gotten more and more narrow, was going nowhere.

"I figured I'd go back to the Bartram Trail rock and spend the night there. I didn't want to walk in the dark, but I felt like I was in "nice" woods and I'd be fine." She planned on following the trail back up to the fire tower in the morning.

By 8:15 p.m. it was getting pretty dark and she was hungry and really thirsty.

"I didn't take anything with me. I thought I was taking a little two-hour walk and I didn't want to be loaded down with anything." She left the condo in a short-sleeved white cotton shirt, cotton capris and black Ked-like sneakers.

"I was so thirsty, I drank water from a mountain stream. I didn't think about what kind of water it was. I was too thirsty."

Luckily for Cordette, a large, almost full moon shone down on her. "It was never pitch black, dark and I wasn't scared one moment. I felt God was with me and I felt like I was in a safe woods," she said. "I was more worried about

what they were thinking back home."

Back at the condo, Ed, Arby and her husband were a mess. "They later told me Ed was sitting in the chair with the longest, whitest face on earth," she said.

"I was planning her funeral," said Ed. "I was sure she had been attacked by a bear, or clawed up by a mountain lion, or fell down a slope or ravine."

When Arby realized something had happened to Cordette, she walked about two miles back to Sky Valley where she contacted the police.

Rescue crews from all over – North and South Carolina and Georgia including about 25 men and six rescue vehicles – made their way to the scene and search teams struck out immediately.

At 10 p.m., Ed got a call from authorities who said they were going to stop the search for the night and pick it up in the morning. "I told them she was physically fit and very healthy, otherwise they said they would have kept going," said Ed.

Then at 11 p.m., Ed got a call from rescue workers. Cordette had been found.

"About 11 p.m., I saw flashlights coming up the hill and I yelled, 'Are y'all looking for someone?' and they said 'We sure are,' and I said, 'Well, I hope it's me.'"

A four-man crew – Marty, John, Jonathan and Travis – had come up the trail from the Warwoman area. About 15 minutes after 10 p.m., they found tracks and decided to



Cordette Wall

follow them instead of stopping.

"They didn't have any food or water, but they had a bag of M&Ms and I was grateful for that," said Cordette.

When Ed and friends heard Cordette had been found, they headed for the Rabun Bald parking area. Trouble is, Cordette and her rescuers had to walk another four hours before they could meet up with rescue teams at the parking lot.

"When we got there, I never saw such a commotion," said Cordette. "I am so thankful for them, but I was really, really sorry that I caused all that trouble."

The moral of the story? "Don't hike alone and always take water and something to eat – a fruit bar or something," said Cordette. "Have a better sense of direction and be sure you're on the right trail."

Rescue workers also suggest dressing properly so if something happens, you'll be warm if caught out on a trail at night.

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ingness to work hard."

Melissa Porter has worked hard. She has high standards and encourages her students to have the same. Her education includes Masters degrees in history, and educational media. She also graduated from Georgia State University with a PhD in Educational Administration and Supervision.

She always thought she would be a missionary, and expected to be teaching in Africa or China someday. "I never

dreamed I would be teaching in Highlands. But here I am and I hope I can make a difference. This is where I feel I am meant to be. I love all the children in this school as if they were my own" When a senior passes in the corridor a lump forms in her throat. "I have a hard job handling graduations; I miss them so much when they leave."

Melissa adores her job. "It gives me an opportunity to serve others," she said. She be-

lieves her strong faith in God gives her the power and strength to achieve this goal.

"Teachers at this school give 110 percent of themselves and their positive energy makes a real difference in our school. On Tuesdays, there's a mothers' group who prays for all the teachers, and I really believe this helps our school succeed as well as it does."

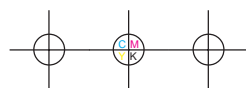
In her spare time after working sometimes 14 hours, Melissa likes to curl up and

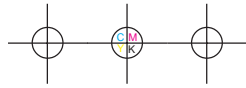


watch college football, where she supports 'Ol Miss.' She also loves to hike in the mountains, where she finds peace and beauty.

Like most folks, there have been traumatic events in Melissa's life. "Through my faith I have overcome difficulties and now I expect the best from myself," she says.

She said through love and encouragement students at Highlands School can achieve their highest goals.





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any other Spurrier QB I have ever seen in that he is tough, has a strong arm, and has the attitude to make it in the league. How I could talk about the Bears without mentioning Urlacher is beyond me-maybe if he got some help...

The NFC East is going to be exciting if only to watch Jerry Jones's head implode and Dan Snyder's head explode.

Philly has to win this division, right? They have McNabb, who I think is the best player in the league, plus a great defense. Their secondary gives QB's nightmares.

New York is going to be nipping at the Eagles' heels though, because I like their defensive line and Will Allen has really grown at the corner spot. Is there any better highlight package than when Chris Berman says "G G G Gggggggggg-mennnnnnnn"?

I still don't like Kerry Collins, but I respect the fact that if he has time, he is going to find the right guy.

I really would like for the Redskins to win this division, because I am one of the world's biggest Spurrier fans. However, my hatred for Dan Snyder balances out my appreciation for High Chief Visor.

Washington has talent on both sides of the ball, but lacks the playmakers necessary to take the next step.

First, I don't believe Pat Ramsey is ready for Spurrier's system-and the WR core lacks a solid number three to run the deep posts that Spurrier loves to run.

Secondly, the D line needs major help-signing Martin Chase just shows their desperation. Finally, I am beginning to believe that Cowboy fans are getting their just desserts.

Quincy Carter is the Ben Affleck of the NFL. He looks great, shows great promise, but he just plain stinks. (Speaking of Affleck, I have only one thing to say about Gigli - Curiosity killed the moviegoer.)

Anthony Wright was the best QB on that roster. Troy Hambrick-welcome to Hades, trying to replace Emmitt in Big D is hard enough,

Highlander, Ryan Potts earned his Bachelors at Campbell University and is working on his masters at Appalachian State.

but playing for the Tuna will be even worse.

And now, for the big finale, the NFC South.

Start the hate mail and homer references, because the Saints are going to take this division. The Falcons will be in an early hole without Vick, and N'awlins has the Bucs number. As long as Deuce McCallister is healthy the Saints have the best offense in the NFC, and just enough defense to stay afloat.

Second are the defending champion Bucs. I really admire Brad Johnson - he is a true professional and a fantastic human being as well. Warren Sapp is the most overrated player in football. He has lived off reputation alone for the past two years - yet still gets all the pub because he has an engaging personality.

People aren't double teaming him anymore, and that cheap shot last year against the Packers made me want to handcuff Sapp to a chair and make him watch 1,243 straight hours of Gap commercials.

Anyone else think Martin Gramatica needs to meet Terry Tate the office linebacker?

The Carolina Panthers are going to be a pain to deal with all year. The defense is fantastic, and if John Fox hooks Father Time Rodney Peete up to the rejuvenation machine then the Panthers could challenge for a playoff birth.

Jake Delhomme or Chris Weinke is the answer in Carolina, but how long will it take for the Panthers to realize it?

Finally, the Vick-less Falcons are in this spot until I see medical proof that Mike Vick will be 100 percent at Week four. I mean Doug Johnson-seriously, Doug Johnson! Doug Johnson. Doug Johnson. No wonder Dan Reeves needs Zocor.

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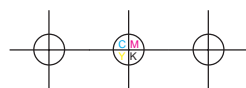
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• Hiking around the Plateau •

By Leah Ferree
Contributor

Panthertown Valley is a great place for all of you explorers out there.

The wilderness, with its 6,700 acres, is said to contain a more diverse landscape than any other similar-sized area in the Nantahala National Forest.

If you own a mountain bike, this is the perfect place to be able to ride. With so much area to cover, this form of travel is a great way to try and capture all of the natural beauty you'll find here. However, if you are on your bike, be sure and stay on the trails designated for this specific activity. The trails in the area do not permit motor vehicles and are only accessible by foot, mountain bike, or horseback.

If you have the time, I suggest a weekend camping trip to Panthertown. There are tons of camping spots just off the main trails or you can find some a little more secluded off the smaller foot paths. There are even some with wood shelters.

If you don't have enough time to go camping or you are just not the "roughing it" type, at least plan to spend a full day at Panthertown Valley.

There is so much to see that if you only allow yourselves a few hours here, you won't have time to skim the surface of what it has to offer. When you do decide to take advantage of this vast wilderness

practically in our backyards, please be sure to pick up a map of the area. You can purchase them at the Highlands Ranger Information Center on Main Street, or you can also find one at the Highlands Hiker. Without a map, it is extremely easy to lose your way on all of the paths that intertwine within each other.

As you may wonder, the park is named for the panthers that inhabited Panthertown in the past. However, the forest ranger assured me that there are no panthers there anymore. Locals may tell a different story, though. There are many people that like to believe the panthers still guard over this valley.

Either way, Panthertown contains many other species of wild animals including deer, foxes, squirrels, raccoons, bobcats, skunks, barred owls, grouse, and snakes (mostly timber rattlers). It is also a black bear sanctuary and a wild turkey restoration area.

There are two main entrances to Panthertown Valley, an east entrance and a west entrance. The closest to Highlands is the west entrance at Salt Rock Gap.

To reach the Salt Rock Gap Trail head, take Hwy 64 East to Cashiers. At the stoplight, go straight and continue on 64 East for two miles to Cedar Creek Rd. Take a left on Cedar Creek Rd. and follow that for 2.3 miles to the top of the mountain.

There will be a National Forest sign on your right once you reach the top of the road. Turn right on Breedlove Rd. and follow that for 3.5 miles to the service gate. The road gets a little rough in the last three-tenths of a mile, so unless you have four-wheel drive, you may want to park your car right before the road becomes gravel and walk for the last three-tenths to the service gate.

Join me next week for a more personal look at this awesome wilderness known as Panthertown Valley.



Five Bucks at Cyprus

• Music Pix •

By Leah Ferree
Contributor

You may have already had the pleasure of seeing Five Bucks in Highlands within the past couple of years. They are a jazz band from Athens, Ga., that has played a few venues in the area including Bucks Coffee Cafe, Fressers, and the Art Walk and at least three of them are part of the orchestra at the Highlands Playhouse.

They actually came up with their name while performing in Highlands. Their first official gig was at Bucks and at the time there were five of them. (They now have six members). Hence the name Five Bucks.

Lately, though, they have been expanding their venues and have started playing at Cyprus on Friday nights. For those of you who don't know, Cyprus is a new restaurant located on Hwy 64 next to Great Things.

Mike Hough - tenor saxophone, Carter McMullen - piano, Brian Smith -



A Panthertown view off the trail

Photo by Leah Ferree

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... Spiritual message



Father Mike

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation **A quiet week in Highlands** (with apologies to Garrison Keillor) **Part II**

Carl had just asked Father Fred, "What is the meaning of life?"

Fr. Fred swallowed hard, and started to say something, and then realized he had nothing to say. And they sat for a moment in an awkward silence.

Finally Fr. Fred said, "I was just thinking about that myself. Looking at the Gospel for Sunday, Jesus is talking about eating, drinking, relating it to eternal life. It's something you have to do every day. You can't just eat one day and say, 'I'm done. I'm full.' To stay fulfilled, you have to eat every day. I think what Jesus is saying: we have to take him into us, and we have to take what God gives us every day. It adds up the good, usually. Sometimes the bad. And you can't get turned around too much, by the bad. You can't lose your perspective over things like tree limbs. Pieces. All the pieces fit together," he said.

Silence. Carl thought about that.

"How's your family?" said Fr. Fred. "How is Bob?" Bob was the oldest - 21, in college. He was going to be a lawyer. He thought of all three of the kids. He remembered when they were born, and tears came to his eyes.

Fr. Fred noticed that, and not to cause Carl any embarrassment, went on, "I don't know. Maybe Jesus is saying that this business of eating is not so much one big dramatic thing like a huge banquet at The Four Seasons or a seven-course meal, but just the necessity of eating every day. We have to

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■ Places of Worship on the Plateau ■

Blue Valley Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.
Sunday night services every second and fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting - 7 p.m.

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Wednesdays: Boy Scouts of America mtg. - 6:30 p.m.; Young women's activities - 6:30 p.m.

Clear Creek Baptist Church

Pastor Everett Wilson, (828) 743-3379
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.; Prayer - 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service - 7 p.m.

Community Bible Church

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Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper - 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study - 6:30
Thursdays: Guys Sr. High Discipleship - 6 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Rev. R. Michael Jones, D. Min., Rector: 526-2968
Sundays: Holy Eucharist - 8 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; Adult Class - 10 a.m.; Children's - 11 a.m.
Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo @ Hampton Inn - 8 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper and Program @ First Presbyterian Church - 6 p.m.
Thursdays: Women's Cursillo Group @ Library - 9:30 a.m.; Holy Eucharist - 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sundays: 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 p.m.
Wednesdays: Dinner - 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids - 6 p.m.; Student & Adult Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sundays: Worship - 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. (child care at 11 a.m.); School - 9:30 & 9:45.
Wednesdays: Children's Devotions - 9:30 a.m.; Supper - 6 p.m.; Choir - 7 p.m.
Thursdays: Bible Study - 10 a.m.
Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia - 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Highlands Assembly of God

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street
Sundays: School - 10 a.m.; Worship - 11 a.m.

Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Highlands Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
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Sundays: Mass - 11 a.m.

Scaly Mountain Baptist Church

Rev. Clifford Willis
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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. - 7 p.m.

Scaly Mountain Church of God

Pastor Allen Melton
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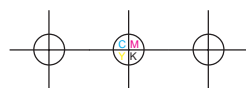
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H O S P I T A L

• Police & Fire Log •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Sept. 3-10. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Sept. 3

- At 8:10 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. All was secure.
- At 10:50 a.m., a visitor reported losing a cell phone.
- At 9:10 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. All was secure.
- At 10:23 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving on Main and Second streets without an inspection sticker.
- At 1:50 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. All was secure.

• At 1 p.m., Jack Adam Thomas, 20, was arrested for larceny and possession of stolen goods.

• At 9:30 a.m., officers responded to an accident at Tate's Landscaping. There were no injuries.

• At 9:50 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving without insurance and expired registration.

• At 10:22 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving without an inspection sticker at N.C. 106 and Arnold Road.

Sept. 5

• At 2:34 p.m., officers responded to 911 hang up at a residence on Mill Creek Lane.

• At 9:20 a.m., officers responded to an accident. There were no injuries.

• At 1:50 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving left of center at Mirror Lake Road and U.S. 64 west.

• At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to report of trespassers at a residence on Fifth Street.

• At 3:30 p.m., a resident on Fifth Street called police about a bear.

Sept. 7

• At 10:05 a.m., a motorist was cited for driving with expired tag at N.C. 28 and Cook Rd.

Sept. 8

• At 2:10 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Regions Bank. All was secure.

• At 9:45 a.m., a resident on Carolina Way called police about a bear.

• At 2 p.m., officers responded to a confrontation between two parties in the Great Things parking lot.

• At 3:40 p.m., officers responded to a call of a "suspicious" \$10 bill.

Sept. 9

• At 5:10 p.m., officers responded to an accident. There were no injuries.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Sept. 3-10.

Sept. 3

• The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical fall on Carolina Way. The victim was transported to H-C Hospital.

Sept. 5

• The dept. was first responders to assist EMS at a residence on S. Fourth Street. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 7

• The dept. responded to an alarm at Reeves Hardware. It was false.

Sept. 9

• The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Morewood Circle. There was a small fire in the bathroom. But no damage.

• The dept. responded to an alarm at the Episcopal Church. All was secure.

• The dept. was first responders to assist EMS with a medical call at Oak and Maple streets. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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bass guitar, Marc Gilley – alto saxophone, Pete Lawless – trumpet, and Todd Mueller – drums, are the musicians who make up Five Bucks.

As a pianist, Carter adds the finishing touch to this eclectic mix of sounds that make this particular jazz band so enjoyable to hear.

Five Bucks is an experience music

lovers of all genres will enjoy. They are playing Friday, Sept. 12 at Cyprus and are working on securing at least two more dates in October and November, as well.

For those of you who say there is no nightlife in Highlands, stay tuned. As often as possible we will be featuring Highlands' hot night spots.

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receive Christ into ourselves every day over the whole course of our lives. That's what keeps us alive. The little things. The little pieces. How's the wife?"

"She's fine," said Carl Louise. His wife of 23 years. Who had not said much when ten years ago Carl had left the hardware business to try his hand selling equipment for hydroponic gardening. It proved to be an idea whose time had not yet come – at least not in his little town. When he told Louise what he was going to do, she said only, "Are you sure you want to do this?" And kept her job at the bank.

"Yes," continued Fr. Fred, "we have to eat the things God provides – food and drink for our souls – every day. Little things are important. The little pieces are important. Meaning is made up of little things. Our own lives don't seem very important in the grand scheme of things, but I think they are. Our lives touch some other lives, and those lives touch others, and those...others."

Fr. Fred went on, "It's like a big spider web that stretches out to touch other lives, and even back into the past and forward into the future. Into infinity, in fact. Touch that spider web in

any one place, and the whole web is set a'trembling. You have to eat every day, but if you eat every day, says Jesus, you will have eternal life."

Carl didn't hear him, but was thinking about his family, the people he worked with, and played with, and worshipped with, the people who had helped him and whom he had helped. All those whose lives touched. Like a big web...

He snapped out of it as he heard Fr. Fred say something about eating every day, and he realized in all the confusion of falling tree limbs and the questions of mortality and the meaning of life, he had missed breakfast.

"Gotta go, Father,"

"See ya, Fred. Stop again."

Carl proceeded home but with a bit more purpose than when he had left. He had many things on his mind – things to do. He was so preoccupied, in fact, that he crossed the street without looking, and didn't hear the squeal of the brakes on the car from a man from Florida.

But Carl made it home, and went in. And Louise said, "Where in the world have you been? I didn't know where you'd gone. I was worried. You ready for breakfast? Eggs or French toast?" He kissed her with a little more conviction than usual. During breakfast he said, "I think I'll take down some of those dead limbs today. Then let's take a walk."

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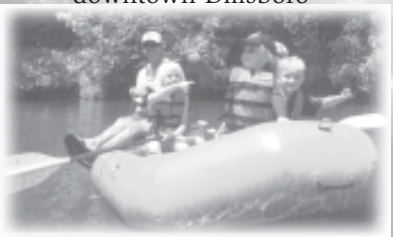
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- There is a "Teacher Wish List" at the school. Call the office at 526-2147 to see how you can help. Teachers need everything from paper to pens.

Sept. 13 & 14

- Telling TTouch Training for companion animals at Carpe Diem Farms. Dogs, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon; Cats, Sunday, 1-5 p.m. The cost is \$75 per person for Dog sessions and \$25 per person for Cat sessions. Dog class limited to 15 dogs, no limit on humans. For more information, call 526-2854.

Sept. 13

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 4 mile hike to Secret Falls, a lovely two-level cascade and drop, in the Horse

Cove area. Meet at Highlands Bank of America at 10 p.m. Drive about 10 miles round trip, returning 2-3 p.m. Bring a drink, lunch raingear, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Bill Crosby, 526-3849, for reservations, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please

Sept. 14

- The organist at Highlands United Methodist Church, Lorie Mesurvey will present an organ recital, at 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 15

- ArtWalk T-Shirts will be available Monday before ArtWalk at the Visitors' Center. They cost \$20.

Sept. 16

- Stop smoking classes at HealthTracks starts today. Seven two-hour classes, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 for individuals and \$100 for couples. Call 526-1348 for more information or to register.

Sept. 17

- CLE presents "Robert Frost: 'It is Amazing How I Have Done It,' at 7:30 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center.

- Highlands-Cashiers

Hospital will sponsor its Fall Blood Drive Sept. 17 & 18 at the Highlands Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 18

County's Buck Creek fields to be dedicated today, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.



It may not seem like much to outsiders, but to Highlanders having county fields in Highlands is a big deal. The opening of the fields Sept. 12 marks the beginning of a new era. Parents and children participating in county sports won't have to drive down the mountain every time there is a game. Students from Highlands School are attending to make it a festive affair.

- The Audubon Society will host a field trip to Caesar's Head State Park. Date may change due to weather. Meet at Town Hall at 7:30 a.m.. For more information, call Edwin Poole at 526-2775.

- CLE presents "Men in the Kitchen, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Peggy Crosby Center. Holly Roberts will guide the open-minded man through the process of preparing a meal from start to finish. The cost is \$45 for members, \$60 for non-members. Call 526-9361 for more information.

Sept. 19-22

- Art Walk 2003 Festivities begin. Children's Art-Walk takes place at the Highlands Nature Center 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Opening ceremonies are at the Gazebo on Pine Street from 3-7 p.m. For more info, call Mary Adair Leslie at 526-2673 or Thom Corrigan at 526-8348.

Sept. 20

- Children's Art Walk is Saturday, Sept 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. There will be music, drama,

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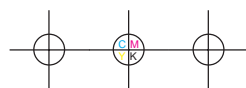
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Highlands Community Players begins season subscribers drive

The Highlands Community Players are now accepting season subscriptions for their 2003 - 2004 season. This ninth season of the Players features three top-notch plays and a yet-to-be chosen summer presentation.

Starting the season in November will be the American classic comedy *You Can't Take It With You* by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman. The production will be directed by Ronnie Spilton who recently directed *Our Town* and *The Exact Center of the Universe*.

The March play will be Oscar Wilde's classic *The Importance of Being Earnest* with Tanji Armor handling the directoral duties.

Proof by David Auburn which won the Pulitzer, the Tony award and the Drama Critics Circle award for Best Play will be presented in May, directed by Virginia Talbot, who recently directed *The Cemetery Club*.

The summer presentation, soon to be announced, will be directed

by Dean Zuch

All four plays are included in a season subscription for just \$35.

To purchase a season

subscription, call the HCP box office telephone line, 526-8084, to leave your name and number for a call back or send a check for \$35 to

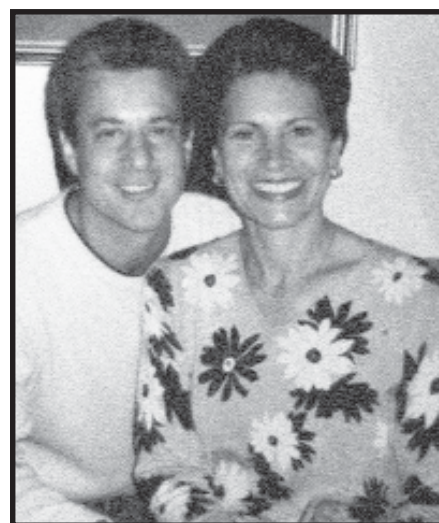
the Highlands Community Players, PO Box 1416, Highlands NC 28741. The Players are not set up to take credit cards.

Raffle winners for playhouse trip

On Saturday, Aug. 30, following the last performance of the Highlands Playhouse 2003 season, actor Sam Word, assisted by Max Vogel, Adam Heffernan and an unsuspecting member of the audience drew the winning ticket for the Roman Holiday Raffle. Chris and Mark Flaschner of Atlanta and Highlands were the lucky winners of the tour of Rome, Venice and Florence valued at \$4,190.

Chris and Mark will join a group of fellow travelers led by Playhouse Vice-president Joanna Baumrucker on Nov. 6 when they leave on their eleven day adventure.

The board of directors of the Playhouse wish to thank everyone of the persons who participated in the raffle by purchasing tickets. All



Chris and Mark Flaschner

proceeds from the raffle go to Playhouse improvement projects. A special thanks go to Elaine Reynolds and Sylvia Greene who were the co-chairpersons on this project.

Time for flu shots

The Macon County Public Health Center will begin administering flu vaccinations on October 13.

Shots will be given on a walk-in basis without appointments.

The cost of the flu vaccine for all others is \$18 per dose and is covered by Medicare Part B.

Pneumococcal vaccinations will also be available for persons who meet the guidelines and will also be \$18 per dose with some free vaccine available for certain high-risk children.

Highlands Civic Center
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Sept. 22

- Community-wide Beth Moore Study – When godly people do ungodly things – at Highlands School 5:30-7:15 p.m. For more information, call Carol Bowen at 526-5168.

- Healthy Carolinians is hosting a benefit golf tournament at Highlands Cove. Proceeds will go toward organization to help assess and develop health and safety resources for Macon County. \$100 per player or \$400 per team. For more information, call 349-2426.

Sept. 25

- PTO Meeting and Book Fair, 7 p.m. at Highlands School.

Sept. 27

- Special Operations Adventure Race at 9 a.m. at the Rec Park. It's a triathlon with all proceeds benefiting children of fallen warriors. Raffle tickets for three leather jackets compliments of Jolie's of Highlands and an Oriental Rug compliments of Shiraz Rug Gallery will be on sale Thursday, Friday and Saturdays outside area stores.

Sept. 29

- The Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund Golf Classic at Highlands Falls Country Club. Entry fee is \$125 and includes the cart, box lunch Awards Party and Hole-in-One Prizes. Support Highlands School graduates by playing in this tournament. Every penny helps.

Oct. 3

- Sally Foster orders go home with students from Highlands School.

Oct. 4

- A One-Man Show – Scenes From A Life: The Story of Albert Schweitzer at Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. Friends of the Highlands Community Child Development Center (HCCDC) are sponsoring this benefit. Tickets are \$100 and available in Highlands at The Antique Gallery, at The Falls on Main, and in Cashiers at the Cash-



Children's Art Walk
September 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Highlands Nature Center
11 a.m. – Thea & The Green Man

12 p.m. – Drama Class
1 p.m. – Brian Tarr with a Kid's Rock and Roll Show
10 a.m. -2 p.m.

Paint your own Children's Art Walk T-Shirt; Glitter and Face Painting; Paint a birdhouse from the Bird Barn; Create art for the Clothesline Art Show with paper, paint and chalk from The Toy Store; Lemonade and cookies from The Girls' Clubhouse; Hot dogs from Fresser's Eatery; and Popcorn from Kilwins.

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Oct. 10-11

- Love Letters with Rex Reed, a benefit for the Performing Arts Center and the resurrected Instant Theater Company, at PAC. Tickets are \$25. For more information, call Adam Heffernan at 369-3652.

Oct. 25

- Highlands School's 5K Fun Run and Annual Fall Festival at the Highlands Civic Center. There will be hot dogs, barbeque by the pound or as a meal and great activities for kids of all ages 1-100! All proceeds benefit Highlands School.

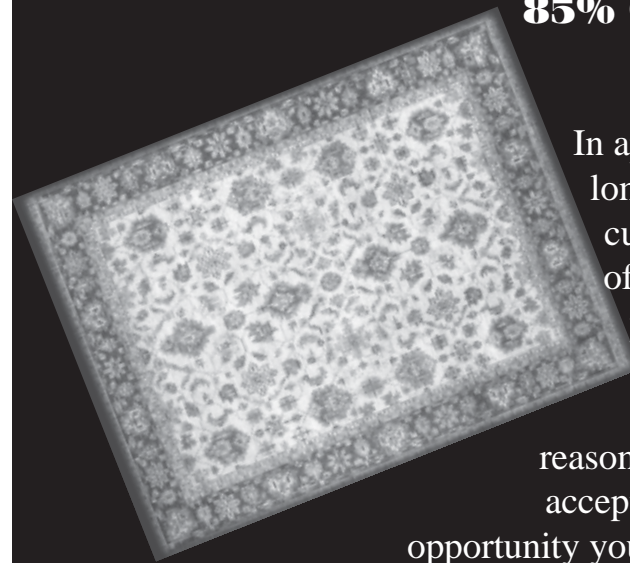
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- Women's Bible Study at HUMC every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. A nursery is provided.

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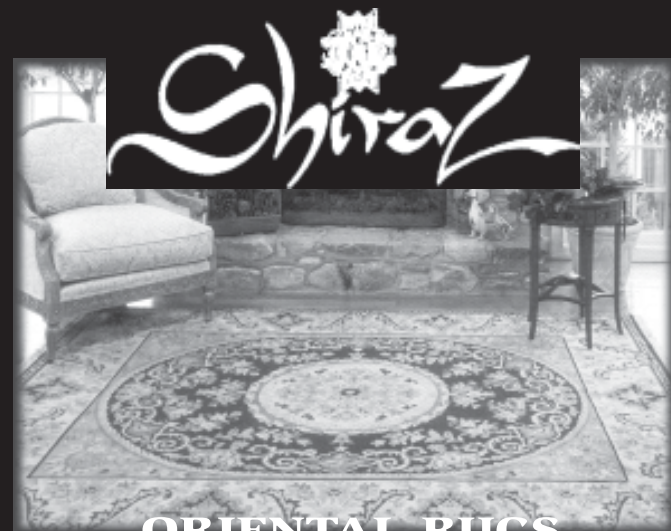
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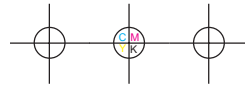
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